#### Martial 1651

Chapter 1651, Slap In The Face

"Take someone? Who do you want?" Luo Li frowned, "My Ice Heart Valley should not have anyone you need, Chi Huo."

"Indeed, your Sect truly does not have anyone I need, but..." Chi Huo waved his hand and shouted, "Little bastard, stand up and say it yourself; after all, this is your business."

Wei Feng wore a happy look and quickly walked out from behind Chi Huo. First, he saluted Luo Hai, Luo Li and the others, following proper etiquette, then straightened his waist and opened his mouth, but just as he was about to speak, suddenly noticed a pair of cold eyes fixed on him.

This gaze pierced Wei Feng like a sharp sword, making his face pale with fright and forcing the words he was about to speak back down his throat.

He was unable to utter a word.

Following that gaze, Wei Feng only saw Luo Li staring at him coldly. Although she was not using any of her power, just this simple gaze was enough to chill him to the bone.

Wei Feng's legs began to shiver as he nearly started choking, his eyes filling with panic.

Bing Long and the other Elders suddenly thought of something and unconsciously glanced over at Su Yan.

When Wei Feng came forward, they realized what Chi Huo was thinking about, and all of them became extremely displeased.

The son of Brilliant Flame Sect's Sect Master had ideas about Su Yan for quite some time, and the fighting which broke out a little more than a year ago was all because Brilliant Flame Sect asked Ice Heart Valley to hand over Su Yan.

The people of Ice Heart Valley knew exactly what Wei Feng's disposition was.

It could be said that if Wei Feng was not born in Brilliant Flame Sect, and if he was not Wei Qing's son, even breaking through to the Saint King Realm would have been impossible.

Even if he consumed countless rare and precious pills and piled up innumerable Saint Crystals, he had barely managed to break through to the Origin Returning Realm.

Even with all that, he could not even condense his Shi!

He may be the only Origin Realm cultivator in the entire Star Field that did not possess his own Shi, making him a laughingstock to the world.

Wei Feng's aptitude was obviously trash.

Compared with him, Su Yan was a beautiful fairy blessed by the Heavens. The two of them belonged to different worlds and should never have met.

But one time, when Su Yan went out for life experience, she accidentally bumped into Wei Feng, and he was immediately entranced by her and became determined to make her his.

Brilliant Flame Sect decided to use this as an excuse to kick up a big fuss!

Wei Feng's character and morals were indeed terrible, but he was still the son of Wei Qing, so his status was extraordinary. Brilliant Flame Sect thought that Wei Feng taking a fancy to Su Yan was Su Yan's blessing...

And so, Chi Huo bringing Wei Feng to Ice Heart Valley and forcing him to stand up and speak now made his purpose self-evident.

However, this pitiful boy nearly passed out from fear just by being glared at by Luo Li, unable to even open his mouth to speak.

Chi Huo's face became extremely ugly as he watched Wei Feng destroy all the face Brilliant Flame Sect had. Annoyed, he kicked out and almost knocked Wei Feng to the ground.

"Useless thing! With this old master here, what are you afraid of? Just say what it is you want and prove to this old master you're still a man!"

Chi Huo shouted loudly.

It seemed that being scolded by Chi Huo, on top of receiving such a guarantee, Wei Feng's courage grew slightly, and with a flushed face, he grit his teeth, stretched out his finger, and declared, "I want this woman named Su Yan!"

All of Ice Heart Valley's Elders were enraged!

Ran Yun Ting also wore an unsightly expression.

The smile on Yang Kai's face gradually dimmed as his eyes became icy cold as he glared towards Wei Feng and curled his lips into a subtle grin.

Since entering this ice palace, Yang Kai had found this pathetic excuse for a man continuously staring at Su Yan; however, he hadn't taken it to heart, after all, Su Yan was an incredible beauty who naturally attracted the attention of men. Now that Wei Feng had said something like this though, Yang Kai immediately understood that the other party wasn't just satisfied with looking but wanted to possess her too!

A murderous intent surged in Yang Kai's heart as he stared at Wei Feng faintly, his expression somewhat similar to the one Wei Feng gave him before.

It was as if he was staring at a dead man!

Su Yan turned her beautiful eyes at this time and frowned slightly as she stared at Wei Feng suspiciously.

She did not seem to regain consciousness until this time as all her thoughts had been focused on Yang Kai before, with nothing else entering her vision at all.

"You again?" Su Yan recognized Wei Feng and spoke indifferently, "What? Was the lesson I gave you not enough? Did you come here looking for more?"

These simple words made Wei Feng jump up like a frightened rabbit and he hurried back to Chi Huo, seeking a sense of security.

Wei Feng's performance was terrible to the extreme, and Chi Huo also felt he had lost all face, his expression turning as black as the bottom of a pot.

Even Luo Hai, who had been watching from the side, slowly shook his head.

"You know him?" Yang Kai asked.

Su Yan shook her head, "I don't know him. Last time we met; he made some impertinent remarks so I broke a few of his ribs. It turns out he actually belongs to Brilliant Flame Sect, no wonder he was so persistent and annoying."

After saying so, she sighed again, "If I had known things would turn out like this, I would have just killed him directly and been done with it."

"En, don't show mercy next time," Yang Kai patted the back of Su Yan's hand.

Su Yan smiled and nodded slightly.

"You...you... how dare you!" Although Wei Feng was timid and incompetent, he also could not help feeling a little angry at this moment. He could not forget about Su Yan even in his dreams, yet the other party clearly did not even know about his background.

On top of that, it seemed she did not even know his name.

Wei Feng suddenly felt aggrieved, watching her act so intimately with this bastard of a man, completely ignoring his existence, he felt ashamed.

"You'll see! When you become mine, I'll let you know how fierce I am!" Wei Feng vowed daringly.

"Courting death!" Yang Kai's eyes flashed a cold light as he violently waved his hand towards Wei Feng.

A recognizable palm of Saint Qi appeared and shot towards Wei Feng like a violent storm. This palm clearly contained terrifying destructive power.

Wei Feng was frightened and trembled as his face turned pale and he called out anxiously, "Supreme Elder, save me!"

"Boy, you've got guts, daring to act in front of this old master!" Chi Huo coldly snorted as he stretched out his hand and hit the air, causing the Saint Qi palm to burst apart.

The moment this palm exploded, however, it immediately underwent a subtle change and transformed into a sharp blade that once again shot out and caught Chi Huo off guard. Before he could react, the blade had already stabbed through Wei Feng's left cheek and out his right.

Chi Huo's face changed dramatically!

Luo Hai also raised his brow as he stared at Yang Kai in surprise.

Luo Li's beautiful eyes also flashed brilliantly as she gave a nod of appreciation.

The three of them all saw that it was not that Yang Kai had applied some hidden trick to his Saint Qi palm, but had instead manipulated his Saint Qi masterfully, reorganizing it after it was shattered by Chi Huo to form a new attack.

Although as a result, this attack's power was greatly reduced, to the point where even Wei Feng should have easily been able to defend against it.

However, Wei Feng's performance was disappointing as he did not even notice anything until he was abruptly injured.

Only after blood began splashing from both sides of his mouth did Wei Feng notice the severe pain, feeling as if his cheeks were being burned as a strange power seeped into his wounds.

He immediately began howling violently, covering his cheeks with his hands as tears and snot dripped down his face, making everyone present embarrassed to even look at him.

Many Ice Heart Valley Elders shook their heads slowly as looks of contempt and disgust filled their faces.

Such a person actually wanted Su Yan? Comparing him to Yang Kai, the latter was countless times better, a real match for her.

Chi Huo's old face went blue then white as he stared at Yang Kai and squeezed out a low shout like that of a mad beast, "Brat, you're dead!"

In front of his face, Wei Feng's cheek had been pierced. This was akin to slapping his face as well.

Chi Huo being slapped in the face was the same as Brilliant Flame Sect being slapped!

An old monster like Chi Huo could not bear such an insult.

Like a dormant lion, a horrific aura burst from Chi Huo's body, causing everyone from Ice Heart Valley to pale.

Yang Kai remained calm and relaxed, though, as he stared at the red-haired old man indifferently, a sarcastic grin appearing on his lips.

"Chi Huo!" Luo Hai shouted, "Finish your business!"

He naturally would not let Chi Huo kill Yang Kai. Chi Huo using him to persecute Ice Heart Valley this time was something Luo Hai was willing to go along with only if Chi Huo did not pursue Yang Kai's secrets.

However, if Chi Huo wanted to act against Yang Kai, he would not just sit back and watch.

No one could touch Yang Kai in front of him until he extracted everything he wanted.

Hearing this shout, the aura around Chi Huo's body was like a raging flame that was doused with cold water, extinguishing instantly. He seemed to have regained his composure in that instant and simply glared at Yang Kai coldly.

"Supreme Elder, you must seek justice for me! Kill him! Kill him! Supreme Elder you must kill him for me!" Wei Feng wailed and cried incoherently, oblivious to the situation around him.

Chi Huo's breathing began somewhat ragged hearing these cries.

Why did he bring this waste here to Ice Heart Valley?

At this moment, he could not wait to slap Wei Feng dead.

Chi Huo secretly made up his mind that after this trip, he would definitely imprison Wei Feng in Brilliant Flame Sect and never let him go out. Otherwise, he would continue destroying Brilliant Flame Sect's face wherever he went.

Brilliant Flame Sect having such a waste in its midst was simply a curse from the Heavens!

"You shut up!" Chi Huo shouted angrily.

Wei Feng's howling stopped abruptly as he did not dare disobey the Supreme Elder's command, but the pain he felt still distorted his expression, and combined with the still dripping blood, made him look quite hideous.

Holding his cheeks with his hands, his eyes darted about, but not daring to look at anyone present in this hall, he settled for staring at his feet while holding his tongue.

"Boy, consider yourself lucky! Since Brother Luo Hai intends to shelter you, this old master will not care about you this time. If you want to thank anyone, you should thank Brother Luo Hai!" Chi Huo said grimly before turning to Luo Li and shouting, "I think you're clear why this old master has come this time. My good-for-nothing Junior has taken a fancy to this girl, so I'll be taking her back to Brilliant Flame Sect with me!"

Chapter 1652, Abandoned Disciple

When he said this, the corners of Chi Huo's mouth twitched, as even he felt that Wei Feng was not worthy of holding Su Yan's shoes.

However, this was indeed a good opportunity to deal a blow to Ice Heart Valley; as long as Ice Heart Valley could be forced to compromise here, then Brilliant Flame Sect would have the upper hand in all future battles.

The most important point was that he could use this incident to attack Luo Li's state of mind and act contrary to her convictions.

Once this happened, it would surely become a heart demon for Luo Li and halt her cultivation in place.

After that, once he could advance his own cultivation, under the current circumstances, Scarlet Wave Star would belong to Brilliant Flame Sect.

As soon as Chi Huo's voice fell, Ran Yun Ting took a step forward and coldly declared, "In your dreams! Su Yan is my Ice Heart Valley's Core Disciple, how could she be allowed to marry an outsider? She will always be an Ice Heart Valley disciple!"

Chi Huo snickered as he stared at Ran Yun Ting and said, "If this old master isn't mistaken, what she has cultivated should be your Ice Heart Valley's Ice Jade Secret Art, right?"

"So what?" Ran Yun Ting did not know what he was thinking.

"If so, then this will be simple. This old master can see her heart has been moved, and her Ice Jade Heart stained, causing her to receive backlash from the Secret Art. This backlash also seems quite serious... En, in her situation, I'm certain that within a year or two her cultivation will completely scatter, and she will become an ordinary mortal. What use will she have for your Ice Heart Valley then?"

Ran Yun Ting's face changed slightly as she was shocked by Chi Huo's shrewdness.

Su Yan's situation had been concealed very carefully, and only she, her Master, truly knew its full extent, but it only took Chi Huo a glance to properly assess Su Yan's condition.

For a moment, Ran Yun Ting's face became extremely gloomy and she shot a look filled with disappointment towards Su Yan.

However, Su Yan turned a blind eye to this, not even changing her expression, still just smiling happily as she stood there cuddling next to Yang Kai, as if her cultivation and strength meant nothing to her. As long as she could be with Yang Kai, even death was worth it.

Ran Yun Ting was even more disappointed.

"Su Yan..." Yang Kai was stunned and turned to the beautiful woman standing next to him with worried eyes.

Quickly releasing his Divine Sense and scanning Su Yan's body, he finally noticed something wrong.

Su Yan's aura was indeed fluctuating slightly, which was obviously an outward sign of her receiving backlash from her Secret Art. The situation was still manageable now, but if it was allowed to continue, it would definitely get worse.

"It's fine," Su Yan smiled softly, remaining perfectly calm, not worrying about this seemingly inevitable fate at all.

"I will find a way to resolve it for you," Yang Kai took a deep breath and promised her solemnly.

"Kill yourself here and now and you can solve the problem immediately!" Ran Yun Ting burst into anger and shouted at Yang Kai.

"Honoured Master, please don't say such things!" The smile on Su Yan's face suddenly disappeared as she frowned and declared seriously, "If Junior Brother dies, I will immediately follow him!"

Ran Yun Ting opened her mouth and stared at Su Yan in a daze, showing an expression of astonishment.

It was the first time Su Yan used such a tone of voice to speak to her, which shocked Ran Yun Ting greatly. Su Yan had always been obedient to her; no matter her command, this disciple would complete the task with absolute certainty, making her extremely satisfied. This, in turn, raised Su Yan's value in her eyes.

But today, her impression wavered.

It was as if all the work she put into teaching her and the great expectations she had for her, as her Honoured Master, were not as important as this little brat in her heart.

Ran Yun Ting's face became cold and gloomy as she glared at Yang Kai and said in a deep tone, "Boy, you've destroyed Su Yan's future, even if you die here, you won't be able to redeem your sin!"

After speaking, she backed away and closed her eyes, as if she did not want to interfere with what would surely happen next.

"I've destroyed Senior Sister's future? That is not something you get to decide, what the hell do you count for?" Yang Kai coldly snorted.

"Good, this farce ends here!" Chi Huo stood up, his eyes burning like flames as he turned to Luo Li, "This old master has explained his intentions. Luo Li, it is your choice, if you agree, this old master can retreat, if you don't..."

There was an obvious threat in his words.

Many Elders of Ice Heart Valley wore anxious looks.

Luo Li looked at Chi Huo faintly, then turned to look at Luo Hai and lightly opened her lips and asked, "Is this Sir Luo Hai's will as well?"

She knew better than anyone that Chi Huo daring to come to Pure Ice Island in such a bold manner this time and even pretentiously asking for the Sect's best disciple was all because of Luo Hai's backing!

Without Luo Hai, Chi Huo would not even dare to set foot within a thousand kilometres of Pure Ice Island.

Luo Hai smiled at this and said mildly, "Junior Sister Luo Li's words are a bit unreasonable. This matter is between your Ice Heart Valley and Chi Huo's Brilliant Flame Sect. This King is just here to enjoy the show, that's all."

Having said so though, Luo Hai continued, "However, this King feels that what Chi Huo said isn't wrong. This disciple called Su Yan truly has good aptitude, but since she is suffering from the backlash of your Ice Jade Secret Art, I'm afraid it will be difficult for her to achieve anything of note in the future. As such, it would be better to marry her to Wei Feng so your two Sects can become in-laws, allowing you a chance to resolve your long-standing grievances. Wouldn't it be best if you could all live in harmony in the future?"

Hearing what he said, Luo Li's face grew dark as she knew that Luo Hai was standing on Brilliant Flame Sect's side.

As for becoming in-laws and resolving the grievances between the two factions... that was nothing but sophistry.

The two Sects had fought for dominance of Scarlet Wave Star for thousands of years, and the grievances between them had been forged in oceans of blood, making them absolutely impossible to resolve. In this world, there would never be peace between Ice Heart Valley and Brilliant Flame Sect. The two Sects were destined to be enemies until the day one of them was destroyed.

"I understand," Luo Li gently nodded and closed her limpid pupils, apparently caught in a difficult decision.

No one disturbed her, but all the Elders of Ice Heart Valley had their eyes fixed on her, wondering what answer she would give.

Luo Hai had a calm and relaxed face as he quietly sipped his tea.

Chi Huo wore a triumphant look, as he laughed under his breath constantly.

He was not afraid that Luo Li would refuse. This time, he was taking advantage of Luo Hai's prestige to crush Ice Heart Valley's morale. As for the girl named Su Yan, she was just a pawn in their battle.

Without Su Yan, there was Zhang Yan, Wang Yan... With so many female disciples in Ice Heart Valley, how could he not find a suitable candidate?

Wei Feng did not howl anymore. At this time, he was like a cat smelling fish and his eyes brightened as they darted back and forth. Although he still felt pain in his cheeks, he still gazed at Su Yan lustfully, like she was some kind of new toy he was about to acquire and could play with all he wanted.

In his heart, he was secretly pondering how he would torture this woman named Su Yan to teach Yang Kai the price for incurring his wrath.

Yang Kai and Su Yan stood side by side in the middle of the ice palace, as if they were outsiders.

No one cared about their feelings or opinions. In such high-level dialogue, the two of them had no right to speak.

The happiness in Su Yan's beautiful eyes was dimmed with a tinge of sorrow, and the small hand she used to hold Yang Kai's became harder.

She secretly decided that if Supreme Elder really compromised, then she would use her life to create an opportunity for Yang Kai to escape! As for herself, even if she died, she couldn't go to Brilliant Flame Sect.

Yang Kai looked on with cold eyes, as if this matter had nothing to do with him, carefully observing the changes in Luo Li's expression.

After a while, he let out a sigh and whispered in Su Yan's ear, "Senior Sister, do you trust me?"

Su Yan did not even hesitate to nod.

"Good," Yang Kai smiled warmly, "Junior Brother assures you that no one will take you away today. If they dare have such thoughts, I'll make sure that they will all end up inside a coffin!"

"Then Senior Sister will wait and see," Su Yan winked to Yang Kai.

This playful appearance made Yang Kai dumbfounded for a moment. He had never seen such a side to Su Yan before. It seemed that because of the great crisis, she dared to do things that she would never do before.

Although the two people spoke softly, how could they hide their conversation from Luo Hai and Chi Huo?

Hearing Yang Kai's bold claims, the two Origin Kings both shot Yang Kai a disdainful look.

"Luo Li, it's time to make a decision," Luo Hai urged impatiently.

He was anxious to bring Yang Kai back to Green Mountains Star and extract all of his secrets. He was unwilling to delay time here.

Luo Li opened her eyes, and for an instant, all eyes inside the ice palace focused on her.

First, Luo Li turned to look at Su Yan, and a faint light of guilt flitted across her eyes, but that disappeared in a flash.

"You may take her away; I hope you can treat her well in the future!" Luo Li's aura instantly deflated, as if it was punctured, with even her face going pale.

Obviously, making such a concession had violated her principles and caused her injuries to worsen.

"Supreme Elder..." Ran Yun Ting called out.

Although she had already guessed this would happen, she still could not accept Supreme Elder's answer in the end. After shouting unconsciously though, she could not say anything anymore, just turning a regretful look towards Su Yan and sighing, "This is your own choice, don't regret it in the future!"

At this moment, she ultimately decided to abandon Su Yan.

She had no way to resolve the flaw in Su Yan's cultivation, so even if she could safeguard her here today, Su Yan's cultivation would at best halt where it was. For such a disciple, it was not worth putting all of Ice Heart Valley in danger. Not to mention, she couldn't violate Luo Li's orders even if she wanted to.

Forcing the entire Sect into perdition for Su Yan would make her an eternal sinner to Ice Heart Valley.

Ran Yun Ting would not do such a thing, as it was obvious that no single disciple was more important than the Sect itself.

She closed her eyes to avoid looking at Su Yan again.

"Good!" Chi Huo laughed.

After so many years, he had finally completely suppressed Luo Li and made her back down in front of him. Although all of this was based on Luo Hai's strength and status, the result was what Chi Huo wanted to see most.

Chapter 1653, Fly From The Branch

Chi Huo smiled happily, his red hair dancing even without any wind, a strong momentum radiating from his body as he spiritedly pointed his hand at Su Yan and said to Wei Feng behind him, "Little beast, this girl is yours from now on, whether you torment or kill her, it's all up to you to decide!"

He was not satisfied with the victory in front of him and wanted to further irritate the leadership of Ice Heart Valley and try to provoke them into making a rash decision.

However, everyone from Ice Heart Valley remained silent, just wearing despondent expressions, not even questioning Luo Li's decision.

This made Chi Huo extremely disappointed, but also a bit contemptuous.

The actions and attitudes of these people from Ice Heart Valley may have been taken for the good of the Sect, but they had lost all moral standing as a result. He believed that after this incident, the future Ice Heart Valley would certainly not need to be feared!

Wei Feng smiled deviously, the injuries on both his cheeks making his laughter somewhat weak as he spoke unclearly, "How could disciple torment or kill her? Disciple is completely unwilling to even hurt her. Disciple thanks Supreme Elder! Supreme Elder's might is truly unparalleled!"

Although Wei Feng was timid and weak, he was good at sucking up, so his few words further energized Chi Huo, and even made him feel this little brat was not so unpleasant to the eye.

"Good!" Luo Hai clapped his hands with a faint smile on his face. "This King congratulates you all. I hope your two Sects can use this as an opportunity to further peace between you in the future; after all, it benefits no one for the two greatest forces on Scarlet Wave Star to constantly fight and kill one another."

"Brother Luo Hai, if you have nothing urgent to attend to, why not come back to Brilliant Flame Sect to share in the wedding festivities?" Chi Huo looked at him and sent out an invitation.

Luo Hai shook his head slowly, "No, this King has been away for too long already, it is time he returned to Green Mountains Star."

Ice Heart Valley everyone looked at Chi Huo, seeing him boast and bluster in such a domineering fashion, but not daring to say anything. Even Luo Li adopted a stance of 'what the eyes do not see, the heart does not grieve'.

"Yang Kai, come with me!" Luo Hai looked at Yang Kai and spoke in a tone that allowed no refusal.

Yang Kai sneered slightly without even looking at him, his eyes sweeping across the faces of everyone from Ice Heart Valley.

All of them, however, set aside their gazes, with looks of guilt upon their faces.

Even Ran Yun Ting was the same, but soon, she turned back and snapped back, "You've brought this upon yourself, you have no one else to blame!"

Yang Kai sneered even more.

Gently patting the back of Su Yan's hand, Yang Kai said, "Senior Sister, go and salute these so-called Elders of yours. From now on, you have nothing to do with them!"

"Of course, I'll listen to you," Su Yan nodded obediently before stepping forward and sweeping her eyes across the Ice Heart Valley Elders. After bowing deeply, she lifted her head and spoke to Ran Yun Ting, "This is the last time Disciple will call you Honoured Master. Disciple offers here sincere thanks for Honoured Master's generous teachings over these years. Please be well in the future, Honoured Master!"

Ran Yun Ting opened her mouth, as if she wanted to say something, but ultimately, she just turned her eyes away.

Su Yan seemed to break free of the shackles binding her at that moment and returned to Yang Kai's side lightly.

"Little brat, don't be stubborn, just follow Brother Luo Hai obediently. As for this little girl next to you, she belongs to my Brilliant Flame Sect from now on," Chi Huo coldly snorted.

Yang Kai and Su Yan looked at each other and suddenly smiled at the same time, their smiles dispelling the oppressive atmosphere in the ice palace like a scorching sun.

"If you want to take away Senior Sister, you must first step over my corpse!" Yang Kai suddenly said.

At the same time, Su Yan's soft voice came out, "I pledge to live and die together with Junior Brother!"

The momentum of the pair suddenly soared as their Saint Qi burst out.

The Saint Qi of one person was of an extremely hot Yang Attribute, while the other was extremely cold Yin Attribute.

An unexpected change appeared next, as Yang Kai and Su Yan's Saint Qi seemed to resonate and blend together.

More violent energy fluctuations came out suddenly.

Everyone's complexion changed slightly as they turned their eyes towards the young man and woman standing side by side in front of them in shock.

Luo Hai's eyes flashed as well, a look of amazement filling his face as if he had just discovered something extraordinary. Luo Li, who had been closing her eyes tightly, opened them at that moment as a strong light flashed across their depths.

Chi Huo also expressed surprise together with the other two Origin Kings present.

From an outsider's perspective, Yang Kai and Su Yan seemed to become a single entity at this moment, their Second-Order and First-Order Origin Returning Realm cultivations superimposing upon one another without the slightest conflict, directly reaching an intensity equivalent to the peak Third-Order.

"Interesting, this is a Dual Cultivation Technique, right?" Luo Hai frowned. With his profound knowledge, it was natural for him to see at a glance that Yang Kai and Su Yan had already reached an extremely

deep level of connection. Otherwise, their two completely opposite Saint Qis would never have been able to merge together so perfectly.

"Bastard!" Chi Huo shouted.

In his opinion, Su Yan was already Wei Feng's woman, but this woman had apparently dual cultivated with Yang Kai, this was nothing less than an insult to Brilliant Flame Sect.

Was retaining her purity not a pre-requisite for cultivating the Ice Jade Secret Art? How else could this scene be explained?

As soon as Chi Huo's voice fell, a deafening roar suddenly sounded inside the ice palace. This roar was so deafening and majestic that it seemed to be able to shake the soul of any who heard it. When it rang out, everyone, including the three Origin Kings, felt their hearts jump.

As for the Ice Heart Valley Elders, all their expressions changed dramatically.

"This is..." Luo Hai stood up, tremblingly as he stared at the change Yang Kai was undergoing.

A golden aura suddenly shot out from Yang Kai's body and quickly transformed into a massive golden phantom.

This phantom was more than a hundred meters long and radiated a blinding golden light, its hard scale armour shining like the strongest protection in the world, strong enough to resist any attack.

Two eyes the size of small houses and filled with endless majesty and indifference appeared and seemed to look down loftily from above.

Everyone felt a humble sense of insignificance before these eyes.

"A Golden Dragon!" Luo Hai's eyes shot open as her tone of voice even rose slightly.

Staring fiercely at this golden phantom, it was as if he was witnessing something absolutely impossible.

Chi Huo stood in place, his eyes flashing with unreadable light.

He had not imagined that such amazing wealth was hidden in Yang Kai's body!

[Did Luo Hai chase this boy to Scarlet Wave Star because of this? No, looking at Luo Hai's face, he seems to have just learned about this as well.]

[Did this little brat have other secrets as well?]

Before Chi Huo's thoughts could finish, however, another resounding voice rang out.

This sound was not as shocking as the previous Dragon Roar, but it seemed capable of piercing the Heavens themselves.

Accompanied by this cry, another ray of light shot out from Yang Kai's body and flew above Su Yan's head, transforming into a pure white phantom.

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This phantom unfurled its wings to a similar hundred-metre length as the Golden Dragon and a deep and profound chill suddenly filled the air. At that moment, the purest energy in the surrounding world began rapidly gathering towards Su Yan.

Luo Li's expression changed dramatically this time as she stared at the massive white phantom above Su Yan's head and exclaimed, "Ice Phoenix!"

"What!?" Luo Hai was thoroughly shocked this time and could no longer maintain his outwardly calm demeanour.

The Golden Dragon and Ice Phoenix were both legendary Ancient Divine Spirits that had long gone extinct, but today, he saw both appear from Yang Kai.

Although this was not a real Golden Dragon or Ice Phoenix, the faint Source fluctuations radiating from them could not be faked.

In other words, these two phantoms possessed at least part of the Source strength from a True Golden Dragon and Ice Phoenix that had died!

Just how much untold wealth was there on this boy! Luo Hai looked at Yang Kai with fiery eyes.

The strange domain of scorching heat and frigid cold expanded as Yang Kai and Su Yan stood side by side, an awe-inspiring aura radiating from their forms.

Pillars of golden and white light shot into the sky, like two giant swords cutting through the Heavens, parting the clouds in half.

All of Ice Heart Valley bore witness to this spectacle as they stood dumbfounded in place, not knowing what was happening.

The ice palace had become a ruin as the two completely opposite yet complimentary energies burst out, shattering any kind of protective barriers and Spirit Arrays.

The dozen or so Elders from Ice Heart Valley were forced to circulate their Secret Arts to resist the pervasive scorching heat and ice-cold air.

Wei Feng required Chi Huo's protection to simply keep his life.

Out of everyone present, only the three Origin Kings could resist this horrible aura head-on without difficulty.

Ran Yun Ting was stunned as she stared blankly at Su Yan at this moment, a deep feeling of regret surging up in her heart.

She had told Yang Kai that Su Yan would fly from the branch to become a phoenix one day and that someone like him was not worthy of her.

But now, Su Yan had done just that. With the power of a true Ice Phoenix's Source, she was fully capable of utilizing the Divine Abilities and strengths of an Ice Phoenix, essentially becoming one herself.

But all of this had been given to her by Yang Kai.

The Ice Phoenix Source had clearly flowed from Yang Kai's body to Su Yan's.

In this world, the only being capable of standing on par and walking together with a phoenix was a dragon.

Ran Yun Ting turned her gaze towards the massive Golden Dragon phantom above Yang Kai's head and formed a silent, bitter smile.

The many Elders from Ice Heart Valley and even Luo Li herself wore similar expressions.

Luo Li had never anticipated the situation developing like this. If she had known, she would never have agreed to Chi Huo's outrageous request, even if she needed to sacrifice all of Ice Heart Valley as the price.

What kind of Heaven defying opportunity was it to possess an Ice Phoenix's Source? With this Source, the backlash from the Ice Jade Secret Art was no problem at all. Su Yan would surely lead Ice Heart Valley to a glorious future and reach heights she could only ever dream of.

Such a talent was worth the entire Sect using their lives to protect!

But unfortunately, she had pushed her away like a useless pawn, just to maintain the Sect's pitiful existence.

The light in Luo Li's eyes suddenly became a little dim as she coughed up a mouthful of blood.

She suddenly discovered that she had just made the biggest mistake of her life.

Chapter 1654, Unsealing

"Is this mine?" Su Yan looked up at the huge Ice Phoenix phantom, and as if sensing her gaze, the Ice Phoenix, which should be nothing more than a remnant image, lowered its head and staring at Su Yan with its noble eyes, a look of kindness and approval flashing across them in the next instant.

Everyone stared dumbfounded.

With the Ice Phoenix Source strength integrating into her body, Su Yan felt incredibly relaxed and the backlash she had been suffering from the Ice Jade Secret Art was instantly resolved.

The pure white phantom floating above her head felt like her own flesh and blood, merging perfectly with her form.

In an instant, her skin became like polished white jade and her slender neck gained a porcelain-like sheen. At this moment, Su Yan's charm increased several levels, enough to entrance all living things.

Even masters like Chi Huo and Luo Hai could not help losing their focus temporarily as they stared at Su Yan's dazzling radiance.

"En, I brought it with me from Tong Xuan Realm," Yang Kai nodded.

The Senior Sister and Junior Brother pair talked with one another as if they were the only ones present, completely unphased by their current situation.

"Hmm... it feels so natural," Su Yan took a breath and closed her beautiful eyes, her heart resonating at that moment with the Ice Phoenix phantom. The Ice Phoenix cried out happily, seemingly with infinite power, causing the icy air across all of Pure Ice Island to pulse in resonance. Soon, the ice-cold World Energy within thousands of kilometres began flooding towards Su Yan's body, which absorbed it without any difficulty.

Su Yan's own aura grew at a terrifying speed.

Originally, she was at the peak of the First-Order Origin Returning Realm and, if Yang Kai had not appeared, would have been in the final stages of preparing to break through to the Second-Order.

But because of the backlash of the Ice Jade Secret Art, her cultivation had instead regressed slightly.

Now, however, her cultivation began soaring upwards.

Peak First-Order, Second-Order, peak Second-Order...

Su Yan smashed through the barriers between these realms like they were made from rotting bamboo, only stopping at the peak Second-Order after some kind of external influence intervened.

This interference naturally came from Yang Kai!

At this moment, the two had formed a bizarre resonance, and with Yang Kai's cultivation having only reached the peak Second-Order Origin Realm, Su Yan was also unable to continue improving, otherwise, the balance between their Saint Qis would definitely be broken.

However, everyone could tell that she still had plenty of energy to spare! She was more than capable of breaking through to the Third-Order at this instant!

Everyone was shocked as none of them had ever even heard of someone breaking through so quickly and without any hidden dangers. This could not be described as an opportunity anymore, only the word miracle was appropriate.

Yang Kai just smiled lightly, as if all of this was within his expectations.

A resonant dragon roar and phoenix cry sounded again, as the giant Golden Dragon and Ice Phoenix phantoms suddenly distorted, transformed into bright flashes of light, and poured into the bodies of Yang Kai and Su Yan.

Around the Senior Sister and Junior Brother pair, a strange aura continued to linger, however.

This aura was visible to the naked eye, with one half of it golden and the other white, the two halves pulsing with completely opposite attribute energies, but still merged together perfectly, giving off a momentum that far exceeded anything an Origin Returning Realm cultivator could achieve!

No Origin Returning Realm master could work up the will to resist when faced with such an overwhelming aura.

"This is your trump card?" Luo Hai's eyes narrowed slightly as he stared at Yang Kai indifferently, stepping forward lightly from where he stood.

Every time he took a step, however, Pure Ice Island seemed to shake, along with the hearts of everyone else on the island.

With each step he took, his momentum also increased.

Yang Kai's and Su Yan's golden and white Yin-Yang field could not suppress Luo Hai.

Yang Kai still did not change his expression though, smiling as he watched his approaching enemy.

"If this is your last card, then this King advises you to give it up. Your strength is indeed amazing, enough to be invincible below the Origin King Realm, even giving you the capital to resist an ordinary First-Order Origin King."

As soon as these words came out, both Chi Huo and Luo Li frowned.

Whether they wanted to admit it or not, Luo Hai was telling the truth. Both of them felt some slight pressure when facing the current Yang Kai and Su Yan pair, as if fighting with them would be tricky and even if they could ultimately win, they would have to pay a huge price to do so.

This was nothing short of astonishing.

Origin Kings were the peak of this world, and any Origin King could sweep away Origin Realm cultivators with ease, no matter how many of them they faced.

Yang Kai and Su Yan being capable of fighting an ordinary Origin King with only their own power went beyond the limits of conventional thinking.

Out of everyone present, only Luo Hai had the qualifications to disdain the current Yang Kai and Su Yan.

"Boy, obediently follow this King and I promise not to kill you!" Luo Hai looked at Yang Kai sternly, no longer keeping up his previous act.

"You won't regret it unless you see your coffin it seems. Luo Hai, I had no grievance or grudge with you, but you have continued to pursue me doggedly and forced my hand. Good, today, I'll kill you, so I can avoid any trouble with you in the future," Yang Kai shouted.

"Kill me?" Luo Hai seemed to have heard some funny joke and laughed loudly, "It seems that your self-confidence is overwhelming, but do you think you can kill me like this? This King will let you understand what it means to be a true Origin King!"

As soon as these words fell, a bizarre force suddenly spread out towards Yang Kai and Su Yan.

## Domain!

A Star Master level Domain at that.

The earth suddenly creaked, and at the original location of the ice palace, fissures began opening, as if the world itself was about to collapse under the effects of Luo Hai's Domain.

"Brother Luo Hai, this old master will assist you!" Chi Huo yelled and at the same time released his Domain, putting even more pressure on Yang Kai and Su Yan.

Luo Hai glanced at him but didn't raise any objections.

He naturally knew what Chi Huo was thinking.

Chi Huo simply did not want him to monopolize all the benefits this brat had to offer for himself, so he decided to 'help' in an attempt to get a piece of the pie.

Luo Hai was not bothered by this though. All he wanted was Yang Kai's secrets, as for the girl named Su Yan... Although her Ice Phoenix Source was an incredible treasure as well, it was incompatible with his cultivation method, so it was useless to him.

As soon as the Domains of two Origin King Realm masters came out, the faces of the Ice Heart Valley Elders changed dramatically.

Luo Li hurriedly released her own Domain to offset the pressure on them and at the same time shouted, "Withdraw!"

If they did not leave immediately, these Elders would be injured.

Bing Long, Ran Yun Ting, and all the others did not say a word as they quickly used their Movement Skills to leave this place, leaping back a thousand meters and flying up into the sky. From their position, they all looked down in shock, leaving only Luo Li standing close to the strange standoff with a complicated expression on her face. Luo Li had no intention to interfere, and could only let out a sigh as she stared at Yang Kai and Su Yan full of regret.

"Senior Sister, are you ready?" Even with two Origin King Realm masters suppressing them with their Domains, Yang Kai remained calm and relaxed.

After experiencing the Blood Prison Trial, he had become accustomed to the intensity and influence of Domain. Such a Domain alone could not crush him, and so long as he did not fall, neither would Su Yan.

"I am!" Su Yan nodded.

The two of them were one in body and mind, so there was no need for Yang Kai to explain anything more, with just a thought, Su Yan understood what he was going to do.

"Then our fight begins now!" Yang Kai grinned, turned his head, and stared at Luo Hai coldly, "Luo Hai, today, you die!"

As soon as these words fell, a strange token suddenly appeared in his hand.

This token was black, made from some unidentifiable material, and was somewhat unremarkable.

But as soon as this token appeared, Luo Hai brow jumped as a feeling of terror suddenly gripped his heart.

"This is..." Luo Hai stared at the token with uncertainty for a moment before finally shouting, "Emperor Pressure! A Star Emperor Token?"

There was a faint, almost imperceptible aura coming from this token, but it was enough to cause Luo Hai's face to pale.

Also, the character for 'Emperor' was clearly emblazoned on this token, allowing Luo Hai to understand what Yang Kai's final card was.

He possessed a Star Emperor Token! And it was a still intact Star Emperor Token!

Rumours had it that the Starry Sky Great Emperor lived thousands of years ago and reigned supreme over the Star Field, leaving behind many legendary tales before at some point simply vanishing without a trace.

However, during the Great Emperor's time, he refined nine Star Emperor Tokens and sealed one of his Divine Abilities inside each one. This Divine Ability was enough to kill any Origin King in mere breaths, a level of power impossible for any master in the Star Field to achieve.

Star Emperor Tokens were just the stuff of legends for ordinary cultivators, most of whom had no idea whether they even really existed or not.

However, masters at Luo Hai's level knew full well that the Star Emperor Tokens really did exist. It was an open secret amongst top-level powerhouses that Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce possessed a Star Emperor Token, but theirs had already been unsealed. Only retaining barely any Emperor Pressure.

If an Origin King wore a Star Emperor Token on their body and perceived the Emperor Pressure it gave off for many years, it increased their chances of comprehending a higher Heavenly Way and Martial Dao.

As such, Luo Hai recognized the token in Yang Kai's hand immediately and became unnerved.

"Not good!" Luo Hai exclaimed, "Brother Chi Huo, kill them quickly, they must not be allowed to unseal that Star Emperor Token."

Chi Huo shivered as a trace of determination and cruelty flashed across his eyes. Biting his tongue, Chi Huo spat out a mouthful of his Blood Essence which immediately transformed into a raging ball of flame that shot towards Yang Kai and Su Yan.

He was a decisive man and understood that if he hesitated for an instant here, he would suffer unbearable consequences, so he had not hesitated to use his Blood Essence to deliver an overwhelming attack. He only wanted to kill Yang Kai and Su Yan as quickly as possible; otherwise, once the Star Emperor Token was unsealed, he would be defeated in an instant.

The Great Emperor's prestige was so great that none dared challenge his might.

While Chi Huo took action, Luo Hai also acted, summoning a long sword-like artifact. The surface of this sword shone brightly, like moonlight, and exuded an aura of an Origin King Grade artifact. Luo Hai poured his Saint Qi into this sword, causing it to tremble slightly before his figure flickered and he suddenly disappeared.

By the time he reappeared, he was already standing in front of Yang Kai, piercing his sword towards the latter's heart.

Yang Kai just stood on the spot and sneered lightly, unafraid of the deadly threats approaching as he poured his Saint Qi madly into the Star Emperor Token in his hand.

The world suddenly shook, as if the end of all creation had arrived, and an ancient and terrifying aura filled the air.

### Chapter 1655, In an Instant

At that moment, on Scarlet Wave Star, every bird in flight fell from the sky, and every beast on the ground curled up and cowered.

In giant cities, small villages, headquarters of powerful Sects, and homes of tiny families, trillions of people all felt a terrifying aura press on their hearts.

This pressure was so horrifying it felt as if they would die at any moment.

Regardless of how old or young, weak or strong they were, every last living creature on Scarlet Wave Star dripped with cold sweat as they collapsed to the ground and were unable to stand up for quite some time, their strength completely drained in an instant.

Fortunately, this oppressive aura disappeared as fast as it had appeared.

Otherwise, billions of injuries and deaths would have been suffered on Scarlet Wave Star!

On Pure Ice Island, where its main ice palace once stood, above Yang Kai and Su Yan, a giant pair of illusory closed eyes suddenly appeared.

At the same time, Yang Kai and Su Yan were surrounded by a kind of invisible force which even Divine Sense could not detect.

The attack fueled by Chi Huo burning his Blood Essence, and the sword which Luo Hai had stabbed out, were both blocked by this invisible force, without so much as a ripple being created.

"Impossible!" Luo Hai cried out in horror.

With his Second-Order Origin King cultivation, he was unable to scratch Yang Kai even with an artifact, and all this was due to the appearance of this pair of closed eyes.

This was simply unacceptable to him.

The Great Emperor was only a character from legend to ordinary people, but masters like Luo Hai knew he was a real existence and many had been working hard their entire lives to find pieces of his inheritance while trying to surpass his position as the strongest cultivator to ever exist.

In their hearts, the Great Emperor was only somewhat more tyrannical in terms of cultivation, not some invincible existence.

Luo Hai also held similar thoughts, that the Great Emperor was just a master at the very peak of the Third-Order Origin King Realm and that one day he would be able to stand side by side with him, possibly even surpassing him.

But today, he finally understood that the Great Emperor had reached a level completely beyond his reach, completely surpassing the Origin King Realm, reaching some unknown and terrifying realm!

His pride and arrogance took a significant hit.

The closed pair of eyes slowly opened a moment later.

Luo Li's face finally changed as she no longer dared to remain in place, her tender body flickering as she fled like a frightened rabbit, moving several thousand meters back from where the ice palace once stood.

The floating pair of eyes fully opened soon after, and their clear and flawless pupils radiated an overwhelming sense of majesty. Moreover, Luo Hai and Chi Huo were extremely surprised to see that these eyes clearly belonged to a woman!

[Could the legendary Starry Sky Great Emperor have been a woman?]

This kind of stray thought pricked the hearts of the two Origin Kings and left them in a state of disbelief.

These beautiful eyes stared at Luo Hai and Chi Huo coldly, without any emotion, like they were nothing but a pair of ants.

Chi Huo let out a pitiful cry in the next instant and was sent flying, as if he had suffered a crushing blow, blood spraying from his mouth as he tumbled through the air.

His Domain was suddenly shattered.

As for Wei Feng, who was being protected by Chi Huo the whole time, his body was shredded into a paste, leaving him without even a complete corpse.

A cracking sound resounded through the air and in Luo Hai's heart. There were signs that his Domain was also on the verge of collapsing.

It seemed these indifferent eyes contained a supreme might which the so-called masters present were completely powerless against.

Luo Hai's face turned pale as blood began leaking from the corners of his mouth and his body staggered. However, thanks to his significantly higher cultivation, he managed to stand his ground.

After this pair of beautiful eyes gave a casual glance, they vanished, as if they had never even appeared.

At the same time.

An overwhelming Emperor Pressure poured into Yang Kai and Su Yan. This was a power that did not exist naturally in this world and radiated an aura which made all of creation bow its head.

This was the power of the Great Emperor!

Yang Kai let out a burst of thunderous laughter that seemed to contain some kind of strange force which shocked Luo Hai's mind, causing his Knowledge Sea to roil and become unsteady.

Just after Chi Huo stood firm, hearing this laughter, his face grew paler.

Gold and White Qi wrapped around Yang Kai and Su Yan's figures as dragon roars and phoenix cries constantly resounded, but this mix of Yin and Yang Qi was now on a completely different scale compared to before.

Although the Yin and Yang Qis earlier were already powerful enough to threaten an ordinary First-Order Origin King, it was still negligible before Luo Hai.

But the current gold and white Qi had become so powerful it caused Luo Hai to feel a sense of panic!

It seemed that after unsealing the Star Emperor Token, an overwhelming power had poured into Yang Kai and Su Yan.

Suddenly, the Yin and Yang Qis completely merged into one.

In everyone's field of vision, Yang Kai and Su Yan disappeared, leaving behind only a blinding ball of light.

"Chi Huo, you die first!" Yang Kai's cold voice sounded from the mass of light and in the next moment, it flashed forward towards Chi Huo.

Chi Huo's face changed drastically as he cried out in horror, "Brother Luo Hai, save me!"

At the same time, he formed a seal with his hands and desperately pushed his Saint Qi to form a protective barrier before himself.

This Saint Qi was so thick and dense that it was almost tangible, but Chi Huo did not stop there. He continued to summon an Origin King Grade defensive artifact which seemed to be wrapped in flame in the next instant as well.

However, all his efforts were in vain.

When the mass of light approached, the first thing to be broken was his Origin King Grade defensive artifact which had transformed into a wall of flames. This was a unique artifact and a rare treasure to the entire Star Field; however, it was easily shattered.

Inside the mass of light, a Golden Dragon and Ice Phoenix phantom swam about, displaying a majestic and noble dance.

The mass of light swiftly passed by Chi Huo.

Chi Huo stood motionless, staring blankly into space, a look of horror remaining on his face.

"This old master... regrets..."

Chi Huo's words remained unfinished as a dazzling light burst from his body, pouring out from his pores, making him look like a glowing hedgehog.

\*Hong...\*

With a loud bang, Chi Huo's body exploded into a blood mist that splashed out across the ground.

High up in the sky, gasps sounded as the Ice Heart Valley Elders inhaled sharply, all of them revealing frightened and alarmed expressions.

Chi Huo, a First-Order Origin King Realm master, was unable to resist a single blow from Yang Kai and Su Yan who were using the power sealed inside the Star Emperor Token, resulting in his instant death.

It was likely that not even the most powerful Third-Order Origin King would possess such phenomenal strength!

Luo Li's tender body trembled as a hint of amazement flashed across the depths of her beautiful eyes, along with an incredible amount of regret.

She could understand Chi Huo's mood just before he died and knew what it was that he was regretting.

Chi Huo regretted, but how could she not as well?

Had she known the situation would develop like this, how could she have violated her own convictions and feigned ignorance today?

If she had known things would turn out like this, she would have done everything in her power to protect Yang Kai and Su Yan, even if she died in the process.

Luo Li sighed deeply.

Ice Heart Valley was destined not to rise! A Heaven-sent opportunity was laid out in front of her, but she had turned a blind eye to it and even pushed it away, so what use was there in regretting now?

Now, she could only hope that this young man still took into consideration the fact that Su Yan was once an Ice Heart Valley disciple and after solving his immediate trouble would not turn his anger on them, for it he did, today would be the day of Ice Heart Valley's destruction.

"Ha, hahahaha!" Mad laughter suddenly rang out, causing Luo Li to frown and turn, only to discover that Ran Yun Ting was its source.

Although she was laughing, the expression on her face was filled with endless bitterness and regret.

From the moment she decided to give up Su Yan, and Su Yan called her Honoured Master for the final time, she was destined to spend the rest of her life in regret.

"Luo Hai, it's your turn!"

Yang Kai's voice rang out from inside the mass of light again, and an intense murderous intent surged towards Luo Hai.

Luo Hai's face changed drastically as he found he had still underestimated the terrifying power of the Star Emperor Token. Chi Huo being killed in a single blow was something even he could not accomplish.

In other words, he was completely outmatched!

"Star Force come to me!" Luo Hai's expression fluctuated as he gave up any last hesitation and shouted.

He knew that trying to negotiate with Yang Kai was useless, he knew too many of this boy's secrets, so it was absolutely impossible for them to simply part ways. What's more, after Yang Kai had used a treasure as precious as a Star Emperor Token, how could he settle for not killing him? It was better to go all out in a fight than humiliate himself by begging.

Somewhere in the distant Star Field, Green Mountains Star flickered, and the unparalleled power from its very source blasted out, leapt across the barriers of space, and arrived on Scarlet Wave Star where it poured into Luo Hai's body.

Luo Hai's power and momentum surged, and his Second-Order Origin King cultivation rose to the very brink of the Third-Order in an instant.

As soon as this was complete, he fled towards the distance without looking back!

He had used his Star Source Support to escape, not even having the courage to confront Yang Kai and Su Yan head-on.

"You want to run?" Yang Kai laughed as the mass of light flickered and ripples of Space Force spread out, allowing him to instantly overtake Luo Hai where he released a blast of light towards him that contained terrifying power.

Luo Hai was shocked and the Origin King Grade artifact in his hand flashed, releasing a blade of light which seemed capable of cutting through the Heavens.

With the silent collision, space collapsed, and the sword wave was scattered, but the remaining power of the light blast still forced Luo Hai back a few thousand meters and had turned his face pale.

In their very first frontal exchange, he had suffered a small loss.

Stabilizing his figure and using the momentum he gained from being thrown out, Luo Hai continued to flee towards the Star Field!

The light mass which contained Yang Kai and Su Yan flickered once again and appeared in front of Luo Hai mysteriously.

"Boy, don't go too far!" Luo Hai was so angry he coughed up blood. Although he knew that Yang Kai cultivated the Dao of Space, he never thought he would be toyed with in such a manner by it.

Those who cultivated the Dao of Space had unique advantages in both escaping and pursuing others.

If this were not the case, Luo Hai would have caught Yang Kai a year ago rather than allowing him to escape to Scarlet Wave Star.

"Now you want to talk about going too far? Why didn't you think of this when you chased me across the Star Field? It's useless to say anything more. Today, you die!"

A massive Void Crack suddenly formed, like the giant maw of an ancient beast, and bit towards Luo Hai, as if trying to swallow him whole. Luo Hai didn't dare meet this attack and could only dodge desperately while searching for an opportunity to escape.

# Chapter 1656, A Star Master Falls

On Pure Ice Island, countless disciples shivered as the sturdy barriers all around them had long been destroyed by the terrifying explosions.

The current Pure Ice Island was almost completely undefended.

Luo Li's face darkened when she realized this and shouted in a low voice, "Quickly make all disciples enter the underground secret rooms for refuge!"

Bing Long was also in a daze, but quickly reacted to these words and took out a communication artifact she then poured her Divine Sense into.

In short order, all of Ice Heart Valley's disciples received the order and fled to the Sect's underground chambers.

Only Bing Long and the dozen or so Elders remained beside Luo Li as they shivered, watching the terrifying battle taking place in front of them.

Only with Luo Li protecting them did they have the courage to stand where they were.

Above the clouds, at a location beyond where their eyes could reach, two extraordinary auras were clashing, these belonged to Yang Kai, Su Yan, and Luo Hai!

(Leo: In case anyone was confused, Yang Kai and Su Yan's auras converged into one previously)

Although the Elders were unable to see the situation from where they stood, from the pitiful cries Luo Hai let out from time to time, it was easy to infer he was at a complete disadvantage.

From the clouds above, drops of blood which contained immense energy rained down occasionally, each droplet like a round gem that smashed open large craters whenever they hit the ground.

This was the blood of an Origin King Realm master!

"Supreme Elder..." Bing Long trembled, "What is the situation now?"

Luo Li's beautiful eyes flashed as she stared into the void and whispered, "Luo Hai's fate looks grim."

The crowd was terrified when they heard this and could barely believe their ears.

Luo Hai was a Second-Order Origin King, so even if his opponent was a Third-Order Origin King, he would likely not die. With Luo Hai's strength, even if he could not defeat his opponent, he should be able to make an escape and stage a comeback.

However, Luo Li had evaluated Luo Hai's fate as grim.

This was indirectly saying it was highly likely that Luo Hai would die here today!

Could it be that Yang Kai and Su Yan, who united in body and mind, now had combat power that exceeded a Third-Order Origin King? Was this the true might of a Star Emperor Token? For a moment, everyone was at a loss for words.

Suddenly, Yang Kai's laughter echoed through the sky again, accompanied by a litany of Luo Hai's angry curses.

The entire sky was in chaos, as waves of Space Force distorted the battlefield and massive Void Cracks shuttled back and forth, swallowing everything in their path.

Red blood constantly splashed and fell on the icy peaks of Pure Ice Island.

The devastating energy released from the clash caused many ice peaks to collapse and threw all of Pure Ice Island into chaos.

Bing Long and the others were deeply shocked as this kind of battle had rapidly moved into a realm they could no longer comprehend. Even if they wanted to watch, they could not see anything clearly or even feel anything aside from the fallout, making it impossible for them to gain any insight from it.

Only Luo Li could barely see something.

However, as time passed, the space and the flow of energy up in the sky grew more chaotic, to the point even she could not follow the situation.

Luo Hai's curses had long ago ceased as he seemingly lacked the spare energy to even do that.

However, his aura was obviously weakening.

"Death!" Suddenly, Yang Kai's shout rang out, together with Luo Hai's panicked screams.

A shocking explosion occurred that sent out powerful shockwaves in the next moment.

Large amounts of blood fell from the sky like rain, together with some broken limbs and hashed meat.

The aura belonging to Luo Hai suddenly vanished.

Luo Li's pupils shrank to the size of needle tips as her tender body could not help trembling.

She was well aware of what had just happened.

The earth-shaking battle subsided at that moment, but the Elders of Ice Heart Valley did not dare to even breath, all of them staring up into the sky in horror.

The chaotic battlefield began to clear as the massive Void Cracks slowly repaired themselves.

Gradually, a ball of light that was a blend of gold and white appeared before everyone's vision, while there was no sign of Luo Hai anywhere to be seen.

There seemed to be a gaze projecting from the mass of light, overlooking everything below it.

This gaze was cold and merciless, with a hint of murderous intent mixed into it.

All those who fell under this gaze could not help shuddering.

Luo Li could not stop herself from inhaling sharply as she felt her heart leap up into her throat.

However, she soon felt relieved as this cold gaze quickly turned away and a shocking dragon roar and phoenix cry sounded before the mass of light flashed and suddenly disappeared.

No one knew where it had gone.

The Elders of Ice Heart Valley were unable to regain their composure for quite some time, and none of them dared to speak, all of them simply releasing their Divine Senses to carefully survey their surroundings.

It was not until half a day later, as the mass of light still did not appear, that they gradually relaxed.

Yang Kai apparently had no intentions of acting ruthlessly. Otherwise, Pure Ice Island would definitely have been filled with rivers of blood.

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Green Mountains Star, Star Master Shrine.

In the centre of the Star Master Shrine, there was a huge square, and at the centre of this square stood a statue about a hundred meters tall. This statue was carved extremely vividly and possessed an almost lifelike charm.

The statue was naturally of Luo Hai.

As a Star Master, Luo Hai had such a privilege. This statue was a symbol of his status as Green Mountains Star's Star Master.

Below the statue, many cultivators sat cross-legged and seemed to be comprehending something from the statue.

Suddenly, there was a cracking sound. This cracking was immediately noticed, and the cultivators sitting in front of the statue frowned, opened their eyes, and looked around, wondering where this sound came from, but none of them were able to discover where it originated.

Just as they were about to close their eyes and continue their comprehension, however, another cracking sound occurred, this time clearer than before.

It was at this point that everyone finally turned their heads up towards the giant statue.

After a single glance, everyone was thoroughly stunned!

"Sir Luo Hai's statue has cracked!"

"What? Impossible! How could there be cracks in Sir Luo Hai's statue?"

"This statue is closely connected to the Star Source and Sir Luo Hai's own aura! Since it's cracked, could Sir Luo Hai be in some kind of danger?"

"Nonsense, Sir Luo Hai is Green Mountains Star's Star Master and has profound cultivation, how could he have encountered any kind of danger... oh, there really is a crack."

News spread like the wind and instantly forced all the cultivators who were present seeking enlightenment to awaken. These thousands of cultivators all looked up, and seeing the cracks gradually increase and widen, they could not help feeling stunned and panicked.

"Everyone, rest assured, Sir Luo Hai is Green Mountains Star's Star Master, even if he encounters danger, he will surely be able to overcome it and come back safely, there's no need to panic."

"Exactly! How could a master like Sir Luo Hai fall so easily? Don't make a fuss." Someone immediately agreed, obviously admiring Luo Hai extremely.

However, as soon as this person's voice fell, the huge human-shaped statue suddenly released a loud noise and burst apart, with giant pieces of it falling to the ground.

The closer cultivators gawked in shock, but quickly their eyes shrank, and they used their Movement Skills to flee.

\*Hong long long...\*

When the statue collapsed, the entire square shook as a cloud of dust flew up into the air.

At the same time, all of Green Mountains Star seemed to tremble and all those who possessed slightly higher strength immediately noticed that the World Energy of Green Mountains Star seemed to be weaker than before.

"Sir Luo Hai... fell?" Atop the square, thousands of cultivators with different levels of cultivation realized what had happened after experiencing a brief period of silence and consternation.

With this statue being closely connected to Luo Hai and the Star Source of Green Mountains Star, if the statue was destroyed, there was only one plausible explanation.

Luo Hai died!

No one could believe it!

How could such a powerful cultivator like Luo Hai die?

"Who did it? Which bastard did it? Someone tell me now so I can rip him into ten thousand pieces!" Someone shouted angrily as his face twisted in rage.

"Whoever killed Sir Luo Hai is the eternal enemy to all of Green Mountains Star!!"

"Everyone, we must punish the criminal!"

In the square, countless cultivators roared with indignation.

Luo Hai had nothing to do with most of them, and most had never even met him before, but he was still the Star Master of Green Mountains Star. With the Star Master falling, Green Mountains Star would also be affected. The drop in World Energy density on the star could not be recovered in short order, unless another Origin King came to Green Mountains Star and successfully refined its Star Source that is.

In other words, the fall of Luo Hai had caused a certain degree of loss to every cultivator on Green Mountains Star.

Whoever killed Luo Hai was naturally their enemy now.

As many cultivators shouted angrily, others wore solemn expressions as they took out their communication artifacts, poured their Divine Senses into them, and sent the shocking news to their relatives and friends.

One day later, everyone on Green Mountains Star knew that Star Master Luo Hai had fallen!

After one month, the news spread throughout the Star Field!

The entire Star Field shook!

There were many different opinions about Luo Hai's death. Some people claimed that one of the Star Field's old monsters who had not shown their face for thousands of years had killed Luo Hai. Others said that Luo Hai broke into some dangerous place and failed to escape. As for what the truth was, no one knew.

However, this was still explosive news. The number of Origin Kings in the Star Field was not very large, and the death of any of them was a sensational event.

What's more, the Star Master of Green Mountains Star, Luo Hai, who died this time, was a Second-Order Origin King.

News soon reached Scarlet Wave Star, where Ice Heart Valley's Supreme Elder Luo Li had ordered all disciples of the Sect not to leak a word of what happened that day. Otherwise, she would personally take action to clean up the Sect. Naturally, none dared challenge her command.

In all honesty, only the top dozen or so Ice Heart Valley Elders actually knew what transpired that day, while the ordinary disciples knew nothing. They only knew that a terrifying battle had suddenly erupted over Pure Ice Island, but as for who was fighting, and what the outcome of the battle was, they were completely in the dark.

Chapter 1657, Aftermath

-Pure Ice Island-

Inside a rebuilt ice palace, all the leaders of Ice Heart Valley gathered.

Luo Li sat at the head of the hall with Bing Long, Ran Yun Ting, and the other Elders all sitting to either side of her while one Elder was reporting on the progress of restoring the various barriers and Spirit Arrays on the island.

The last shocking battle had destroyed almost every barrier around Pure Ice Island, so the disciples had been busy repairing all of them until today, when they finally finished.

However, the collapsed ice peaks could never be returned to their former glory. Fortunately, the disciples had all evacuated early so there were no casualties, the only bit of good news from the entire incident.

Luo Li kept her eyes closed until the Elder finished her report before gently nodding but not speaking.

Bing Long glanced at her, then turned to look at another person and asked, "Thirteenth Elder, is there any news about that person?"

Hearing this, Thirteenth Elder Yu Xue Qing shook her head solemnly, "No, we looked for him for an entire year before but never found any trace of him. If he had not shown up at that time of his own accord, we might still be unable to find him. This time, if he wants to deliberately conceal his location, there is nothing we can do to find him."

"En!" Bing Long sighed.

"There's no need to look for him!" Luo Li suddenly opened her eyes and said lightly.

"Supreme Elder..."

"He doesn't want us to find him, so how could we? Besides, after such a battle, he must be busy healing."

"Healing?" Bing Long and the others raised their brows as they looked a little surprised, but they quickly understood, "What Supreme Elder means is..."

"He used a power far beyond his own means, so he clearly must have paid a heavy price as well," Luo Li said lightly.

"So, he's currently wounded?" Ran Yun Ting's eyes lit up and a hint of eagerness flashed across her face, "If that is the case, then we could..."

Before she could finish her words, however, Luo Li suddenly opened her eyes and shot her a cold glare, causing Ran Yun Ting to immediately fall silent, unable to speak a word.

"My Ice Heart Valley enduring until this day has not been easy, and my most earnest wish is not to make Ice Heart Valley rise, but to ensure our ancestral foundation is not destroyed. Do you understand?" Luo Li's beautiful eyes swept around, revealing an endless majesty.

Everyone shivered as they understood the meaning of Luo Li's words, quickly getting up and respectfully saying, "Disciple understands."

"As long as you understand, don't go provoking disaster for Ice Heart Valley."

Ran Yun Ting's face turned pale as she tremblingly spoke, "Disciple knows her wrongs!"

Luo Li nodded lightly, satisfied with her attitude, before suddenly smiling, "Let all those who we sent out to look for him return, he will come back on his own eventually."

"He'll come back?" One Elder's complexion changed drastically. The day Yang Kai killed Luo Hai in battle, he had truly frightened them, so the thought that he would return to Pure Ice Island again at some point suddenly made them a little nervous.

Bing Long seemed to understand and smiled, "He left someone here on Pure Ice Island, so naturally he'll come back for her."

Ran Yun Ting thought for a while before positing, "Valley Master means that disciple named Qing Ya?"

"En, Qing Ya and Su Yan joined Ice Heart Valley together and share a very close relationship, so even if Yang Kai doesn't want to return, Su Yan will definitely come back."

"Should we try talking to Qing Ya?" Ran Yun Ting frowned.

"This Queen has already tried to speak with her a few days ago," Bing Long gave a wry smile.

"Oh? And what did she say? Does she know the whereabouts of Yang Kai and Su Yan or what Yang Kai's attitude towards our Ice Heart Valley is?" Ran Yun Ting asked.

"Although this Queen went to find her, she was unable to meet her," A slightly embarrassed look appeared on Bing Long's face.

"What happened?" All the Elders were surprised.

"Yang Kai left that stone man to guard her. When this Queen tried to approach, she was beaten back by that stone man," Bing Long explained with a wry smile and some slight fear on her face. "If it wasn't for Qing Ya hastily stopping it at that time, this Queen may have been wounded."

"That stone man is so strong?" Ran Yun Ting's face changed drastically.

She too had seen the stone man. When she ordered Bing Die to kill Qing Ya, it was the stone man who protected Qing Ya, but at that time, all her attention was focused on Yang Kai and Su Yan, so she hadn't paid much attention to this strange creature.

Now, however, from Bing Long's description, it seemed this stone man was quite extraordinary in its own right.

"In a head-on confrontation, I am not its opponent," Bing Long declared solemnly.

Gasps sounded throughout the hall.

Bing Long was the strongest master among all of Ice Heart Valley's Origin Returning Realm cultivators. Even taking all of Scarlet Wave Star into consideration, she was one of the greatest masters, but if even she was not this stone man's opponent, didn't that mean it was close to an Origin King in strength?

Just what kind of existence was it?

Everyone turned their eyes to Luo Li, hoping that she could enlighten them.

"Don't look at me, I don't know the origins of that stone man either. Perhaps it is a puppet that survived since ancient times, or perhaps it is an independent lifeform of some kind."

[Even Supreme Elder does not know what it is?] Everyone was shocked. They always thought Supreme Elder was almost omnipotent, but today, that illusion was broken.

And the root of all of this was none other than Yang Kai.

"That disciple called Qing Ya must still hold some gratitude in her heart towards Ice Heart Valley, otherwise, she wouldn't have stopped that stone man from attacking Bing Long. Don't bother her anymore, just ask someone to attend to her needs. Yang Kai and Su Yan will come here again and take her away soon enough."

"Yes!" Bing Long nodded respectfully.

"When he appears next time... make sure not to act disrespectful again!" Luo Li left this sentence before her figure flickered and suddenly disappeared.

The Elders all exchanged silent glances before they dispersed, leaving only Ran Yun Ting behind, who was still wallowing in endless regret.

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Inside the Sealed World Bead, in the loft where Xia Ning Chang lived before, Yang Kai and Su Yan sat cross-legged across from one another, their palms overlapping.

Saint Qi flowed between the two of them and blended together, forming a profound and endless cycle.

Both of their faces were slightly pale.

The battle with Luo Hai might have seemed simple and easy, but in order to use such terrifying power, both Yang Kai and Su Yan had paid a huge price.

It was for this reason that after that great battle, Yang Kai left Ice Heart Valley immediately, not even stopping to pick up Qing Ya, and went to find a place to recover.

Luo Li's insight was quite sharp.

Fortunately, he had only used the Star Emperor Token after joining forces with Su Yan, so even though the cost paid was enormous, with the two of them sharing the burden, it was not unbearable.

Yang Kai felt quite lucky.

If Su Yan had not shared the burden with him this time, and he had instead used the Star Emperor Token all on his own, the consequences would have been unimaginable.

The power of the Great Emperor was not something he could bear.

Around the two of them, Saint Crystal Sources were scattered, and several empty jade bottles lay nearby, all the pills inside of them already taken.

Pure energy poured into the two of them as they carefully healed their wounds. As time passed, their complexions gradually recovered and the fluctuations in their auras slowly stabilized.

One day, Yang Kai exhaled a long breath and opened his eyes.

Facing him were Su Yan's beautiful eyes.

The two smiled at each other. After more than three months of healing, they had finally recovered.

"Junior Brother, did you break through?" Su Yan eyes flashed with a hint of surprise.

"It seems so," Yang Kai only then realized the changes he had undergone.

Before the battle with Luo Hai, he had reached the peak of the Second-Order Origin Returning Realm, and after the first battle, he had broken through and reached the Third-Order.

Truthfully, he didn't even know when he broke through. It may have been that the Great Emperor's divine might was too great, so when he took it into his body, it shattered his bottleneck all on its own without him realizing.

Moreover, his current cultivation was extremely stable, so Yang Kai did not need to spend any time consolidating it.

"You did as well," Yang Kai looked at Su Yan and suddenly found that her cultivation realm was the same as his own, having reached the Third-Order as well.

Su Yan smiled.

The light from the entire world seemed to gather on Su Yan, making her look even more noble and glamorous.

Yang Kai could not help staring for a while before stretching out his hand to hold hers, his emotions rising rapidly, "Su Yan..."

Su Yan blushed, naturally aware of what he was thinking, and managed to mutter haltingly, "Honored Master and everyone else are waiting outside."

Yang Kai released his Divine Sense to investigate and quickly discovered that his acquaintances and friends had already heard the news and were now waiting outside.

The masters of the Human, Monster, and Demon races were waiting silently outside the loft.

Yang Kai scratched his cheeks for a moment before making up his mind and grinning, "They've waited for so long already, there's no need to rush out and see them."

Saying so, he leapt like a wolf onto Su Yan and pinned her to the ground.

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When the loft door opened, Yang Kai and Su Yan appeared in front of Ling Tai Xu and the others.

Everyone ran forward and asked about their situation, while Xia Ning Chang's beautiful eyes were filled with anxiety and concern.

On that day, Yang Kai and Su Yan suddenly appeared inside the Sealed World Bead, with both their auras fluctuating wildly, as if they had been seriously injured. Naturally, Xia Ning Chang was shocked and quickly arranged a place for them to heal their injuries while at the same time spreading the news.

That was three months ago, and only now had the two of them emerged.

"Yang Kai, are you two all right?" Ling Tai Xu asked first.

"I've worried Grand Master unnecessarily; Disciple is fine now."

"Smelly brat, you almost worried... your mother to death!" Yang Ying Feng also breathed a sigh of relief. Originally, he wanted to say that he was worried, but feeling like that would make him lose face, he quickly pushed that charge onto Dong Su Zhu.

Dong Su Zhu stood beside Yang Ying Feng, biting her red lips, her nose sniffling slightly as big tears threatened to leak from her eyes, seemingly wanting to cry but not daring to make a sound.

"Mother, don't worry. I'm fine, really," Yang Kai grinned and thumped his chest strongly to prove he was healthy.

Seeing this, Dong Su Zhu finally could not hold back and began weeping loudly.

If it were not for the presence of so many people, she would likely have rushed forward, embraced her son into her arms, and refused to let go for some time.

"Little Brat!" Yang Ying Feng became irritated and glared at Yang Kai.

"Why are you shouting? Who said you could shout!" Dong Su Zhu punched him with her pair of delicate fists, "Why are you shouting at my son!"

Yang Ying Feng's face turned dark, thinking, [He's not just your son but mine too! And he wouldn't lose anything from being shouted at a bit!]

The entire matter quickly became noisy.

However, depressed as he was from all the injustice, Yang Ying Feng knew not to say anything and simply allowed Dong Su Zhu to punch him, not daring to move away.

Chapter 1658, Return To Pure Ice Island

Meeting a group of relatives and friends after so long, it was easy to feel their care and concern.

Yang Kai's body and mind both felt warmed by this sight.

He reaffirmed that his decision to return to Tong Xuan Realm and bring out all these people was the correct one, despite the difficulties it had involved.

A great tree needed strong roots, just as a flowing river needed a source; these people from Tong Xuan Realm were Yang Kai's.

Wood without roots and water without a source were destined to dry out quickly.

Inside the Sealed World Bead, in order to celebrate the return of Su Yan, the Three Clans put on a grand and extremely lively banquet.

During the banquet, drinks were pushed around constantly and no matter what one's cultivation or age was, they all became swept up in the festive atmosphere.

Yang Kai was nearly drowned by all the toasts from the Three Clans' masters, causing him to wake up the next day with a splitting headache.

Afterwards, Yang Kai stayed with his parents for two more days to fulfil his filial piety duties before leaving the Sealed World Bead.

Before leaving, however, Yang Kai taught Su Yan the Monster Transformation Secret Art.

Now that Su Yan possessed the Ice Phoenix Source, she too could cultivate the Monster Transformation and slowly develop the Source strength inside her body to strengthen herself.

He also gave her the Ten Thousand Year Ice Jade Pedestal.

This supreme treasure had originally been used to hold the Sun's True Essence, and although it was now no longer useful to Yang Kai, it was an extremely useful auxiliary cultivation tool to Su Yan.

With the Ten Thousand Year Ice Jade Pedestal, Su Yan's cultivation speed should increase by at least thirty percent.

With everything arranged, Yang Kai flew towards Ice Heart Valley again.

Pure Ice Island had returned to its original tranquillity.

The disciples seemed to have recovered from the aftermath of the shocking war that erupted several months ago and had now resumed their regular cultivation, spending their days calmly and peacefully.

On the Outer Island, below a certain ice peak, a woman in a white dress was sweeping a small ice road when suddenly a gust of wind rushed past and she couldn't help shivering as an inexplicable sense of panic rose from her heart.

She looked up suspiciously and scanned her surroundings, but ultimately found nothing.

Feeling doubtful, she checked around herself for a while longer, but after still discovering nothing, she simply shook her head and continued to clean the ice road.

In front of an ice peak not far from this woman, a figure mysteriously appeared.

This figure walked forward towards a certain ice room, and after a short time, he arrived at his destination. Looking at the barrier in front of him, barring his path, this figure smiled slightly, stretched out his hand, and slashed towards the space.

A series of ripples emerged as the barrier split open and he walked directly inside.

Inside the ice room, Qing Ya sat cross-legged on the ground, her delicate cheeks resting on her hands as she stared at the Stone Puppet in front of her.

She seemed to be very interested in the Stone Puppet.

Yang Kai and Su Yan had killed two Origin Kings with shocking methods that day then immediately retreated, leaving her behind. Qing Ya had no complaints about this though, as she could vaguely tell that Yang Kai and Su Yan were both injured during this battle and had no leeway to remain.

What's more, even though Yang Kai left, this weird Stone Puppet remained to guard her, so Qing Ya certainly wouldn't have any complaints.

She also knew that Yang Kai and Su Yan would definitely return to Ice Heart Valley to take her away at some point.

These days, Qing Ya had remained behind closed doors, looking forward to the day she would leave this ice room, but when she was bored, she would often come and exchange stares with the Stone Puppet.

She discovered that although the Stone Puppet had its own sentience, no matter how she tried to communicate with it, it would not respond, instead just following her around all day silently.

"Little guy, when do you think Yang Kai and Su Yan will come?" Qing Ya sighed lightly. Once, she was proud to belong to Ice Heart Valley, but after her most recent experiences, she could not wait to leave this Sect that so greatly disappointed her and almost forced her to her death.

"Haa, you look a bit dull but how can you not even know how to speak?" Qing Ya stretched out her hand and flicked the Stone Puppet's forehead lightly

This flick naturally caused no harm, but the Stone Puppet still blinked and wore a bewildered expression on its face.

Qing Ya was amused by its appearance and could not help giggling.

"Seems like you're in a good mood," Suddenly, a voice called out from behind her.

Qing Ya's complexion changed greatly and she instinctually began condensing her Saint Qi, but after realizing who this voice belonged to, her frightened expression turned to one of pleasant surprise.

Turning around, Qing Ya saw a young man standing behind her smiling brightly, his presence like a ray of warm sunlight, dispelling the cold and darkness in the ice room.

The Stone Puppet's two small black eyes also burst with life as he scampered over to the young man, stretched out his thick fingers, then pointed to himself and Qing Ya in turn, as if trying to express something but unable to form the words.

"I know, you've done a good job guarding her!" The young man patted the Stone Puppet on the head.

The Stone Puppet's small eyes narrowed, obviously feeling quite happy.

"Yang Kai!" Qing Ya shouted as her face flushed slightly.

It seemed that the scene where she was talking to herself just now was seen by him, embarrassing Qing Ya a little.

But soon, Qing Ya adjusted her mood and asked with concern, "Are you all right?"

Yang Kai nodded lightly and replied, "If I wasn't, I wouldn't be here."

"That's good. Ah... what about Su Yan?" Qing Ya's face changed as she was unable to see Su Yan's figure anywhere and could not help worrying that something bad had happened.

"Su Yan is in a very safe place," Yang Kai motioned to her not to be nervous, "I'm here to take you away. Are you ready?"

Qing Ya took a deep breath then nodded firmly, "I'm ready."

"Then let's go!" Yang Kai nodded before suddenly frowning slightly and glancing in a certain direction, smiling wryly a moment later, "En, seems I was still noticed."

At that moment, a cold voice echoed in the ice room, "Since Young Master Yang has taken the trouble to come, why leave so hastily? If you have time, why not come to Pure Ice Peak so we can chat?"

"Supreme Elder!" Qing Ya's beautiful face lost all colour as she exclaimed in shock, recognizing that the voice which had just sounded belonged to Ice Heart Valley's Supreme Elder, Luo Li.

Yang Kai cast her a reassuring look before staring into the distance, a subtle grin appearing on his face as he called out, "It would be rude for Junior to refuse Senior's kind invitation!"

"Then this Queen will await your arrival on Pure Ice Peak!" Luo Li's voice sounded once more before her Divine Sense presence disappeared.

"Let's go!" Yang Kai waved to Qing Ya.

"Yang Kai..." Qing Ya's face filled with worry.

"Rest assured, she has no malicious intentions," Yang Kai smiled slightly.

Hearing this, Qing Ya relaxed and quickly followed after Yang Kai as he walked out of the ice room.

Stepping outside, Qing Ya couldn't help gasping slightly when she saw a dozen people standing nearby, the Valley Master, Great Elder, and other high-level figures of Ice Heart Valley among them, all of them seemingly waiting to see Yang Kai.

When these women saw Yang Kai, all of their expressions couldn't help becoming solemn and respectful.

Yang Kai's expression remained unchanged as he simply nodded to them.

"Young Master Yang..." Bing Long quickly greeted Yang Kai, but how she did so was far more respectful than before. It was obvious that the shocking battle that day had left a huge impact on her.

"Senior Bing Long!" Yang Kai cupped his fists.

"Please don't be so polite," Bing Long waved her hand quickly, "If Young Master Yang does not mind, please address this Mistress as Bing Long."

A visible look of relief spread across Bing Long's face. Before she came here, she was frightened Yang Kai would not give her any face or would speak insulting words. She was prepared to endure humiliation, but Yang Kai had spoken in a relaxed and casual manner instead while not neglecting proper etiquette, making Bing Long feel as if she had been a bit overly suspicious and pessimistic.

Thinking so, Bing Long was somewhat ashamed.

Seeing that Yang Kai did not seem to bear hostility towards Ice Heart Valley, Bing Long felt a great weight lift from her heart.

"I'll have to ask Valley Master Bing to lead the way," Yang Kai nodded.

"En, this way please!" Bing Long stepped back and gave way.

Yang Kai stepped forward.

Inside the crowd, Ran Yun Ting's expression changed several times, but in the end, she couldn't hold herself back and called out, "Where is Su Yan? Is she alright?"

Yang Kai stopped, turned around, and gave Ran Yun Ting a faint look.

The hearts of more than a dozen Elders immediately clenched tightly, and even Bing Long's expression became tense, all of them silently sending signals to Ran Yun Ting to hold her tongue.

Ran Yun Ting turned a blind eye to all of this however and simply met Yang Kai's gaze head-on with a bitter smile, "I'm not qualified to serve as her Honoured Master any longer, but that does not mean I am not worried about whether Su Yan is safe or now."

"She's safe, you need not worry about her!" Yang Kai responded lightly.

"As long as she's safe," Ran Yun Ting breathed a sigh of relief.

"From now on, Su Yan has nothing to do with Ice Heart Valley," After Yang Kai made this declaration, he continued to walk forward.

Ran Yun Ting's body trembled as the bitterness on her face became even more obvious. At the same time, the other Elders present sighed and shook their heads sadly.

Pure Ice Peak was the central ice peak of Pure Ice Island. It was not the tallest or most majestic ice peak, but it had the richest World Energy. Supreme Elder Luo Li of Ice Heart Valley lived in seclusion here.

It was rumoured that there was a pond which overflowed with cold energy on Pure Ice Peak, and that anyone who cultivated an Ice Attribute Secret Art nearby would be able to cultivate far faster than normal.

When the small group arrived at the base of Pure Ice Peak, Bing Long and the others came to a stop, "This is Pure Ice Peak. Supreme Elder is waiting for you at the summit, please enter, Young Master Yang!"

Without the Supreme Elder's permission, no one could enter Pure Ice Peak, so Bing Long and the others could only remain here.

Yang Kai nodded, then turned to Qing Ya and said, "You wait for me here."

"Ok," Qing Ya nodded.

Yang Kai then set foot on a set of jade white steps as he ascended the mountain.

Along the way, cold and bitter winds whipped about as an icy strength which seemed capable of freezing anything under the Heavens filled the air.

Yang Kai was unaffected by this as he walked forward, he even had some spare capacity to enjoy the surrounding scenery.

A quarter of an hour later, Yang Kai arrived at the summit.

It only took a single glance for Yang Kai to take in everything at this summit as this place was extremely sparse. There were no grand ice palaces or pavilions present, only a small, thatched house covered in snow that seemed like it would leak wind from all sides.

The Supreme Elder of Ice Heart Valley, Luo Li, sat cross-legged inside this thatched hut with a small stone table in front of her. Atop this stone table was a pot of lightly steaming tea which was somehow isolated from the surrounding cold.

When Yang Kai arrived, the tea seemed to have just finished steeping.

Luo Li opened her eyes, looked at Yang Kai, smiled slightly, and gestured, "Young Master Yang, please sit down!"

Yang Kai cupped his fists, "Junior won't stand on ceremony then!"

Saying so, he walked over and sat down cross-legged opposite of Luo Li.

## **Chapter 1659, Discuss Proper Business**

Seeing him look so calm, Luo Li nodded slightly, stretched out her hand, poured some tea into a small teacup in front of Yang Kai, and said, "Have a taste of this Queen's Tranquil as Snow Tea." As she spoke, a clear and refreshing fragrance wafted towards Yang Kai.

Yang Kai's expression changed as he picked up the teacup and put it under his nose, sniffing it a few times as a slightly intoxicated look appeared on his face. Immediately after, he lifted the cup of tea up and drank it down in one gulp before chewing a small tea leaf that became stuck in his teeth.

Luo Li was slightly startled and smiled lightly, "Young Master Yang does not seem to have dabbled much in the art of tea ceremonies."

"En, I haven't studied it at all," Yang Kai grinned meaningfully, "I have been too busy running around these years so I haven't had the time or mind to learn about such things."

"That is only natural. Young Hero Yang already has such a shocking cultivation at his age, so clearly he is an assiduous individual."

"Senior is too polite; however, though Junior does not know much about the tea ceremony, he can tell that this Tranquil as Snow has the effect of calming one's mood. Senior giving me this tea as soon as I arrived... could you be worried about something?" Yang Kai smiled without really smiling.

Luo Li sighed openly, "Why does Young Master Yang ask something he already knows the answer to?"

Yang Kai's expression became serious as he stated, "Junior will be direct then. Ice Heart Valley's previous attitude and practice truly angered me greatly, and for a moment I felt that it would be best to wipe it from existence!"

Luo Li's expression remained unchanged as she continued looking at Yang Kai, waiting for him to

"But reflecting on it now, that was just an impulse driven by anger and completely unnecessary. Moreover, even if I really wanted to do so, Su Yan would not have agreed."

When Yang Kai mentioned Su Yan, Luo Li's face flashed with sadness, "Su Yan is a good child. I have taught her several times and her understanding, aptitude, and will are all outstanding. If it were not for matters occurring in such a manner, Su Yan would definitely have grown into the pillar of my Ice Heart Valley and lead it to a glorious future."

"Unfortunately, that will never come to pass," Yang Kai smiled coldly.

"This time, it was my Ice Heart Valley's fault. My, Luo Li's, fault. Young Master Yang having the heart to forgive our transgressions even after everything that happened is more than this Luo Li can thank you for!" Luo Li stood up and bowed to Yang Kai elegantly.

Yang Kai frowned, but his expression soon softened. After thinking for a moment, he said, "Senior is too serious. Senior is an Origin King while Junior is a mere Third-Order Origin Returning Realm cultivator. Senior need not display such courtesy or respect."

Luo Li shook her head sternly, "This Queen cannot depend on her status to remain aloof. Besides, although this Queen is somewhat short-sighted, she knows Young Hero's future must be bright."

Yang Kai laughed loudly, "Then I'll take advantage of Senior's auspicious words."

After this laugh, Yang Kai said solemnly, "Since Senior is willing to speak openly and honestly, then Junior will reciprocate in kind. From now on, Su Yan and Qing Ya no longer have any relationship with Ice Heart Valley, and in return, I will not take what Ice Heart Valley has done in the past to heart."

A trace of sadness flashed across Luo Li's face as she nodded lightly, "Very well, it is my Ice Heart Valley that is not fated to receive these blessings and opportunities, so we will not try to demand them."

"Senior being able to think so is for the best," Yang Kai nodded in satisfaction.

Yang Kai was happy that Luo Li did not try to make things difficult here. Although his main purpose in coming here was to take Qing Ya away, he also wanted to meet with this Supreme Elder to draw a clear line between Ice Heart Valley and Su Yan.

After all, Ice Heart Valley had nurtured and taught Su Yan and Qing Ya for more than thirty years, using plenty of effort and resources on them, so although Yang Kai was extremely angry and disappointed with their most recent actions, some things still needed to be made clear.

"Good, since the personal affairs have been concluded, let's talk about proper business," Yang Kai's expression changed as he spoke to Luo Li, a sly merchant's grin appearing on his face.

Luo Li was stunned for a moment before she asked, "Proper business?" What business?"

Despite her sharp instincts, she was unable to keep up with Yang Kai's constantly changing rhythm.

"Brilliant Flame Sect and Ice Heart Valley have fought over Scarlet Wave Star for thousands of years and share an indelible blood feud. The number of Ice Heart Valley disciples who have died at the hands of Brilliant Flame Sect cultivators must be quite astonishing. Now that Brilliant Flame Sect's Supreme Elder Chi Huo has been killed by me, hasn't Senior had any ideas about taking advantage of the situation?" Yang Kai looked at Luo Li with a smile and slowly stated, "For example, cutting weeds and pulling out roots to avoid future troubles."

Luo Li's expression changed as she looked at Yang Kai in shock, "Young Hero is apparently a merciless person."

"Hmph, those who aren't merciless can never stand firmly," Yang Kai sneered.

Luo Li's beautiful eyes flashed, "These words are both learned and cultured, it seems this Queen has looked down on Young Hero."

"So what are Senior's intentions?"

"This Queen will speak opening then. This Queen indeed had such intentions; with Chi Huo dead, Brilliant Flame Sect now is leaderless, so now is indeed the best time to settle all the grievances between our two factions, but... this Queen is strong in will but weak in strength."

Yang Kai raised his brow slightly before gently nodding, "Is Senior referring to her internal and Soul injuries?"

"Young Hero's eyes are indeed sharp," Luo Li did not deny it.

The internal injuries were the result of her recent cultivation dissonance, while the damage to her Soul was a result of her choice to abandon Su Yan. The latter made the situation of the former worse, which was the reason why Luo Li had not taken any action.

Otherwise, given all the grievances between the two factions, as early as the day Chi Huo was beheaded, Luo Li would have set out for Brilliant Flame Mountain Range to uproot Brilliant Flame Sect.

"Even so, with Senior's means, is there no way to take Brilliant Flame Sect?" Yang Kai asked suspiciously.

"Young Hero thinks too highly of me," Luo Li laughed and shook her head. "If this Queen was at her peak, she would have at least a seventy percent chance of breaking through Brilliant Flame Sect's Sect Defending Array, but under the current circumstances... it would be quite difficult. Although Brilliant Flame Sect does not have an Origin King to protect it now, it still has hundreds of Origin Realm cultivators, and with the help of their Sect Defending Array, they would have a fair chance of defeating this Queen."

"It seems I've underestimated Brilliant Flame Sect!" Yang Kai stroked his shin, showing a trace of solemnity on his face.

In the end, Brilliant Flame Sect had endured for more than ten thousand years, so it possessed a profound heritage.

"So... if I can allow Senior to restore her strength to its peak, heal her injuries, and offer my cooperation, there would be a good chance of success?" Yang Kai suddenly laughed strangely.

"What?" Luo Li was startled as she furrowed her delicate brow, "You have a method to allow me to restore my peak strength?"

"Indeed!"

"But to heal my injuries, only an extraordinary cure will be useful. I would need a very specific type of Origin King Grade pill!" As she spoke, Luo Li seemed to realize something and her complexion changed dramatically, calling out in alarm, "Is Young Hero also an Origin King Grade Alchemist?"

Yang Kai smiled meaningfully, giving off a profound image as he nodded, "Whether or not that is the case, Senior can see for herself. Good, I need these materials. With Ice Heart Valley's heritage, it shouldn't be difficult to take them out..."

Yang Kai quickly listed a number of herbs, all of them Origin King Grade.

Luo Li was in a daze as she took down the list of materials while staring at Yang Kai in disbelief, her tender body trembling slightly as she did.

All the signs pointed to this young man being an Origin King Grade Alchemist. At the very least, an Origin King Grade Alchemist was standing behind him, otherwise, he would not have any need for such herbs.

Luo Li's heart tumbled like it was being battered by great stormy waves, making it impossible for her to regain her calm for a long time.

Origin King Grade Alchemists were extremely rare even considering the entire Star Field, almost to the point where they could be counted with one's fingers. Each of these Grandmasters was extremely

famous and even peak Third-Order Origin Kings would have to act respectful and polite whenever they met them.

They were the true nobility of the Star Field.

If the young man in front of her was really an Origin King Grade Alchemist, then Ice Heart Valley's loss this time would be difficult to quantify.

As soon as she thought about this, Luo Li felt the light in front of her eyes dim slightly and she nearly fainted. Fortunately, thanks to her profound cultivation and many years of tempering, she somehow managed to endure this shock and maintain her consciousness.

"These materials shouldn't be difficult to find, right?" Yang Kai looked at Luo Li.

"En, the materials Young Hero has listed should be in the Valley's storehouses, I will have someone check immediately!"

"Very good. En, I will also need a seclusions room."

"This Queen will have one prepared!" Luo Li nodded immediately.

"Alright, in three days, I will come here again, Senior should look forward to it!" Yang Kai stood up.

"Young Master Yang..." Luo Li also stood up and called out.

"Is there something else Senior wishes to say?"

"I would like to ask, why are you trying to destroy Brilliant Flame Sect? Although Wei Feng insulted Su Yan that day, he is also dead. Brilliant Flame Sect has not truly provoked Young Hero, right? Young Hero would also not do this simply to help my Ice Heart Valley."

"Who said they haven't provoked me?" Yang Kai snorted, "They've provoked me several times. Of course, this is not the main reason. I want to deal with Brilliant Flame Sect because I want their Heavenly Thunder Fire!"

Shock filled Luo Li's face as she muttered, "Young Hero has a big appetite! The Heavenly Thunder Fire is the foundation of Brilliant Flame Sect. It is also rumoured to have its own sentience and possess incredible strength. The primary reason this Queen has hesitated to invade Brilliant Flame Sect was precisely because of the Heavenly Thunder Fire!"

"En, very good. Since it can cause Senior so much worry, the Heavenly Thunder Fire must be stronger than I anticipated. I want it even more now!" Yang Kai laughed happily.

"You..." Luo Li stared at Yang Kai in amazement, thinking that he was indeed somewhat crazy. Even she was extremely concerned about the Heavenly Thunder Fire, yet this young man showed not the slightest fear of it, it really was a mystery what he had to rely on.

[I hope he is not someone who does not know his own limits.]

Luo Li prayed secretly in her heart.

After her expression fluctuated a few times, Luo Li seemed to make some kind of important decision and spoke once more, "Young Master Yang, if there is a chance, could you have Su Yan come to see this Queen one last time? This Queen has something she wishes to tell her."

Yang Kai looked at her seriously, but after a short silence, he nodded and said, "Sure, I will have Su Yan come see you tonight. I'll take my leave first."

"Many thanks, Young Hero," Luo Li nodded gently.

Yang Kai descended Pure Ice Peak and met up with Qing Ya, who was waiting at its base. The latter released a sigh of relief when she saw him return safely.

Obviously, Bing Long had received Luo Li's communication and immediately greeted Yang Kai, "Young Master Yang, please follow me."

"Please!"

A short while later, Yang Kai was led to a certain isolated loft on the Inner Island while the herbs he had requested before were delivered to him by Bing Long herself.

Chapter 1660, Heavenly Blessings Frozen Pond

After being brought out from the Sealed World Bead, Su Yan headed to Pure Ice Peak alone.

Although Yang Kai did not know why Luo Li wanted to meet Su Yan, he could tell that she had no malice towards Su Yan. He even felt that this was an opportunity for Su Yan.

The strange appearance of Su Yan shocked the Ice Heart Valley Elder who had been standing guard outside the secluded room.

She never saw Su Yan enter the room, but she had no doubt walked out from it.

No matter how she thought about it, she could not figure out what was going on.

In the meantime, Yang Kai remained in the secluded room to perform Alchemy.

An Origin King Grade Spirit Pill was not something that could simply be refined at will. According to Yang Kai's understanding of the True Alchemic Way, if one wanted to refine an Origin King Grade Spirit Pill, they needed to infuse it with an appropriate pill spirit.

Only by possessing spirituality, could a refined pill be considered a Spirit Pill.

Yang Kai used high-grade Monster Beast Monster Cores as pill spirits.

A Monster Beast's Monster Core contained its Spiritual Essence, which possessed its own spirituality, thus satisfying the Spirit Pill conditions.

Yang Kai naturally did not possess a Tenth-Order Monster Beast Monster Core, nor did Ice Heart Valley, but Ice Heart Valley did not lack Peak Ninth-Peak Monster Beast Monster Cores, one of which they supplied among the other materials Yang Kai had requested.

For the next three days, Yang Kai secluded himself.

From time to time, strange sounds and energy fluctuations emerged from the secluded room, and before long, a potent medicinal fragrance filled the air.

Bing Long and the other Elders, who had already heard some news from Luo Li, were absolutely stunned as they stood guard outside the secluded room, their jaws unable to close.

Yang Kai turned out to be an extremely skilled Alchemist, and although they didn't know if he could truly refine an Origin King Grade Spirit Pill, just the signs they could see were enough to prove his extensive knowledge in the Alchemic Way.

But how was that possible?

Yang Kai didn't seem to be very old, and his cultivation had already reached an incredible height at the Third Order Origin Returning Realm, so how could he have had any spare time or energy to study Alchemy, much less possess such high attainments in the field?

It was only at this moment that Bing Long and the other Elders realized just how terrifying an existence Yang Kai was.

The looks they directed towards the secluded room gradually became ones of awe.

Over time, the abnormal movement from the secluded room became more and more obvious as thousands of rays of light shone from it and the pill aroma that filled the air became more and more intense. Simply taking a deep breath of this fragrance was enough to allow the various Elders present to feel relaxed and comfortable.

Three days passed by in a flash, but no one dared open the door to this secluded room.

Suddenly, Yang Kai's voice came from inside, "Senior Bing Long, please enter."

Bing Long adjusted her expression and hurried forward.

A short time after entering the secluded room, she walked out again, her expression filled with both excitement and anticipation.

"Valley Master, what is the situation?" Great Elder Ran Yun Ting and the others looked at it with anxious eyes. All of them knew that Yang Kai had been refining a Spirit Pill for the Supreme Elder these days. So, naturally, they could not wait to know what the results were.

Bing Long did not respond directly and instead just showed them a white jade bottle she held in her palm before quickly storing it into her Space Ring and then flying off to Pure Ice Peak in full haste.

"He succeeded?" Ran Yun Ting muttered to herself with a pale face.

The other Elders stared at the disappearing figure of Bing Long before turning their eyes to Ran Yun Ting again, a few of them letting out obvious sighs while others showed some meaning of blame in their eyes.

They knew that if they were in the same position as Ran Yun Ting on that day, with Chi Huo and Luo Hai applying pressure on Ice Heart Valley, they would have made the same decision as her: To give up on Su Yan to save the Sect.

However, Yang Kai's bizarre performance and his incredible potential still made them feel a deep sense of regret.

If they had desperately tried to protect Su Yan instead of abandoning her that day... how wonderful would things have been? If that were the case, they could have forged a good relationship with Yang Kai.

Just how distinguished were Origin King Grade Alchemists?

Inside the secluded room, Yang Kai closed his eyes and adjusted his breathing. The Origin King Grade Spirit Pill refining he performed this time had given him some new insights he needed time to digest, and it just so happened that Luo Li would also need some time to refine this pill and heal her wounds, so he was in no rush to exit.

Once Luo Li recovered from her injuries, it would be time to attack Brilliant Flame Sect.

Yang Kai wanted to destroy Brilliant Flame Sect partly because of their Heavenly Thunder Fire. All the peak Brilliant Flame Sect masters he had encountered before had cultivated the Heaven Scorching Thunder Fire Secret Technique which when swallowed by the Firebird Artifact Spirit gave it a massive boost in strength.

Another reason was naturally because they had touched his bottom line.

Yang Kai had several grievances with this Sect even before the most recent incident, so his impression of them was quite poor.

One day later, Yang Kai slowly opened his eyes and nodded in satisfaction.

To continue improving in the Alchemic Way, practice really was a requirement. Refining a single Origin King Grade Spirit Pill had allowed him to accumulate a lot of experience, so if he had enough materials to continue practising regularly, Yang Kai felt that his Alchemy techniques would improve significantly in short order.

Feeling a gaze upon him, Yang Kai turned his head to the side and saw that Qing Ya seemingly wanting to speak to him.

"Senior Sister Qing Ya, if you have something to say, don't hold back," Yang Kai smiled slightly, "Do you want me to refine a certain pill for you?"

"No no no," Qing Ya waved her hands quickly, hesitated for a while, then finally spoke, "It's about Qian Hao."

"Qian Hao..." Yang Kai nodded. Qian Hao was one of the former Elders of Ice Sect, as well as Qian Yue's brother.

He had also come to Scarlet Wave Star with Qing Ya and Su Yan back then, but because he was male, he could not enter Ice Heart Valley. Fortunately, Ran Yun Ting arranged for him to enter a subordinate Sect of Ice Heart Valley and apparently, he had been doing well these past few decades.

"Do you want him to leave that Sect?" Yang Kai immediately understood Qing Ya's intentions.

"En, Su Yan and I are no longer disciples of Ice Heart Valley, so if Qian Hao were to remain in his current Sect, there is a good chance he will become the target of discrimination. Also, since we have all reunited now, it makes no sense to leave Qian Hao to be on his own. He should come back and join us."

"En, a simple matter," Yang Kai smiled lightly as he released his Divine Sense and communicated with one of the Elders outside.

A moment later, he smiled at Qing Ya and said, "Qian Hao will come tomorrow, then all of Ice Sect's members can be reunited."

"Thank you," Qing Ya said, full of emotion.

Ice Sect had been one of the most powerful Sects on Tong Xuan Realm, and although it did not have many disciples, it also did not have a very high public profile, any master of significance knew of its existence and that it was a silent hegemon in its own domain.

But now, only four people remained from Ice Sect.

Reflecting on the past, Qing Ya cherished the present even more.

[Su Yan had found herself a good man!] Qing Ya looked at Yang Kai with a smile of relief on her face.

Ice Heart Valley's efficiency was great and the next day, Qian Hao arrived on Pure Ice Island. After seeing Qing Ya, he felt a sense of comfort, as if he had returned home, and after seeing Yang Kai, he was thoroughly dumbfounded, like he had seen a ghost.

Qian Hao had to rub his eyes several times before he could confirm that the Yang Kai in front of him was real and not some kind of illusion.

"Good, you've not met in quite some time so you should have a lot you wish to say to one another. Relax, I will send you to a place where someone is waiting for you!" Yang Kai smiled lightly as he spoke to Qing Ya and Qian Hao.

The pair did not ask any questions and immediately relaxed their guard.

Yang Kai waved his hand, enveloping the pair in an invisible force that in the next moment sent Qing Ya and Qian Hao into the Sealed World Bead.

When the brother and sister met, Qian Hao and Qian Yue cried with joy...

Ten days later, Yang Kai suddenly received Luo Li's summon and immediately left his secluded room for Pure Ice Peak.

Luo Li's voice sounded much better than before; obviously, the Origin King Grade Spirit Pill had played its role. Yang Kai did not know why she called him to Pure Ice Peak at this time, but he could vaguely guess that it had something to do with Su Yan.

Since Su Yan entered Pure Ice Peak that day, she had not returned.

Yang Kai was not worried because he could still sense that Su Yan was safe and sound.

A short time later, Yang Kai arrived at the summit of Pure Ice Peak. The scenery here was as simple as ever, with nothing of note except for the small, thatched shed.

Luo Li sat cross-legged inside this small hut, her aura stable, and even her complexion somewhat rosy.

Her injuries had obviously healed.

"You've arrived," Luo Li motioned Yang Kai to sit down and talk.

Yang Kai turned his head around and asked with a slight frown, "Where is Su Yan?"

He did not see any trace of Su Yan here.

"Young Hero and Su Yan seem to share a kind of spiritual bond, so can't you tell where she is?" Luo Li smiled without answering.

Was she testing him?

Yang Kai curled his lips slightly before immediately casting his eyes towards a cold pond not far away.

This cold pond was only about five metres in diameter and was filled with the purest of water; however, it was impossible to see to its bottom, so there was no telling how deep it was. Above the pond, there was a thin layer of white Qi which seemed to be composed of the purest Ice Attribute energy.

Yang Kai released his Divine Sense instinctually but quickly took it back as a look of alarm filled his face, not daring to repeat his actions.

The last time he came here, he noticed this cold pond, but had not gone to observe it too closely. This time though, under his Divine Sense's investigation, he was quite surprised.

A kind of Domain surrounded this cold pool which blocked his Divine Sense from penetrating it too far and even managed to freeze some of his Spiritual Energy the moment he tried.

Because of the Soul Warming Lotus, Yang Kai's Spiritual Energy was comparable in intensity to that of an ordinary Origin King.

What exactly was this cold pond then, and how was it so powerful?

Even so, Yang Kai could clearly sense that Su Yan was somewhere deep inside this cold pond.

"This is my Ice Heart Valley's Heavenly Blessings Frozen Pond!" Seeing the look of doubt on Yang Kai's face, Luo Li took the initiative to explain, "Together with Brilliant Flame Sect's Heavenly Thunder Fire, they make up Scarlet Wave Star's two Heavenly treasures. Those who enter the Heavenly Blessings Frozen Pond may receive the good fortune of Heaven, assuming they can withstand its extreme cold."

"Oh, what kind of blessings does it bestow?" Yang Kai looked towards the cold pond with curious eyes, wondering about its mysteries.

"For those who cultivate Ice Attribute Secret Arts, the Heavenly Blessings Frozen Pond is the most precious of opportunities. The reason why my Ice Heart Valley was founded in this place was precisely because of this cold pond. It can transform a cultivator's innate physique to make it more compatible with Ice Attribute Energy. The seniors of my Ice Heart Valley have all benefited from this cold pond."

Yang Kai nodded gently and calmly.

Luo Li continued, "Additionally, every Origin King Realm master of my Ice Heart Valley, before their predestined time of death, deposited some of their Domain into this cold pond, allowing anyone who enters it to comprehend the mysteries of Ice Domain."