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### Chapter 531: Who Dares Touch Our Young Master

Ye Guan's face changed the moment he heard Ye Qingqing's words.

Things had gone too far. Ye Qingqing was genuinely angry at him.

Little Pagoda scoffed, "Look at what you've done... I really want to see just how you're going to appease her."

I have no choice but to sacrifice you now, Ye Guan thought.

Little Pagoda: "???"

Ye Guan didn't dare to keep joking. He walked up to Ye Qingqing.

However, Ye Qingqing ignored him completely.

"Aunt?" Ye Guan called out after much hesitation.

Ye Qingqing stared into the distance without saying anything.

"Actually, compared to Plain-Skirt Aunt, I—Master Pagoda and I prefer being with you."

Little Pagoda trembled at Ye Guan's remark. What the fuck?! Why are you dragging me down with you, you little bastard?!

Ye Qingqing's expression changed slightly, and she stared at Ye Guan. "Why?"

Ye Guan earnestly replied, "Plain-Skirt Aunt is very powerful. She's beautiful and kind, but I—I mean, Master Pagoda and I somehow feel that she's a little distant from us even though we're standing right in front of her.

"I'm really happy to be with you because you feel more like a genuine person like a real, living person. Your temper can be a like—Like what Master Pagoda said, you can be a little temperamental, but I guess that makes you an authentic person.

"You have a sharp tongue, but you have a soft heart, so... you're a good person."

Little Pagoda went completely numb. Is this guy the devil? Whenever there's danger, he always drags me into it. However, when it's time to bootlick, it's always all about himself. This bastard... has inherited his parent's wits! This is absurd!

Ye Qingqing stared quietly at Ye Guan, who was staring at her with a sincere expression.

Ye Guan's heart was pounding madly against his chest. He was afraid that he would end up offending both Aunt Qingqing and Plain-Skirt Aunt...

Little Pagoda even pointed out. "Are you not afraid that your plain-skirt aunt might have heard what you just said?"

Ye Guan replied, "No, I'm not afraid. Don't worry, Master Pagoda. Plain-Skirt Aunt has already reincarnated with Father."

Little Pagoda retorted, "If you aren't afraid, then why did you drag me into it?"

Ye Guan was rendered speechless.

"So, you don't think I have a bad temper?" Ye Qingqing asked.

Ye Guan quickly shook his head and replied, "Not at all! I've never seen you get angry for no reason."

"You don't think that I'm hot-tempered?"

"No, you just have a strong personality!"

"I'm always jealous of that woman!"

"Well, it's because you care about us. Otherwise, you wouldn't even talk to us, considering your personality. So I don't think you're jealous at all. You just see us as your family—"

"If you could only have one aunt, who would you pick?"

Fuck! How can I answer that? Damn it! Ye Guan's expression stiffened. He knew that he'd end up offending all of his aunts if he were to answer that question. It was both unfortunate and fortunate that he had so many powerful aunts.

Moreover, all of them had lent a helping hand to him as well.

Ye Qingqing stared at him and demanded, "Answer me!"

Ye Guan broke out in a cold sweat.

Little Pagoda laughed coldly, enjoying this situation.

Ye Guan thought for a moment before saying, "Aunt Qingqing, you're unique in my heart and so are my other aunts. All of you are my family. I can only say that all of you are equally important in my heart, but I can't say the same for my father."

"What the fuck?" Little Pagoda couldn't help but curse. Whenever he can't resolve a conflict by himself, he diverts attention away from himself. He's a "genius" indeed!

Ye Qingqing couldn't help but smile at Ye Guan's attempt to dodge the question.

However, her smile disappeared in an instant, and her expression became serious as she asked, "Once the arrays are broken, let's fight together and break out of here."

"Yes, let's do that," Ye Guan said, nodding. He sighed inwardly in relief. He dared not joke about something like in the future. Aunt Qingqing wasn't easily fooled. Ye Guan turned and saw that the arrays were still locked in a fierce battle.

Ye Guan then glanced at Elder Feng and saw the latter's ugly expression. Elder Feng's expression alone told Ye Guan that the arrays couldn't hold out for much longer.

Just then, hundreds of mysterious black-robed individuals appeared all over the city walls.

Elder Feng turned to look at Ye Guan, and he sounded serious as he said, "Young Master, they'll help you escape once the fighting begins."

Ye Guan fell silent. They'll help me escape? Where am I supposed to go?

The entire vast expanse seemed to be under the white-robed woman's control.

Ye Qingqing suddenly said, "Let's follow what he says and escape."

Ye Guan looked at her with a puzzled expression.

"I'll take you somewhere."

Ye Guan smiled and asked, "Are we going to find Aunt Qingqiu?"

Surprise fleeted across Ye Qingqing's face, but she didn't respond.

"Aunt Qingqing, I don't want to run away anymore."

"Why not?"

"No reason. I just don't want to be on the run anymore."

"Let's fight to the end, then."

"All right!"

Boom!

Just then, a crimson light fell into Guanxuan City, and the entire city disintegrated.

Ye Guan looked up and saw a spacetime rift behind the Clan Leader of the Gui Clan.

Soon, a myriad of supreme elites rushed out of the spacetime rift.

The Clan Leader of the Gui Clan stared directly at Ye Qingqing and said, "I will handle that woman. The rest of you should go ahead and kill that young man. Be careful."

The Clan Leader of the Gui Clan took one step forward, and the spacetime around Ye Qingqing became illusory.

Ye Qingqing transformed into a ray of sword light and rushed out.

Elder Feng yelled, "Protect the Young Master!"

The mysterious black-robed individuals immediately rushed toward the supreme elites and exploded into dozens of mushroom clouds at the same time.

While the puppets were busy handling the supreme elites from the Gui Clan, Ye Guan retreated away to avoid the shockwaves from the mushroom clouds.

The Gui Clan's supreme elites clearly didn't expect such an attack, and they were blasted away, sustaining varying degrees of injuries. The realm couldn't withstand the explosions and crumbled slowly.

Ye Guan had just come to a halt, but a spear was already flying toward him.

Ye Guan drew his sword and slashed out.

Boom!

A myriad of sword lights erupted, and the figure before him flew away. The next moment, however, the spacetime around Ye Guan was torn apart. Then, multiple afterimages rushed out of the rift and charged at him.

Ye Guan remained expressionless as he yelled, "Qianqian!"

Boom!

A terrifying dragon aura surged out of Ye Guan as he merged with Ao Qianqian. He wasted no time and charged out, slashing out fiercely with his sword.

Clang!

The attack sent quite a few supreme elites backward, while the unfortunate Gui Clan member who took the brunt of the attack exploded into a bloody mist. Their soul wasn't spared and was annihilated along with their fleshly body.

Ye Guan's strength was at a terrifying level under Ao Qianqian's support. Ye Guan's simple swing contained enough strength to overwhelm ordinary elites. Ye Guan attacked relentlessly, and there would be casualties with every swing of his sword.

Ye Guan single-handedly suppressed more than a dozen supreme elites.

Meanwhile, an old man was observing Ye Guan silently in the distance. The old man was none other than that old man of the Hidden Clan. There were three old men wearing gray robes were standing behind him.

The old man was shocked. He had to admit that Ye Guan's strength had improved by leaps and bounds. Even the Sovereign-level supreme elites of the Gui Clan couldn't do anything to him, which was an unbelievable sight.

To make matters worse, Ye Guan was just twenty years old. He was just twenty years old, but his strength was already at such a high level. If he were given more time...

The old man frowned deeply at the thought.

A gray-robed old man behind him asked, "Shall we make a move, Clan Leader?"

The Clan Leader of the Hidden Clan replied, "Let's wait a bit longer."

The gray-robed old man looked puzzled.

Just then, the spacetime around Ye Guan imploded as a powerful supreme elite wielding a saber charged at Ye Guan from a blindspot.

Ye Guan turned around quickly and thrust his sword toward the oncoming enemy.

Bam!

The rays of saber light and sword light clashed with each other, and the impact sent Ye Guan staggering backward. Before he could stabilize himself, a powerful ray of saber light flew toward his glabella.

Ye Guan's fleshly body seemed to turn illusory just then. He drew out his sword and slashed out, unleashing six Heavenrends with max stacks, condensed into six Space Overlaps, which were further compressed into one sword move!

BOOM!

The saber light shattered, and a figure flew thousands of meters away, cutting a sorry figure in mid-air. When the figure managed to come to a halt, everyone saw a middle-aged man.

The middle-aged man wielded an extraordinary-looking crescent-shaped saber.

The middle-aged man looked numb arm with a face full of shock.

Ye Guan's sword was terrifying and formidable indeed.

Ye Guan's face was grim. His saber is so strong...

The two locked eyes with each other. The next moment, the two disappeared from where they were standing. Then, a radiant sword light collided with a dazzling saber light, creating a magnificent light show that made the surroundings tremble.

The two were sent flying at the same time.

"Do it!" exclaimed the Clan Leader of the Hidden Clan.

The three gray-robed old men behind him disappeared.



Meanwhile, Ye Guan's eyes narrowed upon detecting something. He turned around and slashed out as the Ancestral Dragon Armor enveloped him.

Boom!

Ye Guan's attack was shattered, but the Clan Leader of the Hidden Clan couldn't be happy at all. The Ancestral Dragon Armor had successfully protected Ye Guan from the attack of three Sovereign-level supreme elites of the Hidden Clan.

Blood trickled down the corners of Ye Guan's lips as he came to a halt. He looked around and saw that the supreme elites of the Gui Clan charging at him.

"Kill him!" yelled the middle-aged man wielding a crescent-shaped saber. Then, he wasted no time and charged at Ye Guan. He had no intentions of fighting Ye Guan by himself. He was going to attack Ye Guan with his comrades.

The combined auras of hundreds of supreme elites created an extremely oppressive air that bore down on Ye Guan.

Rumble!

A low rumbling swept across everyone just then, and the distant starry sky seemed to be boiling. The next moment, a voice echoed in everyone's ears. "Who dares touch our Young Master?!"

Terrifying auras inundated everyone like a lightning bolt from out of the blue.

The enemies had overwhelming numbers? So what?

The Yang Clan was never afraid against any odds!

Chapter 532: Test of Endurance

Ye Guan was stunned upon hearing the voice. Has my backup arrived? Has the True Universe and the Guanxuan Universe shattered the blockade of the Time Reversers?

Ye Guan looked up and saw a myriad of supreme elites rushing toward them. The supreme elites all exuded inscrutable auras, which meant that they were incredibly powerful. However, Ye Guan recognized none of them; they were all new faces.

Elder Feng explained, "Young Master, they're from the Time Pavilion."

They're my mother's people? Ye Guan was stunned. Then, he felt touched as it turned out that his mother hadn't forgotten him at all!

The Clan Leader of the Hidden Clan frowned, and his expression soured when he saw the individual power of the group of supreme elites.

Then, he looked up at the Clan Leader of the Gui Clan, who was busy fighting Ye Qingqing, and said, "Clan Leader of the Gui Clan, you should open up spacetime rifts for the supreme elites of your clan."

The Clan Leader of the Gui Clan waved his right hand, and dozens of spacetime rifts manifested around him. Soon, more supreme elites of the Gui Clan rushed out of the spacetime rift. The Sovereign-level supreme elites charged decisively at Ye Guan the moment they saw the latter.

A cold, killing intent flashed in Ye Guan's eyes at the sight. He was about to make a move when the spacetime behind him was torn open. Nine Sovereigns clad in white armor rushed out of the spacetime rift and charged straight at the Sovereign-level supreme elites of the Gui Clan.

Ye Guan got ready to stroke, but a woman appeared next to him before he could do anything. The woman was wearing white armor with a spear in her hand. Her eyes were both cold and composed as she grabbed Ye Guan's arm and said, "Young Master, the Pavilion Master has said that you have to go to the Time River."

Ye Guan asked, "Where's my mother?"

The woman didn't answer. Instead, she turned around and thrust at the spacetime in front of Ye Guan. The resulting spacetime rift revealed the distant Time River.

Ye Guan raised his head to look at Ye Qingqing. "Aunt..."

"You go ahead first," Ye Qingqing said.

Ye Guan's face darkened. He was about to say something when the woman in white armor said, "Young Master, we have to leave now. A group of mysterious elites are headed this way."

The woman in white armor didn't even wait for Ye Guan's reply as she pulled him into the Time River. Ye Guan glanced behind him and saw that more and more Gui Clan supreme elites were flying out of the spacetime rifts.

Ye Qingqing would soon be in a disadvantageous position, but... Ye Guan fell silent and decided to follow his mother's arrangements.

Qin Guan definitely had a better grasp of the situation compared to him, and getting him to leave had to be a part of her plan. Ye Guan was worried about Ye Qingqing, but he believed that she wouldn't fall into any harm, as the target was him not her.

The two had just entered the Time River when they saw a black-robed old man standing a kilometer away from them. The black-robed old man stood at the helm of dozens of supreme elites with sabers in their hands.

The woman in white armor said, "They're from the Ancient Clan."

"I thought the Clan Leader of the Ancient Clan was dead?"

"The clan leader is dead, but the old man there is the ancestor of the Ancient Clan, while the people behind him are the Sovereign-level supreme elites of the clan," the woman in white armor replied.

Ye Guan was about to say something when the black-robed old man's figure became illusory. Ye Guan's face changed drastically. He was about to make a move when an afterimage rushed past him and flew toward the black-robed old man.

Bam!

Two figures were blasted away—one was the black-robed old man and the other was moving so fast that Ye Guan could only see their afterimage.

The black-robed old man soon stabilized himself. He looked up and frowned upon seeing the attacker. "Sovereign Yu?!"

It had to be known that the Yu Clan was one of the Four Ancient Clans, and Sovereign Yu was the Clan Leader of the Yu Clan.

The black-robed old man glared at Sovereign Yu and said, "You actually chose to stand on the Guanxuan Universe's side?"

Sovereign Yu didn't respond. Instead, he turned to look at Ye Guan and said, "Young Lord Ye, please go ahead."

Ye Guan stared at Sovereign Yu without saying anything. Eventually, he turned and followed the woman in white armor into the distance.

The black-robed old man yelled, "Stop them!"

The Sovereign-level supreme elites of the Ancient Clan chased after Ye Guan and the woman in white armor. However, dozens of Sovereign-level supreme elites from the Yu Clan emerged and blocked the path.

Meanwhile, Ye Guan and the woman in white armor had already disappeared into the distant end of the Time River.

The black-robed old man's face turned grim. He glared at Sovereign Yu and asked, "Do you even know what you're doing?"

Sovereign Yu calmly replied, "Of course."

The black-robed old man stared quietly at Sovereign Yu, but he was bewildered deep inside. How come Sovereign Yu has brought his own clan members to help Ye Guan?! That's equivalent to going against the Past Clan! How come he dared to do such a thing?

"Let's exchange a few moves," Sovereign Yu said blandly before disappearing into a streak of light that flew toward the black-robed old man. The black-robed old man's face darkened. He knew that Sovereign Yu was here to stall him, but he had no choice but to fight the latter.

Soon, a fierce battle erupted, and the nearby spacetime seemed to boil beneath the combined powers of the two forces.

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Ye Guan and the woman in white armor flew as fast as possible against the Time River's current. Ye Guan glanced at the woman next to him and was astonished to realize that the woman in white armor was extremely strong.

Then, he remembered that the woman in white armor had been leading the way for him all this while.

"Were they from the Yu Clan?"

"Yes," the woman in white armor said with a nod.

"Why did they help us?"

"They owe the Pavilion Master a favor, and they've chosen to repay that favor today."

Repaying a favor? Ye Guan wanted to ask more questions, but the woman in white armor abruptly stopped. She whipped around and hurled her spear.

Crackle!

A crisp noise echoed as the spacetime in the distance shattered, and a figure flew out. The woman in white armor opened her palm, and her spear returned to her hand.

The woman in white armor then looked around and coldly said, "Young Master, there are assassins lurking in the shadows. Be careful."

Assassins?

Ye Guan used his divine sense to scan the surroundings, but he couldn't feel anything strange.

Just then, Little Pagoda said, "There are many hidden auras nearby. Be careful."

The Ancestral Dragon Armor wrapped around Ye Guan, protecting him from any fatal ambushes. The woman in white armor dragged Ye Guan with her and flew into the distance when Ye Guan caught a cold glint in the periphery of his vision.

Ye Guan whipped around and slashed out with his sword.

Boom!

Spacetime was shattered, and a figure was sent flying away. The next moment, however, afterimages charged at Ye Guan from all sides! They appeared out of nowhere like ghosts, and there wasn't a sign of their presence until they appeared.

Ye Guan's expression changed in stupefaction. Such terrifying assassins!

Ye Guan dared not to be careless as his figure briefly became illusory. A kaleidoscope of sword lights erupted from within him, forcing the attackers away.

Unfortunately, Ye Guan was sent flying as well. Before he could come to a halt, a cold light flew toward him. To make matters worse, the attacker had calculated Ye Guan's flight path and was flying to greet him with attacks as soon as he stopped.

In addition, it turned out that there wasn't just one attacker. There was a group of them, and Ye Guan soon found himself engulfed by cold lights. Fortunately, the Ancestral Dragon Armor was too strong, and Ye Guan didn't perish from the ambush.

Nonetheless, Ye Guan's face still darkened. The Ancestral Dragon Armor had taken the brunt of the attack, suffering severe damage. In other words, Ye Guan's attackers were a terrifying group of extremely powerful assassins.

If it hadn't been for Ao Qianqian activating the Ancestral Dragon Armor earlier, Ye Guan would have died just now. These assassins were just too ruthless.

Swoosh!

The woman in white armor rushed to Ye Guan's side, and she heaved a sigh of relief upon seeing that the latter was fine. The assassins had made sure to stop her from lending any assistance to Ye Guan, so she didn't manage to help the latter.

Fortunately, Ye Guan was still alive.

"Watch out!" Ye Guan yelled and pulled the arm of the woman in white armor before flying away frantically. A myriad of afterimages charged at them, and the two were soon engulfed in cold lights.

Boom!

The cold lights vanished, sending Ye Guan and the woman in white armor flying away. Ye Guan's Ancestral Dragon Armor crumbled into innumerable light fragments, and it failed to absorb everything as Ye Guan's fleshly body was riddled with wounds.

Blood seeped out of Ye Guan's wounds as he retreated with the woman in white armor.

"Who are these assassins?" Ye Guan asked.

The woman in white armor's face was extremely grim as she said, "They're the Time Assassins that the Past Clan had nurtured a long time ago. The former Clan Leader of the Past Clan has nurtured them personally, so it's a given that they're strong.

"However, they're also masters in the art of concealment, and most supreme elites will find it hard to detect their presence."

Ye Guan was about to ask more questions when he felt a shiver down his spine. He pulled the woman in white armor behind him and roared. Then, he drew his sword and slashed out—Heavenrend!

A terrifying force burst out of Ye Guan and was channeled outside through Xuanyuan, transforming into a sword wave that struck the afterimages, reducing some of them into ashes upon contact.

Unfortunately, Ye Guan was once again engulfed by the cold lights.

The woman in white armor's face changed drastically, but before she could make any moves whatsoever, a colossal creature abruptly manifested in front of her. The creature was none other than a dragon!

Ao Qianqian had chosen to transform into her true form to protect Ye Guan with her fleshly body at the critical juncture.

The woman in white armor heaved a sigh of relief at the sight.

Moments later, Ao Qianqian transformed into a ray of golden light that melted into Ye Guan's glabella.

Ye Guan hurriedly asked, "Are you okay?"



Ao Qianqian, "I'm fine; just be careful."

Ye Guan looked around, but he couldn't see anything at all.

The Time Assassins were truly a terrifying bunch. Ye Guan couldn't feel their presence at all.

Just then, the woman in white armor walked up next to Ye Guan. "Our people are here, Young Master."

Ye Guan was puzzled.

However, his question was soon answered when dozens of figures clad in dark armor emerged from a spacetime rift. The figures in dark armor held spears in their left hand and shields in their right hand. They rushed up to Ye Guan and created a circle formation with the former in the middle.

The leader of the figures in dark armor said, "The Secret Guards are late. Please forgive us, Young Master."

Secret Guards?

Ye Guan cast a doubtful gaze at the woman in white armor.

The woman in white armor explained, "The Time Pavilion has three armed forces. I'm part of the Guanxuan Guards, while they're part of the Secret Guards."

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

"Only the Pavilion Master knows them," said the woman in white armor, shaking her head. Then, she stared into the distance and said, "Young Master, the Pavilion Master is waiting for you up ahead. We have to go now."

With that, the two escaped under the escort of the Secret Guards.

During their journey, the assassins ambushed them multiple times, but they were all thwarted by the Secret Guards. Unfortunately, there were always some casualties among the Secret Guards with each ambush.

Half an hour later, Ye Guan sensed something and stopped in his tracks. His expression was grim as he stared at the distant end of the Time River. Ye Guan could feel a formidable aura reminiscent of a towering mountain in the distance.

The woman in white armor's expression turned grim as well, but she recovered her composure upon receiving a message. Then, she turned to Ye Guan and explained, "Young Master, rest assured. Our people are coming."

Ye Guan fell silent, feeling worried. The situation's becoming more and more like a test of endurance. Can Mother... pass this test?

#### Chapter 533: Erya and Little White

About a thousand meters away from Ye Guan and the others stood a middle-aged man wielding a long spear. He was wearing a plain robe, and his hair fell past his shoulders. His billowing aura made the spacetime around him churn and boil.

The middle-aged man's gaze landed on Ye Guan as soon as he appeared.

The expressions of the Secret Guards and the woman in white armor turned incomparably grim as they stared at the middle-aged man wielding a long spear.

Ye Guan stared wordlessly at the middle-aged man, but his left hand rested on Xuanyuan's pommel. He was ready to unsheathe it and strike at any moment.

The middle-aged man stepped forward just then.

Ye Guan and the others immediately felt an overwhelming force sweeping toward them; the force was so overwhelming that they all held their breaths, and they all felt helpless.

Ye Guan took a step forward as well and slashed out fiercely with his sword. A powerful sword force burst out in a ray of sword light, colliding with the oncoming overwhelming force produced by the middle-aged man.

Bang!

Ye Guan and the middle-aged man flew backward, and the powerful shockwave sent everyone flying as well.

Before Ye Guan could come to a stop, he suddenly felt a chill down his spine. The assassins had come for him once again!

A golden light surged out of Ye Guan.

Rumble!

A colossal dragon emerged and shielded Ye Guan with her body. At the same time, countless cold lights engulfed the colossal dragon.

Boom...

The cold lights struck Ao Qianqian, and clanging noises echoed incessantly as the cold lights collided against Ao Qianqian's thick, durable scales.

Ao Qianqian swung her tail across the assassins, shattering the cold lights and sending the assassins flying away like kites that had lost their strings.

The middle-aged man wielding a long spear charged at Ao Qianqian.

Before he could get close, however, a spear streaked across spacetime, making a beeline for the middle-aged man.

The middle-aged man's eyes narrowed at the sight; the spear contained a terrifying power that threatened even him. Not daring to ignore it, he swung his spear toward the oncoming spear.

Boom!

A deafening noise echoed. The flying spear was deflected, but the middle-aged man had to retreat. He looked to his right and saw a mysterious figure clad in black armor.

The middle-aged man's eyes as he asked, "Who are you?"

The figure clad in black armor ignored him and turned to Ye Guan. Bowing slightly, he said, "The Commander of the Black Armor Guards greets the Young Master!"

Commander of the Black Armor Guards? Ye Guan stared at the figure clad in black armor with curiosity in his eyes. How did Mother manage to recruit so many top-tier elites?

The Commander of the Black Armor Guards said, "White Phoenix, take the Young Master away to where the Pavilion Master is at the moment."

The woman in white armor—White Phoenix—nodded and turned to Ye Guan.

"Young Master, let's go," White Phoenix said before leading Ye Guan away.

Meanwhile, the middle-aged man wielding a long spear sneered, "Trying to escape?"

Swoosh!

The middle-aged man disappeared, rushing toward Ye Guan. However, the Commander of the Black Armor Guards vanished as well, and a radiant spear light erupted, making a beeline for the middle-aged man wielding a long spear.

Boom!

A terrifying force erupted, and the spacetime around them collapsed.

The middle-aged man wielding a long spear was forcibly stopped in his tracks! He looked at the Commander of the Black Armor Guards with a hint of astonishment and said, "It's you!"

The Commander of the Black Armor Guards chuckled. "You recognize me?"

The middle-aged man wielding a long spear stared deeply at the Commander of the Black Armor Guards and pointed out. "You're Gan Mo, the former Captain of the Divine Time Hall's Divine Knights!"

Gan Mo merely smiled.

The middle-aged man wielding a long spear was puzzled. "You actually betrayed the Divine Time Hall to join the Guanxuan Universe?"

Gan Mo grinned and asked "Yu Ran, you actually joined the Past Clan despite having such a high rank on the Time List?"

Yu Ran stared coldly at Gan Mo. "You will regret the decision that you've made."

"You and I are fighting for our respective ideologies. Neither of us will have regrets."

"Then, let's fight!" Yu Ran vanished.

Gan Mo smiled and disappeared as well.

Soon, a fierce battle erupted between the two.

Meanwhile, Ye Guan moved swimmingly toward the distant end of the Time River under the escort of the Secret Guards.

White Phoenix turned to Ye Guan and said, "Young Master, those assassins are still around."

Ye Guan nodded. He couldn't see them, but there was still a lingering chill in the air, which seemed to follow him everywhere. It seemed that those assassins had truly been following him as if they were his shadows.

Ye Guan's expression was grim as he looked around. He had to admit that the assassins were terrifying. If it weren't for Ao Qianqian's protection, he would have died long ago. They were the most powerful assassins that he had ever encountered.

White Phoenix's expression was grim as well.

The Past Clan was a mysterious organization with a strength that even the Time Pavilion hadn't been able to measure. The assassins of the Past Clan were still around, which meant that they were waiting for the golden opportunity to strike.

Ye Guan knew that as well. He closed his eyes and asked, "Qianqian, how are your injuries?"

Ao Qianqian had taken too many hits for him; Ye Guan suspected that she had suffered considerable injuries.

Ao Qianqian replied, "I'm fine."

Fortunately, the Divine Tree of Nature was there, and it worked tirelessly to heal Ao Qianqian. In other words, Ye Guan had nothing to worry about.

Ye Guan nodded slightly. Just then, he sensed something and came to a halt. He looked up and saw a terrifying aura flying toward them at breakneck speeds.

White Phoenix's face immediately turned solemn. The members of the Secret Guards next to her became alert as well and got ready to fight.

Rumble!

A low rumbling echoed as the distant spacetime trembled violently. Under Ye Guan and the others' gazes, a colossal creature emerged, charging at them.

The colossal creature was a demonic beast in the form of an ape!

The ape was colossal indeed, as it was as big as a mountain. To make matters worse, a colossal axe was in its right hand. The ape betrayed its massive size, as it ran at breakneck speeds toward Ye Guan and his group.

It was horrifying to be subject to such a gargantuan creature's charge, and Ye Guan felt as if a mountain was rolling toward him.

Ao Qianqian was about to leave Ye Guan's body and fight the ape when White Phoenix suddenly said, "Lady Qianqian, please do not leave the Young Master. That is what they want you to do."

Ao Qianqian froze and went silent.

White Phoenix was right. The giant ape was a lure—a bait to make her leave Ye Guan's side. The assassins lurking in the pockets of spacetime nearby would definitely come out and strike the moment Ao Qianqian left Ye Guan.

Without Ao Qianqian's protection, Ye Guan would die under their combined attacks.

White Phoenix yelled, "Shield formation!"

The Secret Guards roared and thrust their shields forward.

A massive shield towering thousands of meters in both height and width manifested in an instant. The giant ape slammed its axe against the shield. It was a terrifying attack that seemed capable of shattering the entire Time River.

Bam!

The massive shield shattered with a thunderous boom, and the powerful shockwave sent the members of the Secret Guards flying away.

Ye Guan stepped forward just then and slashed out with his sword—Six Space Overlaps!

The giant ape raised its axe to block the attack.

BOOM!

A cataclysmic explosion of sword lights erupted when the axe and the sword collided. The giant ape was blasted away, but Ye Guan ignored the former and performed a spinning slash.

A radiant burst of sword light pushed away the cold lights just as they emerged from the pockets of spacetime around Ye Guan. Unfortunately, Ye Guan's spinning slash was too weak to force the assassins to retreat far enough.

Moments later, the cold lights engulfed Ye Guan, injuring him.

However, Ye Guan was undeterred. He slashed out haphazardly, sending sword waves flying in all directions. The members of the Secret Guards saw the commotion and rushed to assist Ye Guan.

Soon, the sound of metal clashing against metal pervaded the battlefield.

Eventually, Ye Guan and the Secret Guards managed to break out of the dense, cold lights. However, they all sustained severe injuries. Ye Guan himself was riddled with dozens of deep wounds, and he was drenched in blood.



Meanwhile, the assassins decided to retreat and hide once more, waiting for another opportunity to strike.

The assassins' modus operandi became clear just then. If they couldn't kill Ye Guan with a single strike, they'd retreat immediately.

The assassins' retreat was timely as the giant ape in the distance had finally managed to stabilize itself and was charging at Ye Guan and the others once again.

Ye Guan's eyes narrowed into slits. The giant ape was here to distract them from the assassins lurking in the shadows; the assassins lurking in the shadows were the real threat!

Left with no choice, Ye Guan said, "Stay in formation and stand your ground. Do not lose your footing."

Ye Guan vanished, transforming into a ray of sword light that charged at the giant ape.

A fierce light fleeted across the giant ape's eyes. The next moment, it jumped and smashed down with its axe toward Ye Guan.

The giant ape was furious and disgruntled when Ye Guan sent it flying away with just a slash of his sword, so it decided to confront Ye Guan head-on for some payback!

Ye Guan's sword collided with the giant ape's axe.

Boom!

A deafening explosion echoed; both Ye Guan and the giant ape were blasted away.

White Phoenix roared, "Protect the Young Master!"

The Secret Guards rushed toward Ye Guan and got into a shield formation to protect him. However, the assassins didn't show up, making Ye Guan frown in confusion.

The giant ape's fleshly body was riddled with cracks after it forcefully endured Ye Guan's attacks. It roared defiantly, unleashing a terrifying aura.

Ye Guan's eyes narrowed.

A horde of demonic beasts was coming!

As expected, Ye Guan saw thousands of giant apes running toward them in the distance.

Fuck! Ye Guan cursed inwardly. These bastards are ganging up on me!

Meanwhile, a little girl was staring at the scene in the distance. The little girl had a white beast on her shoulder; she was none other than Erya, while the white beast was none other than Little White!

Qin Guan's people had found them, so they rushed over here to assist Ye Guan.

When Erya saw the injuries all over Ye Guan, she let out a lengthy sigh. The next moment, she took out a candied hawthorn and licked it before saying, "It seems that we're in trouble. We need to figure out a way to shift the blame somehow..."

Little White was at a loss for words.

Chapter 534: Ye Guan, I'm Here!

They had truly taken their sweet time. They thought Ye Guan was doing well, but he actually got a pretty good beating.

What do we do? Erya's mind raced.

Little White's big eyes glimmered in worry as well. It seemed that they were really going to get scolded this time. As Little White wondered if they were going to get a good beating, she unconsciously patted her behind.

Erya's eyes lit up just then, and she exclaimed, "I got it!"

Little White hurriedly looked at Erya.

Erya blinked and said, "I have a plan."

Then, Erya opened her palm, and a drop of blood was squeezed out of her palm. She used her other hand to smear that blood on the corner of her lips. She wiped some blood on the corner of Little White's lips as well.

Afterward, Erya messed up her hair and tore her clothes.

Moments later, Erya finally looked like she had just gone through hundreds of battles. Erya then put away the candied hawthorn and pinched Little White's cheeks, saying, "Stop smiling. You need to look a bit miserable and downtrodden!"

Little White was speechless.

Erya rushed forward and shouted loudly, "Ye Guan, I'm here!"

Ye Guan took a deep breath and was about to slash out when he heard Erya's voice.

Ye Guan was thrilled. Erya's finally here!

As expected, Erya was flying toward him with Little White on her shoulder. He was stunned upon seeing Erya.

They must've gone through many battles and hardships just to come here, thought Ye Guan.

Erya wasted no time and swung her fist at the giant ape.

The giant ape was enraged. A little girl actually dares to attack me?

The giant ape swung its fist toward Erya as well.

Erya's fist seemed as tiny as a speck of dust compared to the giant ape, but when Erya's fist collided with the giant ape's fist. A deafening explosion echoed, and the giant ape was blasted away under everyone's shocked gazes.

Everyone was stunned.

Even the demonic beasts that the giant ape had summoned froze in place.

Ye Guan's eyelids twitched. Erya's strength was truly terrifying. He reckoned that even Ao Qianqian wouldn't withstand such a punch.

The giant ape's fleshly body exploded into a bloody mist, scattering blood and flesh haphazardly in the air, which created a gruesome scene. The giant ape was dumbfounded, and its eyes were wide open. A little girl actually managed to defeat me? N-no way...

In the distance, Erya glanced indifferently at the giant ape before returning to Ye Guan's side with Little White. Erya examined Ye Guan from top to bottom before saying, "We aren't too late, are we?"

Ye Guan was about to say something when Erya sighed and said, "We had to overcome five hurdles, not including the blockade at the Guanxuan Universe. We defeated six supreme elites and killed hundreds of thousands of Time Reversers.

"Sigh... it was really tough."

Little White merely blinked; she dared not say anything.

Hundreds of thousands of Time Reversers? Ye Guan was puzzled. Is she exaggerating? Are there really that many Time Reversers in the Time River?

Erya wiped away the blood from the corner of her mouth and said, "I'm seriously injured. It hurts..."

Ye Guan and Little White were at a loss for words.

Erya surreptitiously glanced at Little White. Little White quickly waved her tiny paw.

Seeing Ye Guan's puzzled gaze, Little White blinked and pretended like she was convulsing. However, Little White's actions exacerbated Ye Guan's confusion rather than resolve it.

Erya hurriedly explained, "Her injuries are more severe than mine."

Ye Guan stared alternately between the convulsing Little White and Erya.

These two are really putting on a show, aren't they? Ye Guan had no idea what to say.

Erya's heart skipped a beat at Ye Guan's silence. In the end, she opted to change the subject and said, "Come on, let's go. Little White and I will protect you. Let's go..."

Ye Guan nodded slightly and emptied his mind. They had to leave as soon as possible.

Erya turned to look at the giant ape in the distance. She shook her hand and swung her fist. The spacetime around her trembled violently before imploding in a cataclysmic explosion that shocked the nearby supreme elites.

The giant ape's expression changed drastically. It had nowhere to retreat and could only confront Erya head-on. It roared and pounded its chest. However, it seemed to have forgotten that it had suffered severe injuries from Erya's first attack, so its chest caved in and it spat a mouthful of blood.

Everyone and the giant ape itself was speechless.

A bizarre scene unfolded moments later.

When Erya reappeared in front of the giant ape, the giant ape turned around and fled...

It abandoned its own kind and ran away!

The other giant apes were dumbfounded. Did our clan leader just run away?

Erya was stunned. She also didn't expect that the giant ape would flee the battlefield so decisively.

Of course, it was all thanks to Erya's first attack. The giant ape had been scared out of its wits by Erya's first punch. Unlike Ye Guan's sword attack, Erya's punch made it feel a primal fear. It had no confidence that it could withstand another one of her punches, so it escaped decisively.

Dignity was important, but life was more important than anything else!

The other giant apes recovered from their trance and retreated frantically. Just like that, the entire clan of giant apes disappeared into the distance.

Erya shrugged, feeling somewhat disappointed. She wanted to show off, but the giant ape didn't want to cooperate with her.

Ye Guan walked up to Erya. He looked around and said, "Erya, can you sense any of the assassins lurking in the shadows?"

Erya looked around and frowned. "Little White!"

Little White flew toward Erya.

Erya then said, "Take one of your treasures out!"

Little White blinked before rummaging through her storage ring. Soon, she pulled out a pitch-black ancient-looking mirror. She knocked on it once before tossing it up high.

Swoosh!

A dazzling light burst out of the mirror, illuminating everything for hundreds of kilometers around it. Hundreds of shadowy figures were revealed around the mirror—they were the assassins lurking around in the pockets of spacetime!

Ye Guan's gaze turned cold. He was about to make a move when those shadowy figures retreated like a tide until they were no longer within the mirror's range.

Ye Guan frowned.

"Young Master," White Phoenix said, "We need to go and meet up with Pavilion Master Qin."

"Yes, let's go," said Ye Guan with a nod. Then, he seemed to have recalled something as she turned to look at the Time River behind him. A trace of worry flashed in his eyes as he wondered how his Aunt Qingqing was faring.

White Phoenix seemed to have sensed Ye Guan's concern and said, "Young Master, rest assured. We have powerful reinforcements rushing to assist them at the moment. They will definitely not be defeated."

Ye Guan nodded. "Okay."

With that, Ye Guan, White Phoenix, and the Secret Guards continued their journey along with Erya and Little White.

Ye Guan felt much safer this time. Erya was extremely terrifying, after all. He had experienced the giant ape's power, but it was no match for Erya at all. Ye Guan still couldn't believe that Erya had defeated such a powerful demonic beast.

Ye Guan remembered something just then and asked, "Erya, how is the Guanxuan Universe doing?"

Erya took out a stick of candied hawthorn and gave it a lick before replying, "I don't know. I think they're doing okay."

Ye Guan's expression darkened.

Erya sounded serious as she added, "You should worry about yourself first."

Ye Guan pondered briefly and nodded. Indeed, he seemed to be the weakest in his family. The realization made Ye Guan sigh in sadness.

Their journey went swimmingly for quite a while.

Just then, White Phoenix said, "We'll be there in thirty minutes!"

Thirty minutes... It wasn't a long time, but Ye Guan couldn't shake off the worry in his heart. His intuition was telling him that the Past Clan wouldn't make it easy for him to meet up with his mother.

White Phoenix's expression also became serious. Will the Past Clan give up so easily? Definitely not.

Ye Guan looked at Erya, who didn't seem concerned at all. She was still licking her candied hawthorn with a satisfied expression.



Erya's unconcerned attitude made Ye Guan feel better.

In the end, they decided to pick up their pace.

Fifteen minutes later, Erya seemed to have sensed something and frowned. She came to a halt and stared at the distant end of the Time River.

Ye Guan came to a halt as well and asked, "What's wrong?"

Erya's gaze was cold as she said, "There's someone up ahead."

Ye Guan stared at the distant end of the Time River as well, but he couldn't see anything.

Swoosh!

Erya flew like a cannonball, and an explosion echoed as a spacetime rift was torn open a kilometer away from them.

Ye Guan looked closely and saw a middle-aged man flying like a kite that had lost its string. Erya stood quietly, facing the middle-aged man wearing a tight black robe with dark gold iron wrist cuffs.

The middle-aged man's expression was solemn as he stared at Erya. "How powerful..."

Erya licked her candied hawthorn and asked, "Are you thinking of attacking my grandson?"

"Ye Guan is your grandson?" the middle-aged man asked with narrowed his eyes.

Erya nodded.

The middle-aged man went pallid as he stared at Ye Guan.

Grandson? Ye Guan was speechless. Should I say something back? Well, Erya isn't exactly wrong. After all, she addresses my grandfather as "Brother Yang" and addresses my father as "Little Xuan"! Even my father couldn't say anything about it, so in terms of seniority... I really have no idea what to say.

The middle-aged man retracted his gaze and looked at Erya. "I've heard that you're the ancestor of the first Evil Beast. I've come here to learn from you!"

Erya examined the middle-aged man from top to bottom and scoffed, "You're too weak."

The middle-aged man laughed heartily at the remark.

Swoosh!

Erya vanished into thin air.

Boom!

Spacetime itself imploded as Erya made a move!

The middle-aged man's eyes narrowed into slits, and he raised his arms crossing them in front of his chest.

Boom!

Erya's fist landed on the middle-aged man's arms, and he was sent flying away. As he flew away, his fleshly body exploded into a bloody mist. Moments later, his soul couldn't withstand the force of Erya's punch and imploded, shattering into innumerable light fragments.

Both fleshly body and soul were annihilated in just one punch!

Everyone was at a loss for words.

Erya returned to Ye Guan's side.

Ye Guan hurriedly praised, "Erya, you're so amazing!"

Erya glanced at Ye Guan and said, "I've always been undefeatable, so that was par for the course."

Little Pagoda had no idea what to say.

Chapter 536: Master Pagoda's Betrayal

The sight of the Qingxuan Sword in his hand sent a shiver down Ye Guan's spine. The Qingxuan Sword was none other than his father's sword, after all.

For some reason, Little White managed to summon his father's sword. Wouldn't he be able to perform a chaotic dance of destruction with his father's sword in hand? He was also clad in

With his father's sword in hand, wouldn't it be a chaotic dance of destruction? In addition, he was wearing the Ancestral Dragon Divine Armor. Who could challenge him with such gear?

Ye Guan's expression turned icy seeing the red-robed old man rushing toward him.

He smiled slyly and swung his father's sword.

A deafening explosion occurred, and the old man was propelled backward. Upon stopping, his fleshy body cracked into two, and his soul was consumed by the might of the Qingxuan Sword.

An instant kill! Ye Guan's heart raced with exhilaration. Once more, he felt invincible.

Both the Qingxuan Sword and the Path Sword would always bestow upon him the otherworldly feeling of invincibility. Ye Guan looked down at the Qingxuan Sword and realized that the sword could become his own in just a hundred years, so

No!! cant have such thoughts! He couldn't entertain such thoughts. Cold sweat dripped down Ye Guan's forehead. How can I harbor such notions? This is the Mad Demon Bloodline's fault

Mad Demon Bloodline: "....."

Without dwelling on it any further, Ye Guan brandished the Qingxuan Sword and swept a cold gaze across the shadowy figures around him. The next moment, he vanished from his original position.

A burst of sword light flashed in the sky.

Several shadowy figures were killed in the blink of an eye. The Qingxuan Sword propelled Ye Guan's strength to new heights. His enemies were now insignificant compared to him, and they fell one after another.

Ye Guan was unstoppable!

The remaining enemies dared not advance, and they chose to retreat.

Ye Guan paid them no attention and stared in Erya's direction.

Erya had just sent flying the enemies that had surrounded her.

After confirming that Little White was out of harm's way, Erya unleashed her full strength, delivering a relentless barrage of punches. Her strength was overwhelming, and her opponents were completely overwhelmed.

The strength of Erya's fleshly body was out of this world. She had never bothered defending herself, as only a few people could breach her defenses.

Just then, their enemies sensed something and promptly retreated.

Ye Guan frowned at the strange sight.

Erya initially intended to chase after them, but Ye Guan stopped her. Appearing alongside Erya and Little White, he cast a glance toward the distance and urged, "Let's go see my mother!"

Ye Guan had to meet Qin Guan, as she was probably the only one who could tell him anything he wanted to know about the Past Clan.

Erya nodded. "All right."

They continued their journey, and they no longer encountered any obstacles. Under White Phoenix's lead, the group soon found themselves in an unknown star field. Ye Guan sensed the presence of a myriad of mysterious auras throughout the star field, and their presence made his expression become solemn.

Meanwhile, Erya revealed on her face..

The group traveled for a while until they arrived at a massive city. The city was expansive, and it seemed to have been built with grandeur in mind.

A dozen powerful divine senses swept over the group, but they swiftly withdrew upon noticing Ye Guan. Soon, the gates of the city opened slowly, welcoming the group.

White Phoenix gestured toward Ye Guan and said, "Young Master, please."

Ye Guan nodded and entered the city.

A woman wearing a short-sleeved dress immediately caught his eye, and she was none other than his mother Qin Guan!

A smile tugged at Ye Guan's lips upon seeing Qin Guan.

Qin Guan smiled brightly and approached him. "Looks like you've shed a few pounds."

Ye Guan chuckled. "Mother!"

Qin Guan grabbed Ye Guan's hand. "Come with me."

She guided Ye Guan, Erya, and Little White toward a distant ancient city.

Meanwhile, White Phoenix and the Secret Guards decided to leave.

Ye Guan saw numerous peculiar structures and many supreme elites flying above the ancient city.

Noticing his confusion, Qin Guan explained with a smile, "This place is known as Dark Emperor World, and the individuals here are members of my research team."

A research team? Ye Guan's curiosity was sparked. "Mother, are you back to researching new weapons again?"

"Yes."

Ye Guan grinned. "I'll have to check them out when the time comes!"

"They're all at your disposal."

Ye Guan was delighted by the news.

After a while, Qin Guan led Ye Guan to a hall. It was spacious, and there was no one inside the hall. Qin Guan looked at Erya and Little White beside him, saying, "Lady Erya, I'll need your assistance later."

Erya nodded. "No problem."

Qin Guan then turned her attention to Little White. "And you, too!"

Little White grinned and waved her tiny paws rapidly.

Qin Guan smiled and took a seat. Then, she looked at Ye Guan and said, "Bring that young lady out to meet me!"

Young lady? Ye Guan was puzzled, but he soon understood that Qin Guan was referring to Ao Qianqian.

Ye Guan told Ao Qianqian to join them, and the latter immediately appeared outside.

Ao Qianqian lowered her head, appearing a bit reserved before Qin Guan.

It wasn't strange, as she had always regarded Qin Guan as her idol.

Her idol was now her mother-in-law; it was such an unprecedented situation that Ao Qianqian had no idea how to navigate through it.

Qin Guan grabbed Ao Qianqian's hand just then and gave her a storage ring with a gentle smile. "I heard you two had tied the knot in the Milky Way?"

Blushing, Ao Qianqian nodded.

Qin Guan chuckled. "We should organize another wedding ceremony."

Ao Qianqian was slightly surprised.

Qin Guan continued, "A splendid and grand wedding ceremony!"

Qin Guan was fond of Ao Qianqian, and she was genuinely moved by her numerous sacrifices for Ye Guan.

Ao Qianqian was touched by Qin Guan's words. She wanted to express her gratitude with pleasantries, but Qin Guan beat her to the chase, saying, "Consider it settled, then."

Qin Guan then turned to Ye Guan and said, "Come here."

Ye Guan walked up to Qin Guan.

Qin Guan sighed softly and chided, "You... you better not stir up trouble with other women, okay?"

Ye Guan's expression froze.

"Do you think you can handle so many women?" Qin Guan asked.

Ye Guan did not dare to speak.

"Young Mistress!" Little Pagoda interjected, "It's not entirely his fault. The majority of the fault is with the Mad Demon Bloodline."

The Mad Demon Bloodline: "???"

Qin Guan opened her palm, and a tiny pagoda appeared.

Little Pagoda's voice echoed as he continued, "The Mad Demon Bloodline is a bit unpredictable... so, he often loses control"

Ye Guan felt an overwhelming sense of gratitude. Master Pagoda is so considerate!



Qin Guan smiled knowingly. "So, it's mostly the Mad Demon Bloodline's fault?"

"It's responsible for at least eighty percent of such incidents!"

Mad Demon Bloodline: "....."

Qin Guan chuckled. "Little Pagoda, is that your genuine opinion?"

Little Pagoda clarified, "The Young Master told me to say that!"

"Huh?" Ye Guan was utterly bewildered. Damn! Master Pagoda has betrayed me!

Qin Guan's gaze landed Ye Guan slowly on Ye Guan, who was sweating profusely.

Little Pagoda's unexpected betrayal had put him in a tight spot.

Erya chimed in, "He also brought quite a few girls to meet us, claiming that they were his wives. We even had to give them gifts."

Ye Guan froze like an ice statue. Shit!

Qin Guan stared wordlessly at Ye Guan.

Ao Qianqian chose to be silent as she stared at Ye Guan. This was the time to side with her mother-in-law.

Meanwhile, Erya glanced at Ye Guan; she had revealed such a thing, as she felt the need to give her little grandson a lesson. Otherwise, he might bring a hundred wives to her and Little White in exchange for some gifts.

Ye Guan smiled awkwardly and said, "Mother, I-I'm going to listen to your arrangements.

Ye Guan dared not play any tricks before Qin Guan. After all, such tricks would be useless, and he had no plans of disgracing himself. Thus, all he could do was admit defeat!

Qin Guan shook her head and said with a smile, "That is your business, and it is not my place to intervene. However, I can't just ignore it."

Ye Guan nodded, and he sounded sad as he said, "Yes, I guess it cannot be ignored. I grew up without my mother and my father, so no one really taught me the right thing to do. Yes, it cannot be ignored."

Qin Guan's heart tightened, and her nagging stopped at the tip of her tongue. Ye Guan's statement rendered Qin Guan at a loss for words.

Meanwhile, Little Pagoda sighed to himself. He is incredible

Erya was in awe of Ye Guan as well, and she inwardly vowed to be more wary around Ye Guan in the future. After all, he was just a bit too cunning!

Ao Qianqian stared at Ye Guan and shook her head with a smile.

Qin Guan finally said, "Regardless, you must not let Qianqian down. You understand her feelings for you better than anyone else."

Ye Guan pulled Ao Qianqian closer to him and smiled. "Mother, rest assured, I will not let down anyone, especially Qianqian."

Ao Qianqian's heart filled up with sweetness at Ye Guan's remark, and she erupted into a radiant smile.

Qin Guan shook her head helplessly at the sight.

"Mother, I think we should talk about the Past Clan," Ye Guan said, changing the topic. He had to change the topic as soon as possible, or Qin Guan might end up talking about the "others."

Qin Guan's smile faded as she said, "I've had people investigate the Past Clan in secret. However, the Past Clan's history is shrouded in mystery, and even my people couldn't uncover that much information about them."

Ye Guan furrowed his brows.

Qin Guan nodded. "Yes, they're more mysterious and powerful than I anticipated."

"I think it's mainly because of their clan leader..." Ye Guan muttered in a grim tone of voice. He still had a deep-seated fear of that white-robed woman.

Qin Guan smiled and said, "That woman isn't going to harm you. Doing so means breaking the rules."

"What happens if she breaks the rules?"

Qin Guan merely smiled rather than answering the question directly. Then, she stood up and said, "Come with me; I'll take you somewhere."

"Where are we going?"

Qin Guan chuckled. "I'll take you to the empire I've built for you."

Chapter 537: Plain-Skirt Aunt

The group departed the grand hall under Qin Guan's lead.

Roughly half an hour later, they arrived in an uncharted star field using a teleportation array. Moments later, Ye Guan found himself in an unknown world. He sensed something peculiar about the world, prompting a slight change in his face.

Time in this world flowed at a different rate compared to the world outside...

Qin Guan chuckled and asked, "Have you noticed something?"

Ye Guan's expression was serious as he replied, "The flow of time here..."

"This place is my attempt to replicate the tiny pagoda. Three years here equals a single day outside. It falls short of your tiny pagoda, but it's still pretty useful."

"You're imitating the tiny pagoda, Mother?" Ye Guan asked in astonishment.

Qin Guan nodded.

Ye Guan was truly surprised. The tiny pagoda's capabilities were extraordinary, and the fact that his mother could replicate it was quite impressive.

After all, the tiny pagoda had received its ability from his plain-skirt aunt.

"We're still in the middle of research. Progress is slow but steady."

Ye Guan nodded in understanding. Surveying his surroundings, he couldn't help but acknowledge the extraordinariness of this world.

Qin Guan said, "Someone's here."

Boom!

The spacetime before Qin Guan was torn open, and a middle-aged man clad in battle armor covered in flames walked out of the spacetime rift. The armor exuded a fearsome, fiery power, and the surrounding spacetime seemed to melt under its heat.

Two hundred figures in similar armor appeared behind the middle-aged man, and their appearance made the world become illusory.

Ye Guan was stupefied, and he looked questioningly at Qin Guan.

Qin Guan smiled and said, "They're the Flame Emperor Guards, and they were trained especially for you!"

"The Flame Emperor Guards?"

Qin Guan explained, "They're all Time Reversers, so the majority of them were at the end of their lives. I've extended their lifespan; I also provide them with equipment and cultivation resources. In return, they've pledged allegiance to me."

Intrigued, Ye Guan asked, "Mother, you can extend their lifespans?"

Qin Guan nodded. "Indeed."

"How?"

Qin Guan smiled and opened her palm, revealing a thumb-sized pill.

The curious Ye Guan asked, "A pill?"

"This is an Ancestral Origin Pill, and as its name suggests, it's made out of a strand of Ancestral Origin. A strand of Ancestral Origin is enough to produce around a hundred of these pills.

"Each pill will add a decade to a supreme elite's lifespan. It's not a lot of time, yes, but it is a priceless treasure in the eyes of Time Reversers."

"Wait, Mother..." Ye Guan trailed off in surprise before asking, "You have strands of Ancestral Origin?"

"Indeed."

Ye Guan grew curious. "Where did you get them?"

Qin Guan shook her head and explained, "Your dad got them for me. I asked for his help, but Ancestral Origin is getting scarce these days. They're nearly extinct in the Time River, and they can only be found billions of years ago."

Ye Guan frowned and questioned, "Billions of years ago?"

"The Time River's recorded history spans a hundred billion years. Anything before that is a blank slate; in other words, we have no idea what happened at the time. We haven't been able to gather any data before that."

"However, I think the Clan Leader of the Past Clan knows quite a few things."

"A hundred billion years?!" Ye Guan exclaimed, "Father traveled a hundred billion years back in time?"

"Yes, but due to special circumstances, he couldn't delve deeper."

Intrigued, Ye Guan inquired, "What circumstances?"

"It's for your plain-skirt aunt's sake."

Ye Guan went silent. He knew his father and his plain-skirt aunt had decided to reincarnate.

Qin Guan whispered, "Your plain-skirt aunt might be up to something."

Puzzled, Ye Guan asked, "What could it be?"

"I don't know. I just know that your father is the only thing she's reluctant to leave behind. Your father is also hoping to stop her from going too far."

"Could it be that Plain-Skirt Aunt wants to—" Ye Guan cut himself off.

Qin Guan nodded slightly and said, "Perhaps. I guess that's why your dad is trying to find a way to prevent her from going too far. Things could become catastrophic if she becomes too reckless."

Ye Guan fell into deep thought. Indeed, the consequences will be catastrophic if Plain-Skirt Aunt goes too far.

Ye Guan recalled something just then and said, "A strand of Ancestral Origin can craft over a hundred Ancestral Origins Pills? How many strands of Ancestral Origin do you have with you, Mother?"

Qin Guan instantly saw through Ye Guan's thoughts and smiled. She gave him a storage ring and explained, "There are five strands of Ancestral Origin in this storage ring, and I purposely stored them for you.

"The rest are with Ling'er, and her task is to transform them into pills. It's wasteful to directly consume a strand of Ancestral Origin; you'd be able to squeeze everything out of just a strand by turning it into pills."

Ye Guan nodded. Indeed, transforming strands of Ancestral Origin into pills was the best way to consume Ancestral Origin. Ye Guan would also be able to attract more supreme elites to his side.

Ye Guan finally understood why so many Time Reversers were working for his mother; they all had their ulterior motives, which were Ancestral Origin Pills. Of course, it wasn't strange at all. How could he expect others to work for him for free?

Just then, Qin Guan turned to the Flame Emperor Guards, "You can leave now."

The supreme elites bowed deeply and withdrew.

Qin Guan then turned to Ye Guan and said, "Let's go."

Ye Guan nodded and took the lead in following closely behind Qin Guan.

Meanwhile, Ao Qianqian returned to the world inside the tiny pagoda to continue absorbing Erya's blood.

Ao Qianqian's cultivation progress had been extremely fast—faster than Ye Guan's. She had absorbed a variety of divine artifacts, and she had even obtained an unprecedented inheritance.

Of course, Ye Guan didn't really feel wronged—the stronger Ao Qianqian became, the stronger he would become.

Qin Guan soon led Ye Guan and Erya to a vast sea.

Ye Guan stared at the horizon and saw nothing but the vast sea. He cast a puzzled gaze at Qin Guan, and he saw the latter smile.

Qin Guan then snapped her fingers.

Snap!

The sea parted, revealing an underwater palace.

"Let's go," Qin Guan said and led Ye Guan toward the underwater palace.



Once submerged, Ye Guan found out that there wasn't only one palace underwater. There were thousands of peculiar structures sprawling over the vast ocean; many people were out and about, engaging in a variety of activities.

Ye Guan took particular note of hundreds of oddly shaped pillars towering thousands of meters high.

Erya and Little White were equally intrigued. Little White was especially thrilled at the sight, as she had always been a lover of things. In fact, she had a blast with the bombs that Qin Guan had given to her.

Qin Guan had given her more bombs, which made Ye Guan feel a bit uneasy.

Little White had a penchant for throwing out those bombs indiscriminately. To make matters worse, Ye Guan was the only one incapable of withstanding those bombs.

Qin Guan pointed at somewhere and said, "Those things can be activated at any time. A group of supreme elites had come here to attack, but they were forced to retreat."

Ye Guan's expression turned serious as he asked, "They've launched an attack here?"

"Yes, and not just once. However, I think they're underestimating me, so I'm sure they're getting ready for another attack.

Ye Guan went silent.

Just then, a black-robed elder suddenly appeared beside Qin Guan. The elder bowed slightly and said in a deep voice, "Pavillion Master, our people have lost; they're in the middle of retreat."

Ye Guan cast a puzzled gaze at the elder.

Qin Guan explained, "He's talking about the Guanxuan Guards facing the Gui Clan."

Ye Guan's face darkened.

The black-robed elder added, "More and more Gui Clan elites are popping up, and our forces can no longer hold them back."

"What about my aunt?" Ye Guan asked.

The black-robed elder replied, "Lady Ye has already chosen to retreat. Even the Clan Leader of the Gui Clan can't force her to stay if she wants to leave. Besides, she isn't their target."

Ye Guan heaved a sigh of relief.

Qin Guan commanded, "Order our people to reinforce the Guanxuan Guards."

"Understood, Pavillion Master!" said the black-robed elder with a slight bow before disappearing into thin air.

Soon, Qin Guan led Ye Guan toward a distant palace. The grand halls of the palace were bustling with activity, but everyone dropped whatever they were doing to face Qin Guan.

Qin Guan nodded and turned to Ye Guan, saying, "He's my son, and his words have the same weight as mine."

Everyone hurriedly acknowledged Ye Guan and greeted, "Young Pavillion Master!"

"Continue with your tasks," said Qin Guan.

Everyone promptly returned to their duties.

Qin Guan explained, "These men are part of the Guanxuan Pavilion, a crucial hub that controls the six branches and three armed forces. It can be considered the intelligence center of the Time Pavillion."

Ye Guan noted that most of the workers weren't that strong. Clearly, this place valued brains more than brawn.

"Mother," Ye Guan called out and said, "I've been to the Milky Way."

Mildly surprised, Qin Guan asked, "Did you visit the Qin Family?"

"I went to pay respects to Grandfather."

"Mmhm." Qin Guan nodded but stayed silent.

"Mother, will you ever return to the Milky Way?"

"My relatives are no longer around. In my eyes, wherever you are is my home."

Ye Guan's heart felt warm, and he grinned in response.

Qin Guan was about to say something when a shadowy figure appeared next to Qin Guan and whispered a few words into her ear.

Moments later, Qin Guan's eyes narrowed into slits. "That damned Clan Leader of the Past Clan."

Chapter 538: I Don't Like You

Ye Guan was curious and asked, "What's going on?"

Qin Guan smiled. "The Clan Leader of the Past Clan has just invited the Zhen Clan and our Phoenix Emperor World has been sealed by an array. People can come in, but they can't leave."

Ye Guan asked in a low voice, "Is the Zhen Clan very powerful?"

Qin Guan nodded. "Our Time Pavilion has a few elites from the Zhen Clan. The Zhen Clan isn't exactly a strong clan, but they're masters of arrays. I once tried to invite them myself, but their clan leader refused my offer.

"I didn't expect that the Clan Leader of the Past Clan would be able to persuade them."

Ye Guan's expression darkened. "How many elites are working for her?"

"I don't know, but there are definitely countless of them. Come here; I'll take you somewhere."

"Where to?"

"You'll know soon."

Qin Guan brought Ye Guan and Erya to a teleportation array. They entered it together, and they soon arrived at the summit of a towering mountain.

The faint silhouette of palaces and buildings could be seen in the depths of the mountain.

Ye Guan was somewhat puzzled. "Where are we, Mother?"

Qin Guan was about to speak when a middle-aged man appeared in front of the three of them. He stared deeply at Ye Guan before his gaze settled on Qin Guan.

"Pavilion Master Qin, welcome back," said the middle-aged man.

Qin Guan smiled. "Master Tian, I'm not here for you."

Master Tian frowned and asked, "What do you mean, Pavilion Master Qin?"

Qin Guan merely smiled.

Rumble!

The spacetime behind Master Tian was torn open, and a lady walked out of the rift.

Ye Guan was stunned upon seeing the lady, as she was none other than Ye Nanqing!

What is she doing here? thought Ye Guan.

Ye Nanqing stared wordlessly at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan walked up to Ye Nanqing and asked with a smile, "Lady Nanqing, you're a Tian Clan member in your past life?"

Ye Nanqing nodded slightly.

"I had no idea that you're from one of the Four Ancient Clans," said Ye Guan with a shake of his head and a smile. Then, he seemed to have recalled something as he opened his palm, revealing a storage ring. "Nanqing, this is for you."

Ye Nanqing's eyes flashed with a hint of surprise. "What is this?"

"Take a look," Ye Guan said.

Ye Nanqing glanced at Ye Guan before opening the storage ring.

A wisp of deep red energy drifted out of the storage ring.

Ye Nanqing and Master Tian's expressions changed drastically.

It was a strand of Ancestral Origin!

Master Tian was visibly shocked. Fuck, this guy is giving out strands of Ancestral Origin upon meeting someone?

Erya's lips curled up into a smile. So this grandson of mine is trying to impress girls.

Qin Guan looked at her son, smiling with a hint of helplessness. She could sense that he had no ulterior motives and was only trying to express gratitude for Ye Nanqing's assistance. However, Ye Guan had no idea that his actions could make anyone out there misunderstand his intentions.

A man's extraordinary generosity would always fascinate a woman. After all.

And Ye Guan was more than just generous—he had decided to give away an entire strand of the most precious energy throughout the vast expanse like it was nothing.

Generous? More like outrageous!

Ye Nanqing was shocked, and she cast a disbelieving gaze at Ye Guan. "Is this for me?"

Ye Guan nodded. "Yes."

"Why?"

"If it hadn't been for your help, I would have died long ago. You saved my life, and is my life less precious than a strand of Ancestral Origin?"

Ye Nanqing shook her head. "You could have made it out alive even without me. I cannot accept this strand of Ancestral Origin."

Master Tian wanted to retort. He wanted to tell her otherwise. It was a strand of Ancestral Origin, after all, so it would be a huge pity if she was to reject such an offer.

A strand of Ancestral Origin would not only extend one's lifespan, but it would also greatly improve one's strength. It would be particularly beneficial for Ye Nanqing, as she had yet to recover her strength.

Ye Guan laughed bitterly. "Have we become so distant now?"

Ye Nanqing glanced at Ye Guan's bitter expression.

Ye Guan added, "I reached out to you for help against the Time Reversers back at the Eternal Night Empire, and you didn't hesitate to help me. You also helped me fend off the elites from the Diyi Clan. I've never forgotten what you did for me.

"This strand of Ancestral Origin means nothing to me compared to our friendship."

Ye Nanqing's calm heart stirred at Ye Guan's remark, but she still shook her head and said, "This... this is just too precious."

Ye Nanqing's help was just a casual favor in her eyes, so she didn't really think too much of it. In other words, she felt wrong to exchange such a tiny favor for something as precious as a strand of Ancestral Origin.

Qin Guan's eyes flashed with surprise at Ye Nanqing's refusal. She pondered over Ye Nanqing's words and realized that Ye Nanqing's refusal meant that she wasn't expecting any repayment when she had decided to help him at the time.

Qin Guan shook her head and smiled. This rascal...

Ye Guan wanted to say something, but Ye Nanqing shook her head and said, "Stop. Don't say anything, or I'll get angry."

Angry? Little White blinked and looked at Erya with a face full of curiosity and puzzlement; she looked like she was asking why someone would get angry in the face of such a precious gift.

Erya licked her candied hawthorn and whispered to Little White, "They're in love..."

Little White blinked again, waving her tiny paws.

"Being in love means... I don't really know," Erya said helplessly.

Ye Guan shook his head with a smile. He decided not to force his gift on her and put away the strand of Ancestral Origin.

At the sight, Ye Nanqing finally smiled.

Meanwhile, Master Tian found it a pity that Ye Nanqing had rejected it. It was a strand of Ancestral Origin, after all! Master Tian felt as if his heart was bleeding.

Of course, he dared not say anything. Ye Nanqing's position in the Tian Clan was much higher than his position, even though he was the Clan Leader of the Tian Clan.

Qin Guan walked up to Ye Nanqing and said, "Lady Nanqing, to be honest, we came here in hopes of receiving help from the Tian Clan."

Ye Nanqing shook her head and said, "The Tian Clan has no intentions of getting involved in the enmity between the Past Clan and the Guanxuan Universe."

They couldn't afford to get involved.



"Lady Nanqing, you know that the Tian Clan will not be able to stay out of this matter forever. There will be a winner between us and the Past Clan. If you don't make a choice today, you will be in a disadvantageous position in the future."

Ye Nanqing fell silent. Indeed, it was impossible for the Tian Clan to stay out of this matter at this point.

The conflict between the Guanxuan Universe and the Past Clan had engulfed the entire Time River. Only forces that were overwhelmingly strong could choose to stay neutral and preserve themselves at the same time.

Otherwise, once a new order was established, whether the Past Clan or Guanxuan Universe emerged victorious, the Tian Clan would be put in a very awkward position.

If one didn't participate in the fight, why would the victors allow one to enjoy the fruits of victory?

It was also important to note that two of the Four Ancient Clans had already expressed their stance. If those two clans won their gamble, it would only be a matter of time before they annexed the Tian Clan.

The Tian Clan wouldn't be able to resist by then.

Ye Nanqing couldn't help but sigh. The war had engulfed the entire vast expanse.

Every major power wouldn't be able to avoid getting involved.

Ye Nanqing said, "The Past Clan has approached us."

Clearly, Ye Nanqing was trying to secure more benefits for the Tian Clan.

Qin Guan pointed out. "Lady Nanqing, aren't you married to my son?"

Master Tian turned to look at Ye Nanqing in shock.

Ye Nanqing remained calm and asked, "Young Lord Ye, did you reveal our arrangement to the Pavilion Master?"

"Lady Nanqing, if what you're doing is for the sake of the Tian Clan, I dare say that the best thing you've done for the clan is getting married to my son."

Ye Nanqing frowned.

Qin Guan turned to Ye Guan and said, "Have a chat with Lady Nanqing."

Qin Guan then left with Erya and Little White. Master Tian hesitated for a while before he turned around to leave as well.

Ye Nanqing looked at Ye Guan without a word.

Ye Guan smiled and asked, "Shall we take a stroll?"

"Let's talk about business."

"What do you want?"

"What do you mean?"

"Whatever the Tian Clan wants, I promise to give it if I have it."

"Why would you go that far?"

"Because I don't want the two of us to become enemies."

Ye Nanqing's calm heart suddenly skipped a beat. However, she remained quiet as she stared at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan smiled and said, "I'm serious."

After a few moments of silence, Ye Nanqing suddenly asked, "Do you like me?"

Ye Guan was stunned. He didn't think that she would be so straightforward.

However, Ye Nanqing begged to differ. She was strong enough to afford to be straightforward. Furthermore, she had been pursuing the Great Dao all her life, and romantic relationships had never been on her mind.

In other words, her inexperience allowed her to talk so easily about it.

Ye Nanqing stared at Ye Guan, waiting for the latter's response.

Ye Guan smiled and said, "Lady Nanqing, I've come here to talk to you."

"Aren't we already talking? Or was my question too difficult for you to answer?"

"Lady Nanqing, I was truly grateful for your help when we were both in the Eternal Night Empire. I only said those because—"

"Stop. You don't have to say so many words," Ye Nanqing interrupted, "I just want you to answer my question. Let's be straightforward, shall we? I'm busy with my cultivation, so if you don't like me, we can just pursue our own paths.

"I'm not going to my time on something meaningless."

Ye Guan was speechless. Wow, Nanqing...

Ye Nanqing stared deeply at Ye Guan. "Is it that difficult to answer? We're all cultivators here. What's the point of beating around the bush?"

"All right," Ye Guan nodded. Then, he calmly said, "I don't like you."

Chapter 539: Erya versus the White-Robed Woman

Ye Nanqing stared wordlessly at Ye Guan. Her gaze remained calm, without a hint of emotion.

Ye Guan wanted to say something, but Ye Nanqing turned around and walked away.

Further conversation was meaningless, as Ye Guan didn't like her. Ye Nanqing inwardly vowed to focus solely on cultivation from now on.

Ye Guan reached out and grabbed Ye Nanqing's hand.

Ye Nanqing frowned slightly and turned around to stare at Ye Guan.

"I wasn't done speaking," Ye Guan said.

Ye Nanqing remained expressionless as she replied, "Go ahead and finish it, then."

Ye Guan smiled. He knew that this lady in front of him was always focused on cultivation and had little interaction with others, which was the reason behind her straightforward attitude.

Of course, Ye Guan was aware that such individuals were devoted. Their perseverance and determination far exceeded that of ordinary people as well.

If someone like Ye Nanqing were interested in someone else, that individual would mean everything to them. Otherwise, one was worth nothing in their eyes—absolutely nothing.

Ye Nanqing was that kind of individual.

Ye Guan gave her hand a squeeze and said, "I think I know why you asked me that question. It's all so that you can let yourself give up hope completely, which will strengthen your resolve to pursue the Dao wholeheartedly, right?"

A hint of surprise flashed in Ye Nanqing's eyes.

Ye Guan was right. Ye Nanqing was hoping that she would get rejected, as she still wanted to pursue the Great Dao. She hadn't been able to achieve true calmness; her emotions were in a mess.

However, she knew what she had to do to proceed—she had to give up entirely.

Ye Nanqing was surprised. She truly didn't expect that Ye Guan would see through her intentions.

Ye Nanqing asked, "Are you trying to stop me from doing that?"

Ye Guan smiled and opened his palm, revealing a storage ring. "I know you only care about pursuing the Great Dao, and you don't want me to hinder your journey to the summit of cultivation.

"The Ancestral Origin in this storage ring is my way of repaying you for your help at the time. From now on, we are even."

With that, Ye Guan turned around and left.

Ye Nanqing looked down at the storage ring in her hand for a long time.

Is this what I wanted? Ye Nanqing closed her eyes slowly and pondered.

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Meanwhile, Ye Guan regrouped with Qin Guan and Erya.

Ye Guan grinned and said, "Let's go."

Qin Guan stared at her son for a few moments before saying, "Okay."

"But the Tian Clan..." Erya muttered.

Qin Guan replied, "I decided to visit the Tian Clan today not because I hoped that they would help us. I simply wanted to reward them because Lady Nanqing had decided to help Little Guan."

Qin Guan then grabbed Ye Guan's arm and left.

The Yang Family had no shortage of supreme elites!

They had enough people from the previous generations to get through any crisis.

Soon, they left the Tian Clan. Ye Guan immediately entered the world inside the tiny pagoda to cultivate upon their return.

It was a pity that Ye Qingqing wasn't around, as his Mortal Physique was still incomplete. Unfortunately, the only way to proceed was to fight. Thus, Ye Guan had no choice but to focus on his sword moves.

Heavenrend Quickdraw and Space Overlap were the only sword moves that Ye Guan had been using so far. He had no interest in practicing other sword moves, as the Heavenrend Quickdraw and Space Overlap had unlimited growth potential.

Sister Zhen! Ye Guan was suddenly reminded of Cizhen. He looked up at the sky and muttered to himself, "The Tribulation Realm... I'll be there soon!"

With that, Ye Guan cultivated like he had gone mad.

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A myriad of supreme elites exuding an incredibly strong aura stood outside the Dark Emperor World. The surrounding spacetime could hardly withstand their presence, becoming illusory in the process.

The Clan Leader of the Gui Clan stood at the helm of the group.

An elder of the Hidden Clan was present, and dozens of mysterious black-robed figures stood behind him. The commanding rights belonged to the Clan Leader of the Gui Clan; he was the strongest person here, after all.

The Clan Leader of the Gui Clan stared at the Dark Emperor World and asked calmly, "What is your clan leader waiting for?"

"Waiting for someone..." replied the elder of the Hidden Clan.

"Are there not enough people here to take down this so-called Dark Emperor World?"

The elder of the Hidden Clan frowned and said, "Clan Leader of the Gui Clan, are you still going to underestimate the Guanxuan Universe?"

The elder of the Hidden Clan had always been wary of the Guanxuan Universe.

The Guanxuan Universe seemed to have an endless supply of supreme elites, and each of them had always been stronger than the previous one. Today, they were about to fight not just Ye Guan but Qin Guan as well.

Qin Guan was the Sword Master's wife, and she had single-handedly established the Immortal Treasures Pavilion, which was a powerful and wealthy organization that had established a hegemony over the entire vast expanse.

They had been suffering nothing but losses since the fighting began, and they weren't even sure about the Time Pavilion's true strength. Underestimating the Guanxuan Universe at this point was stupidity rather than just arrogance.

The Clan Leader of the Gui Clan turned to the elder of the Hidden Clan and said, "If the Hidden Clan is afraid to make a move, how about you guys stand aside and let my Gui Clan go first?"

The elder's face darkened. "Qin Guan is extremely formidable, and she is not—"

"You're tainting our prestige with such words," interrupted the Clan Leader of the Gui Clan with a shake of his head. Then, his gaze landed on the distant Dark Emperor World, and his gaze gradually became cold. He couldn't quite believe that the people of this era were underestimating his Gui Clan.

The Clan Leader of the Gui Clan couldn't believe nor accept it!

It had to be known that the Gui Clan had almost annihilated the Time Reversers in the Time River during their glory days. If it weren't for the Heavenly Dao at the time, they would have dominated the entire vast expanse.

However, even the Heavenly Dao couldn't eradicate the Gui Clan.

The Clan Leader of the Gui Clan yelled, "Attack!"

The supreme elites of the Gui Clan rushed toward the Dark Emperor World.

The face of the elder of the Hidden Clan changed drastically at the sight, and he hurriedly cried out, "Clan Leader of the Gui Clan! My clan leader has ordered that without her command, no one is allowed to—"

"Stop trying to use her authority to suppress me" The Clan Leader of the Gui Clan roared and glared coldly at the elder. "She helped us lift the seal on us, and my clan had agreed to help her kill Ye Guan in exchange.



"We are not her subordinates!"

The Clan Leader of the Gui Clan turned around and rushed toward the Dark Emperor World.

The elder of the Hidden Clan cursed, "Those bastards!"

Under the leadership of the Gui Clan Leader, the supreme elites of the Gui Clan rushed toward the Dark Emperor World. As soon as they entered the Dark Emperor World, dozens of flame columns sprang up to life and made a beeline for them.

The supreme elites of the Gui Clan were puzzled. What are those?

Before they could figure it out, the flame columns were already in front of them.

The Clan Leader of the Gui Clan swung his fist, and a wave of fist energy swept out.

Boom!

The fist energy struck the flame columns, but the face of the Gui Clan's clan leader changed drastically.

Boom!

A terrifying explosion erupted, and dozens of mushroom clouds engulfed the skies in the blink of an eye. The mushroom clouds engulfed the supreme elites of the Gui Clan, and a scorching heat wave spread in all directions.

The heat wave was blocked by a protective barrier that covered the city down below.

The supreme elites of the Gui Clan suffered severe injuries, while the weaker ones were reduced to ashes in the proverbial blink of an eye.

Boom!

The Clan Leader of the Gui Clan rushed out of the flames and flicked his wrist. A powerful gust of wind vanquished the flames, but his expression was extremely grim.

He had instantly lost over a thousand of his clan's supreme elites—over a thousand!

The heart of the Gui Clan's Clan leader ached. They were precious members of his clan!

Meanwhile, the surviving supreme elites were horrified. What were those things?!

"Attack!" roared the Clan Leader of the Gui Clan before charging straight toward the Dark Emperor City; his clan members followed closely behind him.

Qin Guan stood quietly on a city wall, and her expression remained calm as he stared at the oncoming Clan Leader of the Gui Clan.

Just as the Clan Leader of the Gui Clan was about to enter the Dark Emperor City, a little girl took to the sky and swung her fist toward him.

Boom!

The punch forced the Clan Leader of the Gui Clan to stop in his tracks, and he cast a disbelieving gaze at the little girl.

The little girl was none other than Erya!

Erya snickered and shouted, "Come on, let's go!"

Then, she charged forward like a cannonball.

A ferocious look flashed in the eyes of the Gui Clan's Clan Leader. He balled his right hand into a fist, and a black vortex appeared in his palm. The next moment, he charged forward and aimed his fist at Erya. He was going to confront her head-on!

BOOM!

A terrifying explosion erupted when their fists made contact with each other.

The two were forced to retreat, but they quickly stabilized themselves in mid-air before charging at each other once again. It was yet again another head-on confrontation.

Boom!

A deafening explosion echoed, and everything between heaven and earth trembled violently.

Erya had the upper hand in terms of strength; every single one of her punches had a terrifying destructive power. However, Erya also had the upper hand when it came to defense, as she had an impregnable defense. Erya couldn't even be bothered to defend herself as hardly anyone could harm her fleshly body, which was why she could fight recklessly.

Meanwhile, the supreme elites of the Gui Clan sent wave after wave of attack on the Dark Emperor City's barrier.

Boom!

A thunderous boom echoed; both Erya and the Clan Leader of the Gui Clan were once blasted away.

The Clan Leader of the Gui Clan wanted to strike again, but he whipped around upon sensing something. Moments later, a spacetime rift was torn open, and a white-robed woman walked out slowly from the rift.

Erya's eyes narrowed, but she wasn't afraid. In fact, she became even more eager to fight. Before anyone could say anything, Erya charged at the white-robed woman.

Qin Guan's expression changed drastically, and she yelled, "Erya, stop!"

But it was too late...

The white-robed woman stared blandly at Erya and muttered, "Shatter."

Crack!

Erya's fleshly body cracked open.

Chapter 540: Erya's Transformation

Erya's fleshly body cracked open, shattering inch by inch. Her flesh and blood splattered in all directions, creating a horrifying spectacle.

Swoosh!

A radiant ray of sword light took to the sky. It was Ye Guan!

Ye Guan stood directly in front of Erya, and an overwhelming pressure bore down on him as he faced the white-robed woman. The pressure was so overwhelming that he could hardly breathe in the face of it.

To make matters worse, he felt completely helpless, unable to do anything against it.

He felt like a tiny boat in the middle of a gargantuan storm. He couldn't do anything other than wait for his demise; he stood no chance at all. However, Ye Guan glared defiantly at the white-robed woman. He knew that he stood no chance, but he didn't retreat.

Erya would undoubtedly die if he were to retreat.

The white-robed woman stared calmly at Ye Guan.

Erya suddenly roared, and a terrifying aura burst out of her.

The next moment, numerous dark scales all over her, and her eyes turned into an eerie blood-red color. The horns of a bull sprouted from her head, and she even grew a tail.

Erya had transformed, becoming a true demonic beast.

An evil aura surged out of Erya, causing everyone's expressions to change drastically.

Even Ye Guan was stupefied; it was his first time feeling such an evil aura.

Ye Guan finally understood why Erya had the moniker Erya "Evil Beast"!

Erya pulled Ye Guan behind her and stared intently at the white-robed woman.

The white-robed woman stared calmly at Erya.

Erya rushed out decisively, swinging her fist toward the white-robed woman.

Boom!

The impact was so devastating that the entire Dark Emperor World crumbled except for the Dark Emperor City.

The faces of every supreme elite changed drastically at the sight. Even the Clan Leader of the Gui Clan was stupefied. Erya's power was simply unbelievable. If she had been fighting the Gui Clan's Clan Leader using her true form, the latter would have died without being able to fight back.

Erya was too terrifying!

Ye Guan was shocked as well. He didn't expect that Erya's power would reach such a level after her transformation. He reckoned that he would still get crushed by Erya's attack even if he was to merge with Ao Qianqian.

Meanwhile, the white-robed woman remained as calm as ever. Instead of using the same technique that she had used earlier, she extended a finger and pointed at Erya. Ripples of distortion appeared in the fabric of spacetime, and—

Boom!

—Erya was instantly blasted tens of thousands of meters away!

Silence descended upon the battlefield.

Blood trickled down Erya's lips as she finally stabilized herself and looked up at the white-robed woman in the distance.

Ye Guan's expression darkened at the sight. Erya was overwhelmingly strong, but she still remained helpless before the white-robed woman.

A hint of interest appeared in the white-robed woman's eyes as she remarked, "Your fleshly body is much stronger than that of the Ancestral Dragon."

Erya wiped away the blood from her lips and returned to Ye Guan's side.

Then, she whispered, "I'll leave her to you."

You think too highly of me! Ye Guan chuckled bitterly. Then, he heaved a sigh of relief. He was afraid that Erya would act impulsively and keep on attacking the white-robed woman.

Ye Guan turned to face the white-robed woman.

If she was to make a move against him, then he would no longer care about his vow and call for help.

However, the white-robed woman didn't attack Ye Guan. Instead, she turned to look at the Clan Leader of the Gui Clan. The face of the Gui Clan's Clan Leader changed instantly upon sensing the white-robed woman's gaze; his eyes glimmered with intense fear.

The white-robed woman was powerful. After all, she managed to break the seal of the Great Dao on the Gui Clan. However, he didn't expect that the white-robed woman would be that formidable.

The white-robed woman stared at the Clan Leader of the Gui Clan and asked, "Do my orders mean nothing to you?"

The Gui Clan's Clan Leader revealed a sour expression. He wanted to yield, but he couldn't swallow his pride. He was the Clan Leader of the Gui Clan, after all!

"In that case, then the Gui Clan will have a new clan leader," the white-robed woman said, waving her sleeve.

Boom!

The pupils of the Gui Clan's Clan Leader constricted, and he was reduced to nothingness before he could even react.

The faces of the Gui Clan's supreme elites changed drastically. They retreated like a tide while staring at the white-robed woman with fear in their eyes. Their clan leader was reduced to nothingness so easily.

Ye Guan was stunned as he stared wordlessly at the white-robed woman. He truly didn't expect that the white-robed woman was capable of directly erasing someone's existence.

The white-robed woman turned to look at the Gui Clan's supreme elites and said, "Gui Yi, are you waiting for me to invite you out?"

When her words fell, the spacetime in front of the Gui Clan's supreme elites was torn open, and a white-haired old man walked out of the spacetime rift. The white-haired old man was none other than Gui Yi—the former Clan Leader of the Gui Clan!

He was a terrifying existence who had once fought against the Great Dao!

The white-robed woman stared at Gui Yi and said, "If this happens again, I will annihilate the Gui Clan."

Gui Yi bowed slightly in acknowledgement, indicating his complete submission.

The white-robed woman turned to look at Ye Guan before leaving without a word.

Gui Yi glanced at Ye Guan as well before leaving with the Gui Clan members.

Ye Guan was silent. He knew that the matter was far from over. Soon, he returned to the city wall where Qin Guan was located.

Qin Guan smiled at him and said, "Don't worry."

Ye Guan smiled bitterly. He didn't want to worry either, but the white-robed woman was just too strong that it was absurd. She had killed someone as strong as the Gui Clan Leader with just a wave of her sleeve. It was simply outrageous.



Ye Guan recalled something just then and hurriedly asked, "The Great Daoist Brush Master..."

The Great Daoist Brush Master had disappeared to ask for reinforcements, but he never returned to Ye Guan's side. The Boundless Master had told Ye Guan that the Great Daoist Brush Master was being suppressed by the white-robed woman.

Qin Guan explained, "He's still alive. However, his strength is close to exceeding the standard, so he was warned not to act."

Ye Guan frowned. "Close to exceeding the standard?"

"Yes. He's actually very strong, but he has hidden his strength very well. He is also quite unlucky, as every opponent that he has ever encountered so far has always been someone he's too weak to defeat."

Ye Guan smiled, shaking his head.

Qin Guan looked up at the sky and said, "They must be waiting for someone."

"Who?"

"I don't know, but the Time River is so vast that it is impossible to count the number of supreme elites and powerful organizations throughout it. Our Time Pavilion doesn't have that much information either, so we're not sure about the answer to that question

"However, they are definitely extraordinary."

"What about us? Do we have more reinforcements?"

"Yes!"

"Then, it's a matter of numbers."

"Yes, this is going to be a clash of numbers. Fortunately, our reinforcements are on the way."

The experts from the previous generations couldn't intervene, so the war was going to be decided based on who had more experts. Ye Guan looked up at the sky, feeling slightly puzzled. Who else do we have on our side?

He didn't know much about the Past Clan as well as his distant relatives. All he knew was that sometimes, someone particularly strong at fighting would pop up and help him out of a pinch.

Qin Guan smiled and said, "Someone has arrived. You should go and welcome her."

Ye Guan was slightly curious. "Who is it?"

Qin Guan turned around along with Ye Guan.

Ye Guan was stunned upon seeing the newcomer, as she was none other than Cirou!

Ye Guan ran up to her and said, "Little Rou, why are you here?"

Cirou was stunned when she heard Ye Guan addressing her as "Little Rou."

However, she quickly recovered her composure and said in a low voice, "I think Cijing is in trouble."

Ye Guan's expression changed drastically. "What do you mean she's in trouble? Has the True Universe been conquered?"

Cirou shook her head and explained, "She escaped the blockade to find you. I went to look for her with your mother's people, but we suddenly lost track of her."

Ye Guan's expression darkened. Cijing!

Just then, a figure dressed in black suddenly appeared in front of Qin Guan. They bowed to her and said, "Pavilion Master, we've located Lady Cijing. She's currently trapped in the Lingxu World."

Ye Guan immediately said, "Take me there!"

The figure in black hesitated, staring at Qin Guan.

"Don't be too anxious," Qin Guan said, kneading her son's hand. Then, she looked down at the figure in black and asked, "How is she?"

The figure in black replied, "Lady Cijing is very strong, and those who are chasing after her aren't her match. However, we just received word that the assassins from the Past Clan are heading toward the Lingxu World..."

Assassins from the Past Clan? Ye Guan hurriedly said, "Take me there. Right now."

His words left no room for negotiation.

Qin Guan ordered, "Take him there."

The figure in black replied, "Young Master, come with me."

Ye Guan turned to look at Qin Guan. "What about those people outside..."

Qin Guan yelled, "Someone!"

A woman dressed in black robes appeared before Qin Guan.

Qin Guan decisively ordered, "Clear the way!"

At her command, terrifying auras surged from the depths of the sea, and the sea seemed to boil beneath the influence of such terrifying auras. The next moment, several flame columns shot into the sky and made a beeline for the enemies outside.

Gui Yi was floating just outside the Dark Emperor World, and his eyes narrowed into slits upon seeing the oncoming flame pillars.

"Activate the array," Gui Yi ordered.

Tens of thousands of light pillars manifested behind Gui Yi, and they transformed to form a massive shield that hovered above everyone's heads.

Rumble...

A series of deafening explosions echoed throughout the Time River.

Ye Guan looked at Qin Guan and said, "Mother, I know they're chasing after Cijing to lure me there to assist her. I know it's a trap, but I have to go."

"You don't have to explain it to me," Qin Guan replied, smiling. Then, she looked to her side and exclaimed, "Dark Emperor Guards!"

Thousands of figures clad in dark armor appeared, awaiting Qin Guan's orders.

Qin Guan ordered, "Take the Young Master and fight your way out of here."

"Yes, Ma'am!"

The Commander of the Dark Emperor Guards bowed respectfully before he turned to Ye Guan and said, "Young Master, this way please!"

The Commander of the Dark Emperor Guards took to the sky, and his troops followed closely behind him. Ye Guan didn't say another word as he transformed into a ray of sword light and soared to the sky as well.

Once Ye Guan was gone, Qin Guan asked, "Has she arrived yet?"

The figure in black replied, "Yes, she's here."

Qin Guan nodded. "Tell her to protect him."

The figure in black nodded slightly before leaving without a sound.

Qin Guan then looked up to the sky and said, "Tell Lady Ding that we can begin."

The spacetime behind Qin Guan rippled ever so slightly as someone left quietly.

When Gui Yi saw Ye Guan leaving the Dark Emperor World along with the Dark Emperor Guards, his eyes lit up, and he immediately ordered, "Notify the Divine Time Hall and the Ancient Demon Hall: Ye Guan has left the Dark Emperor World!"