

Martial 1041

Chapter 1041: Take A Look Outside For Yourself

Outside the palace, Shen Tu once again apologized, "Brother Yang, I can only send you up to here, my identity is too sensitive, if I leave with you, it'll draw too much attention. Take care of yourself out there."

"Xue Tong will accompany you and provide you with all the information you'll require to maintain your safety," Jia Long hurriedly added as the Monster Race cultivator who had accompanied Yang Kai to buy his new Star Shuttle and supply of ores flew over and grinned, "Young Master Yang."

"En, I'll be depending on you." Yang Kai knew this all stemmed from Shen Tu's good intentions, so he didn't refuse.

"Brother Yang, may we meet again!" Shen Tu cupped his fists.

Yang Kai returned the gesture then, under the leadership of Xue Tong, summoned out his Star Shuttle and flew away.

Water Moon Star's Starships were all basically used to transport commodities. The various major forces throughout the Star Field would place orders from Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce through their own branches on Water Moon Star, then when the goods were prepared, the Chamber of Commerce would deliver the goods to the stars specified by these forces via Starship.

Along the way, according to Xue Tong's explanation, Yang Kai understood that the Starship the two of them were about to board was headed to a place called Emerald Star, the home star of a force called Roaring Flame Sect. This force was neither strong nor weak and could only be considered mid-ranked among the entire Star Field. It controlled two Cultivation Stars, with Emerald Star being one of them.

The total transit time would be about half a year, and there would be stopovers at some other Cultivation Stars along the way.

"Young Master Yang, you can choose to get off at one of the Cultivation Stars along the way or remain on the Starship until it reaches Emerald Star," Xue Tong explained.

"Understood, I'll make a decision when the time comes," Yang Kai nodded.

Followed behind Xue Tong, Yang Kai quickly arrived at the Space Array he had used once before then transferred to another city before eventually coming to an area crowded with other cultivators.

This place was an open square that was incredibly vastness, and at fixed intervals, various large and small Starships were parked, with an endless stream of cultivator hurrying about, carrying goods in and out of these Starships in an orderly manner.

The contents of the crates most gave off strong energy fluctuations, and many of them were clearly extremely high-grade goods.

After Xue Tong brought him to this place, Yang Kai couldn't help marvelling once again at the immense wealth of Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce.

Just these few dozen Starships were worth a massive fortune, and that wasn't even taking into consideration their loads of precious cargo or the countless cultivators manning them.

Great forces really had the style of great forces!

The two men hadn't gone far before several Saint King Realm cultivators flew over and barred their way, releasing clear murderous intent as they stared vigilantly towards Xue Tong and Yang Kai, one of them raised his hand and shouting, "You there, halt!"

Xue Tong paused his steps but didn't reveal any kind of fluster, simply taking a token out from his Space Ring and handing it to these two men.

One of the cultivators accepted the token and carefully examined it before gently nodding, no longer asking anything and simply waving Xue Tong and Yang Kai along.

"Young Master Shen Tu has already arranged everything, we will be leaving here with a Senior who he is on good terms with," Xue Tong whispered.

Flying through the Starship dock, a short time later, Xue Tong's eyes lit up and pointed towards the front.

In the direction he pointed was a Saint King Grade High-Rank Starship with its main hatch wide open and a line of cultivators carrying supplies into it. Outside this Starship was a big burly man with his hands crossed in front of his chest, his pair of eagle-like eyes glittering sharply, his expression one of cold indifference.

All the cultivators carrying goods involuntarily stayed away from him, many of them doing their best to not catch his eyes.

When Xue Tong and Yang Kai came over, this burly man couldn't help frowning slightly as he stared towards Yang Kai, causing the latter to feel a slight pressure.

"Senior Xin Rui!" Xue Tong stepped forward and politely cupped his fists.

"Is this him?" The big man who was called Xin Rui looked Yang Kai over before snorting lightly, "Young Master Shen Tu wants me to ferry him away from this place?"

"Yes!" Xue Tong nodded.

"He's not from our Chamber of Commerce is he?" Xin Rui narrowed his eyes slightly and asked.

Xue Tong shook his head, "He is a friend of Young Master Shen Tu."

"Oh?" Xin Rui's eyes revealed a curious light, "He's actually Shen Tu's friend? That's something quite rare. En, I can take him away from here, but you'd best remember not to cause any fuss on my Starship. Make sure he honestly obeys the rules, otherwise I'll toss him overboard and leave him to fend for himself amidst the Starry Sky."

“Rest assured, Young Master’s friend won’t stir up any trouble,” Xue Tong smiled lightly, not paying any mind to this threat.

Xin Rui spat disdainfully, “If he wasn’t a troublemaker, how could Shen Tu be so anxious to arrange for him secretly depart? Seeing him in person, it’s obvious he’s not the law-abiding type!”

Directing a profound and meaningful look towards Yang Kai, Xin Rui seemed to have noticed something, but he didn’t ask any questions and simply shouted, “Go in already!”

“Many thanks!” Xue Tong smiled before motioning for Yang Kai to follow him into the Starship.

Inside the ship, there were still quite a few cultivators running about, each of them incredibly busy.

Xue Tong ignored all the chaos around him and calmly led Yang Kai down a couple of corridors before arriving at a pair of rooms.

“If Young Master Yang feels this room is not satisfactory, I can help you find a different one,” Xue Tong consulted Yang Kai.

Yang Kai walked inside and stared out a large window at the surrounding scenery before slowly shaking his head and saying, “No need, this place has a wide view, that’s plenty.”

“As long as you’re satisfied.”

“That Xin Rui... What is his relationship with Shen Tu? Why would he go out of his way to help him?” Yang Kai asked.

“Senior Xin Rui...” Xue Tong thought for a moment before replying, “He is Young Master Shen Tu’s uncle.”

“What?” Yang Kai was stunned.

“En,” Xue Tong grinned, “Senior Xin Rui sister was Young Master Shen Tu’s mother. The President and Senior Xin Rui’s sister met many years ago, but for various reasons, the two of them could never officially become a couple.”

“Forget it, don’t explain any further. I’m sure it’s a troublesome story!” Yang Kai waved his hand.

Xue Tong also smiled bitterly, “En, there’s a number of unpaid debts related to it. If Young Master doesn’t have any other instructions, I’ll retire first. After an hour or so, this Starship should set sail!”

“Good!”

Xue Tong immediately withdrew.

Yang Kai stood by the window and looked at the crowds down below, his heart beating slowly, once again feeling a sense of loneliness and solitude.

The Star Field was so massive it seemed nearly limitless. He was an outsider here, with no relatives or friends and nowhere to call home.

From where he stood, everything felt foreign and distant. As a lone wanderer in this strange land, Yang Kai couldn't help subconsciously thinking of the warmth of Little Senior Sister and the tenderness of Su Yan, even remembering the charms of the seductive Shan Qing Luo and the sharp wit of Qiu Yi Meng.

As these familiar faces crossed his mind, his pulses quickened slightly.

Were they all happy and healthy right now? Had they encountered any kind of difficulties? Were they also thinking about him...

Yang Kai's thoughts drifted about like this, causing his mood to sour slightly.

However, when a certain figure appeared in his line of sight, all these melancholy thoughts were swept aside and his eyes couldn't help but shrink, his face quickly becoming gloomy.

Out in the giant square, a group of three people were slowly walking this way. The young man leading them was extraordinarily handsome, his skin so fair it would make any woman jealous, his long black hair gently falling across his shoulders, a warm and genial smile that seemed as refreshing as a spring breeze adorning his face.

Wherever he went, the female cultivators who were carrying supplies stopped their movements and stared at him longingly.

What's more, he was actually walking towards this very Starship!

[Xue Yue!]

Yang Kai quickly left the window and flew straight out of his room, arriving at the door of the one adjacent to him and walking straight in.

Xue Tong was meditating on top of the bed, but upon seeing Yang Kai suddenly burst in, he couldn't help feeling a bit stunned and asking, "Young Master Yang, do you require something?"

Yang Kai stared at him deeply and spoke in a cold tone, "Answer me honestly, did Shen Tu sell me out?"

Xue Tong's expression only became more confused upon hearing this, frowning as he asked, "What does Young Master Yang mean by that?"

"Take a look outside for yourself!" Yang Kai coldly snorted.

Xue Tong stood up and gazed out the window, his eyes immediately shrinking up as he cried out, "Young Master Xue Yue? How can he be here?"

"If you ask me, who am I supposed to ask?" Yang Kai sneered, "Did Shen Tu rat me out to him?"

Xue Tong wore a serious expression and replied, "Young Master Yang, if you really think so, you look down on Young Master Shen Tu far too much. He sincerely treated you as a friend, how could he suddenly betray you? Moreover, Young Master Xue Yue should have left Water Moon Star yesterday. It was only because of this fact that Young Master Shen Tu chose to have to depart today."

"Left yesterday?" Yang Kai frowned, his eyes staring fixedly towards Xue Tong, not letting off the slightest change in his expressions.

“En, Young Master Xue Yue was assigned an important mission and should have left yesterday to complete it,” Xue Tong nodded heavily, “Many people witnessed him board a Starship that left Water Moon Star!”

“So how could he appear here? And on top of that, head for this particular Starship?” Yang Kai asked flatly.

Xue Tong smiled bitterly, “I don’t know... but Young Master Yang, Young Master Shen Tu did not betray you, he would not do such a thing.”

Yang Kai stared at him for a moment before letting out a sigh and nodding, “Good, I believe you! Should we get off now then?”

“That’s too risky, there’s too great a chance of running into him,” Xue Tong hurriedly waved, “If Young Master Xue Yue intends to travel aboard this Starship, you’d best remain here and conceal your presence. Hopefully, he is just coming over to discuss something with Senior Xin Rui...”

“I’m afraid there’s no chance of that,” Yang Kai slowly shook his head as he perked up his ears. Xue Tong and his rooms weren’t far from the hatch, so even if he didn’t circulate his strength to enhance his senses, Yang Kai could hear bits and pieces of the conversation going on outside. Listening to the dialogue being exchanged between Xin Rui and Xue Yue, Yang Kai knew that the latter really came here to board this battleship.

Yang Kai’s mood suddenly turned pitch black.

Chapter 1042, Coincidence

“Young Master Xue Yue, as far as I know, you should have left Water Moon Star yesterday. How could you suddenly appear here today?” Next to Starship, Xin Rui asked curiously.

Xue Yue smiled lightly, “There were a few matters that weren’t settled on time yesterday, so I let that Starship depart first. Uncle Xin Rui is sailing for Emerald Star, so I thought there shouldn’t be a problem if I rode your Starship instead. In any case, you will be passing through Rainfall Star, that’s my destination as well.”

Xin Rui’s brow couldn’t help furrowing slightly.

Xue Yue observed this and continued to laugh, “Is there something inconvenient about my presence, Uncle Xin Rui? Could it be there’s something aboard this Starship you don’t want me to see?”

Xin Rui’s attitude made him feel somewhat suspicious so Xue Yue couldn’t help probing him slightly.

Xin Rui broke out into laughter hearing this, “Young Master Xue Yue surely jests, aboard my Starship are only the materials ordered by Raging Flame Sect, how could there be anything I don’t want you to see? Please feel free to step aboard, Young Master Xue Yue!”

Saying so, he opened the way.

“Many thanks, Uncle Xin Rui,” Xue Yue nodded before he and his two followers walked up the ramp to the Starship under the solemn and respectful gazes of all the surrounding cultivators.

“Check if there are any materials aboard this Starship that aren’t supposed to be here!” Xue Yue never lost his smile as he sent a Divine Sense Message to his two subordinates.

“Does Young Master suspect Xin Rui of smuggling supplies?” One of them asked back.

“He shouldn’t be, but the way he was acting just now makes me a little curious. An abundance of caution is not unwarranted!”

“Subordinate will verify the situation as quickly as possible!”

The group of three walked through the Starship’s corridors and soon arrived at a luxurious room. Only the most important of passengers were eligible to live in such quarters.

The rooms where Yang Kai and Xue Tong were staying were just ordinary quarters where the ordinary crewmembers lived.

Outside the Starship, after Xue Yue and his escorts walked inside, Xin Rui looked up and saw two particularly ugly faces staring out a nearby window.

“He really boarded,” Yang Kai expression sank dramatically as he glanced towards Xue Tong.

Xue Tong’s face was also twitching. Never had he dreamed they would run into Xue Yue at this time, much less watch him board the same Starship as them.

“Young Master Xue Yue seems to be headed for Rainfall Star, it is one of the Cultivation Stars under the jurisdiction of the Chamber of Commerce and is only a two months journey from here. Young Master Yang should bear with this situation for a while. After Young Master Xue Yue leaves, everything will be alright,” Xue Tong comforted.

“Seems there’s no other choice,” Yang Kai nodded helplessly.

Although he had never really met Xue Yue and at the time could only vaguely see his face, the other party should still remember his approximate appearance. If Yang Kai were to appear in front of Xue Yue now, it would be no different from turning himself over to him. In order to keep the secret of him privately trading precious commodities, Xue Yue had already killed two thousand innocent people, he certainly wouldn’t mind killing one more.

The two people beside Xue Yue were definitely masters Yang Kai couldn’t beat as he felt tremendous pressure from them.

He knew that Xue Tong’s suggestion was the best course of action to follow.

“Please take this, Young Master Yang. After pouring your Divine Sense into it, you can immediately contact me if you require anything,” Xue Tong said as he took out a communication type artifact and handed it to Yang Kai.

Yang Kai accepted it and briefly examined it, quickly figuring out how it worked.

Yang Kai had seen these kinds of compass-looking artifacts used for communication many times before. The cultivators from Purple Star and Sword Union also used these to communicate, but it wasn’t until now that Yang Kai actually got hold of one of them, piquing his curious slightly.

“Good, then I’ll go back first,” Yang Kai said, storing the communicator into his pocket.

He had heard the footsteps of the group of three led by Xue Yue pass by a while ago and knew they must have left by far by now, so for the moment there wasn’t any problem moving about.

“Young Master Yang...” Xue Tong suddenly called out towards his back.

“Is there something else?” Yang Kai looked back at him.

Xue Tong hesitated a moment before declaring, “Young Master Shen Tu sincerely wished to become friends with you. He would not do something to betray your trust!”

Yang Kai stared deeply into his eyes before gently nodding, “I understand.”

He had only suspected that Shen Tu had betrayed him because this situation was too coincidental. Anyone would have been confused by it.

However, from the conversation between Xue Yue and Xin Rui, Yang Kai had already determined that this was just his own misunderstanding.

When Shen Tu had learned that he had killed three cultivators from the Chamber of Commerce, he showed no intention to pursue it, so it was obvious how much he valued their friendship. Otherwise, he would have at least revealed an unpleasant look at the time.

However, he had not done so. Compared to Yang Kai, Shen Tu didn’t care one bit about the death of three of his Chamber of Commerce’s cultivators!

Returning to his room, Yang Kai closed the door and sat down on the bed to cultivate.

After about an hour, a humming sound echoed throughout the huge Starship and for a moment it seemed to shake. Soon after though, everything became smooth again and the Starship slowly lifted off and adjusted its heading. After rising a few thousand meters, the Starship rapidly accelerated, turning into a streak of light that rushed off into the Starry Sky.

Yang Kai opened his eyes and looked over his shoulder just in time to see the scenery outside his window rapidly rush past and soon, everything on Water Moon Star’s surface became incredibly small.

After passing through the thick layer of clouds, the Starship arrived in the realm of stars and swiftly headed in the direction of Emerald Star.

Since he knew that Xue Yue was also aboard this Starship, Yang Kai behaved with extreme caution, not even opening his own door. Even when he was cultivating, he was careful not to expose his own aura so as not to attract the attention of Xue Yue.

From the information obtained by Xue Tong, Yang Kai had learned that Xue Yue was living in a first-class suite on a different level far away from their low-level rooms, but Yang Kai still didn’t relax his vigilance.

After spending so many years outside adventuring, Yang Kai had fully understood that care and caution were the foundation of survival.

This Saint King Grade High-Rank Starship was extremely fast, many times faster than Yang Kai’s Star Shuttle.

When comparing the same rank of Starship and Star Shuttle, a Starship would always have an absolute advantage in terms of speed. Despite their larger size, the numerous Spirit Arrays engraved on their hulls would provide a much greater boost in propulsive output and use Saint Crystals as their primary source of power instead of a cultivator's own Saint Qi.

Amidst the Starry Sky, there were countless drifting asteroids. There was no regularity to these asteroids. Some were big, some were small, some were scattered and remote, while others gathered together to form a large Asteroid Seas.

As the Starship moved through the Starry Sky, it would avoid most of these asteroids with great finesse so as not to cause unnecessary damage to the hull. If an asteroid couldn't be avoided, cultivators from the Starship would be dispatched to shift its track or to simply destroy it.

The journey was calm and peaceful; Yang Kai remained inside his own room, mostly cultivating but occasionally observing the fascinating outside scenery to ease his nerves.

One day, he suddenly took out the communication type artifact and poured his Divine Sense into it to contact Xue Tong.

"What command does Young Master Yang have?" Xue Tong quickly responded.

"What kind of cultivation do the two people around Xue Yue possess?"

"One of them is an Origin Returning Realm master and the other should only be a Third Order Saint King!"

"Origin Returning Realm..." Yang Kai couldn't help feeling a sense of surprise, now fully understanding just how much President Ai Ou valued Xue Yue. Even the best guards in Shen Tu's palace were on the same level as Jia Long, Third Order Saint Kings, but Xue Yue actually had an Origin Returning Realm master serving as a bodyguard.

In President Ai Ou's mind, Xue Yue's position must be significantly higher than Shen Tu's.

"What about Xue Yue himself?" Yang Kai asked.

"Ten years ago he broke through to the Second Order Saint King Realm, but currently I'm not too sure..." Xue Tong's spoke in a somewhat exasperated tone, "Young Master Xue Yue's talent is outstanding. Among President Ai Ou's many sons, Xue Yue's cultivation is the highest; Young Master Shen Tu only ranks a distant second."

"Fierce," Yang Kai acclaimed with sincere admiration, "Besides the master accompanying Xue Yue, are there no other cultivators on this Starship at the Origin Returning Realm?"

"En, there aren't. After all, such masters are not very common. The number of Origin Returning Realm masters on each Cultivation Star is never that high, most of them are scattered throughout the Star Field and each one is a mainstay of each force. Shipping commodities from place to place is a minor matter that most Origin Returning Realm masters pay no mind to, only if something of extreme value is being shipped will an Origin Returning Realm cultivator be sent to escort it."

After explaining all this, Xue Tong paused for a moment before asking, "Is Young Master Yang worried about the safety of this Starship? If so, you may be rest easy. Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce's

influence has spread to every corner of the Star Field and we have connections to every major force in existence. Even those robbers and murderers from Galaxy Ridge and Abandoned Lair won't get any ideas about our Chamber of Commerce's Starships because they too need to maintain trade relations with us."

Galaxy Ridge and Abandoned Lair were Heng Luo Star Field's two great evil forces. Yang Kai has previously learned from Shen Tu that these two forces were rampant pirates who pillaged and murdered across the Star Field, robbing Starships and plundering their goods while turning the males into slaves and the women into toys. They were savage and ruthless to the bone.

Any Starship would steer well clear of these two places.

In the past, the Star Field's great forces had collaborated many times to encircle and route these two forces out, but their two hideouts were natural fortresses and possessed extremely strong fortifications. Every time they have encircled these two places, the Star Field's great forces would suffer heavy losses and although they could temporarily suppress Galaxy Ridge and Abandoned Lair, it wouldn't be long before they recovered and then wreak terrible revenge upon the Star Field.

After repeating this thankless job several times, the great forces eventually gave up.

"As long as this Starship bears the insignia of the Chamber of Commerce, no one will dare move against it!" Xue Tong's said with an obvious note of pride in his voice.

"En, understood!" Yang Kai nodded, chatting with Xue Tong for a while to alleviate his boredom before ending the conversation with him.

Immersing his consciousness into his Knowledge Sea, Yang Kai materialized his Soul Avatar and began studying the giant Star Chart once again.

A moment ago, during his conversation with Xue Tong, Yang Kai had inquired about Rainfall Star and their end destination Emerald Star. From Xue Tong, Yang Kai learned that these two stars were Cultivation Stars with rich World Energy auras and that Rainfall Star belonged to Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce while Emerald Star was the home star of Raging Flame Sect. After learning this general information, Yang Kai became curious and decided to seek out the positions of Emerald Star and Rainfall Star in his Star Chart.

Chapter 1043, Deadly To Men And Women Alike

Yang Kai's Divine Sense flew like lightning across the giant Star Chart suspended above his Knowledge Sea.

Soon, he found a Cultivation Star matching the description Xue Tong had given him. This Cultivation Star was half ocean, half dry land, and was almost the same size as Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce's home star, Water Moon Star.

Rainfall Star!

Around Rainfall Star there was a great sun as well as a number of small moons. These moons orbited Rainfall Star under the influence of its gravity field, while Rainfall Star orbited the sun under the influence of its gravity. All of these celestial bodies were invisibly yet inextricably linked together.

The entire Star Field was like this, and observing it was equivalent to observing some kind of grand Heavenly principle.

Suns and Moons were two kinds of stars that would inevitably exist around any Cultivation Star. Suns would give off brilliant sunlight, providing the plants and creatures on the surface of a Cultivation Star with the energy required to support life. Moons scattered holy radiance and cold moonlight that would allow cultivators to calm their minds and souls.

After finding Rainfall Star, Yang Kai began trying to use his understanding of the Star Field to plot a safe course to it.

Soon, Yang Kai was pleasantly surprised to discover that using his consciousness as a pen and his Spiritual Energy as ink to sketch routes on this Star Chart was actually able to enhance his understanding of the use of his Divine Sense.

This unexpected discovery caused him some elation.

He spared no effort mapping out other safe routes on the Star Chart, copying them into his Star Shuttle whenever he completed one.

Yang Kai soon immersed himself in this task and gradually forgot the passage of time.

Plotting then copying these safe routes on the Star Chart then into his Star Shuttle consumed a great deal of Spiritual Energy. Yang Kai continued mapping out various safe routes from one Cultivation Star to another on the Star Chart for several days. Some of these safe routes were extremely long and would take several years even with a fast Starship. Others were short enough that only a couple of months would be required to complete them.

Yang Kai's understanding of the Star Field became more and more profound as he continued this unusual form of practice. His understanding and control over his Conflagrated Knowledge Sea also grew at a noticeable rate. Both inside and out, Yang Kai felt as if his Soul had been baptized and sublimated.

However, he didn't really know how much use these various routes he was plotting out would have. With the giant Star Chart in his Knowledge Sea, moving safely about the Star Field was a simple task for him.

The only way to verify their usefulness would be to put them to use.

Yang Kai stopped plotting new courses at one point and compared the route the Starship he was sailing about to the one he had created.

When he found that the safe route he had plotted using the giant Star Chart did not differ greatly from the sailing route of the Starship, Yang Kai was quite excited and his confidence and motivation were both boosted.

Yang Kai then began to observe the route ahead, wanting to see if they would encounter any danger.

After a short observation though, he found something wrong.

The Starship he was aboard would sail for another day or two before entering a cold and desolate part of the Star Field. There was a large number of asteroids in this particular region and the light from all the surrounding stars was weak and gloomy, with no aura whatsoever.

These stars were all Dead Stars.

Contacting Xue Tong, he asked him about this region.

Xue Tong quickly replied, "Young Master Yang does not need to worry, that is the famous Ice-Cold Dead Zone. We will indeed be passing through it."

"Is there no problems with that?" Yang Kai didn't immediately relax and asked.

"En, there are no issues. Every Starship travelling to Rainfall Star from Water Moon Star will pass through there, there is no danger," Xue Tong seemed to think that Yang Kai was making a fuss over nothing and secretly chuckled to himself.

After a moment though, he suddenly asked with amazement, "How did Young Master Yang know that we will pass through the Ice-Cold Dead Zone?"

According to what Xue Tong knew about him, it was impossible for Yang Kai to have had prior knowledge about their route, confusing him somewhat.

Yang Kai did not explain and instead just ended the conversation before continuing to study the giant Star Chart and improve his ability to manipulate his Spiritual Energy.

In a different, far more luxurious room of the Starship, Xue Yue sat in a relaxed manner upon a comfortable chair. He held a glass in his hand, filled with dark red wine, savouring its taste elegantly as he listened to the report of his Origin Returning Realm guard.

"Young Master, I performed a thorough inspection and discovered that there is nothing out of order with the materials being shipped aboard this Starship. It is indeed what Raging Flame Sect ordered with no additional unregistered cargo."

"Nothing extra or missing?" Xue Yue asked softly.

"None! I even caught one of the crew and spied on his memory, yet I found no problems at all."

"Oh?" Xue Yue showed a thoughtful look on his face, his slender fingers casually brushing his long hair away from his face as his brow slightly wrinkled.

Xue Yue's movements were natural and unintentional, but when they appeared in the eyes of his other subordinate who was standing nearby, that man couldn't help revealing an infatuated look, his breathing becoming a bit heavier as the gaze gradually went from that of a calm master to those of a hungry wolf staring at a delicious meal.

This man's aura started fluctuating violently as his strength began to condense, seemingly on the verge of pouncing upon Xue Yue, not caring one bit he was also a man!

“Young Master!” The Origin Returning Realm master immediately realized something was amiss and quickly shouted.

“Hm?” Xue Yue awoke from his contemplation and saw the ugly look on his other subordinate’s face, his crystal clear eyes revealing a thick meaning of disgust as he angrily shouted, “Get out!”

The Third Order Saint King cultivator finally regained his senses when he heard this shout and his face dyed bright red with embarrassment, wishing he could immediately find a hole to crawl into and hide, swiftly asking for mercy before dashing out the door!

After he left, the Origin Returning Realm old man could only smile bitterly, “Young Master, you must pay more attention to your surroundings, just now was not actually his wrong.”

Xue Yue snorted, “Such disappointing metal fortitude, from now on, do not allow him to follow me!”

“Understood,” The old man gently nodded, sighing in his heart.

If it weren’t for his own profound strength and advanced age, a moment ago, even he might have fallen into a deluded state when Xue Yue had inadvertently revealed his aura. He suddenly understood that this extraordinary Young Master of his was indeed as rumoured, deadly to men and women alike!

Usually, his charms only affected women.

However, when he inadvertently exposed his mesmerizing aura, even men would find themselves unable to resist his appeal.

If this person were to fully mature, who would be capable of resisting his charms?

“If there is no problem with the materials... What is Xin Rui trying to hide?” Xue Yue showed a shallow smile on his face before suddenly saying, “Forget it, there’s no point wasting any more effort on such a minor matter. You may go.”

“Yes!” The Origin Returning Realm old man respectfully retired.

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The Starship’s cruising speed suddenly dropped as it entered the Ice-Cold Dead Zone. If it wanted to avoid the irregularly moving asteroids, it simply couldn’t maintain its original speed.

Soon, the fascinating scenery outside the window disappeared and was replaced by a dark and desolate void. There was truly nothing of worth to see, as if the Starship had suddenly plunged into a deep abyss.

Occasionally, some streaks of light would pass by, but just as fast as they came, they would disappear.

Through this vast desolate region, the huge Starship continued moving forward smoothly, unaffected by the outside world.

This route was not dangerous, just a bit bumpy. Innumerable Starships from the Chamber of Commerce had passed through this place and never once had there been any kind of serious accident.

So the cultivators aboard the Starship didn’t reveal any kind of worry.

However, as the captain of the Starship, Xin Rui always maintained a degree of vigilance about the surrounding environment, not daring to relax.

He knew that any accident, large or small, could cause unexpected losses.

Two days later, a massive Asteroid Sea appeared again in front of the Starship and Xin Rui ordered his crew to act even more cautiously, to avoid impacts as best as possible.

When the Starship entered this Asteroid Sea though, for some inexplicable reason, Xin Rui suddenly felt an uncomfortable chill, as if crisis was upon him!

The last time he felt this sensation was many years ago when he was being chased down by an Origin Returning Realm cultivator. It was thanks to this unique intuition that he had managed to escape and survive until today.

He had great faith in this instinct.

So Xin Rui immediately began scanning the surroundings outside the window to see if there was any kind of approaching danger.

A moment later, from a certain location, he saw a white point of light amongst the dark Ice-Cold Dead Zone.

This point of light cut through the darkness like a brilliant sword. As if chain reaction had been started, another twenty white points of light appeared around the Starship like fireflies scattered around the nearby asteroids.

Xin Rui's pupils shrank as he shouted at the top his lungs, "Full speed ahead! Get us clear! Someone's set up a trap using Star Breaker Sparks here!"

His shout echoed throughout the Starship, allowing everyone on board to clearly hear him, the cultivators in the power room all paling when they heard his words and not hesitating to raise the Starship's speed to maximum to desperately flee this area.

However, it was too late. As soon as Xin Rui's words rang out, the white points of light all sent out a strange energy fluctuation and exploded, releasing a brilliance brighter than the dazzling rays of the sun, causing the darkest part of the Starry Sky, the Ice-Cold Dead Zone, to fill with light.

Shocking and terrifying energy fluctuations erupted from the white lights, causing ripples in space visible to the naked eye. These ripples from the twenty white lights immediately overlapped and amplified one another, creating an inescapable region of death.

The space inside the Ice-Cold Dead Zone warped and cracked. Innumerable asteroids were instantly vaporized, leaving not even dust behind.

The Saint King Grade High-Rank Starship which had just accelerated was swiftly engulfed by these destructive waves.

The incredibly sturdy hull, which could allow the Starship to safely roam the Star Field, was as fragile as tofu before these ripples and like the surrounding asteroids, turned to ash, exposing the interior.

Every single one of the Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce cultivators went pale with fright, as horror filled their faces and their lives flashed before their eyes.

When the destructive waves hit, regardless of how high their cultivation was, all burst into bloody fog with not even their bones surviving!

Chapter 1044, Somewhat Different

When Xin Rui first shouted, Yang Kai was still immersed in studying the Star Chart above his Knowledge Sea.

Noticing something was wrong from the sudden shout and subsequent panic, he withdrew his consciousness just in time to feel the intense energy fluctuations crash towards him from all directions, the overbearing force they carried with them giving him the feeling of impending death.

The communication type artifact in his pocket vibrated and Xue Tong shouted, "Young Master Yang, quickly..."

Before he could finish his words though, the communication was cut off.

The room around him suddenly collapsed, and the debris that was created quickly disintegrated and vanished into nothingness. Yang Kai's body was then directly exposed to the Starry Sky.

Rapidly sweeping his eyes around, Yang Kai saw bursts of blood all around him as the Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce cultivators one after another desperately tried to escape but were swiftly overtaken by the destructive waves and pulverised.

The ripples in space acted like the sharpest of blades, shredding these cultivators to dust.

Yang Kai realized he was in the midst of a life or death crisis and immediately condensed his strength and slashed his hand forward in an attempt to tear space and escape from this place.

However, what made him feel desperate was that at this moment, he was unable to accomplish the familiar task of tearing space. The explosions that had occurred all around him had greatly destabilized the surrounding space. So, he was unable to tear space!

Twenty black hole-like cracks appeared around the Starship, like the mouths of giant fish that were engulfing everything nearby.

Yang Kai went pale and swiftly activated his Demon God Transformation in an attempt to maximize his strength before attempting to escape in the opposite direction of the spreading ripples.

Behind him, the aura of death pursued him like a relentless tidal wave, the space around him seemingly transforming into the sharpest of weapons, shredding Yang Kai's body, causing great spurts of golden blood to fly out.

Resisting the pain, Yang Kai madly circulated his Saint Qi and condensed out a series of Grand Heavenly Shields while simultaneously summoning out the Silver Leaf artifact he had not used for so long, transforming it into a light curtain that tightly wrapped around his form.

Chi chi chi...

The disintegrating space swiftly cut into Yang Kai's defences, ripping apart the silver light halo in an instant and causing the Silver Leaf Grade High-Rank artifact to lose its spirituality in the next moment before it ultimately collapsed.

The artifact had actually been directly destroyed.

The destructive onslaught did not abate and the Grand Heavenly Shields condensed by Yang Kai were unable to resist their might, shattering faster than he could form them, leaving no margin for Yang Kai to even catch his breath.

Bearing the terrible pain directly with his body once more, Yang Kai did not doubt he would soon die if he didn't do something.

Raising his speed to its limits, Yang Kai let out a desperate roar as he shot in a random direction, trying to seek a way out from this disaster.

Just then, another shout rang out from nearby.

"Young Master, run quickly! I will buy you some time!"

Even while busy fleeing, Yang Kai shot a glance towards the source of the voice and discovered an old man standing nearby, his arms spread wide open as if he was trying to embrace something, staring towards the approaching waves of destruction, a strange energy fluctuation spreading out from his figure. As the unique aura of an Origin Returning Realm spread out, this old man used all his strength to wrench open one of the cracks in space before him and expand it as wide as he possibly could.

As the violent waves crashed towards him, the old man wore a fearless look upon his face as he stood his ground, allowing the Heaven shaking destructive force to wash over him, disintegrating his clothes, then rending the flesh from his bones.

However, because of this old man's efforts, a large portion of the destructive energy had been led into The Void.

Yang Kai felt the surrounding pressure on him drop noticeably and joy filled his heart.

Not far from the old man, an incredibly handsome young man with long hair draped over his shoulders stared at the old man who was sacrificing his life for him and desperately wished to help him, but was powerless to do anything. Clenching his teeth, the young man summoning a set of flame-coloured armour that tightly wrapped around his body, making him appear even more gallant and valiant.

He and Yang Kai exchanged a single glance before both fled in the same direction.

Xue Yue!

Yang Kai groaned, wishing he could stop right now and choke this guy to death!

In that brief glance, Xue Yue had also recognized Yang Kai's identity, but in this life or death crisis, he had no time to care about him. Frustrated, Xue Yue simply clenched his fists together while suppressing

the feelings of helplessness and anger inside his heart, glancing back once more just in time to see the old man's bones rupture before turning around and fleeing as fast as he could.

The Origin Returning Realm old man had only delayed the destructive onslaught for three breaths of time before the space crack he had forcibly opened was destroyed and the deadly waves expanded outwards once more.

These overlapping waves of destruction quickly spread to the location of Yang Kai and Xue Yue.

Yang Kai felt as if he had been punched by thousands of fists, every bit of his skin cracking open while his Knowledge Sea was thrown into chaos before he swiftly lost consciousness.

Just before he passed out though, he saw that the set of armour and the clothes Xue Yue wore beneath them tear apart, revealing a white, flawless body.

Yang Kai's eyes bulged at that moment as he swore he saw something unbelievable...

In that instant, the two pectoral muscles of this 'young man' appeared somewhat different than he had expected...

This strange sight was the last thing Yang Kai saw before darkness took him.

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Amidst the Ice-Cold Dead Zone, a desolate silence filled the air.

The nearby Asteroid Sea had been swept away and was now nowhere to be seen. The massive Saint King Grade High-Rank Starship had also disappeared, along with hundreds of cultivators and all the materials it had been carrying.

It was as if none of it had ever existed, no trace left behind at all.

Silently, Yang Kai's bloody figure drifted through the Starry Sky. It was as if he had fallen into a deep sleep and there was no way to tell when he might awaken.

Golden rays of light shrouded his figure as the restorative powers of the Demon God Golden Blood once again displayed their formidability, rapidly repairing his damaged physique.

His fingers twitched suddenly and his eyes shot open, a dazed look covering his face as he stared blankly into space for a moment.

The scene from just before he passed out then flashed before his eyes and the desperate screams and roars reverberated in his ears, allowing him to immediately come to his senses.

Upon trying to move, Yang Kai discovered that his body was completely stiff.

He felt as if all his bones had been shattered and his body filled with scars.

Laying back down again, he quickly inspected his condition with his Divine Sense.

The situation was quite bad, his physique had many grievous wounds and many of his meridians were seriously damaged. Yang Kai couldn't circulate his Saint Qi smoothly either, so his current strength didn't even reach half of his maximum.

Even with Yang Kai's formidable resilience and the incredible restorative power of his Demon God Golden Blood, if he wanted to completely restore himself from these injuries he would need at least half a month.

After clarifying his current state, Yang Kai took out a healing Saint Pill from his Demon Mystic Tome and stuffed it into his mouth.

At the same time, Yang Kai couldn't help rejoicing slightly. If it weren't for the old Origin Returning Realm master who had been accompanying Xue Yue dampening the destructive wave for a moment back then, his current injuries would be far more serious and the chances of him having died would not have been small.

Even a master at the Origin Returning Realm had died, what hope did a small Second-Order Saint like him have?

What about Xue Yue? Did he die?

Recalling the scene he saw right before slipping into a coma, Yang Kai's expression became strange. He thought about it carefully and confirmed that it was not an illusion born of his own confusion. The Star Field's famous Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce Third Young Master apparently had an incredible secret!

Yang Kai released his Divine Sense but didn't notice any life auras nearby. If he hadn't died, Yang Kai anticipated that Xue Yue's situation would be similar to his own. He had accidentally seen the other party's greatest secret, and even before that Xue Yue had intended to kill him, so now it was even more impossible for him to let Yang Kai off.

Yang Kai fully regarded Xue Yue as his enemy!

Xue Tong...

Remembering about the other person who had been accompanying him, Yang Kai quickly took out the communication type artifact from the Demon Mystic Tome and poured his Divine Sense into it, trying to get in touch with Xue Tong.

To his disappointment though, no matter how he called out, Yang Kai received no response from Xue Tong. Before the disaster, Xue Tong had used this communication type artifact to try to warn Yang Kai to escape, but he had been cut off before he could even finish his words.

It seems that at that time, Xue Tong had already suffered disaster.

Yang Kai sighed deeply before stowing away the communication type artifact. He was a bit sad that Xue Tong had fallen. This Monster Race cultivator had been good to him; if Shen Tu hadn't made Xue Tong accompany Yang Kai, he wouldn't have been caught up in this disaster.

His luck was really bad...

Who laid such a trap in that Asteroid Sea though? Why did they want to destroy a Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce Starship?

Also, what kind of trap was capable of such immense destructive power?

Was it for revenge? Was it an assassination? Yang Kai had no way to know.

He only remembered that Xin Rui had said something about Star Breaker Sparks before the disaster occurred, but Yang Kai had no idea what that was.

Yang Kai secretly decided that he needed to discover the truth of this matter, not only because he had almost been killed, but also because he need to give Shen Tu an explanation for Xue Tong's death!

From behind Yang Kai, a slight attractive force appeared, pulling his body downwards. Yang Kai turned his head around with great difficulty and discovered that a few hundred kilometers or so away there was a small Dead Star.

The force which had caught Yang Kai was the gravity generated by this Dead Star.

Yang Kai didn't resist and allowed the Dead Star to pull him in.

Two hours later, when Yang Kai was just about to hit the surface of this Dead Star, he slowly, roughly circulated his Saint Qi to stabilize his figure.

Glancing around, Yang Kai felt that this place truly deserved its Dead Star classification. A thick Death Qi lingered about the deserted surface, with no trace of vitality or life anywhere to be seen, only some scattered craters and mountains added variety to the landscape.

At the moment, Yang Kai stood next to a huge pit, not a single strip of clothing on his body.

All his clothes had been destroyed in the previous incident.

After this short period of recovery, Yang Kai felt a bit better and was just about to take out a set of clothes from the Demon Mystic Tome when his expression suddenly changed and he hurriedly released his Divine Sense.

He noticed another life aura in a place not far from him.

His brow wrinkling slightly, Yang Kai didn't even bother wearing clothes first before quickly flying over to investigate.

Chapter 1045, Struggle And Resist

A thousand meters from where Yang Kai had landed was another massive pit. There, a woman with an astonishingly beautiful body and exposed jade white skin sat.

Standing up in the pit, she rubbed her forehead, slowly kneading it as she scanned her surroundings.

Similar to Yang Kai, because of the recent disaster, she was in somewhat of a daze and couldn't immediately tell what had just happened.

Standing there, her snow-white naked form revealed a gloss, like the finest of porcelain, and her pair of jade peaks stood as tall as mountains yet as soft as the clouds. Her beautiful legs were long and slender and by themselves were enough to cause any man's blood to boil.

The dark red bloodstains which covered her body did nothing to detract from her image, and instead, caused her to exude an even richer sense of temptation.

She was currently in a great deal of pain, and every time she tried to move a moan would leak from her lips, resounding like the most fascinating music between the Heavens and the Earth.

Calming down and thinking about it, she gradually understood her situation, and recalled what had happened before, her beautiful eyes trembled lightly and a thick murderous intent flashed across their depths, causing her tender body to shiver unconsciously.

Gritting her teeth tightly, she took a deep breath, her full chest heaving up and down in a mesmerizing arc, trying to calm her fluctuating mood.

She quickly tapped her Space Ring and took out a fragrant healing pill, forcing it into her mouth in order to help restore her injuries and recover her strength.

She then took out a pair of petite snow-white underwear adorned with exquisite lace patterns and made from the finest of materials from her Space Ring.

She lifted her foot and bent down halfway, ready to put on her clothes before considering anything else.

But just then, a sudden noise resounded from above her head and a few pieces of rock quickly fell before her eyes.

When she heard this movement, her beautiful face couldn't help but pale as she swiftly glanced upwards.

There, she saw a man who at some unknown point had arrived and stood at the top of the crater she was standing in. His vision was fiery and he made no attempt to hide the sharp glances he was directing towards her most intimate and secretive places, everything she was being imprinted into his eyes.

She instantly remembered this man's face.

It was him, the one who had passed by the mountain valley some time ago and forced her to abandon that transaction.

It was him, the one she had spent two months looking for and killed two thousand people to find!

It was him, the one who had fled together with her when the Starship they had been riding was destroyed.

His whole body was also stark naked, his solid, powerful muscles exposed and the symbol of his manhood, like the long trunk of an elephant, on full display, tarnishing her delicate eyes and forever engraving its image into her innocent soul!

It was then that she realized that she was also not wearing anything, and at this moment, was bent over halfway, her twin peaks pressed together tightly while she lightly lifted and extended one of her legs towards his direction. It was as if she was a seductress actively showing off her beautiful figure to please her lover...

Her rage and anger soared to unprecedented heights!

“You seek...” She tried to shout, but before she could finish her sentence, her face went pale and she began coughing fiercely, her thin, tender mouth overflowing with red blood, her delicate hand reaching up to cover her chest as she staggered backwards.

Her injuries were much more severe than Yang Kai’s, her five viscera and six organs all heavily battered, and although her red flame armour had managed to stop her skin from receiving many series bruises, her internal injuries were awful to the extreme.

“... Death!” She squeezed out the last word as she glared at Yang Kai, gnashing her teeth, wishing she could drink his blood and feast on his flesh.

No man had ever seen her body like this, and aside from a few select people, none even know about her secret identity, yet now she had actually exposed everything to this nobody, her whole body put on display for his dissolute eyes to wantonly gaze upon.

She couldn’t help feeling as though she was being blasphemed.

“Young Master Xue Yue?” Yang Kai grinned, a meaningful grin appearing on his face, not caring one bit about his own nakedness. Not only did he not try to cover himself, he even took a step forward, allowing his figure to be seen even more clearly, chatting as he walked, “I didn’t expect that Young Master Xue Yue was actually a woman, this is really a fantastic tale.”

The woman standing at the bottom of the pit was seventy or eighty percent similar to Xue Yue, whom Yang Kai had seen before, but the difference now had made Xue Yue reborn as an astonishingly beautiful woman.

Her beauty was hard to describe in words, everything from her looks to her body was the epitome of perfection, without the slightest blemish. It was as if the Heavens themselves had concentrated all their blessings onto her, allowing anyone who laid eyes upon her to fall into a fascination they would never be able to extricate themselves from.

Her beautiful eyes were also crystal clear, so much so that if one were to stare into them, they would feel as if their soul was being drawn from their body, shattering their sense of free will, and making them willing to dedicate their entire being to serve her every whim.

When Yang Kai had first arrived here and caught sight of her, he felt as if lightning had struck his body, and a deep intoxication swiftly filled his heart. At that moment, he wished time and space would freeze so he could forever see this scene of her leaning over to dress herself.

Her whole being was like the most beautiful of dreams, beguiling one’s soul and causing them to wish they would never awaken.

Yang Kai was a wanderer and in his travels, he had seen many different women, many of them possessing outstanding beauty, but when carefully comparing them, none could reach the height this woman before him had reached. No one was as perfect as she was. Even Su Yan and Little Senior Sister fell short of her.

A woman like her could only be described as a miracle!

This was the gracious gift of the Heavens to mankind.

She was clearly the same as he was, knocked out by the disaster then pulled by the gravity of this Dead Star, forcing her to land here. On top of that, she shouldn't have woken up long ago otherwise there was no way she wouldn't have put on her clothes.

She had killed two thousand people innocent people just to seek him out in order to ensure her secret never leaked.

Whether Yang Kai was willing or not, she had become his enemy.

But at this moment, Yang Kai wasn't certain whether he should immediately attack her, or take a step back.

After all, this person was still related to Shen Tu, she was Shen Tu's Sister!

Also, Yang Kai found himself a bit reluctant to act against her, secretly feeling that bullying such a beautiful woman wasn't something he should do.

This thought, however, only raised his vigilance even higher and he quickly stabilized his mind to resist Xue Yue's natural aura.

Xue Yue had not used any kind of Seduction Technique and had not used any kind of secret technique or skill to affect his judgment, she was just standing there, staring at him resentfully without disguising her disgust and murderous intent; however, her mere presence was pulling at Yang Kai's heart, making him wish to cherish and protect her.

[Such a fearful woman!] Yang Kai secretly screamed to himself.

Yang Kai clearly knew she had ill intentions towards him, and couldn't wait to kill him brutally, yet he still couldn't immediately bring himself to attack her. A woman capable of such magnetism was something Yang Kai had never before encountered.

"What do you want to do?" Xue Yue seemed to know that her current state was horrendous so she didn't rush to find trouble with Yang Kai. She did, however, use the last remnants of her strength release a seven coloured light screen around her to cover her more sensitive parts so as not to give Yang Kai a chance to continue gawking at her.

However, possibly because she was weaker than she realized, this seven coloured light film wasn't very strong and instead of completely obstructing her figure, it only added a translucent covering to her body.

She suddenly became even more seductive!

This kind of alluring scene ruthlessly slammed into Yang Kai's mind, giving him an intense visual impact.

Compared to when she was fully naked, her current appearance was even more fascinating.

Xue Yue's face became even uglier, her shame and embarrassment reaching levels she had never even imagined possible before, all of which finally snapped her last thread of reason and she gathered the seven coloured light onto her fist and ruthlessly leapt towards Yang Kai while he was still in a daze.

Xue Yue flew right up to Yang Kai and sent her seemingly delicate fist hurtling towards him. This punch was filled to the brim with an amazing energy fluctuation that shot straight towards Yang Kai's heart.

She had to kill this man who had defiled her beautiful body with his obscene eyes and protect her life's greatest secret!

Meeting this murderous intent head-on, Yang Kai remained indifferent, his brazen gaze continuing to sweep over Xue Yue's body, focusing on the two delicate cherries top her grand peaks, then the fine grassland between her two legs, all of her features becoming like a great vortex which sucked in his heart, making him unable to extricate himself.

Xue Yue's pretty face showed a look of utter disdain and loathing as she condensed even more power into her fist.

Hong...

Her jade white fist pounded directly onto Yang Kai's chest, a fierce strength penetrating right through to his core, shattering his five viscera and six organs, causing him to burst into a bloody fog. Or at least, that's what Xue Yue expected to happen. However, at the moment of impact, she saw a mocking grin appear on Yang Kai's face as he swiftly stretched out his arms and directly grabbed hold of her!

Xue Yue's face went pale as she let out a scream.

She felt her full peaks squeezed up against a strong, muscular chest, deforming greatly as an amazing amount of heat shot through her like a bolt of lightning, causing her tender body to tremble and scrambling her thoughts, making it difficult for her to even breathe normally.

She lifted her hands to push and shove Yang Kai, but she was unable to gather any of her strength.

The punch she had just delivered a moment ago had completely turned her into a dry oil lamp.

She pounded her fists against Yang Kai's shoulder while continually twisting her body in an attempt to free herself from his grasp, but not only did this not achieve her objective, it instead created an amusing picture, like the playful flirting of two lovers.

"Don't move!" Yang Kai shouted lowly, and ominous light flashing across his eyes as he threatened.

But Xue Yue obviously ignored his warning completely and simply continued punching and cursing Yang Kai as a shameless bastard, hoodlum, rogue, and beast as she struggled even harder.

"Ao..." Yang Kai's expression suddenly became strange as an odd sound leaked from his throat, a look of ecstasy appearing on his face.

All this intense rubbing and twisting had caused Yang Kai to obtain a deep and profound understanding of Xue Yue's amazingly soft body and the unimaginable elasticity of her jade peaks.

Yang Kai's gaze filled with fire and he was almost unable to contain the primal desires raging in his heart, his body already surrendering to them and displaying the natural reaction a man should have to such a situation.

“You...” Xue Yue’s face went as pale as paper as she felt a great monster quickly rise up between her legs, its head as hard as steel and as hot as lava, aggressively clawing its way towards her most precious of treasures!

Chapter 1046, Profiting

Inside the crater, Yang Kai and Xue Yue faced each other up close, each of them able to feel the heat of the other’s skin and smell the fragrance of the other’s breath.

Yang Kai tightly embraced her, putting as much strength into his arms as he could, as if he wished to break her tender body in two.

Xue Yue’s beautiful face paled, the boiling hot dragon which was scaling her legs throwing her heart into chaos. She immediately realized what was happening, and she couldn’t help shuddering, her beautiful eyes filling with fear and panic as she involuntarily clamped her legs together as tightly as possible, trying to impede this monster from further encroaching upon her innocence.

Her efforts, however, only further stimulated Yang Kai.

Xue Yue’s beautiful legs were as smooth as silk and as soft as clouds, so her tightly gripping them around Yang Kai’s little brother brought him unimaginable pleasure and comfort, causing his murderous intent to stagnate momentarily.

“I’ll... I’ll kill you!” Xue Yue had never suffered such humiliation before and screamed out hysterically. At this moment, she no longer had any of the calm and gentle demeanour of Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce’s Third Young Master and instead had transformed into a crazed woman, summoning strength she, by all rights, should no longer possess to double slap towards Yang Kai’s face, bursts of seven coloured light covering her palms as they struck forward.

Peng peng...

Yang Kai felt as if he was struck by lightning and his body shivered, a fog of golden blood spewing from his mouth, covering Xue Yue’s face and body.

His current state was barely better than hers. Before he had immobilized Xue Yue, he had suffered a frontal blow from her, and now he had taken another two heavy slaps to his face, Yang Kai was already an arrow at the end of its flight and his aura quickly became dispirited.

With these two palms, all the injuries Yang Kai had just managed to stabilize worsened once again.

Xue Yue had gone completely feral, kicking, scratching, and gouging out Yang Kai’s body however she could, even opening her mouth and sinking her teeth into his shoulders and chest, struggling with all her might, exhibiting an attitude of wishing to perish together with him.

Xue Yue was at least a Second-Order Saint King, and although she couldn’t use even thirty percent of her full strength right now because of her injuries, her all-out resistance was difficult for Yang Kai to endure. In a flash, his body was covered with fresh bloody wounds and teeth marks...

“You court death!” Yang Kai shouted before sending his fist straight into Xue Yue’s pretty face without holding back in the slightest.

This punch immediately knocked Xue Yue’s head to the side and caused her cheek to swell up, the residual force sending both her and Yang Kai tumbling onto the ground.

Before they landed though, Yang Kai flipped her body around and forced her to face away from him, both his arms still gripping tightly onto her, making sure she could not scratch and bite him any further.

Xue Yue struggled and resisted fiercely, refusing to surrender, transforming every part of her body she could move into a weapon to thrash against Yang Kai as she desperately attempted to escape from his clutches.

Hong Hong Hong...

The pair rolled around in the crater on this unnamed Dead Star, their fists and feet hitting towards each other, fighting as if they were the most hated of blood enemies.

Dust flew up everywhere and every once in a while an explosion of light would appear.

However, both of them gradually grew weaker until, eventually, neither could move.

Violent wheezing breaths sounded as the two of them lay down in the crater somewhere, Xue Yue lying down on top of Yang Kai which her back facing him, the two of them staring up at the cold and dark Starry Sky.

At some point, Yang Kai’s two hands had latched onto Xue Yue’s two great peaks and an amazing feeling of elasticity was transmitted to his palms, causing his dispirited dragon to once again rise up towards the Heavens.

When Xue Yue was disguising herself as a man, Yang Kai obviously couldn’t tell how rich her assets were, but after firmly grasping her jade peaks in his hands, Yang Kai could tell this woman had abundant capital.

Yang Kai’s palms were by no means small, but even so, he couldn’t completely take her completely in his hand.

Small and delicate cherries rubbed against Yang Kai’s palms, adding texture to her amazingly soft and elastic peaks.

Yang Kai couldn’t help increasing the strength of his grip to ruthlessly squeeze them.

A fascinating note spread from Xue Yue’s throat as her head arched back slightly as if being pinched like this was uncomfortable, but even more so shameful.

Yang Kai didn’t care about her objections and instead revelled in the feeling of her smooth skin and plump bottom gave him.

Although Xue Yue’s body had many scars and a great deal of fresh blood on it, her skin was still white and tender, as lustrous as a newborn. As they had tumbled about, Yang Kai had fully experienced the

charms of her lower moons which were constantly brushing up against and squeezing his spear, lighting a flame in Yang Kai's body which he found difficult to extinguish.

His dragon was still firmly clamped between her well-rounded valley and it seemed like all Yang Kai needed to do was move slightly and he could break through her last line of defence and plant his flag upon her.

The two of them were exhausted and could only maintain this ambiguous and awkward posture.

A single drop of warm liquid suddenly rolled down onto Yang Kai's arm and the sound of Xue Yue soft whimpers echoed in his ears.

"Don't tell me you're..." Yang Kai was speechless, during this life or death struggle, this woman actually broke down into tears; worse though, Yang Kai couldn't tell if they were genuine or simply a ploy.

"From when I was a child until now, no one has ever treated me like this... even the few people who know my true gender would never dare act so discourteous to me, I'll remember you, I'll certainly make you pay for this!" Xue Yue said through clenched teeth.

"Say that again after you live through this!" Yang Kai snickered, "When I finish restoring myself, the first thing I'll do is kill you!"

"Go ahead and try!" Xue Yue remained defiant, shouting back at Yang Kai, "Your present condition is terrible, and before you arrived, I had just taken a Saint King Grade High-Rank healing pill. Soon I'll have enough strength to escape your evil clutches, when that time comes we'll see which one of us dies!"

No longer sobbing, Xue Yue actually sneered, "You can rest assured, I won't let you die easily, I'll let you taste the world's most brutal torture as I slowly kill you!"

In response, Yang Kai lightly blew on her delicate earlobe, causing Xue Yue's face to blush bright red and her tender body to shiver as fear of Yang Kai further humiliating her rose up within her again.

"Then we'll have to see who can recover first!" Yang Kai declared confidently, as if he had already won.

When it came to restorative ability, Yang Kai didn't fear anyone. Although Xue Yue had taken a Saint King Grade High-Rank pill, he had his Demon God Golden Blood. The minor wounds and bites Xue Yue had inflicted on him had already begun to heal and his body's five viscera and six organs were already starting to recover.

The two of them no longer spoke and simply lay together, skin touching skin, as if the two of them were the most intimate of partners enjoying a moment warmth and tranquillity; however, beneath this spring scenery was a cold and potent murderous intent.

Suddenly, a burst of seven coloured light blossomed and Yang Kai let out a grunt, his expression sinking as he ground his teeth, "Slut, you're actually so insidious?!"

"Ha..." Xue Yue smiled smugly, "Dealing with people like you, what reason is there to not act sinisterly? Hurry up and release me or else I'll shatter your dantian and waste your cultivation, turning you into a cripple for life."

One of her jade hands had silently punctured Yang Kai's ribs and was now inserted into his tight abdominal muscles. At her fingertips was a sharp blade of seven coloured energy just waiting to invade Yang Kai's dantian and destroy his source of strength.

Yang Kai didn't know when she had condensed this bit of power, perhaps she had been concealing it from the beginning...

He finally understood how different this woman was from other women. Even if he had managed to suppress her to this extent, she would still not yield and take any possibly opportunity to reverse the situation.

"Will you release me or not? I'll give you three breaths to consider, after three breaths, you can... hey, what are you doing!?" Xue Yue's calm and confident tone suddenly became disordered as her face paled and she let out a scream of panic, "Stop! Don't you dare move again!"

Ignoring her threats, Yang Kai did not retreat and instead advanced, pushing his body forward, allowing Xue Yue's little hand to dig deeper into his abdomen as he gradually closed the last bit of distance between his dragon and Xue Yue's cavern.

Yang Kai touched the tip of his spear to its mark before stopping.

Xue Yue's thoughts were once again thrown into chaos and for a moment she was too flustered to respond.

Yang Kai ignored the impending crisis to his dantian and put more strength into his waist as he stretched out his tongue and licked Xue Yue's delicate earlobe.

"You bastard!" Xue Yue screamed, her tender body now shivering uncontrollably.

"Scream and shout all you like, there's a saying that dying beneath a beautiful flower is a worthy death. Even if you ruin my dantian, it matters not, go ahead and try, I'll immediately claim your innocence for myself!" Yang Kai smiled lowly, "I'm a lone wanderer, no one will care if I disappear, my status can't compare to Young Master Xue Yue's. Heh, just wait until after you marry and your new husband discovers you're body isn't pure, I'm sure it will be a glorious show to see! A small nobody like me being able to possess a woman like you, even if I need to give my life, it will be worth it!"

"Lunatic! Madman! You're insane!" Xue Yue's beautiful face filled with panic. She was really scared that Yang Kai would follow through with his threat, and feeling of the hard foreign body between her legs, she knew that all her carefully laid out calculations and schemes had completely collapsed.

This man was more vicious than any bandit from Galaxy Ridge and more sinister than any rouse from Abandoned Lair.

"How am I insane? Our situation has already reached the point where it is either you die or I perish. Since there's no other path forward from here, I may as well enjoy your taste before I die, then wait in the underworld to taste it again."

Saying so, Yang Kai put more strength into his waist and slowly but surely swung his hips forward.

He exhibited the behaviour of really wishing to die beneath a beautiful flower, not caring one bit about his life.

“Wait a moment!” Xue Yue tensed up her tender body, trying to wiggle her way forward while speaking in as calm a tone as possible, “Can’t we talk about this?”

“Talk?” Yang Kai stopped his aggressive charge and said with great interest, “What’s there to talk about?”

“You and I don’t actually have any great hatred between us, so is there really a need for us to be at such odds?” Xue Yue lightly opened her lips to speak these words while flames of pure hatred burned within her eyes, but for her innocence, she had no choice but to compromise.

“What you mean is... we can exchange weapons of war for gifts of jade and silk?”

“Why not?” Xue Yue turned her head to the side, her snow white cheek immediately pressing up against Yang Kai’s lips. She couldn’t help immediately jerking her head back, silently criticizing this bastard for still trying to profit at this moment, wishing she could roast his flesh to ash and grind his bones into dust.

Chapter 1047, Soul Chains

After listening to Xue Yue’s words, Yang Kai couldn’t help but laugh, “You can’t possibly be that naive, right? If you think you can treat me like a three-year-old child, I’m afraid you’re in for a great disappointment. After I’ve treated you like this, can you still swallow this insult and pretend that nothing happened? You are the Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce President’s heir while I am just a nameless pawn. This time, if you really survive, I’m afraid I’ll have no future to look forward to. Since that’s the case, I’d rather take what I can now, have my cultivation crippled, then die by your hand, rather than let you sweet talk me into letting you off for free!”

“You think I’m sweet talking you?” Xue Yue shouted, “Just because I’m a woman you think I’d lower myself to such a level? Are all men so full of yourselves?”

“In any case, I don’t believe a word you say, it’s all nothing but farts to me!” Yang Kai snorted.

“Can you not act so unreasonable!” Xue Yue gasped before grinning, “Since I made this proposal, I can definitely come up with a way to prove my sincerity and let you understand I’m not just biding my time to turn the tables on you!”

Yang Kai expression changed as he stared deeply towards her.

Right now, both he and Xue Yue were stuck in a deadlock, neither one possessing any kind of advantage.

Xue Yue’s cultivation was much higher than his, but her injuries were more severe and the rate she could restore herself was also lower than his, allowing this tenuous stalemate to continue.

However, doing nothing wasn’t a viable solution. If things were left as they were, the end result would definitely be both of them losing something, and neither of them was willing to see that.

In truth, Yang Kai was wholly unwilling to give up his own cultivation just to win a woman’s chastity, while Xue Yue was even more reluctant to be defiled by a peasant like Yang Kai.

He suddenly felt that it wouldn’t be a problem at least hearing Xue Yue out.

"You talk, I'll listen," Yang Kai nodded to her, his hands still clenched firmly onto her jade peaks, refusing to relax his vigilance in the slightest.

"There is no major grievance between you and me. In the end, it was just you inadvertently witnessing my secret trade in that mountain valley."

"Yes, and as a result of that you killed more than two thousand people!" Yang Kai sneered, "A vicious, viper-woman like you, how could I possibly believe your words?"

"Aren't you still safe and sound?" Xue Yue asked, "Is there anyone among those two thousand people you even care the slightest bit about?"

"No, not really."

"Then shut up!" Xue Yue coldly snorted, "My proposal is simple: You release me, and I no longer make trouble for you; however, you cannot leak a word about that transaction. En, this situation as well, you cannot tell another soul about it!"

Saying so, her face turned bright red. She had just been involved in a life or death struggle with Yang Kai, yet now she had been forced to set aside that humiliation and discuss terms with him, causing her womanly shame to suddenly rise to the surface.

In particular, the great heat which was transmitted from Yang Kai's palms to her two proud peaks made her feel a strange sensation she had never before experienced. Quickly dispelling her shame and inner discord, she forced herself to not fall into a passive state.

"How do you plan on guaranteeing this?" Yang Kai asked calmly.

"I'll prepare a guarantee, and not just a verbal one, I know you won't believe me no matter what kind of pledge I make!"

"As long as you know!"

Xue Yue took a deep breath, her full chest swelling beneath Yang Kai's palms, a reluctantly light flashing across her beautiful eyes as she helplessly said, "I have a special artifact that was refined by a Grandmaster from my Chamber of Commerce. It was originally prepared for me when I encountered extreme danger, now I have no choice but to use it on you."

"What artifact?" Yang Kai asked curiously.

"Soul Chains!" Xue Yue grit her teeth, "This artifact can tie our Souls together. Meaning, that if either one of us dies, the other person will also die! Is this guarantee enough?"

"Live and die together?" Yang Kai smiled brightly and said with a strange grin, "Beauty, I don't think our relationship has reached that point yet, has it? Although you and I have indulged in each other's touch and met one another with no barriers between us, this kind of progress is a bit fast even for me. On top of that, I already have a wife, en, two actually."

"Can you be serious for an instant? Are you only capable of acting so loathsomely?" Xue Yue snorted, "Do you think I am willing to link my life to yours? You're just a tiny Second-Order Saint, the slightest

danger you encounter could send you to the afterlife! If we really do this, I'll have no choice but to constantly protect you!"

Yang Kai's expression slowly became solemn as he carefully observed Xue Yue's breathing, pulse, and Soul fluctuations.

After a while, he asked lowly, "Why should I believe in you?"

"I have already compromised to this degree, if you still refuse to believe me, we can only fight and perish together! That's not the ending you want, is it? You and I both have long, bright futures ahead of us, how could we be resigned to dying on this barren Dead Star?"

Yang Kai's lips curled into a grin, "Why does it seem like your desire to survive is much stronger than mine..."

Xue Yue pretty face sank and she no longer spoke.

"Let me ask you one last question, can the effects of this artifact be lifted? I don't want to bind my life to yours for all eternity."

Even with Xue Yue's extreme self-control, she nearly flew into a rage when she heard Yang Kai utter these words.

Just who was it that didn't want to be bound to the other? He was making it sound as if she was some kind of shameless woman forcing him to accept her when in truth, them being tied together in any way was this little bastard's greatest honour!

Xue Yue's cursed viciously in her heart as she forced her voice to remain calm, "It can be lifted, but both parties must be willing. If either one refuses, the artifact's effects cannot be dispelled!"

"Good," Yang Kai smiled, thought about it for a moment, then nodded, "I'll believe you."

"So we have an agreement?"

"En, we have a deal."

"I need to take out the artifact. Loosen your grip a bit, like this I can't even move," Xue Yue said weakly as she struggled slightly.

Yang Kai slowly relaxed his arms, but he maintained the highest degree of vigilance while simultaneously bringing his lips to Xue Yue's delicate ear and whispering, "Don't try to play any tricks, as long as I use a bit more force, you'll be mine."

"I know!" Xue Yue ground her teeth in anger.

While still tightly held in Yang Kai's embrace and with one hand still inserted into his abdomen, Xue Yue brought her other hand wearing her Space Ring to her mouth and poured her Divine Sense into it. With a flash of light, an artifact shaped like a chain appeared and landed on the ground.

"This thing?" Yang Kai reached out and seized the artifact before Xue Yue could grab hold of it, "The function of this artifact is quite odd, why would one of the Grandmasters from your Chamber of Commerce refine something like this for you?"

“As I said, this thing was prepared for when I fell into great danger. If I was confronted by an enemy I could not match, I would be able to use this artifact to connect our lives together, preserving my own.”

Yang Kai nodded lightly before pouring his Divine Sense into the artifact, quickly discovering a series of unfamiliar Spirit Arrays engraved inside of it. There was also a very strange energy contained within it that was potent enough to cause his complexion to pale slightly.

Without a doubt, this strange energy belonged to a powerful Origin King and it contained a mysterious Soul fluctuation.

Yang Kai immediately understood that it was not this artifact but rather the Divine Ability of the Origin King Realm master who forged it that was special. This artifact was just a vessel used to seal this Divine Ability.

Realizing this, Yang Kai’s heart relaxed slightly but still insisted, “I can’t trust you still, so tell me how to stimulate the power contained in this artifact!”

Xue Yue angrily spat, “Are you really so cowardly? Are you even a man?”

“Would you like to verify for yourself whether I’m a man or not?” Yang Kai snorted.

“No need.” Xue Yue shivered and quickly said, “Just pour your Divine Sense into it and the seal will open.”

Yang Kai followed her instructions and poured in his Divine Sense and the seal inside the artifact easily broke.

In the next moment, a shocking Soul fluctuation suddenly emanated from the artifact and a halo of purple light burst forth, instantly covering both Yang Kai and Xue Yue’s bodies.

This purple halo was incredibly invasive and rapidly flooded into Yang Kai and Xue Yue and soon disappearing.

The two of them couldn’t help closing their eyes as they felt this potent Spiritual Energy crash into their Souls, causing their bodies to tremble and an indescribable feeling to arise within their hearts.

It was as if their two Souls had become intertwined with one another all of a sudden.

Xue Yue let out a gentle moan.

This fascinating melody caused Yang Kai to suddenly awaken and his expression to become weird, lowering the strength he was putting into his arms. One of his hands was still cupping her jade peaks while the other had slid down to her waist and began caressing her full moon, indulging in the amazing softness and plumpness of Xue Yue’s abundant assets.

Xue Yue’s voice became even more enthralling as her tender body squirmed, her red lips pouting as her snow-white skin took on a tinge of pink.

Yang Kai’s big rough hands caressing her like this involuntarily caused her to have a shameful reaction.

What’s more, at the moment, she didn’t seem to want to resist and was actively cooperating with Yang Kai, allowing him to do whatever he pleased.

Her brow suddenly tightened, condensing into a line as she tried to struggle and resist this overwhelming sensation, biting her tongue in the next instant, the sharp pain causing her to wake up and allowing her to leap out of Yang Kai's arms like a frightened rabbit. Only after scampering a few dozen meters away did Xue Yue turn back to direct an anger-filled glare towards Yang Kai as she gnashed her teeth, "Shameless! After taking advantage of me so much already you're still not satisfied?"

Yang Kai licked his lips as he flexed his fingers somewhat reluctantly.

When Xue Yue leapt out from his embrace, he couldn't help feeling a thick sense of loss.

"Why does it feel like you've suddenly become much more cordial? Moreover, why do I no longer feel as wary towards you as a moment ago? Is this also an effect of the Divine Ability sealed within that artifact?" Yang Kai tilted his head and asked.

"Yes!" Xue Yue crossed one hand across her chest to cover her twin peaks while her other hand reached down to shield her innocence from Yang Kai's penetrating gaze, explaining snappily, "Our Souls and life essence have been connected together, so whether we're willing or not, a deep sense of intimacy will form between us. In other words, we now see each other as our most precious person!"

"Such a strange ability really exists?" Yang Kai frowned.

"Just like you, I no longer think you're so repugnant," Xue Yue said somewhat unwillingly.

Yang Kai grinned and wanted to laugh, but fearing she would become angry out of shame, he somehow suppressed himself.

"Turn around already, I want to put on some clothes. Don't peek!" Xue Yue shouted tenderly.

"I've seen and touched every bit of your body and know all of its features from top to bottom, what's there to be embarrassed about now?" Yang Kai chuckled, disagreeing with her sentiments.

Xue Yue squatted down angrily, picked up some loose gravel at her feet, and ruthlessly threw it towards Yang Kai, sending him fleeing like a scared rat.

Chapter 1048, You're Even More Attractive Without Clothes

Atop the Dead Star, Yang Kai sat in meditation, resting while recovering his strength and restoring his injuries.

A light sound of footstep suddenly appeared in front of him and he quickly opened his eyes, his vision becoming bright.

Xue Yue was standing in front of him at the moment, wearing a fiery red dress, its long skirt overflowing with soft light. It was clearly a high-quality artifact.

This dress was woven from exquisite materials and appeared soft and silky yet it also clung tightly to her body, emphasizing Xue Yu's perfect curves and seductive figure, making her appear just like a beautiful goddess.

Her long hair which was normally draped down over her shoulders had been done up in an elegant bun held together with an ornamental hairpin to further complimented her style.

Her snow-white arms, which seemed tender and delicate, were adorned with two green jade bracelets and around her exquisite ankles were two more pieces of fine jewellery that emphasized her gracefulness.

Yang Kai couldn't help revealing an enraptured look as he stared towards her, unable to pull his eyes away.

In his heart, he was constantly warning himself not to be confused by this woman, but he still couldn't quite resist her ethereal beauty, almost as if all she needed to do was beckon to him gently and he would willingly pledge his undying loyalty to her.

Just as this thought surfaced in his mind, Yang Kai's instincts flared up in warning and he forcefully bit his tongue to awaken himself.

Xue Yue's beautiful eyes narrowed slightly as she observed Yang Kai, and as if realizing what kind of state he was just in a moment ago, a happy smile appeared on her face and an unknown sense of satisfaction filled her heart!

This kind of satisfaction could only be felt by a woman!

After Yang Kai broke free from her invisible aura, Xue Yue couldn't help but frown, a trace of surprise and loss appearing on her face.

Twirling around once to show off her beauty even further, she smiled and asked, "What do you think?"

"Beautiful!" Yang Kai praised sincerely.

"Thank you!" Xue Yue smiled even more happily.

"You're even more attractive without clothes though!" Yang Kai added.

Xue Yue's pretty face sank as she rolled her eyes, "A dog's mouth really can't speak pleasant words! Remember, everything that happened between us can never be told to anyone, especially the secret about my true gender! If you dare try to leak this to anyone, our agreement will be invalid and I'll immediately commit suicide, then let the Soul Chains end your miserable life!"

"I know!" Yang Kai gently nodded, his eyes narrowing slightly as he wore a grin on his face and asked, "Why does it feel like you're enjoying yourself right now?"

As Xue Yue spoke to him, she was constantly looking down at herself, observing the jewellery and clothes she was wearing. The more she looked, the more joyful she appeared.

"Naturally, I'm enjoying myself!" Xue Yue smiled happily, "Ever since I can remember I was forced to act like a boy. From the time I was a child until now, I have never openly worn women's clothes. These things have been kept in my Space Ring for many years, but today I was finally able to use them, why would I not be happy?"

"Why must President Ai Ou force you to act like a man? Why do you need to hide your true gender? He has many other sons, so even without you, he'd have plenty of successors to choose from. Why insist on making you put on this charade?" Yang Kai rapidly asked all the questions he had in his heart.

Xue Yue's expression sank and after a short pause, she desolately replied, "He has his reasons, and I'm used to it."

Seeing her not answer clearly, Yang Kai did not insist. Just when he was about to change the subject though, his expression suddenly dropped as he muttered, "Some people are approaching."

Xue Yue was stunned by these words and stared at him suspiciously, "How do you know?"

"They entered into the scope of my Divine Sense's coverage," Yang Kai's face became dignified.

Xue Yue only become more confused though, "Did you release your Divine Sense? Why can't I feel it?"

Her strength was much higher than Yang Kai's and although both of them were currently quite weak from their injuries, if Yang Kai had really released his Divine Sense, she should have been able to detect it.

However, she actually couldn't sense anything.

"I also have my own secrets, just trust me," Yang Kai said sincerely.

Xue Yue nodded without hesitation, "How many people are there and what kind of cultivations do they have?"

"There's a lot of them, and there are several Saint Kings among them, a number of whom give me a stronger sense of pressure than you did at your peak!"

Xue Yue's complexion darkened as she called out in alarm, "If that's true, wouldn't you spying on them be discovered by them? Anyone who could appear in the Ice-Cold Dead Zone at this time must have something to do with that trap we encountered. If they find any survivors they definitely won't let us off!"

"I agree with you, but don't worry, they can't discover my Divine Sense." Yang Kai shook his head.

After dramatically increasing his understanding of the Dao of Space on the floating continent, Yang Kai's Divine Sense was now able to leap across space, allowing it to act in a far more nimble manner than others who needed to continuously spread out their Divine Senses to explore an area.

This kind of distributed Divine Sense was incredibly difficult to detect, and even if one was able to sense it, there was essentially no way to trace it back to Yang Kai unless that person's strength far exceeded his own.

It was for this reason that Xue Yue couldn't detect anything about Yang Kai's Divine Sense.

"The Death Qi on this Dead Star is heavy and there isn't the slightest trace of life aura or other forms of energy. Once they get closer, they'll definitely notice us!" Xue Yue's expression grew ugly, "My strength hasn't even half recovered yet. If they were to find us now..."

She didn't dare to imagine what kind of treatment she would encounter.

If she was still maintaining her identity as Xue Yue Third Young Master, she might be able to discuss terms with this unknown enemy, but right now she was simply an astonishingly beautiful, yet unfamiliar young woman.

Xue Yue was clearer than anyone just what kind of fate awaited a captured beautiful woman.

That was a brief future filled with ruthless humiliation and disgrace!

“Let’s get moving then! We first need to evade them!” Yang Kai didn’t panic and simply summoned out his Star Shuttle before leaping up onto it and extending a hand to Xue Yue.

“Are you confident you’ll be able to avoid their search?” Xue Yue asked seriously.

“No, but it’s better than sitting here waiting to die!” Yang Kai shook his head.

Xue Yue bit her red lips in frustration but felt Yang Kai’s words made sense, nodding a moment later before accepting his hand and mounting his Star Shuttle.

Yang Kai embraced her in front of himself, resting her head on his shoulder while activating his Star Shuttle and transforming into a stream of blue light that quickly escaped from the Dead Star.

“Don’t make any unnecessary moves, although I don’t find you so hateful right now, there’s still a voice in my heart screaming at me to kill you... Don’t let that hatred gain the upper hand,” Xue Yue whispered as her white neck took on a hint of red and her delicate earlobes became somewhat hot.

This was the first time she had ever accepted the embrace of a man.

Previously, when she was rolling around stark naked with Yang Kai on the Dead Star, all her attention was on finding a way to seize the initiative and kill him, so she didn’t have any time to pay attention to the new sensations she was experiencing.

But now, at this moment, through the connection of the Soul Chains, her body became exceptionally sensitive towards Yang Kai’s touch, and the hot air that brushed past her ear caused her tender to noticeably heat up.

“Don’t you trust me?” Yang Kai smiled, “I am very honest.”

“Hmph, you and honesty have nothing to do with one another!” Xue Yue snorted, taking note of Yang Kai ‘inadvertently’ grabbing hold of her smooth waist.

Yang Kai didn’t try to flirt with her any further and instead became serious, randomly flying his Star Shuttle through the cold and dark Starry Sky in no particular direction.

Although Xue Yue didn’t dare to release her own Divine Sense for fear of revealing their whereabouts, she could tell that Yang Kai was flying evasively to avoid these unknown enemies.

She couldn’t help becoming curious about Yang Kai’s Divine Sense, wondering just what kind of fortuitous encounter this little Second-Order Saint obtained that allowed him to cultivate such strange Spiritual Energy.

Also, she didn’t know why, but when she was embraced by Yang Kai into his chest, Xue Yue felt a profound sense of security. It was as if so long as she remained in his arms, it wouldn’t matter how many pursuers there were, they would never be able to harm her.

As soon as this thought arose in her heart, Xue Yue became frustrated, knowing it was the side effects brought on by the Soul Chains, causing her to subconsciously feel that this man was kind and reliable.

A hint of fear welled up inside her, and that fear quickly became deeper and deeper, making her wish to free herself from the Soul Chains' effect as quickly as possible in order to purge herself of these weak thoughts.

She no longer said anything, relaxed her tensed expression, closed her eyes, and focused on restoring her injuries and strength.

A few days later, a different Dead Star appeared in front of the two, and Yang Kai flew his Star Shuttle straight down to its surface.

This Dead Star was slightly larger than the previous one, but it was still filled with Death Qi and had no trace of any vitality.

Violent winds and extremely harsh weather covered this Dead Star, kicking up dust clouds that limited visibility to a few meters in front of one's face.

Yang Kai explored the Dead Star for a while before diving into a cave along with Xue Yue, closing the entrance behind him to prevent the dust from flowing in, then took out some light stones for illumination and placed them around.

This wasn't too big or deep but was large enough for two people to comfortably hide inside next to each other.

Whether it was intentional or not, the moment they entered this cave, Xue Yue quickly separated from Yang Kai as far as she could, a look of anxiety appearing upon her face.

"The direction those people were heading is the opposite of this place, we should be able to hide here for a while," Yang Kai took back his Divine Sense and said to Xue Yue, "When they come back, we'll leave again."

"En, I'll leave it up to you," Xue Yue nodded lightly, not having any opinion, taking out a good piece of Saint Crystal and holding it in the palm of her hand while meditating.

As she meditated, she also secretly paid attention to Yang Kai's movements.

She imagined that Yang Kai wouldn't be able to restrain himself and would attempt to appeal to her somehow.

After all, she was the heir to Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce's President, her cultivation and status both highly venerated, while on the other hand, Yang Kai was just a small unknown cultivator. No matter which aspect was compared, she was far beyond him.

It was simply his privilege to be able to associate himself with her, and Xue Yue didn't believe Yang Kai would easily let go of such a rare opportunity to forge a relationship with her. He would definitely have some absurd and unrealistic expectations of ingratiating himself to her.

Therefore, Xue Yue took the initiative to sit in meditation while pretending to not pay him any mind.

At the same time, she would secretly wait for Yang Kai to take the initiative to talk to her then take the opportunity to ruthlessly humiliate him, so she could teach him of the profound gap between them and thoroughly cut off all his vain hopes.

Chapter 1049, Good Luck

Xue Yue had secretly calculated everything, and was ready to let Yang Kai know what the true meaning of a toad lusting after swan meat was while at the same time getting rid of her own heart knot, allowing him to realize the gap in identity between them as well as drawing a line between this man and herself!

Everything was set, now all she needed was an opportunity!

She silently waited for Yang Kai to open his mouth and speak to her.

How could she have imagined though, that even after waiting for so long, things did not progress as she had envisioned? After what seemed like forever, Xue Yue couldn't help opening her beautiful eyes to peak towards Yang Kai, her face cramping up in the next instant.

This man, who had taken advantage of her so wantonly, touching every single part of her body. Under these circumstances where the two of them were stuck alone in a small room together, was actually sitting down calmly with a piece of Saint Crystal in his hand while meditating and restoring himself.

He was actually just cultivating!

An intense sense of frustration suddenly rose inside Xue Yue's heart and she secretly clenched her teeth and glared hatefully towards Yang Kai.

Unable to stand this irksome feeling, she took the initiative to open her mouth to speak, trying to make her voice sound as calm as possible, "I don't understand a few things, can you explain them to me?"

Yang Kai opened his eyes quickly and stared towards her, suddenly grinning, "I also have some things I'd like to ask you!"

"I'll go first!" Xue Yue declared lightly.

"En, go ahead," Yang Kai replied naturally, not arguing with her over such a trivial matter.

Xue Yue was startled for a moment but quickly said, "What is your name, where are you from?"

Up till now, she still didn't know Yang Kai's name, and upon remembering all the embarrassing experiences she had been through with him, she suddenly felt a sense of indignation.

"Yang Kai! You probably don't know where I come from, it's just a lower world, I was the first cultivator to successfully escape its bonds and enter the Star Field!" Yang Kai answered honestly.

"A lower world?" Xue Yue looked at him strangely and said with great interest, "What cultivation did the most powerful person in your world possess?"

"Third Order Saint Realm... En, there was once a Saint King, but before he could join the Star Field he fell, that was a matter from several thousand years ago though."

"Only up to the Third Order Saint Realm... It really is a lower world."

"En, it was only after I came here that I learned about the Saint King Realm above the Saint Realm, and the Origin Returning Realm and Origin King Realm above the Saint King Realm..."

“Hmph, truly an ignorant bumpkin!” Xue Yue covered her mouth and smiled tenderly, a hint of ridicule in her voice, “However, a little fellow like you being able to arrive at this level is quite impressive actually, you must have experienced a lot of hardship along the way, right?”

The way she spoke made it seem like she cared greatly about Yang Kai’s story, but after realizing this, the smile on her face suddenly disappeared.

“It was just good luck, arriving here was more of an accident...”

“No need to elaborate, I don’t really care,” Xue Yue interrupted him with a cold face, “I have to ask you, why couldn’t I find you back on Water Moon Star? Where were you hiding? Did someone shelter you? Why would they do that?”

“Oh that, I was living inside Shen Tu’s palace, you probably didn’t go there to look for me,” Yang Kai replied casually, not feeling at all like he was selling out Shen Tu.

“Shen Tu...” Xue Yue muttered under her breath, suddenly wearing a faint smile, “So it was him who was making trouble for me. En, I understand now. Hmph, seems like if I don’t hit him frequently enough he becomes arrogant enough to dare oppose me, just wait till I get back, I’ll make him pay for this!”

As she said so, a vicious look appeared on her face as she ground her teeth, as if she couldn’t wait to tear Shen Tu apart.

“Did he also arrange for you to leave aboard that Starship?” Xue Yue continued to ask.

“En, he thought that you had left Water Moon Star the day before. I hadn’t expected that just after I stepped aboard that Starship, you would come over to board it. Beauty, could this be fate?” Yang Kai said as he smiled towards Xue Yue.

“Who exactly shares any fate with you?” Xue Yue glared over at Yang Kai. Her unique charm and style had caused his heart some distress, forcing his mind to drift back to their little tussle atop the previous Dead Star. All the rich and tender sensations still vivid in his mind, the look he directed towards her suddenly changing flavour as well.

“What are you thinking about?” Xue Yue’s face suddenly blushed, as if she too had seen through Yang Kai’s dirty thoughts, somewhat dreading the aggressive look in his eyes and quickly changing the subject, “What exactly is going on with your Divine Sense? I’ve been paying special attention to it these days, but why does it feel so strange? It’s almost as if it’s drifting about erratically. What is the mystery behind that?”

“That’s because I am proficient in...” Yang Kai didn’t even think about it before beginning to explain, but halfway through his expression cramped and a frown appeared on his face, “Isn’t the power of this Soul Chains too great? It’s like I’m not even the slightest bit wary of you...”

Anything she asked, he was willing to answer. Realizing this, Yang Kai’s heart filled with alarm and he quickly raised his guard.

Seeing Yang Kai actually wake up at the critical moment, Xue Yue couldn’t help cursing to herself, an annoyed look appearing on her pretty face.

Just a little bit longer and she would have been able to unravel the secret to Yang Kai's strange Divine Sense, yet she had actually fallen short at the last moment.

"The Divine Ability sealed with the Soul Chains was created by a Senior Executive of my Chamber of Commerce, naturally its power is incredible, but you actually being able to resist it is quite surprising," Xue Yue looked at him with amazement.

"Were you planning to take this opportunity and let me explain everything about myself?" Yang Kai smiled meaningfully.

"Naturally! Just think about everything you've taken from me... Of course, I'd want to find out everything about you in return!"

"If you give the rest of yourself to me, even without the power of the Soul Chains, I'll make an honest confession to you!"

"In your dreams!" Xue Yue snorted, feeling extremely resentful of how shameless Yang Kai was.

"Good, my turn to ask you question now," Yang Kai smiled lightly, not giving Xue Yue any time to think, swiftly asking, "How did you disguise yourself as a man? I know of some artifacts that can change one's face, but even the shape of your body and your stature were altered, isn't that a bit too exaggerated?"

The male Xue Yue and female Xue Yue did have many similarities in appearance, but their body shapes were worlds apart, especially her plump round bottom and rich twin peaks. Yang Kai really couldn't understand how she managed to hide these assets.

"That's also thanks to a special artifact!" Xue Yue replied reluctantly, "One of my Chamber of Commerce's Grandmasters especially refined a unique artifact for me! But in this latest disaster, that artifact was damaged, so now I can only maintain this appearance!"

"It's good like this."

"I also feel this is good!" Xue Yue responded with a smile, seemingly very much liking her current female look.

"What is your current cultivation?" Yang Kai asked again.

Xue Yue's brow furrowed, not really wanting to answer this, but still eventually responding, "Third Order Saint King! I broke through about a year ago, this is also a secret, don't reveal it to anyone."

Yang Kai's expression became serious, calculating silent before muttering, "So your realm is one Great Realm and one Minor Realm higher than mine?"

Xue Yue giggled pleasantly, "Have you realized the gap between you and me now? If it weren't for my being so seriously injured back there, how could I have had any trouble with a little brat like you, I could pinch you with just two fingers, what could you have done to resist?"

"How old are you this year?" Yang Kai stared at her.

Xue Yue's pretty face sank as she ground her teeth in anger, "None of your damn business! Hasn't anyone ever taught you to never as a woman about her age?"

Yang Kai could only smile awkwardly.

“There’s still one thing that I can’t understand!” Xue Yue’s expression suddenly became serious, “In that disaster, I had to rely on an Origin Grade Armour to survive, but even then, I nearly lost my life, how did you, a mere Second-Order Saint, not die?”

“My luck is quite good,” Yang Kai shrugged his shoulders, suddenly recalling that at the time of the disaster, Xue Yue had summoned out a fiery red armour, but even that armour had subsequently been blown away.

“I don’t think it’s just a matter of luck!” Xue Yue stared thoughtfully at Yang Kai, “Before, I should have caused a lot of damage to your body, but looking at you now, it’s as if all those injuries have been healed, and... the blood in your body is golden, the vitality and restorative power it contains are also incredible. Just how many secrets do you have?”

As her beautiful eyes drifted over Yang Kai, a look of curiosity began filling her face!

In her opinion, such a disaster, which had nearly even killed her, should have easily claimed the life of someone as weak as Yang Kai.

“My resilience and restorative abilities are very strong, that’s probably the biggest reason why I was able to survive,” Yang Kai smiled and forcefully changed the subject, “Do you know what this was all about?”

“I don’t know,” Xue Yue shook her head, a dispirited expression appearing on her face, “I don’t know if it was a trap targeting the Chamber of Commerce in general, or if I was the intended target, but what’s for certain is that there were some people on the inside colluding with our enemies on the outside. Once I find out who it was that dared to betray me, I will make them pay for it with their blood!”

Saying so, Xue Yue’s beautiful eyes flashed with ice-cold killing intent.

She seemed to have instantly changed back into the incomparably cruel, cold-hearted, and merciless Xue Yue Third Young Master who had not hesitated to kill two thousand innocent cultivators just to find Yang Kai!

“Moreover, those Star Breaker Sparks used to create that trap were developed by the Chamber of Commerce and are never sold to outsiders. As long as I trace their origins, the truth will come to light soon enough,” She said with a cold sneer upon her face.

Yang Kai grinned and secretly felt a bit of pity for the ones who had been behind this ambush. He could almost see the scene when Xue Yue returned, it would surely become a massive storm.

It was very likely the entire Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce would be caught up in this!

As they talked inside the cave, the two of them did not feel the passage of time, and with their deepening mutual understanding, both Yang Kai and Xue Yue began to feel more at ease with the other.

The wounds had not healed, and the worry about the enemies outside had not abated. On top of that, Xue Yue did not have Yang Kai’s abnormal resiliency, so after speaking for a while, she felt weary and soon nodded off.

She didn't know how long after it was, but Xue Yue suddenly heard Yang Kai gently call out to her. Swiftly opening her eyes, she sat up straight and frowned towards Yang Kai, who was right now embracing her shoulder, and asked suspiciously, "Why are you hugging me?"

Yang Kai shot her a wry look and replied, "You leaned onto me on your own!"

"I..." Xue Yue blushed, not knowing how she should argue back.

"We should leave, they're heading towards this Dead Star now, if we don't go now, we'll be discovered," Yang Kai said hurriedly as he stood up, opened the entrance to the cave, summoned his Star Shuttle, and beckoned to Xue Yue.

Xue Yue rushed over and stood on the Star Shuttle, snorting lightly, "Next time, keep your distance from me, and especially don't hug me, it's not my intention!"

"Sure! From now on I won't care about whether you live or die!" Yang Kai simply nodded.

Chapter 1050, Intention To Win Over

For nearly two months, Yang Kai and Xue Yue continued to shuttle across and hide on various Dead Stars in the Ice-Cold Dead Zone. By now, Yang Kai had realized that whoever it was that had plotted to destroy the Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce Starship was being extraordinarily cautious!

There had been a continuous stream of cultivators flying about the Ice-Cold Dead Zone, looking for something, and it was only a couple days ago that their presence had started to decrease.

They had spent two whole months confirming that no one had survived that disaster.

"I feel that the trap was directed at me..." Atop a certain Dead Star, Xue Yue muttered thoughtfully.

"No kidding," Yang Kai nodded in agreement. If at the beginning the two of them did not know whether the trap had been for Xue Yue or the Chamber of Commerce Starship, both of them had now arrived at the same conjecture.

This incident was planned to assassinate Xue Yue!

"Oh?" Xue Yue looked at Yang Kai with a smile, a hint of interest appearing on her face as she asked, "Why do you think so? Explain your reasoning; I want to see if it lines up with my own."

Yang Kai didn't try to conceal anything and simply said, "Time. They spent far too long searching for survivors. There wasn't supposed to be any important people or important materials aboard that Starship, if all of this was set up to damage the Chamber of Commerce, they wouldn't have bothered conducting such an exhaustive search. Them acting so cautiously, spending a whole two months combing through this barren expanse, can only mean that they're frightened that someone might have survived and would retaliate against them. Since that's the case, the target of this trap must have been you. The Starship from your Chamber of Commerce just happened to get caught up in it."

Saying so, Yang Kai directed a thoughtful gaze towards Xue Yue.

Xue Yue's beautiful eyes brightened, her lips curling into a smile, "Your wit is quite sharp, it seems I've been looking down on you."

(Leo: Really? I think it's more of a 'no shit, Sherlock' kind of theory)

(Silavin: Common Sense is not that common XD)

Yang Kai's reasoning was basically the same as her own. From this, Xue Yue had also unexpectedly discovered that Yang Kai had the makings of a good seedling, smiling light and asking, "If one day the Soul Chains are unlocked and I don't immediately want to kill you, do you want to serve me?"

"Are you trying to win me over?" Yang Kai looked at her strangely.

"En, but it's much more likely that the moment the Soul Chains is untied, I'll kill you!" Xue Yue spoke such horrifying words so lightly and with a smile upon her face, as if she was casually talking to a friend.

"No thanks, I won't be restrained by you, when that day comes, before you can act against me, I'll kill you!"

"You sure know how to boast!" Xue Yue spat disdainfully, "I must have a look at what kind of ability you have to kill me!"

"You'll experience it when the time comes," Yang Kai said before jumping out of their temporary shelter, taking an exaggerated bow while stretching out his hand and making an invitation, "But for now, how about we leave this damned place?"

Xue Yue's lips curled into a happy smile as her eyes bent into crescents, also leaping out and placing her jade hand into Yang Kai's open palm, allowing him to summon his Star Shuttle and carry her up onto it before flying off.

After two months, both of their injuries had fully healed, and Xue Yue had also returned to her peak state at the Third Order Saint King Realm.

However, she was still willing to share the same Star Shuttle with Yang Kai.

She quite enjoyed this feeling of being cared for and protected.

She had repeatedly warned herself not to wallow in this sensation, constantly telling herself that this was all due to the side effects of the Soul Chains and that, if she was in the right state of mind, she wouldn't feel anything about a young man like Yang Kai, but for now, she simply wanted to continue experiencing this unfamiliar sense of warmth.

The Star Shuttle shot off like a bolt of lightning and in no time at all the pair departed from the Dead Star.

Back out amidst the Starry Sky, Yang Kai came to a halt and asked, "Where should we go now? Back to Water Moon Star?"

"No, it's too far to go back now. The Ice-Cold Dead Zone is about half a month's journey by Starship from Water Moon Star, so it would take at least three months to return by Star Shuttle! We should head for Rainfall Star, it's much closer, and that was my original destination, in any case. This bit of trouble just caused some minor delays."

“Hmm... Alright.” Yang Kai didn’t have any opinion, in any case, he didn’t have a specific destination in mind.

“Give me a bit of time to figure out which direction Rainfall Star is in. It’s difficult to see any kind of starlight in this damn Ice-Cold Dead Zone, getting my bearings may take a while,” Xue Yue’s brow furrowed as she glanced around, attempting to find some kind of reference, but before she could, Yang Kai let his Star Shuttle fly off in a certain direction.

“Do you know the way?” Xue Yue called out worriedly, “If you don’t recognize the road, it’s very easy to get lost in the Starry Sky.”

“My Star Shuttle happens to have a Star Chart to Rainfall Star,” Yang Kai smiled faintly.

“That’s great,” Xue Yue cheered up and let go of her worries.

The Star Chart in Yang Kai Star Shuttle was one he had plotted himself and was even the optimum route according to the massive Star Chart floating above his Knowledge Sea, this was a perfect opportunity to verify whether it was accurate or not.

“Why were you going to Rainfall Star in the first place?” As the pair flew forward, Yang Kai couldn’t help but ask.

“My father sent me to handle something,” Xue Yue replied casually.

“What matter could be so important that you would actually have to go in person?!”

“Don’t ask too much...” Xue Yue pretty face became bitter, “I want to tell you, but you need to know, this is one of my Chamber of Commerce’s secrets, not something that can be readily divulged to others. Can you please not make this awkward for me?”

She sincerely asked in a soft and gentle tone.

“Alright, alright. Just pretend I didn’t ask!” Yang Kai immediately agreed, somewhat unable to endure seeing her like this.

He had no choice but to admit that once a woman like Xue Yue wore a pitiful look and begged, no one would be able to refuse her.

Yang Kai had already been completely entranced by her unique charms, and the days with her had been a great battle between his heart and mind. He constantly needed to remind himself not to accidentally fall under her spell and pledge his loyalty to her.

It was because of his constant efforts in the regard that he was able to maintain some semblance of sobriety and not become enslaved by the Soul Chains.

He believed that Xue Yue was also working hard to cope with the power of the Soul Chains. The two of them had a tacit understanding about this so they quickly stopped talking about this particular subject.

Seemingly because she felt a bit embarrassed about what had just happened, Xue Yue suddenly asked, “What attribute strength do you cultivate? Is it Yang or Fire?”

The first day, when she and Yang Kai had tossed about atop that Dead Star, she had learned a little bit about Yang Kai's strength, but even until now she wasn't clear about its true nature.

"Why do you ask?" Yang Kai became somewhat vigilant.

"I thought that if you were willing, I could help you look for a master who could guide your cultivation and teach you how to use and gain insight into your strength," Xue Yue sincerely said, "On the road of cultivation, having someone to teach you can make a big difference, and since you are the first person from your world to enter the Star Field, no one should have taught you even some common sense things, yes?"

"Look for a master?" Yang Kai heard these words and was quite surprised.

"En, there are many Elders and Masters in my Chamber of Commerce who are proficient in all kinds of different attribute strengths. It should not be difficult to find one who matches well with you. Even I have several masters who I study under..."

"No thanks, there's probably no one who can teach me," Yang Kai smiled and shook his head.

"Don't be in such a rush to refuse, this doesn't have any disadvantages to you."

"It's not that, no one can teach me because the attribute of my strength is somewhat special!"

"Special? Special how?" This time it was Xue Yue's turn to be surprised.

Yang Kai frowned slightly, but in order to dispel any strange thoughts Xue Yue was having, he quickly produced a cluster of Demonic Flame.

The blazing pitch-black flames exuded a mysterious kind of charm, like a blossoming black rose that seemed capable of swallowing one's soul while at the same time reducing anything in the world to ash.

Xue Yue eyes flashed as she stared stupefied at this mass of black flame.

She could feel how profound the mystery of this cluster of Demonic Flame was, and as she examined the attributes behind it, she couldn't help calling out in alarm, "How could such a contradictory strength exist?"

The cluster of Demonic Flame was both cold and hot at the same time, with pure yang and malevolent evil perfectly coexisting. All kinds of contradictions were combined together, promoting one another, evolving into something unique that seemed to have no equivalent.

Xue Yue had never seen such a strange power.

It was difficult for her to imagine just how a cultivator who was invaded by this power would be able to resolve or even resist it!

At the very least, she couldn't think of any way!

A touch of panic, as well as excitement, flashed across the depths of her beautiful eyes!

She was frightened by the unique properties of this Demonic Flame and also excited about Yang Kai's enormous potential.

This man was currently just a Second-Order Saint, so his unique strength couldn't play much of a role, but if he were to receive proper training and become a master at the Saint King Realm or Origin Returning Realm, then this Demonic Flame would be able to display unimaginable might.

The contradictory attributes of his power would give him a natural advantage others could only dream of obtaining!

Once he was fully matured, it would be difficult to find anyone who could be his opponent in the same realm! Only if the other party also cultivated some very special force would they stand a chance against him.

"Is there anyone in your Chamber of Commerce who has power similar to mine?" Yang Kai asked.

"No," Xue Yue shook her head honestly and dismissed the idea of looking for a master for him, her beautiful eyes flashing a different kind of light in the next moment as she called out, "Yang Kai, how about we make a deal?"

"What kind of deal?"

"When we undo the Soul Chains bindings, I won't act against you, all the grudges between us will be written off and I will provide you with the best cultivation environment and resources to improve your strength, allowing you to advance as quickly as possible."

"Oh?" Yang Kai's expression didn't change, maintaining a slight smile upon his face as he asked, "And, what are your conditions?"

"I want you to follow me."

"Follow you..." Yang Kai shook his head, "I already told you, I won't be restrained by you!"

"There's a big difference between serving me and following me," Xue Yue snapped back, "Can't you even understand that much?"

"To me, it's the same thing."

"At most... I can give you the opportunity to pursue me!" Xue Yue's face blushed red as she bit her thin lip, seemingly having made a great concession!

The special strength Yang Kai possessed had really aroused her intention to win him over.

However, hearing what Xue Yue just said, Yang Kai couldn't help but laugh.

"What are you laughing at?" Xue Yue's blush deepened as she became somewhat angry out of shame.

"Your public identity is Xue Yue Third Young Master... If I don't pursue you, would there even be anyone in this world who does? Are you really so lonely to that extent?"

"You... you bastard!" Xue Yue shouted indignantly.