## Martial 1641

Chapter 1641, Failing To Agree

"May I ask why Little Brother Yang has come to Scarlet Wave Star at this time?" Bing Long asked again.

"I just passed by accidentally."

"Do you know that Brilliant Flame Sect has been looking for you for nearly a year?"

"I've heard."

"Why is Brilliant Flame Sect looking for you so fervently?"

After asking a few questions, Bing Long gradually became more straightforward.

Yang Kai smiled lightly, took a sip from his teacup, shook his head, and said, "I don't know!"

"You don't know?" Bing Long laughed slightly, her voice suddenly becoming solemn. "Then this Queen will ask a different question, has Green Mountains Star's Star Master Sir Luo Hai come to Scarlet Wave Star because of you?"

"Since Senior already knows, why bother to ask?"

Bing Long was genuinely surprised and could not help asking again, "Sir Luo Hai really came for you?"

She had guessed that this was the case before, seeing how Luo Hai arrived on Scarlet Wave Star then went to Brilliant Flame Sect, after which, Brilliant Flame Sect began looking all over for Yang Kai. All these events could not have happened by mere coincidence, so Bing Long naturally had her suspicions.

However, guesses were just guesses, so after receiving confirmation from Yang Kai, Bing Long still felt surprised.

What kind of character was Luo Hai? Even considering the entire Star Field, he ranked amongst the highest of masters. What could possibly be of such great interest for him to come to Scarlet Wave Star from Green Mountains Star for Yang Kai.

"Why?" Bing Long asked again.

Yang Kai shook his head and said in a serious tone, "This Junior cannot answer that question. If Senior wishes to know, she might as well ask Luo Hai himself."

Bing Long flashed an even more surprised look hearing this answer.

Yang Kai called Luo Hai directly by his name! There was not the slightest bit of respect in his voice at all.

One had to know that towards a master like Luo Hai, regardless of whether someone was related to him or not, they needed to show a certain level of deference by addressing him as Sir or Senior.

This was a type of etiquette which all cultivators had to display towards Origin Kings. Even Bing Long, as Ice Heart Valley's Valley Master, had to address Luo Hai as Sir.

However, Yang Kai completely disregarded this convention.

After recovering from her shock, Bing Long asked, "Do you have some kind of enmity with Sir Luo Hai?"

"I was chased by him all the way from Green Mountains Star to Scarlet Wave Star and nearly died several times in the process. Does Senior think I wouldn't have a grudge against him?" Yang Kai sneered.

Yang Kai did not attempt to conceal this fact because doing so was impossible to begin with.

Bing Long and Ran Yun Ting were thoroughly dumbfounded this time as they stared at Yang Kai incredulously.

After a long time, Bing Long wore a complicated look and said, "Your luck is truly great, even being able to escape from Sir Luo Hai's pursuit!"

She thought that Yang Kai being safe and sound now was all thanks to luck. If not, how could a mere Second-Order Origin Returning Realm junior survive under the pursuit of a Second-Order Origin King?

"What kind of grudge do you have with Sir Luo Hai? Explain in detail!" Ran Yun Ting suddenly questioned. This was the first time she spoke since she arrived here, and her words were spoken in an almost commanding tone.

This made Yang Kai frown as he secretly felt that as a guest, not a disciple of Ice Heart Valley, this kind of domineering and commanding tone was inappropriate.

However, thinking that she was Su Yan's master, Yang Kai could not snap back rudely, so he simply said, "Please forgive me, but I have no comment."

"Boy, have you not figured out your situation yet? This is Pure Ice Island, and you have provoked a master like Sir Luo Hai. If you want to survive, you'd best cooperate with us obediently! Otherwise, no matter how smart you think you are, you won't be able to escape!" Ran Yun Ting saw Yang Kai act so tactlessly and her face sank.

Yang Kai turned to look at her and narrowed his eyes, faintly asking, "Senior, are you threatening me?"

Ran Yun Ting's pretty face became even colder, and she was just about to say something more when Bing Long hurriedly preempted, "Great Elder had no such intentions, but this matter is truly not trivial. this Queen will not try to abuse her status and will address you as an equal. Yang Kai, although your aptitude is good, having offended a master like Sir Luo Hai, I'm afraid your future is worrying."

"I know," Yang Kai nodded nonchalantly.

"Since you know, this Queen won't bother with any nonsense. My Ice Heart Valley's Supreme Elder is also an Origin King, and although she is not as powerful as Sir Luo Hai, her methods are profound and she has some small friendship with Sir Luo Hai. If you can tell us your story in detail, it may be possible for this Queen to request the Supreme Elder to come forward and say a few good words on your behalf to resolve this crisis. What do you think?"

Bing Long's sincerity and generosity reduced Yang Kai's anger slightly, but he still shook his head decisively and said, "Seniors need not trouble yourselves with this Junior's affairs. Junior can take care of them by himself."

"You? What kind of skill do you possess to handle such a crisis?" Ran Yun Ting seemed to be particularly eager to see Yang Kai suffer and smiled sarcastically, "Boy, do not refuse a toast only to be forced to drink a forfeit! If you never intended to say anything, why come to my Ice Heart Valley in the first place!"

"Rather than me coming here, wasn't it Ice Heart Valley that was looking for me?" Yang Kai glanced over at Ran Yun Ting.

Ran Yun Ting became angered at his flippant tone and the Saint Qi in her body began welling up as she released a powerful Shi to envelop Yang Kai, as if she was about to attack him.

Bing Long's face changed slightly as she quickly interjected, "Yang Kai, since you don't want to say, then this Queen and Great Elder won't force you. However, should you change your mind, please feel free to let one of the disciples here inform this Queen and this Queen will surely ask Supreme Elder to come forward to help you resolve this matter."

"Many thanks, but Junior will have to decline Senior's kind intentions!" Yang Kai said lightly.

"In that case, please feel free to stay here a while, as for what happens next... we will discuss it when the time comes," Bing Long sighed and got up to leave.

Ran Yun Ting glared at Yang Kai for a moment before letting off a cold snort and getting up as well. When she arrived at the door to the room, however, she suddenly turned around, glared at Yang Kai icily, and asked sternly, "Boy, don't think this Elder doesn't know what you're plotting! I advise you to give up now, she will eventually fly from this tiny branch to become a phoenix, she is not someone a nothing like you can get involved with. Don't ruin her future!"

After saying so, Ran Yun Ting turned around and left without giving Yang Kai a chance to respond.

Yang Kai stared at the door with indifference, watching her and Bing Long leave.

However, listening to what Ran Yun Ting said, he understood that she knew about his relationship with Su Yan, which also explained why she was so hostile towards him.

Realizing Ran Yun Ting was just trying to protect her precious disciple, Yang Kai took a deep breath and calmed the anger in his heart.

In all honesty, Su Yan having a Master who cared so deeply for her future wasn't a bad thing but Ran Yun Ting's attitude had still made Yang Kai very unhappy.

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"Junior Sister, there's something wrong with you today." On the way back to the Inner Island, Bing Long looked at Ran Yun Ting thoughtfully, "Do you know something? Why did you speak so harshly to that Yang Kai, almost like you knew him from somewhere before?"

"I don't know him!" Ran Yun Ting shook her head, pondered for a moment, then let out a sigh, "Senior Sister, I'll be honest with you, that Yang Kai and Su Yan know one another!"

"Oh? How do the two of them know each other?" Bing Long was surprised.

"Remember how he said he was from Tong Xuan Realm? Su Yan is also from that place! They used to have a Senior Sister Junior Brother relationship, and..."

Bing Long frowned, vaguely becoming aware of something, and asked in surprise, "Could it be that they..."

"En! Not only that, Su Yan is no longer a pure white jade!"

"What?" Bing Long's expression changed dramatically as she asked in shock, "But... but hasn't Su Yan cultivated the Ice Jade Secret Art? That's strange. Why hasn't she received any backlash?"

"Before she had not, but now she has. Su Yan's cultivation has regressed, and there is now a flaw in her mood while her Ice Jade Heart has become clouded!" Ran Yun Ting grit her teeth as she said, "If my guess is correct, that little animal took the initiative to come to Pure Ice Island just to find Su Yan. Yesterday, I even discovered the two of them were communicating with a strange Soul power."

Bing Long's expression fluctuated rapidly as she murmured, "The two of them can communicate with each other using their Souls, like a form of heart resonance? It seems that their relationship between them is quite extraordinary. If that is the case though, is Su Yan's future really beyond redemption?"

"No, there is a way to solve this problem!" Ran Yun Ting's gaze became ruthless.

Seeing her look, Bing Long also quickly realized her intentions and hurriedly shook her head, "You can't do this yet. Sir Luo Hai is here for him, and if he dies here, now, there's no way our Ice Heart Valley can appease Sir Luo Hai, and this method is also not a guarantee. If it causes Su Yan to bear a grudge against you..."

"It doesn't matter if she bears hatred towards me!" Ran Yun Ting chuckled, with a hint of madness in her smile, "Senior Sister, I am not ashamed to admit that I have no hope of breaking through to the Origin King Realm in my life, but Su Yan has such potential. Even if I cannot, she can! As long as she can reach such a height, what does it matter if she hates me? One day, she will understand that I did all of this for her own good!"

"Junior Sister, you..." Bing Long looked at her and suddenly sighed, a look of sadness appearing on her face.

If Ran Yun Ting was saying she had no hope of breaking through to the Origin King Realm, what about her? Bing Long had remained at the peak of the Third-Order Origin Returning Realm for countless years, hitting the bottleneck countless times, always failing, completely unable to grasp the mysteries of the Origin King Realm.

As Ran Yun Ting said, they would probably remain stuck at the threshold of the Origin King Realm for their entire lives. Unless they encountered some kind of Heaven defying opportunity, they would have no chance of rising higher!

Bing Long understood Ran Yun Ting's thoughts, but she also felt it was quite inappropriate to act on them, so she could only say, "Give me some time to consider this matter, don't act rashly!"

"I know."

After walking forward for a while, the two separated.

Ran Yun Ting walked straight to Su Yan's residence. She needed to speak frankly with her disciple and make her understand that only strength was eternal while love between men and women was a fleeting distraction not worth treasuring.

Not long after, Ran Yun Ting arrived near her destination, where she saw her a disciple speaking with the two guards outside Su Yan's ice room with a pleading expression.

Upon closer inspection, Ran Yun Ting realized that this disciple was actually Qing Ya, who came to Ice Heart Valley with Su Yan.

Ran Yun Ting still had some impression of this disciple; after all, when she brought Su Yan back to Ice Heart Valley, Qing Ya also followed, but since the latter's aptitude wasn't as good as Su Yan's, she had to remain on the Outer Island.

Seeing Ran Yun Ting approach, Qing Ya and the two women quickly stopped talking, turned around, and saluted respectfully, "Disciple greets Great Elder!"

Chapter 1642, Ran Yun Ting's Compelling

Ran Yun Ting gently nodded before sweeping her eyes across Qing Ya's face indifferently.

She didn't know if it was because she had just met with Yang Kai, but Ran Yun Ting suddenly realized that this Outer Island disciple was also from Tong Xuan Realm and seemed a bit unpleasant to the eye. Just thinking of Yang Kai's arrogant face made her feel irritated.

"What are you quarrelling here for? Don't you all know that Su Yan is in retreat?" Ran Yun Ting shouted.

The eyes of the two female disciples responsible for guarding Su Yan flashed a trace of horror as they realized that Great Elder was in a very poor mood and immediately became anxious.

The woman surnamed Zhou quickly glanced over at Qing Ya and said in an aggrieved voice, "Reporting to Great Elder, this Junior Sister came here to see Su Yan. We stopped her, but she refused to back down!"

"Great Elder please understand, it's not that we wished to disturb Su Yan, it's all because this woman was being unreasonable!" The other woman also chimed in.

Ran Yun Ting's stern eyes fell on Qing Ya and she said coldly, "If she refuses to withdraw, why did you not just force her to leave? Have both of you cultivated all these years in vain?"

As soon as these words came out, Qing Ya and the others all stared dumbfounded.

None of them seemed to have thought their Great Elder would say such a thing.

In Ice Heart Valley, although there were disputes and enmities between Sisters, no one ever openly fought because of them.

However, Great Elder's words just now were clearly implying they should have beaten Qing Ya, weren't they? The woman surnamed Zhou was so shocked she was unable to even reply and just stood in place, mute.

"What are you waiting for? Are you both deaf?" Ran Yun Ting shouted again.

The woman surnamed Zhou quickly understood that Great Elder was not cracking a joke, and feeling aggrieved in her heart at being reprimanded for no apparent reason, she nodded and yelled, "Yes, Disciple will obey Great Elder's order!"

Saying so, she circulated her Saint Qi and pushed a palm out towards Qing Ya.

"Great Elder..." Qing Ya opened her mouth and called out, but after only a few words, her chest was struck by a fierce Qi and her tender body flew out almost uncontrollably through the air, causing her to cough up a mouthful of blood, staining her white dress red.

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Qing Ya flew several dozen meters away before smashing into an ice wall and falling down distressingly.

Her face was pale and bloodless as the wind was knocked out of her, making it difficult for her to even breathe much less get up.

She was a Second-Order Saint King while the woman surnamed Zhou who hit her was a First-Order Origin Realm cultivator, the gap between them was massive so she was completely unable to resist.

A single palm was all that was needed to injure Qing Ya!

Her beautiful eyes trembled violently as she turned to look at Ran Yun Ting in disbelief, still unable to understand why Great Elder had suddenly given such a ruthless command!

"Get out! If you dare set foot on the Inner Island in the future, this Elder will expel you from Ice Heart Valley!" Ran Yun Ting reprimanded coldly and without mercy.

"Qing Ya!" Su Yan's door suddenly opened, and she appeared anxiously and flew over towards Qing Ya.

Although she heard the dispute between Qing Ya and the woman surnamed Zhou just now, because of Ran Yun Ting's orders, she had not dared to appear without permission and could only remain behind closed doors.

But now, Qing Ya had actually been injured, so she could no longer hold back!

The two of them were both from Tong Xuan Realm and joined Ice Heart Valley together, becoming fellow sisters, so how could she just stand back and watch Qing Ya being beaten?

However, the moment she appeared, Ran Yun Ting waved her hand and forced Su Yan back.

"If you dare take one step forward, I'll kill her right now!" Ran Yun Ting stood outside the ice room and stared at Su Yan's sad face with a cold expression.

A trace of horror flashed across Su Yan's face as she stared at Ran Yun Ting in shock, opening her mouth to speak, but eventually decided to not act rashly here. Taking a deep breath and gritting her teeth as she said, "As this is Qing Ya's first offence, Disciple begs Honoured Master not to punish her further!"

Ran Yun Ting nodded, "As long as you are obedient, I will not embarrass her!"

Su Yan grit her teeth, clenched her fists, and whispered softly, "Disciple will obey Honoured Master's command."

Ran Yun Ting showed a look of satisfaction, "Good! I came here to tell you that that boy has arrived on Pure Ice Island. Now, sever your emotional ties with him immediately to make up for the flaw in your mood, or this Elder will do it for you!"

Su Yan's tender body trembled as she stared at Ran Yun Ting in horror, a pleading expression appearing on her beautiful face as she muttered, "Honored Master..."

Severing her emotions was tantamount to cutting off her connection from Yang Kai, becoming complete strangers from then on.

But if she allowed her Honoured Master to act, there would only be one result... Yang Kai being killed!

Neither option was something Su Yan could accept; it was simply worse than letting her die.

"There is no third choice! I'll give you a few days to think about it, you can tell me then!"

Su Yan's beautiful eyes dimmed for an instant, as if they were covered by dark clouds, blocking all the light from her world, leaving her stunned and unable to move.

By the time she recovered, Ran Yun Ting had already left and Qing Ya was nowhere to be seen, only the two Senior Sisters responsible for guarding her remained, smiling at her mockingly.

These smiles angered her deeply!

For the first time in more than thirty years, she felt like shaking off the shackles which were binding her and escaping from this place.

It was undeniable that Ran Yun Ting had been very good to her. Ever since Su Yan came to Ice Heart Valley, Ran Yun Ting had taught her with complete devotion and provided her with an abundance of resources, allowing her to cultivate in the best environment possible Yan.

However, while teaching Su Yan without reservation, Ran Yun Ting was also chaining her.

She had too many expectations of Su Yan and placed a great burden on her. It was not an exaggeration to say Ran Yun Ting placed all her hopes and dreams onto Sun Yan, but Su Yan was ultimately unable to live up to those expectations.

The future of Ice Heart Valley, the mysteries of the Origin King Realm, Su Yan had heard Ran Yun Ting mention these concepts more than once.

Before, she had not given it much thought. Since her Honoured Master had given her such orders, all she needed to do was follow them; after all, without Ran Yun Ting, she, Qing Ya, and Qian Hao might still be struggling to support themselves on Green Mountains Star. How could their lives be so worry-free?

But now, Su Yan only felt exhausted.

The arrival of Yang Kai gave her an object to rely on. She did not want to take on the future of Ice Heart Valley, she simply wanted to travel freely together with Yang Kai, enjoying all the sights and scenes of the wider world.

She never had great ambitions, she simply wanted to lead a simple, enjoyable life.

Outside Su Yan's door, her two Senior Sisters continued snickering and sneering without reservation, seemingly in a very good mood.

Su Yan felt aggrieved but did not dare to raise a fuss, simply sitting down cross-legged without saying a word and waving her hand to close the door of her ice room.

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In his guest house on the Outer Island, Yang Kai turned to the Ice Heart Valley female disciple who was responsible for his daily life.

This disciple was also an Outer Island disciple and only a First-Order Saint. She looked about twenty-four or five years of age, and although her appearance was not beautiful per se, she had a delicate and clean aura about her.

The disciples of Pure Ice Island all cultivated Ice Attribute Secret Arts, so she had a faint chill about her as well.

"Girl, do you know Qing Ya?" Yang Kai asked while looking at her.

"Senior Sister Qing Ya? I know her!" The woman nodded and replied, smiling slightly as she said, "Our ice rooms are not very far apart, so we meet each other frequently. Does Senior Brother also know Senior Sister Qing Ya?"

"En, can you take me to see her?"

"You wish to go see Senior Sister Qing Ya?" The woman was startled and frowned hesitantly, "I'm afraid I cannot agree to your request."

"Why?"

"The Elders told me that Senior Brother may only rest here and cannot walk around without permission. Senior Brother, you should know, our Ice Heart Valley only has female disciples and no men are allowed to even set foot into the Sect. If you and I were to be seen walking around outside together..."

As she spoke, the young woman blushed.

"That's... never mind, forget it," Yang Kai smiled freely, not trying to insist, changing the subject, and chatting with the young woman a bit before turning around and walking back into his room.

Seeing Yang Kai not try to make things difficult for her, the female disciple could not help breathing a sigh of relief, thinking that this person was quite easy to talk to.

Returning to his room, Yang Kai wore a calm look that displayed neither happiness nor anger, but in his heart, he felt somewhat annoyed.

Wasn't he essentially under house arrest?

Moreover, it had been three days since Ice Heart Valley's Valley Master Bing Long and Great Elder Ran Yun Ting jointly visited. For these three days, no one had come to see him, and even Qing Ya had not shown up. This confused Yang Kai somewhat.

It was fine if others did not come to see him, but why had Qing Ya not visited? She knew why he had come to Ice Heart Valley this time but now he was trapped in this small Outer Island icehouse, unable to leave much less see Su Yan.

Over the past three days, Su Yan had not attempted to communicate with him again.

The more Yang Kai thought about it, the more he felt something was wrong, so he quietly released his Divine Sense and found the disciple who was responsible for attending to him.

Space Force surged beside Yang Kai and in the next moment, his figure disappeared like a ghost.

If it was someone else, they might have difficulty sneaking out from this place, but for Yang Kai who cultivated the Dao of Space, it was extremely easy.

Without that female disciple noticing anything, Yang Kai appeared in a conceal spot a few kilometres away.

Looking up at an ice peak more than a dozen kilometres away, Yang Kai's figure flickered again.

As they were chatting just now, Yang Kai had subtly probed the young female disciple about the position of her cave mansion.

Since she said that she lived close to Qing Ya's cave mansion, it should be somewhere on this ice peak.

Yang Kai just did not know where exactly.

A moment later, Yang Kai arrived at the foot of the ice peak and concealed his aura.

There were hundreds of cave mansions here excavated into this ice peak, with many people living in them. Just looking at this scene gave Yang Kai a headache.

Release his Divine Sense to investigate, Yang Kai found that every cave mansion was protected by a barrier, and although with his Divine Sense's strength, it wouldn't be a problem breaking into these, doing so would certainly lead to trouble.

With no other choice, Yang Kai simply frowned and decided to wait quietly.

Just as he was searching for some kind of clue, however, a group of Ice Heart Valley disciples suddenly arrived at the base of the ice peak.

One of these five was a First-Order Origin Returning Realm cultivator while the rest were Saint Kings.

Although their cultivation was not very high, Yang Kai could feel that each of them was radiating a type of unvarnished hostility, a fact that caused him to frown.

Chapter 1643, Disheartened

Generally speaking, this type of hostility should only be possessed by those who had short tempers and merciless personalities, but all of Ice Heart Valley's disciples cultivated Ice Attribute Secret Arts, which focused on maintaining pure, emotionless states, so how could such people be here?

Not only that, these women all wore cold, grim expressions and gave off prickly auras that forced others to keep their distance.

These women walked straight to the ice peak before arriving in front of a certain cave mansion.

The lead woman looked around and asked, "Is this the place?"

One of her subordinates immediately replied, "It's here."

The lead woman nodded and suddenly yelled, "Outer Island disciple Qing Ya!"

This sound was not too loud, but it still spread out a great distance.

When Yang Kai heard this, his expression immediately became pleased. This was nothing less than someone sending him a pillow when he was feeling sleepy. He was worried he would not be able to find Qing Ya's cave mansion, but now, a group had shown up and called Qing Ya out.

However... this group of women seemed to have ill intentions! Yang Kai frowned slightly and did not immediately reveal himself, remaining hidden nearby, observing in secret.

Three breaths after the woman shouted, a thin barrier outside the cave mansion split open a gap and from inside a woman wearing a white dress and possessing a solemn aura walked out.

Qing Ya! Yang Kai raised his brow as he noticed something was wrong.

Qing Ya's aura was somewhat unsteady and her face was pale, as if she had recently suffered a serious injury!

She was fine when they returned to Pure Ice Island a few days ago, so how could she have suddenly become injured? And looking at her, it was not because she made a mistake in her cultivation. On the contrary, it looked like... she was beaten!

Yang Kai was quite confused.

On the other side, after Qing Ya exited her cave mansion and saw the face and robes of the person who summoned her, she could not help becoming even paler.

She seemed to recognize the leader of this group.

"So, it is Senior Sister Bing Die, does Senior Sister have some matter to discuss with me?" Qing Ya tried to keep her expression calm, but the trembling in her voice betrayed her inner tension.

By now, many Ice Heart Valley disciples who lived on this ice peak had been alarmed by Bing Die's shout and came out to see what was happening.

After seeing this scene though, many showed looks of fear.

"It's Senior Sister Bing Die of the Law Enforcement Hall! How could she be here? And why is she looking for Junior Sister Qing Ya?"

"This is bad, Junior Sister Qing Ya must have made some kind of terrible mistake, right? Why else would this disaster have appeared?"

"Impossible, Qing Ya has always fulfilled her duties to the Sect diligently and even seems to have earned great merit recently. How could she have committed a mistake?"

"That may not be so. I heard a Senior Sister from the Inner Island say that somehow, a few days ago, Junior Sister Qing Ya deeply angered Great Elder."

"I also heard about that. It seems that a Senior Sister named Zhou Yun Xuan also injured her at that time."

"Impossible, Junior Sister Qing Ya has an exceptionally good relationship with Su Yan. With Su Yan backing her, who would dare beat her?"

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In short order, and one after another, every single disciple on this ice peak came out from their cave mansions and began standing around watching from afar.

Even with all the whispers going around her, the lead woman named Bing Die remained unmoved, simply staring at Qing Ya indifferently for a moment before shouting in a low tone, "Qing Ya, as an Ice Heart Valley disciple who has received much care from the Sect, not only do you not understand how to show gratitude, you actually dared colluded with outsiders to shake the foundation of my Ice Heart Valley! By order of the Elder Council, Qing Ya, we are to have your cultivation crippled and from today forward, expelled from Ice Heart Valley. You are to never set foot on Pure Ice Island again!"

Bing Die's few words stirred up an uproar from the crowd, with all the onlooking disciples calling out in shock. Many women covered their mouths with their hands as they directed looks of disbelief and sympathy towards Qing Ya.

Having one's cultivation crippled and being expelled from Ice Heart Valley was the harshest punishment the Sect could make. This was a fate even worse than outright executing a person.

Death ended everything in an instant, but if one was crippled and then expelled from Ice Heart Valley, that person would carry an inescapable trauma for the rest of their life, a stain that could never be erased.

Qing Ya's tender body trembled as her eyes filled with horror and her already pale face turned pure white. Shivering violently, she called out haltingly, "Senior Sister Bing Die, what is this all about?"

Collaborating with outsiders to shake the foundation of Ice Heart Valley was no casual charge. Since Qing Ya had entered Ice Heart Valley, she had never done anything to endanger the Sect, and some time ago, because she had found Yang Kai and brought him back to Pure Ice Island, she even earned the Valley Master's praise, so how could she suddenly fall into this situation?

Bing Die's sudden visit and announcement was a shock too great for her to immediately accept.

"What your sin is, you know in your heart!" Bing Die glared at Qing Ya indifferently, not showing any intention to explain, "Are you going to cripple yourself or do you want Senior Sister to do it? Let me say this first, if you do it yourself, things will be easier, but if you force Senior Sister to take action, you won't be spared any pain!"

"Senior Sister Bing Die!" Qing Ya grit her teeth and a fierce light of resistance appeared in her horrified eyes, "Junior Sister has never done anything to endanger the Sect, and has never colluded with outsiders to shake the foundation of Ice Heart Valley. Junior Sister refuses to accept such charges without knowing their basis, I want to see the Elders or Valley Master!"

Qing Ya naturally would not just stand by and accept being accused of such a great crime; however, after some quick thinking, she had a vague guess as to why this was happening.

The so-called collusion with outsiders she had committed was nothing more than her contacting Yang Kai.

Yang Kai had come to Pure Ice Island because of her.

As for shaking the foundation of Ice Heart Valley, to put it simply, this was probably related to Su Yan's cultivation. Su Yan had always been regarded by Ran Yun Ting as the future pillar of Ice Heart Valley, so bringing about a negative consequence to her cultivation was akin to shaking the foundation of Ice Heart Valley.

However, looking at it from a different perspective, this action probably had a completely different purpose.

The Law Enforcement Hall was most likely dispatched here because it received some kind of order from Ran Yun Ting.

"You may not see any of the Elders or the Valley Master. Today, the decision rests solely with me! I will give you ten breaths to think it over carefully!" Bing Die remained unmoved as she continued to stare at Qing Ya coldly.

All blood drained from Qing Ya's face as she felt her heart breaking in two.

She was nothing more than a Second-Order Saint King, how could she resist the will of the Law Enforcement Hall?

If she really tried to resist, today, this place would become where her bones were buried. Qing Ya had heard about the methods used by the Senior Sisters of the Law Enforcement Hall.

Qing Ya smiled mirthlessly as a cold wind blew past her, but it was her heart that truly felt cold.

When she had first entered Ice Heart Valley, she was still filled with joy as she secretly thanked the Heavens she had met Ran Yun Ting, such a noble character, at the most difficult time in her life. After entering the Sect, she had been scrupulously about fulfilling her duties and responsibilities as a disciple, never once disobeying an order from the Sect.

She never relied on Su Yan's identity and status to seek some kind of advantage for herself; even though she was more than capable of doing so.

She wanted to rely on her own efforts and step by step, strengthen herself, not so she could stand on the same level as Su Yan, but at least to the point where she wouldn't disgrace herself. No matter what, the two of them had both come from the same homeland and joined Ice Heart Valley at the same time, but now Su Yan's cultivation was soaring. So, if Qing Ya fell too far behind, others would only make irresponsible comments behind her back. A few days ago, Ran Yun Ting had reprimanded her mercilessly and she had been injured by a Senior Sister named Zhou Yun Xuan, but even so, Qing Ya did not utter any complaints and simply returned to the Outer Island to enter retreat.

She knew that her actions at the time were indeed a bit reckless and not someone else's fault.

But today, the charges levelled against her by Bing Die were like a bolt of lightning striking her, leaving her completely disheartened.

Great Elder intended to kill her ruthlessly!

She was just a small Outer Island disciple with no status to speak of, but just because she was an acquaintance with Yang Kai, Great Elder wasn't willing to forgive her? Moreover, she was being accused of such heinous crimes.

Colluding with outsiders, shaking Ice Heart Valley's foundation...

Qing Ya's beautiful eyes gradually dimmed, and the look of resistance in her eyes gradually disappeared.

"You have three breaths left!" Bing Die said coldly.

Qing Ya brushed her hair back behind her ear, elegantly bowed to Bing Die, and said softly, "Senior Sister Bing Die, Junior Sister has a request she must trouble you with."

Bing Die frowned slightly for a moment before nodding, "Speak."

"Please do not let Su Yan know about today's affairs. If she asks about me in the future, tell her that I have simply gone out for life experience."

"Don't concern yourself with Su Yan, Great Elder will give her an explanation," Bing Die sneered, "Did you think you could survive by mentioning Su Yan's name? The Law Enforcement Hall treats all impartially, even Su Yan. Nothing you say will stop what happens here today."

She apparently thought that Qing Ya had ulterior motives and was trying to use Su Yan's status to make them back down.

"Junior Sister had no such intentions," Qing Ya smiled bitterly.

"Your time is up, your decision!" Bing Die issued an ultimatum.

"Senior Sister, please!" Qing Ya slowly closed her eyes.

Reaching her current cultivation was a long and tortuous path, so Qing Ya did not have the heart to simply destroy it all herself.

"As you wish!" A cold light flashed across Bing Die's eyes as she lifted her palm and pressed it towards Qing Ya.

A blast of ice-cold energy flew out from the palm of her hand, one that contained great destructive power.

Exclamations sounded all around as countless Ice Heart Valley disciples watched.

Many people frowned secretly and showed reluctant expressions on their faces.

Their strength was not weak so they could naturally tell that Bing Die's palm wasn't meant to simply cripple Qing Ya's cultivation, it was intended to kill her!

Even if Qing Ya managed to survive somehow, she would be seriously wounded, and may even be worse off than an ordinary mortal in the future, unable to take care of herself.

Sighing to themselves, many turned their heads, unwilling to witness such a cruel scene.

Bing Die's eyes were frigid, seemingly containing no emotions a normal person should, only coldness.

"Hm?" Suddenly, Bing Die exclaimed.

Just as her palm was about to hit Qing Ya, in a flash, a new figure appeared in front of her.

This figure lifted his hand carelessly and seemingly lightly pushed it out.

In the next moment, Bing Die's beautiful face paled as she felt a terrifying force fly towards her, one that not only scattered her attack but also shattered the Saint Qi defence around her body.

Like a paper kite with a broken thread, Bing Die was sent through the air as she coughed up blood without any ability to resist.

With a thud, Bing Die landed heavily on the snow and slid back a few dozen metres before finally coming to a stop.

## Chapter 1644, Incriminate

Everything happened so suddenly that no one was able to react.

It wasn't until three breathes after Bing Die had been hit that one of the disciples from the Law Enforcement Hall recovered and shouted, "Who goes there!"

At that moment, she turned to look at Yang Kai, but after seeing the face of the person who took action she couldn't help staring blankly.

"A man?"

"Since when did our Pure Ice Island allow men to enter?"

"Where did this man come from? He forced Senior Sister Bing Die back and wounded her with a single palm."

"Hey, isn't he the one we were ordered to look for some time ago? So, we've already found him! No wonder the Elders recalled us."

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The spectating female disciples from Ice Heart Valley behaved as if they were seeing an unexpected and novel creature as they stared at Yang Kai strangely. After discovering that he was the person they and their sisters had been searching for an entire year, they suddenly became excited.

All of them had worked hard outside the Sect for a year just to find a trace of Yang Kai, so now seeing him in the flesh, many couldn't help wondering what was so special about him that Ice Heart Valley was willing to sacrifice so many disciples and resources to find him.

However, no matter how they looked, they couldn't see any clues, only that Yang Kai seemed to be a little annoyed at the moment, his face extremely cold as he stood in front of Qing Ya like a towering mountain, blocking all winds and rain.

Such a scene made the disciples of Ice Heart Valley frown and speculate about the relationship between Yang Kai and Qing Ya.

The pain she was anticipating did not come, and instead, only Bing Die's muffled cries rang in her ears, causing Qing Ya to open her eyes suspiciously only to find herself staring at Yang Kai's back.

"What are you doing here?" Qing Ya asked in astonishment.

"I came over to talk to you, but I didn't expect to encounter such a sight!" Yang Kai turned his head and glanced at her with concern, "Are you okay?"

Qing Ya shook her head and smiled bitterly, "It's nothing serious."

"Who hurt you?"

Qing Ya bit her red lips and refused to speak.

Yang Kai sighed slightly, took out a jade bottle from his Space Ring, and handed it over, "Take this and heal your injuries."

Qing Ya reached out and accepted it, thanking him politely but not taking the pill inside right away. Instead, she turned her attention to Bing Die who was lying not far away with a complex expression.

After receiving Yang Kai's palm, Bing Die looked extremely embarrassed, but she was not actually injured seriously. This was a result of Yang Kai holding back. Otherwise, with his current strength, he could have easily killed her with that blow.

This was Ice Heart Valley, after all, Su Yan's Sect, so Yang Kai did not want to make doesn't want too much of a fuss.

Hearing the conversation between Yang Kai and Qing Ya, Bing Die's cold face showed a hideous expression as she leapt up and wiped the blood from the corner of her as she sneered, "Heal? She will not have a chance! Openly resisting the orders of an Elder, injuring a Law Enforcement Hall disciples, Outer Island disciple Qing Ya, today, you must die!"

Qing Ya's tender body trembled as she clenched both her fists so tightly they began to bleed.

Yang Kai glanced over at Bing Die, his eyes as cold as a knife and a callous look upon his face.

"I'm the one who hurt you, so what crime has Qing Ya committed?"

"You won't escape either! No matter what your origins are, since you dared act presumptuously in Pure Ice Island, you will not leave here alive. As for Qing Ya... she must die, not only has she colluded with outsiders, but she even brought a man into Pure Ice Island, corrupting the moral purity of my Ice Heart Valley! A male bastard and his female bitch sneaking into my Ice Heart Valley, what wicked scheme are you plotting?"

Qing Ya's body shivered and her face paled as she stared at Bing Die, saying in a trembling voice, "Senior Sister Bing Die, I cannot let that pass, there is no such relationship between Yang Kai and me, and I have never done anything to corrupt the morals or shame the reputation Ice Heart Valley! Yang Kai is here only because..."

"Silence! You have no right to speak here!" Bing Die ground her teeth as she glared at Qing Ya, not allowing her to explain anything and snickering as she continued, "You are calling him so intimately, how dare you say you have no relationship with him?"

At this time, many of the spectating Ice Heart Valley disciples showed strange expressions.

Although Yang Kai and Qing Ya did not exchange more than a few words, anyone could infer from their attitude and tone that the relationship between the two wasn't shallow. At the very least they were clearly familiar with one another.

Could there really be some untoward secret between them?

Qing Ya wore a saddened look as she pined, "Senior Sister, you may beat or even kill me, but you may not insult me. Since entering Ice Heart Valley, Qing Ya has never done anything to shame the Sect."

Moreover, this matter was also related to Yang Kai. Yang Kai was Su Yan's man, so no matter how muddled Qing Ya became, she couldn't have any kind of intimate relationship with him.

"You haven't done anything?" Bing Die looked at her viciously, "Instigating this man to sneak attack me is not a disgrace to the Sect?"

"I did no such thing!" Qing Ya retorted anxiously.

"Pure sophistry!" Bing Die snapped, "If it weren't for your instigation, how could he appear here so timely!"

Qing Ya opened her mouth but was unable to respond.

"There's truly no lack of charges with which to falsely incriminate someone!" Yang Kai's face suddenly showed a look of disappointment, "Qing Ya, since there is no longer any place for you here, you need not remain."

After saying so, he sighed and seemingly muttered to himself, "I thought that Su Yan would be well taken care of here, but now it seems that it is time to take her away. Staying in this filthy place will only tarnish her pure soul."

Su Yan?

This man actually knew Su Yan?

And did he just say that... he wanted to take Su Yan away?

Was he sleep talking?

Men were all indeed unreasonable animals!

Many women looked at Yang Kai oddly, wondering if he was another poor fool who had been captivated by Su Yan's charm?

Since Su Yan entered the Sect, although she had only gone out a few times, her reputation had spread across Scarlet Wave Star and even characters like Wei Feng, the son of Brilliant Flame Sect's Sect Master, had never been able to forget her, let alone others.

Over the years, countless people from various great forces had come to Ice Heart Valley, hoping to let their young geniuses marry Su Yan. Among them were some talented rising stars with exceptional aptitude, but without exception, all were rejected by Ice Heart Valley.

Su Yan was the future hope of Ice Heart Valley, how could she be allowed to marry out of the Sect?

Rumours had it that even the Supreme Elder had high hopes for Su Yan, and would even teach Su Yan personally on occasion over the past few decades.

This was a great honour. In Ice Heart Valley, only the Valley Master and Great Elder were eligible to meet the Supreme Elder, no one else was qualified.

Su Yan was like a phoenix resting on a branch. Compared to her, all men on Scarlet Wave Star were like insects crawling on the ground.

No one was worthy of her!

Yang Kai suddenly making such a remake immediately sparked many misunderstandings among the women from Ice Heart Valley. They thought Yang Kai was like Wei Feng, enamoured with Su Yan but unable to obtain her and forced to pine for her from a distance.

"You, take Su Yan away?" Bing Die's eyes flashed with anger as she shouted, "Only if you live past today can you continue spewing such nonsense! Ice Heart Valley disciples, obey my orders! Kill Qing Ya and this shameless man! Their deaths will serve as a warning to others who would dare infringe upon our Sect!"

As soon as Bing Die's voice fell, the Law Enforcement Hall disciples who had followed her immediately rushed towards Yang Kai fearlessly.

It was not that they hadn't seen the methods Yang Kai used to deal with Bing Die before, but the Law Enforcement Hall's orders were absolute.

As for the disciples who were watching nearby, many chose to remain on sidelines while a few, due to the majesty of the Law Enforcement Hall's reputation, secretly began condensing their Saint Qi as they stared at Yang Kai.

They did not want to attack Qing Ya, but they didn't have any problem dealing with a male stranger like Yang Kai.

Ice Attribute Saint Qi surging in all directions, causing the already extremely cold ice peak to become more frigid, the air itself seemingly freezing.

The Law Enforcement Hall disciples who had rushed forward first, however, only got to within five metres of Yang Kai before being thrown backwards and falling to the snowy ground one by one, their faces pale, unable to stand up.

As for the Outer Island disciples who attacked Yang Kai, they too were forced backwards, their complexions turning pale as they stared at Yang Kai in shock, none of them daring to act rashly again.

No one saw how Yang Kai attacked just now, but the results of this brief conflict made them deeply understand just how massive the gap was between them.

"Yang Kai, don't overdo it!" Qing Ya was shocked.

She had not expected that on Pure Ice Island, Yang Kai would dare attack so many Ice Heart Valley disciples.

A moment ago, he acted to save her, but now, he had actually displayed open hostility.

Although he did not kill anyone, from the looks of the Law Enforcement Hall disciples, it was obvious that their injuries were serious.

She did not care about the life or death of these people of course. After experiencing this event, Qing Ya's sense of identity and belonging to Ice Heart Valley had disappeared.

She just wanted to leave here quickly.

What she was worried about was Yang Kai taking things too far and forcing Ice Heart Valley's true masters to act!

At that time, even if Yang Kai had astonishing abilities, he would not be able to escape here easily.

Bing Die stood on the spot, staring at the scene in front of her for a moment before suddenly smiling, but this smile was like that of a poisonous viper, one who had their prey right where they wanted. "Good, good, good! This time, no matter who you are, you will die today!"

Yang Kai simply looked at her with narrowed eyes and calmly said, "You think I can't see through this little charade of yours?"

The smile on Bing Die's face suddenly became somewhat stiff.

"Why continue to conceal yourself? Come out! Your Excellency has watched long enough, right?" Yang Kai said as he suddenly waved his hand towards a spot in the sky, releasing a palm.

With a loud bang, this palm was intercepted and dispersed by some kind of invisible force, but in the spot where there was once nothing, a figure strangely appeared.

Countless Outer Island disciples looked up and suddenly shouted in shock, "Great Elder!"

"Disciple greets Great Elder!" Everyone came back to their senses and hurriedly saluted with respect.

The figure that appeared was none other than Ice Heart Valley's Great Elder!

Ran Yun Ting is dressed in a lavender dress that gave her a noble appearance and her quiet aura was deep and profound; however, at this moment, she was staring towards Yang Kai with some slight surprise.

She had not expected Yang Kai to have discovered her existence so quickly.

She had thought everything was proceeding smoothly and secretly.

Chapter 1645, Don't Blame Me For Being Ruthless

"As expected. It's you!" Yang Kai snorted lightly.

Ran Yun Ting returned the gesture as she looked down at Yang Kai condescendingly, as if overlooking an ant.

"It seems you very much want my life!" A sarcastic smile appeared on Yang Kai's face, "It must have taken a great deal of effort to set up this situation to force me out, right?"

When he sensed that Ran Yun Ting was nearby, Yang Kai immediately knew that this situation was no accident but was instead a carefully laid trap.

Today, whether he had come to seek out Qing Ya or not, he would have been drawn over. That was why Bing Die had deliberately shouted after arriving in front of Qing Ya's cave mansion, to ensure Yang Kai was alarmed in his housing nearby.

As long as he took notice of Bing Die's intentions, Yang Kai would act.

It was just that no one had thought that Yang Kai would happen to be nearby already.

Repeatedly making things difficult for Qing Ya, accusing her of such great crimes, and even using a heavy hand when attacking her, were all just ploys to force Yang Kai into fighting back.

At the very end, Bing Die even ignored the safety of her fellow Law Enforcement Hall disciples and ordered them to kill Yang Kai just to provoke a response from him.

Everything was an act to achieve this objective.

And the person behind this plot was undoubtedly Ran Yun Ting!

As Ice Heart Valley's Great Elder, holding the powers she did, manipulating the Law Enforcement Hall to act was a minor matter.

Qing Ya is just an innocent pawn while Ran Yun Ting's ultimate goal was Yang Kai!

"Great Elder..." Qing Ya looked towards the aloof Ran Yun Ting.

"Ungrateful thing, you're not qualified to speak to me!" Ran Yun Ting glanced over at Qing Ya coldly and with a wave of her hand sent out an icy blast towards her.

Qing Ya simply stood in place, unable to react.

Yang Kai once again appeared in front of her though and sent out a punch of his own.

Demonic Flame burst out and the black flames impacted the icy blast, the two forces mutually destroying one another, creating an intense explosion of hot and cold energy that even warped the surrounding space.

Ran Yun Ting raised her brow as she finally gave Yang Kai a serious look, secretly shocked by his strength.

Although she hadn't unleashed her full strength in the blow just now and seemed to only be casually waving her hand, she had still used a third of her power, but Yang Kai had resolved her attack with an equally casual one.

[It is obvious that he has power to spare!]

"Originally, I didn't quite believe you had truly killed Jiang Xi and Yan Chi Lei with your ability alone, but now it seems to be true. Not bad indeed!" Ran Yun Ting nodded slightly, not changing continence much even after witnessing Yang Kai's prowess, simply offering a few light words of praise.

"However, that's all there is to you. Since you have injured my Ice Heart Valley's disciples on my Pure Ice Island, not putting my Ice Heart Valley in your eyes, you will definitely die today!" Ran Yun Ting's eyes suddenly became cold and without any emotion declared to Yang Kai, "It is your honour to die at this Elder's hands!"

On the ice peak, countless female disciples' tender bodies trembled as they stared at Ran Yun Ting in shock.

Great Elder was going to take action personally?

What was the origin of this young man? The Sect searched for him so hard before, yet the Great Elder wanted to kill him now? What kind of unknown story had taken place without their knowing? Everyone was at a loss, wondering what was going on.

However... It seemed that Great Elder had not truly fought for some time.

It was rumoured that the last time she engaged in a real battle was ten years ago, but no one witnessed that fight with their own eyes and only knew that her opponent had become an ice sculpture.

Now, Great Elder wanted to kill this young man here on Pure Ice Island.

At that moment, the countless Ice Heart Valley disciples were eagerly looking forward to seeing the great power of their Great Elder.

Many people responded with sympathetic glances towards Yang Kai, secretly thinking that since this young man had provoked Great Elder, he would be buried on Pure Ice Island today.

Before everyone's eyes, Yang Kai's cold and angry expression suddenly became calm. This strange change made everyone's heart jump as they felt a vague sense of unease.

Immediately, Yang Kai turned to Ran Yun Ting and bowed slightly.

He actually bowed!

Everyone's eyes bulged in shock.

All the disciples of Ice Heart Valley did not understand what Yang Kai was trying to do, actually bowing to their Great Elder when facing her murderous intent.

Was he scared? Did this man know that he was not Great Elder's opponent, so he wanted to compromise to survive?

Bing Die to the side couldn't help snickering as she stared at Yang Kai mockingly. She despised this type of gutless man who bullied the weak but feared the strong the most.

[And this man wanted to capture Su Yan's heart? What utter nonsense.]

"It's too late to admit your mistakes now!" Ran Yun Ting still stood aloof, her expression unchanged as her tone remained cold and indifferent, "You should know in your heart why this Elder wants to kill you. If you really understand, if you want what is best for her, you should commit suicide here and now! This Elder would prefer to not stain her hands with your blood; after all, I will see her often in the future."

As if she was giving Yang Kai a final benevolent gift, Ran Yun Ting stood in place and waited quietly, allowing Yang Kai to decide how he would die himself.

Yang Kai, however, just smiled back at her, his face still calm as he gently shook his head and declared, "I did nothing wrong!"

Ran Yun Ting's expression instantly turned grim, "Things have already gotten to this point yet, you still insist on remaining stubborn? She is not someone the likes of you can match. She is going to reach the peak of the Martial Dao. In the future, you will only be able to look up to her as she gets further and further away! Rather than suffering in the future, it is best for both of you if you disappear now. If you do this for her, she may still remember you for the rest of her life. Only those who can endure unending loneliness and solitude can achieve true greatness! Do you still not understand what lies ahead if you continue on this path?"

"It is you who are blind to the future!" Yang Kai looked at Ran Yun Ting lightly, "I bow to you today to thank you for teaching and caring for her over the years, but after this point, you and I will be enemies! If you insist on killing me still, you must prepare yourself to die by my hand as well!"

Ran Yun Ting's pair of phoenix eyes flashed with murderous intent, making all who were watching her cower. Fearful, all the female disciples of Ice Heart Valley were unable to help turning their gazes away.

Yang Kai remained indifferent though, his eyes still staring into hers without flinching in the slightest.

"As for whether I can match her, that is not for you to decide. Who says ascending to the peak of the Martial Dao is a path one must walk alone? I will reach that supreme summit hand in hand with her!"

"Ignorant child, any more talk is useless. Surrender your life!" Ran Yun Ting seemed to be irritated by Yang Kai's wild words and refused to listen to any more of his nonsense. Stretching out her hand, she created a vortex that drew in all the Ice Attribute Energy from the surrounding ten kilometres and used her Saint Qi to condense a several-dozen-metre-long, tens-of-metres-thick ice lance.

At first glance, this ice lance looked more like an inverted ice peak, imposing and majestic.

The onlooking disciples all exclaimed in shock as they stared at this scene in amazement.

The Great Elder's might was earth-shaking, making all them stare at her with eyes filled with worship and yearning.

All of them could not help wondering when they too would be able to stand at the same height as their Great Elder!

However, most of them knew that this was nothing but an unrealistic fantasy. In the Sect, aside from a select few like Su Yan, none had the potential to reach this level. All of them were destined to be the foils for these geniuses.

Many thoughts passed through the minds of these female disciples as they used their Movement Skills to withdraw.

None of them dared to remain in place as a fight on the Great Elder's level would surely wreak terrifying destruction. If they stayed so close, they would likely get caught up in the fallout.

Yang Kai stretched out his hand and sent Qing Ya a few kilometres away with a wave before he leapt up and charged towards the small ice mountain without any trace of fear.

Ran Yun Ting narrowed her eyes and formed a seal with both her hands as she exhaled a white mist that poured it into the ice lance.

In a flash of light, the ice lance began radiating an even more intense destructive aura as she sent it flying forward.

Dark flames burned on Yang Kai's two fists as he pushed his Saint Qi to the limit before he swung them wildly towards the ice lance.

\*Hong Hong Hong...\*

A thunderous noise rang out as the ice lance was being broken apart inch by inch.

Yang Kai was like a fierce beast swimming against the raging current, and wherever he went, chunks of ice were sent flying. He moved with unstoppable momentum, blasting the ice lance to pieces as easily as if it were rotting wood before directly arriving in front of Ran Yun Ting.

Everything happened in the blink of an eye!

"I respected you as Su Yan's Master, and did not want to embarrass you, but since you insist on killing me, don't blame me for being ruthless!" Yang Kai's voice was ice-cold as he stood just ten metres away from Ran Yun Ting and once again sent out a punch.

An astonishing Saint Qi accompanied this fist and the surrounding space seemed to distort as the area around Ran Yun Ting began filling with tiny, flickering Void Cracks.

Ice Heart Valley's Great Elder was so shocked that she could not help crying out.

At this moment, she had the illusion that her life was hanging by a thread, and that if she did not exert her full strength immediately, she would undoubtedly die.

In truth, Ran Yun Ting had never paid any attention to Yang Kai. Although she had learned from Thirteenth Elder Yu Xue Qing that Yang Kai killed Jiang Xi and Yan Chi Lei, Ran Yun Ting hadn't seen this with her own eyes and simply felt that even if Yang Kai was a rising star, able to fight opponents above his realm, he couldn't be her opponent.

She was a character who achieved fame a long time ago and was at the very peak of the Third-Order Origin Returning Realm, possessing strength second only to an Origin King.

But the instant their battle truly began, she felt tremendous pressure from Yang Kai.

This young man was like an extremely sharp sword that had been released from its sheath, his strength and momentum seemingly even more powerful than her own!

Breaking out into a cold sweat, Ran Yun Ting's complexion changed drastically as she madly pushed her strength.

Snow filled the surrounding thousand-metre radius around her and the temperature in this range plummeted. Each tiny snowflake in this region seemed to contain a mysterious power.

This was Ran Yun Ting's Shi, and in its range, she became the one and only master. The falling snow became her strongest weapon, capable of killing any enemy which it enveloped.

Even the wandering Void Cracks froze over.

Staring at Yang Kai coldly, her murderous intent rose to even greater heights, she commanded the falling snow with her mind to swiftly engulf Yang Kai.

## Chapter 1646, Twists And Turns

"Boy, your courage is commendable but ultimately useless. Repent for your sins in the netherworld, and if you are fortunate enough to have a next life, learn well that toads may not eat swan meat! There are some people you cannot afford to seek friendship with!" Ran Yun Ting madly urged her Shi as she shouted.

Her understanding of the Martial Dao and Heavenly Way was infused into each of these tiny crystal snowflakes and her Shi had already reached the grand accomplishment stage, only one step away from reaching Domain, making her all but invincible among Origin Realm masters.

Yang Kai's body was swiftly covered with snowflakes.

His aura then suddenly fell, and at a speed visible to the naked eye, frost spread across his exposed skin, freezing it in an instant...

More snowflakes gathered towards Yang Kai.

It seemed that all the icy cold in the surrounding worlds was pouring into Yang Kai's body.

After a mere two breaths, Yang Kai was frozen into an ice sculpture, still maintaining the posture of punching out, his eyes furious, standing mid-air as even his black hair swept backwards motionlessly.

He was like a work of art crafted by a Grandmaster.

A few kilometres away, Qing Ya, who had just managed to regain her balance, raised her head and after seeing this scene, panicked, and suddenly called out in alarm, "Yang Kai!"

Her voice was full of sadness.

[Yang Kai had lost to the Great Elder! Was their strength too far apart? But if he were to die here, what would happen to Su Yan...]

Qing Ya hardly dared to think about it anymore, and for a moment, she froze in place, her thoughts descending into chaos.

At this moment, she felt she would rather have been killed by Bing Die just now rather than witness Yang Kai fall here because of her.

"Kill this traitor!" Ran Yun Ting looked at Qing Ya from a distance and indifferently gave orders to Bing Die, her eyes filled with disgust.

After issuing this decree, she turned away from Qing Ya in disdain.

It seemed, to her, Qing Ya's life or death was of no importance at all! As long as she could make up for the flaws in Su Yan's state of mind, she was willing to kill anyone even remotely related to her.

Bing Die had been injured by Yang Kai just now, but it was nothing serious so after quickly adjusting her breathing, she rushed towards Qing Ya without hesitation. Her eyes were cold as her Saint Qi surged and an icy aura pulsed from the figure as she stared at Qing Ya with extreme indifference, "Let's see who will save you this time!"

As she spoke, she arrived a dozen meters in front of Qing Ya and sent out a palm.

Qing Ya didn't move as she wasn't even paying any attention to Bing Die's attack, just staring blankly towards the frozen Yang Kai, as if it was the only thing she was able to see.

Her eyes were filled with sorrow and misery.

She had given up completely. Since Yang Kai had died at the hands of Great Elder, Qing Ya no longer dared to face Su Yan ever again. Perhaps it would not be so bad dying her together with Yang Kai, as on the road to the Yellow Springs, at least he would have good company.

Facing Bing Die's killing blow, Qing Ya slowly closed her eyes, preparing herself for death.

Bing Die did not stop just because she had given up resisting. To her, the Great Elder's orders were absolute.

The Ice Heart Valley disciples watching all exclaimed, none of them thinking that, after so many twists and turns, this situation would still end in the death of Qing Ya and that man.

Many people wore dispirited and regretful looks.

Suddenly, from the ice and snow below, a small head appeared in front of Qing Ya. This small head was sharp and angular, like it was carved from stone, but the two black, bean-like eyeballs on it were extremely energetic and flickered with intelligence.

Immediately, this little head popped out of the ground, like a radish being plucked from the earth, revealing its entire figure.

Now, in front of Qing Ya, there was a strange creature less than a meter tall.

This creature had no aura, something all living creatures should possess, but from its flexible movements and smart eyes, it clearly had its own wisdom and spirituality.

It was like a small stone puppet!

"This is..." Bing Die frowned as she stared suspiciously at the Stone Puppet that suddenly appeared in front of Qing Ya, her head unable to catch up with this sudden change.

Then, she saw an incredible scene.

This tiny stone puppet jumped out to block her path to Qing Ya and swung its slightly gangly arm, clenching a fist that it used to meet Bing Die's attack.

There were still no energy fluctuations from this fist, but when the stone puppet punched out, Bing Die's own condensed Ice Attribute palm shattered.

In the next instant, a force that was so intense that it caused Bing Die to feel desperate surged towards her!

Overwhelming power shatters all! Only when the difference in power was massive could all attributes be ignored and destroyed!

Bing Die was shocked!

With a horrible cry, she flew out again, and this time her injuries were obviously heavier than when Yang Kai had acted just now. After falling to the ground, she immediately fell unconscious, her life or death uncertain.

Countless people also heard the clear sounds of her arm bones breaking.

\*Si...\*

Gasps sounded from all directions.

Bing Die was an Inner Island disciple and a member of the Law Enforcement Hall, a cultivator at the First-Order Origin Returning Realm.

So, what was this strange creature which had suddenly appeared in front of Qing Ya? With just a casual punch, it had actually beaten Bing Die into such a state.

Where did it even come from?

Even Qing Ya was at a loss! She lowered her head to look at the slightly hunched over Stone Puppet which was standing in front, a blank look filling her beautiful eyes.

"What is this thing!?" Standing in mid-air, Ran Yun Ting cast her gaze towards the Stone Puppet solemnly.

Although she could not feel any vitality or energy fluctuations from this creature, it still gave her a huge sense of crisis, one that she would only sense when facing an opponent she could not hope to match!

As her heart clenched, she subconsciously glanced over towards Yang Kai, who should have been frozen in ice.

With this glance, Ran Yun Ting nearly screamed.

Yang Kai, who she thought was destined to die, was staring towards her mockingly from inside the ice crystal.

"The solemn Great Elder of Ice Heart Valley is only on this level? Honestly, you are far too disappointing. If you only have such pitiful ability, Su Yan should stop cultivating under your guidance immediately. You're simply not qualified to continue teaching her!" Yang Kai's voice came from inside the ice crystal, causing Ran Yun Ting to feel like she was seeing a ghost, her expression changing dramatically.

Down below, the Stone Puppet's two black eyes darted about slightly, then as if remembering something, he suddenly stretched out his hands and pounded his chest firmly.

\*Dang Dang Dang Dang...\*

A terrifying rumbling rang out, shaking all the nearby ice peaks and causing countless blocks of snow and ice to shatter and come crashing down.

As this noise echoed, the Stone Puppet's body suddenly increased in size, going from less than a meter in height to over ten in an instant.

Xiao Xiao then turned around, grinned towards the floating Yang Kai, then picked up Qing Ya and ran away rapidly.

Atop the white snow, only a trail of strange afterimages remained, stretching off into the distance!

It was as if a mountain bandit had left his cave and captured the wife of the village chief and couldn't wait to bring her back to his abode.

The disciples of Ice Heart Valley were all dumbfounded!

Junior Sister Qing Ya... was abducted by a stone man?

But soon, they understood why this stone man had chosen to leave in such a hurry.

A frightening aura suddenly spread out, and Yang Kai, who was supposed to be frozen into a statue, let out a shocking roar as the ice crystal around his body began making creaking, dense spiderweb-like cracks appearing on its surface.

The ice crystal was about to break!

Ran Yun Ting was shocked, and the disciples of Ice Heart Valley turned pale!

None of them dared to remain where they were and once again retreated, running much further away this time.

"Wishful thinking!" Ran Yun Ting snorted sharply as the field of crystal snowflakes appeared again and flew towards Yang Kai, obviously attempting to freeze him once more.

"Break!" Yang Kai burst out.

\*Hualala...\*

The ice crystal shattered and exploded into dust.

At the same time, Ran Yun Ting's Shi shattered!

The flying snow all over the sky suddenly disappeared and was replaced by countless tiny Void Cracks. These Void Cracks were like tiny black snakes that flitted about three thousand meters around Yang Kai!

"How? How is this possible?" Ran Yun Ting stumbled back as she stared blankly towards the location of Yang Kai, completely unable to accept this result.

In a face-to-face confrontation of their Shi, she had been defeated!

She was Ice Heart Valley's Great Elder, and her Shi had reached the grand accomplishment stage! How could this young man completely surpass her achievements in this field?

Moreover, his Shi contained a very strange power.

Not only did it create countless Void Cracks that were emitting rich murderous intent, but even her sense of distance inside this Shi had become distorted. She was unable to even locate Yang Kai! Yang Kai's position seemed suddenly far yet also incredibly near, as if his position was constantly shifting.

[Space Force!] Ran Yun Ting's face suddenly paled.

Only Space Force could form so many Void Cracks, and only Space Force could influence her perception of distance.

This young man had cultivated such an esoteric power? And he had managed to integrate it into his Shi?

Ran Yun Ting really was astonished this time!

"Die!" Yang Kai's cold voice sounded, not showing any mercy despite knowing she was Su Yan's Honoured Master. With a single thought, space suddenly seemed to solidify, and the countless Void Cracks flew towards Rang Yun Ting.

"You want my life? You must have the ability to take it first!" Ran Yun Ting screamed hysterically, no longer displaying any of the majesty a Great Elder should have, taking out a token from her Space Ring and pouring her Saint Qi into it as she shrieked.

In the next moment, an extraordinary change suddenly appeared in the surrounding space!

Yang Kai's eyes narrowed as he swept them around himself, instantly discovering that the air had become filled with a terrifying cold that was still rapidly intensifying. He also sensed a connection between the token in Ran Yun Ting's hand and this building Ice Attribute Energy.

Beneath the ground, the highest quality Earth Vein of Pure Ice Island released a surge of World Energy that burst into the sky through numerous cracks in the earth and merged together with the surrounding space after which it was rapidly manipulated and transformed by the token Ran Yun Ting was using.

The frigid energy gathered like a roaming dragon and surrounding Ran Yun Ting, taking less than three breaths to force back Yang Kai's Shi.

Chapter 1647, Mediocre

Yang Kai's complexion changed, and he swiftly withdrew his Shi.

If one's Shi was destroyed by force, it would do great harm to oneself and would be very troublesome to repair.

"A Sect Defending Array?" Yang Kai quickly figured out what Ran Yun Ting had done.

Obviously, she was using a profound Spirit Array arranged on Pure Ice Island to achieve this level of power.

This wasn't too surprising once he thought of it though; after all, Ran Yun Ting's status in Ice Heart Valley was extremely high, only below their Supreme Elder and Valley Master, so she could utilize this Sect Defending Array.

"Hahaha, my Ice Heart Valley's Pure Ice Grand Array is the highest-ranked Spirit Array on Scarlet Wave Star. Boy, you may die content having forced this Elder to this point!" Ran Yun Ting laughed as she gripped the token in her hand and in a burst of light seemed to integrate her into the surrounding icy environment!

In an instant, innumerable ice-blades condensed in the surrounding area and slashed towards Yang Kai.

This was the real power of the Pure Ice Grand Array! Even an Origin King Realm master would have difficulty escaping this trap safely.

The moment Ran Yun Ting mobilized the power of this Grand Array to deal with Yang Kai, all the masters on Pure Ice Island instantly became aware.

On the Inner Island, in the Valley Master's Ice Palace, Bing Long's expression changed greatly as she looked towards a certain direction and muttered, "Who is using the Grand Array's power? Is it Great Elder?"

Releasing her Divine Sense, Bing Long immediately saw the battle taking place at one of the Outer Island's ice peaks and could not help leaping out of her ice palace in haste.

A dozen other Elders from the Inner Island also noticed this phenomenon and hurriedly rushed out towards the battle.

In a certain secluded place on the Inner Island, however, a woman with silver hair sat cross-legged by a cold lake. She looked young, only about twenty-eight years old, but the aura she gave off was countless times stronger than Bing Long or Ran Yun Ting.

An Origin King Realm master!

Ice Heart Valley's Supreme Elder, Luo Li!

Her silver hair formed a strong visual contrast with her face, making her seem both mature and youthful all at once.

At this moment, she seemed to be using the cold power of this small lake to do something, inhaling the energy which floated above it into her abdomen with each breath.

Luo Li's face was a little pale, a result of the cultivation dissonance she suffered recently.

Luo Li also noticed the moment Pure Ice Grand Array activated, but after a slight glance, she quickly ignored it.

To a character like her, there was no need to intervene in these mundane issues. To her, it was all just some minor trouble the younger generation had stirred up, Bing Long would handle it.

However, just as Luo Li was about to continue healing, her expression suddenly changed and she turned towards a different direction, seemingly sensing something. Her complexion immediately became solemn as she muttered, "Chi Huo, can you really no longer restrain yourself? Daring to trespass on my Pure Ice Island... wait, this is...."

When she noticed the existence of the other person, Luo Li's face grew even more solemn, and after a long silence, she let out a sigh, "I don't know if my Pure Ice Island can survive this time... I can only hope they don't go too far."

Saying so, she slowly got up and her body flickered, disappearing from the lakeside, leaving behind only a slowly fading afterimage.

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"How foolish. If you could mobilize the full power of this Pure Ice Grand Array, you might be able to kill me, but with your lowly skill, how much power can you actually borrow from this Grand Array?" Yang Kai roared as a five coloured light burst from his body. These five coloured lights were extremely dazzling, forcing others to look away from him. At the same time, Yang Kai's momentum soared upwards.

Yang Kai grabbed towards the sky and a golden glow suddenly separated from his body and condensed into a massive golden sword.

Five Elements Indestructible Sword Qi, Metal Sword Qi!

With this sword in his hand, Yang Kai's killing intent erupted outwards, causing Ran Yun Ting's eyes to shrink and with a shout, she madly poured her Saint Qi into the token in her hand, attempting to draw out more of the Grand Array's power to suppress Yang Kai.

Countless ice blades, lances, and arrows formed in the sky and lased towards Yang Kai again.

"Come!" Yang Kai shouted as he swung the golden sword in his hand.

The golden light was dazzling and seemed to cut through space itself, filling all of Pure Ice Island with a brilliant radiance that carried with it a sharp, piercing Sword Qi.

The ice blades, lances, and arrows were all like snowflakes under the scorching sun.

Nothing was able to approach to within ten metres of Yang Kai!

His image was that of a wild beast as his black hair flew out behind him, like a god of war who hailed from ancient times, showing an indomitable and heroic spirit.

Countless women from Ice Heart Valley stared at him dumbfounded, a fierce pounding filling their hearts. This palpitation caused Yang Kai to become the only thing in their vision, and they all became unable to tear their eyes away from his figure.

On the Inner Island, the door to Su Yan's ice room suddenly flung open, and as she rushed out, she immediately caught a glance of a familiar figure a few hundred kilometres away, covered in golden light.

"Junior Brother!" Su Yan murmured.

Although her voice was soft, it seemed to cross over the entire distance between them and Yang Kai, who was still swinging his golden sword, turned his head and looked towards her with a smile.

Su Yan smiled similarly and immediately flew out.

At this moment, her Honoured Master's orders and the Sect's rules no longer mattered to her, the only thing her heart desired was to reunite with the man who was raising so much noise on Pure Ice Island for her!

As long as she could see him again and enter his embrace, she could die without regret!

"Where are you trying to run!"

"Su Yan, stop right there!"

Zhou Yun Xuan and the other female disciple who were in charge of guarding Su Yan were also paying attention to the battle hundreds of kilometres away, but when they finally recovered their wits, they were shocked to find that Su Yan had actually run off. The two women were stunned and hurriedly gave chase while calling out to her.

"Su Yan, if you dare to violate Great Elder's orders, you will be severely punished!"

"Come back now and you will suffer less, refuse and no one will be able to save you!"

Su Yan turned a deaf ear to their cries, almost as if she had not heard them at all, her body flying off and soon disappearing from the vision of the two women.

"This is bad!" Zhou Yun Xuan's face went pale. No matter what, for failing to fulfil their duties, they would certainly be punished by the Great Elder.

"This bitch really irritates me!" The short woman grit her teeth and cursed, "Senior Sister Zhou, what should we do now?"

"Follow her," Zhou Yun Xuan stomped and increased her speed.

Laughter resounded like a rolling thunder throughout Pure Ice Island as Yang Kai, still surrounded by the power of the Sect Defending Array, moved about freely, waving his sword madly as he shattered Ran Yun Ting's attacks to pieces.

Ran Yun Ting's expression was incredibly fierce as her eyes filled with shock and disbelief.

[Just how extraordinary was this young man?]

With a mere Second-Order Origin Returning Realm cultivation, he was able to suppress her even while she was using part of the Pure Ice Grand Array's power!

She originally thought that in the Origin Returning Realm, she was already one the strongest, with few in this realm being capable of comparing with her, but today, she thoroughly understood that there are mountains beyond mountains and people beyond people!

[This young man is already capable of such phenomenal strength. If he were to break through to the Third-Order Origin Realm, won't he be capable of battling an ordinary Origin King?]

Once this thought emerged, Ran Yun Ting was taken aback!

While frightened, her determination to kill Yang Kai here and now increased dramatically.

If he did not die here today, Ice Heart Valley would definitely suffer greatly in the future!

"Ice Heart Valley's Great Elder, is mediocre!" Yang Kai snorted in a deep voice, not putting Ran Yun Ting in his eyes, holding the sword in his left hand, he stretched out his right hand, condensed a new golden sword in it, and shouted in a low tone, "Pierce!"

A golden light flashed and a sharp sword light shot towards Ran Yun Ting, threatening to run her through in the next moment!

No matter how much Ran Yun Ting urged the power of the Pure Ice Grand Array, she was unable to stop this golden sword from reaching her.

For a moment, Ran Yun Ting's face turned ashen and her eyes shrank.

She did not realize until this moment that Yang Kai bowing to her before was truly not because of fear, but was his final gesture of respect, severing the fate between her and Su Yan and him.

With these connections severed, he could kill her without hesitation.

If one were to ask Ran Yun Ting if she had any regrets, she would answer with a firm 'No!'

Ran Yun Ting's eyes became firm again a moment later. Even if she died here, she would not regret her decision.

Su Yan would eventually become the pillar of Ice Heart Valley, and whether Ice Heart Valley could continue on and eventually overpower Brilliant Flame Sect to become the most powerful great force on Scarlet Wave Star all depended on Su Yan's ability.

She may die here today but killing the Ice Heart Valley Great Elder was no small matter. Once the Supreme Elder became aware and took action, Yang Kai would certainly die.

As long as Yang Kai died, the flaw in Su Yan's heart could be solved and she would be able to put her all into cultivating and raising her strength!

Her light was bound to shine across the entire Star Field, and in the future, she would be able to stand atop the submit!

No matter how amazing this young man might seem now, he would eventually be overtaken and surpassed by Su Yan.

With death approaching, Ran Yun Ting stood motionless, staring at Yang Kai with a nearly insane smile.

At that moment though, the power of the Pure Ice Grand Array suddenly increased, and where it once had been unable to stop Yang Kai's golden sword light, it now condensed a mass of ice-cold energy to form a flawless ice wall in front of Ran Yun Ting.

The golden sword light pierced this ice wall and made a terrible screech as it approached Ran Yun Ting little by little.

The ice wall seemed incapable of stopping the golden sword light!

But Yang Kai still frowned and turned to look towards the side.

Over there, Ice Heart Valley's Valley Master Bing Long had appeared at some unknown point and was also holding a token in her hand, one that was identical to the one Ran Yun Ting was using and was pouring her Saint Qi into it to increase the power of the Pure Ice Grand Array.

Bing Long's face was extremely dignified as sweat dripped from her forehead while she continued to pour her Saint Qi into her token.

More and more Ice Heart Valley Elders appeared, each of them calling out in shock as they hurriedly took out their tokens one after another.

With so many Ice Heart Valley Elders cooperating, the power of the Pure Ice Grand Array grew exponentially.

At the last moment, the golden sword light's advancement was halted a mere palm's length from Ran Yun Ting.

However, the aura around the golden Sword Qi's was enough to pierce Ran Yun Ting's forehead slightly, causing a drop of red blood to leak out from the centre of her brow.

Chapter 1648, Acting Contrary To One's Principles

Ran Yun Ting's expression remained unchanged as she stared at Yang Kai coldly and snorted, "Is that all?"

The arrival of her fellow Elder's had let her see hope of killing Yang Kai again.

"Die!" Yang Kai suddenly shouted.

The other four coloured auras circulating around his body shot forth and poured into the golden sword light, merging together with it.

A five coloured sword light took shape immediately!

This sword of light now contained the power of all five elements, each mutually reinforcing one another in an endless cycle, causing the power of the sword light to rapidly increase.

\*Kacha...\*

The ice wall protecting Ran Yun Ting immediately began to crack.

Ran Yun Ting paled in horror as Bing Long and the other Elders stared dumbfounded.

With a bang, the ice wall was completely shattered and the five coloured light pierced towards Ran Yun Ting's brow again with unparalleled sharpness.

Just as Ice Heart Valley's Great Elder's life was about to end, however, an ethereal jade white hand suddenly appeared.

This jade hand was completely flawless and seemed to only reach out lightly, as if it was trying to pick up a trivial object.

An extremely mysterious and indescribable power pulsed from the jade hand.

The five coloured sword light, which had easily shattered the ice wall, was grasped by this jade hand, and no matter how it struggled, it was unable to advance any further.

"Young man, when possible one should let others off, why must you insist on killing ruthlessly?" A chilly female voice sounded.

Yang Kai's brow furrowed deeply.

Having tread upon the gates of death, Ran Yun Ting was sweating profusely, but after seeing this jade hand and hearing this cold female voice, she was suddenly overjoyed and shouted, "Disciple thanks Supreme Elder for her assistance and humbly requests Supreme Elder kill this evil creature who dared violate our Ice Heart Valley!"

[Supreme Elder?]

Yang Kai's expression became serious as he turned to look in a certain direction but was unable to see any kind of figure there.

He knew that there was a Supreme Elder in Ice Heart Valley, one that was an Origin King; however, she was still just a First-Order.

Yang Kai had even offended a character like Luo Hai and escaped from his pursuit across the vast Star Field, so no matter how powerful Ice Heart Valley's Origin King was, she was not enough to frighten him. This was also why he dared to come to Ice Heart Valley!

Still, he had to raise his guard and began condensing his Saint Qi quietly!

On the other hand, Bing Long was experiencing a great shock, and fearing that Supreme Elder would really kill Yang Kai in a rage, she quickly called out, "Supreme Elder please wait, there may be some misunderstanding here. This Bing Long requests she be able to handle this matter!"

The existence of Yang Kai was too important and Bing Long did not dare let him die casually.

The cold female voice sounded again, but this time she did not speak and instead just sighed. The jade white hand which was gripping the five coloured sword light also faded away.

With a thought, Yang Kai took back the five-coloured light into his body while glaring at Ran Yun Ting coldly.

The other party stared back at him with gritted teeth, looking extremely unwilling.

It seemed she was quite upset that Supreme Elder had not directly killed Yang Kai; after all, Yang Kai was truly acting rampantly just now. In front of everyone's eyes, he tried to kill her, the Sect's Great Elder.

Ran Yun Ting absolutely could not tolerate such provocations and insults.

However, facing the decision of the Supreme Elder, she did not dare to have any objections and could only choke down her annoyance.

A beautiful figure suddenly flew over from the distance, and as if he could sense her approach, Yang Kai turned to look at her and the shocking murderous intent which was leaking from his body instantly disappeared, as if it was never there in the first place, and he flashed a gentle smile.

As he gazed upon this figure, his eyes turned as soft as water.

Unable to adapt to this sudden transformation, Bing Long and the others could not help frowning, wondering what was happening.

Following his gaze, Bing Long showed a thoughtful expression after seeing the situation there clearly.

Ran Yun Ting also saw the face of the incoming person and her expression became sullen. Just as she was about to shout something, she suddenly felt a sharp gaze land on her.

Turning her head, she saw Yang Kai staring at her, giving off an aura that seemed to scream, "If you dare open your mouth, I'll kill you." Ran Yun Ting choked on her words and swallowed them back down as she quietly gulped.

She couldn't be certain whether she was just imagining it or not, but at that moment, she felt as if she was being stared at by an ominous beast, and that if she provoked Yang Kai again, even Supreme Elder wouldn't be able to save her life.

This thought was quite disturbing to her...

The beautiful figure coming from the distance only took a moment before she arrived and stood in front of Yang Kai, staring at him with wet eyes as she bit her lip lightly.

Looking at him, her always ice cold, indifferent face showed a rare smile.

The beautiful scenery of Pure Ice Island was instantly overshadowed when this smile appeared.

Countless Pure Ice Island Outer Island disciples fell into a daze upon seeing this sight.

"Heavens, Su Yan smiled? She can actually smile? And at a man!"

"I thought she would never smile; does she know this man?"

"What's their relationship, and why do they look so close?"

"Su Yan has a man outside? Unimaginable."

"No wonder she was punished by Great Elder, all Inner Island disciples are forbidden from having close contact with men without permission."

"Who the hell is this guy, actually able to touch Su Yan's heart..."

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Whispers spread from all directions, turning Ran Yun Ting's face green while Bing Long simply shook her head and sighed.

The remaining Elders all exchanged looks amongst themselves as well. None of them were aware that Su Yan and Yang Kai knew each other before their reunion. The sudden appearance of such a scene really shocked them.

In the sky, under the gaze of countless eyes, Yang Kai stretched out a hand towards Su Yan.

A faint blush appeared on Su Yan's snow-white cheeks, but the indescribably yearning she felt overcame her natural shyness and she flew forward and fell into Yang Kai's embrace.

The two held each other tightly!

After more than thirty years, the two from High Heaven Pavilion once again reunited.

As if embracing their entire world, they tightly held one another!

A cold wind swept through, whipping up the freshly fallen snow as all of Pure Ice Island fell silent, everyone's eyes fixed on the sight of the young man and woman floating up above.

The picture was mesmerizing, and the atmosphere was warm enough to even dispel the chill in the air, filling everyone's heart with warmth.

Ran Yun Ting's expression darkened, and she turned towards Bing Long as if she wanted to say something, but seeing Bing Long's helpless appearance, she eventually held her tongue.

"Su Yan, you cheap slut, come back here!"

"You'll be punished if you dare act like this!"

Two abrupt voices sounded, shattering the serene scene.

Many disciples of Ice Heart Valley glared towards the source of this sound, secretly blaming these two for recklessly destroying the atmosphere here.

In two flashes of light, the two women who just called out raced over.

After seeing the situation here, however, both Zhou Yun Xuan and the other woman who were charged with guarding Su Yan stared blankly, obviously never having expected so many of the Sect's leaders to already be present.

It was not an exaggeration to say that all of the Sect's Elders were here.

The two of them looked at each other, then towards Ran Yun Ting timidly.

Regardless of anything else, it was a fact that Ran Yun Ting highly valued Su Yan, so them insulting Su Yan in front of Ran Yun Ting would likely lead them to being punished.

However, at a glance, the two women were overjoyed.

Ran Yun Ting did not seem to hear what they said just now or care about their presence at all. On the contrary, she was staring in a certain direction with eyes that were almost spitting flames, clearly completely enraged.

Following her line of sight, Zhou Yun Xuan gave an exclamation and covered her mouth.

There, she shockingly saw Su Yan hugging a strange man.

This... this was nothing short of rebellion!

Even ordinary Inner Island disciples were not allowed to have close contact with outside men without the permission of their Honoured Masters, and Su Yan was Great Elder's favourite personal disciple. Her being so intimate with a man with such an identity in public was akin to slapping Great Elder's face.

Did she still put her Honoured Master in her eyes?

No wonder Great Elder's face was so ugly.

Considering all this, Zhou Yun Xuan hurriedly said, "Great Elder, Su Yan ignored Junior Sister's and my dissuasion and insisted on rushing out. We thought she had some urgent matter to attend to, but never did we anticipate that it would turn out to be this. Acting like this in full view of the public, simply shameless! Please punish her, Great Elder!"

Ran Yun Ting's body trembled as her face grew even angrier.

Why did Zhou Yun Xuan bother to make such pointless comments? If Ran Yun Ting could, she would have already ripped this bastard boy's corpse into ten thousand pieces!

However, she had no choice now but to accept that she could not kill Yang Kai, only if the Supreme Elder personally took action would that be possible.

Therefore, she remained silent and did not respond to Zhou Yun Xuan.

Zhou Yun Xuan was taken aback, and a trace of suspicion flashed across her face.

Just as she was lost in confusion, a cold voice suddenly reached her ear, "Were you the one who just insulted Su Yan?"

Looking up, Zhou Yun Xuan suddenly noticed that the man with his arms around Su Yan was staring towards her indifferent eyes.

Su Yan seemed to have blocked out everything from the surrounding world and was like a little bird snuggled up beside her man, a contented expression filling her pretty face, as if even if she died immediately, she wouldn't care.

Being stared at by such eyes, Zhou Yun Xuan couldn't help feeling an inexplicable chill, and quietly glancing around and discovering that none of the Elders present seemed to have any intention of speaking up, she could only grit her teeth and replied, "I made a careless remark a moment ago."

Regardless of whether Su Yan was wrong or not, it was indeed a mistake for her to insult her fellow disciple. In front of so many Elders and even the Valley Masters, she did not dare to act presumptuous and immediately admitted her mistake.

"Apologize!" Yang Kai said concisely.

A hint of anger flashed across Zhou Yun Xuan's face as she snapped back, "What thing are you, how dare you order me around!"

Admitting a mistake and apologizing were two completely different concepts. Zhou Yun Xuan was not willing to apologize to Su Yan in front of so many eyes as that would simply be too embarrassing.

The moment she spoke, though, a resounding bang echoed as Zhou Yun Xuan felt her cheek become numb and her body flew out, tumbling several times through the air before heavily impacting the snow-covered ground.

All of Ice Heart Valley's Elders paled.

None of them had seen how Yang Kai moved just now, only that this disciple named Zhou Yun Xuan had been sent flying by him.

Chapter 1649, Apologize

Zhou Yun Xuan picked herself up from the snow with difficulty while covering her cheek with her hand, her face dull as she stared at Yang Kai in a daze.

She never expected that Yang Kai would dare to slap her in front of the Valley Master and so many Elders.

"Apologize!" Yang Kai continued glaring at her coldly.

Zhou Yun Xuan's tender body trembled. Being insulted in front of so many of her fellow Sect Sisters, as an Origin Returning Realm master, how could she bear it? Her face twisting in anger, she screamed, "You dare hit me?" \*Pa...\*

With another loud smacking sound, Zhou Yun Xuan flew out again.

Her other cheek this time went numb.

"Apologize!" Yang Kai's voice sounded again coldly, without any emotion, causing all who heard it to shudder.

Zhou Yun Xuan climbed up from the ground for a second time with a look of horror on her face. When she turned to look at Ran Yun Ting, as if begging her to uphold justice, Zhou Yun Xuan felt a chill run from the soles of her feet straight to the top of her head, her shock so great she stopped being able to think for a moment.

Great Elder's face was sombre and still, and although she was glaring at Yang Kai fixedly, she did not say a word.

The other Elders present had similar expressions, and even the Valley Master was frowning with difficulty.

No one was going to seek justice for her!

Zhou Yun Xuan was shocked! She knew that she had done something wrong and should not have insulted Su Yan as she had, but there had to be other reasons why she was being abandoned here.

It was as if everyone here feared this young man!

"Apologize, or... die!" Yang Kai issued an ultimatum and his murderous intent reappeared, locking onto Zhou Yun Xuan. Having failed to kill Ran Yun Ting had made him extremely annoyed, so this Zhou Yun Xuan happened to be an easy target to vent on.

Bing Long finally spoke, frowning as she said, "Yang Kai, let us end this here. Although this disciple was indeed rude, you have already punished her, let her go."

Zhou Yun Xuan was also a disciple of Ice Heart Valley, so Yang Kai slapping her twice in front of everyone was the limit to what Bing Long could tolerate. If Yang Kai insisted on continuing with his aggressive stance, Bing Long would not stand idly by.

If she really allowed him to do as he pleased, it would only cause all the disciples present to lose faith in the Sect.

"Junior Brother, forget it," Su Yan also pleaded for Zhou Yun Xuan.

To her, Zhou Yun Xuan's insult did no harm, and now that Yang Kai had also slapped her twice, all the resentment she felt was relieved.

Instead, Yang Kai acting for her without any hesitation had caused Su Yan to feel some sweetness in her heart.

"Since Senior Sister says so... I won't kill her," Yang Kai's expression eased as he turned to Bing Long and said, "Make her apologize and I'll spare her!"

Bing Long was speechless, wondering if this could even be called a concession while feeling a little annoyed.

At this time, all the leaders of Ice Heart Valley inclined their heads towards a certain direction, as if they had suddenly received some kind of message, their expressions becoming solemn.

Yang Kai frowned as he too vaguely sensed some Divine Sense fluctuations from nearby, but was unable to locate the exact source.

He immediately understood, though, that Ice Heart Valley's Supreme Elder was speaking to Bing Long and the other Elders.

Not bothering to act rashly again, he simply waited quietly.

The faces of Bing Long and the others became cloudy and uncertain, but after some time, they exchanged a solemn glance as they all vaguely felt that a great storm was approaching.

It seemed that something big had transpired in Ice Heart Valley.

"Apologize to Su Yan, then this matter will end!" Bing Long suddenly turned to Zhou Yun Xuan and said with a somewhat irritable expression.

Zhou Yun Xuan's expression was blank, never having expected that Valley Master would also favour Yang Kai and Su Yan. Although she was filled with confusion, with the last chance she could rely upon gone, she could only reluctantly say, "Junior Sister Su, Senior Sister made an indiscreet remark just now, please don't take offence!

After speaking, she grit her teeth hard and her eyes flickered with hatred and madness, like a vicious snake.

She knew that in the future, she would become a laughing stock in Ice Heart Valley, the topic of gossip between her Sisters from morning till night! She had never been more disgraced.

"Withdraw," Bing Long waved to Zhou Yun Xuan and dismissed her.

Zhou Yun Xuan bowed and walked away, but before leaving she shot Yang Kai and Su Yan a vicious look, as if wanting to burn their appearances into her heart.

"Everyone else is to disperse as well!" Bing Long shouted softly.

The spectating Ice Heart Valley disciples retreated as ordered.

Soon, only the top executives of Ice Heart Valley, Yang Kai, and Su Yan were left atop the open expanse. Qing Ya stood far away, paying attention to what was happening with a worried expression.

"Yang Kai, follow me!" Bing Long looked at Yang Kai with a complicated expression.

"Who wants to see me?" Yang Kai asked, already having a vague guess as to what had happened.

Bing Long sighed, "Supreme Elder wants to see you... not only that, but Sir Luo Hai, Star Master of Green Mountains Star and Chi Huo, Supreme Elder of Brilliant Flame Sect also wish to see you!"

"Luo Hai is here?" Yang Kai narrowed his eyes.

"Indeed!"

"What if I refuse to go?" Yang Kai grinned.

"I'm afraid you have no choice. You should know what will happen if you refuse," Bing Long sighed, "Although you are very strong, it is still meaningless in front of Sir Luo Hai."

Yang Kai stroked his chin, nodded and said, "It seems that I have to go. Good, I'll go with Senior. It's time to put an end to this matter."

Bing Long was stunned, but did not ask much, glancing towards Su Yan who was still standing next to him, and sighed, "I'll lead you there."

The other Elders followed closely, with Ran Yun Ting staring at Yang Kai sullenly, her expression never losing its ferociousness.

Although she did not know why Sir Luo Hai wanted to meet Yang Kai so badly, even using Brilliant Flame Sect to find him, it was obvious that the grievances between them were not shallow.

This little animal really did not know the immensity of Heaven and Earth, actually daring to provoke Sir Luo Hai! [Now it is just a question of how you die] Ran Yun Ting cursed hatefully in her heart.

The next moment, she saw Su Yan and Yang Kai holding hands while whispering something to each other in low voices, and could not help feeling a surge of anger, wishing she could rush up and separate them now.

Recalling Yang Kai's unfathomable methods, Ran Yun Ting forced herself to endured, just coldly snorting and chasing after Bing Long and the others Elders

"Senior Sister, you should wait here for me, I'll be right back."

"No, I'm going together with you!" Su Yan shook her head, and her beautiful eyes became firm, obviously worried Yang Kai might have some kind of accident and wishing wholeheartedly to share that burden with him.

"Very well then...," Yang Kai did not continue to persuade her, raising his head towards Qing Ya.

Qing Ya immediately said, "I'll wait for you here!"

She knew that she was not qualified to participate in this matter, so she wisely decided to stay put.

Xiao Xiao stood quietly beside her.

Yang Kai gently nodded and left with Su Yan.

Bing Long was waiting not far away, but after seeing this pair, which seemed ignorant of everything around them, following her, her brow couldn't help wrinkling somewhat. However, she did not take their conduct to heart at the moment and instead stared at Yang Kai meaningfully while asking, "Now that things have gotten to this point, shouldn't you honestly tell us what kind of grievances you have with Sir Luo Hai?"

"Senior wants to know?" Yang Kai chuckled lightly.

Bing Long nodded.

"Then ask Luo Hai, if he is willing to tell you, you will naturally know."

"You..." Bing Long became angry, "Are you still unclear about your situation? Sir Luo Hai and Senior Chi Huo have come to Pure Ice Island together and called to see you. They must be here for you, and the only one who can provide you shelter is my Ice Heart Valley's Supreme Elder. Are you so determined to keep hiding things that you are willing to die in exchange?"

"Your Ice Heart Valley's Supreme Elder is only a First-Order Origin King, no? If Luo Hai really wanted to do something to me here, could she stop him?" Yang Kai spat disdainfully.

Bing Long was instantly struck speechless.

In the Origin King Realm, every Minor Realm was separated by a vast gap, and the difference in strength was dramatic! It was precisely because of this that no one could stop Luo Hai and Chi Huo from trespassing onto Pure Ice Island, nor could Luo Li refuse when they demanded to see Yang Kai.

If this weren't the case, how could Luo Li have allowed them to set foot on Pure Ice Island? In fact, if it had only been Chi Huo, Luo Li would have already beaten him back.

"What's more, I have no friendship with your Ice Heart Valley, so even if your Supreme Elder did have the necessary ability, why would she take the initiative to protect me?" Yang Kai sneered, "Or what? Do you simply want to know what Luo Hai wants from me so you can bargain for a piece of it from him?"

Bing Long was stunned, but immediately said with a wry smile, "Since you understand, why would you still agree to meet with him? If I were you, I would have done my best to disappear!"

"And go where?" Yang Kai coldly snorted, "I was chased by him through the Star Field for days until I finally managed to hide on Scarlet Wave Star. Now that he has found my trail again, I am afraid I can't get away. Having said that, it is time I settled this grievance with him, otherwise I will have to worry about him suddenly coming after me for the rest of my life. If he wants to use his strength to bully me, he must have the necessary ability!

As he spoke, Yang Kai's face flashed with brutality and a strong light flashed across his eyes. Instead of retreating in fear of Luo Hai's strength, he looked like he was eager to fight.

Bing Long stared at Yang Kai dumbfounded, only after a long silence shaking her head and muttering, "Lunatic!"

With only a Second-Order Origin Realm cultivation, Bing Long felt there was something wrong with Yang Kai's head for daring to speak so wildly.

Yang Kai just laughed carefreely.

Su Yan did not say a word from beginning to end, just snuggling beside Yang Kai, holding hands with him, as if she never wanted to be separated, a quiet and content smile on her face.

Bing Long let out another exasperated sigh. In normal times, such a golden boy and jade girl would definitely be a match made by the Heavens.

However, with Yang Kai being stared at by Luo Hai, his future was filled with uncertainty. Su Yan on the other hand, as a core disciple of Ice Heart Valley who had cultivated the Ice Jade Secret Art, was doomed to fall from grace and become miserable if she could not break free of these emotional fetters.

Bing Long gradually became indifferent.

This group moved extremely fast and soon arrived in front of a magnificent ice palace on the Inner Island.

The ice palace seemed to be carved out of a single, pure ice crystal, and gave off a feeling of elegance and detached majesty.

Inside the ice palace, there were several extremely powerful auras.

When Yang Kai arrived in front of this white jade Ice Palace, three powerful Divine Senses instantly locked onto him, one of which far outstripped the other two.

Luo Hai!

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Inside the white jade ice palace, Luo Hai sat upon a chair with his golden crown on his head, his breathing calm but with a flash of excitement in his eyes.

[Finally, I've found you!] Luo Hai exclaimed to himself without showing any outwards signs.

To think that he, a top master at the Second-Order Origin King Realm, one of the strongest in all the Star Field, had pursued a trivial Yang Kai for so long. Not only had this boy broken through his blockade on Green Mountains Star but even managed to escape his tracking after that.

If not for Luo Hai's incredible patience, he would likely have really let this boy escape by now.

[Now, let's see where you can run!] Luo Hai said with excitement.

With his strength, there were not many things that could excite him, but an Origin Essence Crystal left behind by the Monster King in the Blood Prison was something he deeply coveted. The Emperor Artifact on Yang Kai was also something Luo Hai desired.

The former could allow him to break through to the Third-Order Origin King Realm while the latter could directly increase his strength!

Once these two treasures landed in his hands, Luo Hai was confident he could become the strongest master in the entire Star Field. When the time came, no one in the Star Field would be able to compete with him!

Everything depended on taking Yang Kai here.

Although Luo Hai concealed his emotions very well, Chi Huo and Luo Li were also Origin Kings, so naturally, they could detect some subtle changes in his mood.

Chi Huo's expression changed slightly as he wondered just what kind of secrets this little brat named Yang Kai had. If he did not possess something of extreme value, why would Luo Hai be so interested in him?

More than a year ago, Luo Hai suddenly visited Scarlet Wave Star, surprising Chi Huo. Then, Luo Hai had asked Brilliant Flame Sect to search for Yang Kai, further raising Chi Huo's suspicions. Many times, he had tried to ask why Luo Hai was looking for Yang Kai, but Luo Hai had never given him a straight answer, leaving Chi Huo helpless.

Luo Li was also quite curious about this matter, but more than that, she felt sadness and helplessness.

She could do nothing about Luo Hai and Chi Huo in her current state!

Soon, Yang Kai stepped into the ice palace.

Inside the ice palace, in addition to the three Origin King Realm masters, a dozen or so Elders of Ice Heart Valley stood behind Luo Li.

Additionally, behind Luo Hai and Chi Huo, there was a young man with a sallow complexion and somewhat faint vitality.

The son of Brilliant Flame Sect's Sect Master, Wei Feng!

At this moment, he was looking around excitedly, as if waiting for someone to arrive. After seeing Su Yan, his expression could not help brightening as an extremely excited look appeared on his face, like a wild dog that just spotted a delicacy, his saliva almost dripping from his mouth.

However, when he saw Su Yan holding hands with Yang Kai in such an intimate manner, his complexion could not help sinking as his gloomy eyes stared at Yang Kai, gleaming with hatred and anger.

[Where did this bastard pop out from!?] Wei Feng was furious seeing anyone dare hold hands with his woman.

In an instant, Wei Feng saw Yang Kai as a dead man and even began fantasizing about how he would torture Yang Kai to death, forcing him to beg for death, teaching him there were some women could not be touched.

"Junior Bing Long greets Sir Luo Hai, greets Senior Chi Huo," Bing Long elegantly bowed before turning to Luo Li and reporting, "Supreme Elder, I've brought the requested person."

Luo Li gently nodded but did not say anything, her pair of beautiful eyes fixing on Yang Kai as her brow wrinkled lightly.

Sensing her gaze, Yang Kai stared back.

This was the first time he saw the Supreme Elder of Ice Heart Valley, and from the aura she gave off, she was essentially on par with the red-haired old man sitting nearby. Both were First-Order Origin Kings, far weaker than Luo Hai.

However, an Origin King was still an Origin King, a powerhouse that had mastered Domain. No Origin King could be matched by an Origin Realm cultivator. At the very least, Yang Kai felt a great pressure from her!

"Brother Luo Hai, is this the little brat you've been looking for?" The old man Chi Huo looked up and down Yang Kai, chuckling lightly.

Luo Hai nodded, "Yes, it's him!"

"Sure enough, a powerful and intelligent young man, Brother Luo Hai has a discerning eye. Since this boy has been found, what does Brother Luo Hai plan to do next?" Chi Huo seemed to ask casually.

"What do I plan to do? En, naturally I will bring him back to Green Mountains Star with me," Luo Hai smiled as he directed a look of ridicule towards Yang Kai with a gentle smile, "Little bastard, this King won't eat you, why do you insist on avoiding this King like some viper? This King just saw that your aptitude was exquisite and that we share some fate, so this King wished to pass on his mantle to you!"

He spoke with a casual attitude, as if he was feeling quite helpless and frustrated, making him come off as truthful and upright.

The complexions of the many Elders from Ice Heart Valley shook as they turned looks of envy towards Yang Kai.

To be appreciated by a master like Luo Hai was nothing less than a Heaven-sent opportunity for Yang Kai. From then on, he would become a famous character in the Star Field, soaring up into the sky.

Yang Kai just maintained a light smile.

Chi Huo's seemingly cloudy old eyes slightly narrowed as a faint spark flashed across their depths.

Luo Li frowned slightly and said nothing.

Inside the Ice Palace, perhaps only Yang Kai himself and the other two Origin Kings did not believe Luo Hai's words.

The ones in the know, understood that Luo Hai was just spouting nonsense because he wanted to take Yang Kai away! As for accepting him as a disciple and passing his mantle on to him, it was nothing but a lie!

What kind of character was Luo Hai? How could he go so far to recruit a mere disciple? If he wanted to accept disciples, he only needed to send out word and geniuses from all over the Star Field would flock to Green Mountains Star and line up to worship him.

Yang Kai didn't try to reveal the truth, however, and simply said, "This Junior will have to politely decline Senior's kindness. While this is indeed a Heaven-sent opportunity, Junior is afraid he is not fated to accept it. Senior should try looking for another person whose fortune is better."

A hidden anger flashed across Luo Hai's eyes as he secretly thought that this little brat really didn't understand his limits, but he still maintained a light smile, "Don't be too quick to refuse. Come with this King back to Green Mountains Star first. You can stay there for a few years and, if you still insist on declining at that time, this King will naturally not make things difficult for you." He spoke as if he was making great concessions.

Chi Huo also chimed in, "Boy, you've best consider this matter carefully, Brother Luo Hai wanting to accept you as a disciple is a blessing that cannot be asked for in several lifetimes, an opportunity ordinary people could never receive. Why refuse?"

"Does this Senior feel is it a great blessing? Good, since Senior feels so, he might as well worship Luo Hai as his Master," Yang Kai looked at him with a smile.

The expressions of all the Ice Heart Valley Elders froze as they stared at Yang Kai like he was some kind of monster, all of their hearts clenching tightly.

This boy... truly did not know how to fear the Heavens! Daring to insult Chi Huo so blatantly, wasn't he afraid of incurring unbearable consequences?

Chi Huo's face became cold as he shouted angrily, "Bold!"

As he shouted, a ray of light flashed across his eyes and struck towards Yang Kai as if it had substance.

He intended to punish this little brat who did not know how to respect his elders.

Yang Kai's complexion remained unchanged as he stood in place, while Su Yan also regarded this terrifying attack as nothing, her pair of beautiful eyes never once leaving Yang Kai's face, glancing at him sideways with a face filled with happiness.

Luo Hai waved his hand casually.

Chi Huo's attack was silently resolved.

Before getting what he wanted from Yang Kai, Luo Hai would not allow him to be injured by Chi Huo.

"Brother Chi Huo, calm yourself. Young people always like spouting nonsense, why lower yourself to their level. Brother Chi Huo is also an Origin King. So, even if I wanted to serve as his Master, I am afraid I am not capable enough."

Chi Huo snorted as he stared at Yang Kai coldly, his sharp gaze seemingly cutting him a thousand times, but still remaining silent.

Luo Li, who had not made a sound yet and was simply sitting there quietly, suddenly chose to speak up, "Since this young man has already been brought here, if Sir Luo Hai wishes to take him away, please do so."

As for what Luo Hai wanted to do after taking Yang Kai away, it was not something Luo Li needed to consider.

She had no friendship with Yang Kai, so she would not offend Luo Hai because of him. Right now, she just wanted to send Luo Hai and Chi Huo out of Pure Ice Island as soon as possible.

She did not even have the thought of punishing Yang Kai for hurting Ran Yun Ting and causing such a ruckus on Pure Ice Island.

She could not help feeling anxious right now as an inexplicable sense of crisis gripped her heart, as if something terrible was about to happen if Yang Kai was not quickly sent away.

Luo Hai nodded and smiled at Luo Li, "This King arrived here uninvited, so I hope Junior Sister Luo Li won't take offence. If you have free time in the future, please visit my Green Mountains Star as a guest, this King will definitely provide a warm welcome."

Luo Li replied indifferently, "There will come such a day. Sir Luo Hai has found such a good disciple, so he must be anxious to return to Green Mountains Star to begin cultivating him. This Luo Li will not delay you any further."

She was bluntly trying to send them off.

However, Luo Hai just smiled lightly, not showing any intention to stand up and leave, instead glancing over at Yang Kai and waving his hand, "There's no hurry, this King's business is indeed done, but Brother Chi Huo has a certain matter he would also like to handle here today, which is why he came here together with this King."

As soon as this statement came out, Luo Li's face changed slightly.

Had her worries finally come to fruition?

Although Luo Hai had not spoken too clearly, just the phrase 'Came together with this King' was enough to cause Luo Li to worry.

This was equivalent to saying that Luo Hai was standing together with Chi Huo at this moment.

The faces of Bing Long and Ran Yun Ting were also ugly as they stared at Chi Huo warily.

The two great forces, Ice Heart Valley and Brilliant Flame Sect, had been competing with one another on Scarlet Wave Star for countless years, but even after all these millennia, neither had been able to gain a decisive edge over the other, but now with Luo Hai intervening, Ice Heart Valley was instantly put at a disadvantage.

And this disadvantage was quite immense at that. Even relying on Pure Ice Island's Pure Ice Grand Array, they would likely not be able to reverse the situation.

For a moment, Bing Long and the many Elders wore angry looks, but none of them dared to speak.

Yang Kai just stood in place, watching the show with a smile, not showing any awareness of his current situation, which was akin to a prisoner.

"And what matter have you come to my Pure Ice Island for this time, Chi Huo?" Luo Li took a light breath, calmed her chaotic thoughts, and asked cautiously.

Chi Huo laughed loudly as his fiery red hair flew back and he released an imposing manner as he shook his head and said, "Just a minor matter, Luo Li. You don't need to be so nervous."

He was feeling incredibly good at this moment. He had fought with Luo Li for so many years, and even knew that she had recently suffered backlash from cultivation dissonance. Yet, he was unable to gain a true upper hand. Finally, he had experienced the pleasure of being in the absolute superior position. Although he was essentially borrowing another's strength to achieve this victory, Chi Huo did not enjoy this feeling any less.

"Speak!" Luo Li looked at him indifferently.

Chi Huo chuckled lowly as he stated, "I've come to your Sect today to take someone."