

## Honoured 431

Chapter 431: Don't play with destiny!

"Yeah... even more, Jiu Yang was the one who killed the Second Honoured one!"

"W-What?"

Artoria was startled "H-Huh? I heard the Second Honoured One was assassinated by their enemies... but he was the one who actually killed the Second Honoured One?"

Qian Shi lazily pulled herself to sit on the bed and leaned back comfortably on the head slate of the bed.

"Yeah... you didn't know about that? Oh you are still young heh..." Qian Shi uttered with a soft chuckle.

Hearing this, Artoria pouted her lips playfully "I am almost 5000 years old now."

Qian Shi rolled her eyes "Yea, yeah... whatever."

With a slight frown, Artoria questioned "But... why is Jiu Yang killed the Second Honoured One? And now wants to kill the Third Honoured One?"

Qian Shi shrugged casually "Who knows?"

Artoria smiled slightly upon hearing her words "I am sure you know about that... Sister Shi."

Qian Shi shook her head like a little child.

"Hahaha..." Letting out a chuckle, Artoria glanced at Qian Shi from top to bottom and saw the pants and shirt she was wearing.

"And the clothes you are wearing... Sister Shi. It looks similar to the ones that belong to Tian's star."

Qian Shi just smiled and asked in a playful tone. "So how was it? Hm? Your meeting with Tian? He must have been so surprised by your sudden entry."

Artoria couldn't help but chuckle and replied, "Yeah... he was so cute and I just wanted to spoil him."

Keeping her smile, Qian Shi asked "And... did you give the ark to him?"

With a reluctant nod, Artoria hesitated before speaking, her voice shaky. "Yes... I gave him the ark, just like you told me to. But now... I can't shake this feeling like I might've done something I shouldn't have."

Qian Shi's gaze narrowed upon hearing this and her voice which was playful till now took a sharp tone "Artoria, tell me what happened."

Artoria became nervous hearing her serious tone but she knew that she shouldn't hide any things from Qian Shi and play with the route of destiny.

So she decided to be honest.

"I was doing everything as you told, Sister Shi... I was with him intimidating Zarek Talon, so Tian could get a deal that is advantageous for his star."

Her eyes wandered around as she feared to gaze into Qian Shi's eyes and muttered...

"T-Then I brought him back to the ark, thinking it would be a good opportunity to offer him some tea, some cake... to make everything feel natural, you know? I thought it'd ease him into accepting the ark."

She lowered her head even further, her voice barely above a whisper as she continued, "But... but he started getting suspicious of me, like he could sense something was off. And in spite of the moment, I... I said something I shouldn't have."

Artoria swallowed hard, dread creeping up her spine as she forced the words out. "I-I told him... that I love him."

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Huh? The frown on Qian Shi's face deepened and feeling the cold glare, Artoria's body shivered in fear.

"S-Sister Shi...." Trembling in fear, Artoria stood up from the bed and gulped down her saliva.

She shrank under her gaze, fear curling tightly around her heart and she instinctively took a step back.

Cold words escaped Qian Shi's lips, her golden eyes gazing into Artoria Evelyne's purple eyes "Artoria... listen to me."

Artoria, who was shivering in fear, nodded her head and lowered her head "Yes, Y-Your Holiness..."

"Tell me exactly what happened."

Artoria hurriedly nodded her head, dread gripping her heart and she began to explain.

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"T-Then... we started kissing each other, cuddling on the couch in the a-ark..."

A flick of golden energy passed through Qian Shi's eyes and her gaze squinted in anger.

\*thud\* Suddenly, Artoria felt a suffocating pressure pressing down on her and she gasped, her body buckling under the invisible force until her knees hit the ground with a loud thud, as the weight was unbearable, crushing her.

"Your... H-Holiness." Her hands are pressed against the floor as if trying to push herself up, but she can hardly move under the overwhelming pressure.

Even though they are almost friendly, Artoria clearly knows the power this woman, Qian Shi, holds.

Everyone in the Astral realm is below Jiu Yang, but even that Jiu Yang can't make her obey him and she is unbound by any rules and restrictions.

Her powers hail just as the Heavens.

With a cold glint in her eyes, Qian Shi placed her leg over another sitting on the bed "Say that again..."

Artoria was scared shitless and bowed her head "T-That I was cuddling with Tian on the couch and kissed him..."

Her eyes trembled as she realized the words she was about to speak "A-And in the heat of the moment, T-Tian also began to remove my clothes and g-groped my boob."

She hurriedly bowed her head and spoke "F-Forgive me, Your Holiness. I-I just... I have been waiting for a thousand years, so I just couldn't.... control myself."

Hearing this, Qian Shi's heart clenched in pain and she released her aura from Artoria "That is your reason..."

Her lips trembled but she bit down her lip to control her emotions "Just a thousand years..." she whispered, her voice breaking slightly. "I've been holding back since my birth."

Tears moistened her fragile eyes as she muttered "I have been waiting and waiting for ten thousands of years for my Tian to be born... and the last time I went to his star, I was really holding myself back."

"Because I know that a slight disturbance in the thread of destiny shatters its course like a butterfly effect."

"Do you think you understand what it means to wait, Artoria? A thousand years is nothing compared to the years I've waited, waiting for the threads of the destiny to align perfectly"

"Do you have any idea what it's like to wait for millennia, knowing that the smallest mistake could ruin everything?"

"That's why... even after all these years, I have been controlling myself... yet you..."

Artoria's heart clenched at the sight of Qian Shi's tears, but she dared not speak. "P-Please forgive me, Your Holiness."

Chapter 432: Eyes of Heaven!

Eyes of Heaven!

Qian Shi possesses this extraordinary ability—by harnessing the power of the Heavens, she can look into the threads of other's destinies, commanding the Heavens.

Simply speaking, she can look into the future... however, her mortal body is not powerful enough to harness the full power of the Heavens.

So she can't watch the future like a movie, she can get many glimpses of the destiny of a person and small GIFs and images.

However, she can't see through Zhao Tian's destiny with her Eyes of Heaven—as he is not under the Heavens, he is an anomaly in this world.

Even the Heavens itself could not predict and weave the thread for Honoured One's destiny!

So, she sees through her own destiny to check the destiny of Zhao Tian.

It has been so many millennia that Qian Shi does not remember the memories of her early years and she doesn't even remember her parents or how she looked like when she was young.

However, all she could remember was the face of a handsome young man.

Wanting to know more about this mysterious young man, she looked through her own thread of destiny and found out about this enigmatic man of her dreams.

But alas, she also realized... she is so many millennials younger to meet him.

Before she could meet the Third Honoured One, she knew that she would see the Second Honoured One die and she shouldn't interfere with that.

It is a canon event.

If she tried to change the flow of destiny, that would really disrupt the thread, causing it to knot and break into shambles.

However, she also found some loopholes within this thread, which she can use to manipulate destiny a little if the conclusion at the end is the same as before.

She has seen through the destinies of his other women like Zhao Suyin, Zhao Ying and many women whom she saw in her own destiny to know more about Zhao Tian and his destiny.

As for how long has she been alive... shh, that's a secret.

You should not ask a woman about her age.

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"And yet..." Qian Shi continued, as she wiped the tears from her eyes. "You allowed your own desires to interfere with his fate. You dared to disrupt the course of destiny."

Tears streamed down Artoria's face as she bowed her head lower, her body shaking with guilt and fear.

"P-Please forgive me, Your Holiness," Artoria whispered, her voice barely audible, choked by her fear.

Qian Shi glanced down at Artoria who was kneeling and crouched down, quickly grasping her neck.

Artoria gasped, her body jerking as she felt Qian Shi's fingers tighten around her throat, cutting off her breath.

"Forgiveness?" Qian Shi hissed, her voice low and cold, "You think I will forgive this?"

"Y-Your Holiness...." Artoria stammered in pain feeling the fingers clutching her neck.

"Silence..."

Artoria's vision blurred as she struggled to breathe, her hands instinctively reaching up to grasp Qian Shi's wrist, but she dared not try to pry her off.

She knew better than to fight back against someone as powerful as Qian Shi—someone whose very aura could crush her if she willed it.

Qian Shi's voice turned cold "Artoria... in my life, I only care about my Tian because I was born for him and to fulfill my purpose by being his wife."

Artoria's heart pounded in her chest as Qian Shi's grip tightened, and she could feel the edges of her vision growing dark from the lack of air. "Y-Your... H-Holiness..." she gasped, her voice barely a whisper.

"If the course of Tian's destiny has been altered because of your foolish actions..." Qian Shi's voice was like ice, as she leaned in closer, her eyes narrowing as her anger

"I will kill you myself. I will shatter your thread of destiny with my own hands."

Artoria's entire body shook with fear as Qian Shi's words sank in.

"I don't care if you were supposed to be his wife," Qian Shi continued, her voice seething with rage.

"Your role in this is irrelevant if you dare to jeopardize his future. I will break your connection to him, sever the thread that binds you, and you will be erased from his life."

Artoria whimpered, her tears falling faster now as she struggled to hold on to her breath, her chest burning from the pressure. "P-Please... I-I'll do anything."

Seeing her pleading eyes, Qian Shi realized the thing she was doing and quickly let go of Artoria's neck.

"Haaahh!! Haahh!!" Artoria quickly inhaled air taking deep breaths to flow the air inside her lungs, as she was on the verge of death there.

Qian Shi also closed her eyes to calm her heart and sat on the floor.

"Sister Shi..."

Qian Shi opened her eyes to look at Artoria, a pang of guilt seeping her heart "Sorry Artorio, in a fit of rage... it's just, I was mad because your actions might change Tian's destiny."

She reached out and hugged Artoria in her arms as she flowed her light energy into her body at the same time.

Artoria also understood Qian Shi's chaotic feelings and hugged her back "No, Sister Shi.. I should be the one apologizing for altering Tian's fate that you have been working so hard to balance."

Qian Shi replied with a shake of her head "You were not supposed to say that you love him and cuddle with him. You were supposed to give that as a gift of admiration for his heroic deeds for saving the star."

"It is also my fault for not explaining it thoroughly."

After being healed by Qian Shi's light energy, Artoria can breathe normally and sighed in her arms "I also apologize..."

As they pulled back from the hug, Qian Shi's eyes glowed in golden as star like patterns appeared on them.

"I will see through the destiny of mine and his other women to see if anything has been altered."

With that, she closed her eyes.

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Artoria also sat beside her on the floor to look after her.

A few minutes passed and Qian Shi's eyes fluttered open as her gaze narrowed "There is a small change in the thread of destiny but others seem normal."

As she muttered, she raised her golden eyes to look at Artoria's destiny and she was taken aback.

"There is a knot in your thread of destiny..."

Huh? Artorio panicked upon listening to her words and a mumble seceded from Qian Shi's lips.

"Your clan is doomed."

Chapter 433: Dissolve what?

\*splash\* Zhao Tiang, Zhao Suyin, Zhao Ying and Xia Shenyi are swimming around the lake enjoying the coolness of the water brushing against their skin.

Zhao Suyin who was doing backstrokes, let out a sigh "Ahhh... it is great to dip your body in cold water after having some sex."

Zhao Ying who was swimming beside her, raised her leg from the water for a kick, sending a splash toward her mother "You lustful woman... go away."

"Always looking for the time to fuck with Tian'er..."

Zhao Suyin's lips twitched in frustration "Ying'er, since when did you learn to kick your Mother?"

Zhao Ying stuck her tongue out, grinning impishly. "From today! Baah!" as she splashed more water on her mother.

Meanwhile, Zhao Tian and Xia Shenyi are hugging each other closely, floating on the lake "So, how is the ark..."

Feeling his hot breath caress her cold skin, Xia Shenyi nodded her head "This ark is great and will be very helpful to you."

"Since there is a map function... you can easily travel from one star to another."

Nodding his head, he turned to look at Zhao Suyin and Zhao Ying who were fighting in the water, but their faces were full of smiles.

His heart softened looking at them being happy and at this time, Xia Shenyi leaned, placing her head on his chest.

Hugging her tightly, he smiled...

For now, he is really happy, but soon he has to go into closed cultivation and get stronger.

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Later, after they had all left the water, they gathered on the grassy field where a large wooden table had been set up.

The air was warm with the fading sunlight, and the grass beneath their feet was soft.

Zhao Tian, now dressed in a simple set of shorts and a loose t-shirt, leaned back comfortably in one of the chairs, his long hair still damp from the lake, flowing freely over his shoulders.

Zhao Suyin, butt-naked, was standing behind him drying his wet hair with the white towel in her hand.

With a playful grin, he reached up, grabbing her wrist and pulling her around to the front of him.

"E-Eh? Tian'er?" Zhao Suyin blinked in surprise, though her eyes sparkled with amusement. "I'm still brushing your hair..."

Zhao Tian's eyes gazed at Zhao Suyin from top to bottom and he muttered "You can dry my hair this way...."

"Ahh..." Before she could respond, he pulled her down onto his lap, making her sit facing him.

His hands rested on her hips, fingers gently squeezing her soft skin as her naked body settled comfortably on his thighs.

Zhao Suyin couldn't help but chuckle and pinched his nose "Naughty son..."

Kissing her lips, he pulled her even closer and she wrapped her legs around his waist "Now... do it."

Zhao Suyin laughed softly and tossed the towel onto his face, playfully ruffling his hair through the fabric.

"You're impossible," she muttered, but her voice was filled with affection as she continued drying his hair.

As she was brushing his hair, her body swayed and Zhao Tian glanced at her melons which were jiggling with her every movement.

Since she was on his lap, her boobs are right in front of his face and he couldn't control the urge to lean and suck her nipples.

"Mom..."

Zhao Suyin who expected this, smiled fondly before continuing her work. thanks for reading on m|v||e|m|p|y|r

"As I thought... you are doing something pervy..."

Hearing a voice, Zhao Tian pulled back his lips from Zhao Suyin's nipple and glanced over at Ning Xue who was walking close to him.

"Xue'er..."

She gently sat on the armrest of his chair and Zhao Suyin also finished drying his hair as she prepared to get down from his lap.

"Hmm..." Humming under her breath, she got down from his lap and tied the towel around her chest as she took her leave from there.

With a smile, Ning Xue wrapped her arm around his shoulder and asked "What happened with the people from High Stars."

Zhao Tian began to explain to her about the things that happened in the morning.

After hearing it, a slight frown appeared on Ning Xia's face "So they would help us now... i see."

"Then, Tian... I think it is better to dissolve the royal family of Zhenzhu."

Huh? Zhao Tian was quite surprised to hear this and raised an eyebrow "You are going to dissolve the royal family?"

With a slight nod, Ning Xia muttered "Yeah... because Tian, soon you will go to High Stars and surely I will stick with you."

"However, Big Sister will be here all alone and it would be hard to govern over Zhenzhu when a big High Star like Ebon Luohe is also interfering in our planet."

"So... I thought, why not just dissolve the royal family."

Zhao Tian's frown deepened, his eyes narrowing "And what would happen to Zhenzhu? If there's no royal family, who governs the people?"

Nodding her head, Ning Xue spoke "Well, I am sure the Emperor of Ebon Luohe star will assign some powerful people from their star to look over this star to protect it from other forces in the High Star circle."

"Since you've already established a kind of leverage over them, and they clearly fear the powerful woman you spoke of, they'll likely listen to any request you make..."

"You could form a new organization for Zhenzhu, one that works with the top sects currently here, alongside their representatives from Ebon Luohe."

"It wouldn't be a royal hierarchy, but a sect-based rule. Strong cultivators will oversee the development and protection of Zhenzhu."

"Since there are no more astral beasts in the forest around Zhenzhu. We can clear that forest and use that place for newly awakening cultivators around the world."

She paused, her voice softening as she explained further. "We can turn Zhenzhu into a haven for cultivation just like before. The organization I'm proposing would oversee this—new cultivators from across the world to Zhenzhu."

"The sects would guide them, and the influence from Ebon Luohe will ensure no outside forces try to take over. It would be a structured system, not ruled by a single royal family but by those strong enough to lead."

Hearing the suggestion, the frown on Zhao Tian's face deepened and Ning Xue continued "And Tian, our star is on the edge of the High Star circle so there won't be a large number of cultivators awakening as in the other High Stars which are close to the center..."

Raising an eyebrow, Zhao Tian asked "Shenyi said that?"

Ning Xue smiled, nodding. "Yeah, she was the one who brought up the idea of clearing the forest and centralizing the cultivators."

"With a proper system in place, Zhenzhu can become a beacon for cultivation. We don't need a royal family to protect it when the strength of the sects and cultivators can ensure its safety."

Thinking about this, Zhao Tian glanced at her "Did you ask Zhilian about this?"

"Not yet... and I let her outside after seeing your atrocity in the living room."

"Hahaha..."

Chapter 434: Ah shit, here we go again!

As Zhao Tian and Ning Xue were conversing sitting on the chair, Zhao Ying walked to them wearing a skinny t-shirt and thigh shorts.

"Tian'er..."

Hm? Zhao Tian raised an eyebrow and smiled at Zhao Ying "Ying'er..."

Zhao Ying sat on his lap and showed the screen on her mobile "Tian'er... look at this. Everyone is searching for you."

"Since you left the big ark with that woman, you suddenly disappeared. The people are still in panic as it's been some hours since you went into the ark of that mysterious woman."

Zhao Tian gazed at the live footage of the helicopters still circling around the two big arks above Russia.

"And seems like these people of Ebon Luohe have not left yet..."

Zhao Tian tilted his head "Oh, that's because I came straight here after speaking with Artorio. I should go and explain the situation to the world leaders."

With a nod, Zhao Ying replied "Yeah, they should be worried about you."

Zhao Tian took his mobile from his storage ring and glanced at the number of calls from Joshua Brown and from all the other world leaders.

Sighing in his heart, he stood up picking Zhao Ying in his arms.

He gently placed Zhao Ying on the chair and lazily stretched his arms "Now that I think of it, if I go out now.. I will be appearing back in the atmosphere of Earth because I came in right from there."

At this time, Zhao Ying stopped him "Wear some good clothes before going to meet the world leaders..." she spoke looking at his loose t-shirt, shirt, and flip-flops.

Zhao Tian shrugged casually "It's okay..."

Zhao Ying smiled dryly as Zhao Tian could be the only one audacious enough to wear casual clothes like this for meetings with world leaders.

"Bye Bye Tian'er..."

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\*swish\* Zhao Tian appeared back in the atmosphere close to space and looked down at the beautiful planet. content source mvlempy r

A soft sigh escaped his lips and as he was about to dash towards the ark in Russia.

\*beep\* \*beep\*

Huh? Zhao Tian's gaze squinted hearing a beeping sound and retrieved a blue beacon from his storage ring.

However, the blue beacon is now beeping in red right now indicating danger.

'Shit...'

He turned his head and glanced over his shoulder to look at the source of danger—dozens of arks dashing towards the Earth.

Each ark is reddish-black coded with a skull symbol framed on it and the skull symbol has a single black eyepatch.

'Space pirates...'

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About fifty sophisticated arks were hurling toward the blue green planet wanting to explore and plunder this newfound star.

On one of the lead arks, Keathe Romez, the pirate commander, lounged lazily in his control room.

His black hair was neatly slicked back, his sharp green eyes locked onto the view outside the window. He watched the distant planet grow larger as his fleet closed in, a smirk curling on his lips.

"So, this is where Caspian lost contact..." he murmured, tapping the holographic display on his lap.

"And seems like there is a whole new solar system in the place where it should be empty space."

"Interesting. Is it one of those rare ascended stars?"

"And someone killed Caspian before he could pass on the information?"

As they inched closer to the star, Keathe Romez lazily leaned back on his seat and spoke "Well, boys... let's send our welcoming message. Prepare the lasers, and let's give this planet a taste of what's to come."

The people in the control room quickly turned on the lasers in the ark and the remaining arks also took an offensive action to attack the planet.

"Boss... someone is in front of us."

Keathe didn't even bother to look up. "Shoot them down," he muttered, waving a hand dismissively.

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The frown on Zhao Tian's face deepened looking at the number of arks 'I should just leave from here. Now that Zarek Talon is here... he will take care of things.'

As he was about to enter his artifact, \*swish\* Someone flew past him in the dark space and grasped his wrist, taking him away from there.

"That is really dangerous, Zhao...."

Zhao Tian raised his gaze to look at the short haired woman, her green eyes glinting with playfulness, a smirk dancing on her lips.

"Lyra."

\*woosh\* She pulled him closer to the moon, taking him away from the line of sight of the arks.

Once they reached the relative safety of the moon's surface, she released his hand and turned to face him, her smirk still firmly in place.

"What were you doing out here in space, dressed like that, Zhao?" she teased, glancing at his Earthly attire. "Not exactly battle-ready, are we?"

Zhao Tian smiled dryly and replied "Thanks a bunch, Lyra..."

Lyra Talon waved her hand, her playful smile unwavering "Don't mind it, Zhao..."

As she mumbled she turned her head to look at the arks in the distance "Hmm... my father should have already sensed the arrival of these space pirates."

"It's only a matter of time before boom, baam—a big fight breaks out."

\*swish\* A medium sized ark for two people appeared from her storage ring and she hopped in first.

"Come on Zhao...."

With a nod, Zhao Tian entered after her and at the same time, numerous arks dashed from the planet Earth after sensing the Space Pirates' arrival.

Among the smaller arks, there is also a gigantic ark.

Looking at the smaller arks, Zhao Tian's eyes narrowed 'These arks are stationed inside the big ark?'

Kaethe Romez also watched the arks emerging from the star and was quite confused "I thought it was a newly ascended star..."

"But they have already advanced to create arks?"

However at this time, a man in the control room rushed to him with a holographic tab and yelled "Commander Keathe, by the structure and color code of the ark, it is most likely from Ebon Luohe."

H-Huh? Kaethe Romez was taken aback to hear this.

He leaned back in his chair, deep in thought. 'The Ebon Luohe is not a force to be trifled with. If they've already staked their claim on this star, it complicates things.'

"Pass the information to headquarters immediately," Keathe ordered. "Tell them we've found an ascended star under Ebon Luohe's protection."

"And.. get ready for attack."

The pirate fleet began to shift into an attack formation, their weapons powering up once more. The battle for the newly ascended star was about to begin?

Chapter 435: Showing off?

Lyra Talon was casually sitting on the small ark, as she raised her legs, placing them over the controls as she stretched her arms comfortably.

With a faint smile, she glanced at Zhao Tian who had a serious expression on his face "Zhao, don't worry..."

"Nothing will happen to your star as you and my father have already signed the deal. so he would protect your star.."

"Well, if the space pirates saw my father, there is a chance that they might even retreat in fear... Haha.."

Looking at her laugh, Zhao Tian let out a soft sigh and glanced at the battle that was about to happen.

"Lyra, is there a function to capture videos in this ark? My mobile can't zoom up there."

"Oh, there is..." Lyra Talon nodded her head and moved her leg as she clicked a button.

"Hm, now this will record the things that are about to happen."

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*\*swish\** The arks from the Ebon Luohe and the arks from Space Pirates stood still as if they were waiting for the other one to strike.

Zarek Talon walked to the control room and glanced at Sorion Kalen "What are you waiting for? Just fire the missiles."

With a gentle bow, Sorion Kalen spoke "Your Highness, it is easy to destroy this fleet of Space pirates with our weaponry."

As he muttered, he swiped his hand, and a hologram display appeared in front of them, showing Zhao Tian and Lyra Talon sitting in the cockpit on the small ark.

"Seems like the young lady saved him and they are beside the moon right now."

"Since that brat is watching us right now, I think maybe this is the perfect opportunity to show your power as the Emperor of the Ebon Luohe Star..."

"... and make him respect you."

"Since he is in the half-Empyreal realm, he must have not seen the power of the people who are in the Empyreal realm."

"So... I think it is better to show him his place."

Hearing the suggestion, Zarek Talon had a thoughtful face and nodded his head "Very well, it's been a while... since I have used my powers."

"Hahaha, I can show off in front of my daughter."

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Kaethe Romez who was standing in the control room frowned slightly "Seems like they are not attacking us... Then let us begin."

"This is a small force from Ebon Luohe, so we can destroy them and occupy the planet before their main force arrives."

After his command, the crew quickly turned on the weapons and on the ship's exterior, cannons, and missile launchers extended from hidden compartments, locking onto the distant Ebon Luohe arks.

"Aim the bigger one first... the leader of the fleet must be there..."

As his voice fell, \*flick\* \*baam\* \*baam\* Massive plasma beams erupted from the pirate ships, streaking through the space like spears of molten light.

Accompanying them were missiles, dozens of them, arcing through space with trails of glowing exhaust, each one capable of devastating cities on impact.

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On the Ebon Luohe ark, Zarek Talon stood with his arms crossed, watching the incoming attacks with an air of calm authority.

"Activate defensive shields," Zarek Talon said casually, his voice resonating through the control room.

A ripple of golden light shimmered across the surface of the Ebon Luohe ships as their shields manifested.

The energy shields, formed from a lattice of hyper-dense particles and advanced energy fields, were designed to absorb and dissipate even the most powerful attacks.

The first plasma beam struck the shield with a resounding \*THOOM\*, sending ripples of energy across the surface of the golden barrier.

The shield held firm, absorbing the massive surge of energy before it dispersed harmlessly into space.

The following barrage of plasma shots and missiles met a similar fate. Missile after a missile exploded against the shields, creating bright flashes that momentarily illuminated the space.

Meanwhile, on the pirate ark, Kaethe Romez frowned as he watched the Ebon Luohe shields absorb the full force of his attack. "Damn it, their shields are stronger than I expected. All ships, prepare for a full frontal assault! Charge up the railguns."

Zhao Tian who was watching from the sidelines frowned slightly as they were using High tech to fight rather than their cultivation powers.

As he muttered, he saw a green light flickering from the large Ebon Luohe ark.

'Huh? Is that...?' Zhao Tian raised an eyebrow in surprise looking at the green flames swirling around Zarek Talon's body as he dashed through the space, forming a long streak of green energy.

'He has... an Empyrean Flame?'

As the Archon of Elementals, Zhao Tian could easily feel the intensity of the Empyrean flame that is radiating from Zarek Talon's body.

Lyra Talon who was beside him was also equally surprised "Eh? That geezer is entering the fight?"

"Hahaha, Zhao... he prolly thought of showing off his power to you... it's hilarious."

"Fire!" Kaethe Romez who was inside the Space pirate ark muttered.

\*THRUMMM\* The railguns fired, sending high-velocity slugs through space, each one trailing a line of red-hot plasma as it shot toward the Ebon Luohe fleet. These projectiles were designed to tear through energy shields and hulls alike.

Seeing the projectiles, Zarek Talon scoffed "Hmph, mere bullets."

A green gleam passed through his eyes and he clenched his fist, green flames swirling within his palm.

\*woosh\* He gave a fierce punch to the incoming missiles and the force behind his punch sent a ripple of green energy through the space, cindering all the missiles to smitten.

The ripple of astral energy caused the Space Pirates' arks to tremble in its pressure and Kaethe Romez's eyes shrank in utter shock looking at the man in front of him.

"The Emperor of the Ebon Luohe, Verdant Sovereign, Zarek Talon!"

"W-W-What the hell is he doing HERE?"

The people in the arks also panicked looking at the green energy that is flickering through the space and they could feel the intensity of the heat from Zarek Talon's body.

\*swish\* With a blur, Zarek Talon appeared in front of the arks, a huge smirk stretching across his lips as the green flames burst out of his body shaking the spake.

"Emberstorm Devastation..."

Chapter 436: Destruction of the Invading fleet!

"Emberstorm Destruction!"

\*WOOOOSHHH\*

Massive waves of greenish flames erupted from Zarek Talon's body as it felt like the space itself was raging in fire.

\*SWIIISHHH\* The huge wave of green flames quickly swirled around the arks of the space pirate, and each one of those arks began to combust and explode in those flames.

\*BOOM\* \*BOOM\* One after another, the arks exploded into smithens, leaving the space with fuming green smoke.

The hulls, made of reinforced metals and fortified with advanced technology, stood no chance against the Empyrean flame.

On the lead ark, Keathe Romez gritted his teeth in mounting frustration, his hands clenched into fists as he watched his fleet burn to cinders.

The holographic screens in his command center flickered, showing the destruction happening in real-time.

"RETREAT! PASS THIS TO HEADQUARTERS NOW! WE CAN'T HOLD OUT AGAINST HIM!"

His voice trembled with rage and fear, but before any of his orders could be carried out, the entire command center shook violently.

His eyes darted to the viewscreen, where Zarek Talon's flaming figure floated amidst the carnage like a wrathful god.

"BAHAHA! NO RETREAT!" Zarek Talon's booming laughter echoed across the communication channels, causing a shiver to run down the spines of the remaining pirate crew.

Laughing loudly, Zarek Talon waved his hand as spears made of gleaming green flames burst out in the space.

Each spear was as long as an ark and brimming with destructive energy of an Emyreal flame, and with a simple flick of his wrist, he sent them flying.

\*swish\* \*swish\* \*swish\*

The spears shot through space with deadly accuracy, piercing through the shields and hulls of the pirate arks. \*THOOM\* \*THOOM\*

One ark, attempting to flee, veered off-course, but the flames caught up and a spear tore through its center, splitting it in half as it disintegrated into fiery debris.

Another ark tried to cloak itself, disappearing from sight, but Zarek Talon's green flames spread out, as if sensing the slightest shift in space.

The moment the cloaked ship made a move, the fire engulfed it, burning through its stealth systems before reducing it to molten scrap.

"FIRE EVERYTHING WE HAVE! NOW!" Keathe Romez yelled in desperation.

The remaining pirate arks unleashed an array of missiles, lasers, and beams in a final, desperate counterattack.

Hundreds of projectiles shot toward Zarek Talon, but with a calm, almost dismissive motion, he waved his arm, creating a massive barrier of green flames that absorbed the incoming fire.

The attacks simply evaporated upon contact with the flames, leaving nothing behind.

"Your toys are useless," Zarek Talon's said, his voice dripping with amusement.

He raised his hand, his entire body now engulfed in green fire, and unleashed a torrent of flames toward the remaining pirate arks.

The firestorm swept through space like a tidal wave, engulfing everything in its path.

**\*BOOM\* \*CRACKLLEE\***

The vacuum of space was filled with the debris of the destroyed fleet, floating aimlessly amidst the green smoke that still lingered.

Keathe Romez, his ark the last one standing, watched in horror as Zarek Talon floated closer.

"Your Organization is annoying as fuck," Zarek Talon said, his eyes glowing with an ominous light.

Before Keathe could even respond, Zarek talon conjured a massive flame spear... crackling with enough energy to destroy a planet.

With a smirk, he hurled it directly at the command ship.

**\*BOOOOM1\***

The spear struck the center of Keathe's ark, as it exploded with force. The entire ship erupted into a brilliant green explosion, and in a matter of seconds, it was gone—obliterated without a trace.

Zarek Talon stood amidst the aftermath, his green flames still burning brightly.

As the flames of the destroyed fleet faded, Zarek Talon looked toward the planet below, a smirk tugging at his lips.

"Let this be a reminder," he muttered to himself, "Ebon Luohe protects its own."

With a final glance at the debris, he vanished, leaving nothing but the eerie green smoke and the silent remnants of the battle floating in space.

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Lyra Talon who was sitting on the ark jumped excitedly and clapped "Hehehe... now that's my father."

Zhao Tian sat there silently and frowned because he couldn't even see through most of his movements.

'And those flames are so powerful... With that, I am sure, he can easily destroy Earth.'

He glanced at Lyra Talon in the corner of her eyes 'Maybe I can get some information about his Empyrean flame...'

"Woah, I didn't expect your father to have an Empyrean flame. He sure is hella powerful, fit to be an Emperor of an Apex High star."

Hearing this, Lyra Talon giggled "Yeah. yeah... that geezer tried really hard to tame that one Empyrean flame."

"You see, it is called Verdant blaze and is in 8th place among the 13 Empyrean flames that have been recorded in history."

Zhao Tian raised an eyebrow 'In the 8th place eh, if I remember correctly.. Xue'er' Golden Sun flame is in the 10th place.'

'For now, I know the existence of four Empyrean flames, Xue'er' Golden Sun flame, Freya Everglade's Crimson Phoenix flames'

'The one that cursed Yixiain with his blue flames... Jiu Yang was his name? and now this... Verdant blaze.'

As Zarek Talon used his Empyrean flames in Zhao Tian's presence, the consciousness of the Verdant Blaze instantly saw its Archon, but being tamed, it didn't come out.

The frown on Zhao Tian's face deepened 'Maybe as the Archon of Elementals, I should collect all of these Empyrean flames...'

His eyes glanced at the remains of the destroyed Pirate fleet 'However, now I can't take Verdant Blaze from this monstrosity...'

'But for sure in future, I will collect all these Emypreal flames. I wonder if there are special like this for other elementals like... Emypreal Ice or something?'

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\*tap\* tap\*

Meanwhile, at the same time, a woman with long black hair is walking through the dim-red light corridor, her crimson eyes calm and emotionless.

\*drip\* \*drip\* With every step, blood was dripping from her severed left arm as she made her way towards the large black door at the end of the corridor.

The two guards who were standing in front of the door shrank in shock seeing the woman after some years and instantly kneeled on the floor.

"E-Eldritch Empress!"

Chapter 437: Grimveil family!

"E-Eldritch Empress!"

\*thud\* The two Eldritch guards kneeled on the ground and didn't dare to gaze up at the woman's face.

\*drip\* Their eyes flickered to the drops of blood dripping from her left arm and slowly raised his head to see that she had lost her left hand.

\*tap\* Azyrth Dina Grimveil walked to the enormous door and it slowly creaked open showing the enormous Royal hall inside it.

The hall was grand, ancient, and shrouded in shadow, its massive stone pillars reaching toward a distant ceiling.

Dark, glowing symbols of the Eldritch were carved into the walls, their eerie light casting long, distorted shadows.

As she entered, the enormous door slowly began to close and she raised her head looking at the man who was sitting on the throne high in the small stairs.

The handsome man had dark black hair and sensed Azryth's presence, the man opened his eyes, his crimson eyes gleaming in the dimmed Royal hall.

Varyn Zan Grimveil!

Huh? His gaze condensed as he glanced at the missing arm of Azryth and muttered "Little Sister, you came back after some years... and your arm."

Varyn Grimveil was really surprised as he knew there were people he could count with his fingers who could injure his little sister like this.

"Didn't you say that you are going to find Little Vester... Who could possibly harm you like that in middle and lower stars?"

"And... why are you not healing it?"

Hm? The frown on his face deepened as he looked at the blood dripping from her body and he asked "Is this caused by the 'Rupture?'"

Even in pain, Azryth's face didn't have emotions and she gave a nod "Yeah... I didn't expect the 'Rupture' to occur and that bitch escaped from me."

The man moved his body to sit upright, now leaning forward with a keen interest "By bitch, you mean?"

Azryth walked to a chair which is allotted for the Eldritch ministers who were not there now and sat on it.

"Zhao Ning... Cessna Maverick's best friend. She is the one who fled from the Astral Realm with my son."

The man's face darkened upon hearing this and he uttered in a cold tone "Why didn't you kill that woman and retrieve the Honoured One?"

Azryth kept her emotionless face and replied "Because Vester is not with her at that time.. i searched the whole low star and nearby stars, but my Vester is not there."

"After torturing her, she spat out that... my Vester is with her Sister in a middle star."

"And while we are on our way to that star..." her voice trailed off.

\*swish\* A violent aura burst out of the man's body as darkness surrounded the whole Royal Hall, and black energy swirled out of his body.

"That woman and Honoured One was in your hands reach... yet you failed to do your job."

Hearing this, Ayzrth stood up, and a dark glint passed through her eyes as purplish dark flames crackled out of her body, clashing with the man's aura.

"I am... not chasing after my son, because you told me to or I consider it as a 'job'."

"I know you are seeing him as a pawn for you so he can help you in conquering the Astral realm, you power-hungry bastard, but for me... it is different."

"I want my son, Vester... because I am the one who bore him for ten years and his true mother."

"Don't misunderstand... I am doing it for me, not for you."

Varyn hit his hand on the armrest and asked "So, he won't help us in conquering the Astral Realm?"

"That is for Vester to decide if he wants to help you or not..."

The man's eyes condensed looking at the ferocious eyes of Arzyth and at this time, the enormous door creaked open again.

A woman entered in and her eyes arched in surprise looking at the back of Azryth "Azryth... you are back?"

Azryth Grimveil, turned her head to look over her shoulder and saw the beautiful woman with long red hair and red eyes "Sister-in-law?"

The woman let out a sigh and spoke "You, brother and sister are bickering again... can't you get along at all?"

She then turned her head to look at the man on the throne and spoke "Dear, your sister just came back and see, she is injured... but you are arguing?"

The man stayed silent on his throne and the woman turned to Azryth with a slight frown "But... Azryth, someone injured you? You went into the North Astralians territory?"

Azryth shook her head "No... I got caught in a Rupture and..."

The frown on the woman's face deepened and she spoke "Come on, let's get you treated first..."

She grasped Azryth's hand and pulled her from there to the door.

"Hold on...!"

Hearing his voice, both of them turned around and the man asked with a thoughtful face "And what are you going to do now?"

"How are you going to find your son?"

Azryth just stayed silent and walked toward the door as she quickly left the room to heal her injury.

As she left, the woman's face turned grim and she shot a fierce glare at the man sitting on the throne "Dear, do you understand how crucial Azryth is to our plans? Don't push her too far."

"Don't spoil everything."

She spoke before following Ayzrth out of the room.

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As the green flames began to disappear in the space, Lyra Talon clicked a button in the control panel and took a square projector out.

She took the square box and tossed it to Zhao Tian "It has the video of the recording of the battle just now."

Catching the box, Zhao Tian nodded "Thanks... Now then, I am taking my leave."

Hm? Lyra Talon grabbed his collar and spoke in a teasing tone "Now, now... Zhao, show me around the star bit.. I only flew in the sky till now to look around."

Zhao Tian shrugged his arms "There is nothing big for you to sightsee there. As you are from the high star, I am proly sure nothing will excite you."

Hearing this, Lyra Talon let out her tongue "Bah, just get me some food or something... come on let's gooooo~"

"Wohooo~"

\*swish\*

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\*swish\* The small ark, quickly dashed through the atmosphere of the Earth and Lyra Talon glanced at Zhao Tian who was on his mobile "So, where shall we go first... Zhao."

"Germany, I have some unfinished business there."

Lyra Talon smiled dryly "Oi, I am not your driver... I don't know where that is."

"Hahaha, follow my instructions."

Chapter 438: Talk with world leaders!

"Yeah, I will be there in a minute..."

Zhao Tian canceled the call as the small ark dashed through the air, arriving in Germany quickly.

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Hovering high in the air, Zhao Tian and Lyra Talon looked down at the bustling crowd gathered outside the conference building.

It was a swarm of media personnel, journalists, and spectators, all eagerly awaiting for information from the world leaders inside.

'They sure are enthusiastic.. as there is always a crowd here to get some hot news.'

Mm? He turned his gaze to look at Lyra Talon, who was trying some fashion glasses.

"How does it look, Zhao?" she asked, her voice brimming with confidence as she struck a pose, adjusting the black glasses on her nose.

Chuckling, Zhao Tian replied "Great..."

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\*swish\* With a blur, Zhao Tian and Lyra Talon appeared on the pathway to the building.

The people who were lazily waiting there quickly jumped up to take photos of Zhao Tian "Mr.Zhao Tian, you are here instead of Russia?"

"Now that we know that these 'High Stars' exist.."

"What are the plans?"

"What did they say?"

"MR.ZHAO TIAN!"

"Did you negotiate with them?"

\*click\* Looking at his clothes, the reporters commented "Your casual attire also looks cool, Mr.Tian."

"And who is that beside you, your new girlfriend?"

Lyra Talon began to give poses for the cameras, flashing her new fashion glasses and Zhao Tian chuckled faintly "Come on Lyra, Let's go..."

"Oh, wait... one last pose."

As she gave a pose, one of the reporters asked "Uh, Miss, what is your relationship with Mr.Tian."

With a thoughtful look, Lyra Talon replied "Hm, I just saw him today..."

She glanced at him in the corner of her eyes and a playful glint passed through her eyes "I am his girlfriend actually..."

"See how handsome he is, I fell for him at first sight..."

The crowd of reporters buzzed with excitement, their eyes wide with disbelief and envy. One female reporter couldn't help but gush, "I know right?! So relatable..."

Zhao Tian sighed, shaking his head helplessly as he took Lyra's hand, gently pulling her toward the entrance. "You sure know how to cause a ruckus."

"Hahaha..." Lyra's laughter echoed through the air as they made their way inside the grand building.

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"Hm..." Humming a tone, Lyra Talon was walking beside Zhao Tian.

Smiling, she uttered, "Man, you sure are popular here... well, with that face, I can understand."

Zhao Tian gently nudged her shoulder and replied "Look who is talking, I am sure you are also popular back in your High Star..."

Lyra Talon raised her chest proudly "Of course, as the princess of the Ebon Luohe... I am beautiful and powerful."

"I have a lot of fans and even a fan club back in Ebon Academy in my star."

"I see..."

With a nod, Lyra Talon shrugged "By the way Zhao, our Academy recruits talented individuals... so if there are people like that in your star, they can join our Academy."

"What about you, do you wanna join Zhao..."

Zhao Tian shook his head "Nah, I guess I will pass..."

Lyra pouted, crossing her arms. "You're so stubborn! Fine, but don't blame me when you miss out on all the fun."

"Now, now, don't get in a huff," Zhao Tian teased. "I'll make it up to you with some desserts."

Lyra Talon's eyes brightened upon hearing this and she nodded her head "Okay, okay..."

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\*tap\* Opening the door, Zhao Tian got in and glanced around at the world leaders, Ombudsmans, Cultivators of great factions, and the secretary of UNO bowing for him.

"Welcome, Mr.Tian..." They welcomed him, though they were surprised by his loose t-shirt and shorts.

Lyra Talon raised an eyebrow in amusement "Oh, you have some obedient underlings pahh. You are the Emperor of this star after all."

She said teasingly hitting his chest with her elbow "Hehe.."

Zhao Tian just smiled and walked to his place beside the Chinese president and the Ombudsman of China.

"Mr.Tian..."

Seeing their respect, Zhao Tian nodded his head and glanced at Joshua Brown "Mr.Brown... bring some exotic desserts you can get for my new friend here." he said pointing at Lyra Talon.

Joshua Brown nodded his head and signalled his assistant to do the work.

The assistant raised his head and dashed out of the room to get some desserts.

Lyra Talon grinned mischievously "Eyyy, how rude of you to introduce your girlfriend as your friend?"

Nevertheless, she introduced herself "I am Lyra Talon, the daughter of Zarek Talon, the princess of Ebon Luohe."

The people in the room glanced at each other in confusion, as they had never heard of a Kingdom called Ebon Luohe.

Maybe from the Middle East?

Seeing their clueless faces, Zhao Tian sat on his seat and spoke "Well, you can say.. the two big ships you saw today in the sky, her father is the owner of that."

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"GAAHHHH!!!"

'WHAT THE FUCKKK??!'

The people's jaw dropped upon hearing this and a shiver of fear ran down their spine looking at Lyra Talon who was casually sitting beside Zhao Tian.

Then... princess means, she is the princess of a fucking High Star?

W-Why is she here?

And wait... she is his girlfriend?

He bagged her on the first day of his meeting?

Hot men surely have their lives in Easy mode!

What the hell?

Joshua Brown cried happy tears as he prayed to the gods above 'I am glad... Mr.Tian is on your side. he faced an imposing enemy and came out alive, even taking the princess as his girlfriend.'

Zhao Tian waved his hand "Everyone sit down first..."

He is happy that they respect him, but sometimes it is embarrassing when they see him with such eyes of utmost respect.

Everyone began to sit back in their seats and Zhao Tian began to speak "Well, as we expected the people of High Stars came to contact us... and we are lucky that it is one of the apex high stars..."

"Ebon Luohe..."

With a slight cough, Lyra Talon stood up giving a pose and all the representatives in the room clapped.

We are supposed to clap now, right?

As the claps diminished, Lyra Talon sat back in her seat like a princess.

Zhao Tian chuckled in his heart as he liked this woman's playful personality and spoke "And, we have come into peaceful negotiations with the Ebon Luohe star... they are willing to aid us."

\*clap\* \*clap\* The people began to clap again, happy in their hearts that their lives would be saved.

\*threek\* At this time, the door opened and many delicious desserts were pushed in food cart.

As the waiters pushed the cart to Lyra Talon, she was excited. One by one, the waiter placed the plates on the table for Lyra talon to eat.

"This is Apple Strudel." story by m|v\_l,e,m,p,y,r

"German Cheesecake."

"Black Forest Cake."

"Berliner."

"Bienenstich."

"Lebkuche."

"Donauwelle."

"Spaghettieis."

"Please enjoy your desserts..."

Chapter 439: Small talks!

\*num\* Lyra Talon was eating the desserts in front of her with a spoon in her hand as she gave a faint nod "Hm, it's good..."

Zhao Tian also took a bite of the Berliner and glanced at all the world leaders who were watching them eating desserts.

He never expected there would come a day when the top echelon on this planet Earth would be waiting for him to finish his dessert and speak.

That's why... strength rules.

He needs to be stronger so that he doesn't have to bow his head in front of anyone.

He decided this since the day he learned about cultivation from Xia Shenyi.

After finishing another bite, Zhao Tian wiped his mouth with a napkin and spoke in a calm tone "From now on Ebon Luohe will give us protection and resources."

"They have also agreed to share their knowledge in technological advancements."

W-WOAH!!!

The people at the conference were taken aback and looked at each other in bewilderment that Zhao Tian managed to pull it off even though they were on the receiving end.

Hm? Lyra Talon, however, remained unaffected by the buzz around her. Licking a bit of whipped cream off her spoon, she quirked an eyebrow, "Seems like that geezer has taken a liking to you..."

"He even accepted to share his technology... Hm, I am amazed, Zhao."

Hearing this, the people there looked at Zhao Tian in admiration.

Wang Hui who was the Chinese president, had his face darkened 'I-I need to... build a bigger statue for him!!!'

'And the creation of new money bills with the face of Mr.Tian is already in preparations.'

"By the way..." Zhao Tian's voice cut through the excitement, drawing the attention back to him. He retrieved a small square box from his storage ring and casually placed it on the table in front of him.

\*flick\* A large holographic screen appeared from the small box brightening the whole room and the video of the fight between Zarek Talon and the Space Pirates arks began to play.

Everyone was amazed by the new technology and more than that, they were shocked to see the power of Zarek Talon as he easily crushes the arks in space.

Nomming his cake, Zhao Tian muttered "They are space pirates and Mr.Zarek protected us from them. Mr.Zarek I mean, he is Lyra's father."

"He has promised that he will return in two weeks with one of the groups to aid our star."

They all listened to his words intently and nodded their heads "That's great..."

"We should be grateful to them."

"We will never forget this help from Ebon Luohe..."

"The Emperor himself helped us.."

Hearing their comments, Zhao tian stayed silent as he contemplated 'I need to talk with him about the plan Xue'er told me.'

Mm? Lyra Talon who was eating her dessert raised an eyebrow as she spoke "Ah, my father is calling me."

\*flick\* With a faint light, a small blue hologram screen popped out from the watch Lyra was wearing and the face of Zarek Talon appeared.

"Oh, father..."

Zarek Talon who was on the video call sighed "When are you returning, we need to go back to our star."

Lyra took a spoonful of the cake and nodded her head "I am with Zhao right now, we are eating desserts, hehe."

Zarek Talon glanced at Zhao Tian who was beside Lyra Talon and smiled faintly "Mr.Tian."

Zhao Tian returned the smile, respectful but with the confidence of an equal. "Mr. Zarek, I have some things to discuss with you," he replied smoothly.

Raising an eyebrow, Zarek nodded his head. "We can talk, Mr. Tian. And Lyra," he added with a faint sigh, "bring him with you when you return."

"Yeah, yeah... let me eat in peace first," She muttered, rolling her eyes playfully as she ended the call with a tap.

She canceled the call and again began to dig into her desserts.

After a few more minutes of casual conversation with the world leaders, Zhao Tian and Lyra eventually stood and made their way toward the exit of the conference hall.

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\*swoosh\* The sliding doors opened with a gentle hiss, revealing a spacious, elegantly designed room. A

t the center of the chamber sat Zarek Talon, waiting for Zhao Tian, his hands resting casually on the table.

"Mr.Tian..."

Looking at Zhao Tian's casual attire Zarek Talon couldn't help but chuckle "Bahaha..."

Lyra Talon gently hit Zhao Tian's shoulder with her elbow "See you later, Zhao. Contact me later when you are free." .

Nodding his head, Zhao Tian walked up to the seat beside Zarek Talon and Lyra left the room.

As he sat, Zarek Talon placed his hands on the table to lean in closer "Mr.Tian, are you trying to court my daughter?"

Hm? Zhao Tian shook his head "Not yet..."

Not yet? Nerves popped in Zarek Talon's face hearing this "You have some guts to say that to my face... Mr.Tian."

Zhao Tian smiled dryly, holding up his hands in a gesture of peace. "Mr. Zarek, chill out. Don't take it too seriously," he said, his voice calm and steady. "I didn't come here to talk about that. I actually have a request."

Zarek Talon leaned back leisurely on the seat "Let me hear it, mr.tian."

With a nod, Zhao Tian also began to talk about the idea Ning Xue gave him.

Upon hearing the details, Zarek Talon nodded his head "It is doable."

Zhao Tian was quite surprised that he easily accepted and Zarek Talon spoke "You can dissolve the Monarchy in this uh Zhenzhu."

"And having some people from your side and our side in power is great so there won't be any conflicts in between the forces."

With a slight frown, Zarek Talon spoke "The space pirates may attack again. I first thought of keeping some of my forces here to protect your star before I go and bring back one of the main forces."

"So, now... I shall place Sorion here in this Solar system for two weeks to protect you from the Space pirates."

"En."

Smiling, Zhao Tian stood up from his seat and extended his hand "Thank you, Mr.Zarek..."

"My pleasure, Mr.Tian." Zarek Talon replied shaking his hand.

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Xia Shenyi, Zhao Ying, Zhao Suyin, Chi Miya and Ning Yueli were sitting on the couch in the living room, glued to the tab in Zhao Ying's hand watching the telecast of Zhao Tian's talk with the reporters.

At this time, Mei Xiu came there and glanced around at the living room "Where is Tian?"

Xia Shenyi turned to look at Mei Xiu who was on the stairs "He has finally... thought of finishing the black pagoda and is headed there."

"Oh, that's good."

"WAHHHH! I TOLD YOU! BROTHER TIAN IS CHEATING ON US AFTER ALL... SEE! THIS WOMAN IS CLAIMING TO BE BROTHER TIAN'S GIRLFRIEND."

eh?

Chapter 440: The rewards!

Mm...

Zhao Tian stood still for a moment to raise his gaze looking at the imposing black door in front of him.

"The last floor of this black pagoda..." he murmured under his breath, his gaze narrowing.

\*thoom\* With a powerful kick, Zhao Tian sent the door flying, obliterating it into countless pieces.

The thick, ancient wood splintered and shattered into countless pieces, the fragments scattering across the enormous chamber.

Dust swirled in the air, catching the dim light as Zhao Tian stepped across the line, his gaze sweeping over the scene before him.

But what caught Zhao Tian's attention were the bodies lying, scattered around the room... gigantic forms, each the size of a small mountain.

Hm? Giant humans?

However, with the loud sound he created just now, one by one the lying bodies began to wake up.

Their heads resembled that of a minotaur, bore thick horns that curled menacingly, while their faces were a grotesque mix of human and beast, with sharp teeth jutting from their mouths and glowing yellow eyes half-hidden beneath heavy brows.

The floor trembled under their immense weight as they slowly rose to their feet, their bodies stretching as they stood to their full height—fifty meters tall

Zhao Tian raised his gaze to look around at the number of monsters "They are in the Monarch Astral Stage... a little disappointing."

\*swish\* A sword with a black blade and purple hilt appeared in his hand and he teleported up in the air, plunging his sword right into the head of one of the monsters. find more stories on NovelBin| lempyr

\*sleesh\* "GUAAARGHHH!"

The creature let out a blood-curdling scream writhing in agony, but Zhao Tian had an indifferent face and a black glint flickered through his eyes.

\*woosh\* Dark flames burst out of the sword, incinerating the monster into cinders and he landed on the floor.

He turned to look over his shoulder at the remaining monsters.

"Next..."

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"This is easy. Even my women could clear this easily..."

\*thud\* As the last monster's head rolled on the floor, Zhao Tian retracted the sword back into his storage ring.

"Now, let's see what are the rewards for clearing this tower..."

He lifted his head to look at the two shining books which were levitating in front of him.

Smiling, he reached out and took the two books in his hands.

"Hmm..."

Huh? A flash of surprise passed through Zhao Tian's face looking at the names on both of the books.

"This is..."

\*flick8 However, at this time, another golden light appeared and Zhao Tianb looked at the artifact in front of him.

As the information about the artifact flowed in his mind, a smile stretched across his lips "Oh, this is quite helpful... even though it is a one-time use."

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"Wahaha, Brother Tian!! Why were you cheating on us?"

Later that day, Ning Yueli, sitting comfortably on Zhao Tian's lap, grabbed his shoulders and playfully shook him, a mischievous glint in her eyes.

Zhang Yuan smiled dryly and replied "She was just messing around. She is not my girlfriend..."

"She is actually the daughter of the Emperor of the Ebon Luohe High Star whom I meet today..."

"She is a mischievous woman and tends to act like that. Don't mind her."

He paused and turned to look at Xia Shenyi, Zhao Suyin, Zhao Ying, and Chi Miya who were looking at the book intently.

"Shenyi?"

With a deep frown, Xia Shenyi spoke "I couldn't understand anything... I don't why, I can see the letters but I can't read them."

"It seems like there is a mind confusing spell placed on the book. So none other than the Honoured One can use it.."

Zhao Tian took the book from Xia Shenyi's hand and read the cover of the book "Honoured One Physique Cultivation Technique."

"if this is in the rewards for the 9th tower of the black pagoda... we are certain that this artifact is created by the First Honoured one."

Xia Shenyi gave a nod and spoke "That makes sense because the artifact branded itself that you are the Master, so now we can be 100 percent sure that this artifact is created by the First Honoured One."

Zhao Tian let out a sigh and leaned back on the couch, glancing at the book once more. "You can't even read it... but I can. Though, honestly, it's a bit confusing."

"I skimmed through it earlier," Zhao Tian continued, "and it contains techniques for certain elementals, some information about Empyrean flames, and Heavenly Lightning."

"And yeah, another one...."

He took a shabby book from his storage ring and tossed it into Xia Shenyi's hand "What about this? This is the second reward I got on the floor."

Huh? Looking at the shabby book in her hands, Xia Shenyi was dumbfounded and Zhao Suyin who was beside her, giggled.

"Tian'er, seems like you gave the wrong book... this is blank."

A frown crept on Zhao Tian's face and saw the book, but he could clearly see what was written on the cover of the book "But I can see it..."

"Maybe like that book, this can also be only seen by the Honoured one?"

Hearing his words, Chi Miya who was listening, nodded her head "That must be the case... and what is this book about Tian?"

"The process of refining the Honoured One Physique..."

HUHH? Xia Shenyi gasped in shock and her gaze trembled "Refining the Honoured One physique...?"

"Y-Your physique is already powerful and if you refine it... that is a cheat code."

Zhao Tian reached out to take the book from her hands "But the thing is Shenyi, there are nine stages in this refinement and this book has only two stages... the other seven are missing."

With a thoughtful expression, Xia Shenyi mumbled "I see..."

Zhao Tian could only sigh "But damn... I still couldn't fully understand... because the wording is a bit weird."

Zhao Ying tilted her head in confusion "Wording is a bit weird?"

Nodding his head, Zhao Tian opened the first page of the book and began to read...

"Feel thou the breath of the heavens, and let thy soul be as a river, flowing in harmony with the eternal."

"With but a word, thou shalt part the seas, and with but a thought, the heavens shall tremble."

"At the end of this path, thou art no longer bound by fate nor destiny, for thou shalt be the master of both."

-\_- Huh? The women were bewildered to hear this.

What the hell is that?

Seeing their dumbfounded faces, Zhao Tian shrugged his hands "Maybe this is the ancient way of speaking or something? I don't know..."

"Well anyway, the third reward is..."