

EMPEROR 2061

Chapter 2061 How It Led

Ivy Aries woke up and murmured as two tears fell from her eyes. However, the clarity in her eyes slowly returned as she blinked, putting her hand down and catching sight of two people who made her blood turn cold.

'What... what kind of situation am I in...!?'

The last time she had seen the Emperor of Death and Fairy Myria was when they were fighting each other, so why were they in front of her now!?

'Wait...! That doesn't matter...!'

"Where's Valley Master?"

Ivy Aries quickly stood up as she looked around, trying to find a silhouette, but she couldn't find her anywhere. She hurriedly flew towards the inheritance palace and looked around but didn't spot the person she was looking for. However, she didn't give up and searched the outskirts of the inheritance palace, thoroughly sweeping but coming up with nothing.

In the end, she returned back to Davis and Myria, her expression as though she was going to cry but holding a brave front.

Ivy Aries didn't hadn't equipped a veil at this moment, so her gorgeous face adorned with stunning hot features was plain to be seen, making Davis blink.

"You... you two... what did you do to my Valley Master?"

"Woah. Such accusations. What did you think we did to your Valley Master?"

Davis raised his brows, looking offended while it caused Ivy Aries to panic, "... Uhm, no... I didn't mean it that way. I just want to know if Valley Master is safe or not. I must hurry. Otherwise, it would be too later. The poison would spread into her body and kill her. Please, tell me where my Valley Master is..."

Her voice became one of pleading before her eyes couldn't help but shake, "Don't tell me..."

She turned around and looked at the inheritance palace, "... that she headed inside?"

"There's someone inside, alright."

Davis uttered, causing Ivy Aries to collapse as her palms touched the ground. Her robe's sleeves were laid out on the ground, making her look quite helpless as she stared at the inheritance palace with despair.

The supposed fact that Valley Master Jade Aurora entered the inheritance palace meant that she was prepared for death. After all, Valley Master Jade Aurora was less than a thousand years old. How could she pass an immortal inheritance that was meant for youths under a hundred years old normally? It was nigh impossible.

Perhaps, going out by taking the trial rather than having her life extinguished by poison was more honorable.

"All because... I was weak..."

Ivy Aries shuddered as she silently cried and murmured. She felt miserable, having lost someone important to her.

"You're so wicked, Prince Davis."

Ellia shook her head with a hidden smile, causing Ivy Aries to freeze before she slowly turned to look at the Emperor of Death.

"This is the result of your prideful actions that denied my help, Ivy Aries; is what I'd like to say, but your Valley Master is safe a few rifts away from us."

Ivy Aries became stunned, her eyes holding a vague, hopeful glimmer as she heard Davis's words.

"If it's the poison you're further worried about, we've already finished healing your Valley Master. At the moment, she's resting peacefully with my subordinate Threelotus, although she has a face that says that she's still worried about you."

"However, I didn't lie. The person who entered the inheritance palace is my first wife, so I'm going to wait. As for you, you can leave if you want to, but I'm not helping you if you face danger again. It is better for you to return along with us after some time."

Davis didn't bother to say anything else. As for payment, he looked at the inheritance palace in front of him.

What other greater payment did this Ivy Aries have to pay him? She got lost and led them right to this decrepit and forgotten rift space which was extremely fruitful to Evelyn. He even felt like thanking Ivy Aries for behaving foolishly. After all, would he have found this place just through exploration?

There were literally thousands of rifts appearing and disappearing in a time period unknown to them, so reaching this place was extremely difficult. Moreover, this space was said to be a collision of two or more mini-realms, meaning that there could be more inheritances, but chances are they are inheritances that are already inherited, like the Blazing Thunderlight Kirin Immortal Inheritance.

Perhaps, the only reason why the Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid Immortal Inheritance hadn't been inherited was because of its extreme difficulty. After all, it could be possible that the overseeing Immortal in that inheritance was an Emperor-Tier Magical Beast Immortal.

"I... I'll listen to you."

Ivy Aries lowered her head, blushing as she felt shame. If she had honestly accepted his help, things wouldn't have progressed to this level. She had immense faith in the Jade Lotus Valley's Guardian Lotus, but it was a pity that two vile forces ambushed them before they could enter the Jade Lotus Valley, forced to retreat into the rifts to have a chance at life since they had exhausted themselves in that ambush.

"Uhm... are the others from our entourage who escaped safe?"

"They're all safe, or so I've heard."

Davis replied, causing Ivy Aries to heave a sigh of relief.

Fortunately, she appears to have lost no one in this incident, especially at the last moment due to the Emperor of Death's interference. Otherwise, with her having exhausted herself, the chances that her Valley Master would've dropped dead increased by many times. She didn't know what method the Emperor of Death used to remove Valley Master's poison, but with the Hex Demoness with him, she also knew that poison was of little concern.

"Is your spatial ring empty?"

"Mhm. We sought protection here, especially since we were barraged by the energy lifeforms of the first trial. There was no other choice."

Davis agreed with Ivy Aries as he felt that a hex would've likely cursed those who didn't hand over their main spatial rings to enter. Most likely, that was what the warning was about.

"What exactly happened after you two fled into the rifts? Give me a detailed account of it."

Knowing that Evelyn would only return sometime later, he felt like hearing a story would help him pass time as well, but he said so in a commanding tone that didn't leave Ivy Aries with many options.

She stayed silent for a few seconds, gathering her thoughts before she explained their escape into the rifts.

In summary, Ivy Aries and Valley Master Jade Aurora fled into a rift, followed by their pursuers. After entering multiple rifts, they managed to ward them off once before they hunted them down and killed them one by one, devouring their energy, but after they became convinced that there was no danger left, wanting to return, a mindless savage beast lurking underneath the shadows sprung from the ground and slashed at Ivy Aries.

However, the cautious Valley Master pushed her away, ultimately saving her but also getting slashed by its poisonous scythe leg.

Ivy Aries became angry at that mindless savage beast, wanting to shred it into pieces. However, they realized that they were standing above the lair of mindless savage beasts and hurriedly retreated.

They managed to lose all of them as they wandered into many rifts, stumbling upon the inheritance site before they retreated the way they came, but as a result, found that they had lost their way back as one of the rifts halfway through their return got closed. By this time, they were out of energy, and Valley Master Jade Aurora got poisoned by the sneak attack of that mindless savage beast. It didn't further help as they were repeatedly attacked again while they made their way back to the inheritance site, incurring more poisonous injuries.

However, she didn't leave the Valley Master, choosing to help her control the poison that had paralyzed a portion of her body. She aided Valley Master Jade Aurora to suppress the poison, constantly trying to tranquilize it, but because she continuously devoured the poisonous heaven and earth energy around her and aided Valley Master Jade Aurora from being poisoned for days and even allowed her to get back to health somewhat, she finally exhausted her strength and collapsed.

The Valley Master, who had gained a bit of strength with Ivy Aries's help, chose to leave her on the safe-looking inheritance site. Moreover, deeply understanding that she was a burden and couldn't allow Ivy Aries to die along with her, she left and tried to search for an exit in another path while leaving the corpses as a waypoint but ultimately collapsed in that location after a long surmounting battle, almost left to die but was finally found by Davis and Evelynn in time.

A few minutes ago, Valley Master Jade Aurora had also woken up and gave her account to Evelynn's avatar, which Yotan relayed through a Soul Palace's special transmission method, which is a one-time-use special imagery stone that possessed spatial properties rather than a formation that projects information from one place to another like a live-feed, even in this unstable space, so it matched with Ivy Aries's statement.

Ivy Aries had also relaxed and deeply smiled as she saw her Valley Master be in good health.

"Thank you, Emperor of Death."

She innocently smiled at Davis, bowing ninety degrees for nine whole seconds, when suddenly the rift space shook.

Rumble!~

"The trial seemed to have started..."

Ellia uttered as she raised her hand in a cheer for Evelynn.

Chapter 2062 Hex Trial

Evelynn watched as the remnant soul of the Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid Immortal faded away after it told her about its Emperor-Tier nobility, leaving her stunned.

Nonetheless, that state of shock left her in a few seconds as her expression returned to normalcy.

She took a step forward, walking past the spacious hall before she stumbled across an ancient-looking door with the glaring image of the Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid. However, she noticed its third eye's hex symbol appearing sharper, even primordial, as though it contained the great mysteries of Hex Laws.

Evelynn's eyelids fluttered heavily as she was unable to match gazes with this terrifying third eye. However, she didn't stop staring, straining her eyes that they became bloodshot.

[Name: Evelynn Cauldon]

[Bone Age: 38]

[Cultivation Talent: Elite Emperor]

[Trial Grade: Emperor Grade]

[Trial Difficulty In Accordance With Age: Extremely Difficult]

"...!"

Evelynn became shocked as he saw the lines of words appearing in her view.

This third eye imprinted on the gate was able to see through her? What a terrifying ability, no, a formation! Perhaps, was the Emperor-Tier Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid Immortal able to use Karmic Laws as well? After all, Karmic Laws and Poison Laws were the sources for Hex Laws. Or maybe, she was just overthinking, and this was a product of their clan.

Creak!~

When she blinked, the words floating in mid-air disappeared, and the door slowly began to creak open.

Evelynn stared beyond the gate. However, it was pitch-black, disallowing her to bear witness to what was inside, but she took a step forward and continued to walk.

Sssh!~

Purple flames lit up over the walls, allowing her to see that this was also a hall that stretched a kilometer on all sides. There was only a single door to the opposite end. It was the same door with the same image of the Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid Immortal. However, its third eye seemed more alive than before, looking at her as its hex pupil eerily moved.

Creak!~

Evelynn heard the door behind her closing, causing her to become cautious of her surroundings, especially attentive to the third eye a kilometer away from her.

Bzzz!~

Suddenly, the third eye on the door shone blue.

Evelynn instinctively could tell what was going to happen without even thinking about it. However, the blue illumination of the hex fell on her even before she could take a step to the side in order to dodge.

By the moment her right foot fell on the ground, she felt her meridian pathways constrict, dantians become sealed tight, severely affecting her ability to circulate her energy.

'My cultivations have been sealed...!'

Evelynn's eyes went wide in shock as she felt a chill creep up her spine. She thought a kilometer wasn't even a challenge for her, but now she understood.

Rrrt!~

A hole suddenly opened on the wall above the door, revealing an arrow as it shot towards Evelynn. The short-range worked against her now. The arrow was upon Evelynn in a split second, heading straight towards her forehead.

However, four scythes abruptly appeared in front of her forehead, adorning in front of her like a crown.

Bang!~

The sharp purple arrow hit the scythes, causing her to retreat back a few steps.

"Hmph!~"

Evelynn snorted in derision as the scythes of her four spider lances connected to her back retracted, revealing her veiled face. She couldn't believe the prowess of the arrow just now had been two levels higher than her cultivation level, which was at Peak-Level Ninth Stage.

The gap between the levels in the Ninth Stage was no joke. Moreover, having her cultivation sealed, she would just have to rely on her body. She came to understand that this trial was rigged from the start to test her bodily prowess.

'If I didn't have the Earth Dragon's might, I would've been a goner just now...'

Nonetheless, Evelynn moved cautiously as her cultivation was sealed at the get-go. She knew that she couldn't afford to make mistakes and slowly moved towards the gate. She wasn't walking, but she wasn't running or flying fast either but making her way at a controlled pace, about fifty meters per second, which was extremely slow to her, who could travel thousands of kilometers in a second.

The moment she crossed a hundred-meter mark, flames surged from all sides, intending to burn her to death.

Evelynn's scalp turned numb as she saw no way out. Her four scythes jutting out from her spine struck the ground, their seven segments bending eerily in a single direction before they all surged with an immense force, causing her to spin.

Her hips twisted as she spun in mid-air, her scythes rending down the incoming flames. She stopped them from engulfing her into ashes as she became a hurricane, snuffing out the wild flames.

"I see. Every hundred meters I cross, there's a challenge waiting for me."

Evelynn spoke, but her expression or voice didn't reveal any happiness because the flames that had surged out were also two levels higher but even more powerful than the last attack. By now, she figured out that the only way to survive this predicament was for her to use her pure physical might gained from the Earth Dragon's blood, but even then, skills were a requirement.

Otherwise, with her cultivation sealed, she felt that she would've been burned by those terrifying flames that were as strong as Lea's phoenix flames.

Evelynn took a whiff of breath before she continued to walk forwards. She was at the nine hundred meter mark from the gate and walked all the way till she came across the eight hundred meter mark. However, she didn't take a step forward and waited for some while.

'So it won't attack me if I keep wasting my time here?'

Evelynn didn't want to waste time nor earn some eerie penalty. After all, the longer she waited, the harder it could get for her to clear. She lacked information, so she didn't waste time and swiftly crossed the eight hundred meter mark.

Bzzz!~

She could hear some kind of mechanism activate, causing her to feel intense danger.

'Up...!'

Evelynn's scythes assembled on top of her head when it rumbled. A lightning bolt plunged from the ceiling, swiftly falling on her head.

Bang!~

The attack caused her footing to stagger, but the four scythes equally defended against the terrifying lightning bolt while its weight was immense, causing her to bend a knee.

'First, it was a physical arrow. Second, there were flames. Third, it was lightning. Are these three the weaknesses of the Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid?'

Evelynn couldn't help but shiver as her fey blood raged. However, there was also a mocking smile on her face.

"Unfortunately... lightning attacks work the least against me..."

Due to her fused Earth Dragon Blood, she didn't have to worry about earth-based attacks for the most part. Even fire-based attacks would be hard-pressed to damage her, so it could be said that her weaknesses were made up for using the Earth Dragon Blood.

After a few seconds, Evelynn stood up and continued to walk. The four scythes that were slightly scarred also returned to their purple yet deadly sheen, radiating with poison.

The moment she entered the seven hundred meter mark, a radiant green light shone in the gate's third eye.

Chapter 2063 Spider And Dragon

Evelynn's stroll came to a stop as she saw the green light shining from the gate's third eye. It had been dormant all this while after unleashing the Sealing Hex, but now, it had returned, using the Poison Hex against her!

Instantly, Evelynn felt affected as her lips twitched.

Right now, she felt how terrifying these hex abilities were, unable to be dodged, making her deeply understand that it was no wonder her enemies feared her.

Poison abruptly flared in her system, causing her to tremble. The moment she realized it had already invaded her meridians and three dantians, unimpeded because her cultivation was already sealed.

The Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid was mostly impervious to poison. However, the poison in her system was even more powerful than her own, causing blood to leak from her lips as her blood became contaminated. She couldn't easily get rid of it, and even if she could, it could only be with her cultivation.

"A trialist must fight like this...? No wonder no one passed this trial..."

Judging by the distance, she had five more challenges waiting for her.

However, Evelynn lightly giggled, looking like she was at ease, taking a step forward and continuing to walk as though she was unaffected. A hundred meters was crossed over in two seconds as she moved slowly, abruptly stepping upon the six hundred meter mark from the gate.

Instantly, the gate's third eyes shone with a green light again, causing her to narrow her eyes.

'I thought so... the poison imbued in me is nothing but the start...'

Splash!~

Evelynn suddenly felt like she had jumped into a pool of water, the surface tension applying to her skin all over. However, instead of water, it was all poison instead, conjured inside her body in ungodly amounts to invade sixty percent of her system. This time, the Poison Hex didn't spare even her organs.

"Species Technique: Earth Invulnerability."

However, Evelynn held her hands in a clasp and calmly uttered. Blood essence churned within her heart as she sacrificed it, suddenly causing her body to tremble as the Sealing Hex imbued on her became weak, but instead of destroying it, she used that time to unleash an extreme bodily might. The poison running in her system was suddenly overwhelmed by her raging blood, quickly curing her of the poison.

Her organs had also undergone a change, exuding immense force that cleared the invading poison.

Evelynn heaved a breath, her crimson lips pouting as she released the remnant poison from within into the air. Her lips behind the purple veil curved into an amused smile as she quickly reached the five hundred meter mark at this moment, taking another step forward to cross the mark.

Bzzz!~

Shady green light emerged from the third eye on the gate as it cast Poison Hex on her again.

Evelynn slightly trembled as she felt poison emerge within her body, instantly covering ninety percent of her body.

'Such powerful Poison Hex...!'

Evelynn was visibly shocked. Her entire body was quickly engulfed in poison. Her organs were covered in toxic muck already, and even her bones were being penetrated by the poison. However, no matter how those poisons tried to enter the bones, they were unable to seep in, even slowly dissolving under the effects of her raging blood.

The flood of poison that rampaged in her body was also quickly cured, unable to damage her despite the intensity of their entry using the magical ability of the Poison Hex.

A rampant smile spread across Evelynn's face as she sensed the result of using the Species Technique: Earth Invulnerability.

What she used just now was her Earth Dragon's Species Technique.

Indeed, Evelynn could use both the Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid and Earth Dragon's Species Technique, all because she was a Fey. Humans couldn't use species techniques, and that's why they possessed created techniques that can mimic species techniques.

For example, the Fire Phoenix's Species Technique is to revive if it ends up dead. Shirley used the technique Revival From the Ashes Soul Technique to revive Davis, and that's precisely the technique mimicking the Fire Phoenix's Species Technique. However, reviving is the Phoenix's common Species

Technique. Even the Ice Phoenix could revive itself but not as great as the Fire Phoenix that possessed bright nirvana flames.

Therefore, it could be said that the Fire Phoenix also possessed another Species Technique, which is unique to their sub-species, which Shirley has yet to master. It was the same for Isabella.

However, Evelynn, who inherited the Earth Dragon's Blood and became a Fey, could instinctively use it. She had little to no need to learn.

As for why she didn't use her blood essence to destroy the Sealing Hex on her but used the Earth Dragon's Species Technique, Evelynn felt that it was going against the workings of the trial. It could be entirely possible that the Sealing Hex would be used on her again and again if she destroyed it, so unless she possessed the means to completely destroy the Sealing Hex many times, she felt that it was a waste of energy.

That's why she used the Earth Dragon's Species Technique, which made her invulnerable to such poisons for a short time, even allowing her blood without any input from her to destroy the foreign invaders. Her bones would also become extremely powerful, capable of unleashing immense might as well as boosting her defense by a few times.

Her decision was also based on the upcoming challenges, which was obviously...

"A Collapse Hex..."

As Evelynn crossed the four hundred meter mark, she witnessed the third eye on the gate shine with a crimson light.

Bang!~

Evelynn curled herself up in midair as her four scythes appeared in front of her, defending against the Collapse Hex, when a scythe along with the entire spider bone shattered, exploding into a shower of blood that spilled on her like rain.

Her lips slightly twitched in pain while her body trembled ever so lightly.

However, that shattered spider bone connected to her backbone quickly began rejuvenating, starting from the root all the way to the seventh segment, forming a deadly scythe at the seventh segment, which shone with a lustrous purple poisonous gleam.

'Even with Earth Invulnerability, the Collapse Hex can still harm me?'

Evelynn clenched her teeth as she smiled, but her heart was rapidly starting to beat.

She knew how the Collapse Hex worked as it caused internal destruction, causing one to explode, so the only way to defend against it was to block it with a tough physical body.

Her protruding arachnid leg bones were extremely durable, far more than an ordinary Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid as they contained dragon blood and, on top of using Earth Invulnerability, the Collapse Hex still got her, managing to destroy an entire bone structure.

Within five seconds, the destroyed bone structure completely healed, and not wasting any time, she took two steps forward, stepping into the three hundred meter mark when the third eye on the gate shone with a deadly crimson light again.

Evelynn raised all four of her scythes in order to guard against the incoming Collapse Hex.

Bang!~

This time, Evelynn lost all four of her spider lances as she retreated two steps back, her teeth clattering as she endured the immense pain surging from her spine to all over her body! Her purple robe was fully painted in her crimson blood, making her appear like a devilish fiend who had stepped out of the netherworld.

Her big bosoms shook as she heaved a heavy breath while her heart was rapidly beating in trepidation.

Quickly, the four spider lances began rejuvenating like before. She waited seven seconds for them to completely heal and radiate a poisonous gleam before quickly appearing at the two hundred meter mark, finally taking a step forward as though she took a leap of faith.

Bzzz!~!

The crimson light on the third eye lip up again, even more intensely than before.

Evelynn quickly brought her defenses up as she curled up, bending her body into a ball as she placed her legs before her head, layered them on top of her hands before the four spider lances.

Bang!~

The sound of flesh exploding could be heard as Evelynn spun back and landed, her feet touching the ground, blood pouring crazily on the surface where she stood while she stared at her two arms, heavily bleeding. Half of her left arm was gone while her right arm became a mangled mess, her wrist hanging in bad shape.

"Hahaha~"

She winced in pain, but more than that, she couldn't help but let out a burst of melodious laughter, recalling that her two arms were like this once before. Nonetheless, without even needing her input, her passive regeneration as a Fey kicked in, beginning to heal her once again.

Her arms visibly grew back to completeness while her arachnid bones were the same, quickly forming into four deadly scythes.

"Aren't you lucky, you arachnid? If my husband knew that you caused my hands to be destroyed in the same way they were once destroyed, he wouldn't leave you alive."

Evelynn clenched her two hands, curling them into fists. She was completely healed in ten whole seconds, which was nothing short of a miracle. She looked at the last hundred meters and wondered if it was the tenth and final challenge she would face as she had already faced nine challenges.

A Sealing Hex combined with three attacks targeting her weakness that was supposed to exist, while the other six challenges were three Poison Hexes and Collapse Hexes of varying levels, the last of them even becoming three levels higher in prowess.

They weren't something she couldn't have stopped without using Earth Invulnerability, but now, there was still the chance that there was one single challenge left.

Evelynn took a step forward and arrived at the hundred-meter mark, bracing herself for an extreme attack!

Chapter 2064 Meeting It Again

Evelynn placed a step forward, crossing the last hundred-meter mark.

When she did so, many holes opened over the surface as water surged and splashed on her, seeping into her body.

However, her caution only lasted for a moment before she became dumbfounded.

'This... it's healing me?'

Evelynn's brows twitched. Her latent vitality had already healed her, so there was no need for this measure, but considering that the other trial-takers wouldn't be so lucky, especially human trial-takers, she could understand the reason for this measure.

Sealing Hex, Poison Hex, and the Collapse Hex. The combined usage of these three hexes would completely cause the trial-taker to explode into a mangled mess of flesh, after all. If they survived, it was a given that they would need healing, or they would die sooner or later.

Verdant water with the property of healing kept surging out of the holes on the surface, but Evelynn heaved a breath and walked past it. The gate that attacked her from time to time had now opened, revealing the path inside. She walked past it and arrived at the other end, causing the door to close.

Nonetheless, there was a lingering fear in her heart as she thought.

'If I challenged Immortal Grade Trial, wouldn't I have died?'

Evelynn couldn't believe the difficulty of this trial.

The only way she could clear the Immortal Grade Trial is for her to manifest an Imposing Crest, which would ultimately strengthen her body by four levels. However, to conjure an Imposing Crest as a Fey required so much energy that she didn't possess. If it was just a Magnificent Crest, it was entirely possible for her to create it with a bit of energy, but that would give her no additional strength other than providing her with Crest and would ultimately cause her to require more energy in the future to melt that Crest and recreate it.

She would be creating it two times, which was an utter waste of time and energy. She was of the plan of creating a Supreme Immortal Rune and Crest since Davis achieved the same, so as a Fey, the extreme amount of energy she required was no joke.

However, if she obtained the essence blood of the Emperor-Tier Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid, she could see it totally occurring, allowing her prowess to almost reach Davis's. Actually, she imagined she wouldn't even need the Supreme Immortal Rune and Crest to reach such a level, but the effects provided by the two uniqueness would still help her in times of need.

At this moment, the remnant soul of the Emperor-Tier Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid emerged, its rows of razor-sharp teeth moving.

"To think that you passed the Emperor Grade Trial that easily. As expected of a fey who successfully fused with our arachnid blood and a dragon's. If I'm not wrong, you have an Earth Dragon Immortal's Blood, right?"

Evelynn's brows twitched. That easily? If the Collapse Hex was a bit stronger and she didn't layer herself, her entire body would've exploded, causing her to inevitably die as even her regeneration couldn't save her if her heart or brain was destroyed.

Nevertheless, she nodded her head.

"Right, I absorbed the blood essence of the Earth Dragon Immortal and the blood of Misteltae."

The Emperor-Tier Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid Immortal nodded its giant head.

"Mhm, as someone acknowledged by our species's blood, you still deserve my blood. However, you're a unique existence I have never seen since my Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid Clan finds it extremely hard to produce mixed species with any other magical beast species due to our innate ability to use hexes. A Supreme Law is a Supreme Law, after all. It cannot co-exist with another law so easily even if it is compatible, but you managed to overcome that. So be warned, you will either fail in this assimilation or become extremely strong after, perhaps even stronger than me, hopefully."

"However, I will remind you that the more powerful your existence is, the more recoil, the more the heavens would be against you, sending powerful heavenly tribulations towards you when you breakthrough."

"I'm aware."

Evelynn stated with a calm expression on her face, causing the Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid Immortal to nod heavily.

"Since you passed the Emperor Grade Trial, the following rewards will be yours."

"A drop of my blood essence."

Evelynn looked at the crimson jewel inside a vial, floating inside with a supreme aura. She walked towards it and sat in the formation intended to help the trial-take absorb the blood essence, and because she was a fey of the same race, she didn't even need a manual to help her absorb.

The blood began reacting to her as it slightly shook within the vial.

"Careful. It's extremely powerful. That's why one should pass the King Grade Trial and gain the blood essences of normal Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnids before absorbing my blood after passing the

Emperor Grade Trial, but since you possess the Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid's blood already on top of having the Earth Dragon's blood, I assume that your body will be able to endure."

Evelynn stared at the remnant soul before she nodded her head. The drop of blood induced an immense reaction in her own blood, shot through her forehead, causing Evelynn's third eye to open as it became bloodshot!

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Sometime later, Evelynn opened her eyes. She raised her two hands and saw that there were not much of external changes in her fey body. However, she could sense her blood had become purer, indicative of her success in absorbing the Emperor-Tier Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid's Blood Essence.

"Excellent! Take the spatial ring behind the vial. It contains an Essence Gathering Cultivation Manual, but I also added a Body Tempering Cultivation Manual for you since time has already been lost so much. Moreover, two thousand Peak-Level Spirit Stone Vein Sources are kept inside, so make good use of it."

Evelynn's expression fell.

"What? Wasn't it just a hundred?"

"Recall the difficulty of inheriting my Emperor-Tier Blood. It's not a simple feat, child. Normal immortal inheritances can't have so many resources, or rather... Well, forget it."

Evelynn didn't know what to say, her mouth slightly agape in the wonder of obtaining so many Vein Sources. Suddenly, she became richer than her husband?

"Another reward is a palace that will protect you. Don't worry. Unless the other party is an immortal, they would be able to do nothing against you. But since you are already capable of protecting yourself from such mortal enemies, I guess that this reward is as good as useless."

"No, I want it," Evelynn demanded, thinking that it would be very useful in protecting her sisters.

"Very well. I'm glad you like it."

The Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid Immortal looked pleased as its eyes narrowed, including its vague third eye. However, its expression suddenly became curious.

"Sensing by your vitality, you're not a virgin, are you? You also said that your husband would kill me for harming you. Considering that you have immense faith and even a connection with him through your third eye, is he strong?"

Evelynn blinked, wondering what was with this personal question before she recalled Isabella was also recommended to marry into the Earth Dragon Clan. She thought of it and couldn't help but smirk with a condescending expression on her face.

"Extremely strong. He is a human, but his prowess can reach six levels above even at Peak-Level Ninth Stage." Her voice was full of pride.

"Oh?" One of the Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid Immortal's eyes raised, "He can already battle Immortals at that level. That is promising and reassuring. I know that you already understand this, but you must uphold one of my requests."

"Of course." Evelynn acquiesced, "I will display gratitude and return the favor many times over when I get stronger, so what is your request?"

"I'm not interested in sending you to be a gruesome competition or anything of that sort. I just want you to protect my clan if it still exists. Even if there is only a single survivor, you must protect them with all your heart. You cannot let my clan become extinct, or else I won't be able to face my parents and ancestors in the afterlife."

Evelynn's gaze shook.

She didn't expect such emotion from the vile, exploiting, and cold-hearted Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid to say such a thing that it seemed like it was Misteltae who was twisted and full of malice and not every Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid.

She nodded her head, "I accept."

"I've already failed to protect my clan, and that's why I'm here. Come face the Immortal Grade Trial soon, and I'll entrust you with all my hope. I know you will not disappoint me, child."

Evelynn stood up and clasped her hands, bowing slightly before turning around and leaving while hearing the remnant soul's voice. However, she suddenly stopped and asked for something, to which the Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid Immortal acquiesced.

Sometime later, its gaseous image dissipated after Evelynn exited the hall and returned outside.

Chapter 2065 Noble Fey

Davis, Myria, Yotan, Threelotus, Ivy Aries, and Valley Master Jade Aurora gathered in the rift where the inheritance palace was located. They gathered together since they didn't want to be separated, and Davis didn't want to separate from Evelynn.

The Soul Palace maidens didn't say anything as it was their task to listen to the commands of their Palace Master, but Ivy Aries and Valley Master Jade Aurora were different. They wanted to head back and inform the others of their safety as well as verify their people's safety, so they appeared quite constricted, even fidgety.

But since they were saved, they couldn't say anything. Moreover, the location of inheritance sites was of the utmost secret to any power, so if they left on their own, it could be possible that they would be killed. They didn't want to take any chances, so they obediently stayed.

It had been a few hours since the inheritance palace rumbled, which could've signified the start of the trials for Evelynn.

During this time, Yotan, Valley Master Jade Aurora, and Threelotus did their best to conserve energy, while Davis, Myria, and Ivy Aries all had their own methods to counter the poisonous atmosphere of the rift spaces. One of them easily devoured the contaminated heaven and earth energy here and made it

into their own, while the remaining two simply used their life energy to remove the impurities of the heaven and earth energy as they kept absorbing as though they were breathing ordinarily.

Using this time, Myria almost fully resuscitated her soul force, causing Davis to understand that her Eternal Life Soul was truly exquisite.

Bzzz!~

A sudden flash of light near the entrance of the inheritance palace caught the attention of the people gathered. Their heads all swiveled in that direction, causing them to see a black silhouette pass through the semi-transparent purple barrier as it vaguely rippled.

The silhouette appeared like a female figure. She flew towards them slowly as she hovered before finally appearing before them.

Her purple robe was bloodied, but her jade white skin appeared unblemished, causing Davis's mouth to become agape. His gaze was on her sexy face, which made his heart skip a beat. He couldn't help but feel the slightest hint that she became more beautiful at this moment but noticed that there was no change in her facial features but her aura.

It had become nobler, something more than what Nadia exuded.

But at this moment, Evelyn closed her third eye, causing him to notice the image of a vertical eye aligned with eight legs like they were eyelashes on her forehead. In his eyes, she was astonishingly beautiful, causing him to become dumbfounded again.

Whistle!~

Davis whistled as his expression became bright a moment later, causing Evelyn to lower her head as she smiled, a blush appearing on her face.

He arrived before her and grabbed her soft hands, "It must've been difficult clearing this trial. Come, let's return home."

The aura coming from the blood that dried on her robe was more than enough evidence for him to know the hardship she endured to reach this level. From her body, he could sense that her prowess had surged from two levels to four levels, which was a massive increase considering the gap between the levels. Furthermore, if she used her species technique, it was of little doubt to him that her prowess would reach five levels above, perhaps almost.

He felt deeply proud of her at this moment, causing him to lean and kiss her forehead, right on her beauty mark, which was the direct manifestation of the Emperor-Tier Bloodline, which was actually on her closed third eye.

It not only allowed magical beasts to radiate a noble aura but was also the amalgamation of some unique body parts. For Nadia, it was her unique horn.

In Evelyn's case, it was his first time seeing such a tier mark, and he wondered if it was related to the Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid's third eye in some way as it appeared more unique than a normal Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid.

Evelynn felt fully recharged as she held him close for some time, leaning on his chest before she moved back.

"Let's go back."

Davis nodded as he grasped her hand. They all left together, leaving the rift space.

He had already considered leaving his soul body here, but Ellia said that she marked the spatial node here, so she would know how to return to this rift or even tear open a spatial vortex to this rift space as long as she didn't encounter spatial storms in between, making him shocked but considering that her comprehension of Space Laws was out of the mortal realm, he didn't find it strange for her to notice such a spatial node and have the power to go anywhere she wanted.

It was no wonder she didn't get caught in the eyes of anyone during her adventure in the Eastern Magical Beast Territories, not even the All-Seeing Tower that occasionally sends a few Beast Tamers to gain some information about rare herbs and plants.

Nonetheless, he just didn't depend on Ellia for all matters. He had marked the rifts with the same pillars his Soul Legion people used, so if he came here again, he would know the way unless or until a rift entirely disappeared, leaving his path cut off, at which point, he would have to rely on Ellia's spatial abilities anyway.

"Emperor of Death, I wonder how many rifts do we have to pass in order to return to the Poison Rift Valley Territory? I'm asking because I think the Emperor Sword Sect could ambush us at the exit, and I'm willing to handle it."

Ivy Aries couldn't help but open her mouth on the way back as she felt intensely curious and worried. Even though they were on their way out, she felt anxious that the Emperor Sword Sect could be in waiting in ambush for them, at which point, she was afraid that she would cause more trouble to their saviors.

If possible, she wanted to take them down before the Emperor of Death could make a move.

Davis saw that she started calling him with honorifics even though he had previously told her to address him by his name as they were of the same generation. He just chuckled and didn't say anything. His plain old reaction also made the others smile, but they didn't say anything, leaving a confused Ivy Aries.

They made their way out, exiting the rifts of the Poison Rift Valley.

Stepping out of the rift, Ivy Aries and Valley Master Jade Aurora took a deep breath, breathing in the heaven and earth energy that was somewhat purer than in the rifts. This place was still poisonous, but it was way better than being inside the rifts for days.

It was like they gained a second wind, feeling rejuvenated.

"I have some business with my Mystic Ice Sect. Then, goodbye."

Myria raised her hand and started flying away, but Davis appeared in front of her, blocking her path.

"What do you want?"

"Nothing." Davis smiled, "Why would you want to go there since you already have your soul body there."

"Tch, you noticed." She clicked her tongue, her voice sounding annoyed, "So what? I don't have time to be babysitting you."

"I'm sorry, but I don't recall you having babysat me, although I admit I'm shamelessly using your knowledge. However, I just can't let go of Ellia from my sight. Are you going to take her away from me... again?"

"You-" Myria clenched her fists as she heard his soft voice at the end, wanting to point her finger at him in rebuttal but didn't, waving her hand, "Hmph, all you're good at is manipulating the people around you. Fine, I'll let you have your way for a few more days. In return, don't you ever disturb me!"

"Deal accepted."

Davis chuckled.

After many conversations with Myria, he learned that she hated being in the wrong, so a few days later, he felt like using the same tactic to have Ellia stay with him. There was no other choice unless he wanted to risk battling with Myria, and it seemed like she understood the same, berating him before accepting his proposal.

They both thought of Ellia's well-being, so such an outcome couldn't be helped.

Shortly, they left the Poison Rift Valley Territory and entered the Jade Lotus Valley Territory, whereupon they quickly met with the two Ancestors of their sect, becoming showered in tears and love as Ivy Aries and Valley Master Jade Aurora were hugged tightly.

Chapter 2066 Disliked?

"Ancestors, has the sect been well? Did the Emperor Sword Sect attack us? Well, I'm not worried because we have our Guardian Lotus, but what about the outskirts and the Territory Gates? Were our disciples and elders harmed?"

Valley Master Jade Aurora quickly asked what was also in Ivy Aries's mind, causing the Ancestors to frown as they cast an odd look toward them.

Ivy Aries and Valley Master Jade Aurora were confused. Why were they all looking at them as if they uttered something laughable? Could it be that the rifts had some strange effects on their memories, confusing them?

They felt it was not possible!

"Little Jade- Hehem~ Valley Master Jade, the Emperor Sword Sect had been officially exterminated by the person standing behind you."

The two of their hearts skipped a beat upon hearing their old Ancestor's stern voice, causing them to gulp.

Exterminated? Did their old Ancestor mean that the Emperor of Death had slaughtered the whole Emperor Sword Sect?

What kind of notion was that? Chaos didn't descend in the righteous path by now? At least, their Jade Lotus Valley should've been affected somewhat since it was right beside the Emperor Sword Sect Territory, but why does it seem so peaceful, even more than in normal times.

"That was nothing compared to the destruction of the Vast Sky Emperor Palace, though."

At this moment, Davis's voice could be heard from behind, but very close, causing them to flinch as they leaped a few meters forwards before turning around, their faces full of shock.

Destruction of the Vast Sky Emperor Palace? What was going on!? What happened in the time they were trapped in the rifts!? How come their own Ancestors were rather calm about it?

"Now then, someone said that they don't want my help?" Davis's expression became stern as his brows narrowed, "Who was that?"

Ivy Aries shivered before her lips moved.

"Me."

Davis stared at her lower her head in trepidation before he smiled.

"Excellent of you to admit your shortcomings. Originally, I intended to collect some debt from you, but I don't think I have the need to do so. Surely, Ivy Aries and Valley Master Jade Aurora could understand why, so that's all. Farewell, Jade Lotus Valley's lovely fairies."

Davis clasped his hand and was about to leave. However, the old Ancestor abruptly reached out her hand,

"Emperor of Death, please visit our sect. Ivy Aries's ancestor would also like to meet you very much."

Davis blinked, "I thought your sect was forbidden to outsiders like me?"

"How can we treat you as an outsider after what you've done for us. Safely bringing back the Valley Master is alone worthy of praises and invitations many times, but you have also saved our one and only hope in this chaotic era. We owe you more than you could think, so please accept our invitation."

Davis felt like saying that he had only done it for Old Man Garvin because he was Ivy Aries's ancestor, but it seems like they won't take no for an answer unless he came at them aggressively. However, he was a bit surprised to see them inviting a devil like him into their home.

He was sure his reputation was in the gutters. Weren't they scared of him?

"I'm a bit curious about the Jade Lotus Valley's Guardian Lotus, so why not? I'm going."

Myria headed towards the Jade Lotus Valley, causing Davis to inwardly sigh. He also had a faint inkling that she was doing this to annoy him.

The old Ancestor gestured, "Please."

Davis pursed his lips before following them while Evelyn, Yotan, and Threelotus also followed him. Their group arrived at the outskirts of the Jade Lotus Valley, where the surface was full of water. It was no secret that the Jade Lotus Valley maidens lived within a hundred fifty kilometers radius river. Surrounding this river was full of mountains, valleys, and waterfalls, creating fantastic and unique scenery.

It was serene, lightly resounding with the squeaks of tamed magical beasts all over, becoming one with nature. Even the sect's disciples were practicing their Water Laws near the tall waterfall.

At this moment, there was someone waiting for them above the mountains near the outskirts.

Ivy Aries's eyes became teary as she arrived before that someone. She appeared old and scrawny, her face full of wrinkles and pimples yet full of mirth.

"Ancestor Aries..."

Ivy Aries captured ancestor Aries's hands, letting her touch her face with love.

"Little Ivy, you're back~"

Ancestor Aries shed tears of relief, hugging Ivy Aries for her safe return.

Davis stared at Ancestor Aries and found that she was blind, not even capable of using soul force as that would strain her old soul. Her body was also smirched with poison that it was unknown to him how she survived this long. It was clear that the Shards used their wits to kill her in the Jade Lotus Valley but still couldn't completely kill her.

A few seconds later, Ivy Aries and her ancestor separated before she asked, "Where's that young man?"

"Here..." Ivy Aries led her ancestor to Davis with an unsure expression on her face.

However, ancestor Aries eagerly continued walking before one of her hands managed to touch Davis's chest, whereupon she quickly grabbed his shoulder, her face looking eager.

"You're the young man my husband took as a disciple?"

Davis was amused by this courageous woman. Perhaps, she was not afraid of death.

"Yes. I've studied under Old Man Garvin."

"Old Man?" Ancestor Aries blinked, her white eyes gleaming with wetness, "You're so close with that grumpy man. Did you witness his last moments?"

"I did."

"I see. At least he was not alone when he died. Good grief, for all the trouble he put me through... he better have reincarnated properly..."

Davis could only keep his mouth shut as he could feel intense sorrow from her, probably wanting to reunite with Old Man Garvin in the next life. Most likely, he understood that she wouldn't undergo medication even if he recommended it.

"If anything, Old Man Garvin mentioned about you quite a few times while he taught me for a few years. Clearly, the others didn't even come close to you in terms of love."

Ancestor Aries's expression turned from one of sourness into a bright smile. She raised her hands and touched Davis's face, running her hands over him.

"...!"

The Jade Lotus Valley maidens' scalps turned numb. What was their elder doing!? Even if she is blind and unable to use soul sense, they were afraid she was offending him!

However, Davis stayed still, not making a move.

"Hehe~ You're extremely handsome, aren't you? Just like he was once was... and now, his disciple is also exceptional."

Ancestor Aries couldn't help but laugh lightly. She then suddenly grabbed Davis and Ivy Aries's hands and forcefully brought their hands together.

"A perfect match for my lovely and prodigious great-granddaughter."

"Ah!~"

Ivy Aries retreated as though she felt a shock upon touching Davis's hand.

"Haha. It seems like I'm disliked."

Davis chuckled as he took his hand back, but of course, he didn't think that way as he knew about his own worth. He felt that it was more likely she was disgusted with his actions of slaughter. However, what he didn't know about Ivy Aries was that it was the very first time she touched a man's hand, so in his eyes, her reaction was a bit over the top towards her savior.

But he didn't mind it as he considered her a beautiful lass who didn't step out of the Jade Lotus Valley to gain experience. It was practically a given for her to hate him as he had committed mass slaughter.

Ivy Aries opened her mouth, but she didn't say anything, lowering her head. On the other hand, ancestor Aries shook her head.

"Sigh, youngsters these days... but whatever. It's not like I can decide the future of the Jade Lotus Valley. In any case, let's go inside the sect. My husband's favored disciple, please follow the Valley Master and the others. I'm quite slow, so I won't be following you all. I'd like to return to my palace instead, so please come visit me anytime you like if you have something to talk about with this decrepit old hag." Ancestor Aries lightly chuckled.

A maiden arrived beside her and supported her old frame, appearing like she was her caretaker.

Davis nodded before the Jade Lotus Valley's maidens took the forefront. His gaze momentarily met with Valley Master Jade Aurora, causing her to look away as she hurried, leading them inside the sect as they passed through a foggy area.

Chapter 2067 Another Note?

Davis, Evelynn, and the others headed into the foggy area before they reached an enclosure. However, their eyes went wide upon witnessing the giant lotus situated on top of the water body, making them reel in shock.

The giant lotus stretched to about two hundred kilometers long and wide in diameter, carrying the Jade Lotus Valley and its floating palaces on top of its sixteen petals. It appeared light green in color, deeply accentuating the dark green dots walking or flying above them, which were the disciples or the elders of the Jade Lotus Valley.

The very sight of its gigantic presence brought awe to Davis and Evelynn's hearts as they'd never seen a lifeform this big. They felt that even Magical Beast Immortals would be small in comparison.

"Welcome to the Jade Lotus Valley, Emperor of Death. I'm glad that our Guardian Lotus is able to earn a reaction from your esteemed self."

The middle-aged Ancestor spoke with a bright smile behind her veil. Originally, this would be the Valley Master's job, but she could see that the Valley Master was probably tired as she had already received a soul transmission that she had been poisoned and healed. The exhaustion from it should still remain, so she decided to take care of welcoming the guests.

On the other hand, she saw that the white-haired woman called Fairy Myria didn't even raise her brows. For a figure who voiced out her curiosity, she didn't seem to be impressed.

Nonetheless, minding her own business, she brought the Emperor of Death and the others above the Guardian Lotus and showed them around, causing them to be impressed.

Evelynn liked this place so much. The fragrance of the lotus here was filling and soothing to the soul that she couldn't get enough of it. Not only her but even Yotan and Threelotus seemed to view this place as a paradise. Everywhere they saw, there were women, giggling and laughing as though they were sisters. There was no threat of an idiotic young master going around, trying to subdue them.

It was no wonder the Jade Lotus Valley chose this life to live peacefully amongst the protection of the lotus and cultivate without disturbance, only then later trying to find a man after they had obtained enough strength to protect themselves.

They felt that this life was also good, that Evelynn also thought if she didn't have Davis, to the time long back before she met him, she would've chosen this life if it was presented to her. But now, she grasped his hand, wanting to live with him together in a place like this, but she didn't express anything as she knew that the Guardian Lotus didn't belong to them.

Even Davis was impressed as a single sweep of Heart Intent told him that this place was, in essence, happier, although it could just be a result of them seeing their Valley Master and Top Disciple appear alive. Furthermore, he wouldn't deny that there were some feelings of jealousy mixed in as well, which was rather normal, considering that this was a cultivation sect and there were hierarchies and favorites, and human beings were jealous beings, wanting to obtain what others have most of the time.

Just because women were ruling didn't make it any more peaceful than it could be that Davis intrinsically understood only fists spoke in all places.

Myria narrowed her eyes, turning to look at Davis at this moment, but she didn't say anything.

Rumble!~

Just as they were enjoying sightseeing, the giant lotus underneath them began to tremble. It was like an earthquake, but not one of them was harmed as they stayed relatively still. Abruptly, they all saw Ivy Aries glowing in a jade green light, unable to believe their eyes.

"This... the Guardian Lotus is reacting to Little Ivy's presence..."

The middle-aged Ancestor uttered, unsure of her own words.

"Ah!~"

Ivy Aries flew away. It didn't seem like she was moving by herself but was taken away.

Davis frowned, 'What now?'

He had just brought her to her home but was being kidnapped now by some unseen entity?

His dark energy surged, spreading in the atmosphere as it caused countless hearts to palpitate as it appeared terrifying as his death energy. It surged towards Ivy Aries, intending to save her, when a burst of water splashed on the death energy, causing it to fade away.

Davis's sapphire pupils gleamed. His soul force that was three levels higher than Peak-Level Ninth Stage was actually thwarted!?

"There's no need to worry. I won't harm her."

An ancient female voice abruptly resounded, causing Davis to blink as he saw the maidens of the Jade Lotus Valley tremble and become emotional.

"Guardian Lotus, is that you...?"

The old Ancestor of the Jade Lotus Valley shed tears and trembled. She was moved beyond tears to hear the voice of the Guardian Lotus as though she had never heard it before.

A few moments later, Ivy Aries was taken away while the maidens of the Jade Lotus Valley were all bowing their heads ninety degrees in the direction of the center. They raised their heads, looking shook and amazed beyond comprehension that their hearts rejoiced in joy.

"I see. So that's what happened." Myria's voice sounded amused, "Ivy Aries is safe, alright."

"Yes... this must be the blessing of the Guardian Lotus written in the records." Valley Master Jade Aurora nodded, "Only a select few individuals in the history of the Jade Lotus Valley received this honor from the Guardian Lotus, and they all had their comprehension of Water Laws improved to a tremendous degree upon return. As expected, Ivy Aries is our Jade Lotus Valley's hope-"

"You're wrong."

Myria shook her head slightly, causing the maidens to flinch while Valley Master Jade Aurora couldn't help but ask.

"Fairy Myria, what do you mean?"

"I have no need to tell you."

Myria shrugged but was met with an intense gaze from someone.

Davis turned his eyes towards Myria, staring intensely at her as though he absentmindedly wished that she would explain. Myria narrowed her brows, wondering why he was so shameless, but her lips couldn't help but slightly curve.

"Remember, I'll put every help I give you on a tab. I'll be using that tab to make you repay all your debts. However, whether I help you or not is decided of my own volition. If you force me to do anything, I'll collect the debt sooner than you can afford to."

"Fine by me!" Davis's eyes lit up.

Myria suddenly brought up a white piece of paper and on that paper's back was a scribble of inscriptions, almost looking like a rune of some sort. She shook it at his face, her gaze looking wicked.

"Then bind your soul to this promissory note so you can't renege on your debt."

"Wha-?"

Davis gawked. However, Myria slightly grinned in response.

"My support is free of cost if you become my disciple."

"Why you...! Fine, I'll bind that promissory note."

Davis's shoulders drooped as he couldn't maintain the shamelessness that he had given up. He felt that his shameless intent was too weak.

He then sent his soul force and formed a connection with the promissory note, whereupon it imprinted his name, but it was empty.

'Another product of Karma Laws... I guess she has a bit of comprehension in it...'

Davis pondered. However, the 'bit' he was talking about may be huge for the mortal cultivation realm. After all, she seemed to have comprehended a plethora of Laws to Level Six Intent or Level Six Abstruse Intent at the very least.

As for suspecting that she was doing something against him, if she did, then he had confidence in Ellia to inform him of it. As his soul was binding with the promissory note, he didn't feel anything strange either other than the same feeling a Blood Soul Contract would have but more powerful and concentrated.

Looking at this scene, the maidens of the Jade Lotus Valley became shocked. Why did Fairy Myria want the Emperor of Death as her disciple? Moreover, why were they talking on equal terms? Hadn't they crossed fists during the competition? Shouldn't one of them be defeated? What about the source of the Calamity Light? Has there been any new information on it?

They couldn't understand anything while watching their interaction.

Looking at the promissory note, Myria satisfactorily nodded before she kept it inside her spatial ring, her lips moving the next moment.

"This so-called Guardian Lotus is known as the-"

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"- as the Jade Pearl Ravenous Lotus, a plant lifeform from the lotus race. Unlike a few other plant lifeforms that devour living beings, the Jade Pearl Ravenous Lotus is capable of absorbing energy from the living beings around it without harming them. Therefore, it can co-exist. As I said before and as its name suggests, the Jade Pearl Ravenous Lotus can devour energy which is what the Jade Lotus Valley's manuals are practically based on and practices, but Ivy Aries has the World Devouring Water Body, which has caused it to resonate with her more and probably is in the process of acknowledging her as its master."

Myria explained, causing many mouths to open agape.

Their Guardian Lotus, their guardian deity-like existence, acknowledged Ivy Aries as its master? What's going on? Could this woman be just running off her mouth?

"Then... why... why hadn't it done anything to Little Ivy before?"

The old Ancestor's voice sounded shaky.

"How should I know?" Myria spread her hands, "The only reason I could think of is that the Jade Pearl Ravenous Lotus was waiting for Ivy Aries to mature. It probably knows that you people almost lost her, so it doesn't want to take a chance waiting for her anymore."

"Besides, to think that it wasted millions of years here, guarding the Jade Lotus Valley. What a waste of potential, but its loyalty to this sect is commendable. Unfortunately, you people weren't able to provide it with the required energy, so it's stuck at a prowess of three levels higher than Peak-Level Ninth Stage for all these years. Judging by its petals and features, I think it's safe to assume that it hasn't reached Peak-Level Ninth Stage. Otherwise, it would've become an immortal long back and became capable of transforming into a humanoid form."

"It... its prowess is four levels higher?" Valley Master Jade Aurora reacted with shock, causing Myria to give a nonchalant nod.

"That should be the case."

Everyone couldn't help but be astonished by this piece of information before they turned to look at the center of the Jade Lotus Valley where Ivy Aries was taken to. Perhaps, when she emerged, she would no longer be the same Ivy Aries they saw just now.

Davis was also similarly thinking when a soul transmission fell on his mind.

"The so-called Million Emerald Vines Calamity you encountered and killed is actually called the Elemental Bloodsucking Vine Emperor, a terrifying yet resourceful lifeform that absorbs the attribute it grows near and could actually create an Emperor-Tier Emperor Beast Stage Magical Beast. However, you just had to disturb and kill it before it completely matures, didn't you?"

Davis blinked, "Damn..."

"However, I wouldn't necessarily say that it's your fault. It would have taken hundreds of years for it mature. Remember, those plant lifeforms require an extreme amount of energy to bear their fruits; they obviously come in many forms like fruits and nectar, so the easiest way to obtain is to refine living beings, absorbing their nutrients, but for us, it's a different story. If we had found it now, we could've allowed it mature within less than half a year. If we worked together, it would take us less than two months."

"..."

Davis possessed no words to offer. Basically, he ate the fruit without waiting for it to mature, but he didn't regret it, considering the help it provided in his growth, his women's growth, and even dual cultivation.

Nonetheless, after the tension in the air settled, they continued touring around within the sect.

It was extremely beautiful, especially when the fairies were present.

Davis even had a sly thought, what if this place belonged to him, including the women? But it was just one of his pervy thoughts. It was as good as a passing cloud, for even he couldn't take hundreds of women and have the capacity to care for them individually. It was just not possible in his mind unless he took it as his life's mission.

Besides, he felt that the more women he loved, the more he lacked sincerity.

He reminded himself not to fall deeper into depravity.

Bzzz!~

The ground underneath them suddenly shook, causing all of the maidens to become scared. The petals themselves lost their luster, becoming lighter in color.

Whoosh!~

At the same time, a dark green figure appeared above them. She cast a powerful gaze that shook the hearts of the maidens.

She was none other than Ivy Aries. Moreover, it could be clearly sensed that her cultivation had entered the Low-Level Law Rune Stage. However, the people could vaguely feel that her prowess was far and above what they sensed, giving them shivers.

She went through such an improvement in a mere hour?

Davis's eyes were narrowed as he saw that Ivy Aries went through a massive breakthrough. Her prowess was actually at a level, no, two levels above Peak-Level Ninth Stage, allowing him to understand that she had manifested a Supreme Immortal Rune somehow.

'No, this isn't Ivy Aries's doing. It's the Jade Pearl Ravenous Lotus that had lived for millions of years that allowed her to become this strong by expending its energy on her... I can feel its energy coming from inside her...'

Davis pondered when Myria's lips moved.

"That's right. The Jade Pearl Ravenous Lotus has now detached from its overgrown body, becoming a tiny lotus. Look at Ivy Aries's hair."

Everyone suddenly noticed the tiny lotus on Ivy Aries's blue hair. They hadn't noticed the tiny blue-green lotus that had blended with her before, perhaps because they were all taken aback by her current strength.

Ivy Aries smiled before she hurriedly descended.

"Valley Master! Ancestors! The Guardian Lotus has acknowledged me. Now, I've broken through and become strong with its help! However, I don't know what this rune is... its prowess... what can I say...?"

The excited and proud Ivy Aries seemed to be over at a loss for words before she turned to look at Davis, seeking his opinion but too embarrassed to ask.

Davis pursed his lips before he explained what a Supreme Immortal Rune is to them. When the Jade Lotus Valley maidens learned of it, they became shocked to their core.

Their Little Ivy can kill immortals upon reaching Peak-Level Law Rune Stage!? What kind of concept was that!?

"And?" Myria continued after Davis, "Why did this Guardian Lotus, or rather, the Jade Pearl Ravenous Lotus choose you as its master?"

"Acknowledged me as its master? No! It became my companion!"

Ivy Aries clenched her teeth, looking offended.

"I see." Myria's calm eyes glimmered, "So it chose a pact of equality. Seems like the Jade Pearl Ravenous Lotus didn't revere your World Devouring Water Body as much as I think it did. Likely, it realized that the Calamity Light was no longer something that it could keep watching. It just couldn't afford to wait any longer."

Ivy Aries was just about to argue but then became stunned at Fairy Myria's words.

"Indeed."

A little girl's voice could be heard, causing Myria to be amused as he stared at the tiny lotus on Ivy Aries's head.

"You also dared to expend your life force to allow her to reach this level? Aren't you afraid of dying?"

"I've seen billions of lives coming to an end in the passage of time. What is mine compared to the lives of the millions of fairies who take care of me, resounding with laughter each day? I'll gladly submerge my life inside the river I've lived in for so long to protect them. The husk I left behind could at least erase a few ants that dare to threaten my Jade Lotus Valley."

"Is that your resolve?"

"Yes~"

The Jade Pearl Ravenous Lotus replied with its childish voice, but Myria slightly nodded and said no more.

Davis raised his brows at this fully grown lotus spirit, capable of articulating its thoughts very well, turning into a child again. Perhaps, this was just temporary. Moreover, he realized that this Guardian Lotus was similar to the Legacy Artifact of the Soul Palace, Tyriele. They were both loyal to their powers and were probably searching for a suitable candidate to lift them up further.

Having Ivy Aries above its petals and probably knowing her character from her childhood, it decided to acknowledge her as a companion.

With a massive event like this happening, Davis didn't feel that it was appropriate to stay any longer. He could feel the maidens becoming afraid as though he would snatch Ivy Aries from them. However, he still had something to do in this place.

He floated and headed towards a location, quickly appearing in front of a palace.

However, he was suddenly blocked by Ivy Aries, who stood in front of him, spreading her hands.

"Wha-What do you want?"

Davis's lips curved, "Move out of the way. I want to talk to your ancestor alone. Besides, she was the one who invited me to visit her anytime I wanted."

Davis flew past Ivy Aries as he brushed past her, entering the floating palace.

On the other hand, Ivy Aries looked at his disappearing silhouette and inwardly screamed, becoming full of panic. Did the Emperor of Death really want her!? And was going to talk to her ancestor about it!? Was it because she became as powerful as him!?

Her cheeks couldn't help but blush, her heart starting to beat rapidly.

Beside her, Valley Master Jade Aurora possessed a complex expression on her face.

They didn't know what was going on but felt that it wasn't wise to interfere as they saw Fairy Myria and Evelyn wait for him, the both of them exuding a dangerous might, causing their hearts to palpitate that even the Jade Pearl Ravenous Lotus had warned them to not easily offend them with soul transmission.

Moreover, they couldn't tell that Fairy Myria was a different person at this moment, exuding a cheerful temperament.

The atmosphere became slightly tense, but inside the floating palace, Davis met with ancestor Aries, exchanging greetings while the atmosphere was amicable.

"Then, handsome young man. Have you considered pursuing my great-granddaughter yet? I'm sure that my husband would've given his approval long ago."

The blind granny cheerfully laughed, causing Davis to smilingly shake his head. That old man really did give his permission long ago. However, he came here for another thing.

"Granny. I came here to say that I can heal you, even give back your beauty to start a new life. Are you willing to accept the treatment?"

Ancestor Aries's brows narrowed, "Beauty? Such a fleeting thing is useless. I thank you for your concern, but I ask you to leave me be."

Her voice couldn't help but contain a bit of hostility, but Davis's lips couldn't help but curve in satisfaction.

"Then, what if I said that you can reincarnate with your memories intact?"

"...!?"

Chapter 2069 Unsurety

Ancestor Aries's expression became shocked after Davis uttered something unthinkable to her. Allowing her to reincarnate with her memories intact?

What kind of notion was that? However...

"Really...? You can do something like that?"

In her voice was a tinge of longing and apprehension that couldn't be hidden.

"Yes," Davis nodded, "But the cost is extreme for a person like you whose soul is already on the verge of extinction. You will have to endure intense pain stemming from your soul in order for you to succeed."

"Just that?" Ancestor Aries couldn't help but giggle as though it was child's play, "I've been keeping my soul intact till the day I see the Shards die. I have no use for it anymore now that you have inherited his will and rained vengeance upon them. However, what use is there? It's not like I wish to reunite with him, but how can I find him? I'm somewhat romantic despite being an old granny but not delusional. I know that reunite-"

"Age doesn't matter in love for the most part." Davis interrupted her, "Once you reincarnate, I will locate you using a special method. As for Old Man Garvin's reincarnation, leave it to me. I'll definitely find him."

Ancestor Aries's mouth was wide agape, "Have you comprehended Karma Laws to that degree?"

"You could say that." Davis wryly smiled, "But to me, this could also be said to be learning Karma Laws, and you could be said to be a test subject. It is up to you, granny, to decide whether you want to follow through with my crazy plan. You could just die hoping with no hope or die trying with some hope. It's ultimately your decision."

Davis shrugged, slightly recalling his own past. He wasn't even sure if the cultivation world existed, but he still crossed worlds using some crazy ideas.

In short, it was quite shameless to think of obtaining benefits without taking risks.

As for the karmic connection, some love could last a lifetime, and some others, last through countless lives.

The only woman Old Man Garvin specifically mentioned to him was ancestor Aries that it could be seen he loved her too much that she didn't even have a Blood Soul Contract binding their marriage with him, unlike his other wives.

Davis was positive that he could track down Old Man Garvin's reincarnation with the reincarnation of ancestor Aries. If they were both meant for each other even in the next life because of their strong love for each other and unrequited feelings of being unable to meet thousands of years, he felt that it should work, the both of them possessing a red karma thread that connected them through time and space, except since there was the factor of reincarnation involved, that thread has yet to manifest at the moment, or so he pondered deeply.

Otherwise, he would've healed ancestor Aries and simply brought her to the reincarnated Old Man Garvin.

Then again, these were just his own hypothesis over karma threads, but he had a faint inkling that he could be right this time, almost instinctively.

"Handsome young man, it seems like you're really bent on finding your master."

"Granny, Old Man Garvin's not my master. We are teacher and student."

"Aiya! It's all the same. In any case, I agree with your plan. Just let me inform my great-granddaughter lest she thinks that you killed me." She sounded exhilarated and witty, causing Davis to agree.

However, he couldn't help but notice that she wished to have a claim to his name, making him inwardly laugh. It couldn't be helped, considering that any kind of power does like to celebrate the fact that they produced a prodigy. It was a normal matter, but some were shameless enough to claim that they were close after not having a good relationship.

He despised such people, but this granny was different, wanting to die trying by his hands. He liked her guts.

"Then you inform her and tell me sometime later. I'll wait for your final answer, granny. Until then, take care."

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Outside ancestor Aries's floating palace, the atmosphere was still tense.

Ivy Aries glared at Fairy Myria and the Hex Demoness.

They just didn't allow her to enter her ancestor's palace, which made her think that they were up to something, but she couldn't think of anything, wondering why they would act so secretive in front of an old woman who had nothing to do with the current state of affairs.

Could it be that they were going to heal her because she was Ancestor Garvin's love? Perhaps, they were just delivering some remnants of Ancestor Garvin to her and didn't want interruption? But in that case, the Emperor of Death would've visited of his own volition and not waited for them to invite him.

Or was it as she initially thought?

"Are you afraid that your husband will favor me more?"

Ivy Aries glared at Evelynn and asked, intent on provoking her to obtain more information. She didn't think of herself to be superior. After all, she had just seen Evelynn clear an immortal inheritance.

Evelynn turned her head to look at Ivy Aries, feeling like she had heard something hilarious.

"You seem to be misunderstanding something."

"What do you mean?" Ivy Aries narrowed her eyes. What exactly did she misunderstand? That's what she wanted to know, the intent behind their strange actions.

Evelynn shot a pitiful smile, "Most of this world's previous World Devouring Water Body possessors were sex deviants. They liked to prey on the opposite sex and squeeze them dry, empowering themselves."

"Wha-!? Su-Such a disgusting act..."

"Yeah, that's what your World Devouring Water Body is capable of, and so now you know why no man dares to send a marriage proposal to you. Only that Rayn Shard had the gall, no, he doesn't have that kind of courage. Most likely, he was planning to make use of your body's specialty in some way. After all, you're basically an energy extractor."

"..."

Ivy Aries looked mortified, having heard something she didn't want to hear. Her intent to provoke backfired, making her want to almost cry, but at his moment, Evelynn arrived in front of her and grabbed her hand.

"Well, husband knows that you're not a woman like that, so don't worry."

At this moment, Davis stepped out of the floating palace.

"I've enjoyed the visit more than I thought I would. I thank you all for your hospitality."

Davis clasped his hands towards the Ancestors and Valley Master before gesturing toward his people.

"Let's return."

Davis and the others left together, returning to the Alstreim Family Territory, while Yotan and Threelotus returned to the Soul Palace with more cultivation resources provided by their Palace Master.

On the other hand, the absentminded Ivy Aries saw two spatial rings on her palm, placed by Evelynn. One was hers, and the other belonged to her Valley Master! She couldn't believe that they were retrieved after being sacrificed for their protection.

These two spatial rings were what Evelynn specifically requested from the Emperor-Tier Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid Immortal as she was almost about to leave.

A hand suddenly reached out and grabbed a spatial ring, causing Ivy Aries to be startled. She saw that it was none other than Valley Master Jade Aurora taking her spatial ring, which put her at ease. After everyone left and Ivy Aries was about to enter the floating palace, the Valley Master stopped her.

"Little Ivy, I have something to ask. Can you answer me honestly?"

"What is it, Valley Master? If it's something that I can answer, I won't hide anything!" Ivy Aries slammed her breasts, causing them to recoil softly yet firmly.

"Mhm..." Valley Master Jade Aurora hesitated before she asked, "Do you know how I was healed? Not a strand of poison remains in my body. Such deep healing could not be done so quickly..."

"What?" Ivy Aries blinked, "Valley Master doesn't know how you were cured?"

"Well, it must be the Hex Demoness. I was just asking for confirmation..."

Valley Master Jade Aurora waved her hand and turned around as though it was not a big matter.

However, recalling how she became butt naked in front of the Emperor of Death and collapsed, her face couldn't help but severely burn. She took a deep breath and left, leaving a hanging Ivy Aries who wondered what's so wrong with getting cured by the Hex Demoness.

'She seemed like a good person, although she was somewhat scary...'

Ivy Aries shrugged before she entered the floating palace. Sometime later, a loud voice echoed.

"What!? You old fool! You want to die!?"

Chapter 2070 Occupation

In the blink of an eye, almost a week passed.

The chaos surged from the destruction of the Vast Sky Emperor Palace, and the Emperor Sword Sect surprisingly died like a candle flame that had been doused with a bucket of water. There was no way for that flame to revive.

Everyone thought that the Emperor of Death would occupy those two defeated Territories. After all, who didn't like to have ownership of land, especially an absolute hegemon like him? Moreover, the mid-sized Territory occupied by the Emperor Sword Sect was around three hundred billion square kilometers, which was not even the combined size of the three small-sized Territories that the Emperor of Death officially occupied in the far western region of the Fifty-Two Territories.

If that mid-sized Territory was not enough, there was the large-sized Territory that was occupied by the Vast Sky Emperor Palace, stretching over seven hundred and fifty billion square kilometers, which was not even the combined dimensions of two mid-sized Territories. Occupying such huge lands with rich resources, a hegemonic power could just live off the tax collected from the people and businesses thriving in it and even make a surplus from it. Yet, the Emperor of Death didn't even show an ounce of interest.

Many wondered if it was because of the backlash that the Emperor of Death would receive from the righteous path, but the rumors were that the Four Great, no, the Three Great Righteous Sects, could not even afford to clash against the Emperor of Death, and so, haven't done anything to even rebuke him.

"So you're really not looking to establish your might in those Territories?"

"Didn't I already say? I have no interest in these lands. I could afford to conquer everything here, but my Alstreim Family could not maintain them. Moving to the central lands means being barraged from all sides when I leave, and the fear I imprinted in their minds fades. It would be more than they could chew, so it's a foolish move. On the other hand, if they stayed in the far western lands, it would be easier for

them to defend themselves. Although the small land is a problem, it would be a small price to pay for prosperity and safety."

"This move is just like the Zlatan Family's move of yonder. Didn't they also settle for a small-sized Territory but keep the resources there in surplus? I would be doing the same, transporting resources from all over the Territories to allow the three small-sized Territories to flourish. It's just like bringing back the resources that were once stolen by you all, powerful people, in the name of righteousness."

Davis nonchalantly answered a white-robed person's question.

He was none other than the Mandate Emperor, seated in front of Davis. The Karmic Guardian Emperor and the Starnova Emperor were also here, seated beside the Mandate Emperor as they listened to them talk. The All-Seeing Emperor was also here and their objective today was to know more about the source of the Calamity Light, but as usual, the topic had slightly drifted to security and the state of affairs.

"The Emperor of Death is wise..." The Mandate Emperor couldn't help but blandly smile, "But-"

"It's not like I'm going reclaim what was stolen. There are no records of what was stolen, unlike the Infernal Lightning Palace's looting of the Hundred Devil Thunder Archipelago. So what's stolen is stolen. What I'm going to do is buy off resources in bulk. That shouldn't be a problem to you three, right?"

That bland smile became bright, "Oh! If that's the case, I'm glad. It's extremely reasonable and merciful for a person of someone of your stature."

The Mandate Emperor couldn't help but chuckle, causing the other two to laugh as well.

Recently, they learned from the Jade Lotus Valley that their Top Disciple Ivy Aries had reached a tremendous level of prowess, and apparently, the Emperor of Death was appraised to be more or less the same by their Guardian Lotus. If the Emperor of Death, who recently entered the Law Rune Stage and the Martial Overlord Stage, could have been said to have manifested this so-called Supreme Immortal Rune and Supreme Immortal Crest, then wouldn't he possess a similar uniqueness in his Soul Forging Cultivation?

It was no wonder his prowess was so blindingly strong that they were forced to understand the difference between them. However, learning this information didn't help them at all. In fact, it caused them to have more trepidation towards the Emperor of Death because they deeply understood that he could absolutely crush them with a flick of his finger.

"That said, my Alstreim Family has two winners. My little sister Clara won in the Seventh Stage Segment, and in the Eighth Stage Segment, I won. You better uphold your terms and hand over two small-sized Territories."

"Of course, we are also here to present you with the rewards promised to the winners."

The Mandate Emperor nodded as he handed over a few spatial rings. Davis unceremoniously accepted them before the Mandate Emperor asked.

"And, which of the two Territories would you like to rein hold of?"

"The ones near to the Alstreim Family, of course."

"That would be the Flowing Mist Sect Territory and the Towering Cloud Hall Territory. Am I right?"

"Indeed."

"Besides, I'll be cleaning the Poison Lord Villa Territory as well and taking it as my own. You three don't have a problem with it, right?"

"Of course not." The Mandate Emperor shook his head, "That's a wicked path Territory, and its air is mostly poisonous. We don't want anything to do with it. However, I suppose the Blood Pledge Villa might interfere since they would be isolated?"

"There's no need to worry about that." Davis couldn't help but recall Schleya.

She would obviously kill the Blood Pledge Villa's Villa Master, but it was unknown if she would take rein of the sect or destroy it. He felt that he could decide later about it.

"Right." The three of them felt that nothing could stop this man if he wanted to take hold of a Territory. Even they were helpless.

Sometime later, they handed over the property deeds of the Flowing Mist Sect Territory and the Towering Cloud Hall Territory. After all, the Territory itself didn't belong to these small-sized hegemons but was provided and protected by the Four Great Righteous Sects. That's why the small-sized hegemons have to pay tribute. However, Davis became exempted from this rule, and now, over seven Territories officially belonged to him.

They were the Alstreim Family Territory, Tripartite Alliance Territory, Falling Snow Sect Territory, Flowing Mist Sect Territory, Towering Cloud Hall Territory, Soul Palace Territory, and the Golden Dragon Valley Territory. The latter two could be said to be his subordinate powers.

As for his allies, they were the Magical Beast Sanctuary and the Burning Phoenix Ridge.

Nonetheless, they got back onto the topic at hand.

"So, is there any news about the sou- Fairy Myria? I heard she was freely going back and forth from here to the Mystic Ice Sect?"

"Well..."

Davis explained to them what Myria said, but leaving out the topics that would touch upon karmic burden, but it still caused them to reel in despair.

"At least two stages higher than Immortal Foundation Stage...?"

The Karmic Guardian Emperor's lips severely twitched.

"Hmm. According to Myria, since she was already located, it wouldn't be long before the enemy finds the exact coordinates of this world even if she is killed, meaning that time is running out. What? Do you all feel like ascending and leaving this place to die?"

Davis's raised his brows, causing the three of them to feel some trepidation in their hearts.

"Of course not." The Mandate Emperor shook his head, "You also said that immortals would be suppressed here."

"It's a possibility." Davis shrugged.

"Still, as long as there is hope, I would not ascend. Otherwise, there would be no meaning in waiting too long to face the calamity. If I wanted to run, I would've done so already when you were

Davis couldn't help but smile as he raised a cup.

"I hope you stay true to your words." He drank, causing the others to drink the cup as well.

"What about you, Emperor of Death?"

"Me?" Davis couldn't help but grin, "You would know at the time when the calamity descends."

The Mandate Emperor and the two others smiled at each other, now knowing what to make of his statement. As a youth who had a bright future, the Emperor of Death possessed no obligations to stay behind and defend. He could leave without a problem.

Shortly after their doubts were cleared, they left.

Davis was also about to leave, but he looked at the two guests who were brought in.

"Ah, granny, you've come. Have you finally made your decision after consulting with your great-granddaughter?"

He looked at ancestor Aries and Ivy Aries, wondering what kind of decision they made.