

EMPEROR 1631

Chapter 1631 - A Visit To The Treasury

Davis began healing his lost soul essence by creating a powerful Solitary Soul Avatar. It was stronger than him in terms of soul force prowess, but he ultimately remained stronger since he possessed Fallen Heaven's prowess.

He then sat down and began to cultivate, beginning to absorb Soul Emperor Zealwonder's Peak-Level Emperor Soul Stage Soul Essence, simultaneously feeling his Soul Forging Cultivation began to rapidly increase.

However, Davis felt like he should reconsider entering the Emperor Soul Stage and strengthen himself at the Peak-Level King Soul Stage as he did in the Peak-Level Supreme Soul Stage, absorbing many Peak-Level Seventh Stage Souls in order to maximize his soul prowess, increasing his soul's quality and consequently improving his soul force.

However, knowing that he was short on time and maneuverability, he felt that he really couldn't decide what to do and chose to continue breaking into the Emperor Soul Stage.

Strengthening his soul force?

He presumed that could be done in the Peak-Level Emperor Soul Stage as long as he obtained more souls of such caliber, so he looked forward to starting a hunt in the Magical Beast Sanctuary and the other Magical Beast Territories, although he wasn't sure if he should target magical beasts anymore because he was also starting to see them as humans since they're on the scale of building civilizations and living in harmony or at least a semblance of peace like Nyoran said.

If it was like this, would he have to wait for some magical beast at that level to offend him?

Davis low-key felt like abandoning his morals to gain resources, thinking no wonder the human world and the magical beast world were rarely able to co-exist. They were resources to each other that he bet that if he were to go simply stand in a magical beast's territory without radiating much prowess, some magical beast would undoubtedly try to swallow him, for he possesses immense nutritional value to them.

Nevertheless, he didn't think much and continued breaking through.

Evelynn and Nadia were with him, protecting him while his Solitary Soul Avatar met up with Soul Emperor Elusivemist, whose cultivation was returned upon Evelynn canceling her Sealing Hex from a long distance.

According to Evelynn, who found out about the specifics of her hex just now: it seemed that as long as she could sense her hexes, she could undo or control them from anywhere. However, she hadn't found the maximum range yet.

Davis flew beside Soul Emperor Elusivemist amidst many palaces. To his surprise, he could sense many Soul Kings, hundreds of Soul Kings.

Most of them were in their small individual floating palaces while some of them were outside, looking like kings and queens as they possessed an extraordinary air about them while practicing their moves or simply holding a conversation that expounded on the laws.

The Soul Palace appeared gorgeous, with sleek wooden bridges connecting pathways and waterfalls encasing the mountain edges on most sides. Even more so, the maids walking by the side were at the Adult Soul Stage and even Elder Soul Stage, causing him to be strictly astonished.

'As expected of the number one power that concentrates on Soul Forging Cultivation. Their Essence Gathering Cultivation and Body Tempering Cultivation isn't much, but their focus and foundation in Soul Forging Cultivation are impressive...'

Davis inwardly nodded with full of approval, thinking that this was a perfect place for him to train his Soul Forging Cultivation as even the atmosphere here was suited for him to cultivate and resonate his soul with the heavens that he found this place to be marvelous, especially in Soul Emperor Zealwonder's Palace Tower and on that Peak-Level Emperor Grade Illumination Lotus Cushion that his main body was using at the moment.

Nevertheless, once these kings, queens, and maids glanced in their direction, they went on one knee, displaying immense respect to Soul Emperor Elusivemist. Although they did cast a glance at him and his disguised appearance, they did not see anything amiss nor ask anything but just lowered their heads towards Soul Emperor Elusivemist as if though they were welcoming their emperor's little walk across the Soul Palace.

"Not bad..."

Davis uttered as he possessed a smirk on his face.

"This is a common sight, master."

Soul Emperor Elusivemist sent a soul transmission to Davis as he wryly smiled. He brushed his black hair while his yellow eyes glowed before he cast a charming glance at a few people.

"Threelotus and Yotan, follow our guest of the highest honor and cater to his needs."

Over the side, Threelotus and Yotan were visibly taken aback. They stepped up from their particular wooden bridges leading to their palaces and looked at the black-robed man who appeared to be not anything special, yet the two of them who were Soul Kings were assigned to be his maids?

They felt dumbfounded for a moment before believing in their Soul Emperor, appearing behind Davis in a flash as they followed them.

'What the hell? Did I ask for this? Or do I even look like a womanizer?'

Davis appeared a bit flabbergasted. Wasn't this Soul Emperor Elusivemist trying to please him too much that he became a pimp in the process? He shook his head and felt that he must be overthinking.

How can two precious Soul Queens be subjected to that kind of work? It was preposterous even to him. This was not even a dual cultivation sect, for heaven's sake, or was it, and he just didn't know?

Nevertheless, to maintain his mysteriousness, he didn't say anything but asked his slave Elusivemist through soul transmission.

"Does the Soul Palace not have elite geniuses in their ranks?"

Davis already knew that geniuses at the top in Territories like the Soul Palace like to use elite as a prefix to distinguish themselves from other geniuses. Therefore, he was asking about the top geniuses of this power and not any person who would be considered a genius by the lower stratum of disciples.

"Master, our sect is different. Some centuries, we may have one or two, and in the other, we have none. The last time we ever had an elite genius disciple was thousands of years ago, and that was my junior disciple Hadrian Cross and before him was I, your slave."

"Clearly, you were not equal to him."

Davis chuckled while Soul Emperor Elusivemist's expression became a bit twisted.

"He relied on the wicked path to gain karmic luck."

"You would like to say that he cheated?"

"Yes," Soul Emperor Elusivemist clenched his teeth, "If it were not for that and his grandmother Soul Empress Merlight secretly aiding him, how could he have surpassed me? I'm the great-grandson of Soul Emperor Lightrain! I suspect that Soul Empress Merlight was also behind my grandfather's death...!"

"Is that so?" Davis pursed his lips as he sent a soul transmission back, "To me, that old lady seemingly looked regretful that she didn't help her grandson more at that time of the pursuit. It is likely that Soul Emperor Hadrian Cross invited Soul Emperor Lightrain into a trap and killed him, no?"

Soul Emperor Elusivemist went silent for a moment before he nodded.

"Knowing how slippery and wicked he was, he could've done it himself since my grandfather was already weak. Nevertheless, it's true that those two offended master and made the Soul Palace fall, so I hate them to my core."

"I never said that I'm going to make the Soul Palace fall, did I?" Davis casually spoke, "Although, whether the Soul Palace stands or falls completely depends on you, so try to not disappoint your ancestors by accidentally offending me."

"I understand."

Soon, they arrived before the tall and wide palace that stretched beyond like the mountains.

[Soul Palace Garden]

Davis saw the nameplate carved with a peculiar soul force that made him narrow his eyes from its sharp intent. He moved his gaze towards Soul Emperor Elusivemist.

"What's the meaning of this?"

"The Treasury is behind this..."

Davis paused for a moment before he nodded to Soul Emperor Elusivemist's words while Threelotus and Yotan were quite confused as to why this guest was demanding to see their Treasury. Still, they all went inside, walking through a plethora of herbs and ingredients alike that made Davis's alchemists' instincts tremble.

This was quite a paradise for him to concoct soul-type pills that he even saw the ingredients for Soul Emergence Pills. What's more, after crossing five more gardens, he came to a spacious open dome area that made him inwardly shudder in happiness.

Undaunted Purple Lotuses...

There were tens of them, and a large piece of land was assigned to each of them, set up with their compatible environments and resources to make them healthily grow and even hasten their growth.

Instantly, he nodded.

'No wonder the Soul Palace has so many Soul Kings...! With this much of Undaunted Purple Lotuses, they can surely create an army of Soul Kings with passing centuries.'

The Undaunted Purple Lotus were resources that were highly sought by any human power since they could allow a person to step into the King Soul Stage!

At this moment, Davis was taught the importance of monopolizing resources, especially soul-type resources, which made the Soul Palace enjoy high status even among the upper stratum. It was no wonder the Soul Palace single-handedly enjoyed the glory of having three hundred and eighty-two Soul Kings at this moment, at least according to his soul sense.

Nevertheless, he acted undisturbed and continued onto the next garden yard, but his footsteps slowed as he came to a stop, his eyes widening in pure marvel.

Davis saw a big tree in the middle of a twenty-kilometer square of land. It occupied around a quarter of the ground and stretched a hundred meters high. However, it looked quite withered and did not even possess a single leaf or flower on it, much less fruit. But even in a withered state, it shone with a dim golden light under bright sunlight, causing Davis to be mesmerized.

"This is...?"

Soul Emperor Elusivemist appeared to have a smirk on his face, nodding to the Emperor of Death's shock as if it were to be expected.

"This is the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree that once allowed many Soul Emperors to be born. Indeed, its fruits contain the essence of heaven and earth, allowing one to comprehend the mysteries of the soul at the ninth stage and make them step into the Soul Emperor Stage. Sadly, it hadn't borne fruit for the last hundred thousand years, and the last person to ever consume its last ripened fruit was my grandfather."

"Last ripened fruit, you say...?"

Davis stared dumbfoundedly as his lips went agape. He then blinked before his lips automatically curved into an amused smile.

Chapter 1632 - Stargaze Pills

Davis looked at this Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree with shining eyes. It was withered but not dead as he could feel its spirit still residing within it. Its situation was vastly different than the viridian fruit's tree that had already withered and rotted.

He felt that there was a chance that he could bring its vitality back with Fallen Heaven's improved prowess, but since the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree naturally expended its vitality, was such a thing possible?

Davis descended into contemplation for a moment before he asked.

"What can you find the resources that are used to grow this tree or even increase its vitality in the long run?"

Soul Emperor Elusivemist raised his brows before he smiled.

"The Astral Light Sect and the Vast Sky Emperor Palace have the resources that this Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree requires to increase its growth and vitality, but since the tree started withering long ago, we no longer require those resources as we cannot stop it once it started. It had entered its final stages of death and would soon leave an essence seed from blooming a flower on its crown one last time during the lunar eclipse that could be unquestionably be grown into a new Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree, but it would take us fifty thousand years for it to grow and another fifty thousand years for it to bloom and ripen into fruits."

"Moreover, each fruit takes anywhere between twenty-five thousand years and fifty thousand years to grow depending on the nutrients they receive, so it is quite impracticable for us to even bother about it. Let's move forwards."

"Stop. I'm not done yet."

Davis spoke in a calm voice while Soul Emperor Elusivemist obediently stopped, waiting for Davis to say something while in confusion.

He could understand this Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree's charm, but there was no need to spend time here when his intention was to reach the Treasury, right?

'Could it be that the Emperor of Death is really considering nurturing the tree at this state?'

He couldn't help but inwardly shake his head.

Davis pursed his lips, pausing for a moment as he took a deep look at the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree before he continued.

"Are there any seeds left after you people used the fruits?"

Soul Emperor Elusivemist's face became amused.

"Even growing one of these is too difficult, so why would we keep the seeds when they can all be effectively used in pill recipes both individually and along with the fruits? Besides, not all seeds are going to grow into a mature Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree. However, I think it is possible that one or two seeds might remain in the Treasury for preservation."

"I see..."

Davis nodded.

"What about the practical uses of this Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree? What kind of pills can be made out of this tree? State all of them."

"Well, for starters, its wood is extremely flexible and strong, allowing one to create wooden Emperor Grade Treasures. Its leaves, flowers, seeds, and fruits are also used in pill concoction and..."

Soul Emperor Elusivemist began to state various pill recipes that used the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree's leaves, bark, seeds, and flowers, ranging from Peak-Level Sky Grade to Low-Level Emperor Grade all directing at increasing one's Soul Forging Cultivation and even soul prowess. His patience caused the two veiled, brown-haired beauties to blink in confusion, but they too listened to their Soul Emperor as they were likewise learning.

Only their Soul Emperors could interact with this Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree in the past, and only after it withered did they obtain the permission to even gaze at it. It had a glorious history connected to their Soul Palace, but now, it was nothing but a dead tree to them, although some did revere it as made them who they were now.

Nevertheless, the moment when Soul Emperor Elusivemist began talking about pills above Mid-Level Emperor Grade was when they all started listening with utter concentration.

"Combining the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree's seed with five more main ingredients at the Mid-Level Emperor Grade will allow one to concoct a pill that could make them cross two levels to battle in the Supreme Soul Stage. This pill's name is called Supreme Stargaze Radiance Pill. Of course, if the pill's quality is high enough, it could even make them reach battle across three levels, but even a Peak-Level Emperor Grade Alchemist would find it difficult to concoct a pill of such a level."

"The same way, one can use the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree Fruit to concoct two pills, namely the Stargaze-Risen Emperor Radiance Pill, Stargaze King Radiance Pill. They are both valued at Peak-Level Emperor Grade Pills based on their difficulty in concocting and procuring the raw ingredients."

Davis's brows raised on hearing these two pills as this is what he wanted to hear.

"The Stargaze-Risen Emperor Soul Pill allows one to enter the Soul Emperor Stage with a fifty percent chance. Furthermore, it even has a twenty percent chance to allow Emperor Soul Stage Powerhouses to enter the Mid-Level and a five percent chance to enter the High-Level Emperor Soul Stage. As for the Stargaze King Radiance Pill, it allows one to cross two stages to battle in the King Soul Stage. Of course, the percentage increases or decreases in accordance with the pill tier."

Hearing the specifics about it, Davis merely nodded as he knew that when talking about pills, Alchemists usually talked about normal-tier pills, and not the inferior, crude-tier pills or the superior, advanced-tier pills, but inwardly, he became interested in obtaining these recipes in the Soul Palace's Treasury.

"I know both pill recipes require the fruit, but what else is required?"

Soul Emperor blinked and decided to play along with this futile conversation.

"For the Stargaze-Risen Emperor Soul Pill, one other main ingredient is required, which we possess, but since we don't have the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree Fruit, they're locked up in containers. No extra ingredients are required to make this pill, but it is very difficult to obtain the other main ingredient for the Stargaze King Radiance Pill. As far as I know, only the Astral Light Sect has it, and I heard that they ask a high enough price for them to exchange it with others as it is still relevant to create Peak-Level Emperor Grade Body Tempering Cultivation Pills."

"How long ago was the last exchange you had with them concerning the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree?" Davis suddenly interjected.

"I don't know." Soul Emperor Elusivemist shook his head, "Probably two hundred thousand years ago when the Stargaze-Risen Emperor Soul Pill was at its last stages of vibrancy, still bearing fruits."

"Couldn't you people have just planted another one around a hundred thousand years ago so it would've already grown by now?" Davis furrowed his brows.

"We tried, spending so much wealth in the process, multiple times, but it all ended in failures. As I said, not all seeds are going to bear the tree, and even if they do, they end up dying from receiving less nutritional value. Therefore, our only option was to wait for the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree to give its essence seed."

Davis nodded three times, feeling like he should try reviving it. However, there was another thing that was plaguing his mind.

If the Stargaze King Radiance Pill was increasing one's battle prowess in the King Soul Stage, what was it actually increasing? The soul essence's quality like he initially expected or something else?

"How does soul force improve, and what relations does it have with the prowess of the soul? The Essence Gathering Cultivation has its types of manifestations, domains, seas, and runes. Similarly, Body Tempering Cultivation has five types of domains and crests, so what about Soul Forging Cultivation? Don't tell me it only has domains, and if it has only domains, then what are its levels?"

"You don't even know, and yet..."

Soul Emperor Elusivemist couldn't believe how powerful this young man was despite knowing nothing about the levels that divide domains in King Soul Stage.

Davis remained nonchalant. He wasn't embarrassed as he knew that he was coming off as ignorant and didn't mind these strange gazes since learning from a person is also a quick way to know the specifics of what he should aim for and achieve. His main body had already begun to cultivate, so there was little time to lose.

Soul Emperor Elusivemist quickly came out of his reverie knowing that Davis was only a youth and would have many doubts in regards to Soul Forging Cultivation. He felt that if he could teach him about Soul Forging Cultivation and get in his good books, it would definitely be beneficial for him and the Soul Palace.

"Impudent! Do you think that our Soul Emperor is your servant to be constantly asking these mundane questions?"

However, Threelotus mistook Soul Emperor Elusivemist's silence for distaste and contempt towards the guest.

Furthermore, knowing that this black-robed person's level wouldn't be high if he didn't know much about Soul Forging Cultivation, she automatically lowered this guest's status in her mind.

"Shut up! Do you know who this person is!?"

"...!?"

Threelotus became stunned as she saw Soul Emperor Elusivemist gnarl at her. He raised his hand, looking like he was about to slap her, when a cold voice echoed.

"I am not here to watch drama."

Soul Emperor Elusivemist's palm arrived right near Threelotus's cheek before it abruptly stopped, causing her to feel a deep chill creeping through her spine. She shook as she took a step back in fright, feeling her body ceaselessly tremble while it almost made her legs limp, causing her to kneel.

"I... I apologize for overstepping my bounds."

Threelotus didn't completely understand the situation, but she quickly apologized as she lowered her head, causing Soul Emperor Elusivemist to nod with a twitch of his expression that displayed annoyance.

It struck a nerve in him to be called a servant when he was actually worse, a slave.

Chapter 1633 - Soul Emperor's Uniqueness

Soul Emperor Elusivemist calmed down before he smilingly turned to look at Davis.

"My apologies. I lost my calm just now. Nonetheless, the Soul Forging Cultivation is moderately different from the Essence Gathering Cultivation and Body Tempering Cultivation, just like how Soul Forging Cultivation can be practiced only after one enters the Revolving Core Stage or the Silver Stage if one didn't cultivate their Essence Gathering Cultivation."

Davis knew that already, so he perfunctorily nodded, watching his slave continue to explain.

"In the same way, the Soul Forging Cultivation holds a bit of difference from the clear path that the Essence Gathering Cultivation and Body Tempering Cultivation possesses. What I'm trying to say is that there are certain requirements that must be met, but it isn't on laws or the comprehension of heaven and earth in resonance with the mysteries of the soul. They may merely be a requirement but are not a must."

"What's must is the quality of the soul. The quality of one's soul essence directly affects their soul prowess. Therefore, if one needed to obtain a soul domain in the King Soul Stage, one would at least need to be able to have the quality of their soul reach a certain level, a level that allows them to cross a single level to battle."

"This can be achieved through comprehension of the soul through resonance or strengthening through resources such as the Stargaze King Radiance Pill and many other resources. If the conditions are met, they will be able to form a Soul Domain. Soul Domains also have levels, namely, the Supreme Domain,

King Domain, and the Emperor Domain, only the three of them and each of them corresponds to crossing two, three, and four levels in battle."

Davis became enlightened.

In the King Soul Stage, one doesn't necessarily derive domains. It was no wonder many Soul Kings he saw didn't use Soul Domains. If they did, it would actually mean that they possess the ability to cross a level already. Moreover, he already knew what it was like to use a Soul Domain. It increased the prowess of his soul force further and allowed him to manipulate his surroundings, making his soul force appear easily anywhere within the domain. It was like an extension of his soul sea, making him aware of all things that happen in the soul domain.

It could also amalgamate laws to form many attacks and defenses alike according to one's need.

When Soul Empress Merlight used her Soul Domain, his scalp turned numb from its sheer force. Even now, he could remember it fresh in his mind as if it happened a few seconds ago.

If he had allowed her to finish her move, the entire Grand Alstreim City would've been massacred cleanly, just like how he killed with Fallen Heaven, but the difference was that Soul Empress Merlight attacked the soul while Fallen Heaven stripped their soul imprint.

"What about the Emperor Soul Stage then?"

Davis moved on while Soul Emperor Elusivemist nodded.

"In the Soul Emperor Stage, it is too difficult to have a uniqueness like the Rune and Crest. It is called a Sigil, and it has similar requirements as the Soul Domain. However, it is practically impossible for us to derive a Sigil because it requires that one must have a prowess that crosses two levels instead of one."

Davis narrowed his eyes in contemplation.

Is that why Soul Empress Merlight was unable to use this so-called Sigil?

He had thought that due to his prompt decision to kill, he did not allow her to use this uniqueness called a Sigil, but it looks like she didn't even have one in the first place since it required for her soul essence's quality to have crossed two levels which she obviously didn't.

After all, her prowess stayed in the Peak-Level Emperor Soul Stage and didn't reach the unofficial fifth level of the ninth stage, according to his calculations. Otherwise, he would've found it difficult to kill her even with Fallen Heaven and might've quickly died instead of hovering in a life or death state.

Seeing that Davis digested the information as he looked at him to continue, Soul Emperor Elusivemist continued.

"The soul essence derives a Sigil that is capable of vastly increasing one's soul prowess for a short period of time. However, a Sigil just has two levels, King Sigil, and the Emperor Sigil of which the Emperor Sigil is only obtained when one's prowess crosses four levels."

Davis nodded in understanding. However, he was wondering if there was a level for Sigil like Supreme Immortal Rune and Supreme Immortal Crest, possibly named the Supreme Immortal Sigil or something like that. He was about to say something when he heard Soul Emperor Elusivemist sigh.

"It is just too difficult to form a Sigil in the Emperor Soul Stage. Even the elite genius Hadrian Cross wasn't able to create one. However..."

He turned around and looked at Davis with a deep smile on his face before he bowed.

"I'm sure your eminence will be able to do so without experiencing a problem."

Threelotus and Yotan became shocked as they witnessed their Soul Emperor Elusivemist bowing to this guest. Their Soul Emperors didn't even need to bow to the Four Great Righteous Sects. Therefore, the very sight of this came off as ridiculous to them!

"Of course. It's a given."

Davis nonchalantly spoke and walked ahead.

"I'm going to revive this tree back, so make sure to acquire all the necessary ingredients that are required to hasten its growth."

"...?"

Soul Emperor Elusivemist became stunned as his expression twitched. This young man couldn't be saying this for real, right? Besides, what is the Emperor of Death gonna revive?

Or could it be that death has the power to stop death itself?

Davis arrived in front of the large tree. Its trunk alone was twenty meters wide, making him appear small like an ant in front of it. However, he did not stop and touched the bark with his hand, coming into contact with its spiritual aura.

'It's alive alright but extremely weak...'

Davis agreed with Soul Emperor Elusivemist's statement about its life nearing its end. He felt like he could hasten its death and use its essence seed to regrow it into a new tree. However...

"Do you want to live longer?"

There were no replies in words, but Davis could instantly feel its fluctuations with his Heart Intent, telling him that it wanted to live. As a Peak-Level Emperor Grade Tree, and a matured one at that, Davis knew this tree could understand his words and speak, but since it didn't, he spontaneously understood that because of its state of weakness, it directly sent him its intent instead of speaking with him.

"I understand."

Its intent was pure although vague, and as any life would, the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree clearly wanted to live for a longer period of time.

Abruptly, Davis's figure slightly flickered before he had both his palms on the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree. His sapphire eyes gleamed when a pure white light began to emerge from his palms, directly imbuing into the trunk of the tree as it started to become encased in that same illumination.

Soul Emperor Elusivemist's pupils dilated as his jaws dropped.

'This... this aura...'

He couldn't believe such a pure and sacred life aura was being emitted by this damned Emperor of Death!

What was going on!? He couldn't understand as his eyes kept trembling while the two brown-haired beauties behind him reacted the same, especially when they still didn't know he was the Emperor of Death.

Davis switched places with his avatar at this moment, and of course, it was done with Nadia's help in concealment. He had canceled his cultivation session to heal this tree back to health for the moment while he told Evelyn to stay in the palace tower for a while. However, it wasn't like he truly stopped digesting the soul essence since Fallen Heaven took over that process for him with only the consequence of experiencing the rate of refinement and consumption halved.

At this moment, he used death energy to refine and digest the soul essence while using life energy to heal the tree. His soul force was being expended at a normal rate that he could visibly see the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree start to glow more with a golden light.

And then... a leaf sprouted on a branch that was seemingly just withered a few moments ago, causing the eyes which witnessed it to widen and let out a shocked gasp.

"Have my words fallen on deaf ears?"

Davis's cold voice suddenly echoed out, causing Soul Emperor Elusivemist to shudder.

"I... I'll be on my way...!"

He gulped before he turned around and flew.

'What is going on!? Isn't that pure white light the fabled Life Laws!?'

He couldn't help but inwardly scream in disbelief. However, he abruptly saw a dark-winged wolf floating beside him in the corner of his eyes before it disappeared, making him inwardly shook and aware that he was still being monitored.

But, his thoughts were also chaotically shaken, not making him understand if this person controlled death or life.

How can it be possible to learn and control both!? He didn't even dare to think of it and remained immensely confused, feeling his headache a lot.

'No, no... I don't need to reach out my neck into this mess. I should just follow my orders like a slave...'

His brain, no, his instincts practically tried to make him not think too much but think of something else that he turned around and sent a soul transmission.

"Threelotus and Yotan. Don't tell anyone about what's happening here, and you two better take care of his eminence without offending him the slightest bit! If it comes down to 'that', you two better comply!"

Threelotus and Yotan were already shaken from what they witnessed, but from hearing their Soul Emperor's words that contained a hidden threat, they trembled more as they gazed at the back of the black-robed, black-haired person.

Exactly who under the heavens was this person!?

Chapter 1634 - Soul Palace's Treasure Trove

A few minutes passed in the garden yard as Threelotus and Yotan watched the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree have its vitality restored back to its trunk as it began to glow with its majestic golden light. Leaves and flowers began to bloom rapidly before some flowers sprouted into fruits.

There were twelve fruits, but they were still small, the size of a pigeon's egg. They appeared golden-red in color and were spherical in shape.

Threelotus and Yotan were extremely shocked to see this strange yet miraculous phenomenon.

They had heard that the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree only bears three to six fruits in a period of fifty thousand years, but seeing twelve fruits sprout at the same time while there were already thousands of leaves and hundreds of flowers growing at a rapid pace, their hearts leaped up to their throats.

This kind of resource creation... just what was going on here? Were they in an illusion?

Yotan didn't stand on ceremony and pinched Threelotus's waist with a flick of her hand, causing Threelotus to squeal in pain.

"Ahh!~? You...!?"

Threelotus looked at Yotan with an aggrieved gaze. However, they both returned their gaze at the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree and the person in front of it, knowing that this wasn't an illusion but still reality.

The pure and sacred aura deluded their senses, making them unable to pinpoint Davis's prowess, but they could at least tell that it was at the Soul Emperor Stage, causing their hearts to inevitably race.

It was actually another Soul Emperor and possibly a character who could create a Sigil whom their Soul Palace failed to produce for tens and thousands of years!

Davis also saw that the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree had rapidly grown back to health.

'As expected of Fallen Heaven. It had grown too powerful, its prowess actually reaching the Peak-Level Ninth Stage or perhaps even higher.'

Even though his own cultivation was still at the Mid-Level King Soul Stage, Fallen Heaven had individually grown by absorbing soul essences from Soul Emperor Hadrian Cross and Soul Empress Merlight, so Davis didn't find this phenomenon doubtful.

It was just, he already expended forty percent of his soul force in a short ten minutes.

"Human..."

A voice suddenly resounded in his mind, causing Davis to tremble ever so slightly as he felt the grand aura of the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree envelop him.

"Thank you..."

Davis paused for a moment before he merely nodded.

He needed its fruits, and the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree wanted to live, so he felt that it was an equivalent exchange, a fair transaction.

Nevertheless, with this being the case, he felt that he didn't even need the required ingredients he had his slave Elusivemist collect, but surely, he needed them to hasten the growth of the fruits. It would also help him shorten the soul force needed for him to aid its growth.

Furthermore, he could concentrate on two things, refining the soul essence and growing fruits.

"Threelotus..."

Davis suddenly spoke up while healing, causing Threelotus to inevitably be startled and shaken.

"Yes...!?"

She squealed for the first time after becoming a Soul Queen, wondering if she was going to be punished here or later when another Davis suddenly emerged behind Davis and pointed at himself.

"Take my soul body to the Treasury."

"Huh?"

Threelotus became stunned before she appeared as if she was going to cry. All of this was extremely new for her. She never needed to lift a thing, and the maids would take care of her since she herself was a three-hundred-year-old genius who got to this point, reaching the Peak-Level King Soul Stage.

"But... but your eminence... I don't have much access to the Treasury. I truly apologize for my inapti-"

"Do you have access to the Library?"

The Solitary Soul Avatar suddenly interrupted, causing her to go stiff again.

"Y-Yes!"

"Good, then take me there."

He turned around and headed towards the Treasury while Threelotus had no choice but to follow him while she was still panicked. On the other hand, Yotan didn't know what to say as she looked worried for her fellow sister but also disappointed that she wasn't chosen in a strange way.

In the Treasury, the first floor was full of books, records, and battle techniques, soul techniques, each placed into its individual book halls. The second floor was full of treasures, and the third floor contained the legacy treasures and soul techniques of the Soul Palace.

Davis learned this from Threelotus, who had no choice but to spit out everything with Soul Emperor Elusivemist, giving her a stern warning. She led him to the first floor as he requested and watched him absorb the characters in the book as if he were engulfing it.

There was a guardian who blocked their path, but once she demanded that he ask Soul Emperor Elusivemist, the other party did so and became intimidated before he let them enter in a short few seconds.

This time, she could actually sense his cultivation which was at the Mid-Level King Soul Stage. However, knowing that it was just a soul body and could be suppressed to fool her, she didn't believe what she sensed and merely followed him around.

Meanwhile, Davis diligently kept absorbing the books he found. Alchemy, Ingredients, Raw Materials, Blacksmithing, Inscriptions and many more. This place was truly a treasure trove of knowledge, and almost all of them were up to the Peak-Level Emperor Grade, bringing him immense joy while once again making him think that conquering the Soul Palace and decided to later show the corpse of Soul Emperor Zealwonder to the world later was the right path in his revenge.

Soon, Soul Emperor Elusivemist returned to the garden yard after assigning Soul Kings on a mission to obtain the necessary ingredients from the Astral Light Sect and the Vast Sky Emperor Palace. As he stepped into the garden yard, his expression froze as he saw the revitalized Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree emitting a golden light while possessing twelve fruits the size of a pigeon egg.

He rubbed his eyes with his palms and widened his eyes again like a little kid who could not believe what he saw, his gaze still full of disbelief. Underneath the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree, he saw the Emperor of Death still do his thing before realization suddenly dawned on him.

The phenomenon he was witnessing was undoubtedly one of Life Laws. There was literally no other way his knowledge could make sense of it, but this kind of speed in the making the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree... wasn't this overkill!?

However, despite what he thought, even he couldn't help but become vastly excited at this moment!!!

The Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree had actually recovered, which meant many things for the Soul Palace, and downfall isn't one of them!

Davis dropped his hand at this moment as he expended seventy-five percent of his soul force. He could use Soul Emperor Zealwonder's Peak-Level Emperor Grade Soul Essence as fuel to restore his soul force many times but decided against it as he needed it for his cultivation breakthroughs.

He turned around and looked at his slave Elusivemist.

"Have you done what I asked you to do?"

"Ah, yes! I have sent people to procure the resources. Please wait for it as it would arrive within a day or two."

"Are you ordering me?"

Davis smiled amusedly.

As soon as Soul Emperor Elusivemist saw the rebirth of the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree, greed was apparent in his eyes.

"No..."

Soul Emperor Elusivemist shook his head and lowered, "This slave dare not."

Yotan, who was beside, had her eyes go wide in deep shock!

Did Soul Emperor Elusivemist just say that he was this person's slave!?

Davis was inwardly taken aback by Elusivemist's shrewdness.

'This guy... He's doing this on purpose...'

He was basically taking her down with him by revealing that he was his slave at this moment, giving him no choice but to enslave this woman called Yotan as well.

Why?

Davis cast his gaze back at the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree and understood.

"Elusivemist, do you want the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree Fruit?"

"No, I dare not even dream of it, master."

Soul Emperor Elusivemist hastily shook his head, appearing to be utterly submissive.

"I see, then out of the twelve fruits, I'll give one to the person who pleases to me the most, allowing them to become a Soul Emperor."

Davis spoke before he passed by them and walked out of the garden yard nonchalantly.

"..."

Soul Emperor Elusivemist and Yotan stayed frozen for almost half a minute before the former frigidly turned to look at Yotan.

"What are you thinking, Yotan?"

He walked right beside her and stopped half a meter before her.

"If you want to spread this information, go ahead but don't come crying to me later that you made a blunder. Although, I think you wouldn't even have the opportunity to do so."

Yotan trembled as she turned to look at him, her lips quivering in disbelief.

"H-How could you...?"

Wasn't this a betrayal to the Soul Palace and basically selling her out to this unknown person?

Soul Emperor Elusivemist merely shook his head.

"Yotan, the Soul Palace has fallen like an hour ago..."

"What!?"

"Indeed, Soul Emperor Zealwonder fell, killed by master who later enslaved me."

He no longer hid it, causing Yotan's eyes to widen as her body swayed, almost making her think that he was lying. However, for some reason, she believed his words.

"Who... Who is that person?"

She asked, causing Soul Emperor Elusivemist's eyes to become shrewd.

"Oh, you must've heard about master and would already have an idea, no? But oh wait, witnessing this miraculous phenomenon must've disturbed your thoughts, so I will make it clear for you then."

"Master is none other than the Emperor of Death, reborn from the ashes."

"It can't be..." Yotan's eyes severely shook.

"Think what you want, but tonight, if you fail to sleep with master, master will probably make you live a life worse than death."

Yotan recalled Davis's words when he left and inevitably shuddered again. She suddenly cast a gaze of hatred at Soul Emperor Elusivemist, clenching her teeth in anger.

"How can you do this to me? I am your junior sister, for heaven's sake!"

She was able to tell that he had purposefully revealed his enslaved status to get her into this mess. After all, it seemed like the Soul Palace was brought down without anyone even coming to know of it!

Such a feat, she too believed that only the Emperor of Death who killed Soul Emperor Hadrian Cross and Soul Empress Merlight was capable of it!

"Hmph! How fickle! Carry the burden of the Soul Palace with me together! Or don't even call yourself a Soul King of the Soul Palace in the first place! Even more, do me a favor and kill yourself if you don't claim yourself to be a Soul King of the Soul Palace because it was rather merciful of master to leave you with a choice to make, unlike me who got enslaved with a knife pointed at my soul."

Soul Emperor Elusivemist harrumphed with a disgruntled expression on his face before he turned around and left, leaving a severely shaken Yotan whose expression appeared tragic and painful.

Chapter 1635 - Sharing Sight

Davis returned to the palace tower he usurped and met with Evelyn. Her eyes were closed, but her third eye remained open. When it got sight of him, it closed as she opened her two mesmerizing eyes, looking breathtaking to Davis.

"How was it?" He asked, causing Evelyn to smile behind her veil.

"I could see clearly, even while you were concealed with Nadia's death energy."

"How about now?"

Davis suddenly disappeared while Evelyn merely smiled, "I could still sense you, though."

"I mean, can you see me through your third eye?"

Evelyn closed her eyes, and once again, her third eye opened. This time, she could see nothing, causing her to be deeply shocked.

"The deathly prowess of the two of you aren't at the same level..."

Evelyn uttered as she opened her eyes, appearing to be proud of Davis.

Davis reappeared in front of her again and shook his head with a wry smile.

'My Death Laws still have a long way to go to be comparable to Nadia's death energy. However, Fallen Heaven had become stronger while I was wounded and asleep. This sucks, to be honest...'

Nevertheless, this all began when he went out to heal the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree; Evelynn said that she wanted to see him wherever he went to protect him and showed him this technique that allowed each other to share vision with each other only if both parties consented.

This was also another uniqueness of her third eye that granted her vision when connected to someone else. Apparently, she learned about this ability when she accidentally activated her third eye, which made her vision go blank. However, an instinctive feeling emerged in her, making her feel that she had to connect this vision to someone else, and she chose Davis when he was leaving.

Davis agreed to be her test subject and was more than glad to do so as he always encouraged her to test her poisonous abilities. Their visions connected, and he could see her vision as long as he concentrated enough while she allowed it and vice versa.

However...

"Now, try to forcefully see through my eyes."

Davis uttered with confidence while Evelynn thought for a moment before she shook her head.

"Evelynn, this is a soul ability, and my soul is still stronger than yours." He advised.

Evelynn bit her lips before she nodded. She tried to forcefully see through his gaze, only to feel a sudden pain encroaching her third eye as it went bloodshot. It almost began to bleed when a commanding sound echoed.

"Alright enough." Davis spoke, "It seems that you cannot break through my defense, but that would mean that I can break through your defense and see through your vision, no?"

He felt her prying to see through his eyes, but with his own soul prowess, he was able to stop her from doing so. It made sense, considering that Evelynn's soul was only at Peak-Level Eighth Stage, and unlike her Essence Gathering Cultivation and Body Tempering Cultivation that seemingly acted as one, receiving a great boost of able to cross two levels, her Soul Forging Cultivation was just able to reach Low-Level Ninth Stage and not Mid-Level.

However, once she got hold of his vision, then it was difficult to block it as there was a set path of connection flowing between them that even Nadia's concealment wasn't able to block her view.

Evelynn rubbed her third eye as she shook her head and resplendently smiled at his question.

"It's perfect, as it should be."

Davis's lips twitched as he felt his heart skip a beat.

This woman, was she trying to make him fall for her all over again when he was already deeply in love with her?

He smirked and walked towards the Illuminating Lotus Cushion to continue his cultivation, looking forward to the day where he would embrace this voluptuous and sensual beauty again.

Nevertheless, with this soul ability, Evelynn saw everything that happened in the Soul Palace's garden yards through his eyes, learning about the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree and its fruits. Moreover, she only had a visual connection to his main body and not to his avatar.

"That woman, Yotan. Are you going to take her tonight?"

"...!?"

Davis's footsteps faltered before he stared at Evelynn look at him with an inquisitive gaze.

"Evelynn, you know I don't have time to do something like that. If I had time for that, I would rath-"

"Then make time..."

"Make time...?" Davis became confused, "Make time for yo-"

Then, his expression suddenly changed as he dumbfoundedly looked at Evelynn.

"Evelynn, you couldn't be suggesting that I sleep with Yotan, right?"

"I am..."

Evelynn's purple pupils trembled, causing Davis to blink before he gently smiled.

"What happened? This is isn't like you to take revenge in this way."

Evelynn bit her lips.

"I don't know. I've just... changed. There's this itch within my heart that wants to seek revenge so badly. Perhaps, it's because of the darkness in my soul, but I don't want to hide behind it. Davis, would you feel like this, wanting to get revenge if I died?"

"Absolutely, and probably even worse, but don't die on me." Davis forcefully spoke.

"Similarly, I feel this Soul Palace deserves much worse treatment from us. They almost took you away from me, so I can't find it in my heart to forgive them. I want to see them suffer even if they don't deserve their rightful deaths."

"So that's why you want me to..."

Evelynn nodded before she became stiff and shook. But she then relaxed, placing her palm on her face.

"What am I even thinking? I shouldn't be forcing my ide-"

"No, you are not wrong."

Davis strongly shook his head.

"Isabella would probably agree with you on this, but Evelynn, I consider dual cultivation sacred because it is an act that I purely perform with the women I love. I don't want to do it with women I feel no loving bond with, no matter how I'm tempted to do so, because I know that it would make me corrupted with

insufferable lust. One unfamiliar woman is all it takes to lust after the taste of many strange women, so that's where I draw the line."

As he spoke, a smirk appeared on his lips.

"Besides, you recommending me a woman isn't anything new. I still remember that you once said that it is okay for me to bang a seductive waitress in an inn but not love her. Haha!"

"Forget I said something like that...!"

Evelynn's expression became crimson as she recalled that it was the time when she faced off with the Heinous Scourge of the Sunset Tear Mountain. As embarrassing as her words had been, it brought her nostalgic memories of where she had Davis all to herself.

On the other hand, Davis laughed. He more or less knew that the way his women treated him depended upon how their fathers had their women.

For example, since Mark Ruth and Louis Ashton possessed a bevy of beauties with them, Isabella and Shirley became okay with him having a harem despite their initial aspirations, and in the same way, he wondered if Evelynn's father, Evan Cauldon, had been doing maids and random women on the side while keeping Evelynn's dead mother as the wife for a long time until he married Daisy, signifying his love for Evelynn's mother.

Perhaps, that's why Evelynn had initially been somewhat okay with him doing random women but not okay with loving them.

Natalya and Fiora were special cases where they listened to their sharp-witted mother, who knew how to please a man while still being loyal. As for the others, he wasn't sure.

Nevertheless...

"You want me to kill Yotan? I'll do it. But to sleep, I decline."

Davis simply spoke with conviction, causing Evelynn to perform a deep nod.

"I'm sorry for uttering something stupid like that." Evelynn shook her head, "However, I don't think she deserves death either."

"That is quite troubling..." Davis couldn't help smile, "Then what do you expect me to do?"

"Just do what you do." Evelynn shrugged, "I'll try to keep my head off of revenge and only think about your safety."

Davis pursed his lips before he nodded.

"I'll help you harvest a Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree Fruit soon. Perhaps, you'll be able to reach the Ninth Stage in Soul Forging Cultivation with it."

"No worries."

Evelynn giggled, "I'll be able to do that in a few months as per my calculations."

"Then use it to reach the Mid-Level Ninth Stage. As a fey, I'm sure that you would be able to digest the fruit better than humans, or you could wait for me to learn Alchemy and consume a Stargaze-Risen Emperor Pill that probably increases your chances of breakthrough better."

Davis shrugged and continued to walk to the cultivation cushion. Evelyn didn't say anything more and kept smiling at him. His very presence gave her the feeling of being air-headed, very much in love, and when he left, it felt very lonely. Fortunately, she got to share eyesight with him and vice versa through her third eye, making her feel like she had him all to herself again.

An hour didn't even pass, and Davis broke into the High-Level King Soul Stage like it was nothing, still able to sense that there was a significant amount left in the Peak-Level Emperor Soul Stage Soul Essence. Nevertheless, since he was already at the peak of Mid-Level, he didn't mind much but sensing his High-Level King Soul Stage Cultivation rise rapidly, Davis was given the fright of his life.

'Wait...! Why is the increase in my Soul Forging Cultivation so fast when the soul essence consumed is not much!?'

Davis contemplated for a while before he arrived at a possible answer.

'Could it be that I'm merely catching up to Fallen Heaven?'

Chapter 1636 - High-Level King Soul Stage

Davis found that his Soul Forging Cultivation was rising rapidly without much consumption. This matter was contradictory to what he knew since the amount of soul essence required remained almost five times, directly proportional to his prowess that reached four to five levels above.

Of course, the Low-Level Ninth Stage was counted as two levels when accounted for its gap between the Eighth Stage.

Therefore, he needed four to five times the amount of soul essence, making it so that he needed four to five High-Level Emperor Soul Stage Soul Essences to reach the High-Level King Soul Stage's peak and possibly breakthrough into the Peak-Level King Soul Stage.

It was a given that Fallen Heaven's refinement speed increased since its own level increased, but the consumption of soul essence lowering didn't make sense. It was almost as if he returned to needing only one time the amount of soul essence, making him inwardly shocked and think that it was because he was merely catching up to Fallen Heaven.

After all, his soul was intrinsically connected to Fallen Heaven. If his Soul Forging Cultivation got stronger, it got stronger too, so why wouldn't it be the same for him?

'It works like that...?'

Davis couldn't help but feel annoyed with the precepts changing every time he broke through a stage or vastly increased his prowess. It was even more significant this time, but learning that he didn't need much soul essence anymore, he practically leaped in joy.

However, he kept in mind since he was merely catching up, the consumption would turn normal, increasing to four or five times once he reached the Emperor Soul Stage because that's where Fallen Heaven was, according to his assessment.

As he cultivated, time passed, and night fell.

Davis felt that his High-Level King Soul Stage Cultivation was already almost at its peak, making him feel ridiculous. His speed was so fast that he couldn't help but feel overjoyed but also dumbfounded at the same time, wishing if it was only this easier all the way to the peak.

At this moment, he slightly paused his refinement, passing the task to Fallen Heaven as he opened his eyes and saw a white-robed womanly figure enter, having long silky brown hair.

She slowly walked inside with uncertainty since she saw no guards and nothing blocking her way, even after opening the many doors leading to this place.

Once she arrived, she looked at Davis and another woman who seemed to be seated beside him, looking at him with a gentle gaze before she moved her head, her gaze falling on her.

Evelynn's four spider lances were hidden inside her robes as they were neatly stacked upon themselves, consuming little space. Her closed third eye looked just like a beautiful vertical symbol on her forehead, similar to Nadia's mark and many other women who mark their foreheads with a beautiful mark to make them look good. Hence, she seemed no different than a human.

However, the sinister yet powerful aura coming from her made Yotan terrified.

This woman was a peak-level existence!

"You've come." Evelynn spoke first with a mystical voice, "So, have you made your decision?"

Yotan dropped to her knees as she lowered her head.

"I... I'll become a maid and follow his eminence's words, so please don't."

"Please don't what...?"

Yotan's curvy body shuddered as she heard Evelynn's cold voice.

"Ple- Please don't take my innocence."

"Mhm?" Evelynn reacted heavily, her sinister aura becoming more prevalent, "How can a woman swear loyalty without offering her chastity? Do I hear it right?"

"No, I- Please... Anything but that..."

Hearing Yotan's hushed voice, Evelynn felt that she had made her suffer enough. She no longer bothered and left it to Davis as she turned to look at him.

Davis understood that Evelynn had finished venting her anger.

However, to leave Yotan with just two sentences, his Evelynn sure was gentle.

"Yotan, I destroyed your Soul Palace's Emperors and enslaved Elusivemist. There's nothing you can do to turn that around. I conquered the Soul Palace, and it doesn't matter if you all accept me or not because I have taken over its resources. However, I don't own the people in it, nor am I going to hurt them, but you heard what you weren't supposed to hear, so you know the consequences, right?"

"Your eminence, I..." Yotan shuddered while her eyes were glazed with tears, "I am aware of it."

"Good." Davis nodded, "You say that you don't want to warm my bed. That is fine as I don't desire you either. However, how can you prove your loyalty to me? Either you get enslaved by me or commit suicide. I can only think of these measures, or do you have another reasonable answer that you could give me to free yourself of consequence?"

"I can... swear-"

"Oh, pretty woman," Davis's lips curved, "For people of our level, we all know that swearing to the heavens can be negated, and although forming a Blood Soul Contract can be binding, you can still spread the information and die or end up a cripple for your Soul Palace since I assume that you're still loyal. I'm not going to give a pawn to Elusivemist's hand to play, you know. Despite being my slave, he is still called the master of illusions and perhaps, manipulation that I can't afford to carelessly play with him."

Davis could somewhat tell all that disgruntled feeling of Elusivemist was merely a farce. There was more shrewdness in him than genuine feelings, like a vile snake pretending to be a friend only to backstab later. Perhaps, he was indeed disgruntled, but mixing truth with fake makes him all the more dangerous.

Or perhaps, Davis was merely overestimating him.

Nevertheless...

"I know you don't want to be enslaved since I will be able to control your life and death and order you around to my heart's content. However, that is the only remaining way for you to stay alive."

Davis echoed out his opinion, waiting for Yotan's reply.

However, even after a minute, she failed to voice out anything, likely frozen or expecting sympathy from him since he already appeared merciful for a tyrant. Davis inwardly sighed, feeling that this is why he should put on his devil face as he did with the Blood Demoness.

He was reminded of the Blood Demoness, Schleya, imagining that she was probably screaming at them to release her by this time, but that depended on Mo Mingzhi.

'Atone for my wrongs, huh?' Davis couldn't help but inwardly smile at Mo Mingzhi's words, *'I have no idea how to do that, but at least, Schleya is harmless and safe in the Purple Guest Palace for the time being.'*

As for this Yotan, he had no idea what to do. He didn't even know her, but she came to know that he was the Emperor of Death, so he couldn't just let her go, and circumstances deemed that he could not punish Elusivemist at the moment, at least until he fully digested Zealwonder's Peak-Level Emperor Soul Stage Soul Essence.

"... I'll become your eminence's slave."

A voice of determination suddenly echoed, causing Davis's eyes to widen with a smile.

"Good. Don't resist."

He flicked his fingers as he used the Obscure Ghastly Bind Slave Seal on Yotan.

She shuddered as she received his technique, making her feel his deathly aura envelop her. It seamlessly assimilated with her, causing her to feel marvel over this technique, and at the same time, despair seeped in.

At this moment, Yotan was well aware she became a slave and could only hope that she would not become a cultivation cauldron as she heard in the stories.

But on the other hand, Davis satisfactorily nodded as he felt a headache leave his mind.

"As I said before. I have not come to kill or rule, so as long as you remain loyal to me, keeping an eye on Elusivemist, sending periodical reports to my wife here, and acting as though the Soul Palace is functioning well with Zealwonder still alive on the surface, you will receive a Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree Fruit from me, becoming the next Soul Emperor of my Soul Palace."

Evelynn threw her a messaging talisman that Yotan captured. She stared at the messaging talisman while she finished listening to Emperor of Death's speech, not knowing what to say.

She would become a Soul Empress if she stayed loyal and kept an eye on Elusivemist, periodically reporting on his actions?

Honestly, she didn't believe it but still nodded.

"You can leave."

Yotan was extremely relieved that she inwardly heaved a sigh of relief. A smile finally appeared on her face as she nodded and left with hasty steps.

"Also, tell my slave Elusivemist to stop playing mind games. He should understand. "

But suddenly, the Emperor of Death's voice resounded, causing her to freeze in her tracks before she turned around and deeply moved.

"I understand, master."

Turning around, Yotan then took her to leave from this palace tower. When she arrived outside and viewed the night sky that cast a shadow over her future, her expression became frigid.

'Elusivemist, I'm taking my revenge on you no matter what.'

She didn't blame this slave seal on her soul on Davis but entirely blamed it on her senior brother, Soul Emperor Elusivemist, beginning to hate him to the bones.

How can he do this to her? Fortunately, the Emperor of Death appeared to keep his words after she became enslaved, which made her feel extremely relieved.

After all, with the slave pact on her, he could force her to do all kinds of things that she couldn't commit suicide as a form of relief even if she wanted to.

Back in the annexed palace tower, Davis hoped that there was no longer a disturbance and descended into cultivation once again. Evelynn appeared satisfied with this result while Nadia had long returned to the Purple Guest Palace.

Therefore, only Davis and Evelynn stayed here as they cultivated side by side.

Chapter 1637 - Pill King?

Davis, the Solitary Soul Avatar to be exact, stayed in the Soul Palace's Library and absorbed all types of knowledge in a prioritized manner. He went for Alchemy first, devouring the knowledge of hundreds and thousands of ingredients, their characteristics, features, life cycle, and many more.

Furthermore, it was said that the Alchemy Records here were far more perfect than the Thousand Pill Palace or even the Glorious Pill Palace, a Mid-Sized Territory that controls most of the pill market of the Fifty-Two Territories. However, the Glorious Pill Palace collectively possessed more pill recipes and raw ingredient resources than any power combined since it was their main business and reason for existence in the Fifty-Two Territories.

Nonetheless, the Soul Palace had their exclusive Emperor Grade Pill Recipes, like the ones that Soul Emperor Elusivemist listed. They weren't found on the outside as the Soul Palace made sure of it, and that's also one of many reasons why there were very few Soul Emperors existing. Their monopoly made so that only the powers who had their own set of Soul Forging Cultivation Manuals were able to cultivate to Soul Emperor Stage but even then, with little records and insights of the comprehension of heaven and earth, they were unable to cultivate as skillfully as the Soul Palace.

They had to pave their own path while blindly reaching out their hands, unlike the Soul Palace that had numerous paths researched and made available for their Soul Kings.

As for the powers who still had some sort of High-Level Emperor Grade Soul Forging Cultivation Manual or had the luck to obtain one like Old Man Garvin, they found it extremely difficult or remained unable to cultivate to due to their inadequacies and lack of possessing the right resources.

Nevertheless, Davis successfully dealt with Alchemy, reaching Peak-Level Emperor Grade in a short few days with his overpowered soul sense that reached High-Level Emperor Soul Stage.

Apparently, an Alchemist who could make Emperor Grade Pills was called a Pill King. However, if that same Alchemist could also make High-Level Emperor Grade Pills and above, that was termed as a Pill Emperor. Therefore, Davis believed that he was already a Pill Emperor, albeit a theoretical one, as he hadn't tried making an Emperor Grade Pill before. Still, all that knowledge that would take thousands of years for a lower stratum soul cultivator to cram and digest took a mere few weeks for him, and that told volumes about his soul prowess, and it was still rising by the second, giving him an immense boost.

Davis didn't feel much as he thought he would, so he began to concoct many pills, relearning what he learned in the past while trying out new pill recipes, all of them containing the mysteries of the soul.

The pills he concocted consisted of the ones that increased Young Soul Stage Cultivation, Adult Soul Stage Cultivation, Elder Soul Stage Cultivation, Mature Soul Stage Cultivation, and Supreme Soul Stage Cultivation, much potent and sufficient for even average soul cultivators to use as they could at least reach the Supreme Soul Stage if they managed to obtain sufficient quantity of these quality pills.

Even the Soul Emergence Pill also seemed to be with the Soul Palace, although it did not seem exclusive to them as the Four Great Righteous Sects were also in possession of them as well as stated in its description.

He obtained its ingredients in large amounts and concocted them too.

All of the pill recipes were designed to help their talented disciples, but here was Davis making these pills as if he were making sweets, packing them up in jade containers, and sending them off as gifts to his women with Nadia's help in carrying it from the Soul Palace to back home.

Moreover, he also sent the same type of pills stored in the Soul Palace's Treasury to Ancestor Dian Alstreim, informing him that he could use it as he saw fit along with some Soul Forging Cultivation Manuals at Emperor Grade that he deemed weren't of much importance.

He sent the High-Level Emperor Grade ones for Ancestor Dian Alstreim and Ancestor Tirea Snow's personal use, enough to reach the Soul Emperor Stage as long as they can obtain resources that would allow increasing their cultivation like the Undaunted Purple Lotus's derived pills and Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree Seed's derived pills.

Admittedly, the Soul Palace had many Soul Forging Cultivation Manuals that were of many attributes, like light, water, fire, wind, illusion, and many others. Other than light and illusion, it seemed that most manuals were simply gathering dust unless a disciple took them out to read them that it made Davis almost pity this world since the Soul Palace seem to have an unhealthy addiction of storing treasures that they don't even need, but he could understand, considering that releasing these manuals to some powers meant competition and why would the Soul Palace that has been keeping a track record of having soul cultivators want to lose their potential disciples, authority and power?

Following that line of thought, he kept the Peak-Level Emperor Grade Soul Forging Cultivation Manuals with him and decided to only give them out to people who deserved them. Of course, as long as both Ancestors reached the Emperor Soul Stage, he was of the opinion that he could give them the Peak-Level Emperor Grade Section of the manuals he gave them.

But for Evelynn and the others, he felt that his valuable life partners deserved better with more, like Immortal Grade Manuals like he currently held in his hands.

Davis's brows twitched as he wandered into the third floor and looked at the legacy treasures. He saw the altar and noticed five stands where the five Immortal Grade Manuals were kept and sealed on display. He didn't know to whom the Soul Palace had kept it on display, but he sure did become dumbfounded.

'To think that they had Immortal Grade Manuals. But if this was the case, then why hadn't they-'

Davis stopped his line of thought and couldn't help but wryly smile.

'I see. There are practically no resources that would allow them to reach the Immortal Stage in this era. Therefore, it is useless, just like how I deemed a Poison-Attributed Immortal Grade Cultivation Manual I got from Fallen Heaven for Evelynn, useless.'

Davis could see that these five Soul Forging - Immortal Grade Cultivation Manuals were nothing more than decoration to the current Soul Palace. He mused that the ones who managed to make proper use of these manuals had already done so shortly after the Fifty-Two Territories divided the land, along with the ones a few generations ahead before the immortal-level resources had gradually run out like how spirit stones had been consumed to utter exhaustion in the Grand Sea Continent.

Nevertheless, moving on, Davis found that there was only one artifact altar, but it was empty.

Davis wasn't surprised as he knew that it was probably the Purple Soul Flame Lantern, a Legacy Artifact that controlled the entire Soul Palace while also possessing immense offensive prowess.

He already obtained this when he plundered Soul Emperor Zealwonder's Peak-Level Emperor Grade Spatial Ring, and that was why he was completely sure of conquering the Soul Palace even if their elders and disciples protested, although he hadn't bound it because he felt that it would cause a disturbance from not acknowledging him and even if there was a sign of acknowledging, he knew that it'd probably alert the whole Soul Palace through some palace-wide phenomenon, making it meaningless for him to bound it in the first place.

Actually, when Soul Emperor Zealwonder uttered to him that he was a dead man, Davis perceived that he was about to bring this Purple Soul Flame Lantern out and kill him, but before he could do that, he finished Soul Emperor Zealwonder with Fallen Heaven, making him rather proud of himself for killing him in a timely manner.

Other than this legacy artifact, a few other treasures caught his eye, like the treasure named Profound Tyrant Veined Cauldron, a Peak-Level Emperor Grade Cauldron. It had red-colored patterns and lines all over its exterior, causing it to glow in a radiant light, and it was said that it was even capable of bearing the brunt or explosions of most berserk Peak-Level Emperor Grade Pills, making it something sought out even by the Glorious Pill Palace.

Moreover, this cauldron's spirit knew a bunch of good pill recipes that perhaps even the Soul Palace didn't have due to the innumerable Soul Emperors having used it to perform many concoctions in their lives, even the pill recipes that may have been lost.

Davis even saw a device that could measure one's talent, making him smirk. He had been looking for this and finally found one, free of cost. Just before he could use it, his body abruptly shuddered as he experienced a breakthrough into the Peak-Level King Soul Stage.

With a felicitous smile, he kept the device inside and left the Treasury.

'Time to visit Ancestor Cornelia...'

Chapter 1638 - Improvement?

When Davis walked out of the Treasury along with Threelotus and Yotan accompanying him out, he saw the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree on one of the garden yards. The fruits of this tree had already grown to their middle stages but have yet to reach the final stages and mature. He purposefully let it be like that since he didn't want people to know that he could quickly grow them as long as he had enough energy. Besides, his main body was immersed in increasing Soul Forging Cultivation, so he felt that he could wait.

However, since he reached the Peak-Level King Soul Stage, he was of the opinion that he should use these fruits to increase his lagging comprehension of heaven and earth through resonating his soul with which was collecting called the mysteries of the soul. But he also felt that it wasn't too late but even beneficial for him to comprehend these mysteries after breaking through to the Emperor Soul Stage.

He passed the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree and entered the other garden yards leading to the outside.

This time, he recognized more trees, ingredients that he was unable to identify when he first arrived, like the Law Tree Fruit and its tree that looked small but was able to bear similar amounts of fruits when compared to the Stargaze Soul Radiance Tree.

Davis knew that these fruits helped one comprehend their laws, therefore, stimulating them to have a smooth breakthrough into the Law Rune Stage as long as one's comprehension one was at the bottleneck or near to it.

He cleared the Law Tree of its fruits with a snatch of his hand and stored them into his spatial ring. Although the Law Tree unleashed a furious intent at him, it didn't do anything in the end, appearing saddened as its branches drooped.

Davis became speechless at it before he raised his hands, giving it some life energy, which caused the Law Tree to quickly sprout its fruits again in a few minutes before it released a cheerful intent towards him, appearing very friendly.

On the other hand, Davis probably felt that he could probably befriend any tree with his life energy as long as he didn't do something that it would consider him to be its enemy. Nevertheless, he felt that as long as both parties were satisfied, there was nothing wrong with doing these kinds of things but of course, he recognized that he should ask before taking the fruits next time.

Davis had his qualms about what's right and wrong, and with every new matter that he learned, like trees having living spirits that possessed emotions as the same as humans, his perception towards them and how he treated them also changed.

Behind him, Threelotus appeared mesmerized and dumbfounded. The initial look of fear she had was nowhere to be seen because, after all these days, she hadn't been touched, making her remain comfortable to follow him around. As for Yotan, she too followed beside him and left once in a while, leaving to check if Soul Emperor Elusivemist was doing anything suspicious.

To Soul Emperor Elusivemist, it seemed that she was one of Emperor of Death's women and that caused him to be on guard against her, not showing many expressions towards her while not taking many initiatives to converse or threaten her as he did before.

To her surprise, her lifestyle didn't change much even though she was enslaved. It made her look past her prejudice, especially when she witnessed this phenomenon of using life energy.

How can the Emperor of Death be using life energy? It didn't make sense, so it invoked her curiosity to greater heights. If it weren't for the dark soul seal that radiated an ominous aura inside her soul sea, she really would've mistaken Davis, the Emperor of Death, for someone else.

"Threelotus and Yotan. Take care of the Treasury for me."

"Yes~"

They echoed together with their melodious voices and watched Davis leave. Once he left, Threelotus turned to look at the Law Tree with her mouth agape behind the veil before she couldn't help but gossip.

"Yotan, what could his eminence's true identity be?"

"Don't..." Yotan warned with her brows raised.

The moment she knew of Davis's identity, she approached the gate of life and death, making her feel that it wasn't a joking or a gossiping matter.

However, Threelotus grinned behind her veil as she giggled.

"Hehe, are you afraid that I might be called sooner than you?"

Yotan's expression twitched.

"You don't know what you're talking about..."

Threelotus's lips twitched before she suddenly snapped.

"Hmph! Don't lie! Which of us Soul Queens who's still waiting for a worthy man wouldn't want to be with him? Do you know about Saintess Lunaria and how many men sought her out for her prowess in life energy that accelerated the growth of resources like this, but she didn't accept any single one of them? And look at his eminence! He is obviously a character who can be called a Saint! Actually, which woman wouldn't want to be with him!?"

Threelotus snarled while showing her tongue out at the end as if perceiving Yotan as a rival, but Yotan was stunned and confused.

'You don't even know that master's the Emperor of Death, and yet you declared him to be Saint...? Ridi-'

Her thoughts stopped halfway as she turned and stared at the Law Tree Fruits that were taken but regrown into fruits in the initial stages of their growth cycle. She bit her lips, not knowing what to think about her master.

"Heh, if it weren't for the fact that he is unknown, I bet powerful women who remained chaste from all over the world would be interested in seducing him by now, especially when the Calamity Light is already forcing their hands to pick a companion who would protect them in times of crisis."

Threelotus sneered before she lowered her head, a wry smile appearing on her face, "Although I muse that the fact that his eminence hadn't laid a hand on me means that I didn't even enter his eyes, right?"

Yotan's heart shook on hearing Threelotus's words.

She was his slave, and doesn't that mean that she already lost such a chance? Even if she can be his woman, she can't be one of his wives. Realizing this hard truth, she didn't know whether to feel happy or sad, but there was a feeling of frustration swelling in her heart.

To not have her innocence taken by him on that fateful day of her life, did she win or lose?

Yotan didn't know as she kept shaking her head, refusing to believe the thoughts that came to her mind. She didn't know why she was thinking about this in the first place and blamed Threelotus for it!

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The Burning Phoenix Ridge Territory was just to the north of Soul Palace, making it not even make him take five minutes to arrive with his current speed.

After all, his current cultivation is at Peak-Level King Soul Stage, and with his prowess that crossed four or five levels, that directly brought him to the peak of High-Level Emperor Soul Stage. Perhaps, he could even struggle against Peak-Level Emperor Soul Stage Powerhouses, but he also wondered if such existences were present in this Territory since he already killed two of them, Soul Empress Merlight and Soul Emperor Zealwonder with Fallen Heaven.

Nevertheless, Davis didn't think that his ability in Death Laws would seem a bit more exceptional as he looked at his concealment. Even as he entered the Burning Phoenix's Gate, no one was able to find him.

Perhaps because he experienced death, Davis felt his own comprehension of Death Laws had grown. Otherwise, it didn't make sense for his Solitary Soul Avatar's concealment to be this powerful even if his prowess is at High-Level Emperor Soul Stage.

'Perhaps I'm just moderately away from reaching Nadia's prowess in Death Laws...'

Suddenly, a thought made his mind wander.

If he obtained Nadia's primal yin, would it increase his comprehension of Death Laws?

Davis couldn't help but momentarily shudder at that thought before he shook his head. First of all, he didn't even know if humans could absorb the primal yin of magical beasts. Both were of different races, so he wouldn't know unless he tried or learned about it from Soul Palace's Library that was still unexplored as he just learned about Alchemy and not the others.

However...

He wanted Nadia to feel special since he couldn't give her marriage at the moment, while it also seemed that Nadia didn't wish for it as her magical beast clan didn't have the concept of marriage. Besides, he felt that he must first do something about her mentality that still resides on perceiving him as her master. He didn't want that but instead wanted her to see him as her man.

As he was thinking, he arrived at the Ancestral Hall of the Burning Phoenix Ridge and met with Ancestor Cornelia, who spotted his concealment with some difficulty.

Chapter 1639 - Deal With The Burning Phoenix Ridge

Davis had dissolved his disguise, so he was recognized upon being noticed.

"I truly wouldn't have noticed your presence if it weren't for the fact that you're still weaker than me in terms of cultivation, Emperor of Death."

Ancestor Cornelia spoke as her crimson-white hair swayed from her descent, "Nevertheless, to think that your prowess is just a level away from me while you're at the Peak-Level King Soul Stage. This proves to me that the next stage set up by the heavens is for the young ones to take."

Davis looked at the beautiful old lady standing in front of him a few meters away. Even though she was shorter than him, she radiated an immense prowess that made him aware that she could kill this avatar with a single wave of her hand.

Davis clasped his hands and slightly bowed.

"Thank you for the compliment, Ancestor Cornelia."

Ancestor Cornelia smiled, appearing to have become comfortable with his gesture.

"This isn't your main body, right?"

Davis nodded.

"Yes, I am feeling apologetic for this as I'm aware that I'm rude, but circumstances demand that I become stronger than I was before."

"I see, so you're cultivating. It's understandable and beneficial for us as well. I also see that you took the time to generate this soul body. However, this isn't a pure soul body, is it? Never mind, it doesn't matter as long as I get to talk to you."

Ancestor Cornelia appeared curious but pursed her lips and shook her head in the end.

"So, what do you think about my demands?"

Davis recalled that she wanted three drops of Fire Phoenix Blood Essence from Shirley and a debt that wanted him to protect the sect at the time of its crisis.

He nodded and moved his lips, "I think your demands are very reasonable. Before that, I want to thank you for allowing Shirley to leave without many restraints at that moment of having to make a choice between offending me or siding with me."

Ancestor Cornelia's old crimson eyes seemingly gleamed full of wisdom and happiness.

"You don't have to thank me for that since I don't have the habit of being overbearing towards my sect's little disciples who are in a mutual relationship with outsiders. The only demand I have for them is to bring them to my sect, but you are a person who appears to be far above what my Burning Phoenix Ridge can hold, so even that little demand I have is thrown out of the tree."

Davis couldn't help but smile as he didn't expect the conversation to be this amicable and smooth.

"It's fine. I hear that the Burning Phoenix Ridge is taking some attacks from the wicked path being active at the moment due to my actions momentarily shaking the Four Great Righteous Sects. Is it true, and if so, do you need my help?"

Davis asked while Ancestor Cornelia shook her head.

"No, just knowing that you are willing to help is fine with me because I need you to protect us from more dangerous situations. But indeed, we are being attacked. However, as long as I'm alive, I can handle the wicked path powerhouses just fine."

Davis nodded and didn't say anything but suddenly reached out and gave a neatly folded scroll to Ancestor Cornelia, who narrowed her eyes and took it from him. When she opened the scroll and viewed its contents, her eyes became wide!

"This is the complete Incandescent Vermilion Soul Mantra!?"

"Yes," Davis nodded with a smile, "It contains the ways to cultivate the soul to Peak-Level Emperor Soul Stage."

"Good! You really are a man of your word!"

Ancestor Cornelia praised before she closed the scroll and looked towards the person who was approaching them. As soon as that person neared them, Ancestor Cornelia sent the scroll flying towards the person.

"Little Lea, it came at a perfect timing to be useful to you."

A woman clad in a fiery crimson robe embroidered with burning phoenix patterns appeared and reached out her hand, catching the scroll. She didn't look at it but kept her stare at Davis while the latter did the same, having his eyes wide as he gazed at her gorgeous yet veiled countenance.

"You entered the Peak-Level Law Rune Stage?"

Davis uttered with surprise as he sensed her cultivation before he understood that she finished consuming the three drops of blood essences. However, his surprise came from the fact that her prowess appeared more than what he perceived.

"Indeed, I entered the peak of the Fifty-Two Territories, and all that is left is to get my Body Tempering Cultivation and Soul Forging Cultivation to the Ninth Stage."

Sect Master Lea Weiss replied as her melodious voice echoed. She opened the scroll in her hands before a smirk appeared on her lips.

"Now that I obtained this, my path to immortality is nothing but set."

"I thought so." Davis wryly smiled, "The Burning Phoenix Ridge also has a cultivation manual that leads to the Immortal Stage."

"Of course." Ancestor Cornelia lightly smiled, "Other than the Four Great Righteous Sects, powers like the Dragon Families and us have Immortal Grade Manuals. Particularly, the Soul Palace is said to have Immortal Grade Soul Forging Cultivation Manuals, but I don't know the veracity of it."

Davis was tempted to that they had five manuals of such caliber, but he didn't and looked at Sect Master Lea Weiss. Her prowess was such that it reached the unofficial fifth level of the ninth stage, making her probably match the leaders of the Four Great Righteous Sects. Perhaps, she was a bit more powerful, considering that she had three drops of immortal blood essences to consume.

However, he wasn't surprised by the increase in her prowess, considering that Isabella's prowess would be far higher when she reaches Peak-Level Martial Overlord Stage.

"You haven't gone out to test your prowess, have you?"

Davis felt that the wicked path would've scrambled out by now. Otherwise, it didn't make sense to him unless the wicked path had truly powerful powerhouses, but indeed, Sect Master Lea Weiss shook her head.

"I was in seclusion, so my ancestor, Ancestor Reinhardt Weiss, was protecting the Burning Phoenix Ridge in my stead. I came out of seclusion a month ago, but I don't see the need to come out and reveal my prowess when it is of absolute necessity to know one's allies and enemies."

Davis nodded, knowing that Sect Master Lea Weiss wouldn't want to be backstabbed by someone she considered her ally, especially because of her past where she lost her Burning Phoenix companion to Valerian Rein, whom she considered a senior brother. She remained rather smart about it, projecting a weaker Burning Phoenix Ridge to know one's enemies.

"What about me?" He couldn't help but ask, "Am I an ally or an enemy?"

"Personally, an ally, but if you were to go against my power or scheme against me, I wouldn't hold back."

Davis kept nodding, "I like it when we are honest and reveal our thoughts to each other but do you think you can kill me?"

Sect Master Lea Weiss momentarily paused. There was no change of expression, but she appeared to be tongue-tied, not knowing how to answer.

"Haha." Davis couldn't help but chuckle, "Don't worry. I won't kill you as long as you don't backstab me."

"Emperor of Death. I know you're capable of killing me, but do you dare face me in a fair fight?"

Sect Master Lea Weiss's eyes appeared reluctant.

"I'm less than a hundred years old. Don't you have any shame to be asking for a fair fight?"

"You...!?"

While Davis teased, Sect Master Lea Weiss went crimson as she blushed in embarrassment.

"Children..."

Ancestor Cornelia mumbled under her breath before she spoke up.

"Emperor of Death and Sect Master Lea Weiss, I hope you can both work together for the betterment of our Burning Phoenix Ridge."

"Our?"

Davis and Sect Master Lea Weiss both questioningly uttered at the same time while Ancestor Cornelia grinned.

"Indeed, Shirley is still a part of the Burning Phoenix Ridge, and you, the Emperor of Death, agreed to help us in time of crisis, which makes you a part of our Burning Phoenix Ridge, similar to a Guest Elder. If you require our help, I will help you personally, but at that time, please be aware that I would have to renounce my connection with the Burning Phoenix Ridge to protect it from scrutiny."

Davis raised his brows in shock on hearing this granny's speech.

Chapter 1640 - Friendly?

"Renouncing your connection to the Burning Phoenix Ridge?"

Davis appeared solemn.

"Do you still understand what kind of risk associating with my title carries? Such a thing-"

"I do." Ancestor Cornelia narrowed her eyes while also adopting a solemn expression on her face, "I most likely wouldn't be able to make the Burning Phoenix Ridge avoid scrutiny, but once they know Little Lea's prowess that has far surpassed mine, they would have no choice but to keep quiet as they did it for you, staying wary of your deadly wolf. Moreover, you are there to protect the sect. Therefore, as long as your growth is secured, I can make use of my waning lifespan to the fullest."

Davis's expression remained the same.

"You would go that far for me when there's a chance that I might betray?"

"In that case, I can only have myself to blame. After all, I remember telling you that this is my gamble."

Ancestor Cornelia sighed as she lowered her head and smiled, 'So far, you kept your words, and it seems as if though you love your family so much to be sacrificing yourself for them. At least, I feel like there's a gap to place trust on you over that foolish side of yours, and besides, Little Shirley and your other wives like Earth Dragon Queen Isabella wouldn't have stayed with you if you were a bad person, much less try to save you.'

She then raised her head, making her expression solemn, "When are you going to marry Shirley?"

Davis blinked before he answered.

"After I make an example out of those two Dragon Families and perhaps the other two as well? I don't know, but you don't need to worry about Shirley since I know her father and gave my word to marry her."

"Oh, that's rather reassuring."

Ancestor Cornelia nodded while Davis genuinely smiled.

"Moreover, she has my child. How can I let her suffer?"

Sect Master Lea Weiss's brows lifted up at this moment. He had a child? This was news to her, but she suddenly turned around and began to walk away.

"Congratulations on becoming a father, although I hope you can become a good father as well."

Davis was taken aback before he turned to look at her and waved her goodbye.

"Well, I hope you can become a good mother when you reach the fabled Immortal World as there's probably no man left here worthy of your status and power."

Davis waved with his hand goodbye, but it caused Sect Master Lea Weiss to lightly shudder as she kept walking before she disappeared. He then returned his gaze to Ancestor Cornelia.

"Is that all?"

"That is all."

Ancestor Cornelia replied, causing Davis to nod before he asked.

"What about Esvele and Freya? Can I take them away?"

"Little Esvele is being treated with importance as she proved herself to be worthy, so you can't take her, but I muse you can take Little Freya away. They miss Shirley a lot and keep asking me when they can meet her."

Davis raised his brows.

"You're training them?"

"Yes."

"Alright, guess there's no need to bring them back. Shirley is rightly on her rest, so I can't allow her to be disturbed by many things."

Davis reflected that Shirley left Freya in order to protect Esvele, so he decided not to take Freya back.

"If there is nothing else, I'll take my leave."

Davis clasped his hands in respect before he turned around left, but before he could leave the hall, a doubtful voice echoed.

"Are you going to pretend like you didn't see that?"

Davis came to a stop, pausing for a moment before his lips moved.

"It only disturbed her, and I have nothing else to say."

Ancestor Cornelia pursed her lips.

"That's very heartless of you."

Davis sighed, turning around to look.

"What do you want me to do? Face her?"

Ancestor Cornelia couldn't help but smile. She raised her head, looking at the ceiling, but her gaze was as though she was looking at someone.

"You know, my husband had nineteen wives. I was the main wife, while the others were mistresses, consisting of humans, magical beasts, and feys alike. Even though he had many of them that I almost killed him for it, he never stopped loving me, giving me a genuinely satisfying life, so I hope to reunite with him someday if fate allows me to."

Ancestor Cornelia's eyes glistened before she blinked, clearing the tears that had formed.

"I wish Little Lea obtains such happiness as well. That's all. You can go."

Davis looked at Ancestor Cornelia in a complex manner, finding it hard to believe that there was such a magical beast.

"Will a magical beast fancy a marriage ceremony?"

He suddenly found himself asking, causing Ancestor Cornelia to blink.

"I'm flattered, but I am loyal to my husband."

Davis's expression changed, "You old hag! I'm not talking about you! I'm talking about Nadia, the wicked wolf everyone's scared of."

"Hehehe~"

Ancestor Cornelia giggled, perfectly aware of what he meant but couldn't miss the opportunity to tease this child.

"It depends." She answered, "If you found your Nadia in the wild as I presume that there's no wolf empire, you don't need to bother, but if you marry your women but don't do it for her, she will think that she's not the same as your wives. It's pretty simple."

Davis blinked three times before he pointed at her, "You're a nice and beautiful old lady. I thank you for the advice!"

He widely grinned before he turned around and left the Ancestral Palace.

"Hehehe~"

Looking at him go like that, Ancestor Cornelia giggled as she could tell that he was a young soul smitten with his women. She couldn't think of such a straightforward man as someone who would be going against his words or betraying them at the time of crisis.

'What Emperor of Death? He's just a friendly young man if one talked properly. To taint his name with rumors of vile, wicked, and despicable crimes, the righteous world must've fallen and desperate to paint him with such rumors.'

'Although, Little Lea, who also didn't believe in such rumors, looks like she had her heart shaken by this other news. Sigh, this is why I didn't tell what Shirley went to do exactly and simply gave her the three drops of blood essence...'

Ancestor Cornelia couldn't help but shake her head.

If people could control who they loved, they wouldn't have so much trouble choosing a life companion.

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In the skies of the Burning Phoenix Ridge, Davis appeared extremely fortunate to have asked that question. Now, he knew that he should marry Nadia no matter what since he strived the same to his other women. It was a simple thing, and yet, he forgot, no, made it so complex to think about.

Nevertheless, he thought about Ancestor Cornelia, imagining that he should extend her vitality, increasing her lifespan, but she told him something like wanting to reunite with her husband, making him rather hold that thought.

This also told him why she was eager to die, but he could also see that she wanted to die for a good cause, making him have immense respect for her.

As for Lea Weiss...

Davis could only scratch his head, thinking that he was already finding it difficult to reciprocate the love his women show to him. It was not that he was finding it difficult but only had little time to do so. Moreover, he also heard that many women cried for him when he supposedly died, making him rather flabbergasted at these admirers.

He could only have so many women, and those women were all his reverse scales that could also be said to be weaknesses. What could he do by expanding his weaknesses?

He made Evelynn his wife when he was seventeen, and he now had eight more women as if to say that he got one more woman every year proportional to his age, and now that he was twenty-seven, was he going to get another woman and continue this trend for every year?

Davis felt that it was ridiculous and told himself that it was time he locked his heart up to women he currently loved.

While thinking about how he could reciprocate their love, he returned to the Soul Palace in a short time, ending up in its Library again as he began to explore its massive content.