

Starchild 21

Chapter 21: Coming with Evil Intent

The early morning mist had dispersed as the golden sun stretched its rounded body and leapt over to the East horizon, emitting countless golden lights. Shining over all myriad things in the heavens and on earth.

“Little Xi, see you tomorrow!”

After continuously practicing the three strikes of the Flying Sky Swallow Sword Arts for more than a hundred times, Yun Xi couldn't even move his fingers anymore as he collapsed to the ground. Hua Huo cheerfully waved goodbye to him and ran all the way back to the town.

Shortly after, the only one remaining at the riverbank was a weak youth that had suffered torment from his childhood sweetheart. He looked at Mei'er dispiritedly, seemingly like a teenager who lived his life without love, while the golden retriever puppy was licking the juvenile's cheek.

“Hua Huo... is really too strong...”

“I have... clearly said... I don't want it... “

Completely exhausted and nearly experiencing an out-of-body experience, Yun Xi's hands and feet assumed a posture like a big sign. He didn't even have the strength to pick himself up.

Practicing sword arts with Hua Huo... a 1st Rank against a 3rd Rank... he really courted his own death.

Presumably, in Huo Huo eyes, even if there were a hundred Yun Xis, it would only take a few sword brushes to beat them.

The fact that she can be this patient and spend great efforts in helping an opponent, whom she could instantly kill, practicing sword skills with, was completely because they had a relationship as childhood sweethearts.

“Mei’er, am I too weak?”

He was barely able to stretch out his hand to look at the vibrant sun from between his fingers. Yun Xi felt like he was a fish on a chopping block which suffered serious dehydration and would soon be hung up.

“Woof!” Mei’er looked around to confirm that nobody was here and ran all the way to Yun Xi’s side to hold her small paw to his forehead.

At the next moment, a golden brilliance emitted from Mei’er’s paw and slowly seeped into the Yun Xi’s body, making it warm.

This was... vitality power. Yun Xi easily recognized the kind of energy that was being injected into his body.

The golden fairy brought blessing and luck, the golden fur princess ... Mei’er actually had it, far more than this. At present, just because Yun Xi was too weak and couldn’t obtain more star force, he couldn’t even say anything.

“Sigh... cough ... thank you...” After getting Mei'er's treatment, Yun Xi suddenly felt that more than half of his physical strength had been restored.

Especially because of the continuous display of the Flying Sky Swallow's three consecutive strikes, it made his hands unceasingly twitch. As well as almost causing him to completely lose his senses to move and control his feet. The greater part of it now was cured by the golden light.

Although it was still quite far from his peak condition, but at least he was not in a salted fish-like state.

Crash~bang!

When Yun Xi was about to get up, a figure with a pale complexion slowly came out from the direction near the woods.

He looked like a drunkard with a deathly pale complexion. He had long messy hair and was clad in deep violet clothes embroidered with the Yin Yang symbols and the Eight Diagrams pattern on his chest.

He had been attentively watching Yun Xi practice swords with Hua Huo and looked at the flirting eyes between them the entire morning. He was finally unable to bear it any longer and showed himself.

“A Shen?” Yun Xi knew this youth, it could be said that the whole town knew him.

He was the town's second genius, the mayor family's young master.

Had it not been for the beyond common sense super genius—Hua Huo—then, he would have been regarded as the first genius in this small town.

Three years ago, he had passed the examination to The Celestial Palace and went to the Sword Blade Region, which caused quite a big disturbance in this small town.

After all, in this town, a person who had double talent like him was very rare. He was at the same time a Swordsman and a Taoist Priest.

Although his Swordsman and Priest rank was only at the 1st Rank, considering he was just 16-years-old and could step in both areas, it made him this small town's first genius in the century.

It was similar when Hua Huo, who was a 16-year-old genius, was able to break the limit of the Mortal Grade. However, since she was not a native of this small town, A Shen, as the mayor's son, became the benchmark and the representative for the genius standard in this small town.

However, in the end, he didn't choose the Sword Palace in the Sword God Domain, of which almost all young geniuses would choose. Rather, he went to another big power instead that specialized in all kinds of Taoism techniques, The Celestial Palace.

At that time, because of this choice, he seemed to have a big fight with his father.

"Yes, it is me, Yun Xi." A Shen fiercely stared at Yun Xi with a hateful and cynical expression, that carried along with it a malicious intent that would make people shudder.

"Three years, I finally came back!"

“I’ve come back to marry the bride who I love.”

“Your bride?” Yun Xi somewhat felt some kind of bad premonition.

He recalled that for a period of time, before Hua Huo had yet to show her otherworldly talent and shock everyone, A Shen and Hua Huo were once called by this small town’s inhabitants as the twin stars.

For such an ordinary small town, to be able to step into this grade at this age was worthy enough to be great geniuses that should be recorded in the book.

Three years ago, when A Shen admitted himself to the Celestial Palace, countless people’s hopes were entrusted to him. Even the mayor who had a big fight with him finally forgave his son.

The Celestial Palace was after all a colossus that had stood aloof in the Eastern God Domain for thousands of years and had a Legend Rank powerhouse that surpassed the 6th Rank in command, just like The Sword Palace.

Looking at the scope of power globally, the Celestial Palace, which specialized in Taoist techniques and the heavenly laws were on par with the Sword Palace; which specialized in the sword arts. But in the Sword God domain, The Celestial Palace’s reputation and power could not be compared with The Sword Palace.

Whether it was The Sword Palace or The Celestial Palace, as long as one was accepted, in this small town, it was like a carp fish that leapt over the Dragon Gate

“Why... would it be you?”

“Hua Huo’s vision... is a bit too bad.”

After three years, A Shen who just returned from The Celestial Palace stared tightly at Yun Xi with bloodshot eyes.

“A trivial baker boy, what qualifications do you have to be together with Hua Huo!”

“Hua Huo and I are destined by the heaven and earth to be a perfect match!”

Sure enough, now Yun Xi knew from where that chilly feeling behind his back came from.

A Shen, despite being hailed as this small town’s second genius, had always been narrow-minded and was not a likable character.

Everyone just looked at his father, the mayor’s face to then give him way. Regarding his conceited and arrogant attitude due to his achievements, they had always felt indignant but didn’t dare to speak out.

Only Hua Huo, who moved to this small town later, never gave him any face and even beat him many times to teach him a lesson.

Who would have thought that this treatment unexpectedly sparked A Shen’s interest in Hua Huo before he took the test to get admitted to the Celestial Palace. Not the slightest opportunity was left out when he tried to pester Hua Huo. Although the results had always been a downright tragedy...

Only, Hua Huo disregarded him and didn't care whether he was the mayor's son or not. This small town's genius of the century beat him unmistakably to let him reflect on himself.

This situation continued until A Shen was finally admitted to the Celestial Palace and only ended after he left this small town.

Unexpectedly, three years later, A Shen came back and it seems that he hadn't given up on Hua Huo.

"Three years ago, I knew that Hua Huo would be the most dazzling star and I would never be her opponent if we were to compare sword arts' talent."

"So I chose the Celestial Palace in order to obtain Hua Huo's heart with my strength!"

"Now, I'll make you know what real strength is!"

With bloodshot eyes, A Shen stretched out his fingers and blew a whistle.

Boom!

Boom!

From the other side of the river, a huge monster with a forest-like skin color marched with strength and speed that could make people tremble. Along with it came a gushing and suffocating pressure.

Chapter 22: To Kill

Rough and lumpy green skin, higher than two Yun Xi's together; even its legs were higher than Yun Xi's. In addition to its swinging small tail, it had four gleamingly sharp teeth when it opened its mouth.

The green hippo!

Yun Xi finally understood what the monster that made him die again and again in the Rookie Trial was, and where that monster came from.

At first, he wondered how it even possible to have a 3rd Rank green hippo monster around the town, since even a fox was rare to be seen here.

So it was Ashen who brought it here.

"Ah ha ha ha ha, you see it? This is my strongest power, what I got from the Celestial Palace!"

"The first ranked killer among all 3rd Rank creatures—Homicidal Hippo! It is the strongest monster a 2nd Rank like me can control!"

After seeing Yun Xi's surprised expression, Ashen couldn't help but laugh. He looked at Yun Xi as if he was looking at a dead man.

"You can't see tomorrow's sun."

“I don’t think so. I have an appointment tomorrow with Hua Huo, in order to practice my sword skills. Ashen, I’m sorry, but I will let you down.” More or less, Ashen had reached the 2nd Rank, and that was a little beyond Yun Xi’s expectation.

Regardless of his obnoxious character, not too many people could become a 2nd Rank Daoist Priest at the age of 19.

The 3rd Rank hippo did have terrible combat power. Yun Xi had learned it from his 120 deaths.

“Kill him, hippo!” Ashen said as he had lost his mind.

He just came back and hadn’t yet told everyone in the town that he was already a 2nd Rank Daoist Priest. He wanted to enjoy the jealous eyes of the villagers, but instead witnessed Yun Xi and Hua Huo practicing the sword together.

He thought he could bear it if they just practiced the sword, but what was that? They were making eyes at each other! Hua Huo was suppressing her strength, playing with Yun Xi!

Everything was Yun Xi’s fault. He was just a bread shop assistant! How dare he think that he was worthy of practicing together with the real sword genius, Hua Huo?

In the whole town, he was the only one who could match up with Hua Huo! Because he was the disciple of the Celestial Palace, who mastered a 3rd Rank hippo as a talented 2nd Rank Daoist Priest!

Who could understand what he paid in order to dominate the cruel hippo?!

He rolled in the mud with the hippo all day. He even slept together with it.

He held the brush and helped the hippo brush its body every day. Ate meat together with the hippo, even...

It took a year before he got in contact with the terrifying homicide hippo and tamed the ferocious monster, which made other disciples so jealous.

The only reason that helped him do such a ridiculous thing, which he didn't even think of in the past, was that he wanted to come back to marry Hua Huo.

"Hua Huo is mine! You can never have her!" He said with jealousy and madness. A voice whispered in his heart that if he didn't kill Yun Xi here, he would live in regret all his life, not to mention marry Hua Huo.

So, Yun Xi must die!

"Ashen, you have changed." Yun Xi adjusted his breathing. If it was some other 3rd Rank monster, maybe it would be a big trouble.

However, that wasn't including this green hippo. He had fought against it in the trial one hundred and twenty-one times!

"I have not changed. Hua Huo is the only girl in my heart! But you beast! From childhood, you were always popular among girls! Ahhhhhh! You piss me off! Which part of me is no match for you? I'm stronger than you, more talented, have more money, and am more handsome than you. Why are you

her only childhood sweetheart?! I... I want to be her childhood sweetheart too!" Bloody tears were almost welling up from Ashen's eyes.

He was the son of the mayor! He was the first to meet with Hua Huo! Everything was first! First!

At first, when Hua Huo moved to the town, the mayor, in other words, his father, purposely brought him to see Hua Huo. He repeatedly urged him a thousand times to get along well with the little girl—Hua Huo.

At that time, he had vaguely realized that Hua Huo's family was unusual because he had never seen such a flattering look on his vulgar father's face.

However, the first moment he saw Hua Huo, it wasn't important anymore.

He didn't need his father to urge him. He had been attracted by the impassive girl's face and unapproachable temperament.

At that time, Hua Huo was wearing exotic clothes, which was obviously not from the Sky Sword God's Domain. She was so unattainable—like a flower on the precipice.

He didn't know why Hua Huo had such a temperament, and why she hid her identity on purpose. Living and growing up like an ordinary girl in the town.

He only knew that at the first moment he saw the waist-high exalted girl, she caught his heart.

In his eyes, she was absolutely the “couldn’t be offended” girl type. An exalted, not just a town girl, but also a mysterious beautiful girl.

Compared with Hua Huo, all the girls in the town were nothing. She was the only one who he swore to have, at all costs!

After that, he repeatedly tried to approach her, trying his best. But he only got Hua Huo’s contemptuous disregard.

Yes, that was her look, the look as if she was looking at something dirty.

Hua Huo, you are my queen, my life, and my hope!

No matter what the price is, I will marry you!

“Hong! Hong!” After getting Ashen’s kill order, the green hippo began to run. It rushed through the shallows with a mighty speed and ran straight toward Yun Xi.

Its speed was much faster than what others might have guessed from its huge body.

Its power was almost the number one among all 3rd Rank monsters, and it also had a super defence, in addition, it didn’t even lack speed, anyone whose rank wasn’t above the 3rd Rank wouldn’t survive if it was their first time against it.

The hippo was very strong! This was what Yun Xi experienced a hundred and twenty-one times!

“Here it comes!” Yun Xi lowered his body, then immediately turned and ran.

This was a strategic retreat because he did not have any weapons to break the green hippo’s defence.

Using his fist to fight against this iron skinned monster? He did once beat it down, but he was holding an iron sword at that time, and he still had to chop it twenty-one times. Yun Xi wasn’t insane.

Weapon! He needed a weapon! An idea immediately emerged in Yun Xi’s mind, as he quickly rushed into the woods without hesitation.

“Run! Cry! Die in despair!” Ashen showed no emotion in seeing Yun Xi escape.

As a human, you wanted to flee from a green Hippo? Oh great! This guy would soon know what was the absolute gap between humans and creatures.

As a creature, the hippo was a monster whose endurance and explosive force was far beyond the limit of humans, not to mention it was a mutant green hippo.

It once continuously fought on the battlefield for over three days and nights and had a record of killing thousands of people.

Run! Run! I want to see how long you can run! When you are exhausted, it will be the time of your death.

This green hippo had the brutal habit of eating corpses after killing them.

“Bang!” The green hippo crashed into the woods. The bucket-thick trees fell down due to its light push...

The hippo’s hunting began!

Chapter 23: Wood Chopper

Bang! Bang! On the other side of the woods, one after another, the big trees fell down like they were being cut down by an axe.

“Well, Ashen, that guy, is really unscrupulous.” Running in the woods, Yun Xi didn’t need to turn back as he had already figured out the distance between the green hippo and himself.

That’s right. For humans, it was absolutely impossible to compare their physical strength and endurance to a monster like the green hippo. And as a person who has seen the properties of the green hippo’s seed, Yun Xi was aware of its talent.

Super Strength, Body Bulk-Up, and Overwhelming Force. It was suitable for people who had talents for using a giant sword. Among all the 3rd Rank creatures, the hippo’s strength was almost invincible.

Even if it was Hua Huo, by considering just her strength, she wasn’t better than the green hippo. This was a racial disparity. Just looking at its height, which was taller than two men, its massive body was a natural violent killing machine.

The woods were small, and Yun Xi also didn’t think it could block the green hippo’s way.

He was looking for a place in his memory.

Soon after, he found it!

It was a cave located in the eastern foothills of the woods. The local townspeople often came here to take shelter from the rain or just to camp, and it was also their childhood secret base. Yun Xi, Hua Huo, and even Ashen were familiar with it.

Without any hesitation, Yun Xi directly rushed into the cave.

After a while, the green hippo reached here, then Ashen.

“Ha ha, I was wondering where were you going, but you came here. Isn’t this a dead end?” Looking at Yun Xi, who was quickly looking for something in the cave, Ashen laughed with a crooked mouth.

This cave wasn’t deep at all. Because the people in town often came here to camp, and the children also came to get shelter from the rain, everything inside was not a secret.

He could still remember that in the past, himself, Hua Huo, and the other little friends played hide-and-seek here.

As he remembered it now, it was a rare chance in his life to have been able to get close to Hua Huo in a natural way. But it was simply because this bread shop boy was here too.

“Yun Xi, I’d like to show you some last bits of mercy. Kill yourself. If you willingly do this, I will not let the hippo eat you, but bury you in the woods. At least, you will die with a complete body.” As victory was in his view, Ashen’s face became more twisted.

No game would be funnier than to have his rival kill himself. As for letting him die with a complete body? That was just mockery!

Of course, he would chop up Yun Xi’s body and obliterate all traces!

A buried body may be found and dug out by dogs. If he threw the corpse into the river, it may also be accidentally salvaged.

Once and for all, the only way that wouldn’t leave any trace was to eat him!

His hippo was a man-eating pet.

“Here it is!” After searching for a while in the upper part of the cave, where it was absolutely impossible to be found by kids, Yun Xi smiled.

As he expected, it was still here.

Because the townspeople often came here to camp, pitch tents, and build a fire, the people of the town purposely left some convenient props in this place.

A nail hammer, ignition torch, and the thing Yun Xi most needed, a wood chopper. Which was originally used to clean up weeds and cut branches.

This was the weapon Yun Xi needed to kill the green Hippo, the key to his counterattack.

“Well, a chopper?” Seeing Yun Xi take out a wooden chopper from the cave, Ashen was stunned for a while. Then, he remembered there were these kinds of temporary tools inside.

However, even if you had a wood chopper, so what?

A wood chopper was nothing for the green hippo’s thick and rough skin!

Yes, his green hippo didn’t wear its special leather which the Palace of Heaven’s Road specially made for it, so it was impossible to kill thousands of people on the battlefield. But just to kill Yun Xi? Even if Yun Xi has a wood chopper, it wouldn’t be more difficult than blowing off dust.

“Yun Xi, please me because this is probably the last show of your life.” With a joyous smile at the corner of his mouth, Ashen made a snap.

“Sniff, sniff!” The green hippo shook his tail and strode toward Yun Xi.

It was coming! At this moment, Yun Xi’s mind was highly concentrated.

He did not look down on this green hippo. Here wasn't the trial of stars, and there wasn't a campfire where he could revive from.

In the real world, people would die after being killed, die.

From its stride and body position, its next action was slapping!

"Hoo!" A big green palm was waving above Yun Xi's head, blowing up Yun Xi's black hair. It was the green hippo's favorite attack method.

"The first!" After rolling to the side, Yun Xi cut the green hippo's lower limb and left a one-inch bloodstain on its body.

The 3rd Rank hippo had strength far beyond a human's, and its leathery skin was able to resist any body attacks.

In order to cut off its thick skin, he had to gather his strength and cut with an extremely sharp weapon!

Both the iron sword in the trial and the wood chopper he had now were fit for this condition.

Boom! The green hippo fell into a rage after Yun Xi's chopper cut its body. It shook its shoulder and laid down on the ground.

Here it was! The rolling!

Yun Xi stepped back with all his strength, then jumped up.

Boom! Boom!

The hippo's enormous body rolled under Yun Xi's feet like a one-thousand-pound bowling ball. It even left a line of roller marks on the ground.

"How could it possible... he's just a kid of a bread shop!" Looking at Yun Xi's skilled movements, Ashen's eyes almost popped out.

"It's Hua Huo! Hua Huo taught you! Right?!"

"What happened during the time I was not in town?"

"Aaaargh! I won't forgive you! I'll never forgive you!"

"Hua Huo is mine! Mine! Nobody can steal her from me!"

Sniff! Sniff! After rolling, the green hippo made an unbelievable somersault, standing on the ground. It showed its four sharp teeth and looked at Yun Xi with an angry look.

Ashen and the hippo had an intelligence resonance between them! Almost the same as the tacit understanding between Hua Huo and himself. Obviously, there were many unknown stories between Ashen and the green hippo.

Otherwise, as a 2nd Rank Daoist Priest, it was absolutely impossible for him to control the green hippo as if he was controlling his own arms and legs. Though the hippo was ten times stronger than himself, their emotions were highly overlapped.

Revising the data... After fighting with the green hippo, Yun Xi found that the green hippo was stronger than the one he met in the trial.

The reason was very simple. Because in the trial, the green hippo was fighting and maltreating its enemy simply according to its instinct.

However, this green hippo followed Ashen's command. It wasn't alone.

The experience he got in the trial through dying a hundred times couldn't apply indiscriminately to what the green hippo would be like out here.

Yun Xi held the wood chopper in his hands, regardless of the blood that was slowly flowing on the blade of the chopper.

"It's not just you that got stronger, hippo."

"Let me show you the true power of Hua Huo's seed."

Chapter 24: Different Worlds

As Yun Xi expected, with Ashen's command, the green hippo's attack methods became more flexible.

If the green hippo he met in the trial was controlled by Ashen, it would've been impossible to kill it via his unformed breathing method.

"Hippo, hold your head and rush!"

The green hippo shaded its eyes with its hands as it followed Ashen's command. Rushing at Yun Xi, it didn't even look ahead.

It wasn't the hippo's max speed.

Maybe other people would be cheated, but Yun Xi obviously knew the green hippo's explosive force.

Ashen would never know how to kill the green hippo, the hell of a hundred plus deaths Yun Xi had to face.

The green hippo preserved its speed, which also meant that it had found how Yun Xi dodged its attack through rolling. If Yun Xi rolled without thinking again, the green hippo's thunderclap would be waiting for him.

So, he decided to not run away!

Yun Xi wasn't that young boy who first met the green hippo, who didn't know how to brandish his sword anymore.

The seed from his childhood sweetheart had completely changed his destiny.

"I got you!" Yun Xi actively darted toward the green hippo. Under Ashen's surprised eyes, he straightly passed by the hippo.

Just at that moment, he passed by the green hippo, by leveraging the hippo's strength and impact as he used the wood chopper, he dragged out a terrible blood line along the green hippo's lateral thigh.

"Howwwl!" For the first time ever, the green hippo howled violently. This time, the wood chopper caused a deep wound on the hippo's body; which was three times deeper than that one it caused the first time. A lot of blood flew out and sprayed on the road.

"Why... how can you do this?!" Ashen yelled with frustration. He didn't believe the sight he witnessed.

His green hippo was a terrible monster who once battled on the battlefield for three days and nights, killing thousands of people. But now, it wasn't even able to catch the edges of Yun Xi's clothes.

The most irritating point was that Yun Xi's speed wasn't fast; he was even a little slower than the hippo. No matter how Ashen looked at Yun Xi, Yun Xi was just a 1st Ranked Swordsman.

If a 1st Rank Swordsman fought against a 3rd Rank Green Hippo—the Killing Monster—should he not be killed at the first moment?

How could he dodge the green hippo's attack at the crucial moments, and deal a deadly blow to his green hippo in the most appropriate time and from the most unlikely angle?

If the green hippo didn't have its famous iron-like skin, perhaps his attack would have cut off the green hippo's leg.

"This is... Hua Huo's power." Yun Xi himself didn't even have the thought that his attack was as perfect as nature itself.

If he only practiced on his own, he would never have such a wonderful skill.

In the real world, the fighting between the green hippo and himself was worse than the dilemma he faced in the trial.

Not simply because the green hippo was controlled by Ashen, but the more important fact was the difference between the two weapons he used.

In the star trial, though the iron sword he found aside the campfire was ugly in its appearance, it had a magic-like property that made it never get worn. Its blade would never get bent no matter how many times he cut the green hippo's body.

But in reality, as the only weapon he could hurt the green hippo with, the wood chopper he found in the cave had slightly bent after attacking the green hippo twice.

However, the two attacks gave him a victory far beyond the victory he achieved in the trial.

Everything was due to Hua Huo's Seed.

He had only mastered 20% Hua Huo's sword skill, so naturally, he couldn't be compared to Hua Huo.

However, compared to the green hippo, even if Yun Xi had only 20% of Hua Huo's sword skill, he didn't think that he would lose.

The world in Hua Huo's eyes was completely different to the world in Yun Xi's eyes.

The rhythm of breathing, the abrasion of the weapon, the premonition of enemy's sprint, the trace of attack, and Ashen's exasperated mental state.

Observing and feeling every detail, then attacking to obtain victory.

It was just a 3rd Rank Hippo. Even if it had Ashen's help, and though he had only a wood chopper, which wasn't even able to be used ten times, the hippo was still not a huge threat.

"Hoo... Ha..." Clearly, Yun Xi was in a fierce battle, but by running the special breathing method, his spirit had naturally raised to the highest state.

As the proverb goes, "Do one's utmost even when dealing with a minor problem". He would do his best to kill the hippo!

Mercy? There wasn't such a thing.

Between life and death, everyone who hesitated to show mercy was already dead.

“Three times.” After adjusting his breathing smoothly, Yun Xi lifted three of his fingers to Ashen. It was also the last order he gave his body.

Three attacks. If he didn’t kill the green hippo after that, he would never be able to hurt the iron-skinned, 3rd Rank monster.

“Wahahaha, who do you think you are?”

“Even Hua Huo taught you how to roll and escape, but you want to beat down my hippo with three attacks? Even Hua Huo herself wouldn’t be able to do that!” Ashen looked at Yun Xi as if he was looking at a clown.

As a disciple of the Celestial Palace, he naturally had found what Yun Xi had found.

The wood chopper, which was already a little blunt, was the key to determining who was the last winner.

Fortunately, this kid didn’t have a decent weapon. Otherwise, perhaps he would have already been killed. Ashen wiped away the sweat from his forehead and announced his victory in his mind.

“If I were Hua Huo... I would need to brandish the wood chopper just one time...” Yun Xi looked at Ashen with pity. If Hua Huo were here, she would teach him what was the right way... a fool surviving in the world.

Even if there were ten green hippos attacking Hua Huo together, they would have no future but to be killed by Hua Huo one by one.

Though Ashen was known as the best genius of the town in the decade (since Hua Huo was an exception)... However, he was still that frog, sitting in the hole, and thinking it owned the entire world.

Hua Huo's talent had already gone beyond Ashen's imagination. He didn't understand what realm Hua Huo had reached.

Through all of Yun Xi's experience, Hua Huo was the only genius who was able to master a God's Sword Skill. Even the sleeping beauty, whose power was able to shake the heaven and earth, and burst the void, didn't have such an ability.

"Hippo, Big Wheel Sprint!" Ashen reached out with his left hand, then his right hand tightly held his left wrist, starting the siamese juggling.

This was a secret art from the Celestial Palace. It could temporarily combine two different creatures' energies and spirits.

"Hoo!"

The green hippo curled up its four limbs, rolling itself into a huge ball-like shape. Afterward, it suddenly jumped up. Its body turned into a green wheel-like shape and rushed towards Yun Xi.

As Yun Xi expected, it had a new skill!

Seeing the green hippo use a new killing skill, which it never used in the trial, a cold light flashed in Yun Xi's eyes.

Chapter 25: Instant Kill

The green hippo rolled itself up like a big wheel. If Yun Xi was still how he was before the star trial, it would undoubtedly be a one-hit KO.

Its huge body, the terrifying explosive force, and its invulnerable tough skin made it a perfect killing machine.

As Ashen casted a secret spell, the hippo's fighting force grew to at least ten times stronger than the one he met in the trial.

You don't have a horn on your head and you are not red, so even if you are three times more powerful [1], you are still gonna die!

As a reply in facing the green hippo's wheel-like rolling attack, Yun Xi inclined his body, taking two steps to the right. By using this seemingly simple but useful method, he made it charge into a giant rock.

As he observed the world via Hua Huo's sight, even if the beast was twice stronger, it was still a stupid animal.

Boom! It tumbled, flying to the sky.

“Eat him!” Ashen was in extremely high spirits.

In the sky, the hippo curled up its huge body, then one part of its body suddenly grew up.

Here it was! Its ability—Body Bulk-Up!

Yun Xi knew it was the monster’s hidden talent.

However, the hippo only bulked up its head. Now, it opened its bloody mouth so big that it was even able to swallow Yun Xi’s body whole.

The hippo’s bite was a new skill Yun Xi didn’t see during the entire trial. Because at that time, Yun Xi was just a not-delicious-at-all mummy in the eyes of the beast. It had no appetite to eat him.

Green hippos only used this skill to hunt delicious, fresh prey.

Now, Yun Xi was qualified. Even Ashen could feel that his hippo was very interested in Yun Xi.

“My first hit!” Facing the huge creature’s bite, Yun Xi didn’t dodge but took the initiative to attack.

With a flash of the blade, the green hippo’s tongue was cut off. To cut off its softest part, its tongue was the essence of what Yun Xi learned from Hua Huo’s sword skill.

“Noargh!?” At the same moment, his contract beast’s tongue was cut off, Ashen covered his lips as there was blood flowing down.

The green hippo suffered a fatal injury, and as a result, the same wound also appeared on Ashen’s body.

It was the effect of Life Tap; they were sharing damage. This was one of the prices he had to pay in order to control the 3rd Rank green hippo.

“My second hit!” After he successfully injured his opponent, Yun Xi didn’t hesitate for the slightest moment, because Hua Huo’s sword skill had let him find the creature’s weakness.

In fact, there were gaps in the green hippo’s seemingly tough skin.

Because its joints had to stay nimble, there were line-like gaps on the connection parts of its neck, legs, and hands.

These lines were unavoidable crucial points for any creature.

In the trial, Yun Xi didn’t find these weak parts, so he had to cut it twenty-one times in order to make the green hippo die due to blood loss.

If it was Hua Huo, even if she used only 20% of her power, she would only have to brandish her sword once.

As for Yun Xi, he needed to attack twice!

The first attack cut off half of the green hippo's neck along the gap between its head and body.

And along the line on the green hippo's right side, the second attack cut off two of its limbs in one breath.

Maybe this was the feeling of dismembering an ox as skillfully as a butcher. Although, after cutting off these weak connection parts the wood chopper was blunted, the spewing blood declared Yun Xi's victory.

Seeing, listening and feeling Hua Huo's world, made killing the green hippo much simpler.

"This is my last hit. Ashen, don't keep going in the wrong way." Yun Xi turned his body flexibly and threw out the wood chopper with all his strength. It stabbed into somewhere below the green hippo's ass.

"Noargh!" Yun Xi's fatal attack made Ashen's mouth foam as he laid on the ground, holding onto his ass with his hands in a weird way.

Boom! The gigantic body collapsed. An item, which Yun Xi felt a little familiar with, flew out from the corpse.

"This is... a seed?" Yun Xi felt incredible as he watched the seed fly into his palm.

It wasn't the same as the seed rewarded in the star trial. In the real world, the seed the green hippo left after being killed by Yun Xi was a transparent seed, which emitted a pale white light and was seemingly so fragile that it couldn't even sustain a pinch.

Inside of the seed, there wasn't some special instructions such as "Body Bulk-Up", "Super Strength", and "Overwhelmingly Power". It only contained a ball of "The Power of Blood".

"The seed of blood?" As Yun Xi read the meaning of the seed, he naturally understood what was different between it and the several seeds he got as the last reward in the rookie trial.

This seed simply gathered the dead green hippo's life energy. It didn't contain any special talent or ability. Its only effect was to provide Yun Xi the power of blood, to replenish his life energy.

If Yun Xi once again suffered from exhaustion, he could use the seed of blood to restore his physical strength and energy.

The seed would disappear after being used. In other words, it was just a one-time consumable.

"Well, it's not that bad." Yun Xi vaguely imagined several methods about how to use the seed, then his face slightly turned red.

"My hippo... no... this can't be true..." After he lost his strongest trump card, Ashen felt as if his life had lost its color.

In order to obtain such a strong contract beast, he had paid a lot of terrible and humiliating prices. Even he himself didn't believe he could endure all those dirty things.

Everything he did was in order to go back to his town with glory and marry his beloved girl!

But now, everything had gone to ruin.

“Ashen, you still don’t realize it.”

“You are not the only one who is worthy of Hua Huo.” Walking to Ashen’s side, Yun Xi sympathetically looked at the son of the mayor, who had just lost his most important thing.

“No, I don’t believe it!”

“I’ll kill you!” Ashen’s eyes turned blood red.

It was not the end. He was a 2nd Rank Daoist Priest. Even without the green hippo’s help, he could also win against this bread shop’s kid, because he was only at the 1st Rank.

He hadn’t lost yet. He would turn the tide. He would strike back!

Burning, my cosmo! [2]

“Oh... do you have to do that...”

After dodging Ashen’s frenzied counterattack, Yun Xi watched this young man, who was once called “The town’s Gemini” with Hua Huo, helplessly grow old, perishing. In the end, he became a mummy-like corpse, heavily dropping down to the ground.

Ashen's death was inevitable the moment his contracted beast died.

Life Tap—Live and die together. This was the contract between the green hippo and himself.

Chapter 26: The Twin Saintess

“Ka! Ka!” Yun Xi was burying A Shen with a shovel. Nobody would be able to see any remnants of the human corpse—A Shen—that was buried in the place which the green hippo had fallen.

Actually, he had no intention to kill A Shen, but fighting the green hippo gave him no choice—it was either he died or the other died. He didn't have any other choice.

When he noticed that the green hippo and A Shen had an unusual relationship, he had long been aware that there was no medicine that can possibly rescue him.

“A Shen, when you reincarnate, I know that you'll certainly hate me. But I must say one thing, you are truly mistaken.”

Having filled the soil, Yun Xi plugged it with several branches. Putting the town's “once in a lifetime” genius, who had unfortunately fallen astray, —A Shen—into eternal slumber in the corner of a small forest.

“Goodbye, A Shen.”

Nobody would have known that in this place there had been a soul-stirring battle of life and death.

After walking quite far, Yun Xi didn't notice that the pool of blood left by the dead green hippo vanished in the wilderness as soon as a blue light flashed.

White mist slowly filled the air in the warm spring water as the exhausted Yun Xi collapsed in the spring, unable to even move a finger.

"That guy, A Shen, really got a fearful thing." Lying down in the familiar hot spring, the deathmatch struggle a moment ago reappeared in Yun Xi's mind once again.

Only by recalling the last three moves he used to solve the green hippo, he saw that the moves had contained a transition movement, route lines, as well as the limit use of the blade's edge.

Hua Huo, you are rather too strong.

Without having experienced an actual battle by himself, Yun Xi was simply unable to imagine how fearful his childhood sweetheart Hua Huo was in the Sword Arts Realm.

A Shen was in fact, not weak. That green hippo had a roller compaction move which could overwhelm all under the 3rd Rank powerhouse.

But in Hua Huo's eyes, this green hippo was not that different than a piece of meat on the chopping block; so long as there was a knife, it would fall in seconds easily.

To think that between people a gap this big of a degree existed.

While his whole body was immersed in the hot spring, Yun Xi unconsciously used the breathing practice technique he got from Hua Huo.

Until now, he didn't know the name of this Secret Breathing Technique. According to Hua Huo, this technique was seemingly as simple as the basic Breathing Practice method.

But Yun Xi also knew, even before he learned his half-baked Breathing Practice method from Hua Huo, that this was absolutely very extraordinary.

Not only was this breathing practice method amazing for a beginner, but his Novice Iron Sword was also the same. When he recalled vividly in mind the green hippo's moves, even if he wished to kill that green hippo, it was absolutely impossible for him to do so.

"Hua Huo, in the end, you..." Yun Xi was very sure that there was no one in the town's school that could teach this kind of thing.

Neither in the Heavenly Sword God Domain or the Western God Domain, this kind of secret technique's level belonged only to the richest and powerful aristocrat family and had never been passed on to unauthorized people.

Even a half-completed Breathing Practice method was so powerful and through Hua Huo's Seed, he could learn the complete edition of this Breathing Practice method. For Yun Xi, it had opened a new door.

Regarding Mortal Grade cultivators, a formidable Breathing Practice method was the most important foundation. The reason for Yun Xi's, was that he easily accepted Hua Huo's Seed and had the highest compatibility since Hua Huo had laid the foundation for him to have lasting achievements.

"Originally... I had received such care..." With every breath he took, Yun Xi could clearly feel that his body was changing.

Unlike the absorption of the hippo's soul that gave quick results and eruption-like changes, this seed was silently and smoothly promoting the most fundamental part of his physical quality.

"Exhale... inhale..." While practicing the secret Breathing Practice technique from Hua Huo, Yun Xi's heart slowly became tranquil.

The sound of the surrounding water, the wind blowing from the distant trees, and his heartbeat were slowly connected together. Forming one kind of special rhythm.

This was—breathing, the most important vital activity for mortal life. It was also the beginning point for secret techniques practiced by all sects.

Hua Huo's secret technique was absolutely that of the highest-level. It tempered the most basic part to quench the body into perfection and laid the most perfect foundation for all steps taken in the future.

In many people's eyes, even geniuses—such as A Shen—when they were in Mortal Grade, they would pursue pure battle efficiency only. And for this reason, they didn't even hesitate to do dishonest things.

These kinds of so-called geniuses nearly had no hope to enter the 4th Rank—the Hero Rank. Even if they used some method to overdraft their future potential and barely broke through the grade, their advancement would still be stopped at the 4th Rank. After they entered old age, their vitality would become so weak that they would step back and regress into the Mortal Rank again.

They were lacking something, which was the basic physical quenching that was offered through a Breathing Practice method to temper their body to perfection. They were too obsessed and eager to cross the threshold for quick success and immediate gain. Forgetting about their foundation.

Hua Huo’s foundation was unknown, how many times better was it compared to A Shen’s? Their future achievement would’ve been worlds apart.

“Therefore, A Shen, how would you even possibly pursue Hua Huo.”

“Moreover, Hua Huo and I...” Thinking about that incomparably tragic future, Yun Xi couldn’t help but sigh.

Regardless of everything, had that 7th Rank Apostle come here, she was strong enough to sweep away the entire White Lotus Sword Domain, but that was a problem for later.

“Inhale... Haaah...” Though he was feeling hazy, Yun Xi still practiced Hua Huo’s secret breathing technique and maintained this state as most of his body sank into the hot spring, leaving only his nose and mouth above the water’s surface.

Getting immersed in this state of ecstasy meant that he had successfully practiced this secret breathing technique, as he then quickly sat in meditation and forgot everything.

Having experienced a deathmatch with the green hippo, Yun Xi became aware of his cultivation path advancement, as he finally started to transform himself to enter this world.

Meditating coupled with the aid of this hot spring really helped his blood circulation. He continued to remain in this state for quite a long time, even Yun Xi was unaware that the sky had darkened.

At a nearby river where he was chased down and had killed the green hippo, a troop from afar was camping. One after another, white lotus-shaped lanterns were hung up in midair as layers of formation then formed, which even birds were unable to enter.

“Welcome, Her Highness White Lotus Saintess!”

“Welcome, Her Highness Red Lotus Saintess!”

If Yun Xi was here, he could see that the mayor was kneeling down on the ground and sweating profusely with an anxious expression fully drawn on his face.

They had already reminded that kid—A Shen—countless times that he must by all means rush here before tonight to greet the Sword Palace’s messenger. That was also ordered by the emperor personally because these two saintesses were the White Lotus Sword Domain’s next successors!

They were not only well known as geniuses of the millennium in the White Lotus Sword Domain, but their souls were also interlinked. Their titles are “White Lotus Saintess” and “Red Lotus Saintess”.

“Enough with ceremony, we are only passing through here, and will only select disciples for the Sword Palace; we don’t want to enter the town and disturb the inhabitants.”

“...”

Beads of sweats were streaming down from the Mayor’s bald forehead.

The heavens might have taken a pity on this small town since this town was the most ordinary frontier region in the White Lotus Sword Domain with a population of tens of thousands people. So how would they have the opportunity to greet such a great VIP like the White Lotus Saintess?

And these two had already stepped into the Hero Rank—they were peerless powerhouses.

Moreover, it was said that they were only 14-years-old now!

Chapter 27: Captured Yun Xi

In the mountain’s hot spring, Yun Xi entered the most fantastic cultivation state since his birth.

Hua Huo’s seed was slowly emitting out its special spiritual spark and his body was helping him digest the talents with the mystical breathing method.

Gradually, on the surface of the water, round ripples appeared around Yun Xi.

In sync with Yun Xi’s breathing, these ripples spread out and radiated one after another.

His breathing slowly became nearly inaudible. At first, his nose and mouth were exposed on the surface of the hot spring, but now they sunk into the water.

In the foggy hot spring, Yun Xi's breath had already dissolved into nature itself, invisible and untouchable.

This was a wonderful realm which was so difficult to touch by mortals, even for Hero Ranked warriors.

Daoists called it "enlightenment".

Buddhists called it "epiphany".

In the Western God's Domains, sorcerers and wizards called it "God's Thought".

No matter what kind of description, they all pointed to this state: a state which was like a merging with natural itself, to feel the truth of the world.

It wasn't relevant to strength, but was more reliant on one's personal understanding, luck or chance.

Many Hero Ranked warriors didn't get to enter into this state even once during their life, but due to an accident or something else, many ordinary people had the chance to get into this realm.

Each mortal, as long as they had entered into this realm once, with no exception, all of them stepped into the realm of the Hero Rank in the end. Due to this, this state was also called "the permit of Hero Rank".

By using Hua Huo's breathing method and fighting with the green hippo, Yun Xi finally broke the invisible barrier and grew Hua Huo's seed to a condition that was able to support him to enter the state of epiphany.

However, Yun Xi didn't know why, he had a strange feeling that he was pretty familiar with this state.

"I'm here again." Yun Xi raised up his head, looking at the gate from a distance.

It was a gate that stood upright between heaven and earth, high above the clouds. It was a scene that Yun Xi had seen in his dream a lot of times.

This scene had been in his dream since long, long ago. He clearly remembered almost every next step.

"A loitering spirit again?" In front of the giant cloud gate, the guardian showed her killing intent to the uninvited invader.

"This isn't a trial?" Quickly, Yun Xi had found that it was a different world from the Star Trial.

Because he didn't see the campfire which was used for resurrection. Besides, there wasn't any weapon prepared for the newbie.

On top of that, the opponent he had to face was the guardian of the gate, whose level was so high that it couldn't even be identified.

Three wisps of icy blue hair were blowing in the wind, her long ponytail was hung down along her back as the giant sword was pulled up from the ground and held in her hands.

What a cold, but holy sword!

Its sword blade was cold, silvery white and its handle was studded with a big lock hole. When the girl pulled out the sword, Yun Xi seemed to see his death.

Its sword-type tassel danced in the air. Light flowed along the blade, as the night of destiny—cold, and without mercy.

“Swish!” Again, Yun Xi was cut in two at his waist as he then turned into dust and disappeared from the beautiful blue dream.

“Recently, isn't the invasion of loitering spirits a little too much?” The girl frowned, though she had killed the invader again.

Was it her illusion? The loitering spirit she killed just now looked a little different.

Perhaps, it was like an ant becoming a bigger ant?

“I died again.” Yun Xi depressingly opened his eyes and found that he was in another completely different world again.

What a big tree! Maybe it was hundreds of metres tall. He couldn’t see its top even if he raised up his head.

What a giant stone! Each stone was almost a dozen times bigger than his own body. As for the mountain, it looked as if it was tens of thousands of meters tall.

What a wide and vast river! Was this the kingdom of the giants? How many people would be drowned in the river since it was so deep?

What a short and small paw... wait, paw?!

Yun Xi speechlessly raised his head and looked at his own hand—a furry, soft paw. Then he looked at his inverted image in the river.

What a cute, unbelievably pitiful little golden dog! The most important thing was that he was quite familiar with the little golden dog.

“Mei’er?” Touching his own furry small face, Yun Xi questioned his star fairy.

“Master!” Mei’er’s happy voice appeared in Yun Xi’s heart—no, in her own heart.

“Tell me, what’s going on now?” Yun Xi felt strange in his current visual angle and body. He finally understood. The world was so big and dangerous in the eyes of the little golden dog.

“Eh... Master, you probably unconsciously occupied my body while you were practicing.”

“Master, don’t worry. You will naturally return to your body after you finish your practice.”

“My body is master’s possession from the beginning.” Mei’er didn’t feel uncomfortable seeing that her body was occupied by Yun Xi.

“If so... it’s not that bad...” Yun Xi slightly breathed out a sigh of relief. Since it was temporary, he could bear it.

As Yun Xi tried to control Mei’er’s body to walk back to himself, he heard an unfamiliar girl’s voice.

“Eh? There is a lonely little golden dog! It’s so pitiful!”

“Sister, can we pick it up?”

“No. Wandering dogs are dirty. It will stain your clothes.”

“If so, let’s help it take a bath. What a cute little guy. It must have suffered a lot during its wandering life.”

“Oh, right. The mayor told me that there is a hot spring.”

Not good! Yun Xi had a bad feeling. He immediately spread his legs, planning to run away.

He started Hua Huo’s seed!

Unfortunately, the body he controlled now belonged to the little golden dog. Even if Hua Huo’s seed was great, it was also impossible to let a golden dog run like a human.

Moreover, even if Yun Xi was controlling his own body now, it was also a waste of effort to try to run away.

Because the girl who was ready to catch Mei’er was far more powerful than Yun Xi’s imagination.

“You always make me sigh. Ok, I will do it for you, but just this once.” The sister’s voice was a little helpless, but also spoiling. Then, Yun Xi found that, though he was trying his best to run away, he was going backwards—as if time was turning back.

At first, the river was flowing at a great speed. But now, an enormous power forced it to flow backwards. Tens of thousands of tons of river water rolled to the sky with countless fish and prawns.

For an instant, the boundary of the sky and earth became a little ambiguous. Countless whirlpools swept across Yun Xi. They stopped his escape and finally made him fall onto a snow-white small palm.

It was a seemingly soft and small palm. It just softly waved, then reversed the flow of tens of thousands of tons of river water and rolled the air streams between the sky and earth. It was this incredible scene that successfully caught Yun Xi.

“White Lotus, got it.”

“Great! You’re the best, sister!”

Chapter 28: The Dangerous Sisters

Struggling and struggling, Yun Xi was desperately trying to get away from the warm embrace and escape.

Unfortunately, it seemed to be an absolutely impossible task.

Because the one who was holding him now was the young girl who just casually waved her hand and made the river flow backward, creating a powerful vortex that blasted him out to the world.

This was not the power any Mortal Grade could have. It was even stronger than Hua Huo, who could possibly be said as the strongest Sword Arts genius in the Mortal Grade.

A sharp blade can cut steel, but it absolutely could never roll up a storm.

This extraordinary force was beyond the limit of a peak 3rd Rank Mortal Grade. Only one who had entered into the 4th Rank—a Hero Rank powerhouse—would have this kind of ability.

No matter if it was one to the two big mainstreams in the Eastern God Domain—the Swordsmen or the Daoist Priests—or to all other practitioners without the God Domain, this Rank was regarded as the most important step.

Below the 4th Rank, beasts such as the green hippo could only train its flesh and blood to the limit.

However, if one wanted to break the limitation of the flesh and blood, he must enter a higher 'domain', which was known as the "Hero" rank.

"Ah woo...". After desperately struggling for a while, Yun Xi had to admit that even if he had the power of Hua Huo's seed, it was useless.

The opponents were just too strong.

"It's strange, this golden dog seems to be" The young girl who waved her hand and captured Yun Xi smelled the bleached golden-haired puppy dog's flavor and revealed a puzzled expression.

"It's not an ordinary golden hair, it seems like the Western God Domain's Golden Fur Princess."

"How could it be possible? This is the White Lotus Sword Domain, the Golden Fur Princesses are spoiled since birth in the Western God Domain, so how could this one stray into the wilderness?" The younger sister said while her bell-like laughter sounded; it was delightful and pleasant to the ears.

"Pooh..." With great difficulty, Yun Xi finally drilled out from the cage and looked up to the pair of sisters that seized him. He couldn't help but look expressionless.

These two sisters had black and straight long hair, but their clothing and personal adornments were miles apart.

The sister on the right wore red gemstone hair ornaments, with red petals like maple leaves, and was gorgeous and unrestrained. She was wearing some kind of witch clothes which were inscribed with a sword and flames similar to the dazzling burning flame of a Red Lotus.

The sister on the left wore white crystal hair ornaments, with crystal clear petals just like the ice, depicting a snow lotus, looking sacred and graceful. She wore almost exactly the same clothing design as her sister, but inscribed on it were pieces of lotus leaves—the White Lotus.

Red Lotus and White Lotus. It was precisely the best way to depict their portrayal.

It wasn't just their clothing and personal adornments, but their features were also very alike. Seeing them from this too close of a distance, these two looked almost exactly the same.

But how come there seemed to be something that was not quite right when looking at them? From Mei'er's angle, there was some kind of strange sensation that he couldn't tell from these two sisters.

"Then how would you explain this feeling?" The older sister raised Mei'er's small body as she guided the younger sister's hand to repeatedly stroke Mei'er's body up and down, not even the most shameful part was left out from their touch.

I cannot marry anymore! Having been played like this, Yun Xi could only feel a kind grief and have mixed feelings. It was the first time since birth that he felt he was so ravaged and devastated by a human!

“Hey, this feeling, these hairs, there is so much spiritual qi.” The younger sister was surprised. She looked at Yun Xi and smelled Mei’er’s fragrance.

“This good and nice fragrance, is this the legendary Golden Fur Princess?”

“It is possible, but we have not seen that legendary creature. How did this kind of pet live in this destitute and wild country?” The older sister frowned. Even if she wanted to know, she could not understand it.

That was only natural, because Mei’er was not a Golden Fur Princess, but the nobler Star Fairy! Yun Xi helplessly shook his head. This misunderstanding might not be able to be solved in the future.

“Could it be that this fellow belongs to a Western God Domain’s princess and she accidentally let this fellow run?” The younger sister looked like she was taking a fancy to Yun Xi’s body.

“Do you really like this little fellow?” Looking at her younger sister that seemed unable to put it down, Red Lotus’s eyes revealed a gentle expression.

Even she rarely saw such a warm expression in her younger sister’s eyes.

The Golden Fairy of the Golden Fur Princess may bring wealth and fortune to humans.

They were the Western God Domain’s mascot figure which made countless princesses, princes, and dukes long of dreaming for a Golden Fairy. This creature really deserved their reputation.

“I am really sorry, even if you are a Western God Doman’s Princess’s pet, I don’t have any choice, but to make her give up her treasure. Just look at my sister Bailian’s happy expression. It’s from the bottom of her heart,” The older sister Honglian set a firm resolve in her heart.

In this world, the things that could make Bailian happy became fewer as their values became more and more precious.

The glory and splendor, the riches and honor, the popularity, the top status and position, they could easily obtain these things easily without even trying.

Regarding the White Lotus Sword Domain’s saintesses, the things that could move their hearts were really too few.

The encounter with this little golden fur dog inadvertently broke into these sisters’ heart.

It must be fated, it couldn’t have been a random accident.

“Thank you, The Great. We hope that we can walk together with you on the road to the future.”

Honglian quietly made a gesture and drew overlapping strange traces in front of her.

“Master, be careful, be careful, be careful, don’t reveal any flaws!” Suddenly, Mei’er called out in Yun Xi’s mind.

“What, what happened?” For the first time, Yun Xi heard his Star Fairy let out such hasty and restless shout.

It seemed that he had encountered a very dangerous problem and had to be informed in advance.

“Yes, Master, you are in danger, and moreover, it’s fatal danger!”

“This pair of Twins of Destiny are the Apostle’s candidates!”

Mei’er sent out the greatest warning to remind Yun Xi that his life was already at stake.

The Apostle’s candidates! His ex-girlfriend?

A gigantic alarm sounded loudly in Yun Xi’s mind. Although they did not directly reach the level of genuine Apostles, they were the candidates. Just looking at that technique, they were absolutely not at the level where he could contend with!

These two were true Hero Rank powerhouses—they could reverse the river flow with a wave of a hand. An existence that could create a fearful tornado vortex.

Moreover, the Hero Rank! Yun Xi suddenly looked up and watched the twins, an outlined impression instantly floated in his heart.

Yes, it was them!

The same as A Shen's green hippo that was selected by the stars as his first smelting trial to reach the final goal in the Love System.

Back then, he had used a kiss to wake the sleeping beauty that was in a deep slumber in the deepest part of the forest!

It turned out that the sleeping beauty was not a person, but a pair of twins, Ah!

Chapter 29: Their Secret

"Let's go. It's a rare opportunity for us to visit a hot spring." Red Lotus waved her small hand. The twins witches were naturally suspended in the air, flying to the mountain like a pair of swallows.

Flying. Even among the Hero Rank strongest, there weren't too many people who had mastered this ability.

Except for some races who were born with wings, those at Hero Rank who could fly freely were clearly a terrible presence.

"Be careful, master. You are no match for them now. They're a pair of twins who are cursed by destiny," Mei'er carefully warned Yun Xi not to be found.

“A pair of twins who are cursed by destiny...” Through Mei’er’s eyes, Yun Xi looked at the flying pair of saints and felt something was wrong with their bodies.

Inside the mountain fog, the twins quickly arrived at the hot spring—it was a specialty only the town’s people knew of.

Not good, not good, not good! Yun Xi peeped in a narrow corner of the hot spring with sweat dripping. His body was there, in meditation.

If the twins found him, he wouldn’t need to consider if he would die, but how he would die.

No matter if it was the elder sister, Red Lotus, or the young sister, White Lotus, they could kill him easily like crushing an ant with a finger.

The absolute distance between their strength wasn’t something that could be filled by using only 20% of Hua Huo’s seed.

Red Lotus and White Lotus. They were the Apostle candidates of his ex-girlfriend. They were the powerful terrible warriors that Yun Xi had ever seen.

Scanning In front of the hot spring, the elder sister Red Lotus lifted her forefinger. A spirit light scanned the area and exposed the view of the hot spring.

“Nothing special. Seems there is a 1st Rank turtle. Ignore it.” Red Lotus looked at Yun Xi’s location. Her spirit light told her that it was a slow breathing, unmoving 1st Rank creature, it didn’t have any life wave.

Perhaps it really was a turtle. Only this kind of creature could make their breathing and heartbeat close to zero, but still kept their life wave soft and gentle.

“Let’s bathe our little golden dog.” The young sister White Lotus held Yun Xi in her arms with a happy smile.

“Wait... all-seeing, my Red Lotus Sword!” On Red Lotus’s fingertip appeared countless of light points as they converged into a deep red light sword suspended in the air.

Centered in the sword light, within one kilometer, no birds could fly in. If any visitor wanted to come in, he had to first break through the light sword.

After getting prepared, Red Lotus snapped her fingers.

Who knows what material their fantastic garments were made of. After Red Lotus’s snapped, it turned into countless soft, silk threads.

The red silk threads were like hot flames, filled with a fiery aura.

The white silk threads were like unmelted ice and snow, bringing cold air.

Two kinds of fantastic silk threads knitted together and constituted two unique holy vestments which Yun Xi had never seen before. They were enchanted with various kinds of special abilities.

After taking off their vestments, the twin witches exposed their snow-white skin and slender, graceful bodies. Just like the sleeping beauty Yun Xi saw in the dark forest.

Their ice-like skin and flawless soft necks were so graceful and mellow.

On their beautiful, gem-like bodies, stood exquisite and smooth nipples. Their slender body contour perfectly shrunk down to two points, showcasing their sexy pink fruits that lightly swayed in front of Yun Xi's eyes.

White Lotus's mellow body curved through her two "peaks", then through her smooth little belly, till it stopped at her slim, but whippy waist. It was exquisite like jade, but also gave people a good hand feel.

From her slender waist till the bottom of her stomach, her beautiful body curve finally stopped at her slim long legs.

After taking off the white socks, her white, beautiful and soft little toes were incredibly cute and beautiful.

Her jade-like little pink feet were smooth and glossy. Her five small toes curled up together. The back of her feet were fine and smooth. Her ankles were slender. Her entire feet was so soft, it was seemed to have been made from soap.

Red Lotus reached out her hands and gently grasped her sister's round heel, then tickled her soles.

"Ahahaha... sister... no..." While holding Yun Xi in her arms, White Lotus kneeled over in laughter. Her feet felt unstopably itchy, as she kicked and splashed the water.

“Hey hey... it’s a punishment for your stubbornness. It’s not an easy game to feed a little dog. Besides, I think this little golden dog has a master.” After teasing the sensitive body of her shy sister, Red Lotus raised up Yun Xi. Her eyes became more certain.

“As expected, you are a golden fairy.”

“Why do both Hua Huo and you think that Mei’er is a golden fairy?” Yun Xi muttered and peeped at the location of his own body.

Close. They were too close to his body. Originally, it wasn’t a big hot spring. Once the twin witches paid a little attention to that corner, he would be exposed.

In this case, even though he didn’t like it, he still needed to play his role as a little dog.

Struggle, struggle, struggle! In order to save his own life, Yun Xi tried his best to attract the twin witches’ attention to the little golden dog...

“Don’t move, little dog. Let me help you bathe.” The younger sister White Lotus was seemingly the gentle and kind one between the twins. She took over Yun Xi from her sister’s hands again and began to carefully wash the little golden dog’s body.

Wait, their bodies!

Finally, Yun Xi noticed why he felt that they were strange from the beginning.

They weren't just inseparable, but always held their hands at any time.

No, they weren't just holding their hands.

Their hands were really joined together!

Red Lotus's left hand and White Lotus's right hand.

The left side of Red Lotus's body and the right side of White Lotus's body.

Between them, some kind of diaphanous silk thread joined them together. Yun Xi had thought that they were holding hands; but in fact, it was just his misconception because their clothes were naturally connected together.

Within these silk threads was a kind of spirit light which made Yun Xi feel uncomfortable. There was even blood flowing inside it, permanently binding the twins together.

The twins cursed by destiny. Yun Xi remembered Mei'er's words.

So, this was their curse, the proof of the twin saints.

White Lotus and Red Lotus were inseparable.

Chapter 30: Poisoned Saintess

“Ahhh... so comfortable. This hot spring is great!” After teasing her sister’s toes, Red Lotus stretched her body. Seeing her pair of “rabbits” swaying, Yun Xi almost failed to keep his composure.

Dear heavens! Since the summer his sword skill teacher taught him that lesson, he had never experienced this kind of gentleness.

He didn’t even know where he should put his eyes on in front of the pair of twins.

“This time, the ‘higher person’ gave a special instruction. They wanted us to invite the sword talent with our largest sincerity.”

“No one expected that she was living in such a remote town, far away from the center of the God’s Domains.”

Sword talent? Living in this remote town? After hearing this, Yun Xi was confused for a while. Then, his childhood sweetheart’s appearance appeared in his mind.

The first girl to reach the 3rd Rank before her sixteenth birthday was the center of jealousy of all children at the same age.

If Red Lotus was talking about this small town, then only Hua Huo was eligible to be called as a genius.

“Regarding her family background and talent, if her family didn’t have that accident, she would never have come to the White Lotus Sword Domain.” Red Lotus sighed.

“Originally, she should be a girl respected and focused on by everyone.”

“Every gem will shine in the end. Even in such a remote area, her light still can’t be covered, can’t she?” White Lotus smiled faintly.

“This is also the reason why we personally came here to invite her to join the Sword Palace.”

“Other forces haven’t found her yet. Even we only found out by accident.”

“Yes, she really is a peerless genius. Someday, she will leave here and shock the entire world.”

“We just came here to invite her in advance.”

“Hua Huo, long time no see!”

His presentiment came true! They were here for Hua Huo!

Even though he had had a feeling that Hua Huo wasn’t a simple girl, but Yun Xi finally heard the conclusive evidence from their conversation.

Hua Huo didn't belong to the small town. As the twins said, her talent wasn't something this small town could gestate.

Yun Xi vaguely remembered that Hua Huo's family was from the Western God's Domain. However, it's been ten years. Every townspeople now considered Hua Huo's family as a part of the town.

However, everyone also knew that someday Hua Huo would one day leave this common small town.

Hua Huo was a 3rd Rank sword genius and was the strongest sixteenth years old girl. Such a girl would definitely step onto a higher stage in the future.

Red Lotus and White Lotus, the pair of twins came to invite Hua Huo.

"But something is strange. I received another instruction, it's about searching for a special person," After talking about their purpose of travel, Red Lotus turned the topic to another one.

"Another order? About what?" White Lotus curiously reached out her small hand, drawing a fantastic crossing mark in the air.

"Eh, it didn't have any explicit direction. They just asked me to pay attention to this area, looking for some upstart geniuses."

"Especially a liar who appears suddenly, seems very honest, but in fact, likes to flirt with women."

“Anyone who finds him can give up any other mission and order all the apostles to alternate and hunt this liar down at all costs.”

“The priority of this instruction is incredibly high.”

“What kind of liar can make them issue such an order at all costs?”

Red Lotus was also surprised by it. After she became the apostles’ candidate, she never saw such a high-priority order.

In her imagination, the liar must have caused an unforgivable trouble. Even that “presence” lost her temper and issued a fatwa. [1]

“Tsk-tsk, the liar will die miserably.” White Lotus could image that once the person was found, a miserable ending would be waiting for him.

“I’m afraid the liar isn’t an ordinary person, since it was that ‘presence’ that issued the fatwa. If we find him, we might have to fight with all our strength.” Red Lotus’s eyes showed that she was serious.

The liar... did it mean... Sweat streamed down Yun Xi’s face. He finally understood what the “highest warning” Mei’er said meanly.

He was just a 1st Rank Swordsman, but the twin witches were at the Hero Rank! If they found him, he would get to know the meaning of despair.

“Sister, let’s forget these boring things. Let’s talk about our dream.” White Lotus seemingly had no interest in battles and chases, but girlishly remembered the interesting thing they met not long ago.

“Ahh, I won’t listen, I won’t listen! That nightmare! It’s the shame of a lifetime!” Once her sister spoke of the “dream”, Red Lotus’s face turned red.

“I won’t admit it! As the Red Lotus Saint, the owner of the holy sword, how could I have such a shameless dream!”

“I... I... I... am not that kind of person!”

Yes, it was impossible! Unreasonable!

She put her mind to cultivating, defeated all opponents with her sister, reached the position as a saint, and garnered attention from that “supreme presence”: obtaining the identity as the apostles’ candidate. Would she have such a girlish dream? It was extremely ridiculous!

In the dark forest surrounded by brambles, she was kissed by an unknown man... it was the biggest shame in her life! She didn’t even remember the man’s face!

Giggle “I don’t think it’s a bad thing. After all, sister, you are a girl. It’s not strange to have a dream about falling in love.”

“In the dark forest, the cursed beautiful princess fell into a slumber, but was finally woke up by her destined prince’s kiss.”

“What a romantic story! Ah, why didn’t I stop you? Otherwise, at least, I could see the prince’s face!”

Unlike her serious sister Red Lotus, the young sister White Lotus’s eyes were full of a girlish, dreamy atmosphere.

“Prince, prince, where are you, my prince?”

“For you, I’m willing to be the cursed princess, sleeping in the dark forest and waiting for your arrival.”

“I believe someday, you will come to me just like in the dream, take my hands and kiss my lips.”

“Do you know after that, in my dream, I met with you every day?”

Red Lotus’ eyes gazed at White Lotus, as if this was the first time she recognized that her sister was so unreliable.

Ah, yes. Unlike other people’s imagination; in fact, the honorable, mysterious White Lotus Saint was a fantastical girl who liked to read romantic novels of the Western God’s Domains, and was addicted to the stories about princesses and princes.

Commonly, people called it — “The pubescent girl indulged in love”.