

## Divine 2691

### Chapter 2691: Sky Sect 17

But the matter was settled just like that.

Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue took charge of his roasted meat. In the next ten days, he sneaked into the banquet with them.

Ten days later, another excellent opportunity presented itself.

Recognizing the significance of the occasion, Gu Chaoyan decided to focus on cultivating to avoid any unwanted attention at the banquet.

After the feast, he hastily made his exit.

Both Lin Xue and Gu Chaoyan prepared to immerse themselves in cultivation.

Observing Lin Xue already engrossed in practice, Gu Chaoyan entered the Chaotic Space.

“What do you think, old man? Are you done?” Gu Chaoyan asked with a carefree expression.

“What old man? You’re the old man,” protested the discontented deep voice of the Chaotic Space. He was quite young and couldn’t fathom being labeled an old man. Clearly, she was a little girl nobody appreciated.

Gu Chaoyan could not help but feel sad.

Although he had never seen anyone before, hearing this voice, if it wasn’t the old man, what was it?

Gu Chaoyan felt helpless when he was still unwilling to admit it.

She did not argue with him.

“What about my mission?” Gu Chaoyan asked.

The Chaotic Space was angry because of this. They did not give her any face and directly threw her into the mission.

Gu Chaoyan got so annoyed that she had no other choice.

She went straight to the mission.

As soon as she opened her eyes, several pairs of eyes looked at her. These people were wearing armor and looked anxious, as if they were waiting for her to wake up.

The moment Gu Chaoyan opened her eyes, a spark of hope ignited within them. “General, you’re awake. What’s our plan? The city is on the brink of being breached.”

Hearing these words, Gu Chaoyan quickly grasped the dire situation she was facing.

She pondered the options silently.

The city seemed indefensible now. However, the general before her was known for his self-centered nature. It was unlikely he would open the city gates to allow refuge; instead, he seemed more inclined to drain the life out of everyone within.

She was the general of this city.

Now, it was up to her to figure out what to do.

“Abandon the city.” Gu Chaoyan stood up and left with her men.

If they did not abandon the city, these people would die here.

No matter what, he had to go to the city ahead first.

As for them leaving her in the lurch, she couldn't be blamed for being impolite.

Although these soldiers did not know what to do next, the current situation was indeed the best solution. No matter what, they would die.

They galloped towards the next city.

The general of the next city seemed to have expected this situation.

The deputy general asked, "General, should we open the city gate?"

"Open the city gate? A soldier should fight to the end. If the gate is opened, we'll only invite endless trouble in the future. Let them face the consequences below; it's a significant sacrifice for the country."

Naturally, the city gate remained sealed.

Shouting from below, Gu Chaoyan demanded, "Open the gate!"

"You deserters have no right to call for the gate to be opened. A true soldier fights until the end. Your failure to defend the city is your own fault, and we won't bear the consequences for you."

"You're the ones who didn't come to our aid. If you had, the city wouldn't be lost. If you don't open the gate, don't blame me for being blunt," Gu Chaoyan retorted.

In the face of a formidable enemy, there was an unexpected display of selfishness from someone fearful of losing their own life.

"How can you not show some courtesy?"

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The man above gazed down at Gu Chaoyan with an air of pride.

In this moment, he held the power to defend the city, and those below were under his command, awaiting his orders. If he chose to open the gates, they could enter; if not, the people below had no choice but to battle outside until their last breath on the battlefield.

He wielded control over their lives.

Courtesy was not a concern for this unwelcoming host; it was his affair, not the business of those below.

Thus, he had the audacity to display such arrogance.

With a disdainful expression, he surveyed the people below.

Gu Chaoyan, disapproving, rose and approached the wall. She yanked the man down and tossed him out of the gate. While allowing her men to enter, she intentionally excluded the general.

She left him isolated outside the city gate.

Looking down on him with a mocking smile, Gu Chaoyan declared, "I'll let you savor this."

"How dare you! Let me in!" The man glared at Gu Chaoyan and then at his own men.

Yet, with Gu Chaoyan in command, none dared to challenge her.

Fearful of being tossed down, they refrained from any rash actions. Their fate seemed sealed.

True to expectations, the enemy swiftly arrived, using the outside individuals as a grim warning to the rest. Negotiation was futile; they mercilessly cut them down.

And then, the clamor to attack the city ensued.

Gu Chaoyan swiftly made a decision, rallying the people in the city to cooperate with her.

With their general now deceased, Gu Chaoyan stood as the sole commander, making it logical for them to follow her orders. The soldiers, loyal to Gu Chaoyan, began to fortify the city. Despite their initial disadvantage, they gradually gained the upper hand. After a relentless day and night, realizing they couldn't afford further delays, the enemy decided to retreat to the previous city. However, Gu Chaoyan denied them that chance, encircling them directly.

Capitalizing on the victory, she pursued them all the way back, reclaiming several cities.

Her leadership earned her the respect of all the soldiers.

Upon achieving a comprehensive victory, she fulfilled her mission and returned to the Chaotic Space.

"Three days have passed," the Chaotic Space reminded.

'What.'

Gu Chaoyan hadn't anticipated that much time had elapsed. She rose and exited the Chaotic Space.

Upon emerging, Gu Chaoyan's cultivation level had significantly ascended.

However, at the Master of Fortune's cultivation level, her spiritual energy underwent a tremendous surge. While not entering other realms casually, the skills she had originally grasped became more potent. Coupled with her formidable cultivation level, she stood as a formidable force.

Lin Xue, too, sensed the change in Gu Chaoyan.

The speed of her cultivation left Lin Xue pleasantly surprised.

Considering her remarkable progress, it seemed odd for her to be part of Xing Sect. Normally, she would have caught the attention of other Sect Leaders. What could be the issue?

Lin Xue was on the verge of asking when Gu Chaoyan directed her attention to a spot not far away.  
"Look here."

Curiosity piqued, Lin Xue glanced over. It was just a fruit tree; why was Gu Chaoyan so delighted?

Lin Xue couldn't help but feel a bit puzzled.

Nevertheless, she followed Gu Chaoyan's lead.

Another day passed with feasting and merriment.

Simultaneously, the Sky Sect's banquet drew near.

However, he remained absent during this time.

Lin Xue felt a twinge of worry and impatience.

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They were quite unfamiliar with this person. His sect, name, and identity were all mysteries to them.

Even if he fed them lies, it wouldn't be far-fetched.

The Sky Sect was vast, and they held a humble position in its hierarchy, making any grudges they might have against him inconsequential.

Observing his attire in simple green clothes, Lin Xue speculated he couldn't belong to any prestigious sect. The idea that he possessed the abilities to secure them a place at the banquet seemed like a far-fetched fantasy.

The more Lin Xue pondered, the more convinced she became that they were being deceived.

Contrarily, Gu Chaoyan remained unfazed and unworried.

“Chaoyan, aren’t you concerned that we might be deceived?” Lin Xue inquired.

“Who would lie to us for a couple of roasted chickens? That’s impossible,” Gu Chaoyan replied confidently, dismissing any thoughts of deceit.

Lin Xue couldn’t help but think her friend was too trusting.

The Sky Sect was vast and housed individuals with varied motives.

Perhaps someone could indeed deceive them for a few roasted chickens.

“You trust people too easily,” Lin Xue sighed.

“Do I seem like someone who would lie? That would be disheartening.” The Heaven Emperor strolled over leisurely, holding some items in his hand.

As the words left his mouth, he tossed the items to Lin Xue and Gu Chaoyan.

“Put these on. They’re not easy to come by. Wearing these, sneaking in won’t be an issue. If you’re lucky, you might spot the person you’re looking for,” the Heaven Emperor advised calmly. Unbeknownst to Gu Chaoyan, the person she desired to see was right in front of her.

Over the past few days, he had a myriad of tasks to attend to.

The banquet wasn’t the only thing demanding the Sky Sect’s attention; the unsettled state of the Third World left no room for additional tasks.

Unexpectedly...

Despite his short time here, he found himself under suspicion. Apparently, they deemed him a skilled liar. If he had arrived a few steps later, he wondered if the duo would have scolded him to death.

The more the Heaven Emperor contemplated, the more disheartened he became.

Honestly...

Lin Xue and Gu Chaoyan, however, didn't dwell on suspicions. They calmly donned the clothes, making adjustments for size differences. With this attire, they could indeed slip into the banquet unnoticed.

It turned out the young man wasn't lying.

"It seems I misunderstood you. You're quite trustworthy," Lin Xue generously complimented, wearing a smile that suggested she was in a good mood.

"Of course. Can I afford to go back on my word?" If he were such a person, he wouldn't hold the title of Heaven Emperor.

"What's your name?" Lin Xue inquired.

The Heaven Emperor hesitated momentarily.

Revealing his real name would undoubtedly expose him.

In a spur-of-the-moment decision, he settled on one. After racking his brains, he finally came up with an answer. "Heaven. Just call me Heaven."

"Heaven," Lin Xue called out.

The Heaven Emperor forced a smile onto his face as he agreed.

If other people from the Sky Sect heard this, they would probably be scared to death.

A Heaven Emperor was being addressed as Heaven so casually.

Fortunately, there was no one here.



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“Hey, why are you just standing there? Let’s go; time is of the essence. We might just meet the person you’re looking for,” the Heaven Emperor urged Gu Chaoyan.

Gu Chaoyan shook off her initial stupor and cast a clear-eyed gaze at the Heaven Emperor.

Contrary to Lin Xue’s perception, she wasn’t as stunningly beautiful.

Today, they were clad in green attire, making it quite challenging for them to identify the Heaven Emperor.

Yet, there were advantages to this situation. It provided an opportunity to gain insights into the Sky Sect’s dynamics and the overall situation.

In the future, she would be better prepared to seek out the Heaven Emperor and question him.

After some contemplation, Gu Chaoyan developed a rough idea and direction.

The three of them cautiously made their way out of the back mountain.

Even though they wore green attire, the back mountain belonged to Xing Sect, and many individuals recognized Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue. Any recognition would jeopardize their plans, so they needed to exercise caution. Once beyond Xing Sect’s territory, they could act more freely.

The trio proceeded with care.

It wasn't until they left the Xing Sect that the trio collectively sighed in relief, exchanging smug smiles.

"Let's proceed. We'll be at the banquet soon. Today, many people are present, representing almost every sect," the Heaven Emperor informed.

Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue nodded in agreement.

As they walked, the Heaven Emperor intermittently pointed out their location.

Gu Chaoyan, in turn, carefully observed and noted down their surroundings.

Upon reaching the midpoint of the mountain, the Heaven Emperor halted. "This is the banquet venue. Due to many individuals lacking the qualifications to ascend to the clouds, the banquet is held here, halfway up the mountain."

"Not everyone is qualified to enter the clouds? The Heaven Emperor seems to think highly of himself, imposing such a foolish rule," Gu Chaoyan couldn't help but voice her discontent.

The Sky Sect appeared rife with class divisions, and it irked Gu Chaoyan.

Inwardly, she pondered on this.

As for the Heaven Emperor beside her...

He paid little attention to Gu Chaoyan's words. To him, it was quite simple.

Wasn't this rule established by that foolish person in the past? Now, here she was, unknowingly scolding herself.

The Heaven Emperor felt no anger or pressure; he simply relished her dissatisfaction.

"Is the Heaven Emperor here?" someone inquired quietly to the person beside him.

"There doesn't seem to be any today. In the past, they would arrive early. It's strange today," the person responded discreetly.

Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue overheard the conversation.

Both were displeased.

The Heaven Emperor wasn't present?

They had come for the Heaven Emperor. If he wasn't there, what was the point?

"Where did the Heaven Emperor go?" Lin Xue questioned the Heaven Emperor at her side.

Since their arrival, Lin Xue had developed an unusual trust in him. She even found herself subconsciously seeking information about the Heaven Emperor.

'Where did he go?'

Of course, he was right by your side. That's why he didn't make an appearance.

But he obviously couldn't answer like that.

"I'm not from the clouds, how would I know?"

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His answer was perfunctory, but it made sense.

True.

The Celestial Thearch's demeanor didn't suggest he knew the Heaven Emperor's whereabouts. Even those in the clouds seemed clueless, let alone him.

Lin Xue didn't dwell on it too much; she simply lowered her head in disappointment and dismissed the thought.

The Heaven Emperor felt a bit puzzled.

He understood Gu Chaoyan's desire to meet him, but Lin Xue's intent eluded him.

He had no recollection of Lin Xue in his memory; she didn't seem to exist at all. Why harbor such a fixation on him?

No matter how hard he pondered, he couldn't fathom it.

The Celestial Thearch asked out of curiosity, "Why do you want to see the Heaven Emperor?"

Lin Xue shot him a glance.

She had no intention of saying anything at all. "Why are you asking this? You're not the Heaven Emperor."

'That's me.'

The Heaven Emperor thought to himself.

However, he could not expose his identity now.

He was also a little curious, which made him feel a little uncomfortable.

"At the very least, I'm on your side. Can't you just tell me?" the Heaven Emperor continued.

Lin Xue ignored him.

Gu Chaoyan smiled at him. "You are a man, why are you gossiping?"

The Heaven Emperor had no choice but to shut up.

It seemed he would have to wait a long, long time to uncover the reason.

He resigned himself to closing the door on his curiosity.

Just as the trio engaged in conversation.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect, upon spotting a familiar figure, erupted in anger. “You two, instead of staying in the back mountain, you’ve come here to cause trouble!”

Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue were startled at the familiar voice.

How unlucky to be caught so easily?

If caught again, not only would she face consequences within the back mountain, but she might also be expelled from Xing Sect entirely. Without a place in Xing Sect, she’d have no chance at all. Lin Xue’s eyes reflected her disappointment.

Gu Chaoyan exchanged a glance with her.

Instantly, they shared a tacit understanding.

Run!

When the time came, they would just deny it.

Neither of them looked back. Without another word, they bolted.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect wasn’t inclined to let them off easily. He had long harbored dissatisfaction with them and saw an opportunity to potentially expel them from the Xing Sect.

He pursued them hastily.

In contrast, the Heaven Emperor didn't rush to follow. Instead, he turned around and fixed a stern gaze on the Sect Leader of Xing Sect.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect was startled. None of the Sect Leaders knew where the Heaven Emperor had disappeared to, and they were still searching for him. Why was he here, clad in this robe, and with those two?

The Heaven Emperor warned the Sect Leader to cease the pursuit with a look.

Only then did he turn around and give chase.

His mood was somewhat soured. What should have been a positive event had been marred by the Sect Leader of Xing Sect's interference. There were certain things he now had to reveal.

This typically sluggish Sect Leader of Xing Sect, for some unknown reason, displayed unexpected agility. He excelled where he shouldn't and failed where he should have succeeded.

Honestly...

The Heaven Emperor was infuriated.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect stood utterly bewildered. He didn't know how to proceed or what to do next.

Meanwhile, the Heaven Emperor caught up with a composed expression. When they reached a less crowded area, he cautioned, "Stop running. There's no one chasing you."

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Hearing the familiar voice, Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue stopped running.

There was no one else around. They turned around to take a look, only to see that there was no one else behind Heaven. He was the only one who had caught up with them, panting heavily, as if he had been chasing them for a long time.

Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue both let out a sigh of relief.

If they were caught, it would be over.

They might even be expelled from the Sky Sect.

Now that they hadn't been caught, there was still a chance.

"Where's that old man?" Lin Xue asked warily.

"He tried to catch up with us, insisting that Xing Sect members were disguised as Cangwu Sect. I promptly dismissed it, suggesting his age might be affecting his vision. After all, he was a part of our Cangwu Sect. I warned him not to provoke us, citing potential consequences. Unsurprisingly, he ceased his pursuit. Our Cangwu Sect holds a higher standing in the Sky Sect compared to Xing Sect, making him think twice before crossing us," boasted the Heaven Emperor.

Regardless, the Sect Leader of Xing Sect chose not to pursue the matter any further.

He seemed quite confident in giving such an assurance.

It was just a pity that no one would know what he had done. Now, that old man from the Xing Sect had seen it.

Honestly...

He couldn't do anything well, but he did a good job where he was not needed.

When the Heaven Emperor mentioned the Sect Leader of Xing Sect, he was still filled with resentment and dissatisfaction.

Lin Xue breathed a sigh of relief.

According to Heaven, they would have nothing to worry about today.



‘That’s a relief.’

Lin Xue approached, giving the Heaven Emperor a hearty pat on the back. “You’re truly loyal. Thanks to you holding the fort, we dodged a bullet today. Count on having plenty of roasted chicken in your future.”

The Heaven Emperor nonchalantly stepped away from Lin Xue, grinning foolishly as if he had just received the grandest reward.

Lin Xue seemed elated, unaffected by the Heaven Emperor’s reaction.

However, Gu Chaoyan...

Her expression turned sour, a hint of discontent evident.

The incident had concluded, and despite appearances, Gu Chaoyan couldn’t shake the feeling that something wasn’t right. She was aware of the Xing Sect Leader’s disdain for her, a sentiment he made quite clear. He must have recognized her and Lin Xue, raising doubts about his apparent oversight.

Now, just based on Heaven’s one-sided words, he actually believed that they were from the Cangwu Sect.

Something was already wrong when they were running just now.

How could it be so easy?

It did not seem like the style of the Sect Leader of Xing Sect.

“What’s wrong? Aren’t you happy that we escaped?” Lin Xue asked.

“No, I just think that it is too easy.” Gu Chaoyan forced a smile, still showing a suspicious look.

Lin Xue felt that she was thinking too much.

Not knowing where to start, she glanced at Heaven.

The Heaven Emperor felt a twinge of surprise. True to expectations, she wasn't easily deceived.

Nevertheless, he gathered himself and offered an explanation, "With the chaotic crowd and your swift movement, it was easy to lose track. Plus, you were donned in our Cangwu Sect attire. The Sect Leader of Xing Sect's uncertainty is quite understandable."

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"It's alright. Don't overthink it. You're in Cangwu Sect attire. If the Xing Sect Leader confronts you later, just deny it. Unless he catches you red-handed, he won't have grounds for confrontation afterward," reassured the Heaven Emperor, leaving room for caution rather than overconfidence.

This assurance eased Gu Chaoyan's apprehensions.

She found the Heaven Emperor's logic convincing.

Perhaps the Xing Sect Leader wouldn't bother pursuing them further on such a hectic day.

If confronted later, as per the Heaven Emperor's advice, they could simply deny it. No need to dwell on the matter now.

However, with this incident, continuing their shopping seemed unwise. Another encounter might not end as smoothly.

Moreover, the Heaven Emperor had yet to make a public appearance.

Even if they did, the timing wasn't right for confrontation on this eventful day.

After weighing the options, the two decided to cut their shopping short and return to the back mountain.

The Heaven Emperor chose not to accompany them.

Instead, he resumed his role as the Heaven Emperor, overseeing the situation.

The one feeling the most tension was the Xing Sect Leader.

He had clearly identified the Heaven Emperor with those two individuals, yet the Heaven Emperor silenced any mention of it. Seeing the imposing Heaven Emperor again, it felt as though the connection to those two had never existed.

Yet, it had transpired.

The Xing Sect Leader recalled the awkward instance when the Heaven Emperor insisted on the inclusion of that seemingly foolish woman into the Xing Sect.

So...

Was there a connection between the Heaven Emperor and her?

The Xing Sect Leader found himself at a loss for words.

Having been part of the Xing Sect for numerous years, this was an unprecedented scenario.

Faced with uncertainty, the Xing Sect Leader decided to act as though nothing unusual had occurred. He would fulfill his duties, turning a blind eye to the rest.

Having resolved this in his mind, the Xing Sect Leader felt a newfound sense of ease.

The banquet continued vibrantly.

This occasion marked the rare opportunity for many from different sects to encounter the elusive Heaven Emperor in the Sky Sect. It was considered a fortunate encounter for those in attendance.

The banquet ended.

The Heaven Emperor gestured for the Sect Leader of Xing Sect to stay behind.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect was shocked.

He had originally wanted to pretend that nothing had happened.

From the looks of it, this was completely impossible.

The Heaven Emperor had taken the initiative to look for him.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect frowned and left. He did not know what would happen.

However, he could still pretend that he hadn't seen the Heaven Emperor today.

"Heaven Emperor." The Sect Leader of Xing Sect bowed respectfully.

"There are some things that you've already seen. If you see them, just pretend that you didn't see them. Otherwise..." the Heaven Emperor warned.

"Yes," hastily replied the Sect Leader of Xing Sect. He wasn't particularly adept, and being Sect Leader was already pushing his limits. Getting involved in more complicated matters wasn't on his agenda.

The Heaven Emperor expressed satisfaction with a nod.

Then, he added with significance, "Who's handling my attire in the Xing Sect now?"

"It's Xiaoyun, the most reliable in the Xing Sect." The Sect Leader of Xing Sect responded. Xiaoyun had a flawless track record.

"Change it," the Heaven Emperor stated bluntly.

“Change?” The Sect Leader of Xing Sect was puzzled. “Currently, no one in the Xing Sect matches Xiaoyun’s competence. Who else could take on the role.”

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The Heaven Emperor couldn’t help but roll his eyes at the Sect Leader of Xing Sect. It was no wonder this elder held onto his position despite his age and cultivation level.

Furthermore, it seemed that the Xing Sect had become the repository for talents overlooked by other sects.

Had it not been for the Sect Leader’s honesty, the Heaven Emperor might have considered replacing him.

How exasperating.

If not for her, as the Heaven Emperor, he wouldn’t have bothered conversing with the Sect Leader of Xing Sect.

Despite the clear instructions given, it seemed the Sect Leader still struggled to grasp the meaning.

The Heaven Emperor found it rather vexing.

“Don’t inquire too much, Gu Chaoyan, and keep her in the dark about this. Regard it as your own decision. Also, refrain from mentioning anything inappropriate in her presence, especially my identity. Do you comprehend?” The Heaven Emperor addressed the Sect Leader of Xing Sect sternly, an air of displeasure evident.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect was taken aback. The Heaven Emperor rarely displayed such a temper.

The words sounded like a distinct dissatisfaction with him.

Retaining his position as the Sect Leader of Xing Sect was crucial. Losing it would strip him of any status within the Sky Sect.

With a worried expression, the Sect Leader hastily nodded. “Yes, yes, yes. I understand what needs to be done. You can count on me.”

The Heaven Emperor’s expression lightened slightly, showing a bit more satisfaction with the Sect Leader of Xing Sect.

If he couldn’t comprehend, there was little else to be done.

“Go,” commanded the Heaven Emperor.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect smiled and promptly accepted the order.

He hurried back to the Xing Sect, ready to set the next steps in motion.

In a place like the Xing Sect, the Heaven Emperor could replace him as the Sect Leader with just a word. Here, in the mortal realm, he didn’t have to worry about opposition.

Therefore, he had to do a good job in the negative karma and not make any mistakes. In that case, there would be no problem.

Although Xiaoyun was good, the Heaven Emperor didn’t like her, so he could only change her.

Though the Heaven Emperor had initially requested Gu Chaoyan, the person accompanying her had a long-standing connection with the Celestial Thearch, indicating the Heaven Emperor’s fondness for her.

Hence, not only Gu Chaoyan but also this individual needed to be arranged.

Instructing someone to summon Xiaoyun, the Heaven Emperor also sent word for Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue to join.

Xiaoyun arrived promptly, exuding a joyful demeanor.

Closely notified, she wasted no time in making her way to the gathering.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect regarded her with a hint of regret in his eyes.

Xiaoyun was undeniably competent. Her cultivation prowess was noteworthy, and her meticulous work had maintained a flawless record since she took charge of the Heaven Emperor's attire.

Given a choice, he would prefer not to make a change.

But the Heaven Emperor desired it.

Despite the rationale behind it, the Sect Leader of Xing Sect couldn't voice it.

"Xiaoyun, you've been overseeing the Heaven Emperor's clothing for quite some time now," the Sect Leader remarked.

"Yes, a full year," Xiaoyun replied joyfully, interpreting the Sect Leader's summons as a positive development.

Her predecessor had held the position for a decade before she got the opportunity to work in the Heaven Emperor's palace.

Now, after a year, the Sect Leader was proactively seeking her out.

It seemed the heavenly realm acknowledged her efforts, indicating a chance to continue serving the Heaven Emperor.

If it was true.

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That would indeed be marvelous.

Managing the Heaven Emperor's attire in the Xing Sect was vastly different from serving the Heaven Emperor directly in the celestial realm.

During that time, not only the Xing Sect members but also a portion of the Sky Sect would seek to gain her favor.

Contemplating the immense prestige that awaited her, Xiaoyun's spirits soared, and her smile deepened.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect found it hard to witness her joy.

Nevertheless, he had no alternative. Helplessly, he suggested, "After a year of service, you might be feeling a bit weary. How about this? I'll assign you to another role."

Xiaoyun nodded, maintaining her cheerful demeanor.

"The Xing Sect currently lacks a female official. How about taking on that responsibility for the time being? I'll make further arrangements for you afterward," proposed the Sect Leader of Xing Sect, revealing a hint of reluctance.

Xiaoyun's smile suddenly froze.

What?

Chief female official of Xing Sect?

It sounded nice, but what was going on?

That was a worse position than now.

How was this better? It was simply worse.



Typically, those tasked with the Heaven Emperor's attire would eventually serve directly in the celestial realm. The timing of this transition was a matter of inevitability. She could wait for it to happen.

But what was the purpose of her return?

Did they expect her to age away in this lackluster Xing Sect?

"Sect Leader, shouldn't the female official overseeing the Heaven Emperor's attire eventually work for the Heaven Emperor in the celestial realm? Why am I back in the Xing Sect?" Xiaoyun expressed her grievance. Advocating for herself, she questioned, "What's the issue here? Have I done something wrong? How could you treat me like this, Sect Leader?"

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect was utterly flabbergasted.

How had he overlooked this crucial detail in front of the Heaven Emperor? The Heaven Emperor wanted to replace the current female official overseeing his attire, meaning the incumbent would need a new assignment. Ordinarily, she would be relocated to the celestial palace.

The Heaven Emperor hadn't broached the topic, nor had he anticipated it.

Had it been mentioned, it would have been a straightforward resolution.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect felt a twinge of embarrassment. This matter was clearly his responsibility.

Surveying Xiaoyun's aggrieved expression, guilt gnawed at him.

"Regarding this matter, Xiaoyun, I'll need your patience for a few days. I'll find the right moment to discuss the prospect of you working in the Heaven Emperor's palace. It will be sorted out in due time. Don't worry too much," the Sect Leader of Xing Sect assured. He planned to bring up the topic when the time was right. Given the Heaven Emperor's current displeasure with him, it wasn't wise to exacerbate matters by raising issues related to a female official.

To Xiaoyun, these assurances held little hope. She remained unaware of any complications in her position.

“Go back and rest for now. Regarding the matter of your assignment to the Heaven Emperor Palace, await my updates. Don’t dwell on it too much for now,” the Sect Leader of Xing Sect urged, feeling uneasy as he ushered her away.

Xiaoyun ran out while crying.

She happened to run into Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue. She glared at them and ran off in tears.

“What’s going on?” Lin Xue asked in confusion.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head. She had no idea.

They couldn’t even defend themselves.

With the Sect Leader of Xing Sect summoning them, it could only mean one thing—he intended to investigate the issue.

They had previously decided to deny everything, regardless of the circumstances.

Anxious, the two of them entered the situation.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect hastily put on a forced smile.

It was impossible for him to genuinely smile at them.

Yet, given the Heaven Emperor’s commendation, he felt compelled to feign laughter.

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Even if it was for his own sake, he had to maintain this forced smile.

Upon Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue's entrance, they witnessed the Sect Leader of Xing Sect wearing a perplexed grin.

This Sect Leader harbored a strong disdain for them. His ideal scenario would be to expel them from the sect and ensure they were never within his sight. Today, his behavior was highly unusual—he was smiling at them. It seemed abnormal, leaving them puzzled about what could be wrong with him.

Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue refrained from laughter. Instead, they cast cold gazes at the Sect Leader of Xing Sect, anticipating his revelation.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect continued to smile awkwardly.

He addressed them, "I asked you to come because I have something to arrange for you."

Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue exchanged glances before directing confused looks at the Sect Leader of Xing Sect.

"Xiaoyun, who used to manage the Heaven Emperor's attire, has been appointed as the Chief Female Official of the Xing Sect, overseeing all female officers in the sect. This leaves the position of overseeing the Heaven Emperor's attire vacant. Gu Chaoyan, you will assume this role and be in charge of the Heaven Emperor's clothing from now on."

"..."

"And Lin Xue, you will assist Gu Chaoyan with the affairs of the Xing Sect on a daily basis while dedicating your remaining time to cultivation. I will find a suitable position for you soon."

"..."

"Come to me early tomorrow, Gu Chaoyan, and I will teach you what to do."

"..."

“Let’s head down now,” the Sect Leader of Xing Sect maintained a smile on his face, although his mood was still sour. He couldn’t fathom why the Heaven Emperor would favor such an individual and replace Xiaoyun from her position. It seemed utterly unreasonable to him, but he had no choice. Complying with the Heaven Emperor’s arrangements was non-negotiable.

Despite completing what was required, he harbored a strong dislike for these two and had no desire to keep them in his sight any longer.

Gu Chaoyan nodded, and both she and Lin Xue left.

Even as the two departed, an air of bewilderment lingered.

Had the Sect Leader of Xing Sect suddenly lost his discernment?

How could he entrust them with such a crucial responsibility?

The two returned inexplicably, and just as they were about to enter the house, they heard someone mockingly remark from the side, “Who stole my position back then? Turns out, it was you two all along?”

“...”

“You two fools. I doubt you have the lifespan to manage such a role. What status do the celestial realms hold? There, any error is met with severe consequences. Yet, you dare to take on such a task.” Xiaoyun sneered with a mocking expression.

Gu Chaoyan frowned.

The Sect Leader was the one who gave them the job, not they who asked for that.

Moreover, they had just found out about it and were just feeling puzzled when they were scolded.

Gu Chaoyan couldn’t endure it any longer. She was about to set things straight.

Lin Xue, however, held her back, subtly shaking her head to convey that there was no need for confrontation.

Reluctantly, Gu Chaoyan halted and returned home with Lin Xue.

Having just accepted the responsibility, engaging in an argument with Xiaoyun seemed unnecessary.

If they excelled in their new roles, wouldn't Xiaoyun have reason to fear them in the future?

No need to spar at this moment.

Lin Xue maintained an optimistic outlook, but Gu Chaoyan couldn't help but harbor suspicions.

“What do you think the Sect Leader of Xing Sect is implying?”