

Tang Sect 471

Chapter 471.1: Your Heart is Too Soft

Huo Yuhao removed his Imitation and revealed his actual appearance. He nodded lightly and said, "I'm fine. And you?"

Ju Zi gave him a slight smile and said, "You've seen it – I have been leading the great army into battle. It's not good for me, but it's not bad either."

Huo Yuhao stared at her as she stared back at him, and they went quiet in that instant.

Ju Zi's eyes were very passionate, but Huo Yuhao's were full of lament. A long time had gone by, but he could still remember vividly even now when he brought Ju Zi deep into the lair of soul beasts and risked their lives.

"Yuhao, are you really the person who destroyed our aerial surveillance soul tools?" Ju Zi suddenly asked.

Huo Yuhao nodded in response.

Ju Zi heaved a sigh and turned around. She gazed in the direction of where her Fire Phoenix Legion and army were camped as she said bitterly, "I never thought that those words that I said back then would come true. The thing I really didn't want to happen finally did. We have finally met again on the battlefield after all."

Huo Yuhao said, "You're just a girl – why do you have to throw yourself into this war!? You... haven't you married Xu Tianran? He actually allows you to show yourself outside?"

Ju Zi said plainly, "He is a person who is very sensitive to danger, and he doesn't even trust the people closest to him – I am the exception, because I saved his life when he was in the most difficult of times. Therefore, he has always trusted me. Our marriage was just a ceremonial process so that he can allow me to do more. You can say that I am his wife, but it's more accurate to say that I am his most trusted subject. Military power has always been most important in his eyes, so he inserted me into the army. You may not believe me, but when he was severely injured all those years ago, not only were his legs crippled, but he's also infertile. I haven't been staying together with him till today."

Huo Yuhao was astonished when he heard her words. He was an emperor, but he was infertile? If this secret was known to the public, it would probably shake Xu Tianran's throne to its very core.

Ju Zi chuckled and said, "I'm telling you all this, and it seems like your status in my mind has surpassed his. But I believe you won't say this to anyone, right?"

Huo Yuhao said, "Since you trust me, what else can I say? I'm not such a bad person."

Ju Zi turned around and stared at him again. "I'm sorry, Yuhao. Even though I am unwilling to meet you under such circumstances, I am very happy to see you alive. Don't fight against me, okay? You will not be my match on the battlefield. Your heart is too soft, and that is especially so for those beside you. Your heart has always been too soft."

Huo Yuhao frowned as his eyes gradually grew cold. That was because he could see that Ju Zi's large eyes were flickering with decisive emotions.

"Ju Zi, I can take you away if you're willing. I can take you away from the Sun Moon Empire, and you can start an entirely new life. You have personally been through the cruelty of war, so why do you have to bring war to even more people?"

Ju Zi's expression changed, and her voice suddenly became shrill. "That's easy for you to say. The Star Luo Empire's army killed my father back then and ruined my family, so why don't you say that to their generals and commanders? They destroyed me and everything I had, and I want revenge. I told you a long time ago that the reason why I'm still alive in this world is for revenge. Anybody who will help me exact my revenge will be doing me a favor. Xu Tianran is my benefactor, and you – are not!"

Huo Yuhao felt the resentment that was rippling from Ju Zi, and he fell silent.

They returned to their quiet interaction from before.

The resentment on Ju Zi's face gradually disappeared after a moment, and a faint smile surfaced. "Why are we talking about all that after not seeing each other for so long? I don't want such bliss that's so hard to come by disappear like that. Walk away, Yuhao. We have become two parallel lines that are destined to never converge. You have your path, and I have mine. Unless you kill me now, you can't stop me. Nobody can stop me from moving forward, and one day, I will lead the Sun Moon Empire's great army to flatten the Douluo Continent's three empires and conquer the world. There will no longer be conflict on the continent when that happens, and I will rule over this country properly, so that there will be eternal peace."

Her eyes were full of passion as she spoke.

Huo Yuhao felt his heart tremble when he heard her words. Rule this country properly – her?

Ju Zi smiled and stared at the shock in Huo Yuhao's eyes "For some reason, I can never hide the words that are deep in my heart whenever I'm with you. Perhaps it's because you are the only man I've ever liked in the world. Seems like my choice was right; you have become so powerful now. You're not yet a Titled Douluo, and yet even though I don't know how you've done it, I can feel that you are far more threatening than typical Titled Douluo to me. Yuhao, if you're willing – if you're willing to help me, when I have conquered the entire continent in the future, I am willing to be the woman behind you. Alright? When that happens, I trust that you will have reached the pinnacle of the human world."

"You're only twenty years old and yet you already possess such power. Furthermore, you're not like me, because I've used a lot of medicines and drugs to raise my strength. My senses are very strong, and I can feel the aura of a very powerful individual of our generation from you. You will definitely become a Transcendent Douluo, perhaps even an Ultimate Douluo. Stand by my side, will you? If that happens, I will be filled with hope, and even more fighting spirit. I will definitely attain my goal in an even shorter period of time."

Huo Yuhao slowly but determinedly shook his head as he gazed into the burning passion in her eyes. "Ju Zi, you're right. We are two lines that can no longer converge, and you have your, resolutions while I have my own motivations. Yes, an empire that can conquer the entire continent will bring peace in the

future. But have you considered how many lives have to be given in this war to reach this goal of peace?”

Ju Zi said coldly, “Success is paid with lives, and the future has to be built on rivers of blood.”

Huo Yuhao grunted coldly and said, “Ju Zi, I didn’t expect you to be so cold-blooded. How are you any different from an evil soul master? Even though I don’t know what you’re going to do in the future, you should know that the Sun Moon Empire is playing with fire by cooperating with the Holy Ghost Church. The Holy Ghost Church has so many evil soul masters, and they are extremely formidable. Their two Ultimate Douluo are the most powerful human beings in the world. Do you really believe that you can control them? In the future, even if the Sun Moon Empire can conquer the whole continent, will these evil soul masters remain silent? I’m afraid they will have the same goals as you when that happens.”

Ju Zi laughed, and her laughter was brimming with confidence. “I don’t need you to worry about those things. As long as you’re willing to be together with me, and help me, I will slowly let you understand my plan. The Holy Ghost Church is very powerful, but even the strongest of men have weaknesses. Furthermore, they are a sect. What I control is an empire’s strength. Do you really believe that individual strength can fight against an entire empire? Be the man behind me, Yuhao. Please? Consider me begging you.”

Ju Zi suddenly became very weak as her words stopped there. Two rows of tears slid down her cheeks as the transparent teardrops swiftly turned into ice and dropped to the ground before they shattered into pieces.

Huo Yuhao stared at her. There was uncertainty in her eyes, and there was fear – but there was more hope.

He knew that this was perhaps the last time their destinies would intersect. But could he really do that?

Huo Yuhao took a step forward as he shook his head lightly. He brought Ju Zi into his embrace and said, “I’m sorry, Ju Zi, but I can’t. You have your resolutions, and I have mine. Even though I am not willing to admit it, perhaps we can only be enemies. After today, I will risk everything to stop the Sun Moon Empire’s invasion. I wish for peace in the continent, and I will work to that end till the day I die.”

Ju Zi let him hug her. She raised her arms and wrapped them around his sturdy back. She didn’t attempt to convince him anymore, and just allowed her tears to flow like waterfalls, and her teardrops turned into ice on her beautiful face.

The two of them were just hugging each other, and Ju Zi raised her head after a moment as she gently pushed Huo Yuhao away.

“You are the person I am least willing to have as an enemy, Yuhao. Do you know that?” Ju Zi said agonizingly.

Huo Yuhao raised his head into the sky and said, “You and me both.”

Ju Zi nodded gently and said, “Alright, since you’ve made your choice, then we can only be enemies after today. Yuhao, have you ever liked me?”

Huo Yuhao trembled before he gently nodded.

Ju Zi smiled and walked next to him. She placed her arm around his neck as she pressed her lips close to his ear. "I guess I have not liked you for nothing. Thank you, and even if you're lying to me, I'm still very happy."

Huo Yuhao heaved a sigh and said, "Why would I lie to you? You were the first woman that walked into my heart, but there are just too many hurdles and barriers between us – too many. Ju Zi, you..."

Ju Zi suddenly raised her hand and pressed it against his lips. She didn't let him continue. "Since we have our own resolutions, then from today onwards, can we stop attempting to convince each other? We will both work hard on our own paths. Perhaps, several years or even decades later, when one of us has achieved our goal, everything will be different. Don't you think so?"

Huo Yuhao gently nodded. He knew that any attempt to convince her would be futile.

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Ju Zi cupped his face in her hands as she stared into his eyes from as near as they could be. She stroked his face tenderly as she felt the warmth coming from his cheeks, and her eyes were covered with moisture once more.

"I can't bear to leave you, do you know that?" She said gently.

Huo Yuhao's body shook, but he couldn't say anything at all.

He did like Ju Zi before, but his heart now truly belonged only to Dong'er. Furthermore, even if Dong'er hadn't appeared, he couldn't go against his principles for Ju Zi. However, his heart was truly aching so, so much in this moment.

"I want to kiss you – may I? Consider it a farewell kiss." Ju Zi said softly.

Huo Yuhao was momentarily stunned. Ju Zi stepped forward against his body without waiting for his response as her ice-cold but moist lips pressed tightly against his.

Her lips were soft and fragrant. Huo Yuhao was a normal man, and especially because of the atmosphere they were in, he really couldn't push her away.

Subtle intoxication coursed over his body, and Huo Yuhao suddenly felt as if his entire being was immersed in this feeling. Even his spirit began to feel a little lost in the next moment.

"Eh?" Huo Yuhao grunted softly, and his eyes suddenly widened, because he could clearly feel that something wasn't right.

Ju Zi was still kissing him, and she smiled gently.

Her lips parted as she said, "Don't try to struggle. This Infinite Intoxication has no antidote. It's not poisonous; it will only make you sleep for a little while. I love you, Yuhao, really. I love you. You will be the only man that I will ever love in this life."

Huo Yuhao's body gradually slid into her arms along with her soft and fine words.

The Infinite Intoxication was too strong. Huo Yuhao's spiritual sea was almost instantly cut off by that strange drug, and he couldn't even communicate with his four formidable Spirits. His consciousness slowly left him, and only a bitter smile remained on the corner of his mouth.

Ju Zi is right – my heart is just too soft.

Ju Zi placed him carefully onto the ground as she sat quietly beside him. She raised one of his arms and rested against it as she curled herself up against his chest.

Snow and ice was everywhere around them, but the Extreme North's low temperature didn't affect the burning passion in her heart at all.

She had been waiting for this day for far too long. The feeling of curling up in his arms was wonderful.

Waves of warmth emanated from Ju Zi and spread over both of their bodies to fight against the severe cold around them. She was just lying there, silent and enchanted, enjoying this rare blissful moment.

Fifteen minutes passed as she lay there motionless, and there was only happiness on her face.

She slowly sat up from Huo Yuhao's embrace after fifteen minutes, and the warmth, tenderness, and bliss on her face was gradually substituted by iciness.

She gradually stood up as she stared at Huo Yuhao beside her. She muttered, "I did say that your heart was too soft, especially towards people you like. But why do I just like that about you? I can feel that you will be an enormous threat to my future plans, and I should kill you at this time. Killing you can resolve the only remaining soft emotions in my heart, and I can eliminate a great threat at the same time."

Ju Zi flipped her wrist as she spoke, and a spike that was yellowish all over appeared in her grip.

Murderousness flickered in her eyes, but lasted but a moment before she smiled.

"He won't kill me, so how can I kill him? His heart is soft, and mine is cold, but my heart melts only when I am with him! You're so foolish. No matter what, I will not hurt you. Do you know that? As long as you're alive, I will not go insane. That bit of tenderness in my heart is what I treasure the most. Not only will I not hurt you – if somebody else hurts you, I will kill that person no matter who he or she is."

She tapped the tip of her foot gently against Huo Yuhao's waist as she spoke, and flipped Huo Yuhao onto his side.

She squatted down beside him and stared at him seriously. After few moments, she raised the yellow spike and thrust it ferociously towards Huo Yuhao's waist.

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Cold wind billowed.

The sky was already bright when Huo Yuhao came to from his blackout.

Daytime in the Extreme North was a lot shorter compared to the inner mainland. The sky was already completely bright at this point, but it still looked very dim.

Huo Yuhao swiftly sat up and glanced down at himself subconsciously. He didn't feel anything different.

He looked around him, and everything was just snow and ice; Ju Zi was long gone. However, the soul tools that Huo Yuhao had detected that generated heat were placed in a circle around him. These were the things that had been giving him warmth before.

Even though he possessed Ultimate Ice and wasn't afraid of the cold, he couldn't help but feel a wave of warmth flow through his body when he saw those soul tools that generated heat.

Haih, Ju Zi!

Huo Yuhao stood up and gazed in the direction of the Sun Moon Empire's great army. He shook his head exasperatedly, but his gaze quickly turned to one of determination.

I'm sorry, Ju Zi. You have your targets, but I have to stop you. I cannot let you achieve your goal. If we meet again on the battlefield, perhaps that is our destiny.

"Yuhao, she is right. Your heart is too soft. If she wanted to do something bad to you, you would have died a hundred times over." A shadow flickered as the Snow Empress glimmered soundlessly beside him.

He snapped around at the Snow Empress, and saw her displeased look.

Huo Yuhao's four Spirits were powerful, but their existence depended on Huo Yuhao, after all. During the previous night, after Huo Yuhao's spiritual sea was blocked off by that sinister Infinite Intoxication, his four Spirits couldn't channel his strength no matter how worried they were. They couldn't even come out because his spiritual sea was shut off.

"I'm sorry, Snow Empress," Huo Yuhao forced a laugh as he spoke.

The Snow Empress said plainly, "You don't have to apologize to me. Your softheartedness has led you to your current dire situation. That woman is dangerous. If you can, killing her is the best choice."

Huo Yuhao laughed bitterly and said, "I can't do it. Ju Zi has saved my life before. I..."

The Snow Empress waved him off and didn't let him continue. "If you can't do it, then don't interact with her so closely anymore. What do you intend to do next?"

Huo Yuhao answered, "I will continue investigating what this army is here to do. They have come so far into the Extreme North, and it can't be that they're here to deal with me. They must have some other objective. I will discover their objective, and then I will stop them."

The Snow Empress thought for a moment, then said, "That's not difficult. This is my home, and it's also the Ice Empress' home."

Huo Yuhao's eyes glowed as he heard her words. "What do you mean, Snow Empress?"

The Snow Empress said, "You should wait until you find out what they want. Otherwise, we can't do anything against them."

"Alright," Huo Yuhao acknowledged.

Even though he was softhearted toward Ju Zi, he was never unclear about the bigger picture. He wouldn't give up on his own goal just because Ju Zi was the commander of the Sun Moon Empire's army.

Huo Yuhao ate some dry rations and readjusted himself to make sure that his body was alright before he travelled in the direction of where the Sun Moon Empire's army was camped.

He had confidence. Even if the army was gone, he could still track them using any traces they had left behind with his abilities.

However, the Sun Moon Empire's army was still there, and they were still camped where they were the previous night. Furthermore, the soul engineers and soldiers were starting to get busy. They were still building based on the foundations of the trap they had set for Huo Yuhao the previous day, but he didn't know what they were doing.

Huo Yuhao's eyes closed into slits as he watched them hustle around, and he began to think. It seemed like this place was their destination. But what could they be doing in a place like this?

He had learned his lesson, and he wouldn't go in to investigate anymore. Furthermore, even if he did, he had to be especially careful. He wasn't interested in causing damage right now, as finding out the Sun Moon Empire's objective was more important.

Huo Yuhao observed quietly in the snow and ice, and a day passed just like that.

There were a lot of soul engineers participating in the labor, while their machines worked very quickly. They took but one day to finish the base of their constructions over five hundred square meters. A certain large machine attracted Huo Yuhao's attention.

There was a drill-like thing beneath this enormous machine. This drill was more than five meters in diameter, and it was constructed by hoisting components into place. This machine was very large, and the metal pillars from before formed the foundations for its construction. Some stabilizing mechanisms were built with those metal pillars as the skeleton.

What are they trying to do, exactly?

Huo Yuhao was very suspicious. Are they trying to drill into the ground? But what can be beneath the ground?

An idea came to Huo Yuhao as he contemplated. Underground? What can be underground? There can only be one answer – resources!

Can it be that there are some resources in the Extreme North that the Sun Moon Empire needs? Or...

Huo Yuhao did not continue observing from where he was, but ran further away and soared into the sky.

He had been following the Sun Moon Empire's army over these days, but he had always been doing everything from the ground. His field of view would be a lot wider if he flew into the sky, and perhaps he could discover something then.

The chilly air was sharper, and the temperature even lower. However, those conditions didn't affect Huo Yuhao. He didn't have to use the Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice; he only needed the Domain of Perpetual Ice to form a layer of protection around him, and that was sufficient.

Huo Yuhao gazed down as he flew high into the sky, and he quickly discovered some problems.

There were some barracks established twenty-five kilometers from where the Sun Moon Empire's army was camped. That area should be within the Dou Ling Empire's territory. The Heavenly Soul Empire's territory was in the other direction, and there seemed to be some old structures about ten kilometers out. The Sun Moon Empire was currently camped between those two areas.

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Something's wrong!

Huo Yuhao immediately descended after this simple observation before he flew towards the Heavenly Soul Empire's rickety structures.

He used Spiritual Detection, and discovered that the Sun Moon Empire's soldiers had long been standing guard in those old structures. There were many large machines inside those structures, and even though they weren't as advanced as the machines that the Sun Moon Empire had just constructed, he could tell that they were targeted at the ground.

Resources – yes, resources!

Huo Yuhao didn't go any closer. He was afraid to startle his enemies, and he was a little afraid of Ju Zi. Her devious trick had bested him once, and he had to be more careful in dealing with her.

If he couldn't tell what was going on with the Sun Moon Empire, could he not tell from the Dou Ling Empire's side? Even though they were all bordering the Extreme North, their objectives were likely to be the same. He would naturally discover something if he went to observe the Dou Ling Empire's barracks.

Huo Yuhao turned around as he contemplated, and covered several dozen kilometers in the blink of an eye.

The Dou Ling Empire was clearly unaware that the Sun Moon Empire's great army had arrived. In the end, they were separated by national borders even though they were so close to each other. The Dou Ling Empire was still upholding their agreement with the Heavenly Soul Empire, that they wouldn't send any scouts to conduct reconnaissance within the Heavenly Soul Empire's territory.

Huo Yuhao was full of admiration for Ju Zi as he confirmed the barracks' positions on this side. If the Sun Moon Empire had come any closer to this side, they would likely have been discovered by the Dou Ling Empire. The Sun Moon Empire's current position was close to the other side, but they were somewhere where it wasn't easy to be discovered.

There was no doubt that, with the Sun Moon Empire's Fire Phoenix Legion, they could destroy the Dou Ling Empire's army without breaking a sweat. But if they did that, they would undoubtedly alert the Dou Ling Empire. Judging from the current situation, the Sun Moon Empire – rather, Ju Zi – evidently didn't want to be exposed so quickly.

Too cunning! Even though he didn't want to admit that that Ju Zi was one of the Sun Moon Empire's generals, he had to admit that she was very talented in military matters. She was definitely superior to him.

He landed close to the Dou Ling Empire's barracks, and his Spiritual Detection immediately stretched over the barracks like an enormous web.

He quickly discovered what he needed to know.

The Dou Ling Empire's barracks had clearly been around for a relatively longer time. There was an army of two thousand standing guard on this side, and there were also many workers hard at work.

The surface of the earth was freezing. However, the temperature beneath the ground was a lot higher. There was no doubt that this was the publicly recognized location to work on, and they were excavating some minerals from beneath the ground.

Rare metals!

Huo Yuhao finally got his answer.

He hadn't expected that the Sun Moon Empire's objective was a vein of rare metals that had appeared on the borders of the Extreme North!

The Dou Ling Empire was thirty kilometers from the Sun Moon Empire's camp, and about fifty kilometers from the Heavenly Soul Empire's old barracks.

There was no doubt that the Heavenly Soul Empire was originally mining here as well. This meant that the underground mine could possibly stretch out fifty kilometers. How abundant did those rare metals have to be? It was no wonder that the empress, Ju Zi, would venture out in person. The resources here were equally important to the Sun Moon Empire. They were very advanced in soul tools, but crafting soul tools, especially high-level ones, had an equally heavy requirement for materials.

Huo Yuhao's eyes were opened, and he finally understood the Sun Moon Empire's objective.

No, I cannot let them succeed, no matter what. If the Sun Moon Empire manages to obtain the incredibly large amounts of rare metals here to support them, who knows how many more soul tools they can craft to use against the Douluo Continent's three empires? I have to find a way to ruin her plan.

However, Huo Yuhao was no longer so worried when he discovered Ju Zi's plan. The reason was simple – mining a mineral vein like this required a lot of human and material labor. They couldn't achieve anything overnight. The Sun Moon Empire had to mine over a long period of time. Ju Zi and the others should first be establishing a base for excavation before they would start as quickly as possible so that they could transport the rare metals back to the Sun Moon Empire.

Since that was the case, he had a chance.

A cold grin appeared on Huo Yuhao's face. I can't deal with the Sun Moon Empire's army by myself, but just as the Snow Empress said, we are in the Extreme North. This was the Snow Empress, the Ice Empress, and the Skydream Iceworm's old home.

Without discussing the great boost in strength for someone who possessed an Ultimate Ice martial soul, this was the world that the Snow Empress had ruled over a long time ago!

The Snow Empress' status in the Extreme North was like the Beast God's status in the Great Star Dou Forest.

"Snow Empress, Ice Empress." Huo Yuhao channeled his thoughts and summoned the two empresses.

Two lights flickered as the Ice Empress and the Snow empress emerged from his body at the same time.

Ever since they came across the Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence, the two empresses had been integrating with the ice essence, and their origin powers were now a lot stronger than before. Even though they were still energy bodies, their forms were no different from material forms when they emerged from Huo Yuhao this time.

The Ice Empress blushed faintly as she saw Huo Yuhao. This was the first time that she was facing him after she had revealed her true emotions when the Snow Empress provoked her.

Huo Yuhao naturally wouldn't tease her at a time like this. He lowered his voice and said, "Ice Empress, Snow Empress – I have figured out the Sun Moon Empire's objective. They're trying to extract the rare metals here. How do we destroy their operation so that they can't take these resources away?"

The Ice Empress resolved her embarrassment as she rushed to speak. "Isn't that simple? We'll chase them all away, and then we'll extract it for ourselves."

Huo Yuhao's facial muscles spasmed as he watched her speak so casually. He thought to himself, everyone who is in love seems to be blinded – whether they are soul beasts or humans.

"What about you, Snow?" The Snow Empress' thoughts should be more normal.

The Snow Empress said plainly, "Ice is right! We'll chase them away, and this place will belong to us. This is our territory anyway, and anybody who wants to come into our place to pillage is asking to die."

"Ahem!" Huo Yuhao almost choked on his own saliva as he forced a laugh and said, "The two of you think too highly of me. I am very ashamed! I don't have the strength to help you guys chase them away."

The Snow Empress' answer was plain. "Have you forgotten that I said this is our territory? We are the true dictators of this place. Even though we have become your Spirits, and we no longer possess the strength we did back then, it doesn't change the facts."

A thought occurred to Huo Yuhao. "Are you saying that we should draw on..."

The Snow Empress tilted her head slightly as she pointed with her right hand toward the ground. The snow and ice around them instantly transformed into cyclones as snowflakes danced through the air. The surrounding temperature immediately plummeted as her eyes became a little listless. "It feels so good to be back! This is our home."

The Ice Empress nodded and chimed in. "Yes! This is the first time that we've been back ever since we left with Huo Yuhao. Let's go, Yuhao. We'll let them hustle. You'll follow us into the Extreme North, and we'll go into the core circle."

"Alright." The two queens had spoken their piece. There was no other reason for him to hesitate. Yes! The Ice Empress and the Snow Empress had ruled over the ice-type and snow-type soul beasts in the Extreme North's icy plains for several hundred thousand years, and their authority in this place ran deep. Even though they had become Spirits, they were still dictators in this place.

Huo Yuhao soared into the sky as he flew towards the Extreme North's core circle.

Inside the Fire Phoenix Legion's commander's tent.

Ju Zi calmly gave order after order. These orders included several important traps – she understood Huo Yuhao too well, and from her perspective, he was extremely intelligent, even though he sometimes did things based on his emotions. Ju Zi knew that capturing him again after failing to do so the last time around would be even more difficult.

She didn't want to be enemies with Huo Yuhao, but she was very clear that he would not give up on messing with her army when she didn't kill him. Furthermore, with his intelligence and abilities, it wouldn't take long for him to figure out what she was doing with such a large army. In the end, something like this was very hard to hide.

Ju Zi didn't intend to conceal her intentions any longer. She became a little excited and enthusiastic when she found out that Huo Yuhao was her opponent. Perhaps this was the best opportunity for them to clash.

Such a long time had passed, and Huo Yuhao's strength had actually grown to such a level. She could feel that he was at least a Soul Sage, and he also had twin martial souls. His spiritual-type martial soul should have given him the soul skill that allowed him to conceal himself, and his ice-type soul skills naturally came from his Ultimate Ice marital soul. It was no wonder that his abilities were so powerful. The Extreme North could be said to be his turf.

But, so what? I will never lose.

Ju Zi's subordinates had all left, and she stood up by herself as a faint smile appeared on her face.

Will you still come, Yuhao? I am eagerly waiting for that to happen. To be honest, I am not willing to become your opponent, but this is truly very interesting. We can have a great battle here in the Extreme North, and we shall see who will overpower who. I will not give you a chance to give me any more trouble if you end up in my hands. At least, I will only let you go after I complete my objective here. Do you know, I am regretting not bringing you back last night a little – but there are some things that you don't know about.

Ju Zi smiled mysteriously as her thoughts stopped there.

There was a secret deep in her heart that only she knew. Yes, she was the only one who knew, and she would protect this secret forever.

“Yuhao, do you know that the happiness that you have given me will remain by my side?”

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Time passed day after day. From Ju Zi's perspective, Huo Yuhao should be making his move soon. At least, he should make some kind of probing attack, and attempt to destroy some of their surveillance soul tools on this side. His concealing abilities could be maximized only when there were fewer surveillance soul tools.

But what caught her a little off-guard was that she was waiting around as five days flashed by. Huo Yuhao didn't appear in the end, and their plan was successfully carried out. They were starting to extract the metals from the mine.

The roads were too far, and in addition to the terrible conditions in a cold and dreadful place like the Extreme North, transport was very inconvenient. Therefore, Ju Zi had decided before they departed that they would extract, refine and process everything on the spot. They would only transport all the rare metals when refinement was complete.

Xu Tianran was the only person who knew that she was here in person, while all the rare metals that they would extract from this operation would all belong to the empire's royal family, so that they could strengthen their control over the imperial family. Everything was arranged after she had a discussion with Xu Tianran.

Has he really left? That's not quite like his personality! He has always been the kind to become braver as pressure piles on, and he will never admit defeat. Even if I am his enemy, there's no reason for him to leave just like that, since he is so determined to oppose me.

Ju Zi was as dejected as she was suspicious. Truthfully, she would rather clash with Huo Yuhao than receive news once more that she had lost him. In the end, she had absolute authority over the army here, and all she had to do was not hurt him, even if they faced each other on the battlefield. She didn't feel very comfortable that he would leave just like that. This was how complicated a woman's emotions were.

Of course, Huo Yuhao wouldn't give up. After travelling continuously for a long time, and three days after departing the Sun Moon empire's great army, he was inside the Extreme North's core region.

Huo Yuhao didn't run into too much trouble as he flew forward. Typical soul beasts couldn't threaten him at all with his strength, and even those that were relatively stronger would immediately scamper away when he imitated the Ice Empress' aura.

The Ice Jade Empress Scorpion was one of the Extreme North's Three Heavenly Kings. Most high-level soul beasts from the Extreme North were very familiar with the Ice Empress' aura, and that was the reason why Huo Yuhao's imitation was almost always successful.

The temperature dropped even more as they entered the Extreme North's core region. There were hurricanes and biting winds high up in the sky. Huo Yuhao didn't know how to fly when he was last here, so he didn't feel how powerful these hurricanes were. This time, he immediately suffered a blow as soon as he flew into the Extreme North's core region.

A powerful gust of wind swept over, and Huo Yuhao couldn't resist at all as he was thrown higher into the sky. This terrifying gust was incredible, and contained vigorous explosiveness. If Huo Yuhao's body hadn't been sufficiently tough, and if he hadn't possessed an Ultimate Ice martial soul, he would have been torn to pieces.

Huo Yuhao was barely able to land on the ground. He was overcome with fear – with his knowledge of powerful individuals, that gust of wind was probably equivalent to an eight-ringed Soul Douluo's attack at full strength. He had just entered the Extreme North's core region! Wouldn't it become even more terrifying if he went deeper in? No wonder he almost never saw any soul beasts flying in the sky here. It lived up to its name as a forbidden grounds for humans.

The Extreme North's core region shared a name with the Great Star Dou Forest's Slaughtering Grounds. Even the Sun Moon Empire's Evildemon Forest was far inferior.

In the end, the Evildemon Forest got its reputation because of how powerful the Evileye Tyrant King was. The Great Star Dou Forest's Slaughtering Grounds contained many savage beasts, and the threat in the Extreme North's core region wasn't from its soul beasts – it was from its environment.

In such an environment, even Titled Douluo couldn't survive for too long. The air was incredibly dry, while the chilly winds cut like blades. Not a single stalk of grass could be seen, and the incredibly low temperatures could continuously burn down a soul master's soul power. It was almost impossible for them to live here.

Furthermore, ice-type soul masters were a minority anyway. Therefore, very few soul masters came to this place to hunt soul beasts. This was the reason why the overall strength of the Extreme North's soul beasts had grown to such a formidable level over recent years. If not for the fact that this place wasn't that suitable for soul beasts to live, it probably wouldn't take long for the Extreme North's soul beasts to catch up with the strength of the Great Star Dou Forest's soul beasts.

Huo Yuhao no longer dared to fly in the sky with the lesson he had learned. He walked on the ground, and even though there were gusts of cold wind that cut through the air on the ground, they were much gentler compared to the winds in the air.

Huo Yuhao had the Skydream Iceworm to protect him the last time he was here, and only then could he resist the severe cold. He was back here many years later now, and he felt a little strange.

Back during the first time he was here, he was as weak as an ant compared to the other beings in the Extreme North. Without the Skydream Iceworm's help, just the environment here would have killed him countless times over.

Ten years later today, he had the ability to face this environment's dreadful conditions by himself. Furthermore, two of the Extreme North's Three Heavenly Kings were accompanying him.

Ten years ago, him doing this was something that he didn't even dare to think about!

Huo Yuhao didn't ask the Ice Empress or the Snow Empress anything else as they continued forward. The Ice and the Snow Empress would tell him when they arrived.

He moved forward very naturally as his eyes moved a little as he glanced towards his left. There was life rippling from that place, and those undulations were very intense.

What's that?

Huo Yuhao immediately used Spiritual Detection and projected it into the distance. He quickly saw several soul beasts.

There were several Extreme Northern Bears that were incredibly muscular. These bears were very large, at least seven to eight meters tall when they stood up, while their bodies were extremely thick and tough. These soul beasts had thick fur, and their strength was terrifying. Furthermore, their explosiveness was so vigorous that they could spring over short distances as quickly as agility-type soul beasts. They were high up in the food chain within the Extreme North's icy plains.

There were four bears here, and three of them were grown, while there was only one that was relatively smaller, only three meters tall. It looked like a baby bear.

Full-grown Extreme Northern Bears had to have at least a thousand years of cultivation, but one couldn't underestimate their threat just because they were only thousand year soul beasts. The Extreme Northern Bears in this place were like the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears in the Great Star Dou Forest. Thousand year Extreme Northern Bears could rival normal ten thousand year soul beasts, and even though their fighting strength still couldn't match up to that of the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears, very few soul beasts dared to provoke them.

At this moment, these four Extreme Northern Bears were charging at Huo Yuhao at breakneck speed.

Huo Yuhao instantly felt a little exasperated, because he remembered the Extreme Northern Bears' characteristics. Powerful soul beasts like that in the Extreme North had very sensitive senses of smell, because the Extreme North always had a scarcity of food. Therefore, their sense of smell became very strong through their consistent evolution. They could smell other living beings from kilometers away, and it was clear that they had discovered him, and were treating him like prey.

Huo Yuhao didn't run, because he remembered something else when he recalled some information about the Extreme Northern Bears. When he was undergoing training in the Ultimate Soldier Plan, his teacher that was teaching him about food told him that the Extreme Northern Bears' paws were the most delicious amongst the other bears. That was because they were living in the Extreme North, and under continuous refining from the severe cold, their paws were especially fat and juicy. They could be cooked with certain special methods, and they would taste extremely delicious, while being extremely nutritious for humans. They were very beneficial to soul masters.

However, nobody really dared to try to kill them, because they were naturally very ferocious and powerful. They lived in the Extreme North's core region, and soul masters' appetites were not enough for them to give their lives in this place. Therefore, the Extreme Northern Bears' paws were sold at extremely high prices in every empire on the continent.

There are four Extreme Northern Bears! Since you're treating me like food, heh, then I will not give you a chance. Let's see who gets to eat who in the end.

"You can't hurt them!" The Ice Empress and Snow Empress' voices rang out in Huo Yuhao's spiritual sea at the same time.

Huo Yuhao's mouth twitched as he attempted to resist them. "Why? Only they can treat me like food, but I'm not allowed to eat them? What kind for reasoning is that?"

The Ice Empress grunted coldly and said, "If I say no, that means no. There aren't many soul beasts in the Extreme North in the first place, and these bears are considered one of the rarer species. If these bears can grow until they reach ten thousand years of cultivation, they will become the main fighting force of the Extreme North's soul beasts."

"Are you saying that you want to launch a beast wave? Who are you going to target?" Huo Yuhao said exasperatedly.

The Ice Empress snapped, "What do you think? Don't you want to deal with the Sun Moon Empire's army? You think you can do that by yourself."

"What? You can command those ice bears?" Huo Yuhao answered in shock.

The Ice Empress laughed coldly. She said nothing, but the arrogance in her eyes was very evident.

The four bears were charging very swiftly, and it didn't take long before they appeared in Huo Yuhao's vision.

The Extreme Northern Bears were very muscular, while their limbs were very well-developed, but their brains weren't that simple. The three grown bears swiftly dispersed, and the burliest one was in the middle as it dashed toward Huo Yuhao. The other two wrapped around towards the flanks, while the smallest one followed behind. They were surrounding him.

Huo Yuhao wasn't worried at all. The only thing he was thinking about was the bears' paws – what a pity that they were so delicious!

The largest bear charged first. When it saw Huo Yuhao, who was standing there calmly, and the Ice and Snow Empress behind him, it was also momentarily stunned. It was the first time that it had come across humans that were so calm.

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Soul beasts that had relatively lower cultivation like these had never seen the Ice Empress or Snow Empress before, especially when they didn't have this form before. They were in human form now, and they were no different from humans when they were deliberately hiding their aura.

“Roar—” The Extreme Northern Bear roared as his majesty was disregarded. It charged at Huo Yuhao with his muscular body, and its enormous frame stood up as it swung its paws down at him.

Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection had been trained on it the entire time. He could clearly feel that when the bear was using its strength, its thick fur was immediately charged with intense soul power, and every single hair became like needles. Its fur was its best defense.

There was no question that this bear was a kind of soul beast where its own body was its main strength. The Extreme Northern Bears shared similar characteristics as the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears, except it didn't have the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear's fearsome claws.

Huo Yuhao glanced at the Ice Empress and the Snow Empress, and when he realized that they didn't intend to do anything, he couldn't just stand there and let the bear smack him! He went forward to face the bear with form like a demon, and he grabbed the bear's right paw that was swiping down at him with both arms as he suddenly used his strength.

Even though Huo Yuhao's martial soul didn't have anything that was based on strength, he had obtained part of the Golden Dragon's strength after Wang Qiu'er had sacrificed herself for him. In addition to the fact that he had seven soul rings, he definitely wasn't afraid of the bear in front of him in terms of strength.

Huo Yuhao swung the bear's enormous body that was eight meters tall into the air and sent it crashing into the icy surface as an explosive sound rang out.

The other two bears that were charging in from the flank were taken by surprise. However, they accelerated as they charged toward Huo Yuhao furiously.

This is how a male and two females are like!?Huo Yuhao's body flickered, and he didn't take them by force anymore. Instead, he ran behind the Ice and Snow Empress.

"If you two aren't going to let me eat bear paws, shouldn't you at least be doing something?"

The Ice Empress grunted as she unleashed her aura that she was originally suppressing. An unrivaled aura was immediately released, as a tremendous pressure that belonged to a hundred thousand year soul beast bore down on the three ice bears.

The three bears that went berserk seemed like they were doused with a bucket of cold water as their hysterical aggression immediately disappeared. They growled softly as they stumbled and retreated. The bear that Huo Yuhao had slammed into the ground rolled onto one side, and its manner was almost a little comical.

The tiny bear that was following from behind halted immediately when it felt this aura. It covered its head with its paws and lay prostrate on the ground with its buttocks pointed high up into the air – just like that, and that was as amusing as it could get.

She's the Ice Empress after all!?Huo Yuhao heaved a sigh of admiration. n-.OxelBIn

The Ice Empress' eyes flashed with green light as a strange sound rang out in her mouth. This sound had a very intriguing and alluring quality, and it was apparently the soul beasts' language.

The three bears nodded continuously when they heard her voice. A superior that was giving them so much pressure meant they didn't even consider resisting.

The three bears got to their feet after a moment as they swiftly ran away into the distance.

The Ice Empress stared at them as they left and muttered under her breath, "It feels great to be back! Snow, how nice would it be if we were still the dictators of this place? We don't have any natural enemies here, and nobody is around to oppose us. This is our paradise."

The Snow Empress floated next to her and smiled as she replied, "I beg to differ. I have begun to understand humans ever since I've walked into the human world. Over the past months and years, we have always detested humans, and we hate them for disturbing our way of life. However, we are disturbed considerably less by soul beasts here compared to the Great Star Dou Forest. Even though I have lost my memory after following Yuhao, I can still see the outside world very clearly as the Snow Lady. We have to admit that humans possess intelligence and creativity superior to ours, and we can only adapt to nature, while they can change everything. This the reason why humans can conquer the entire continent even though they were so weak in the beginning when they were born. They're just too creative. If I were given a chance to choose again, perhaps I'd choose to be a human."

The Ice Empress' body quivered. She didn't think the Snow Empress would say something like that, as this wasn't the Snow Empress that she knew. The Ice Empress turned towards her, and her eyes were filled with astonishment.

The Snow Empress smiled and said, "Are you surprised? Have you not seen through everything, Ice? Think about it – how long have we been living in the Extreme North, and how long have we been ruling over this place? Haven't you had enough? Right now, I just want to use the remaining years of my life to experience other things, as much as I can. This is the only way for me to feel excited, and for me to feel

glorious. I won't regret it even if Yuhao doesn't succeed in the end. Perhaps I will choose to compress my origin and fuse with another human when that happens, and I'll become a human once more."

The Ice Empress said, "You've changed, Snow."

The Snow Empress smiled. "Yes! I've changed. Otherwise, how could I allow you to be together with Skydream? Speaking of which, how is he worthy of you?"

The Ice Empress blushed as she lowered her head. She had been concealing her emotions ever since that day, and she hadn't really paid any regard to the Skydream Iceworm. The Skydream Iceworm wasn't worried, and he just stuck with her everyday and asked about her wellbeing. The Ice Empress' expression of her love gave him blissful happiness, and what made him even more excited was that the Snow Empress didn't stop them from being together – instead, she was adding fuel to the fire!

The Ice Empress said after a few moments, "Yes! You've changed, and I have too. Perhaps, all this is because humans have affected us." She turned towards Huo Yuhao as she spoke.

"I didn't ask any of you to change anything!" Huo Yuhao said helplessly.

The Ice Empress grunted and said, "We can see everything you do. You have been changing us through imperceptible influence."

She paused for a moment after that, then continued, "Maybe I should feel fortunate, because you are the one who has shown us the world of humans. Before I met you, I had always believed that humans were tiny and pathetic with all their avarice, cruelty, and cunning. All they knew was to take from mother nature. But you have gradually changed my perspective after we met, and I have realized that there are humans like you who are determined with their emotions. Your creativity and your talent, and a great many other things, weren't bestowed upon you by me or the Skydream Iceworm. We are helping you, but the truth is that you've been helping us too. We have learned a great many things from you."

Huo Yuhao smiled faintly and said, "Can you not be so touching? However, Brother Skydream should really thank me. Without me as a vessel, he wouldn't have had a chance of moving your heart."

"Don't talk about him!" The Ice Empress retorted bashfully.

Huo Yuhao smiled as he continued. "Ice Empress, since you've already confirmed your feelings, why do you still choose to run away from them? In this world, no matter how powerful you are or how powerful we will become in the future, nobody knows what will happen tomorrow. Just like that day when I was surrounded by enemies on all sides. I would never have expected to land in a trap, and if I weren't lucky that day in addition to my appropriate response, perhaps I would have died. And your destinies would have changed because of my death."

The Ice Empress frowned said, "What are you trying to say? Don't beat about the bush!"

Huo Yuhao said, "I'm trying to tell you that life is short, and we have to enjoy our happiness while we still can. Since you have already confirmed your feelings, why don't you treat them accordingly? Brother Skydream truly likes you, and since you like him too, then you should accept his feelings seriously."

The Ice Empress blushed even more as she rolled her eyes and said, "You males just know how to help other males!"

Huo Yuhao chuckled, but said nothing else. He turned towards the Snow Empress and said, “What should we do next?”

The Snow Empress smiled plainly and said, “We wait – all we must do is wait here.”

Wait??Huo Yuhao was starting to understand.?It seems like the Ice Empress asked those bears to pass some messages along.

Right at this moment, the Snow Empress’ elegant frame suddenly slid backwards and drifted into the sky like an apparition.

“Be careful, Snow Empress,” Huo Yuhao hurriedly shouted at her. He had personally experienced how frightening those hurricanes were in the sky, but the Ice Empress revealed a mocking smile.

The Snow Empress seemed like she didn’t hear Huo Yuhao’s voice as she floated into the air. She was just dancing in the air, and she stepped on nothing as she waltzed into the winds.

She gradually released her aura. Her aura wasn’t as intimidating as the Ice Empress, but Huo Yuhao realized to his surprise that everything dimmed when her aura was unleashed.

The white snow disappeared. All the ice and snow became blue, and the figure dancing in the sky was the only thing that was white.

Her long sleeves waved as white ribbons danced around her. Those blue snowflakes circled around her as they rippled and unfolded.

The Snow Lady was like the spirit of the snow. Her wonderful posture made her seem like she had become the core of the Extreme North’s core region.

Huo Yuhao’s eyes were frozen. He had never expected someone to have such a beautiful posture, and that someone could be so alluring.

The Snow Empress had unrivaled beauty. In this moment, she seemed almost completely immersed in her dance as the gusts in the air grew gentle. The temperature seemed to rise a little amidst the fluttering snowflakes. There was no warmth, but there was no coldness either. There was only a pure and refreshing coolness.

The blue hues stretched far into the distance. Everywhere her eyes could reach had been tainted blue, while the sky and the ground could no longer be told apart.

This feeling is just wonderful.?Huo Yuhao believed, in that moment, that this was the most gorgeous scene he had ever seen. His heart was intoxicated in this moment, while the ice-type soul power in his body rippled along with the Snow Empress’ dance.

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The Snow Lady danced in the icy skies.

The Snow Empress was a unique being – she was a living being formed by the purest ice-type origin energy of heaven and earth within the Extreme North’s core region, and after countless years of

gestation and growth, had finally developed her own thoughts and intelligence. She finally became an intelligent creature.

Her original form was composed of the purest elements. If the Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence was a treasure, then she was the Extreme North's daughter.

The Icesky Snow Lady, blessed and unique – the Snow Empress, dancing as snowflakes drifted in the air.

Huo Yuhao could clearly feel that he was slowly experiencing moments of enlightenment from this incredibly beautiful dance. But even he wasn't clear what he was being enlightened about. Perhaps this was one of his most peculiar experiences.

The Ice Empress stood beside Huo Yuhao, and her eyes were completely intoxicated. She was also immersed in the Snow Empress' dance. The Snow Empress had always been a fairy of the snow!

The Snow Empress' dance continued for an hour or so before she finally descended from the sky and returned to Huo Yuhao's side.

Her expression seemed very calm, and not as intoxicated as the Ice Empress was, but Huo Yuhao could tell from her emotions that she was feeling deeply happy.

Yes! They are home, and they should be happy.

Right at this moment, Huo Yuhao suddenly felt a large mass of life energy emerge from beyond the horizon. This wave traveled in their direction very quickly.

Huo Yuhao unleashed Spiritual Detection and directed it into the distance.

"That is..." Huo Yuhao's pupils instantly contracted, and a fearful look appeared in his eyes.

The Extreme North's core region was still a world of ice and snow that stretched to the end of the horizon, and not a single trace of life could be seen. However, Huo Yuhao could see within the range of his Spiritual Detection that there were thousands and thousands of soul beasts that were gathering in his direction.

These soul beasts took many different forms – there were flying soul beasts that were rarely seen in the Extreme North, while more of them were on the ground. The Extreme Northern Bears that Huo Yuhao had seen before were here, and there were many other species that he had never seen before. Every soul beast seemed very excited, and they were running in his direction as quickly as they could.

This was but the second time that Huo Yuhao had seen such a spectacular gathering of soul beasts. The last time this had happened was when the Great Star Dou Forest had launched a beast wave against Shrek City.

There weren't as many soul beasts as there were compared to back then, but this was almost a miracle, considering that the Extreme North's core region was almost uninhabited!

Huo Yuhao quickly calmed down after a very momentary shock. Perhaps only the Snow Empress can create a scene as spectacular as this in the Extreme North. Even the Ice Empress isn't as good as she is in this respect.

The Snow Empress was number three in the Ten Great Savage Beasts, and she was the Extreme North's true dictator. She was a formidable soul beast with seven hundred thousand years of cultivation.

Of the Ten Great Savage Beasts, only the top three controlled a particular region. The Beast God, Di Tian, controlled the core of the continent, the Great Star Dou Forest. The Evileye Tyrant King ruled over the Evildemon Forest, where there were the most soul beasts within the Sun Moon Empire. However, the Snow Empress' reach was the widest.

In the icy plains of the Extreme North that stretched to the end of the world, every single soul beast bowed to her command. She was queen in this place, and she was also the dictator.

The Beast God or the Evileye Tyrant King had never come to this place to challenge the Snow Empress' authority. This was because not even the Beast God was confident of defeating the Snow Empress in an environment like the Extreme North. Furthermore, no other place inhabited by soul beasts was as cohesive as the Extreme North.

Huo Yuhao had merged with the Snow Empress by chance and coincidence back then, and she became his spirit. The Snow Empress almost made his body explode because she had too much power on her own, and the Calamity Necromancer Electrolux had to burn the remnants of his divine sense so that Huo Yuhao could complete the equality pact in the end.

The Snow Empress became the Snow Lady afterwards. In the beginning, she was like Huo Yuhao's daughter, and her cute demeanor made everyone express tender affection for her. The Snow Lady gradually grew up, but she was always by Huo Yuhao's side. She was always helping him, accompanying him, and supporting him.

In Huo Yuhao's heart, the Snow Lady had already become family. Her status in his heart could almost compare to Dong'er.

However, the Snow Empress had recovered her memory not too long ago due to the Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence. Huo Yuhao felt bewildered and helpless – he wasn't afraid of anything else but that the Snow Empress would leave him. The Snow Lady had become the Snow Empress, and he could feel that they were less intimate, and there was more reverence.

That reverence in his heart had reached the highest possible level at this moment. He finally understood that the little Snow Lady that had once treated him like a father was the dictator of the Extreme North, and she ruled over thousands and thousands of soul beasts.

The Snow Empress – she's the Snow Empress after all!

A faint sadness gradually appeared at the bottom of Huo Yuhao's eyes, and he subconsciously took a step back. His expression was very calm, but there was a dash of sorrow deep in his heart. If it were possible, he truly hoped that the Snow Empress was still the Snow Lady – he even hoped that she would remain as the tiny Snow Lady that had formed a pact with him in the beginning.

The Snow Empress just stood there silently and gazed into the distance as the corner of her mouth curved into a gorgeous smile.

The immense pack of soul beasts came ever closer in the distance. The Ice Empress' eyes also grew excited – yes, they were back, and they were back in the world where they reigned supreme.

Thousands of soul beasts thundering across the Extreme North's icy plains – what a rare sight! The enormous beast wave was congregating in Huo Yuhao's direction very quickly, and they stopped only when they were a thousand meters away from the Snow Empress and the Ice Empress.

All the soul beasts in the Extreme North slowly lay prostrate on the ground after they reached this place, and they faced the Snow Empress and the Ice Empress with the most respectful and worshipful attitudes.

The soul beasts in the distance gradually formed a circle that was two thousand meters in diameter. This circle's thickness gradually increased as the number of soul beasts grew.

Most of the Extreme North's soul beasts were white. If one didn't look closely, one would think that they were just snow piled up on tiny hills. Some soul beasts that were relatively larger in size were particularly eye-catching.

The Snow Empress stood there quietly as the expression on her beautiful face grew cold. She was just standing there, proud and aloof, and there was no other soul beast that dared to stand as proudly as she did.

They were in worship; they were worshipping their ruler.

The Snow Empress had been gone for far too long. But even so, nobody in the Extreme North dared to forget her aura. She was the one who protected their paradise, and her existence made every soul beast in the Extreme North bow to her command. Not a single powerful soul beast dared to resist her rule.

The Extreme North had had very few conflicts ever since the Snow Empress took over as ruler. Nobody dared to challenge or violate her authority. Every single soul beast knew that the Snow Empress was the Icesky Snow Lady, who was the spirit of the snow. She could sense everything where there was snow and ice. In the beginning, they were afraid of the Snow Empress, but this fear slowly became reverence. The most ferocious and dominant soul beasts in the Extreme North eventually lost their lives to the Snow Empress' Three Ultimate Techniques.

There were no longer any voices of resistance since then. The only person who could decide everything and dictate everything was the Icesky Snow Lady's ice-cold voice.

More and more soul beasts gathered at the outer layer. However, the icy plains were still extremely quiet, and one had to listen very closely to hear the soul beasts' breathing. They were panting with excitement – for many of these soul beasts, to be able to see the Snow Empress in person was their life's greatest honor.

The bears from before had also returned. However, they were just lying prostrate on the outer layer; they weren't even worthy of entering the inner circle.

There was a bear that was exceptionally large that returned with them. This bear's tremendous body was like a tiny hill as it walked over, and even though it was travelling on all fours, it was still more than fifteen meters tall. Thick fur covered its immense frame, and it radiated faint silver hues.

When this enormous bear appeared, the soul beasts that were prostrate on the ground swiftly opened a path so that it could pass. It walked to the innermost circle and faced the Snow Empress before it lay prostrate as well. Its action was just like the tiny bear that Huo Yuhao had seen before – its giant

buttocks were raised high into the air, and its upper body was flat on the ground. Its large head swayed faintly as it whimpered softly at the Snow Empress.

That sound made it seem like the bear had just met its owner, and it was filled with admiration.

The Snow Empress smiled faintly when she saw the bear, and she waved at him gently.

The soul beasts prostrate on the Extreme North immediately stared at the ice bear, and their eyes were filled with envy.

The gigantic bear was overjoyed as it stood up and howled elatedly into the air before it ran towards the Snow Empress.

The bear was far too big, and its run was like a tiny mountain jumping up and down in the icy plains of the Extreme North. Its incredibly fat body would leave deep marks in ground every time it landed.

One thousand meters was but a blink of an eye for this bear. It suddenly slowed down only when it was fifty meters away from the Snow Empress, and it actually crawled the last fifty meters until it was right in front of her. Its head was over two meters in diameter, but it still shoved its face before the Snow Empress. His large nose, which was different from its white fur, and was a little pinkish, poked forward. Huo Yuhao almost felt as if this fellow's breathing could create hurricanes.

He didn't need to use Spiritual Detection for him to judge clearly that this bear was a hundred thousand year soul beast. Even though its strength couldn't compare to the Great Star Dou Forest's Bear Lord, Huo Yuhao figured that this bear couldn't be that much weaker. However, it was extremely respectful towards the Snow Empress. This bear was much more respectful than the Bear Lord was toward the Beast God.

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The Snow Empress smiled, and her smile was like a flower that bloomed everywhere across the icy plains. The soul beasts who didn't dare to even breathe heavily all exhaled in relief, because they could feel the Snow Empress' happiness at the same time.

The Snow Empress raised her hand and placed it gently on the bear's enormous nose. She stroked it tenderly and said softly, "You've grown fat again, Little Bai."

Little Bai...

This fellow is "little"?

The corner of Huo Yuhao's mouth twitched. Is he the Snow Empress' pet?

The Snow Empress' voice rang out next to Huo Yuhao's ear. "The Snow Empress found Little Bai as a tiny ice bear when she first called herself queen, and he has been living with the Snow Empress ever since. It has been at least two hundred thousand years. Little Bai rules over his own domain now, but he's always treated the Snow Empress like a mother. That's the reason why I didn't let you harm his descendants."

More than two hundred thousand years of cultivation – this meant the enormous ice bear in front of Huo Yuhao could be considered a savage beast.

The Ice Empress lowered her voice and said, “Little Bai’s strength is comparable to that of the Tai Tan Snowdevil King, but the Snow Empress asked him not to fight the Snowdevil King. Furthermore, he doesn’t want to share the same status as the Snow Empress, and that’s the reason why the outer world only knows about three of us, the Extreme North’s Three Heavenly Kings.”

“Mm.” Huo Yuhao nodded softly. He was full of complicated emotions – the Snow Empress’ rising power was a good thing for him, but he felt as if she was getting further and further away from him. It seemed like the Snow Lady was never coming back.

Little Bai seemed very blissful as the Snow Empress continued to caress him. He whimpered from time to time, and his enormous white buttocks would twitch again and again in bliss.

Right at this moment, the circle of soul beasts that was several hundred meters thick separated once more as a gigantic figure appeared in Huo Yuhao’s vision. There was a whole patch of other enormous shadows that appeared along with the first one.

The soul beasts that had formed a circle swiftly separated and opened a path for them. The enormous figure that was at the forefront strode into the inner circle.

This figure looked a lot larger than the Ice Bear King, Little Bai – that was because this soul beast was just too tall.

This soul beast was at least one hundred and twenty meters tall. This was the largest species of soul beast that Huo Yuhao had ever seen; even the Beast God wasn’t that tall if he was prostrate. Furthermore, the Beast God always showed himself in human form.

What was even stranger was that this enormous, terrifying soul beast had a build that was very similar to that of humans. It had long and slender arms, and snowy white fur covered its entire body. Even its face had similar features to that of humans, except there were many wrinkles on its forehead, and its skin had a copper tint. It had two large fangs, and those two fangs showed its true colors as a soul beast.

Huo Yuhao didn’t need the Ice Empress to explain for him to guess this species of soul beast – the Tai Tan Snowdevils, that the Ice Empress had just mentioned.

Only the Tai Tan Snowdevils could have such enormous sizes. More importantly, the Tai Tan Snowdevils were a community.

There were more than a hundred Tai Tan Snowdevils behind this one. Even though they were not as tall as the first one, their average height was more than eighty meters. More than ten of those who were exceptionally powerful were at least a hundred meters tall, and their muscular frames seemed like they could hold up the skies.

The other soul beasts that resided in the icy plains clearly created an even larger path when the Snowdevils came, and nobody dared to block their path.

“Snow Empress.” The Tai Tan Snowdevil King didn’t continue forward once he entered the innermost circle. Instead, he knelt down onto the ground on a single knee and called out respectfully. He was speaking the human language, and he was the only soul beast that dared to actively address the Snow Empress directly amongst all the other soul beasts. He greeted the Snow Empress while he glanced at the Ice Bear King, who was lying down next to her, and the envy in his eyes was evident.

The Snow Empress nodded at the Tai Tan Snowdevil King and said, “Tai, it’s been a long time.”

The Tai Tan Snowdevil King hurriedly answered respectfully, “Yes! It’s been long time, Snow Empress. Ah! You – you’re the Ice Empress?” His eyes quickly landed on the Ice Empress, who wasn’t far behind the Snow Empress.

The Ice Empress didn’t hide her own aura, so she could be easily recognized.

The Ice Empress nodded at the Tai Tan Snowdevil King, but said nothing. The Snow Empress was there, so this wasn’t the time for her to speak. The Snow Empress’ authority and majesty in the Extreme North was something that no soul beast would dare to violate.

The Snow Empress said plainly, “Ah Tai, you can get up.”

“Alright.” The Tai Tan Snowdevil King acknowledged as he hurriedly got to his feet. The group of Tai Tan Snowdevils behind him had already gotten down on their knees like dominos long ago, and they all appeared as reverent as could be.

The scene was just too mind-blowing. The Tai Tan Snowdevil’s tremendous size was absolutely unrivaled amongst ground-walking soul beasts. So many Tai Tan Snowdevils kneeling was just too spectacular.

The Snow Empress waved at the Tai Tan Snowdevil and said, “Come, sit down beside me.”

“Alright, alright.” The Tai Tan Snowdevil King immediately ran over joyously to the Snow Empress’ side. The disturbance he created was comparable to the Ice Bear King as he jogged over.

Huo Yuhao witnessed a very amusing detail in this moment. The Ice Bear King was still enjoying the Snow Empress’ caresses, but his eyes were closed into slits as he side-eyed the Tai Tan Snowdevil King. The small part of his pupils clearly exuded disdain. It was evident that his relationship with the Tai Tan Snowdevil King wasn’t very amicable.

Dong, dong, dong – the Snowdevil King trod over to the Snow Empress and sat down with his legs crossed next to the bear. The Ice Bear King and the Snowdevil King were just too immense, and Huo Yuhao immediately felt as if another mountain appeared in front of him.

The Snowdevil King didn’t dare to mess around in front of the Snow Empress. However, he clearly touched the Ice Bear King’s body when he sat down, and those two fellows shoved each other forcefully but nobody got the better of each other. However, a series of cracking sounds could be heard on the tough ice beneath them.

Such terrifying fellows!

Huo Yuhao had made some rough judgments about the soul beasts in the Extreme North over this period of observation. He realized that the soul beasts on the icy plains were much more cohesive and united compared to the Great Star Dou Forest’s soul beasts. Both the Ice Bear King and the Tai Tan Snowdevil King were at the apex of the food chain in this place, but they still didn’t dare to mess around in front of the Snow Empress at all. They submitted completely to the Snow Empress, and the other soul beasts did the same. The Snow Empress was a dictator, in the truest meaning of the word.

The Extreme North’s overall strength perhaps wasn’t sufficient to fight against the Great Star Dou Forest, but that would only be the case if the battle happened in that region. If this battle happened in

the Extreme North, then Huo Yuhao was inclined to believe that the Extreme North's soul beasts were more likely to emerge victorious. After all, the environment in this place was far too vile for typical soul beasts.

The Snow Empress said plainly, "Alright, since almost everyone is here, we can begin. I haven't seen everyone in such a long time, and I am very happy to be back."

Even though there wasn't a single hint of a smile on her face, the thousands of soul beasts immediately cried out in joy once she said those words. Deafening roars and soundwaves forcefully tore the hurricanes apart across the icy plains. Every single soul beast grew excited, as if they were overcome with mass bloodlust.

The Snow Empress gradually raised her right hand and pressed it against the air. The ear-splitting howls of thousands and thousands of soul beasts immediately stopped, and everything returned to silence.

The Snow Empress eyed the Tai Tan Snowdevil King beside her. The Snowdevil King could feel her gaze, and immediately lowered his head to curry favor with her.

The Snow Empress said, "I have been in closed-door cultivation over these few years, and I have been working hard to break through the next bottleneck. Every one of you knows that I'm not young anymore, and I have been alive for far too long. Di Tian, the Evileye, and I have reached the end. The world of the future belongs to you."

"The Extreme North is a paradise. The thing that has made me most content is peace in the Extreme North. I have gathered everyone here for two important matters. First, I'm here to announce to everyone that I will be going into another episode of closed-door cultivation after meeting everyone here today, and I don't know how that will turn out. I am here to bid everyone farewell. It's very likely that this is the last time we will meet. Secondly, I'm here to appoint my successor."

The Snow Empress' words caused an uproar across the Extreme North's soul beasts.

The Snow Empress was the Extreme North's divine guardian! The Snow Empress said that she could be leaving this world soon, and she wanted to attempt a very tough breakthrough. That was just unbelievable, and this was like a calamity for them.

Forceful roars and howls could be heard as the Tai Tan Snowdevil King suddenly got to his feet. He hammered his broad chest heavily, and his furious howls crackled so explosively that they suppressed the uproar from all the other soul beasts.

A formidable aura mixed with boundless murderousness permeated the skies as the soul beasts who were just making a racket lowered their heads frightfully. However, that didn't cause their emotions to settle. The Snow Empress was God in the Extreme North. Could the Extreme North still be the same place without their God?

The Tai Tan Snowdevil King surveyed everyone coldly before he sat down beside the Snow Empress once more.

The Snow Empress said plainly, "I declare that Ah Tai will succeed me from this moment onwards. He will become ruler of the Extreme North, and you have to respect him like you respect me and listen to his orders, and you have to support him to maintain peace in the Extreme North. Ah Tai is a little rough

and crude, but he is honest and sincere, and he is very honorable. He doesn't rely on his strength to overpower other species, and he is the most suitable candidate."

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The Extreme North's soul beasts were astonished once more once that was said. From the soul beasts' perspective, only the Ice Empress could succeed the Snow Empress' position! Furthermore, all the soul beasts in the Extreme North knew that the Snow Empress and the Ice Empress were practically conjoined, and they shared a great relationship. Of the Three Heavenly Kings, the first two Heavenly Kings could even match the Beast God's prowess if they teamed up. If the battle was to occur here, the Beast God would have to avoid them.

The Snow Empress relinquishing her position as ruler over the Extreme North was enough to shock them. The fact that she wanted to pass her position to the Tai Tan Snowdevil King instead of the Ice Jade Empress Scorpion was even more unbelievable for them.

Even the Tai Tan Snowdevil King himself widened his eyes and stared at the Snow Empress. He thought that she had made a mistake.

The Snow Empress gazed back at the Snowdevil King and nodded in his direction to show him that her words rang true.

"Snow Empress, you..." The Snowdevil King's voice was clearly a little shaky. However, he wasn't shaky from excitement, but from grief.

Only savage beasts knew what the Snow Empress' arrangement meant – her decision meant she wasn't confident of breaking through her next bottleneck, and that the Ice Empress was facing a similar situation. Otherwise, with the relationship between the Snow Empress and the Ice Empress, the Snow Empress would never pass her position to him.

A faint smile appeared on the Snow Empress' face as she said, "Ah Tai, you have accumulated much credit over these years, and you have truly grown up. I have been watching your every move from day to day, and I am very happy that you have been doing well over the years. This position has always been more suitable for you than the Ice Empress – her personality is too strong, and her tribe isn't as dominant as the Tai Tan Snowdevils. Therefore, I have always thought of you as my successor in my heart. You have to remember that even if I'm not around, the Extreme North will still be the same. You have to be kind to every species, and you have to uphold my vision, that the Extreme North has to be sufficiently united so that we will not be bullied and invaded by external enemies."

"Yes, yes..." Large teardrops slipped from the Snowdevil Kings eyes. The Snow Empress' instructions to him were something he had never expected.

The Snow Empress passed her position to him, and that was sufficient to show her trust. He had always been delightfully willing under the Snow Empress' command. He couldn't help but feel sorrowful when he thought that the Snow Empress could reach the end of her life.

The Ice Bear King, who was prostrate beside the Snow Empress, finally reopened his eyes and stared at the Tai Tan Snowdevil King. There was a little bit of unwillingness in his eyes, and he didn't mask his

emotions. However, the Snowdevil King's attention wasn't on the Ice Bear King in this moment.
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The Snow Empress said plainly, "Ah Tai, and my other children. You must remember that my departure doesn't mean that I'm dead. If my attempt is unsuccessful, then there's nothing else to be said, but if I'm successful, than even Di Tian will never surpass me. My soul will always be in the Extreme North whether or not I am successful, and I will always protect you. Anybody who violates the Extreme North's rules is my enemy."

"Roar, roar, roar—" Three continuous roars erupted from the mass of soul beasts. All the soul beasts in the Extreme North howled hysterically as they released the emotions in their hearts.

The Tai Tan Snowdevil King stood up once more and took a few steps back before he knelt on both knees in front of the Snow Empress. He kowtowed, and his immense frame trembled continuously from the beginning to the end. Every single kowtow looked very sincere.

The Snow Empress grinned as she nodded at the Snowdevil King. "You can stand up, Ah Tai. There's something I need you to do before I leave."

The Snowdevil King immediately raised his head and said reverently, "No matter when, only you control the Extreme North, Snow Empress. Only you are ruler of the Extreme North, and I trust that you will be back. I will guard this place for you when you're not around. I... I will await your return."

The Tai Tan Snowdevil King sobbed uncontrollably.

The Snow Empress' expression changed as she witnessed his emotions. "Alright. If I am successful, I will definitely return to visit. Perhaps that won't take too long." She turned around as she said that and glanced at Huo Yuhao, and her warm gaze stunned him momentarily.

"Alright, I have said all that needs to be said. Everyone can go. You can return and continue your lives. Any important matters in the icy plains in the future will be decided by Ah Tai."

The Snow Empress floated into the air as she spoke, and she glided continuously and levitated silently high in the sky.

The Snowdevil King hurriedly took a few steps forward and stood beneath her.

The Snow Empress drifted down and landed on his broad shoulder.

There were so many soul beasts in the icy plains, but not a single one moved. They just lay there, prostrate, and knelt and kowtowed at the Snow Empress.

The Snow Empress stood on the Snowdevil King's shoulders and gradually turned around. Her eyes were covered with mist as she stared at her kinsmen, who had followed her for so many years.

"Go, my children. Let me watch you leave." The Snow Empress' voice travelled far into the distance.

The soul beasts on the icy plains got up one after another as they listened to her orders, and they gradually dispersed. However, they would turn back after a few steps as they departed, and they stared at the old ruler of the Extreme North with reluctant eyes. From this moment on, the Three Heavenly Kings were no more, and all that was left was their new ruler.

The Snow Empress just stood there quietly, and the Tai Tan Snowdevil King was also motionless. The Ice Bear King stood up at the same time, and he was over forty meters tall as he stood up straight. He was still much shorter than the Snowdevil King, but his muscularity was quite comparable. The Ice Bear King's silver fur flickered continuously, and fierce lights flashed in his eyes. He glanced at the Snowdevil King from time to time, and then at the soul beasts that were leaving in the distance. His emotions were clearly rippling.

Huo Yuhao stood with the Ice Empress from the beginning to the end as he witnessed this succession of authority in the Extreme North. He couldn't help but sigh with admiration at the Snow Empress –?Snow Empress, you are third of the Ten Great Savage Beasts after all!

A whole hour passed before all the soul beasts gradually departed, and the Extreme North returned to tranquility.

Only two tribes remained – the ice bears, and the Tai Tan Snowdevil King.

These two great tribes were some of the strongest ones across the Extreme North. They were known as the Three Great Tribes along with the Ice Jade Scorpions, and their overall strengths were most formidable.

The Snow Empress' eyes were full of lament as she stood on the Snowdevil King's shoulder. After all, she had ruled over the Extreme North for hundreds of thousands of years, and she still couldn't bear to leave this place forever!

She had wracked her brains back then so that she could re-cultivate and preserve her strength as much as possible, but she was taken away by a soul master who had ventured into the Extreme North. That was the reason why everything that had happened afterwards happened, and she didn't have time to address anything to anybody back then.

She managed to deal with her affairs in this moment, but she was still very reluctant in her heart.

"Snow Empress." A deep and hoarse voice rang out that shook the Snow Empress awake from her thoughts.

The Snow Empress looked down from the Snowdevil King's shoulders. She saw the Ice Bear King looking up at her, and he was staring at her with very sincere eyes.

The Snow Empress tapped her foot on the Snowdevil King's shoulders and descended from the sky as she drifted to the ground.

The Ice Bear King immediately lay down once more and pressed his enormous head against the ground. There was some pitifulness in his eyes, and there was also some exasperation as he stared at the Snow Empress.

"Snow Empress!" He called out once more.

The Snow Empress ignored him. Instead, she turned towards the Snowdevil King and said, "Ah Tai, you have just succeeded me as ruler of the Extreme North. You have to personally placate the large tribes beneath you, and you have to establish authority and credit as quickly as possible. Go – I will wait three

days for you here, and after three days, you shall bring your kinsmen. There is something that I need you to do.”

“Yes, Snow Empress.” The Tai Tan Snowdevil King glanced at the Ice Bear King, and a thread of worry flashed across his eyes. However, he still followed the Snow Empress’ instructions as he turned and left.

The Snow Empress watched the Snowdevil King depart before she turned towards the Ice Bear King.

“Snow Empress, what about me? What’s going to happen to me?” The Ice Bear King only voiced his doubts in this moment. His kinsmen were quietly waiting in the distance, and even the Tai Tan Snowdevils had departed along with the Snowdevil King.

The Snow Empress said plainly, “As for you, of course I have my own arrangements. You shall just follow me, Little Bai.”

“Eh?” The Ice Bear King was momentarily stunned. “Follow you? Aren’t you going into closed-door cultivation?”

The Snow Empress continued, “I will not be here in the Extreme North anymore. Only your tribe is worthy of challenging Ah Tai. Even though Ah Tai’s tribe is stronger overall, you might still have a chance of victory. Will you listen to him when I’m no longer around?”

The Ice Bear King immediately went silent after hearing the Snow Empress’ question. He couldn’t lie in front of the Snow Empress, so he could only respond with silence.

The Snow Empress continued, “Therefore, only one of you may exist on the Extreme North after my departure. Otherwise, peace in the Extreme North will be very difficult to maintain.”

“Snow Empress.” The Ice Bear King cried out dejectedly. “Alright, Snow Empress, I’ll listen to you. You have bestowed life upon me, and you raised me so that I could become stronger, and you helped me become king of the Extreme Northern Bears. You have given me everything I have, and your wish is my command. I will die if that’s what you want.”

The Snow Empress laughed. “Silly – why would I want you to kill yourself? I chose Ah Tai to become ruler of the Extreme North after considering between you and him, and that’s because his personality and the entire Tai Tan Snowdevil tribe is more suitable than you and your tribe. However, he can never compare to you in terms of intimacy. You are like the Ice Empress in my heart, and you are my family. Ice is my sister, but you are my child!”

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The Ice Bear King’s eyes immediately softened when he heard her. He nudged his enormous nose against the Snow Empress body and said, “Snow Empress, Snow Empress – what am I to do, exactly?”

The Snow Empress heaved a sigh and said, “You will just follow me from now on. I can feel you are not far from your third bottleneck, and you only have a thirty percent chance of breaking through it. If I’m still around to protect you, perhaps you will be able to make it, but there’s no way I can stay here to help you. Therefore, I hope that you can choose a different path with me.”

The Ice Bear King clearly didn’t really understand the meaning of the Snow Empress’ words. He stared at her confusedly, and didn’t know what to say.

The Snow Empress continued, "You will understand if you follow me after this. The path that I am looking at is one to become a God. If I am successful, then we will transcend this world, and we will no longer be threatened or affected by it. If we fail, then we have a chance to choose another. In the Douluo Continent, no matter how strong our soul beasts are individually, there is no way we can touch the God Realm. The reason for that is because that's the rule of this world. Di Tian is sufficiently powerful, but he still has no way of breaking this curse. If he can't, then I can't, and neither can you. Therefore, we can only attach ourselves to the strongest person in this world, and perhaps that person that will reach the God Realm, and only then can we leave this world."

"I don't know about all that, Snow Empress, but I will follow you whatever you say." The Ice Bear King used the most direct method to express his trust in the Snow Empress.

The Snow Empress turned around and waved at Huo Yuhao. "Come here, Yuhao."

Huo Yuhao hurriedly stepped forward and came to the Snow Empress' side.

The Snow Empress smiled and said, "Little Bai, let me introduce you. This is my father."

Huo Yuhao was still digesting the shock and astonishment that he harbored towards the Snow Empress, and he didn't know why she was calling him. However, his entire being froze like a rock when she said that.

Father... What did she just call me? Father...

He was completely motionless at this point, as if his spiritual sea had turned into ice. More importantly, the Snow Empress' expression was extremely calm and casual when she said those words, as if she were describing something very normal.

Huo Yuhao wasn't the only one – the Ice Bear King's expression was equally lackadaisical. There seemed to be a trail of snot flowing from his giant nose. n)-OVe1bIn

Father...

That term was equally unfamiliar to him. He didn't know who his father was – otherwise, he wouldn't have been taken away by the Snow Empress.

But why would this term, 'father,' appear in the Snow Empress' mouth!? The Snow Empress – she actually has a father? She has been alive for more than seven hundred thousand years, and she's one of the oldest living beings in the world. How old does her father have to be?

The Snow Empress stared at human and soul beast, who were stunned speechless and motionless. She couldn't help but laugh, and this wasn't just a grin, because she was laughing particularly joyfully. This was especially so when she was looking at Huo Yuhao, because it was evident that there was some teasing in her smile.

The Ice Empress wasn't too far away from them, but she couldn't laugh at all. Her eyes were opened wide as her jaw hung open; she hadn't expected such words to come from the Snow Empress' mouth either.

"Daddy, what's wrong?" The Snow Empress stared at Huo Yuhao with a captivating smile on her face.

Huo Yuhao swallowed some saliva forcefully before he pointed at himself and said, “You... you’re calling me? You can’t make a joke like this, Snow Empress!”

The Snow Empress rolled her eyes and said, “Who’s joking with you? I am calling you. Why, do you not dare to acknowledge me? Have you forgotten? I have just passed my crown as the ruler of the Extreme North to Ah Tai, and since that moment, I am no longer queen in this place. I am no longer the Snow Empress – I am the Snow Lady, the Snow Lady that you have always protected, and the Snow Lady that has been growing up little by little.”

Never in his wildest dreams did he expect such a tremendous turnaround. He was just feeling sad about the distance between the Snow Empress and himself when she gave him such an enormous pleasant surprise.

The Snow Empress’ eyes grew tender. “Yuhao, I have recovered my memory, but everything that happened when we were together has long been imprinted in my memory in the period that my old memory was lost. I will never forget all the times that we have shared together, and in my heart, you are my father. This has nothing to do with age, and it’s just a sentiment. Yes, it’s just a sentiment.”

Her eyes grew a little sadder as she paused. “Did you know? I was all alone when I came into this world, and this loneliness made my personality cold and icy. I am the Icesky Snow Lady that the heavens have nurtured and brought into this world, but even though the weakest soul beasts in the Extreme North have their own parents, I have no parents. Rather, the Extreme North is my parent. I have never experienced parental warmth or kindness.”

“But I’ve felt that from you. I can feel the love and care that you have for me. When I’m with you, even if you’re just staring at me with a tender and amiable gaze, it makes me very happy. Even though I had yet to regain my memory back then, once I regained my memory, I realized that the period when I was with you was the happiest and most blissful part of my life.”

“Therefore, I consider you my father in my heart, and that will never change. Ever since I’ve recovered my memory over these days, I can feel the worry in your heart. You don’t have to fear anything. I am the Snow Empress, but I am your Snow Lady even more. I am more willing to be your Snow Lady! Daddy, are you willing to accept me as your daughter?”

The corner of Huo Yuhao’s mouth began to twitch. Daughter... the Snow Empress, the Icesky Snow Lady, third amongst the Ten Great Savage Beasts, and a soul beast with seven hundred thousand years of cultivation... Gods! What has happened to this world?

Even though he was full of yearning towards the Snow Empress before this, his first reaction when the Snow Empress was standing in front of him and saying to him plainly that she wanted to be his daughter wasn’t happiness – he could almost feel his nose bleeding. That was just...

The Snow Empress pouted and said, “Daddy, do you not want me anymore? Then I will become a child with no home to return to.”

The Snow Empress was incredibly gorgeous from the beginning. Everything came from her heart, and even though she seemed like a lady who had grown up, her voice, eyes, and tone were no different from the little Snow Lady back then.

“Of course I do.” Huo Yuhao sputtered.

“Alright, then.” The Snow Empress giggled as she pranced forward and wrapped her arms around Huo Yuhao’s arm. “I have been trying too hard to pretend after I’ve recovered my memory. I would rather be the Snow Lady. More accurately, the memory that belongs to the Snow Lady has allowed me to find myself. I am a little reluctant to give away my position as the ruler of the Extreme North, but now I feel as if I have been liberated, and all my responsibilities are no more. I will live my life happily from today onwards, and that feeling is just fantastic. Isn’t that right, daddy?”

Huo Yuhao really wanted to ask her if she could stop calling him that. After all, they looked like they were of the same age! The Snow Empress calling him just made him feel very strange.

The Ice Empress’ voice came from behind her. “Snow, you... you’re calling him father. What about me?”

The Snow Empress turned around and giggled at the Ice Empress. “I don’t care about that. I have already found your lover, Ice. Don’t worry, we can do things differently. You have been addressing him by his name anyway. It hasn’t been easy for me to find this familial love, Ice. Aren’t you happy for me?”

“Yes, of course I am happy,” the Ice Empress forced a laugh, “But this sudden change of events does make me feel a little weird.”

The Snow Empress chortled and said, “There’s nothing weird about this. I am still me, and I am still the same Snow in your heart. Everything is fine if that hasn’t changed. Little Bai, what are you waiting for? Hurry up and greet your grandfather. Haven’t you always wanted me to be your mother? Alright, I am willing to accept you as my son.”

“Grand... grandfather...” The Ice Bear King stared at Huo Yuhao with blank eyes. He could definitely tell that Huo Yuhao was a human. But the Snow Empress, whom he had endless respect for, actually called a human such as this her father. That... that was just...

Huo Yuhao himself felt incredibly peculiar. He suddenly had a daughter today, and she felt like a very formal one, and now he had a grandson. He wasn’t even married yet! He didn’t know if he should laugh or cry. Everything was just so peculiar, but he couldn’t not recognize the Snow Empress as his daughter.

“There’s a good boy,” The Snow Empress patted the Ice Bear King on his nose, and she waved her right hand across the air and pointed. A dark blue ice crystal hovered in front of the Ice Bear King.

“This is your grandfather’s gift to you.”

The Ice Bear King was momentarily stunned. When he managed to see what was in front of him with clarity, his eyes immediately widened. “That... that’s Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence?”

The Snow Empress nodded and said, “Yes! How’s that? Isn’t your grandfather generous?”

“Generous, yes. He’s very generous. Greetings, grandfather. Thank you, grandfather!” The way he addressed Huo Yuhao clearly sounded a lot smoother this time. The Ice Bear King stared at the Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence as he swallowed balls of saliva again and again, as if he were about to start drooling.

However, before he could raise his paws to take it, the Snow Empress withdrew the ice crystal.

“You have to wait for a little while, and you can’t absorb it yet. This will be used to stabilize the origin of your consciousness. Let’s do it this way – let me explain things to you as your mother. Ice, your aunt, and I have merged with your grandfather. Simply put, we have assimilated part of our power with your grandfather. You have already felt that your grandfather is a human. He is the most talented human in the world today.”

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The Snow Empress said seriously, “In the future, we’ll do our best to become Gods. Once your grandfather becomes a God, we can also enter the God Realm and break free from the limits of this world. This is why you need to fuse with your grandfather. After fusing, you can use this Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence to ensure that your spiritual sense is protected. Things will be fine like this.”

“Alright, mom. Whatever you say. I’ll listen to you. I know you won’t harm me. I still thought that you were biased towards Ah Tai. It seems like you’re really biased, but you’re biased towards me! Ah Tai has no chance of becoming a God. Hahahahaha! I’m so happy!”

Huo Yuhao’s heart couldn’t take it. This Ice Bear King has a one-track mind. Is he not worried that he can’t make a successful breakthrough? Right now, he finally understood why the Snow Empress wanted to pass the position of the leader of the ice plains of the Extreme North to the Tai Tan Snowdevil King, instead of the Ice Bear King.

The Snow Empress nodded and said, “It’s good as long as you’re willing to. Because it involves giving up your own body, you have to be completely willing to do so. You can’t be forced at all.”

“I’m not forced. I’m not forced at all.” The Ice Bear King said delightedly.

The Snow Empress said, “Alright, you should return to your tribe to recount things to them. Once you leave this time, I’m afraid you won’t have time to return anymore.”

“Alright.” The Ice Bear King agreed before turning and rushing off.

The Ice Empress laughed, “Little Bai is really that naive! He hasn’t changed in all these years. He trusts you completely.”

The Snow Empress smiled and said, “Daddy formed a soul core, and his spiritual power is enough to accommodate another Spirit. Let’s take this spot first before he gives it to his Spirit Eyes. Given Little Bai’s abilities, he can be the eighth and ninth soul rings. When daddy cultivates until he reaches eight rings, he can fuse completely with Little Bai. After that, I’ll help Little Bai suppress some of his powers and wait until daddy reaches Rank 90 before letting him become the ninth soul ring of daddy’s Ultimate Ice martial soul. I’m confident with the Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence around.”

Huo Yuhao revealed a bitter smile on his face, “Snow Empress, can you change...”

The Ice Empress immediately nodded. “Change it. I can’t stand it either.”

The Snow Empress glanced at Huo Yuhao and said, “I’ll change it if you stop being so skeptical in the future. Don’t forget that I’m your first Spirit, and I gave you four soul rings. This means that we are actually very closely connected. Furthermore, because you burned your teacher’s divine senses as an intermediary to connect with my spiritual mind, I’m able to sense everything in your mind.”

Huo Yuhao was in a daze. Yes! I completely forgot about that. I've been using my mind to control the Snow Lady all this while! After she regained her memory, this became mutual. Without a doubt, the Snow Empress must have had sensed his intentions and emotional changes. That was why she mentioned this.

The Snow Empress drifted to his side. "Alright, I'll call you by your name and you'll call me the Snow Lady. Not only is this less unfamiliar, but it's also less weird."

"Okay, okay." Huo Yuhao nodded repeatedly. Snow Lady is great. It sounds the most natural.

The Ice Empress' expression turned slightly weird now. The look in her eyes appeared to be that of jealousy at this moment.

The Snow Empress said to Huo Yuhao, "They'll need some time to return. You can cultivate here first. The environment of the Extreme North is extremely suitable for you to cultivate."

"Alright." The Snow Empress' problem had been settled, and Huo Yuhao was in a good mood right now. He sat cross-legged on the ground and immediately entered a cultivation state.

This was already the core region of the Extreme North. The temperature was extremely low. If an ordinary person were here, he would become an ice sculpture in just a few breaths.

In such an extremely chilly environment, the amount of ice was naturally greater than in most other places. Huo Yuhao's Ultimate Ice martial soul had only fused with a part of the Ice Empress' strength in the beginning. It wasn't pure enough yet. However, he slowly fused with the soul power origin of the Ice Empress as his powers increased. As his own abilities increased, his Ultimate Ice became more and more elemental. This was especially so after he fused with the Snow Empress, who became his Spirit. His Ultimate Ice was slowly becoming stronger and stronger.

However, Huo Yuhao did face difficulties in this process. For example, when the Snow Empress poured her ice-type origin energy into him, he was disabled for some time.

After absorbing the Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence, Huo Yuhao's own condition had improved leaps and bounds. Such an improvement couldn't be described physically. Rather, it was his increased sensations of his Ultimate Ice. During this process, his Ultimate Ice also started to become more and more extreme.

In fact, to say that something was 'ultimate' was just a way of describing it. There was no way such an extreme could ever be achieved. Whether it was Huo Yuhao's Ultimate Ice, the Snow Empress' Ultimate Ice, or the Ice Empress' Ultimate Ice, they couldn't possibly reach absolute zero.

However, as Huo Yuhao's abilities improved and his understanding of Ultimate Ice increased, they kept on proceeding in this direction.

An ice-type soul master could reach just above negative one hundred degrees Celsius, and his soul skills could also reach such a standard. However, more and more ice-type soul masters would fail as the temperature continued to fall. When the temperature reached negative one hundred and fifty degrees Celsius, every unit drop in temperature required not just hard work, but also talent, and the quality of a soul master's martial soul.

Huo Yuhao's Ultimate Ice was the most terrifying in the sense that it kept on changing. n0Ve-lB-1n

The Ice Empress had reached an all-time low of negative one hundred and ninety degrees Celsius at her peak, whereas the Snow Empress could reach around negative two hundred and five degrees Celsius. These were their limits. These were also the limits of the continent's ice-type soul beasts and ice-type soul masters.

This was why an Ultimate Ice martial soul referred to a temperature below negative one hundred and fifty degrees Celsius when the martial soul unleashed a soul skill. Initially, Huo Yuhao couldn't do this when he first fused with the Ice Empress. But as his cultivation improved, he was slowly proceeding in this direction.

Right now, the lowest temperature that he could reach was already far below this temperature. Even though he couldn't compare to the Snow Empress and Ice Empress at their peaks, he could still control his soul skills to a temperature below negative one hundred and sixty-five degrees Celsius after fusing with the Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence. This was the true standard of Ultimate Ice.

This was especially so in recent times. After the Snow Empress woke up from her sleep, she gave him some guidance. With the Snow Empress' help, Huo Yuhao's understanding of Ultimate Ice kept on deepening.

It was not to say that the Ice Empress didn't advise him in the past. However, the Ice Empress and Snow Empress were different. Although the Ice Empress had turned into Huo Yuhao's martial soul, she was still a soul beast, and the Ice Jade Empress Scorpion. An Ice Jade Scorpion's cultivation method and understanding and control of ice elements were very different from humans.

As the Icesky Snow Lady, the Snow Empress was a living spirit birthed from the essence of heaven and earth even though she was categorized as a soul beast. She looked very similar to humans. This was why Huo Yuhao found it easier to implement her advice.

The Snow Empress kept on emphasizing that Huo Yuhao was very reliant on his Spirit Eyes. Right now, his Spirit Eyes had grown to a certain standard, and his soul core had already been formed. If he wanted to improve further, the amount of effort that he needed to use was going to be many times higher. His Ultimate Ice martial soul hadn't been completely tapped yet. This was why he needed to improve his second martial soul if he really wanted to increase his abilities. It was even more essential for him to understand his own martial soul and the ice element.

Just like the Snow Empress had said, it was much easier for him to understand the mysteries of ice in the core region of the Extreme North compared to other places.

Huo Yuhao relaxed his body and circulated his Mysterious Heaven Technique. He switched to his Ice Jade Empress Scorpion. Naturally, his Mysterious Heaven Technique turned into a cold current that flowed through his body. Although his Spirit Eyes were shut, his immense spiritual control was still there.

Huo Yuhao didn't cultivate. directly Rather, he tried his best to relax and silently sense the ice around him.

Ice was the solid state of water. Water nourished all living beings, and was the origin of life. However, ice could complete life. To some extent, water and ice weren't just related by temperature. They represented the changes between life and death.

He was silently sensing things around him and understanding them. He was very invested in it.

The Snow Empress stood beside him and shut her beautiful eyes. She was also silently sensing. What she sensed were Huo Yuhao's emotions, and the changes in his body.

She looked very calm and peaceful as she stood there. There was a slight smile on her face. She didn't look as cold as she used to be. It felt as if she were a wife trying to protect her lover.

The Ice Empress was a little dazed as she stood to one side. She also didn't understand why the Snow Empress was so nice to Huo Yuhao. It isn't about working together anymore. Don't tell me that the Snow Empress likes him? Impossible, this is impossible. The Snow Empress is the Icesky Snow Lady, a genie of heaven and earth. How could she fall for a human? However, the way she called to him...

The Ice Empress thought of how the Snow Empress had called Huo Yuhao 'Daddy' earlier, and felt goosebumps on her arms.

"Don't think too much. Just follow your heart." A projection silently drifted from Huo Yuhao's body and landed beside the Ice Empress. It was the Skydream Iceworm's human form.

"I don't need you to care!" The Ice Empress snapped.

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The Skydream Iceworm chuckled and said, "When it comes to relationships, you really have to seek me for advice. I'm great at them!"

"How so?" The Ice Empress asked, unimpressed.

The Skydream Iceworm replied delightedly, "Of course I'm great at them. See, I made you fall in love with me unwittingly. Am I not great?"

"....."

"Do you have any shame?"

"Do Iceworms have any shame?" Brother Skydream asked casually.

"I really want to strangle you!" The Ice Empress twisted her head and looked at him fiercely.

Brother Skydream looked deeply into her eyes, "Could you bear to do so?"

"Scram!" The Ice Empress lifted her hands and wanted to push him away. The Skydream Iceworm flipped his wrist and grabbed her arm. Naturally, he pulled her into his embrace.

"You..." The Ice Empress was furious as she struggled. However, he lowered his head and kissed her on the lips.

Suddenly, the Ice Empress' body flashed with jade-green electricity. After this, her entire body turned rigid.

If any soul beast from the Extreme North saw this, it would instantly be greatly shocked. Ice Empress, she was the Ice Empress! She was only inferior to the Snow Empress in the Extreme North. The strongest Ice Jade Scorpion was actually kissed by someone?

The Skydream Iceworm was only sneaking an attack initially, but very soon, he discovered that the Ice Empress didn't resist at all. Her hands even tightly grabbed onto the front of his shirt, which he had conjured up using his spiritual sense.

How could he possibly give up such a rare opportunity? The half-hearted attempt instantly turned into deep research. His kiss was extremely passionate.

The Ice Empress' body gradually turned from rigid to soft. Although she appeared to be trying to push the Skydream Iceworm away, she didn't do so in the end.

The Snow Empress lifted her head to look at the two of them. She shook her head helplessly and shut her eyes..

Even the Ice Empress reacted over after being kissed many times. When she used force to push Brother Skydream away, her face was already red.

He put on a fantastic 'performance' at this moment, revealing an indignant look on his face, as if he were a kid that had done something wrong. He lowered his head, "Ice, I was wrong."

The Ice Empress was about to rage, but couldn't help but be stunned when she saw him like this. Before she could even rage, she subconsciously asked, "What did you do wrong?"

The Skydream Iceworm lowered his head and said, "My, my first kiss has been given to you just like that. Ice, you must take responsibility!"

The Ice Empress was stunned for a moment. After this, she raged, "Nonsense! Wasn't that my first kiss too?"

"Indeed so!" Brother Skydream instantly lifted his head. There was a look of delightful surprise on his face. Even his eyes were shining brightly.

"Do! You! Want! To! Die?" The Ice Empress' aura ballooned. This time, she was well and truly going to rage.

"Stop! Ice, clam down. Let me analyze the Snow Empress' situation for you right now." The Skydream Iceworm immediately changed his expression, and looked very serious.

The Ice Empress had already lifted her hand, but when she saw him like that, she eventually didn't smack him.

"Tell me!" The Ice Empress gritted her teeth and demanded.

The Skydream Iceworm was serious as he said, "The situation that the Snow Empress is facing is very normal. Initially, she wanted to be reborn as a human and seek an important path. This was because she realized that as a soul beast, she can't possibly overcome the limits of this world no matter how strong she is, even if she were like Di Tian, and reach the Godly Realm. This is something that soul beasts can't accomplish. She only has a chance by being reborn as a human."

“However, who knew that she would meet despicable humans who took her embryo away just as she was filled with hope? She was greatly tormented because of that, as she was likely to become a human soul master’s soul ring. It was Yuhao who saved her. Then, the Snow Empress didn’t lose her awareness. She was still as strong as ever. Without any choice, she fused into Yuhao’s body and left with him. From then on, she truly entered the world of humans.”

“Not long after that, her compressed origin power was completely unleashed because Yuhao absorbed the Frigid Jade Essence Bed, which led to her fusion as his Spirit. Because of that, Yuhao’s teacher had to burn his divine sense, and left this world. Although the Snow Empress didn’t explicitly say it, she has always felt that she owes Yuhao. Furthermore, Huo Yuhao treated her very well after she became the Snow Lady. After some time, some feelings must have developed. The Snow Empress was originally the Icesky Snow Lady. In the Extreme North, all soul beasts respected and feared her. From Yuhao, she sensed unprecedented closeness. When she was still the little Snow Lady, she really treated Yuhao as her father. This was why she found it very natural to call him ‘daddy’ all this while.”

“Right now, the Snow Empress’ choice was made because of two reasons. First, she’s tired of the lonely life she has here, and is striving to integrate into the world of humans. Second, I reckon that she has no way of leaving Yuhao. The fusion between her and Yuhao is even deeper than ours.”

The Ice Empress was astonished, and asked, “How is that possible? I am Yuhao’s martial soul! You’re not too shabby either. You’ve even fused your spiritual origin with him. How can our fusion with him not be as deep as his with the Snow Empress?”

The Skydream Iceworm chuckled and answered, “You probably won’t know this. You forgot something important. When the Snow Empress became Yuhao’s Spirit, Yuhao’s teacher, Electrolux, actually burned the remnants of his divine sense. No matter what, he was halfway to becoming a God. Under such a circumstance, do you not agree that a fusion using the remnants of his divine sense would be deeper? I can feel that the Snow Empress and Yuhao might even be related by blood. This is what we lack. This also means that her origin might have become a part of Yuhao. As a teacher, Electrolux must have had left some benefits for his own disciple by sacrificing his own life. Because of that, Huo Yuhao feels much closer to the Snow Empress.”

After hearing the Skydream Iceworm’s analysis, the Ice Empress forgot about how she was taken advantage of earlier, and entered a pensive state.

The Skydream Iceworm said, “Alright, Ice. I’m going to return to Yuhao’s body to cultivate. I haven’t fully absorbed the Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence.” After he finished speaking, he turned into a beam of flowing light and vanished into Huo Yuhao’s body.

After a brief moment, the Ice Empress reacted. “I haven’t settled my score with this scoundrel for taking advantage of me! However, Huo Yuhao was cultivating right now. She couldn’t possibly cause a disturbance in his spiritual sea! She was immediately furious as she pouted her lips. However, she turned slightly red from embarrassment when she recalled how the Skydream Iceworm had kissed her. Apart from embarrassment, she also felt a slight sense of sweetness.

When Huo Yuhao awoke from his meditation, he only felt that his entire body had become completely clear. In this short span of time, he felt as if he had turned into a block of ice, and sensed the eternal past of ice.

However, when he opened his eyes, he immediately discovered that he was probably the only one who thought that only a short amount of time had passed. This was because there were a bunch of Tai Tan Snowdevils standing around him.

The Tai Tan Snowdevil King was standing in front. Not far from him was the Ice Bear King. Evidently, they had returned after accounting to their own people.

The Snow Empress still stood beside Huo Yuhao, and she smiled as she said, "You're awake. You've achieved pretty good results."

Seeing the smile on her face, both the Tai Tan Snowdevil King and Ice Bear King were in a slight daze.

The Snow Empress has smiled? Since when has she liked smiling? Is she smiling for this weak human being?

Huo Yuhao drifted up and nodded at the Snow Empress before saying, "I don't know what I've comprehended, but it feels good."

The Snow Empress said, "We still need to wait for a while before we can leave. Ice has also returned to her own people. I'm not sure whether she'll return upon leaving this time. She'll need to account to her own species too."

"Alright." Huo Yuhao was moved. After fusing with the Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence, the Ice Empress' origin had indeed been completely consolidated. She could now remain some distance from Huo Yuhao.

The Snow Empress shared a strong sense of telepathy with him, and naturally knew what he was thinking. She nodded and said, "At least within the core region of the Extreme North. However, she can't do it for too long. After all, their origins are in your body. If they remain too far away from you, their spiritual sense will weaken. They can only recover in your body. After leaving your body, they'll only be draining themselves."

"I see." Huo Yuhao was enlightened.

The Ice Empress didn't make them wait too long. In less than two hours, she had already turned into a beam of jade-green light and returned. However, she didn't say anything, and directly fused back into Huo Yuhao's body. Her separation from her own species had inevitably left her slightly depressed.

The Ice Bear King and Tai Tan Snowdevil King opened their eyes wide in shock when they saw the Ice Empress fusing into Huo Yuhao's body just like that. They didn't know what was going on.

The Snow Empress calmly said, "Alright, let's move on." As she spoke, she dragged Huo Yuhao up and landed on the Ice Bear King's wide shoulders.

It was Huo Yuhao's first time sitting on an Ice Bear. He felt as if he were sitting on a mountain as he sat on the Ice Bear King's shoulders. There was even the massive Tai Tan Snowdevil King beside him. The Tai Tan Snowdevil King was now the leader of the ice plains of the Extreme North.

Chapter 474.3: Lord of Soul Beasts

Huo Yuhao twisted his head towards the Snow Empress and asked, "Snow Empress, are you trying to use the Tai Tan Snowdevil King to deal with the Sun Moon Empire?"

The Snow Empress nodded and answered, "Your individual strength is too weak. Furthermore, the Sun Moon Empire has invaded our territory, which makes them our enemy. To us, this is an insider thing."

Huo Yuhao smiled and didn't say anything else. The Snow Empress turned around and didn't look at him.

Seeing her ravishing face, Huo Yuhao felt his heart soften. He wasn't developing romantic feelings. Instead, he was thinking about the Snow Lady.

To him, the little Snow Lady was like his daughter and his younger sister. What about the Snow Lady now?

Elder sister?

When he thought about an elder sister, Huo Yuhao felt a sudden heartache. It's been a long time. I wonder how Sister Xiaotao is. After we parted, Qiu'er sacrificed herself. Then, my emotions were very unstable, and I had to face the beast wave from the Great Star Dou Forest. I had no choice but to rush back to Shrek City. After that, it was the war against the Sun Moon Empire. I don't know where Sister Xiaotao is. Even though I helped to suppress the evil fire in her, it's already been a long time. Her evil fire might have acted up again. Will she be involved in the war? If that's the case, how can I face her?

No matter what, I must save her.

With his recent experiences, Huo Yuhao had confidence of helping Ma Xiaotao with the evil fire in her body. Among his various options, the Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence was the best choice. As long as he fused some of the Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence in his body into Ma Xiaotao, he could completely neutralize her evil fire with the Ice Empress, Snow Empress and Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass' help. If the three Ultimate Ice Spirits that he had couldn't do it, there wouldn't be anyone in the world who could.

When he thought until here, Huo Yuhao decided that he had to find her when he went to the Heavenly Soul Empire. I hope I can find her. If I find her, I'll be able to find out about Teacher Xiao Ya too. I hope she's fine.

Seeing that Huo Yuhao was in deep thought, the Snow Empress didn't disrupt him. She quietly sat on the Ice Bear King's shoulders.

While the Ice Bear King was very huge, he was very quick when he started galloping. He was like a mountain that was sliding on ice.

There were also more than a hundred Tai Tan Snowdevils running with him. They were huge. Every step they took covered more than a hundred meters. When they leaped up, they could even cover more than five hundred meters. In just two leaps, they covered one kilometer! Given such a speed, they could match Huo Yuhao's all-out flying speed.

This was the great strength of the Extreme North. No wonder the ice plains of the Extreme North were a promised land. This had close ties with their immense abilities.

Seeing the astonishment in Huo Yuhao's eyes, the Snow Empress smiled and said, "This is the core strength of the Extreme North. The strength we can utilize is something that you can't imagine. It's just like how you've never seen the core strength of the Great Star Dou Forest before."

"Oh?" After hearing the Snow Empress mentioning the Great Star Dou Forest, Huo Yuhao's curiosity was piqued.

"I've not seen the core strength of the Great Star Dou Forest? Don't tell me that the Five Great Savage Beasts that started the beast wave didn't form their core strength?"

The Snow Empress shook her head and said, "The Five Great Savage Beasts are the strongest soul beasts in the Great Star Dou Forest right now. However, if we're talking about core strength, it's not been utilized yet. In fact, your knowledge of Di Tian is still sorely lacking. He doesn't rule the entire Great Star Dou Forest. He's also the spokesperson of all soul beasts. If he really wanted to go all-out to deal with humans, the Great Star Dou Forest wouldn't be the only one to have attacked. Even the Extreme North would also have to accept his commands and attack humans. When that happens, it'll be destruction for both sides. Humans are indeed quite strong. However, the hundreds of thousands and million year cultivations that we have can't be easily overcome. Even if the humans win against us, the destruction to the continent would still be extremely immense."

"Wait a minute." Huo Yuhao suddenly exclaimed and asked, "Snow Lady, what did you say just now? What do you mean when you say that Di Tian is the spokesperson of all soul beasts? Don't tell me that there's a stronger and more powerful soul beast in this world?"

The Snow Empress nodded seriously and answered, "Yes, there is. At least, that's what the legends say. In the continent, apart from strange existences like the Skydream Iceworm, we also acknowledged that Di Tian is the strongest and oldest. The Evileye Tyrant is only inferior to him. Only living beings like us that have been around for so long know about the existence of a Lord."

Huo Yuhao asked, "Who is this Lord of Soul Beasts? If even Di Tian calls him Lord, isn't he a God then?"

The Snow Empress smiled and said, "The Lord of Soul Beasts is a God. You should have heard before that our Lord is the Dragon God. The Dragon God is the earliest soul beast to have been birthed, and has his own Godly Seat in the Godly Realm. For some unknown reason, the Dragon God perished, but all the soul beasts on the Douluo Continent recognize him as our Lord. He has nine sons, but we don't really consider his children as our lords. Rather, we recognize his avatar after he perished as our Lord."

"The legends say that the Dragon God wasn't accepted into the Godly Realm because he was a soul beast. He separated into two different dragons, and has always been one tier away from being a God. These two dragons are the Golden Dragon and Silver Dragon."

"Among them, the Golden Dragon inherited the great strength of the Dragon God, whereas the Silver Dragon inherited the Dragon God's control of the elements – water, fire, earth, wind, light and darkness. Both of them excelled in their own fields, and were very powerful. They dominated the entire Douluo Continent, and ruled the world of soul beasts together."

"Back then, when the two Dragon Kings and nine sons of the Dragon God ruled, the dragon species was extremely strong. ?Dragons also ruled over all the soul beasts. Afterward, it seemed like a catastrophe hit the Douluo Continent. The two Dragon Kings led the nine sons and the other powerful dragons to

resist that catastrophe. Eventually, almost all of them died. Di Tian seems to be the only remaining powerful dragon from that catastrophe. This is why I said that he's the spokesperson of the Lord of Soul Beasts. That's because he's the strongest dragon to have survived, and his blood lineage is the purest."

"The legends also posit that there was a descendant of the Dragon God that survived. As for who it is, only Di Tian might know. I'm not clear on that. However, I've sensed the oldest soul beast to have ever existed in the Great Star Dou Forest. This soul beast is indeed very strong. This strength is hidden within this entire Great Star Dou Forest. He's not the only one. There is another one whose job is to protect it. Di Tian controls this strength. That is the true core strength of the Great Star Dou Forest."

To Huo Yuhao, the Snow Empress' words could only be explained by the legends. Was there really someone stronger in the Great Star Dou Forest?

"Snow Lady, who do you reckon this surviving ancient dragon to be?" Huo Yuhao asked.

The Snow Empress shook her head and said, "I'm not clear either. I believe that it's more likely to be one of the Dragon God's nine sons. Of course, it could also be the Golden Dragon King or Silver Dragon King. However, this possibility is a little too low. After all, the strengths of the two Dragon Kings were very critical in resisting the catastrophe. As they were the avatars of the Dragon God, they can't possibly produce offspring. If their actual bodies were still around, do you really think humans could rule the continent?"

Huo Yuhao chortled and argued, "It's not impossible! If they were greatly hurt in that catastrophe, they might need time to recuperate?"

The Snow Empress laughed, "You'd better not be wishing for that scenario to happen. If that's the case, humans will be in grave danger."

Huo Yuhao shook his head and laughed. "I'm only kidding. If someone as powerful as him survived, how could he possibly not have recovered after so many years? However, since you've sensed that there are other powers in the Great Star Dou Forest, it might really be Di Tian's trump card."

The Snow Empress smiled and said, "Do you know why I told you all this?"

Huo Yuhao replied, "Don't tell me that you're trying to dissuade me from resisting Di Tian?"

The Snow Empress shook her head and replied, "Of course not. I'm giving you encouragement. Furthermore, I'm also trying to tell you that Di Tian might not be your strongest enemy. There might be someone stronger in the Great Star Dou Forest. This is why you should never be overly pleased with yourself, even when you become very strong in the future."

Huo Yuhao nodded seriously and said, "I won't."

Huo Yuhao and the Snow Empress sat on the Ice Bear King's body and used much less time before they returned to their target area.

The aura of hundreds of charging Tai Tan Snowdevils was simply too strong. This was why the Snow Empress asked them to stop when they were around fifty kilometers away from the Sun Moon Empire.

“Yuhao, from now on, you’ll command them. You’ll decide what to do. I’m re-entering your body to rest.” As she spoke, the Snow Empress turned into a beam of white light and fused into Huo Yuhao’s body before disappearing.

Before this, the Snow Empress had already introduced the abilities of the Tai Tan Snowdevil King, the Tai Tan Snowdevils and the Ice Bear King to Huo Yuhao. She had also instructed them to listen to Huo Yuhao’s orders.

Originally, the two of them didn’t really like humans. However, Huo Yuhao was different. Just like the Snow Empress said, he wanted to enter the God Realm. Also, the Snow Empress even called him ‘daddy’. This was why both soul beast kings didn’t dare to delay any further.

Chapter 475.1: Huo Yuhao is Back!

“Guys, thanks for your help. We are going to have to deal with a human army later.” Huo Yuhao said as he looked at the two huge powerful soul beasts in front of him.

The Tai Tan Snowdevil King nodded and said, “Since the Snow Empress said we should listen to you, we should follow her arrangement.”

The Ice Bear King nodded and said, “Yes, grandpa. Whatever you want Little Bai to do, Little Bai will do.”
Grandpa...

The Tai Tan Snowdevil King’s face contorted a little. It was not his first time hearing the Ice Bear King call Huo Yuhao that. Furthermore, the Ice Bear King even intentionally called Huo Yuhao that all the time. He was trying to show how close Huo Yuhao was with the Snow Empress.

Huo Yuhao had tried to correct him a few times, but it was really difficult to stop someone with a one-track mind like him, so he eventually gave up and let him call him whatever he wanted.

Huo Yuhao said, “Like this...” Huo Yuhao started to plan out some arrangements. After going through the Ultimate Soldier Plan, he was able to command a team of elite soldiers in a small-scale war even if he wasn’t adept at commanding a huge army.

Of course, the ‘small-scale’ here referred to the number of people involved, and not...

Over the past half month, the Sun Moon Empire’s military base had been extremely busy. Ever since they set up their base, they had already started to take action in full swing. The initial investment naturally needed time. For example, there was the installment of all types of equipment, the detection of the detailed locations of all types of minerals and how to mine them, etc.

It was only after mining all those minerals that they could talk about purification, collection and transportation.

After more than ten days of building the foundation, the basic foundation was more or less up with the help of the Phoenix Soul Engineer Legion. After this, it was time to mine the minerals.

Eleven veins were discovered here. These veins intersected one another, and each had a different amount of reserves. However, all of them contained high-quality rare metals. Among them, the rare metals produced by two veins were of especially precious quality.

Given such a situation, the entire mining process intensified. Furthermore, according to some research, among the eleven veins, six extended all the way into the Dou Ling Empire. This also meant that they eventually led to the Dou Ling Empire, where further rare metal veins could be discovered and controlled.

After ten days, the Sun Moon Empire's reinforcements arrived. This batch of reinforcements didn't have any fighting strength, but they were the best rare metal mining team in the Sun Moon Empire. There were more than five thousand of them, and they brought a large number of machines with them. After arriving at the base, they immediately set up tents and settled down. The Phoenix Soul Engineer Legion and more than twenty thousand soldiers coordinated with this professional team and expanded the scale of the foundations. At the same time, they started to mine.

After half a month, a ceaseless flow of rare metals had already been mined, and they were being purified. Twenty-four openings were dug to carry out the mining operations. No time was wasted at all.

The Sun Moon Empire was very aware that the three empires of the original Douluo Continent would also try to obtain more and more rare metals as soul tools became more relevant in the war. If they knew that there were so many huge veins in the Heavenly Soul Empire, they would certainly risk everything to snatch these resources.

This was why Ju Zi's first instruction was that they mustn't alarm those from the Dou Ling Empire and allow them to find out what was going on. Second, they had to mine all the rare metals at the fastest possible speed.

More than three thousand storage-type soul tools were used to transport the large-scale machinery. Under normal circumstances, these machines were sufficient to mine more than three times the number of veins there currently were. The reason why so many of them were brought over was because the Sun Moon Empire wanted it to be as quick as possible.

The entire mining operation was in full swing. Aerial surveillance soul tools were everywhere, to perform strict surveillance on the Dou Ling Empire. Once anything was discovered, the Phoenix Soul Engineer Legion would be able to react in the fastest possible time. Given the strength of the Phoenix Soul Engineer Legion, they would be able to resist for a long time even if they met a hundred-thousand-man army. Moreover, they even had the help of a twenty-thousand-man army.

There were many soul formations deployed on the ground. Large-scale soul tools had been fully constructed, and they were sufficient to deal with a long-running war.

Ju Zi also instructed the Sun Moon Empire's army to send more reinforcements. It wasn't that she wasn't confident with the current reinforcements that they had; it was because Huo Yuhao had appeared.

It had been half a month. She had been waiting for half a month, but Huo Yuhao hadn't shown up to cause any damage yet. Ju Zi immediately came to with a conclusion. Huo Yuhao had indeed left this time. But what did his departure mean? It meant that he had gone to get more reinforcements. Not much time was needed to travel from the northeast of the Heavenly Soul Empire to Shrek Academy. When he returned, he might bring many powerful individuals from Shrek Academy with him.

Ju Zi had deployed two soul engineer legions for this reason. These two soul engineer legions were watching Shrek Academy. Once soul masters from the academy were deployed, they would be in charge of intercepting them. At the same time, the troops in the Heavenly Soul Empire were instructed to increase their pressure on the Heavenly Soul Empire. ~~novelb-1n~~

If the Sun Moon Empire knew that this series of arrangements were for one person, a lot of people would definitely be shocked. However, Ju Zi deeply believed that this was necessary. In her opinion, Huo Yuhao would only pose a bigger threat to them.

At this moment, Ju Zi was gathering intelligence from all directions in the commander's tent.

Compared to the three empires of the original Douluo Continent, the Sun Moon Empire was very particular about surveillance and intelligence. Especially after Ju Zi became the marshal of the three armies, her first order was to expand the production line of aerial surveillance soul tools. More aerial surveillance soul tools had to be produced. At the same time, she requested more funding from Xu Tianran to expedite their research to high-altitude offensive soul tools.

Occupying the sky was a very important component of intelligence gathering. At the same time, it was critical for the war. It was just that simple aerial soul tools were still ineffective in the battle for aerial supremacy compared to soul masters and soul engineers.

Ju Zi sat in the commander's seat and looked at a report. She revealed a slightly doubtful look on her face and muttered, "What's going on? How can there be no movement at all?"

Over at Shrek Academy, she wasn't able to deploy many aerial surveillance soul tools to carry out surveillance. However, she had already sent many scouts to observe the academy's every move.

Shrek Academy was very quiet over this period of time. She naturally knew that the Tang Sect was mass-producing soul tools. Although she didn't know what they were actually producing, she wasn't very worried. The gap in expertise couldn't be closed in a day or two. This was true even for Xuan Ziwen. No matter how strong he was, he was only one person. There were a batch of people who were as talented as Teacher Xuan in the Sun Moon Empire. Moreover, in terms of resources, the Sun Moon Empire was also much stronger. Most importantly, whether it was the Tang Sect or Shrek Academy, they didn't have enough time to close the gap.

"Yuhao, have you given up? No, I don't believe that you'll do that. That's not your character. You must be able to tell what we're trying to do. How can you possibly give up just like this? But where are you? Why is there no movement from Shrek Academy? Don't tell me you've gone to the Dou Ling Empire? You wouldn't do that, given your intelligence! The main forces of the Dou Ling Empire are with the remaining forces from the Heavenly Soul Empire, trying to resist our empire. You should know that they'll be outnumbered if we put more pressure on them. Since this is the case, where exactly are you? Is there something that's more important than stopping me? No, I don't think so. You must be doing something, and I'm sure you'll have something to show me. Unless..."

Her expression changed slightly. She wasn't willing to think beyond that. She also believed that it wouldn't happen. Given Yuhao's current abilities, there are very few who can harm him.

Ju Zi mocked herself and was a little annoyed as she said, "When you left, I kept on worrying that you'd return. However, you haven't appeared for so long, and there's been no intelligence. I started to worry

about your safety. I really suspect whether I'll be capable of being ruthless to you when I face you again! Yuhao, you know how much I don't want to lay my hands on you. If you can cooperate with me, that'd be really good. If that were the case, I'd be more confident of conquering this world."

"Where are you? I hope to have news of you. Otherwise, I might really go and find you if this continues."

Ju Zi kept mumbling Huo Yuhao's name in the tent. However, she didn't know that he was not less than ten kilometers away from her. Furthermore, he was in the air. If he wanted to, and if there wasn't any resistance, he could appear in front of her in less than ten minutes.

That was right. Huo Yuhao was in the air right now, and he was hiding in a ball of clouds.

As he drifted in mid-air, Huo Yuhao silently observed the camp.

The weather in the Extreme North was very good today. More accurately speaking, the wind in the Extreme North was very strong today. At a certain altitude, visibility was much greater than inland. It was very difficult to find a cloud like the one Huo Yuhao was hiding in. Furthermore, this cloud was moving at an extremely great speed.

In the distance, many aerial surveillance soul tools were being monitored by Huo Yuhao. These soul tools were very scattered. In addition, they were all different types of surveillance soul tools. There was an all-around surveillance soul tool around a thousand meters in the air. There was also an oscillation detector at an altitude of five hundred meters. There were even thermal detectors at an altitude of two hundred meters.

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These aerial surveillance soul tools were very scattered. Undoubtedly, they had learned from the previous lesson when Huo Yuhao had destroyed many of them at once. There were more of them now, and they were all scattered. Furthermore, they were carrying out more in-depth surveillance to achieve greater results. Of course, this required more effort to be invested. Regarding this, Ju Zi naturally didn't skim on any effort at all.

After this period of observation, Huo Yuhao discovered that the aerial surveillance soul tools didn't just protect the military base below. They were also directed towards the Dou Ling Empire. It wasn't exaggerated to claim that the Dou Ling Empire's troops would be discovered as long as they came within thirty kilometers away of the base. What followed would likely be the attacks of the Phoenix Soul Engineer Legion directed towards them.

Huo Yuhao was still in awe right now. He was very impressed by the professional standards of the Sun Moon Empire. In just half a month, the size of the base was already ten times bigger than what it was when he was first here. There were also more people around too. He had not seen many of the large-scale soul tools. All the soul tools were in use, but the noise pollution they created wasn't very great. He was less than three thousand meters in the sky right now, but no sound from below was audible at this altitude. Evidently, the Sun Moon Empire had done a great job at minimizing noise pollution.

Although Huo Yuhao wasn't very experienced in mining rare metals, he could tell from the scale of their mining operations that the amount of reserves in the mines was definitely extraordinary. The Sun Moon

Empire would not take much time to mine all the metals, given the scale of their mining operations.
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From the sky, everything was clear. There were more than twenty openings. Chunks of ore were constantly being transported out of these openings. This could become rare metals that were worth a lot, and could be used for the cores of soul tools after they were purified.

Huo Yuhao was also a soul engineer. Even though he was very far away, he could still recognize some of the more special rare metals. Given the amount of rare metals that they had, it naturally meant that more and more weapons could be created by the Sun Moon Empire. Although the same thing would happen if he was the one with the rare metals, at least the Tang Sect and Shrek were producing weapons to stop the war, and resist invasions!

Huo Yuhao's plan was very simple. First, he wanted to blind this Sun Moon Empire army before leading the Tai Tan Snowdevil army to attack them.

The Tai Tan Snowdevil King was very unconvinced by this plan. In his opinion, the number of people here wasn't enough to pose any threat to the Tai Tan Snowdevils. In a few attacks, everyone from the Sun Moon Empire would certainly be killed.

However, Huo Yuhao warned him that there were many powerful weapons in the human world. Even if he was a soul beast, his life was still in danger.

Tai Tan Snowdevils were the most powerful species of savage beasts in the Extreme North. They possessed incredibly terrifying strength. Their body was their strongest weapon and ability. Their strength and dominance were nightmares for their enemies. However, their bodies were very large, which made them easy targets for soul tools.

This was why Huo Yuhao was able to convince the Tai Tan Snowdevil King under the name of the Snow Empress. He was here to help. He didn't want his entire species to be critically hurt because of him. If that was the case, he wouldn't be able to account to the Snow Empress either!

After observing for some time, Huo Yuhao carefully retreated. He was too easily spotted in the day if he took any action. The results would be better at night.

He silently returned to where the Tai Tan Snowdevils were stationed, and tweaked their original plan slightly. The Tai Tan Snowdevil King led his own species as well as the Ice Bear King to take a brief rest.

The Snow Empress didn't permit the Ice Bear King to bring his own species with him. This was because the Ice Bear King was going to leave with them after this. If he brought his own people with him, he would be put in a difficult spot later on.

What they needed now was to wait for nighttime.

Time slowly passed, and the sky slowly turned dark. A figure silently flew from a pile of snow in the distance. More figures followed, and they slowly scattered. They were all slowly moving towards the front. They lightened their footsteps and tried not to make any sound as they moved forward. They were all advancing towards the same target.

The figure in front of everyone else who had a height of around two meters wasn't Huo Yuhao. He was a burly man with an extremely muscular physique.

When savage beasts reached a certain level, they could transform into the appearance of humans. The Tai Tan Snowdevil King was no exception. However, soul beasts weren't willing to do so unless it was necessary. They could only unleash their greatest strength in their original state. Right now, they did this to better conceal themselves. In Huo Yuhao's plan, the Tai Tan Snowdevil King definitely played the most important role.

What about Huo Yuhao?

Right now, he wasn't the only one flying towards the sky. There was a fatty beside him. If one wasn't observant enough, he would assume that it was a pig flying in the sky.

Huo Yuhao was a little helpless as he asked the Ice Bear King, "Little Bai, why are you in this form? Ah Tai looks more normal than you."

That 'pig' was indeed the Ice Bear King.

Right now, the Ice Bear King was just like a ball-shaped human. He flew beside Huo Yuhao with his huge tummy. He could glide as much as he wanted. He wasn't wearing anything either. After all, he couldn't fit into Huo Yuhao's clothes! His flesh was all round, and even his head was ball-shaped. His look was extremely interesting.

The Ice Bear King chuckled and said, "Grandpa, you don't know about this. When I first transformed into a human, I specially asked Mom. She said that she likes me in my chubby state. This was why I chose this look. I look cool! Look at my fat. It doesn't change how charming I taste."

Huo Yuhao smacked his forehead. How can one describe taste as charming? However, he didn't say anything else. After all, he was already in this state. There was no way it could be changed.

Under the effect of Huo Yuhao's Imitation, they slowly concealed themselves and flew into the distance.

The reason why he had surveilled the place earlier was because he needed to verify the surveillance radius of the Sun Moon Empire's aerial surveillance soul tools.

Through his daytime surveillance, Huo Yuhao already had a plan in mind. Since the Sun Moon Empire was mainly projecting their surveillance towards the Dou Ling Empire, they could sneak in from the other side. In this way, they could get close. Once they took action, they could also breach the Sun Moon Empire's base faster.

Huo Yuhao led Little Bai higher and higher into the sky. Little Bai was a savage beast. While he looked plump, he was actually faster than Huo Yuhao after he started flying. However, he admired Huo Yuhao more and more right now.

"Grandpa, your Spiritual Detection Sharing is really fun. I can see so far even though it's so dark. Haha, take a look. Ah Tai is still foolishly running. Look at him, he's so small. It's so fun!"

"Quiet. Otherwise, I'll ask your mom to whack you." Huo Yuhao could only turn fierce against the babbling Little Bai.

Little Bai immediately quieted down. After turning into a human, his eyes became a little shifty. He pleaded, "Grandpa, don't do that. I'll keep quiet!"

Huo Yuhao was a little amused, and stopped entertaining him. His Spiritual Detection wasn't just linked with Little Bai. It was also linked with the Tai Tan Snowdevil King below. This aided his commandeering through his surveillance and detection.

Right now, he was a thousand meters from the ground. This was a huge burden on his spiritual power, given how far he had to unleash his Spiritual Detection Sharing. Without his soul core, he would be unable to do it.

Very soon, the Tai Tan Snowdevils stopped under his command. They hid behind a mountain that was covered in snow. This mountain was a bit more than twenty kilometers from the Sun Moon Empire's base. It was also the limit of the aerial surveillance soul tools. As the Tai Tan Snowdevils were unable to become humans, they were being deployed further away – at around the twenty-five kilometer mark. They crouched and silently waited for instructions.

These Tai Tan Snowdevils were easily commanded. They carried out the Tai Tan Snowdevil King's instructions without any questions asked. This made Huo Yuhao's job easier.

Right now, Huo Yuhao and Little Bai were already close to the boundary of the aerial surveillance soul tools. Huo Yuhao smiled and said, "It'll depend on us next. Come, let's go." As he spoke, his figure flashed, and he sat on Little Bai's shoulders. In terms of cultivation, they were a far way off from each other. Such a tough job of rising into the sky was naturally easier for Little Bai.

Little Bai kicked his legs in the sky. His actions seemed very clumsy, but his body burst up like a huge cannon shell. He was so quick that he was even faster than the White Tiger Duke before.

Huo Yuhao was seated very stably on his shoulders. He was like a nail that had been nailed to the Ice Bear King's shoulders. The scenery around him quickly flashed past, and the temperature dropped continuously. Their surroundings also became increasingly quieter.

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The low temperature didn't have any effect on them. After reaching an altitude of four thousand meters, Little Bai started to slow down.

Huo Yuhao watched what was happening below. He could only see glimpses of light from the Sun Moon Empire's base.

"Little Bai, it's about time. Right here." Huo Yuhao said.

"Alright." Little Bai acknowledged his words, and slowed further. He was able to rise with the Tai Tan Snowdevil King in the Extreme North, and the Snow Empress had no choice but to bring him away to protect the Tai Tan Snowdevil King's rule. This showed how strong he was. It was just that the Snow Empress' presence made him seem very harmless. If someone actually took him as an easy target to bully, he would be sure to punish that person.

Huo Yuhao smiled and said, "Little Bai, it's up to you now."

“No problem! Let me show you how good I am!” Little Bai screamed in delight. He and the Tai Tan Snowdevil King seemed to have some kind of dislike for each other. In the past, they would always fight every time they saw each other. Even though he couldn’t fight the Tai Tan Snowdevil King this time because of the Snow Empress, the competitive mindset in him hadn’t disappeared. This time, the Tai Tan Snowdevil King was on the ground, while he was in the air. He was delighted. He even thought that Huo Yuhao was more on his side.

In fact, Huo Yuhao had brought him into the air because he was more adept at controlling the elements, whereas the Tai Tan Snowdevil King was physically stronger, and more suited for direct assaults. These were the only reasons...

“Hoo hoo!” Low-pitched whimpers started to resonate from Little Bai’s mouth. His thick and chubby arms started to open up to either side.

Following this, dim-blue light started to emanate from his body. He also started to balloon in size. He was returning to his original form.

He wanted to demonstrate his full abilities in front of Huo Yuhao. To do so, it was best that he was in his original form.

The Ice Bear King glowed with an icy-blue halo in the night sky. He was almost thirty meters tall, and his body was like a small mountain, but he still managed to remain adrift in mid-air. His eyes, which were extremely small earlier, started to expand along with his body. His pupils emanated dark-blue light. These streaks of lights flowed out from his eyes as if they were liquid. His immense soul power undulations started to slowly but steadily spread out. They were even viscous as they seeped from his body.

Right now, he was above Huo Yuhao. Huo Yuhao could only sense the terrifying soul power undulations that the Ice Bear King released.

Perhaps he wasn’t as steady, firm and powerful as Di Tian. However, the soul power undulations that he released right now were definitely much stronger than those of Transcendent Douluo. Furthermore, he was very terrifying. He was like an impregnable, moving castle!

The Ice Bear King roared. Following this, his icy-blue soul power started to revolve around his body.

He kept pouring out his soul power, while the ice elements in the air started to gather towards him at an alarming speed.

Only the position that Huo Yuhao was in wasn’t affected at all. However, he managed to observe from his Spiritual Detection that there was a ball of blue light in front of the Ice Bear King’s chest. This ball of blue light was in the form of a whirlpool.

It had to be a soul core. Without a doubt, it had to be the soul core of the Ice Bear King. Compared to his own soul core, the Ice Bear King’s soul core was much bigger. It was even located in his chest. As this huge soul core revolved, the Ice Bear King’s own soul power seemed to pour out as if it were unlimited. The ice elements in the air were quickly strengthened.

Huo Yuhao was astonished to see that some of the clouds far away started to drift towards them as the Ice Bear King released his soul power. After this, they turned into countless snowflakes that danced agitatedly around the Ice Bear King's immense figure.

Roars reverberated continuously from the Ice Bear King. Slowly, a huge whirlpool formed from ice and snow appeared in the air. This whirlpool spun very quickly. The most terrifying thing was that it was expanding rapidly too. In just a matter of seconds, the area that the Ice Bear King controlled spanned more than a thousand meters in diameter.

Just like the Snow Empress had mentioned, all ice-type soul beasts were much stronger in the Extreme North. This was applicable to the Ice Bear King too.

If they were further south, the temperature of the air wouldn't be so low. If he wanted to do something like this, he would need to use at least twenty percent more soul power.

The huge whirlpool was still expanding at a rapid speed. It went from a thousand five hundred meters to two thousand meters to two thousand five hundred meters to three thousand meters in diameter.

If not for the fact that it was very dark now, and they were four thousand five hundred meters up in the sky, such a terrifying whirlpool would have immediately been discovered. It was a pity that the Sun Moon Empire's aerial surveillance soul tools couldn't see anything at such an altitude. An altitude of five thousand meters was threatening to all life!

The Ice Bear King's roars slowly became stronger and stronger. His soul power was still being released at an increasing speed. The whirlpool appeared to be boundless by now. It was maintained at a constant speed, but its diameter slowly reached four thousand meters, and then five thousand meters.

It was Huo Yuhao's first time seeing a savage beast unleashing its full abilities. It was extremely terrifying.

If the Ice Bear King demonstrated such great abilities, how strong was Di Tian? If not for the fact that Elder Xuan and Elder Mu had teamed up to fight Di Tian, Shrek Academy would have been destroyed. Soul beasts were indeed the same terrifying creatures that had once ruled the Douluo Continent!

The Ice Bear King had turned completely icy-blue. His originally-white fur was like ice crystals now. His dominant aura was still getting stronger and stronger. However, the size of the whirlpool stopped growing when it reached a diameter of five thousand meters. The only thing that changed was its speed. Under his control, it started to spin faster again. Slowly, sharp whizzing and piercing wind-blowing sounds started to resonate through the air. The strong soundwaves made it seem as if the air were about to be torn apart. In addition, the temperature around the whirlpool started to fall significantly.

The dancing snowflakes slowly turned into sharp ice flakes. Under the effect of the raging wind, they turned into terrifying, lethal weapons.

The Ice Bear King roared in excitement. He lifted his bear palms before mimicking a pressing action. Its body started to shine with icy-blue light. Following this, the whirlpool deviated from its control, and started to descend. As it descended, it started to expand again, as the Ice Bear King was no longer controlling it anymore.

A diameter of five thousand meters was just the start. A blizzard was about to come!

Yes, this was the innate soul skill of the Ice Bear King, Blizzard! It was a true blizzard. His innate soul skill was only perfected with the Snow Empress' advice. Even someone as strong as the Tai Tan Snowdevil King had to avoid the Ice Bear King's Blizzard. The only alternative was to stop the Ice Bear King from unleashing the complete version of his Blizzard.

His Blizzard raged in the air. Sharp, chilly winds and bone-piercing ice flakes were sweeping all across the air. Very soon, the area that the whirlpool covered was ten times its original size. From above, Huo Yuhao could clearly see that this Blizzard had actually covered the entire base, and even most of the surveillance soul tools.

He's too strong. Although he had his own judgment of the Ice Bear King, he actually realized that the Ice Bear King was extremely powerful, even though he was very simple-minded.

The Ice Bear King smacked his palms against his chest and shouted in excitement. A portion of the raging ice elements in the air started to gather towards him, and he absorbed them into his body to replenish himself.

"Grandpa, how is it? I'm quite good, right?" The Ice Bear King asked delightedly.

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, "Great. We'll wait for the results now."

Given the Blizzard, even his Spiritual Detection was slightly ineffective. He needed time for the Ice Bear King's terrifying soul skill to be fully unleashed before deciding whether it was effective. As for the Sun Moon Empire, he could only pray for them. The Ice Bear King's Blizzard was simply too powerful!

Ju Zi was completing some administrative matters in the commander's tent when she noticed that the wind outside seemed to have gotten much stronger. The whizzing sounds of the wind became louder and louder. She even felt that the soul lamps in the tent were starting to flicker a little.

Are there strong winds outside?

She grabbed her coat from her seat and put it on before leaving the tent. When she first opened the curtains, she felt a gust of chilly wind sweep across her face.

She shivered. It's so cold!

The chilly winds whizzed. Depressions formed on the surfaces of all the tents. In the air, snowflakes danced and descended. In addition, the winds and snowflakes were hitting the base quicker and quicker.

Why is there such a strong blizzard?

Ever since she had arrived, Ju Zi had already thought that she had slowly adapted to the rigorous conditions. However, tonight's blizzard seemed to be a little too extreme.

"Troopers!"

"Here!" A member of the Phoenix Soul Engineer Legion rushed in front of her, ready to take orders.

Ju Zi said, "Quick, help me pass down the order for everyone to be wary of the winds. If it gets too strong, use some heavy soul tools to press down the tents. Also, don't forget to keep warm."

"Yes!" The trooper quickly left. However, the winds were getting even stronger.

Ju Zi returned to her tent and closed the curtains. Her tent was supported by soul tools. The warmer temperature inside made her heave a sigh of relief. It was inevitable for one to feel much more relaxed moving from a cold to a warmer place. However, she still furrowed her brow.

There were many rare metal veins here, even though the conditions were very rigorous.