

The Gods 1171

Chapter 1171 - You Are Not Worthy

“Answer my question.” In contrast to the excitement of Yun Che when he heard her voice, Jasmine’s voice didn’t contain the least bit of emotional fluctuations. She had a cold and harsh attitude, as if she was facing someone who didn’t mean anything to her. “Why would you come to the God Realm? Why would you participate in the Profound God Convention? Could it be that you were already at the end of your rope in the Blue Pole Star?”

“It’s all to see you!” Yun Che answered without any hesitation. Unwilling to give up, he looked around in all directions, wishfully hoping to catch a glimpse of Jasmine’s figure, and feel her aura. Every cell of his body was agitated, as if it was bathing in a raging fire.

“Because of such a reason?”

“That’s right! I...”

“How foolish and ridiculous!” Jasmine let out a sneer in a low voice. “You came here to see me? Have you got nothing inside that brain of yours, or is it that you’re tired of living!?”

Despite being reprimanded by her, Yun Che responded with a faint smile... Although it had been only four years since they had separated, it seemed as if a very, very long time had passed. There was a time when he would feel like his ears would become callused listening to her loud cursing voice. But these past few days, such a thing only happened in his dreams.

However, it was not a dream today.

“I’m fine with being foolish, and don’t care about courting death, either. In comparison to meeting you, everything else is unimportant,” Yun Che said while smiling faintly. “Hurry up and come out, I...”

“Do you truly know what you’re doing?” Seemingly, Jasmine didn’t want to hear his words, as she once again interrupted him in a cold tone. “Do you have any idea about the kind of place the God Realm is? Do you know that you’re currently in extremely great danger!?”

“Back then when I left, your cultivation was at the middle stages of the Emperor Profound Realm. In just four years, you have now reached the Divine Tribulation Realm! Such speed of increase in cultivation level is enough to alarm the God Realm and it’s not only me who knows about the fact that you only had the profound strength of the Emperor Profound Realm four years ago. Moreover, one of them is even present at the site of the Profound God Convention!”

“I know.” Yun Che nodded his head. A deeply hidden look of hatred flashed through his eyes. “It’s Moonflower, who took you away from my side!”

“Oh?” As if surprised by Yun Che’s reaction, Jasmine said in a cold voice. “Back then, she certainly promised me to not tell anyone about you. But with you unexpectedly appearing at this place, do you think that malicious woman would overlook such a thing!? If by chance her vile nature gets aroused, and she tells others that I was close to you during those years of my disappearance, can you guess the consequences you’ll have to face then!?”

“Rest easy, that won’t happen,” Yun Che said in a light and slow tone of voice. “The point that someone like me, who comes from the lower realm, cultivated from the Emperor Profound Realm up to the Divine Tribulation Realm in four years, makes it almost impossible for her to think that I’m the same person. Besides... the Yun Che she saw back then has already ‘died’ at her hands.”

“...” Silence reigned the place for a short while, as the air became a bit chilly. “Died at her hands? What do you mean?”

He wanted to urgently meet Jasmine, and had countless things that he wanted to tell her. Perhaps, it was only when facing Jasmine that he would never hide anything from her. He immediately said without the slightest hesitation, “Back then when you were taken away by Moonflower, I was severely injured by the power that she had left behind. If it was someone else, they would have died without a doubt. But fortunately, I managed to keep my life in the end.”

“...Impossible!” Jasmine’s voice slowed down, as obvious changes occurred in her tone. “If Moonflower truly wanted to kill you, even if you have the body of the Dragon God, and the power of the Rage God... not even ten thousand lives would be enough to save you!”

“When I was struck by her energy that she had left behind at the time, all of my internal organs were completely destroyed. Furthermore, the remnants of her energy was still left inside my body. Even the Great Way of the Buddha was unable to help me recover from the injuries, and I was bound to die... Finally, Xue’er used her phoenix vital yin and the power of ‘nirvana,’ which one could only use once in their life, to purify all the power of Moonflower. It’s only because of that, that I barely survived.”

Yun Che was, undoubtedly, the closest to death at the time.

Therefore, when he discovered the existence of Moonflower at the Conferred God Stage, he never let his gaze come in contact with her... He was afraid she would perceive his killing intent and hatred.

That was why he was very certain that Moonflower would not “recognize” him. Just now, Jasmine also denied the possibility of him surviving after getting hit by Moonflower’s power, so there was no way that Moonflower would think otherwise.

However, she was too fearsome of a person, an existence at the same level as Jasmine... She was so powerful that it was basically impossible for him to take revenge against her in his life.

“...” The world around them grew quiet as Jasmine didn’t say anything back for a long while.

“Jasmine, where exactly are you? Quickly come out. There are still a lot of things that I want to tell you.” Yun Che continuously turned around. He couldn’t understand why Jasmine would not show herself so they could see each other, despite coming looking for him.

‘What about the devil origin orb inside your body?’ Jasmine’s voice again reached his ears all of a sudden. It still sounded totally emotionless. “Not only is the darkness profound energy not flowing out in the slightest, even I can’t even feel its existence. It seems that you have found a method that can completely suppress it?”

“Yes!” Yun Che nodded his head, as he quickly said. “Not long after you left, the devil origin orb acted up violently. I was rescued from the crisis by the Golden Crow Soul. Later... I coincidentally found the

darkness seed that was left behind by the Evil God. It was only then that I was able to keep the orb in full control.”

“Evil God’s... Darkness Seed? There are only five seeds of the Evil God, namely, water, fire, wind, lightning, and earth. How can there be a...”

As if she had thought of something, Jasmine’s voice paused abruptly.

“Where did you find the darkness seed?” She asked all of a sudden.

“Below... Cloud’s End Cliff.” Yun Che replied. In the past, Jasmine had made him take an oath that no matter what happened, he would absolutely not come near Cloud’s End Cliff, and examining the bottom of the cliff was simply out of the question. It was for Su Ling’er that he had violated this oath.

“So... it’s... just... as... I... thought...” Jasmine said in a low voice.

“Back then, I went to Cloud’s End Cliff because...”

“That’s enough!” Yun Che wanted to explain his reason for going there, but Jasmine interrupted him with a heavy voice. “You don’t need to explain anything, and I don’t want to hear it, either. Moonflower’s power didn’t kill you, and the devil origin orb is also in your full control. In other words, there are no hidden issues within your body right now?”

“Right!” Yun Che nodded his head heavily. “Therefore...”

“Then what are you doing looking for me!?” Jasmine suddenly said in a stern voice. She let out a sneer, “Here I thought that it was perhaps to save your life that you put in so much effort to look for me in the God Realm. Don’t tell me that you truly came just to meet me?”

“...” As if his chest was suddenly pressed down by something, Yun Che felt such stifling feeling that he wasn’t able to say a word.

Jasmine would mostly talk in a berating tone with him, and he never had any issues with it. He had long grown accustomed to her way of speaking, and would respond smilingly instead... But, listening to Jasmine’s voice in this moment, he felt her distancing him far, far away from her; separating the two of them into different worlds.

“If that’s truly the case, hah... Hurry up and get lost!” Go the hell back to your own planet!”

Yun Che’s chest was moving up and down, as he said lightly, “Jasmine...Why?”

“Because you are not worthy!” There was even deeper disdain in Jasmine’s voice. “It looks like although your cultivation progressed over these years, you’re still as ridiculously naïve as before! Since you have been in the God Realm for a few years, you should have a general idea about the level of existence a star god is! Do you think that you and I are still living in the same time when we were forced to coexist!?”

“I came to look for you this time, because you did save my life back then, after all. Moreover, we were in a master-disciple relationship for a few years. Otherwise, I wouldn’t have even spared you a glance, even if you knelt outside the God Realm for ten thousand years. If someone were to know that a distinguished star god such as myself stayed together with a lowly, ordinary person of the lower realms

like you for eight years, wouldn't that be the shame of a lifetime!? Those things in your possession that you were not supposed to have, might also bring me huge trouble!"

"Did my answer satisfy you? If you're satisfied, then hurry up and get lost from here! Scram as far as you can!"

Not only was Jasmine's voice devoid of any emotions, it contained a deep sense of disgust. It was as if it wasn't excitement that she felt at his arrival to the God Realm, but a deep disdain and revulsion.

"..." Yun Che's breathing became disordered. Afterwards, he calmed himself down a bit. "You're trying to deceive me."

"Deceive you? Hah, well all right then. If you want to take my words that way, suit yourself." Jasmine let out a cold laugh, as if she didn't want to bother explaining anything to the likes of Yun Che.

"Jasmine... Don't you deceive me. You... truly don't want to see me?" Yun Che said in a light tone. "Is it because you're afraid that it will be dangerous for me in the God Realm that you're in such a hurry to make me leave this place? Or... are there difficulties that you're reluctant to mention?"

"Hah!" Jasmine coldly said. "Just why are you confident about understanding me very well? Because of coexisting for eight years? The lifespan of us star gods is as long as tens of thousands of years. A period of mere eight years is no different from a dispensable instant to us. Contrary to what one might wish for, to understand another person is the most difficult thing in this world. Even if two people stay together from morning to night for ten thousand years, they still can't fully understand everything about each other. You actually consider yourself to know my thought process by relying on those short eight years? You're truly a hopeless idiot!"

"...Jasmine, answer my question." Yun Che stopped blindly looking around him. He raised his head, as he looked at the empty sky above. "In the past, the Golden Crow Soul told me something. If I can't meet you in five years, it would be impossible to see you again in this life."

Jasmine, "..."

"The Golden Crow Soul is the remnant soul of the Golden Crow, and can communicate through soul voice with the Golden Crow Soul in the God Realm. It certainly won't say pointless nonsense... I want to know what it meant by that! Why would it not be possible to see you again, if I don't meet you within five years?"

"Hah, haha..." Jasmine began to laugh. Her laughter was full of contempt, "That soul sure is talkative! However, it did tell you the right thing. I'm certainly planning to go to a place to train, in order to make the star god inheritance become even more complete... But, what does that have to do with you?"

"No!" Yun Che shook his head. "The Golden Crow Soul may not have told me anything specific, but considering its tone... it definitely can't be something as simple as training!"

"Oh? So what? Your attitude is truly strange. Why do I need to explain anything to you? What qualification do you have to make me give you an explanation!!?"

Yun Che, "..."

“Why would I, the Heavenly Slaughter Star God, need to explain anything about the things I plan on doing to an ordinary person from the lower realms such as yourself? A distinguished star god like me took the initiative to find you here, which is already far, far beyond what you actually deserve! You not only feel deeply grateful for it, but even want to take advantage of my kindness!?”

“Back then in the Blue Pole Star, I had no choice but to stick with you.”

“But, what are you worth in front of me now? What qualifications do you have to ask to see me? What qualifications do you possess to have me explain anything to you!?”

Yun Che stood in a daze in place, as he felt suffocated in his chest. He slowly said, “No... You don’t really mean those words...”

“Hah! Then you continue to live in that pitiful fantasy of yours, and obediently get lost from the God Realm! Or else, if by any chance Moonflower senses that it really was you that she tried to kill, wouldn’t that cause me great trouble!?”

“Hurry... up... and... get lost!!”

“...Jasmine, do you dare to say these words to my face, while looking in my eyes!?” Yun Che raised his head, as he spoke with difficulty.

“How ridiculous,” Jasmine snorted in disdain. “I will say it for the last time... You are not worthy!”

Chapter 1172 - Soul Touching

You are not worthy...

Each time these three words came from Jasmine’s mouth, they would contain even more contempt and impatience than the previous time.

Back when she was on the Blue Pole Star, Jasmine despised everything about the Blue Pole Star. There was nothing in the Blue Pole Star that she considered of any more significance than an ant... except for him.

But now...

Countless times he had thought of the innumerable ways in which he could meet Jasmine, and in many of them, he was furiously cursed at by Jasmine, and even got beaten by her in anger... However, he never thought that upon coming over to him, she would not even be willing to see him, and only show her contempt, scorn, and impatience to him.

“Jasmine...” Yun Che calmed himself down for an unknown period of time, before uttering in an obscure voice. “You’re a star god, and I... certainly... am not worthy of you.”

Jasmine, “...”

“Given my origin, cultivation, and standing, it is impossible for me to even have the qualification to talk with a star god. The reason I’m still alive, can live such a life, and am able to stand here, is all thanks to you... Even if I were to repay you for all you have done with my life, it would still be far, far insufficient. So obviously, I don’t have any qualification to ask anything of you...”

“Repay with life? Hah, no need for that,” Jasmine sneered. “Although your body did dirty my soul body back then, you were at least of some use. Right now, your lowly life is worthless to me. If you get even a bit closer to me, that would sully my body of a star god! You’d better save it for those awful women of yours! Hurry... up... and... get lost! Don’t force me to kick you out of here. It would be quite an unsightly sight if I do it that way!”

Jasmine’s tone and words were heart-stabbing. Yun Che was trying to sense whether she was reluctant to speak in this manner or if there was any hesitation in her voice... but there was no such thing at all.

“...Jasmine, I... should definitely not believe myself to certainly know your thoughts, or think that you have missed me as much as I have you. But at least it can’t be denied that... I put in great effort and risked my life everyday during these three years in the God Realm in order to find you. In the end, I didn’t even hesitate to make it into the Conferred God Battle, so that you could hear my name. Even if you truly have utter disdain for me now, at the very least... let me get a glimpse of you. Allow me tell you all the things I wanted to talk about with you, while looking at your face, and...”

“Are you deaf!?” Jasmine’s voice didn’t change in the slightest because of his words. Instead, she sounded angry all of a sudden. “Shut your mouth! I don’t want to listen to your ridiculous nonsense. You should quickly get lost from here before you bring me trouble. Someone like you has no qualifications to ask anything of me!”

The corners of Yun Che’s eyes quivered as he unconsciously clenched his hands. An unfamiliar feeling of numbness oozed out of his entire body, which very soon disappeared together with his sense of feeling... He took a deep breath, before saying lightly, “I certainly don’t have... any such qualifications. But I... found you after facing so much difficulty. At least, I’m not willing to give up like this... Can you... at least tell me how exactly I would be qualified to see you!?”

“Oh?” Jasmine’s tone of voice became playful, “I see that your nature of not recognizing and reflecting on your mistakes until you suffer because of them hasn’t changed in the least. Hah... All right then. Considering that you did save me in the past, after all, and also exerted all your strength in the God Realm for so long just to get here...I’ll give you an opportunity.”

Yun Che suddenly raised his head.

“However, do keep in mind that this is the only opportunity you’ll be getting from me. If you can accomplish what I say, I’ll meet you in person, and might also tell you everything that you want to know,” Jasmine said in an indifferent tone. “But, if you fail to do it, immediately get lost from here and return to your planet! You’re not to step into the God Realm ever again!”

Yun Che nodded heavily, with almost no hesitation, “Okay! No matter what... I’ll get it done for sure!”

“Very good.” Jasmine’s voice slowed down, however, it clearly sounded carefree and careless now. “Although in the eyes of us star gods, everyone below the status of realm king is nothing different from an ant, there are indeed a few people without such a status who also have some qualification for us to take notice of them. For example... Oh? Aren’t you participating in this Profound God Convention? The first place holder of the Profound God Convention has the qualification to meet even the god emperors face-to-face, let alone star gods.”

Yun Che, “...”

“Haha, such a good opportunity is already lying at your feet. So long as you place first in this session of the Profound God Convention, I’ll at once come out and see you. I’ll tell you all the things that you want to know. How about it? Hahahaha...”

Yun Che’s face slowly turned pale... The “opportunity” Jasmine gave him was something that was completely impossible to realize. It was basically not an “opportunity,” but ridiculing and making fun of him.

Jasmine was laughing in extreme ridicule.

He was definitely participating in the Profound God Convention, and had even entered the Conferred God Battle. But everyone knew about the “means” he had used to do so. Furthermore, he had already lost the first battle, and no matter who he met in the next battle, he was still bound to lose again, without a doubt... When it was absolutely impossible for him to win in the next battle, there was, of course, no way for him to be able to place first in the Profound God Convention.

“Why don’t you say anything? I have bestowed an opportunity to you now. If you’re not up for it, get lost from here this instant. So that you don’t seem too pitiful, I at least wish for your success. But if you can’t even get such a very basic qualification... hah, then remember the words you said, and quickly get back to the place you came from!”

Jasmine’s tone had grown more and more impatient, as if she was doing her utmost to drive out a fly that she didn’t want to spare even a glance.

The oppressiveness he was feeling in his heart became heavier and heavier. He was unable to accept or believe that things turned out this way, after everything he had done over the period of three whole years. Yun Che stood in a daze for a long time, before finally nodding his head, “Okay... I’ll get lost... I’ll get lost from here today...”

“But... even if it makes me look pitiful, let me see you again before I leave... I’m fine with just a glimpse of you... Afterwards, I’ll leave immediately, and won’t bother you ever again.”

Yun Che never thought that there would come a day when he would say such petty and worthless words...

But, she is Jasmine...

She is none other than Jasmine, after all...

Silence reigned in the place for a short while, after which Jasmine’s loud and unbridled laugh resounded beside his ears.

“Hahahaha... I’m truly so foolish to actually waste my energy talking with trash such as you!” Jasmine was so enraged that she laughed in response instead. “I’m surprised that you’re still dreaming about it. Hah, suit yourself. You just continue to have your unrealistic dreams for as long as you want!”

Jasmine’s voice sounded more and more distant rapidly as her extremely disdainful and emotionless sneer resounded beside Yun Che’s ear. It was obvious that she wasn’t in the mood to speak another word with him.

“Jasmine!” Yun Che’s gaze became serious. He let out a loud cry, as he stretched out his hand and quickly fumbled around in the Sky Poison Pearl. Then, a huge purple flower appeared in his hand.

The purple flower was blooming solitarily, every petal of which was like purple jade with light fluttering on it, and was emitting bright, purple demonic light. Although it was lightly enveloped by the rays of light coming from the Sky Poison Pearl, it was still bewitching beyond comparison.

It was the Netherworld Udumbara Flower that he had gotten from the mysterious girl with colorful pupils, below the Cloud’s End Cliff.

Back then at the Moon Slaughter Devil Nest, he had exhausted all his will power to pick a Netherworld Udumbara Flower that only had four petals.

However, this one was complete, with no flaws.

These years he had been constantly yearning to hand it over to Jasmine.

“Oh? Netherworld Udumbara Flower?”

The soul voice of Jasmine once again came from somewhere extremely far away, but it didn’t contain the least bit of excitement. Yun Che was just about to say something when the Netherworld Udumbara Flower in his hand was lifted by an enormous power all of a sudden, and swept up in the sky.

“Hmph! At the time, I had no other choice other than this sort of thing in that lowly, barren place to reconstruct my body. Now that I am in the Star God Realm, why would I still use such a thing... So ridiculous!”

RIP!!

The space split apart suddenly, and the demonic flower, which was emitting purple light, was immediately swept into it by spatial storm, and instantly turned to nothingness.

Jasmine’s voice didn’t resound again... She had gone far, far away at this moment.

Yun Che stood in place in a daze, as his eyes grew cloudy. It was as if his soul was taken out of him, and he stayed still for a long period of time...

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Outside the Eternal Heaven Realm, in the midst of stars, an exquisite red figure appeared out of void.

She was embracing a deep purple demonic flower that was a lot bigger than her. Her body gradually curled downward, like an injured kitten, as her entire being trembled continuously.

“What... am I doing...?”

“Just... what exactly... am I doing...?”

Drip...

Drip...

Scarlet drops of blood trickled down the corner of her mouth, as they fell on the purple pupils and reflected enchanting and strange rays of light.

No one was accompanying her, so there wasn't anyone who could see her tears. There wasn't a single person who could attentively listen to her voice, and it was even more not possible for there to be someone who could help her... In the lonely, ice cold world, she only had the purple demonic flower with her. If it was possible, she would have rather wanted to have her soul be taken away by the purple demonic light, and fall into an eternal dream...

Fifteen minutes...

Thirty minutes...

Two hours...

Four hours...

A long time passed...

She finally raised her head. Her eyes were still misty and had a painful look in them, but they were releasing an absolutely terrifying, abnormally scarlet light...

"Moon...flower...!!!"

BANG!!

The huge gate of the courtyard was pushed open, as Huo Poyun rushed in with quick steps. There was a deep excitement on his face, "Brother Yun! Let me tell you some good information. Tomorrow's match up list has come out, and you know what? You actually... don't have any opponent to face!"

Yun Che, "..."

"Actually... do you remember that Wei Hen? His qualification was cancelled, and his name erased after what happened, but it was precisely him who was going to be your opponent. Hence, there was no one to match up with you, which is equivalent to you directly entering the round after next. Isn't that great!? Moreover, Luo Changan is my first opponent of the Conferred Gods Group tomorrow, and I'm quite confident about defeating him. It would also be a nice way to give vent to your... Eh?"

Yun Che was quietly sitting on the bluestone beside the pond, without budging an inch. He didn't show any reaction to Huo Poyun's words, either.

"Brother Yun, what's wrong... with you?"

Yun Che slowly raised his head. His eyes were almost lusterless, causing Huo Poyun to be so surprised that he nearly retreated a step.

"I'm all right. I've yet to congratulate you on winning the first battle," Yun Che said with a forced laugh.

"Brother Yun, you... I..." Huo Poyun was at a loss seeing how Yun Che looked at this moment.

"I'm sorry to show you my disappointing and disgraceful state." Yun Che let out a faint laugh. "Don't worry, just let me be by myself for a while... I'll not look the same tomorrow."

"Ah... okay." Unable to come up with anything to comfort Yun Che, Huo Poyun promptly nodded his head. He wanted to say something, but had no idea what he should be saying in such a situation. He could do nothing except for being worried for him. He turned around his head as he left, "Then I... will come tomorrow again to call you."

Just as Huo Poyun left, a fairylike figure came over to his side.

"Yun Che... what really happened?" Mu Bingyun asked in a light tone. It was also her first seeing Yun Che so dispirited and soulless.

"...She did come, but..." At this place, Mu Bingyun was the only person that he could pour out his heart to. But the instant he opened his mouth, an unbearably painful feeling spread throughout his body, rendering him unable to say anything.

Mu Bingyun knitted her moonlike brows. Looking at Yun Che, she had already vaguely guessed the reason behind his current condition. She said in a light tone of voice, "Is it that... she told you to go back?"

"..." Yun Che nodded his head before shaking it, and saying in a hoarse voice. "She... can drive me out in a hurry... but why... is she not willing to... even see me...?"

"Things shouldn't have... turned out this way..."

Considering Yun Che's state at this time, there was no way Mu Bingyun couldn't imagine the attitude of the Heavenly Slaughter Star God when she talked with him. Perhaps, being ruthless to him wasn't the only thing she did...

"In that case, what are you planning to do next?" Having remained silent for a short while, Mu Bingyun asked a question that one shouldn't be asking the current Yun Che.

"I don't know... Actually, she is right... She is a star god... so I don't have any qualification to..." Yun Che took a deep breath, but he felt even more stifled in his chest. "I no longer... have a reason to stay in this place... It's just... just that... I'm unable to accept such an outcome... Why did she... not even let me get a glimpse of her...? Could it be that everything in the past... was all fake...? Was it only my own wishful thinking all along...?"

Harboring endless yearning and the obsession that was carved deeply at the bottom of his heart, he had followed Mu Bingyun to the God Realm. Over these past three years, he had abandoned so many things, paid so much, and even contended for opportunities with his life on the line, all for the sake of meeting Jasmine again... He had thought that the process of finding Jasmine would be the biggest hurdle in his way. Who would have thought... that even after clearly finding Jasmine, he would have to face such a final result.

Mu Binyun was quietly listening to him, as she let out a slow and long sigh in her heart.

“Yun Che, I want to ask you something.” Mu Bingyun raised her head. The sky had begun to get dark, “If she met you in person, would you truly feel that your wish had been fulfilled after meeting her? Would you be perfectly contented and make the decision to go back?”

“You don’t have to reply now,” Mu Bingyun said. “I’ll take you back to the Snow Song Realm. In the God Realm, except for her, I’m the one who has known you for the longest time. I have always observed your nature when you were in Frozen Cloud Asgard.”

“A large number of profound practitioners of the lower realms put in effort to come to the God Realm. It’s basically because of one of the following reasons, either to pursue an even higher profound way, or to experience an even wider world. The great majority of profound practitioners from the lower realm would even be content with becoming a king over there. But you left behind everything for the sake of meeting a person. With a sense of duty to meet her at all costs, you followed behind me and came to the God Realm, where you knew nothing at all.”

“I was aware since then that she must have an extremely important place in your heart. Later, all your actions proved this point too.”

Yun Che, “...”

“When you first arrived at the sect, you didn’t hesitate to directly confront the chief disciple of an Ice Phoenix Palace, Mu Yizhou, for a disciple you had no deep friendly relationship with. In the battle of the heavenly lake, you didn’t hesitate to contradict your master because of ‘unfairness’. In the Great Sect Assembly, you defeated Huo Poyun, but because you were afraid of leaving negative influence in his heart due to it, you took the initiative to go over and pacify him. In the God Burying Inferno Prison, even if the three sects of the Flame God Realm acted disloyally, you still straightforwardly gave them half the corpse of the ancient horned dragon.”

“This all proves one thing. You are someone who has a very strong sense of dignity, truly values friendly relations, and is extremely principled as well.

“But, since you came to the Eternal Heaven Realm,” Mu Bingyun’s tone of voice changed at this point. She said with a sigh, “When you were only a step away from meeting her, you became impatient and your thoughts grew disordered.”

Yun Che, “...”

“In the first two rounds of the preliminaries, technically speaking, you indeed didn’t violate any of the rules set by the Eternal Heaven Pearl... but, it is a fact that you cheated. It was something that you would have absolutely not done before. Not only did you go against the orders of your master, you also didn’t bother at all about the dignity and principles of the profound way.”

“You should be clearer than anyone about the many secrets you have which you can’t let other people know of. Entering the Conferred God Battle, on the contrary, is undoubtedly exposing yourself to the eyes of all the people in the Eastern Divine Region... There could be no other place more dangerous to you than here in the whole God Realm, but you still did such a thing without the slightest hesitation.”

Yun Che, “...”

“A person that can make you come to the God Realm in search of her, lose control over yourself, disregard dignity, principles, and dangers... I have no way to understand what she has done for you in the past that could make you be so, but after seeing such a person, or, after saying your farewells to her for good as you wish to do, would you truly be able to be perfectly contented and leave without any regrets!?”

“...” Yun Che’s colorless eyes suddenly began to quiver faintly.

“You don’t need to give a reply to this question to me. It would be fine so long as you can find a reply for yourself,” Mu Bingyun said. “If you manage to find the real answer, perhaps, you will then understand her reason for being so determined to not see you.”

“...” Yun Che widened his eyes, as his breathing grew hurried. His heartbeat became violent, and gradually turned disordered.

“Also... I have something to say that might make you feel a bit better in your heart.” Mu Bingyun’s long hair dropped down, inadvertently brushing against Yun Che’s deathly pale cheek. “Someone who can make you willingly go so far as this for her, everything about her must be long carved into the deepest place of your soul.

“To carve her shadow so deeply into your soul, it would be essential to touch your soul with her own... Therefore, I don’t believe that everything she did with and for you was all just a sham.”

Chapter 1173 - Resolve

As the curtain of night fell, the Eternal Heaven Realm became quiet.

The first round of the Conferred God Battle had ended, and tomorrow was the first battle of the Conferred Gods Group and Losers Group. In the following battle, out of the thirty-one Conferred God Candidates, seven people would be eliminated from the Losers Group, and eight people from the Conferred Gods Group would fall into the Losers Group.

Compared to the battles today, where no one was eliminated, the fights that were going to take place tomorrow were bound to be even more nerve-wracking and fierce. The entire Eastern Divine Region was eagerly looking forward to the eight people that were going to remain in the Conferred Gods Group.

On this night, the other Conferred God Candidates were either conserving strength and storing up energy, or recovering their profound strength and treating their injuries inside the “Time Wheel Pearl.” It was solely Yun Che who was spending the night quietly sitting beside the pond.

In his mind he was constantly replaying every soul-drilling and hear-piercing remark of Jasmine’s, as well as... Mu Bingyun’s words, which were light and indistinct as a breeze.

Even if I could see her as I wish, even if I could bid farewell to her in the most perfect way possible...

Would I be perfectly contented then, and not have any regrets...?

Is it truly possible...?

Why exactly did I come to this place...?

Did I really long to meet Jasmine so much because of always believing that it would certainly make up for the incompleteness and regret that I feel...?

Or is it...

Since that day until now... I was basically unable to accept the fact that she left me... all along...?

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Faint rays of light shone, as the daybreak arrived, and the sky began to brighten gradually.

The door at the entrance of the courtyard was pushed open, as Mu Bingyun walked through it without making any sound. In her line of sight, Yun Che was still sitting at the same place as the day before, and almost hadn't budged an inch.

Slight hesitation surfaced in Mu Bingyun's ice cold eyes, and she didn't say anything. But at this time, she saw Yun Che standing up slowly, with his gaze turning to her. His pupils were limpid like water, and were no longer cloudy like the day before.

"It looks like that you have already clearly thought about what you want to do." Mu Bingyun lightly raised the corner of her mouth. She had an indistinct, shallow smile on her face, but it was magnificent enough to suffocate the heart of anyone who looked at her.

"Although I still haven't thought everything through, I at least know what I should do next," Yun Che said with a faint smile. All the haziness on his face seemed to have completely vanished with this smile, and his pupils appeared to be clearer and brighter than the day before. He said gratefully, "Palace Master Bingyun, I've not only always relied on you for all kinds of assistance, but also made you worried over and over again. Yesterday, I certainly made you disappointed once more."

"..." Mu Bingyun lightly shook her beautiful head. "No, you're still only a twenty-odd year old youth, after all. If you weren't confused, discomposd, impulsive, and occasionally lose reason at this age, that would be a matter of the greatest sorrow."

"Moreover, isn't it a matter of good fortune to have someone that can make you willingly go so far for them?" Mu Bingyun raised her snow white face as she said in a light tone, "Back then, if it wasn't for my elder sister, I might have failed to persevere any longer a thousand years ago."

Yun Che stood straight, as he exhaled the foul air within his chest. He closed his eyes for a bit, before asking, "Palace Master Bingyun, you are right. It is impossible for her to be so heartless to me. Even if there is a world of difference between our identities, but every moment we lived together during those eight years was as real as possible, and there was nothing fake about it... She may be a star god, but she is clearly younger than me... and eight years would amount to one-third the life she has lived so far. So how is it possible for her to so easily wipe my existence off her soul?"

Mu Bingyun, "..."

"Furthermore, I have this feeling that she is definitely going to face some great situation soon, and it has become even stronger after thinking over it repeatedly yesterday... Palace Master Bingyun, have you heard anything about something major event that the Star God Realm is especially planning to do over these years?" Yun Che asked in consultation.

Mu Bingyun shook her head, "The Snow Song Realm doesn't have the ability or qualifications to know about the matters of such a high level existence as the Star God Realm."

After a moment, she appeared to have thought of something, and continued, "However, if it's rumor, then we did hear of a strange rumor related to the Star God Realm less than twenty years ago. Moreover, it was quite a sensational one."

"...What rumor?" Yun Che at once pricked his ears up.

"It seems to be called the 'True God Project.'"

"True God Project..." Yun Che immediately thought of where he had heard of this name. "I seem to have also heard of it two years ago, back when I was in the Darkya Realm."

"However, it is evidently just a false rumor."

"False? Why?"

"It's very simple," Mu Bingyun said in a slow voice. "All the king realms of every divine region have been searching for the way of the True God. If the Star God Realm truly had such a method related to the 'way of the True God,' it would have certainly been the greatest secret of the entire Star God Realm, and they absolutely wouldn't have done anything that would expose it in the least. But back then, this rumor spread unrestrainedly, not only in the king realms and upper star realms, but even in our middle star realms. There are also many star realms in the lower realm that are aware of it. This point alone is enough to prove that it is almost impossible for the rumor to be true."

"Over these years, other king realms didn't show any unusual movement towards the Star God Realm, either. That rumor has practically vanished by now."

"Besides the rumor, the only other 'major' thing we know about the Star God Realm, is the successive 'fall' of the Heavenly Wolf Star God and the Heavenly Slaughter Star God. You should know of that better than anyone else."

"..." Yun Che remained silent for a long while, before he seemingly talked to himself. "What use is it for me to try to know anything? Jasmine was completely right. Right now, I certainly do not have the slightest qualification to know about the thing that is going to happen with her. If it's a matter big enough for even someone such as her, it would be meaningless for me to know of it. After all, what could I actually do after that?"

As he heavily exhaled again, Yun Che felt his brain becoming a bit calmer and more sober. He said all of a sudden, "Palace Master Bingyun, Huo Poyun told me yesterday when he came over that in the round that will be held today... I won't be fighting anyone?"

"It's definitely so." Mi Bingyun nodded her head. "In the first round of the Losers Group battle today, your opponent was supposed to be that devil named Wei Hen. But since he met his doom yesterday, even his name was wiped off the list of the Conferred God Battle. Therefore, in the match up list that appeared yesterday, you turned out to be the participant that won't be facing any opponent in the next round, which effectively means that you've directly advanced to the second round of the Losers Group."

“Perhaps, this is also the will of heaven, huh.” Yun Che slightly raised his head to look at the sky. At this moment, he was truly resolved.

“Palace Master Bingyun, I want... to go back to the Snow Song Realm,” Yun Che said.

“All right.” Mu Bingyun nodded without any hesitation. “I’ll accompany you back.”

“No,” Yun Che, however, shook his head in response. A strange light shone in his eyes, “I’m planning to return by myself. Furthermore... I’ll come back again very soon!”

As the sky brightened, experts from every star realm began to hurry over to the Conferred God Stage.

Yun Che was moving about alone, and at an unhurried pace too. However, the direction he was heading in was entirely different from the others.

He was walking so slow, as if he was silently pondering something. But his gaze was clear and bright, and his heart was as calm as a lake with no ripples appearing on it, despite cool breeze blowing past it. He no longer felt the excitement, nervousness, and hesitation he did when he first came to the Eternal Heaven Realm. Both his mind and heart were in a calm state.

He was so calm that he himself was surprised by it.

“Hmm? My, oh my! I was wondering who it was, but isn’t this the trash that was so scared of me yesterday that he didn’t even dare to come on the Conferred God Stage!?”

An incomparably ear-piercing voice suddenly resounded beside his ear.

Luo Changan had sprung out of someplace, and was staring at Yun Che’s back with squinted eyes. There was a look of deep contempt and ridicule on his face.

Yun Che didn’t bother with him, and didn’t stop for even an instant.

“Hahahaha,” Lou Changan’s unbridled, wild laughter came from behind. “Yesterday, you didn’t even get on the Conferred God Stage, and today, you’re actually so scared that you don’t even dare turn around your head. Indeed, garbage will always be garbage, hahahahaha...”

“Tsk, tsk, letting garbage such as you enter the Conferred God Battle brought disgrace to us true Conferred God Candidates as well.” Luo Changan seemed to be enjoying the pleasant feeling of maltreating the weak. Seeing that Yun Che didn’t dare to say a single word in rebuttal, he was even more delighted in his heart. He narrowed his eyes and pointed at Yun Che’s back with an extremely belittling gesture, “Hey, garbage, listen to my words properly. A true man will fight to the end, even if he dies by doing so. Only the lowest kind of trash would surrender like a spineless dog, hahahahaha...”

Yun Che came to a halt all of a sudden. Afterwards, he slowly turned around, as his gaze finally shifted to Luo Changan, but there was still a flat look within his eyes.

“Your name is... Luo Changan, right?”

“Oh? What about it?” Upon looking that Yun Che actually had the guts to speak to his face, Luo Changan narrowed his eyes, as he revealed a look of interest on his face.

“Hah,” Yun Che’s face didn’t have the expression of humiliation on it that Luo Changan wanted to see, but a faint smile instead. “Make sure to remember those words you spoke just now... Don’t forget even one of them!”

“...” Luo Changan was startled at first, but as if he was tickled by something that the other party said, he then began to crazily laugh aloud; so much so that he was rocking back and forth in laughter. “Puhahahahaha... Hahahaha...”

Yun Che didn’t spare him another glance or care about his taunt, as he resumed walking away to leave the Eternal Heaven Realm, without waiting for him to say anything further.

Although people like Mu Bingyun and Huo Rulie were invited as guests, they might not be able to enter the Eternal Heaven Realm again, if they were to leave it at this moment.

Considering the time, the competition of the Conferred God Battle should have already begun. However, despite being one of the Conferred God Candidates, he had stepped out of the restricted area of the Eternal Heaven Realm. Following his memory, he found the special spatial profound formation that he had used to come here.

Fortunately, it was just about the time for the profound formation in the Snow Song Realm to activate.

Walking out of the profound formation, a world with chilly and white snow blowing in the wind unfolded before his eyes. Yun Che summoned the Ice Phoenix Profound Ark that Mu Bingyun had handed over to him, and speedily flew to the Ice Phoenix Realm at the fastest speed.

“Sigh, Master must be thoroughly angry and disappointed with me right now... I can’t avoid being violently beaten by her, huh.” Stepping on the profound ark, Yun Che talked to himself gloomily. He had already decided what to do next in his mind, but he had no idea how to face Mu Xuanyin after everything he had done.

He had disobeyed the orders of his master, forcibly exposed himself to danger, and caused her to be mocked along with him in all sorts of ways...

Haah... Yun Che let out a long exhalation.

Thinking back to it now, when he was only a step away from Jasmine in the Eternal Heaven Realm, he had certainly done too many things he shouldn’t have done due to impatience. He took actions that were so not like him.

But, if he was given another chance to make a choice, he would likely still choose to do the same.

Having returned to the Ice Phoenix Realm, and entered the sect, Yun Che headed straight to the Ice Phoenix Sacred Region. The instant he entered the sacred region, he kneeled down heavily on the ground, as he said in an ashamed voice, “Master, disciple has returned. Disciple knows that he has committed a great mistake... and asks Master for the punishment he deserves.”

It was only the snow blowing outside that responded to his words.

Yun Che didn’t budge an inch as he kneeled in place for nearly two hours. But, he didn’t get any response from Mu Xuanyin in the end.

“Master?” Yun Che called out again in a probing tone, but still no one replied to him.

Don’t tell me that Master isn’t present here?

Given Mu Xuanyin’s cultivation, she would immediately become aware of his arrival, without him needing to making any sound.

“Master!”

Yun Che got up and went over to the center of the Sacred Hall. The entire Sacred Hall was empty and no sound could be heard inside it. In the middle of the pond whose water remained in a liquid state eternally, an Ice Fairy Spirit Flower was drifting, giving the impression that it would never wither as particularly beautiful rays of light flickered on it.

Chapter 1174 - Gift of the Ice Phoenix

Yun Che kept looking for Mu Xuanyin for a long while, but still didn’t find any trace of her.

He began to think of a possibility... Oh right! Right now, the Conferred God Battle is going on. Don’t tell me that Master is watching the battle through some star tablet?

Could it be that Palace Master Bingyun didn’t inform Master of my return?

Yun Che was too pressed for time. He had no choice but to disregard other things and fly straight towards the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake.

Chilly fog was circulating in the sky above, as an absolutely beautiful gaze silently watched Yun Che’s figure heading into the distance.

“Sigh,” she let out a faint sigh, and her complicated and melancholic voice contained a deep sense of helplessness. There were fluctuations emerging in her mind, which had always stayed quiet, because of him.

“Should I break his legs...?” she said to herself in a light tone.

The barrier around the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake was unable to block Yun Che. He passed straight through it, and went to the place that he was most familiar with in the God Realm. He let out a faint breath, before directly jumping into the heavenly lake, and rushed straight to the bottom of the heavenly lake.

The Heavenly Netherfrost Lake contained an inconceivably dense cold aura, but he only experienced the pleasantness of his body and soul feeling extremely refreshed. Countless cool and refreshing auras hurriedly gushed into his body. These auras could not only transform into his energy, they could also make his profound strength and injuries recover at an extremely fast rate. The Heavenly Netherfrost Lake was one of the most important reasons for his cultivation progressing so swiftly.

But at this moment, Yun Che didn’t have the composure to enjoy these comfortable and refreshing auras, as he moved straight downward with the fastest speed possible.

One hundred feet...

One thousand feet...

Ten thousand eight hundred feet...

Fifty four thousand feet...

All of a sudden, clear and crystalline blue light appeared in the originally completely dark underwater world. A blue light in the shape of an arc appeared in Yun Che's line of sight, which was coming from the cold vein at the bottom of the lake.

Yun Che quickly slowed down, and very soon, his legs stepped on a layer of crystal-like fragmented sand.

Although he had stayed at the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake all day and night for such a long period of time, it was still only his second time coming to the lake bottom.

Following the direction of the arc shining with blue light, Yun Che walked ahead slowly. Very soon, a glittering and translucent block of ice, which was in the shape of a water nut, came into his line of sight. It was quietly embedded inside the azure world.

Within the ice block was the dreamy figure of a girl who was in a curled-up position. Her jadelike arms were wrapped around her knees, and her beautiful neck was buried in between her knees. There was not a single piece of clothing on her body. Her legs were fine as white gems, and long and thin. Her jadelike feet were small and exquisite like a lotus. Her snow white skin seemed as if it was made of jade, possessing the brilliance of moons and stars.

Passing through the light blue water, shining white light was spilling down, blocking her face as well as the most forbidden place on a girl's body from the view of others.

"Yun Che... why have you come here?"

Yun Che stood quietly for a while, thinking how he should put the thoughts in his mind into words. Inside his mind, he had already heard the dreamy, lovely and delicate voice of the girl.

Under the heavens, it was solely Yun Che who knew that the girl within the ice crystal before his eyes, was actually the only True God from the Primordial Era, in the whole Primal Chaos dimension who wasn't annihilated completely.

Although she could only depend on this last cold vein to drift through life, and was just a fine line away from being annihilated thoroughly.

"If there comes a day when you feel that your power has become strong enough, and your willpower and resolve are sufficiently firm to undertake a heavy responsibility in the face of great waves, you can come to look for me again. I'll tell you all the truth there is..."

"Furthermore, I'll bestow all of my energy to you."

"...This is still the last thing I can do and also... the best ending for myself that I could think of."

Back then, she had personally said these words to him.

He had no idea what the "great waves" or "heavy responsibility" that the ice phoenix girl had mentioned were, so it was even more impossible for him to have sufficient "willpower" and "resolve", but right now

he was in urgent need of power... He required something that could quickly increase his power in a short period of time.

Having calmly pondered for a while, Yun Che finally opened his mouth, "Ice Phoenix Divine Spirit, I've come here... to make a very selfish request. I want to ask you to... bestow me some of your power."

"...Why?" the girl inquired. Her voice was still so soft, as if he was hearing it in a dream.

"I... want to see a person. There are some things that I want to tell her to her face. I want to make her see my determination, and also... I want to be strong enough to be able to protect her someday," Yun Che said in an incomparably serious tone. "I need enough strength to be able to meet her. If I fail to fulfill this wish of mine, I'll certainly regret it for the rest of my life. Therefore, I ask you to help me."

It was completely quiet in the azure world.

After a long time passed, the girl let out a light sigh, "I'm sorry, but I'm unable to agree to that."

Yun Che, "..."

"Dividing my power will shorten the period of my existence, and I must exist until 'that day' comes. If you make a similar request on 'that day,' I'll bestow you everything I have without the slightest hesitation... But I can't agree to do so right now just for your selfish reasons. I hope that you don't think badly of me."

"..." Yun Che's chest heaved slightly, but he wasn't surprised or disappointed. He also didn't continue to demand insistently, and smiled faintly instead, "It was certainly too selfish of me to make such a request. It's only natural for you to not agree. I apologize for disturbing your peaceful sleep. I'll try to look for other methods."

Yun Che wasn't surprised in the least by the refusal of the ice phoenix girl. When he was preparing to leave, the light and soft voice of the girl called him to stop, "Wait a moment... I may not be able to divide my power right now, but I can give you a part of my divine soul."

Yun Che turned around as he revealed a look of surprise on his face.

"Although that would be equivalent to shortening the period of my existence too, I'd still have enough strength to exist until that day."

An ice-blue light flashed on the crystal, after which, a water drop-shaped shining star condensed gradually. Then, as if it was being carried by a light breeze, it flew over in front of Yun Che's eyes.

"The divine power contained within this wisp of divine soul is extremely difficult for an ordinary person to transform into their own power. It's solely you who can easily do such a thing in a short period of time. If you can completely assimilate it within you, it will be enough to raise your current cultivation level by two small realms. The increase in your soul power will be far greater than that of your profound strength, which will help you in the long-term."

"This is the most I can do for you right now."

Yun Che's gaze became limpid, as he said gratefully, "Thank you very much. I'll certainly not forget this favor of yours."

“You don’t have to thank me. You should be clear that I’m not helping you simply for your sake alone,” the ice phoenix girl said in a faint tone of voice. “If... you truly feel grateful in your heart, then can you agree to a request of mine?”

She had said, “request” ...

As the only existing divine spirit, she had actually used the word “request” in front of an ordinary person such as Yun Che.

“Okay, please tell me.” Yun Che heavily nodded his head. “So long as it’s within my capabilities, I’ll definitely agree to it.”

“If... there comes a day, when the world is suddenly in a state of upheaval, and everything is enveloped within a crimson despair... I ask you to certainly come to look for me...”

World is... in a state of upheaval?

Crimson despair?

Yun Che was just about to inquire about what she had said, when the voice of the girl reached his ears once again, “No need to ask any further, because it’s still too early for you to know about everything. I only wish that you, who have inherited the seed of hope left behind by the Evil God, fully agree to do as I have said.”

“Alright.” Yun Che didn’t give it much thought, as he nodded at once. “If such a day truly comes, I’ll certainly come to seek your help, even if you didn’t ask for it.”

“...Hmm,” the ice phoenix girl let out a pleased sound in response. The ice-blue shining star that was drifting before Yun Che, also flew over to him at this time. It came into contact with Yun Che’s body, and slowly merged into the place between his brows.

Immediately, Yun Che clearly saw a bright and blue shining star appearing within his soul.

Yun Che didn’t refine it at once, and said again in gratitude, “I thank you for the help, Ice Phoenix Divine Spirit. Although I don’t know what is going to happen in the future, and also don’t believe that I’m great enough to carry out any such mission, I agree to definitely do as you have said.”

“At present, you don’t need to think too much about it. Although that day will come for sure, even someone such as me is unable to predict the exact time of its arrival. You don’t have to feel the burden of the responsibility at such an early date. Even though you have inherited the ‘seed’ left behind by the Evil God, you’re an independent existence. There is no one who has the right to force you to bear any responsibility.”

Her voice paused, before she said suddenly, “It seems that... you use the power of the Profound Handle within your body on very few occasions?”

Yun Che was slightly startled in his heart. Not understanding the reason for her bringing up the topic of Profound Handle, he nodded his head in affirmation, “The Profound Handle is a very powerful power to the people of my clan, but my power is mainly centered around the use of the elements or a heavy sword, and relying on the Evil God’s profound veins to amplify my profound strength. These things that I usually use to fight have no power boosting effect on my Profound Handle. Especially, when my

profound strength reached the divine way, although the Profound Handle is still helpful, its attack power is quite low in comparison to other means, and consumes a huge amount of energy despite that. Therefore, I very rarely use it in a fight.”

The ice phoenix girl remained silent for a while, before she said slowly, “The Profound Handle is one of the powers that exist within your body. It is not only linked with your bloodline, it also has a firm connection with your profound veins and soul. When the Evil God’s profound veins amplify your profound strength, it’s not that it doesn’t have any effect on the Profound Handle, rather... it is likely that there isn’t a sufficient degree of agreement between the ‘Profound Handle’ and your ‘profound veins.’”

“Sufficient degree of... agreement?”

“Besides, you can try fusing the Profound Handle and your soul with each other. Given your special soul power and comprehension ability, perhaps, you might be able to come into contact with some other special power.”

The ice phoenix girl could only give her advice to him. It naturally depended on Yun Che himself as to whether he would be able to truly realize what she had said.

The agreement between profound veins and Profound Handle...

Fusing soul and Profound Handle...

The Profound Handle existed in one’s bloodline, but profound veins were the basic source of its power. So as to control the Profound Handle, it was natural that soul power was essential... In other words, they all were “linked together.”

But the “agreement” and “fusion” the ice phoenix girl talked about, were evidently not referring to such a simple interconnection... Just what exactly did she mean?

“Although there are things that I don’t understand, I’ll try to comprehend your words when I cultivate from now on,” Yun Che said with a nod.

“I believe that you’ll certainly have some results before long.”

“Other than that, there is also something that I should tell you. It’s related to your Master Mu Xuanyin. She is actually... I...”

The voice of the ice phoenix girl became lighter all of a sudden. After hesitating for a bit, she didn’t continue to speak any further.

Yun Che was taken aback, and he promptly asked, “What about my Master?”

“...” Having stayed quiet for a while, the ice phoenix girl said in a light tone, “You only need to know that although she sometimes shows an astonishing side of her... she definitely won’t do any harm to you. You can completely trust her in any and all matters.”

Yun Che stared blankly, before nodding his head lightly, “Master has always been very good to me. Even if I commit mistakes frequently, including very big mistakes, she eventually chooses to forgive me.”

“...Go now. She is waiting for you in the sky above the heavenly lake. If you want to raise your strength in a short period of time, your master has the most suitable method for you.”

Master is... in the sky above the heavenly lake?

Yun Che bid farewell to the ice phoenix girl. Then, he unleashed his profound aura, as he headed upward against the flow of water, towards the surface of the lake.

The bottom of the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake once again returned to its usual quiet and lonely atmosphere as soon as Yun Che left. A long time passed when the faint sigh of the girl resounded.

“The crack on the Wall of Primal Chaos has already reached a length of over three hundred meters, and the crimson rays of light are about to shine on the world. Mankind has likely discovered its existence by now, but they will never be able to imagine how terrifying a calamity is hiding behind it.”

“It is basically impossible for the current world to be able to survive through that calamity...”

“Yun Che... I can only pray that... you manage to lead everything to that best possible outcome that I have in mind... Moreover, you are the only one who can accomplish such a thing.”

Chapter 1175 - Universe Penta Jade Pellet

Yun Che headed upward at an extremely fast speed, and very soon appeared out of the lake’s surface. He subconsciously raised his head to look at the sky above. Mu Xuanyin’s figure was quietly drifting there, and her ice cold power and ferocious aura were emitting from her icy pupils.

Although he was already prepared for it, Yun Che still felt panicked in his heart, “Mas...ter.”

“Kneel!”

Her chilly shout contained a deep sense of anger. Yun Che had his whole body stiffen, as he instantly kneeled down, and said in an ashamed voice, “Master, disciple... knows his mistake.”

“Know your mistake?” Mu Xuanyin let out a snort. The anger in her voice carried coercion, and as if a frozen sea had capsized, it made the whole area of the heavenly lake fall into silence. “You say again and again that you know your mistake, and then you go commit mistakes over and over again. So, what does it even matter if you know your mistake!? Did you ever take my words seriously!?”

“Master, I...”

“No need to quibble over it!” It was clear that Mu Xuanyin was truly angered. “Bingyun has already informed me everything about your conduct and deeds in the Eternal Heaven Realm! When you were leaving Snow Song, I repeatedly warned you to absolutely not make any decisions by yourself, and to keep your existence as low profile as possible. However... not only did you not listen to what I said, you even did the exact opposite and thoroughly exposed yourself to the eyes of so many people. Right now, there is likely no one in the whole Eastern Divine Region who doesn’t know of your great name... How impressive of you, huh!”

“If I knew things would turn out this way, I would have... forcibly kept you imprisoned inside the Ice Phoenix Hall. That would have been much better than you trying to court death!”

Yun Che wanted to say something, but in the face of Mu Xuanyin's wrath and coercion, he was not even able to breathe or so much as raise his head.

Mu Xuanyin's tone and gaze directly pierced Yun Che's mind like countless ice cold needles, "Is someone who left you back then, truly of such importance to you!?"

"..." Yun Che bit his lip, before saying in a light voice, "She... was once my master. She guided my cultivation of the profound way, saved my life, and changed my fate... In those times when I was in the most pain, most lonely, most helpless, and felt most despair... she was the one who accompanied me through all of it..."

"She has been as good to me... as Master... I can never... let her down, either..."

"..." Mu Xuanyin stared blankly at him.

The world became quiet all of a sudden.

Yun Che once again kneeled down heavily on the ground, as he deeply lowered his head and didn't dare to raise it. Mu Xuanyin might have an intimidating, cold and harsh attitude, and was respected and feared by all in the Snow Song Realm, but there was no way... he wouldn't be aware how good she had been to him.

Despite the fact that he had committed a lot of mistakes, including those that were simply unforgivable and clearly angered her greatly, she eventually forgave him every time. Especially, in the past two years, she had guided his cultivation day and night, without even bothering with her duties to the sect... He was incomparably convinced that such a thing would be deemed absolutely inconceivable in the Divine Ice Phoenix Sect. No one would be able to understand why she was going so far for him.

He, on the other hand, didn't repay her favor in the least. He had even enraged and disappointed her again, too.

Facing Mu Xuanyin at this time, he was feeling endlessly ashamed in his heart... He felt that he was no longer deserving of being her disciple, or receiving so much of her kindness.

On the surface of the lake, the ice spirits that had been frozen for long, began to dance about all of a sudden. It felt as if some of the chilliness had dispersed.

"What a pity that she is not even willing to see you!" Mu Xuanyin said in cold tone. "Now that you have come back, behave yourself and stay within the Sacred Hall. You're not to take a step outside without my permission! In a few years, when the people of the Eastern Divine Region have completely forgotten about your existence, get lost and go back to your Blue Pole Star!"

"...Master," Yun Che said with his head lowered. "Disciple has come back to find a way to make his power grow much stronger in a short period of time. Afterwards, disciple will again leave for... the Conferred God Battle."

Yun Che said in a very light and slow voice, and each of his words contained a sense of guiltiness. But, he sounded quite determined.

"Oh... Is that so?" Mu Xuanyin slightly lowered her icy brows. "You have indeed still not given up on seeing her, huh?"

“No...” Yun Che shook his head. “I not only want to see her, but there are also some things that I must tell her to her face. I want to let her know that... no matter what unfavorable situation she comes across, I’ll face it together with her.”

“You think... you’re... capable enough!?” Mu Xuanyin asked in a cold and contemptuous voice.

“It is obviously not possible for me right now. I don’t even have the qualifications to attempt such a thing. If I were to forcibly go over to her side, I’d only end up becoming her burden. But, I want to let her know that I’ll become powerful for her sake. If she wants to make use of the Conferred God Battle to drive me away, then I... will make use of the Conferred God Battle to prove my resolve!”

Mu Xuanyin, “...”

“Master...” Yun Che continued in a light voice, “I discovered just yesterday that I have always been wrong. I have been wrong from the very beginning.”

“Since the day I came to the Snow Song Realm, I always told myself that my objective in coming to the God Realm was to find her. I worked hard to become powerful in order to find her, too. During my whole time in the God Realm, training hard and cultivating to increase my profound strength, I constantly told myself that finding her was my sole objective behind arriving in the God Realm, I would never belong to this place, and Blue Pole Star is the only place for me to return to... Perhaps, it was because I always harbored the feeling of being a petty and lowly existence in the face of the enormous God Realm, that I only thought of never taking a step into it ever again after fulfilling my wish.”

“It was also because of such self-delusion that I never truly thought about having a footing in the God Realm, and nor did I consider reaching such heights that the masses would look up to me, like they do in the Blue Pole Star.”

“But I forgot all along that the very reason she had to leave me, was none other than my extremely insignificant existence.”

“If I can become powerful enough to protect her, to fight side by side with her, and keep her out of all sorts of harm... she would at least stop worrying about me. How would it be possible for anyone to take her away from my side then? How would it be so difficult... for us to see each other?”

“The thing that is turning out to be a hindrance to me as well as her, has never been the difference between the lower realm and king realm... it had always been my own insignificance.” Yun Che closed his eyes, as his voice sounded indistinct like mist.

Mu Xuanyin was quietly listening to him. It seemed as if each of the words Yun Che said was coming from his soul, but the look in her eyes didn’t change in the slightest, “So what? Are you preparing to make use of this Profound God Convention to prove yourself to her? Is it to let her know of your obsession with her, so as to move her to tears!?”

“No...it’s also for myself,” Yun Che said. “If I can proudly look down on others by entering the Conferred God Stage after just the short time of three years since coming to the God Realm... what reason do I have to discontinue becoming powerful!?”

Mu Xuanyin, “...”

“Evil God’s Profound Veins, power of the Rage God, body of the Dragon God, Sky Poison Pearl... I have always kept these things hidden, thinking about the dangers that I’d have to face if they were to be sensed by someone else. But... there is still so much more to them. They are actually tremendous blessings that the heavens have bestowed on me!”

Mu Xuanyin wasn’t moved at all. She snorted, “What a ‘great’ realization you have had. Unfortunately... according to what I remember, you can’t stay in the God Realm for more than five years. Three years have already passed, and only two years are left now. What use is it even if your blessings make you ten times more talented in various aspects than others!?”

“I’ll certainly return in two years.”

Mu Xuanyin, “...”

“However, that doesn’t mean that I won’t be coming back.” Yun Che raised his head at this time, as he directly looked into Mu Xuanyin’s eyes. “Because the Blue Pole Star is no longer my only homeland and the place to return to. After all, Master, I have long become a person of the God Realm... At least, I already belong to the Snow Song Realm.”

Mu Xuanyin, “...”

“Both Master and Jasmine are my reasons for staying in the God Realm. It has been so for a long time now, but it’s just that I wasn’t aware of it. Therefore, I will return to the Blue Pole Star from the God Realm, and also return to the God Realm from the Blue Pole Star. So long as I’m not powerful enough, I want to follow beside Master at all times, and enjoy the protection under Master’s wings. If there comes a day when I become as powerful as I wish, I want to protect Master and Snow Song throughout my life. Anyone who dares to hurt Master will be my enemy for life.”

As their gazes came into contact with each other, Mu Xuanyin suddenly shifted her eyes to the side. Afterwards, she immediately turned around and said in a cold voice, “Your cultivation is just at the Divine Tribulation Realm and you still do foolish things over and over again. You only know how to talk big.”

“You’d better think about protecting your own life. I have still not fallen so low that I would need your protection!”

Yun Che, “...”

Mu Xuanyin raised her beautiful neck all of a sudden, as she let out a light sigh, “Why do I, Mu Xuanyin... have a disciple such as you?”

The moment she finished her words, she suddenly lifted her arm, and threw something out of her snow white sleeve, “Eat this!”

Abruptly, five different strange lights shone before Yun Che’s eyes.

It was a small and exquisite bead that was emitting these lights. The bead was glittering and translucent, similar to colored glass, but it was releasing a completely different luster and aura from that of colored glass.

Red, cyan, white, blue, jade green... The five lights were sometimes overlapping on each other, and other times separating apart, as they shone together. The aura of the bead was also continuously changing. Sometimes it would become turbid, and other times pure, sometimes it would become scorching hot, other times cold as ice... Although the changes were not that intense, the miraculousness of the bead was not in the least overwhelmed by the extremely dense cold aura of the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake.

Yun Che slowly widened his eyes, "Could this be..."

"It's the Universe Penta Jade Pellet!" Mu Xuanyin turned around to him at this time. She had already regained her usual indifferent look on her face which was as beautiful as that of a celestial being. "Although your Sky Poison Pearl possesses quite a strong refining power, and can easily refine countless medicines, the Universe Penta Jade Pellet requires powerful profound strength to properly fuse the five kinds of power with each other. It is not something that your Sky Poison Pearl can accomplish! Even I needed a year's time to successfully finish the fusion process."

The Universe Penta Jade Pellet was one of the things that Yun Che had come back to look for.

Back then, he had already gathered all of the five materials needed to refine the Universe Penta Jade Pellet, but Mu Xuanyin had taken all of them away, as she wanted him to cultivate up to the Divine Tribulation Realm with his own efforts. He had returned to the Snow Song Realm this time in order to get those materials back from Mu Xuanyin and obtain the refining method as well, so that he could refine the Universe Penta Jade Pellet with the help of the Sky Poison Pearl.

It was also at this moment that he realized that it was basically impossible for him to successfully refine the Universe Penta Jade Pellet, like he would other ordinary medicines. It required powerful profound strength to guide the fusion of the different powers together...

Furthermore, someone as strong as Mu Xuanyin actually took a whole year to complete the fusion process.

Perhaps, this was the true reason behind her taking all the ingredients away at that time.

She exhausted a large amount of her profound strength and mental power to finish the fusion, and then directly took out the pellet at this moment. It clearly meant that... the pellet had been prepared specifically for him.

Feeling lightly touched by something soft in his heart, Yun Che couldn't help but get emotional all of a sudden, "Master..."

"Don't speak any nonsense, and sit down properly!" Mu Xuanyin, however, didn't give him the chance to say anything, and berated in a cold voice. Her snow white figure swayed for an instant, after which she arrived right in front of Yun Che, "Take out the 'Time Wheel Pearl' that you have obtained in the Eternal Heaven Realm!"

"Ah... Understood."

Yun Che promptly sat upright, and calmed his emotions and aura. Then, he took out the "Time Wheel Pearl" and placed it in the center of Mu Xuanyin's hand.

Faint profound strength poured out of Mu Xuanyin's palm, which shattered the Time Wheel Pearl into pieces. A formless barrier expanded immediately, as it enclosed the two people within it, and split open a different world for the two of them.

The time wheel barrier could exist for a month.

But during this one month inside the time wheel barrier, only two hours would pass by in the world outside.

Chapter 1176 - Heaven and Hell

Yun Che didn't feel any sort of odd feeling inside the Time Wheel Pearl.

"The Universe Penta Jade Pellet contains extremely strong energy that can dramatically increase the profound strength of the lower realms of the divine way. But taking such a medicine entails very high risk, and that's why, the 'Wood Spirit Orb' is needed, to make the medicinal power become milder."

As Mu Xuanyin waved her hands, several layers of thin, icy mist immediately appeared beside Yun Che. "The Wood Spirit Orb that you obtained was an extremely rare one that had all of its spirit aura preserved within it. But, the heart of ancient dragon is from a horned dragon of the Divine Master level, the Immortal Emperor Grass had its entire aura intact, and the Qilin horn contained extraordinarily dense cold aura. As a result, despite using a perfect Wood Spirit Orb, the medicinal power contained within this pellet is extremely violent, and you will definitely be unable to refine it on your own."

"Even if I am present at your side for assistance, there is still a possibility of you losing control over the strong energy of the medicine. Therefore, you must make sure to be careful. Understood?"

"Disciple understands." Yun Che nodded his head. He brought the Universe Penta Jade Pellet to his mouth with his hands, and carefully swallowed it as Mu Xuanyin watched.

A cool and refreshing aura entered his body, and then disappeared little by little. He was not able to feel any trace of it any longer. Yun Che closed his eyes, as he channeled the aura and prepared to refine the medicinal power. But, before his profound strength could come into contact with the Universe Penta Jade Pellet, his whole body shook all of a sudden.

In that instant, it seemed as if countless volcanoes and glaciers had erupted and burst apart, respectively triggering numerous mighty torrents to gush out crazily. Half of these mighty torrents were ice cold, and the other half were scorching hot. Even the smallest torrent among them contained energy far more fearsome than Yun Che could have expected.

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In order to forcibly raise his profound strength, Yun Che had many times relied on his special physique and taking medicines with extremely fierce medicinal power. For example, when he was in the lower realms, he had used a Goldscale Dragon Transforming Pellet, when he first came to the Snow Song Realm, he had used a Jadedfallen Ice Soul Pellet. If one were to call their medicinal power as fierce as a very fast-flowing river, however...

Then the medicinal power unleashed by this Universe Penta Jade Pellet, would be comparable to a boundless sea that wanted to swallow the sky and cover the earth.

Yun Che had basically failed to guide the energy properly within his body, and his entire being seemed to have been swept into raging billows soaring into the sky. His body was completely drowned in endless pain, and each of his bones and cells were trembling crazily, as if they would burst at any moment...

As Yun Che felt utter shock in his heart, an ice cold and soft aura suddenly rushed forth to the surface of his body. Immediately, the incomparably violent torrents of medicinal power speedily grew milder in nature under the effect of the ice cold aura. Eventually, they actually became quite docile, and began to slowly flow within his entire body and meridians.

As the fearsome pain was rapidly eliminated, Yun Che was once again able to sense the existence of his body and profound veins. He instantly understood the source of this cold aura that had suppressed the medicinal power, and promptly focused his mind back on channeling the energy, while activating the Great Way of the Buddha at the same time.

Having experienced the fierceness of the medicinal power which was countless times stronger than he expected, Yun Che clearly realized the fearsome nature of the "Universe Penta Jade Pellet." There was no way he would be slacking in the slightest now. He totally sealed off his senses as he slowly guided both his profound energy and the spirit energy of heaven and earth to refine the medicinal power, that had currently become docile, in an incomparably careful manner.

Inside the time wheel barrier, Mu Xuanyin watched the previously trembling body of Yun Che calming down, and get covered in beads of sweat from top to bottom. If he were to open his eyes at this time to look at his body, he would certainly be shocked... Because there were actually five different lights shining on the surface of his body. Red, blue, cyan, jade green, and white lights were moving disorderly about on his body, as they sometimes shone brightly, and at other times faintly.

Mu Xuanyin was sitting in front of Yun Che. She had her finger pointed ahead, as the multi-layered icy mist kept Yun Che enveloped within it all this time. Despite the fact that her cultivation had reached the summit of the God Realm, there was a serious look in her eyes.

Medicines that could forcibly raise profound strength, even if only by a small realm, were extremely difficult to find. Moreover, they entailed a very big risk. The Universe Penta Jade Pellet... as Mu Xuanyin herself had said back then, was able to raise the cultivation of Yun Che directly up to the Divine Tribulation Realm when he was only at the Divine Origin Realm—The effect of the pellet was simply too absurd!

So, it was not difficult to imagine the great medicinal power such a medicine contained and the risk of using it to increase profound strength.

Besides, the "heart of an ancient dragon" was from a Divine Master horned dragon that had lived for tens of thousands of years. The "Qilin horn" was from a qilin from ancient times, the "Wood Spirit Orb" was a perfect one that was almost impossible to come across, and the "Immortal Emperor Grass" had also not lost the slightest bit of its spirit energy under the effect of the Sky Poison Pearl.

The result of utilizing such materials was also evident. The medicinal power of this "Universe Penta Jade Pellet" was so strong that its potency greatly surpassed the descriptions in all the records about it that Mu Xuanyin knew of.

Even Mu Xuanyin was unable to predict... the medicinal power and risk of such a medicine.

She had to assist Yun Che in suppressing the medicinal power of the Universe Penta Jade Pellet, but her power was way too enormous for Yun Che, too. A slight bit of carelessness or losing control over the medicinal power could very well hurt Yun Che severely, or Yun Che might get directly injured by her power... Compared to Yun Che, who could now calmly refine the medicinal power, she could even less afford to relax.

If it wasn't for Mu Xuanyin helping him by his side, Yun Che would have certainly died after taking such a medicine, even if he had the power of the Rage God and the body of Dragon God... There absolutely could not have been any other outcome.

Therefore, although Yun Che had begun to put in effort to look for the materials to refine "Universe Penta Jade Pellet" on his own after fleeing from the Flame God Realm back then, it didn't matter whether he could successfully refine it. Even if he had truly succeeded, and then forcibly swallowed it down... it would have been no different than courting death.

Time slowly passed by inside the time wheel barrier.

One day... Two days... Five days... Seven days...

The Universe Penta Jade Pellet continued to release its medicinal power, which was refined gradually by Yun Che. The five colors had begun to circulate on the surface of Yun Che's body.

The only thing Mu Xuanyin could do was to help him suppress the medicinal power, otherwise he had to refine it by himself. During these days, the medicinal power would go out of control once every few hours, causing Yun Che's body to tremble and feel unbearable pain. However, it would then get suppressed by Mu Xuanyin's power very quickly, so he was able to resume the refining process without any accidents.

Although Yun Che had sealed his external senses and focused all his mental perception on refining the medicinal power, he could still clearly feel his profound strength increasing at a fast rate, and as a result, it was also becoming easier for him to refine the medicinal power.

His state of his mind had also become completely calm and stable, and he was no longer overwhelmed with shock and worry like he had been in the very beginning.

But, as the surface layer of the Universe Penta Jade Pellet got slowly refined, his profound strength... finally started to come into contact with its core.

BOOM———

After the long calm, without warning, sky-shrouding, monstrous waves burst out of the surface of the sea, on which great waves had only emerged occasionally so far.

"Ah!!!!"

As if his soul had been pierced by ten thousand knives, Yun Che let out a painful groan. In this instant, it seemed as if ten million huge beasts from the abyss were roaring within his body. Every drop of his blood, every one of his meridians, and each of his cells were thoroughly filled with an extremely violent energy. Yun Che desperately attempted to use his profound energy to guide the medicinal power that had gone wild all of a sudden, but it was like an ant trying to shake a tree.

Blue light flashed through Mu Xuanyin's pupils as she sensed the sudden eruption of the medicinal power inside Yun Che's body. Despite the fact that he was enveloped within the icy mist... the medicinal power only remained suppressed for a few seconds, before it got itself free from suppression due to its tyrannical nature, and wreaked havoc within his body.

"This is..."

The medicinal power of this Universe Penta Jade Pellet was certainly extremely strong at its core. Mu Xuanyin was already prepared to deal with it, but even she had not imagined that it would be so tyrannical.

Mu Xuanyin lowered her brows, as she turned over her jade-like wrist and began to use her palm instead of finger to control the medicinal power. An even deeper blue light enveloped Yun Che... which immediately made Yun Che's face start to look better. But, such a situation only lasted for less than seven minutes, and then the look of pain on his face grew deeper and deeper again.

Very soon, Yun Che's face became deathly pale, resembling a sheet of paper, and his whole body was heavily drenched in perspiration.

"..." As her icy brows grew more and more tightly knitted, Mu Xuanyin turned over her jade-like wrist once again. Her fingers were glittering and translucent like ice jade under the illumination of the blue light that was gradually becoming denser, but the blue light accumulated in between her fingers stayed still in midair, and didn't move to envelope Yun Che.

The fierceness of the medicinal power at the core of the Universe Penta Jade Pellet had completely surpassed her expectations. If she had known things would turn out this way, she might not have chosen to let him take it at this time.

It was absolutely impossible for Yun Che to endure such medicinal power.

Although she could instantly suppress it even if its fierceness was a hundred times greater... she was incomparably clear that Yun Che was unable to endure the energy required to suppress it, either. He would be severely injured even before the medicinal power got suppressed.

However, if it was not suppressed...

As if countless vicious beasts from the abyss had freed themselves from confinement, Yun Che looked to be in more and more pain, and his body was twitching continuously. Almost every bit of the skin over his whole body was twitching rapidly too.

Mu Xuanyin's palm was on Yun Che's chest... Time quickly passed by, and her fingers began to shiver faintly little by little, but the icy light gathered on her hand had still not come down to envelope him.

"Ug... ah... aaahh..."

Yun Che was letting out painful groans, despite the fact that he had sealed his senses. It was actually his soul lamenting. The five different lights moving about on the surface of his body had now become so dense that they were almost dazzling. As these lights glimmered in a disordered manner, Yun Che's body would sometimes swell, and other times shrink all of a sudden... and the "crackling" sound of his bone joints colliding could be heard as well.

If he didn't have the Dragon God marrow, at least half of his skeleton would have been broken by this time.

Even if it seemed as if he had fallen into the abyss where he could only feel despair, the painful expression on Yun Che's face also proved his will to be refusing to fall apart.

Mu Xuanyin's breathing grew hurried gradually, the up and down movement of her protruding chest became more and more intense. Seeing the extremely painful look on Yun Che's face and his body that could get destroyed at any moment, a chaotic look had surfaced in her eyes... which slowly turned into that of struggle.

"Ug... aaah..."

A scarlet streak of blood flowed down the corner of Yun Che's mouth.

The scarlet mark of blood on his face routed the look of struggle in Mu Xuanyin's pupils. It was as if her soul had been pricked with a red needle.

Her palm which had remained on his chest for a long time, finally dropped slowly at this time.

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At this time, Yun Che was like a small boat that had been engulfed by the raging billows of a vast ocean. The more he struggled, the more deathly pale he looked. He exhausted all his willpower to somehow persevere until the aura of the medicinal power was suppressed, but no matter how long he waited, things didn't turn out as he wished.

"Mas...ter..." His soul was continuously shouting in pain, as he felt himself getting closer and closer to the abyss. However, he still hadn't obtained the power he had been yearning for.

When his energy, willpower, and body were all on the verge of falling apart, an ice cold aura came into contact with him all of a sudden...

This cold aura was completely different from the one that had suppressed the medicinal power earlier. Furthermore, it wasn't something external, and instead had appeared within his body suddenly... As he had sealed off his senses, it was not possible for him to sense the exact location of its origin in his body, but there was no doubt that it was certainly gushing out from inside his body.

Although the cold aura was not really all that strong, it was extremely pure, and contained an extremely high level mysterious aura... It was not possible to tell the identity of the aura, but it still gave Yun Che a vaguely familiar feeling.

This... is...

The pure aura spread throughout Yun Che's body very quickly, and allowed his tottering soul to finally see the light. Under the influence of the cold aura, these auras generated by the medicinal power that were berserk like wild beasts, calmed down in the short period of a few breathes.

Not only that, the cold aura actually fused with Yun Che's profound energy on its own, and began to refine the medicinal power. It was as if the instant that cold energy surged within Yun Che's body, the medicinal power of the Universe Penta Jade Pellet had started to become his own.

Following the constant surge of the cold aura, the feeling of pain that fully occupied Yun Che's mind also disappeared completely. He was feeling an indescribable feeling of extreme relaxation instead. It was as if he was soaking in cool, refreshing and pure lake water, and as his whole body had come into contact with the gentle flow of water, it made even his soul shudder in pleasure and comfort.

Finally, all the medicinal power totally stopped moving around, as if it was frozen, allowing Yun Che to refine it bit by bit.

Chapter 1177 - Returning to Eternal Heaven Again

The first wave of the core medicinal power of the Universe Penta Jade Pellet was refined in the short period of four to six hours. No unexpected accidents happened during the process, either. Yun Che was feeling such a comfortable feeling that he had no way to describe it this whole time. It was as if his body was floating high in the clouds or wandering in a dream.

As the medicinal power had been refined, the Universe Penta Jade Pellet also stopped acting violently for the time being. That dreamy, mysterious cold aura had also fused with his body on its own at some point in time, and even the injuries inside and outside his body had healed completely.

Yun Che concentrated his mind again, and began to stabilize and consolidate the newly born energy.

But, this calm situation didn't last for long. The second wave of the core medicinal power of the Universe Penta Jade Pellet was unleashed all of a sudden. Although it was slightly weaker than the previous time, it was still powerful enough to immediately send Yun Che down into the depths of the abyss.

However, this time Yun Che didn't have to struggle as earlier. That soft and mysterious aura once again surged in his body, and like a light and gentle spring shower, moistened his entire body, before soundlessly fusing with his physique and energy again. Then both of them jointly suppressed and refined this new medicinal power.

The majority of Universe Penta Jade Pellet's medicinal power was concealed at its core. Wave after wave of medicinal power erupted in succession, and got refined by Yun Che over and over again. Every time Yun Che found himself unable to withstand the eruption of the medicinal power, that dreamy, ice cold aura would promptly surge in his body.

After this process repeated dozens of times, the medicinal power flowing out of the Universe Penta Jade Pellet had become quite weak, and the dreamy aura surging in his body every time to assist in suppressing and refining the medicinal power was also becoming weaker.

An unknown period of time had passed so far. Perhaps, a few days, a few months, or even a few years... When this cycle of refining the medicinal power hit the hundredth time, the Universe Penta Jade Pellet had finally unleashed all of its medicinal power. Afterward, the five-colored, unusual light that had kept Yun Che enveloped within it during this entire period, disappeared completely without a trace, too.

Yun Che was now able to feel relaxed in his mind, which surprisingly didn't feel any sort of exhaustion at all. On the contrary, his mind was unprecedentedly sober and calm.

Yun Che didn't choose to sense his current profound energy, and instead released his sealed senses and quietly opened his eyes... The time wheel barrier still existed, which proved that he had spent less than

“a month” inside. However, Mu Xuanyin, the only other person who was present in the barrier together with him, was nowhere to be seen. There were no traces of her aura in the surroundings, either.

It was at this time that a slight phoenix cry came from the depths of his soul all of a sudden.

The strand of divine soul that the ice phoenix girl had bestowed him was glittering with an ice cold light inside his soul.

Mu Xuanyin had once told him that the Divine Tribulation Realm was the most special realm of the divine way. It only had nine small realms, no qualitative change would happen, and it simply raised the profound strength of a profound practitioner. Therefore, the Divine Tribulation Realm was the most suitable realm to “forcibly increase” profound strength. Not only was it easier and most fitting to do so in this realm, one could obtain the boost in their strength while facing the least side-effects possible.

It was also one of the reasons that Mu Xuanyin didn’t let Yun Che to take the Universe Penta Jade Pellet when he was at the Divine Soul Realm.

Concentrating his mind, Yun Che attempted to make contact with that strand of the ice phoenix divine soul. The energy attached to the soul was incomparably powerful in his eyes, and could dramatically amplify his profound strength once again.

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Eternal Heaven Realm, Conferred God Stage, Third day of the Conferred God Battle.

In the Conferred God Battle the day before, eight people from the Conferred Gods Group were defeated and fell into the Losers Group. On the other hand, eight people were eliminated from the Losers Group.

Today, only the battles of the Losers Group were to be held, a total of eight battles, and eight people would be getting eliminated from the Conferred God Stage.

In other words, only sixteen people would be left on the Conferred God Stage after the battles today. Those who could make their way into the top sixteen would attain enough glory to shine throughout their lives.

The remaining eight people of the Conferred Gods Group, would even become the focus of attention for the whole Eastern Divine Region.

The sky had just brightened but the seats assigned to the thousands of star realms at the Conferred God Stage were completely filled with people. Those who lost in the Conferred Gods Group battles could still get a lifeline, but once someone lost in the Losers Group, they would be directly eliminated, with no opportunity to make a comeback. Therefore, the competition of the Losers Group made people even more tense and anxious.

However, although there were eight battles planned to be held today, everyone was expecting for only six of them to actually take place.

On the screen of light at the Conferred God Stage, the match-up list of today’s battles had been caved.

Battle 1: Snow Song Realm 【Yun Che】 —— VS —— Holy Eaves Realm 【Luo Changan】

Battle 2: Divine Martial Realm 【Wu Guike】 —— VS —— Thunderclap Realm 【Li Jianming】

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“This Luo Changan is so lucky. His strength is at the bottom level, but his opponent in the first battle turned out to be Yun Che, and so he got a free ticket to the Conferred Gods Group. Yesterday, he lost to Huo Poyun of the Flame God Realm in the fight between the members of the Conferred Gods Group. But who could have expected that his opponent in the first battle of the Losers Group would actually be Yun Che again... Looks like he will be getting a spot in the top sixteen, huh.”

“He could still come across Yun Che because the latter didn’t have to fight yesterday. Otherwise, how was it possible for him to face such a weak opponent at this stage of the competition? The guy who most deserves to get lost from here actually won without fighting anyone, and hence, managed to be in the competition until now. I truly feel it’s unfair for those Conferred God Candidates who got eliminated after putting up a hard fight.”

“Yun Che didn’t come to the Conferred God Stage yesterday, and I heard that someone saw him leaving the Eternal Heaven Realm dejectedly and all alone. He has very likely fled back to the Snow Song Realm.”

“It seems that he also doesn’t want to be continuously disgraced in front of others... Meh! Fleeing back like this is even more disgraceful. It is said that he is even the direct disciple of the Snow Song Realm King. Isn’t him doing so a matter of disgrace for the whole Snow Song Realm? If this king had this sort of direct disciple, I’d have immediately killed him with a strike of my palm!”

The people of the Snow Song Realm and the Flame God Realm were already present in the seating area. They could hear all kinds of ear-piercing voices in discussion.

Mu Bingyun remained silent all along, and Mu Huanzhi and the rest were feeling very uncomfortable, as if they were sitting on pins and needles. They regretted showing up here. On the side of the Flame God Realm, Yan Juehai and Huo Rulie were sighing in their hearts. Several times Huo Poyun wanted to inquire about Yun Che, but was finally unable to voice his thoughts.

The competition was about to start. As the barrier covered the Conferred God Stage, Honorable Qu Hui’s figure floated up in the air. The Conferred God Battle today had also finally begun.

“Today, the second round of the Losers Group will be held. The winners will get to enter the third round of the Losers Group tomorrow, and will also ascend to the ranks of top sixteen. The losers will face the end of their journey at the Profound God Convention!”

“We will now have the first battle of the second round of Losers Group. Yun Che of the Snow Song Realm and Luo Changan of the Holy Eaves Realm, quickly get on the Conferred God Stage!”

The moment Honorable Qu Hui finished his words, Luo Changan’s body drifted through the air, and landed at the center of the Conferred God Stage in an incomparably confident and carefree manner. His gaze shot straight to the seating area of the Snow Song Realm, as the corners of his mouth raised into a carefree smile.

There wasn’t even the shadow of Yun Che in the Snow Song Realm’s seating area.

Following his gaze, the gazes of all the people also swept across the seating area of the Snow Song Realm. Half of them had looks of contempt, and the other half had mocking expressions. There were even some who were shaking their heads while sighing inwardly, as if they were feeling second-hand shame for the Snow Song Realm. With countless gazes looking at them, the people of Snow Song Realm didn't dare to raise their heads while feeling restless.

"This boy didn't truly run away in fear, right?" Huo Rulie shook his head. He let out a heavy sigh with a gloomy and disappointed look on his whole face.

Although Yun Che had directly conceded in his first battle on the first day of the Conferred God Battle, he was at least present at the site of competition, and had personally declared that he would be abandoning the battle... After all, he had no chance of victory, given his strength. Even if admitting defeat right away was an act of losing dignity as a profound practitioner, it could still be overlooked.

Yesterday, he didn't have any opponent to fight in the first round of the Losers Group, and was directly promoted to the next round. So, even if he was absent from the place, no one said anything about it.

But in case he didn't come today... if he had truly fled back to the Snow Song Realm, there would truly be no reason for others to not look down upon him.

A long while had passed since Honorable Qu Hui had finished his words, but it was only Luo Changan alone who was standing on the stage. As even the shadow of Yun Che could not be seen in the seating area, it was obvious that he was not present at the place. The outcome of the battle in such a situation was evident to all.

"Sigh, he passed the three rounds of preliminaries by cheating, but the Eternal Heaven Realm had shown unimaginably great magnanimity and still allowed him to enter the Conferred God Battle. But in the end... Meh!"

"This absolutely will be recorded as a shameful event in the history of the Profound God Convention."

"Yun Che has run away, so Honorable Qu Hui doesn't need to waste time waiting for him. Just announce the result of the battle. Trash such as him entering the distinguished Conferred God Battle ruins the whole Conferred God Convention."

Honorable Qu Hui had an indifferent look in his eyes, no expression on his face. According to the rules of the Conferred God Stage, if a contestant didn't get on the Conferred God Stage in fifteen breaths' time, he would be declared the loser. Although Yun Che wasn't even present at the place, let alone the Conferred God Battle, and it was easy to make out the result of this battle, it was due to Honorable Qu Hui's nature that he still waited for him rigorously for fifteen breaths' time before announcing the result.

It was at this time that the Eternal Heaven God Emperor instructed from the eastern seating area, "Qu Hui, just announce the result. The Profound God Convention doesn't need to waste its time on such a coward, who doesn't have the slightest concern for the dignity of the profound way."

Honorable Qu Hui nodded his head. He announced in a heavy voice, without even bothering to mention the name of Yun Che, "In the first battle of the second round of Losers Group, Luo Changan has... Oh?"

Just when he was about to say the word “won,” Honorable Qu Hui suddenly raised his brows. He turned his head around to look at the sky above, and the gazes of the majority of the people present also shifted in that direction.

An ice ark was speedily flying over from the east, like starlight traversing the sky, and arrived at the sky above the Conferred God Stage in an instant. A human figure directly dropped down from the ice ark, and landed in front of Luo Changan. After which, the ice ark disappeared too.

“Yun Che!” All the people from the Snow Song Realm cried in surprise.

“Finally here...” Mu Bingyun let out a long sigh of relief, as the expression on her face eased up.

“Phew! I knew that this boy wasn’t the type of person who would flee without putting up a fight.” Huo Rulie let out a big breath in relief. Afterwards, he roared, “Young Yun, it’s good that you’re here! Even if we clearly know that we’re no match for our opponents, we should still fight to our best ability before suffering defeat... Hmm?”

Huo Rulie raised his brows all of a sudden, as he felt something odd. After looking fixedly at Yun Che for a moment, he immediately widened his eyes, and revealed an expression of disbelief.

Yun Che had changed his clothes to the snow white dress of the Ice Phoenix Sect. Both of his hands were behind his back and his head was slightly raised upward. His eye looked like still water, and he had an indistinct smile on his face. The place where he had landed... was less than ten steps away from Luo Changan, who was standing before him.

Honorable Qu Hui gave him a sideways glance, as his brows also moved clearly. In the seating area, all the star gods and other experts had surprised looks on their faces too, and even each of the great god emperors at the eastern seating area, had unusual expressions in their eyes.

They were not surprised at the sudden arrival of Yun Che.

They were surprised because the aura of his profound strength had... completely changed!

It was known to all that his profound strength was clearly just at the first level of the Divine Tribulation Realm the day before yesterday.

But, the Yun Che in front of their eyes right now, obviously had a profound aura of the eighth level of the Divine Tribulation Realm fluctuating across his body!

They once again confirmed their assessment and found that his profound aura was truly that of the eighth level of the Divine Tribulation Realm, without a doubt!

In just that in the very short time of less than two days... his cultivation had increased by as much as seven small realms!

“Eight level... of the Divine Tribulation Realm? Is... Is he the same Yun Che?” Mu Huanzhi opened his mouth wide, not daring to believe his spirit sense.

A deep look of disbelief surfaced in Mu Bingyun’s eyes, too.

Mu Bingyun was also aware that Yun Che had swallowed the “Universe Penta Jade Pellet. Moreover, she had also assisted Mu Xuanyin in successfully fusing the five materials with each other. She knew that as the materials used to make the “Universe Penta Jade Pellet” were special, its medicinal power would have far greater effect than was mentioned in the records.

An ordinary Universe Penta Jade Pellet only had enough energy to forcibly raise the cultivation of a profound practitioner at the Divine Origin Realm up to the Divine Tribulation Realm. However, enormous energy was required to raise the cultivation by a small realm in the Divine Tribulation Realm, which was naturally far incomparable to doing the same in Divine Origin or Divine Soul Realm. Mu Xuanyin had personally said that... even if this Universe Penta Jade Pellet had extremely strong medicinal power, if Yun Che refined it after reaching the Divine Tribulation Realm, given his special profound veins, he would be able to increase his cultivation by around three small realms, with an increase of four small realms being the utmost limit.

She was well aware that Yun Che’s objective behind returning to the Snow Song Realm was certainly to look for this Universe Penta Jade Pellet.

However, an increase of as much as seven whole realms really made her jump in fright.

Chapter 1178 - Fighting Luo Changan Again

“Elder Huanzhi, this Yun boy...? Don’t tell me that your Ice Phoenix Sect has some sort of secret method?” Huo Rulie asked in shock.

“Sect Master Huo!” As soon as Huo Rulie finished his words, he heard the low shout of Yan Juehai. He quickly came to himself, and didn’t inquire any further.

It was absolutely not possible to have such an astonishing increase in cultivation through normal means. The Flame God Realm was able to raise Huo Poyun’s cultivation up to the late stages of the Divine Spirit Realm by precisely using a “secret method,” and that was why Huo Rulie had asked such a question. But this kind of secret method would be a secret in any sect that had it, and so it was naturally inappropriate to inquire about it.

“...” Mu Huanzhi could only shake his head in response, and the look of surprise on his face didn’t vanish even after a long while.

He had already lived for over ten thousand years, but had still never heard of or read in any records that their sect possessed such a method that could raise the cultivation of a disciple by seven small realms even in the Divine Tribulation Realm.

The Conferred God Stage had become boisterous. The most dreaded thing in the cultivation of profound strength was to be greedy for success and advance rashly. But for Yun Che to be able to “advance rashly” to this extent had surprised everyone... including all the realm kings of the upper star realms!

“Raising cultivation by seven small realms... in the Divine Tribulation Realm. Even if he used the Time Wheel Pearl, that would still only give him extra time of one month.”

In the eastern seating area, every great god emperor had a big frown on his face, and a wondering look could be seen in their eyes.

It was at this time that the Dragon Monarch uttered all of a sudden, "It's due to the Universe Penta Jade Pellet."

"Correct." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor also nodded slowly. "The aura of the medicine has yet to dissipate from his body. It should be the Universe Penta Jade Pellet, without a doubt. Given the ability of the Snow Song Realm King, it would be indeed easy for her to carry out the fusion required for the Universe Penta Jade Pellet. It's just that gathering all the materials needed for the pellet would not be an easy matter."

"However," the Dragon Monarch continued, "a single Universe Penta Jade Pellet would absolutely not be able to raise his cultivation so much, even if it was perfectly refined. We cannot underestimate the Snow Song Realm, huh."

"Haha," the Eternal Heaven Realm King began to laugh. "My Eternal Heaven has existed for six hundred thousand years so far, but the Snow Song Realm has a history of over nine hundred thousand years. None of the star realms who have inherited the legacies of gods or existed for a long period of time in the history of the God Realm, don't have their own concealed secrets that are unknown to others. However... the issue with such 'concealed secrets' is that either they require paying an extremely great price in return, or it will be extremely difficult to actually make use of them. So, for such a thing to be used for him really doesn't make much sense."

"No," The Dragon Monarch slightly shook his head. "This junior is likely much more capable than it seems. For him to be able to execute invisibility alone is sufficient to make out this much. This dragon has long heard of the name of the Snow Song Realm King, Mu Xuanyin, even when I was in the Western Divine Region. For her to accept him as a direct disciple, and also to not hesitate to pay any price for increasing his cultivation to this extent, this child should be absolutely extraordinary."

"The sudden great increase in his profound strength must be due to the use of some extremely high level secret medicine or method. Even our Glazed Light Realm would find it extremely difficult to do the same. Who would have thought that a middle star realm would be able to such a thing..." Shui Yingyue said in a low voice.

"Big Sis." The girl beside her asked suddenly, "Have Big Brother, Second Brother, Third Brother... Tenth Brother, Eleventh Brother... Ninety-ninth Brother, opened bets for this fight?"

"No, they didn't." Shui Yingyue glanced at Shui Meiyin. She was surprised to see her suddenly becoming interested in betting. "There is not the slightest suspense about the outcome of this fight. Allowing others to place bets would mean that we will only be making a loss."

In every session of the Profound God Convention, countless people would offer gambling opportunity. Naturally, the Glazed Light Realm wouldn't abandon such a chance to easily make a great profit, either. Moreover, given the prestige and power of the Glazed Light Realm, people didn't hesitate to place extremely big bets on the contestants.

"Oh... what a pity." A mysterious and unusual light was circulating in Shui Meiyin's pupils, as she looked fixedly at Yun Che. "If everybody placed bets on Luo Changan winning the battle, all the ninety-nine big brothers could earn so many profound crystals."

A look of surprise surfaced in Shui Yingyue's eyes, "Meiyin, you mean to say..."

“That Big Brother Yun Che will win,” Shui Meiyin said in a very serious tone.

“Win?” Shui Yingyue found her answer incomprehensible. “Although his profound strength has increased by a great margin, he is still just at the last stage of the Divine Tribulation Realm. No matter what, it is impossible for him to be the opponent of Luo Changan.”

“Hehe...” Shui Meiyin laughed. “It’s not only the strength of his cultivation, the expression in his eyes has also changed completely.”

On the Conferred God Stage, the gaze of Honorable Qu Hui stayed on Yun Che for a few breaths. After feeling astonished, he said in a cold voice, “Hmph, Yun Che! Despite the fact that everyone is watching the Conferred God Battle at this moment, you actually dared to arrive this late! Do you think nothing of this Profound God Convention!?”

Yun Che didn’t budge an inch, and unexpectedly replied in a carefree manner, “It’s certainly a bit inappropriate to arrive late for the battle, but according to the rules of the Conferred God Battle, a contestant would only be determined as loser if they are late by fifteen breathes’ time. If I didn’t make any miscalculations, then I should only be late by around seven breaths’ time. However, I heard Honorable Qu Hui announcing the result of the battle before the time limit... which should be even more inappropriate, right!?”

“You...” Honorable Qu Hui lowered his brows, as he was almost enraged by him again.

His identity was so great that even the king of a star realm would not dare show the slightest disrespect to him. Yun Che was... absolutely one of the few exceptions that he had seen in his life.

Thinking of his identity, Honorable Qu Hui instantly suppressed the anger surging within him. As his body floated up in the sky, he roared once again, “It is time for the battle. You two... begin at once!”

Hearing the command of Honorable Qu Hui, the Conferred God Stage finally regained its calm. But neither of the two people facing each other made any move against their opponent.

One was calm and composed, another had an amused look on his face.

The change in Yun Che’s profound strength might be astonishing, but he was still at the Divine Tribulation Realm. In the eyes of every person, it was basically impossible for him to pose the slightest threat to Luo Changan.

Luo Changan’s eyes were only half-opened, as they stared at Yun Che from top to bottom. There was a vague smile on his face, as if he was sizing up an interesting toy, “Not bad. The day before yesterday, you didn’t even dare to get on the Conferred God Stage, and today you actually have the guts to stand up before me, tsk, tsk, tsk.”

“Reaching the eighth level of the Divine Tribulation Realm from the first level in a day’s time, hahaha...” Luo Changan raised the corner of his mouth, as he coldly smiled in disdain. “Although I don’t know the method you used, even a three year old child knows that the cultivation of the divine way should progress step by step, in a careful manner. I didn’t think you would be such a fool. Your profound strength may have increased significantly, but such abrupt amplification would certainly inflict severe damage to your talent and lifespan. You’re truly extremely laughable. Even more laughable is... you might be thinking that you’re no longer garbage, right?”

Yun Che, "..."

Luo Changan leisurely stretched out a finger towards Yun Che, "Boy, I have always been a soft-hearted person, so I give you a warning out of kindness. It's about to be twenty years since I last fought with those trash below the Divine Spirit Realm. Therefore, it is quite likely that I'll end up overdoing it. If you were to become half dead due to a moment of carelessness on my part, you'd have to lie paralyzed on the bed for eighty to a hundred years. Tsk, tsk, how pathetic that would look, huh."

"Since that's the case, I'll grant you an opportunity out of kindness." Luo Changan smilingly stretched out five fingers. "I'll give you five breathes' time. You surrender voluntarily, get lost from this place forever, and continue to be the lowly garbage you are. That way I will be able to avoid dirtying my hands on garbage such as you."

In front of an absolute weakling, Luo Changan spouted malicious remarks and ridicule without the slightest bearing that an expert like him was supposed to have, which made a large number of people frown inwardly. The two of them hadn't made any move even after a long while, but Honorable Qu Hui didn't say anything in regards to it.

Yun Che, however, responded with a smile, "Luo Changan, you use that word 'garbage' over and over again for me. It seems that you truly look down upon the action of conceding or surrendering, huh?"

"Hahaha," Luo Changan laughed in extreme contempt. "True men like me fight to the last moment, even if we die by doing so, as long as we are conscious! Only lowly garbage such as you would beg to surrender like a dog! However, seeing lowly garbage such as you begging to surrender like a dog... Heh, it is also a good sort of enjoyment in itself. Therefore, I'm granting you such an opportunity... But, you have no more than five breathes' time!"

"4!"

"3!"

"2!"

Luo Changan folded his five fingers one by one, but Yun Che remained in place. The former didn't see the least bit of nervousness or fear on his face, nor the expression of anger or humiliation. It greatly lessened the feeling of delight in his heart, and his gaze gradually turned sinister too.

"1!"

Folding the last finger, Luo Changan smiled, "I gave you the opportunity in order to avoid any unforeseen accidents. Heh... you will no longer get the chance to regret!"

As the son of the Holy Eaves Realm King, Luo Changan was known for his wildly arrogant and domineering attitude. Perhaps, it was because his shine was completely suppressed by his younger brother in the family that he quite liked to humiliate the weak. Seeing the other party feeling anger and humiliation but not daring to resist made him feel a twisted feeling of pleasure.

But today, he didn't get to see a satisfying effect from his words and actions on Yun Che, which evoked anger in his heart instead. The moment he finished his words, he made his move all of a sudden. As he

lifted and thrust out his right arm, the swirl of profound energy in his palm rapidly became dozens of times greater, before shooting towards Yun Che's heart.

Despite the fact that he had absolute superiority of profound strength, not only did he make the first move, his attack was also incomparably ruthless and vicious. If this attack were to hit its target, let alone someone at the eighth level of the Divine Tribulation Realm, even a person at the peak of the Divine Tribulation Realm would be severely injured in an instant.

"Yun Che!!" Everyone from the Snow Song Realm, except for Mu Bingyun, turned pale with fright.

The audience members from the Holy Eaves Realm also had a big frown on their faces... Although Luo Changan hadn't used any more than twenty percent of his strength, his opponent was only at the Divine Tribulation Realm. He would get heavily injured at the least, and might even meet a violent death on the spot.

The Holy Eaves Realm was naturally not afraid of the Snow Song Realm, and killing the direct disciple of its realm king was nothing big in their eyes. Even if the Snow Song Realm had a Divine Master level realm king right now, they would absolutely not have the guts to say or do anything to the Holy Eaves Realm. But, maliciously killing his opponent in this Conferred God Battle might cause him to lose his qualification to participate any further... However, even if the people of Holy Eaves Realm wanted to shout at him to stop, it was already too late.

BOOOOM!!

Yun Che didn't budge an inch, and it was also certainly difficult to move even a finger under to the suppression of the profound strength that was greater than his by a big realm. Luo Changan's attack directly hit Yun Che's chest. Following an exploding sound, the fifty kilometers area ahead from Yun Che's original location was drowned in an extremely tyrannical energy. Even mountains would instantly be destroyed down to fine powder.

Luo Changan had raised the corner of his mouth sideways into a faint evil grin as his attack was about to hit Yun Che, but very soon his evil grin disappeared completely, as his attack, which had clearly struck Yun Che, just passed through the air. It was not the scene of Yun Che getting immediately bombarded out of the Conferred God Stage that he saw, but an icy image dissipating as it shattered.

Luo Changan was taken aback, after which he suddenly turned around... Yun Che still had the same posture as earlier with both of his arms behind his back. He was calmly standing in place, and the distance between them was still less than ten steps.

"It's Sect Master's Moon Splitting Cascade!" a few palace master level elders from the Snow Song Realm cried out in surprise together.

"Moon Splitting Cascade is so wonderful... It indeed deserves its reputation!" In the eastern seating area, the Dragon Monarch surprisingly blurted out in praise.

"Leaving your aura behind while switching your location to another place, which instantly confuses the perception of your opponent," The Eternal Heaven God Emperor glanced at the Star God Emperor, as he said with a smile, "On this point, it is comparable to the Star God's Broken Shadow of your Star God Realm."

Although the movement skill of a middle star realm was being compared on equal footing with the divine skill of their Star God Realm, the Star God Emperor didn't laugh off his words, and instead nodded slightly, "It is extremely difficult to comprehend the Star God's Broken Shadow. Besides the star gods, no one else in my Star God Realm has been able to practice it successfully. According to what I heard earlier, it was solely Realm King Xuanyin who was able to practice this in the Snow Song Realm... This boy has not only practiced it successfully, its level has also reached the legendary realm of 'invisibility.' He deserves to be personally praised by the Dragon Monarch."

"But, no matter how powerful his movement skill is, it can only help him to temporarily avoid suffering defeat! He still has no chance to win against his opponent!"

"Oh my, not bad I must say." Luo Changan turned around, as he narrowed his eyes. He didn't seem to have made any movement but a blast of energy erupted from him all of a sudden. Dozens of streaks of profound energy were unleashed in an instant, which then transformed into a huge net of formless claws, and suddenly swept towards Yun Che.

Ding!

Dozens of streaks of profound energy struck Yun Che at the same time, but it only made a light sound as an icy image got smashed to pieces and dissipated.

Yun Che's aura had again appeared behind Luo Changan.

Luo Changan's face had now turned gloomy. His attacks had actually missed their target twice in a row, when his opponent was just in the Divine Tribulation Realm. It was undoubtedly a matter of great disgrace for such a thing to happen with everybody watching.

He slowly turned around, as he smiled grimly, "Hah, you do have some ability to run away. In that case... let's see you try to flee again!!"

The profound energy on Luo Changan's body greatly increased suddenly, as he actually released nearly seventy percent of his profound strength, then firmly locked his aura onto Yun Che... Once someone at the sixth level of Divine Spirit Realm forcibly suppresses a profound practitioner at the Divine Tribulation Realm, it would be almost impossible for them to struggle free of it. Luo Changan's body came flying over to Yun Che at this time, as he struck down with his fist.

"You unpleasant-looking garbage... get lost from here!!"

In the face of Luo Changan's vicious attack, Yun Che didn't choose to evade this time. Rather, he stayed still in place as the corner of his mouth slightly raised into a faint, ice cold smile.

It was not because he was seriously trying to tease and enrage Luo Changan that he had dodged the previous two attacks. He was in fact feeling out the level of his current strength.

The day before yesterday, he would have felt an enormous suppression even if he was facing an opponent of the first level of Divine Spirit Realm.

However, confronting the two attacks from Luo Changan just now, he didn't feel the slightest suppression at all. He was able to dodge both times with such ease, as if he was leisurely walking in a

quiet and peaceful courtyard. Even when the remnant energy of Luo Changan's attacks brushed against him, it only felt as if his body was being scratched by a fierce wind.

KABOOM!!!!!!

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Luo Changan's insidious attack firmly struck Yun Che's chest, producing a world-shaking explosion of profound energy...

"Wuaahh!!"

Following the sound of the explosion, a human figure was ruthlessly blown away. A scarlet mist of blood fiercely burst in midair, as a painful and incomparably miserable shriek resounded.

Chapter 1179 - Returning the Insult Ten Thousand Times Over

At almost the same instant, the Profound God Stage became deathly silent, making that miserable shriek sound especially sad and shrill.

The eyeballs of all the people popped out with force, as if they had seen a ghost or god.

It was because the one that was blown away after the explosion... was actually Luo Changan!

Luo Changan's body flew uncontrollably several kilometers away before he landed on the ground, and barely managed to stabilize himself. On the other hand, let alone be blown away, Yun Che hadn't moved in the slightest!

The instant Luo Changan landed on the ground, he kneeled on the spot at once, his left hand grabbing his right arm. His face was twisted in shock and pain, and his whole right arm was hanging down. A few drops of blood seeped through the cracks between his fingers, flowing down in a streak. They dyed his entire right arm in scarlet.

The mist of blood in the air had formed because of his arm blowing up. The clothing on his right arm had been destroyed and scattered, and his skin and flesh were exposed to the air. Thirty percent of the bones of his right arm were broken as well.

The majority of the people from the Holy Eaves Realm stood up slowly, as they looked appalled and disbelievingly at what had just happened... The scene that they saw was no different from personally watching an ant throwing a huge elephant.

All the people at the audience seating area of the Conferred God Stage were dumbstruck. They didn't dare to believe their eyes.

"What was that just now!?" All the god emperors revealed surprise on their faces too. Even the sleepy Cang Shitian, who had been leaning sideways in his seat this whole time, immediately sat upright and stared directly at Yun Che with shining eyes.

The god emperors had sensed extremely clearly that when Luo Changan's attack was about to hit Yun Che, the latter's profound strength increased dramatically all of a sudden, to such an extent that it even far surpassed the energy contained in Luo Changan's attack. Once it blew him away, the amplified

energy then disappeared suddenly, and Yun Che's profound strength returned to its normal level. It made the god emperors doubt whether their spirit sense had incorrectly assessed his profound strength at the time.

"Th... Th-This..."

"What is going on? Just what exactly is going on here? Luo Changan was actually.... blown away, and even got injured?"

"His condition is far worse than injured. It's clear that his right arm is broken!"

"Yun Che didn't even move from his place, and Luo Changan ended up in such a state just by the counterforce of his own energy... Th-th-this... What exactly is..."

Those who could sit in the audience seats were all individuals that had a great identity and experience. But no matter what, they didn't dare believe their eyes when they saw the scene that had played out before them just now.

Luo Changan was in even more disbelief. His eyes were wide open, and it took him as much as five or six breaths of time to come to himself. He suddenly said in a hoarse voice, "He... he cheated!! He certainly used some sort of body protection profound item! He cheated!!"

It was the only possibility he could think of, the sole reason behind him suffering such a setback. Yun Che had already cheated over and over again, after all.

But, Honorable Qu Hui only gave Yun Che a deep glance hearing this roar, and didn't say anything to him.

How could it be possible for Yun Che to use some kind of body protection profound item without people of his level noticing?

Luo Changan was indescribably shocked, while a faint smile appeared on Yun Che's face. Having ascertained that Luo Changan was indeed of no threat to him, he then decided to use Luo Changan to test the strength of his most powerful state. Therefore, when Luo Changan rushed over to attack him, he immediately opened the gate of "Rumbling Heaven". However, he was surprised himself to find out that his energy in his most powerful state could not only directly blow him away while dealing significant damage, he also didn't have to retreat even half a step to cancel the force behind the attack. An attack of this level couldn't cause him any pain..

Although Yun Che's profound strength had greatly increased, it was still not possible to maintain the "Rumbling Heaven" state for long. That's why, he had immediately closed the gate after blowing Luo Changan away, and returned to his normal state. But there was no doubt that he was able to maintain the "Rumbling Heaven" state for several times longer than the day before yesterday. Perhaps, he could now maintain it for over a hundred breaths.

He had no idea when he would be able to keep it activated at all times, similar to "Evil Soul," "Burning Heart," and "Purgatory."

He stretched out his hand and flicked at his chest that was just hit by Luo Changan with a very disdainful attitude. Afterwards, he walked over to Luo Changan at an unhurried pace, with a mocking look on his

whole face, “You talk so big, as if you’re above the heavens, so I thought that you would be quite capable. But in the end, this is all you amount to.”

Yun Che would always respect his opponents... so long as the other party respected him. In the case of an opponent such as Luo Changan, he would never mind giving them a sound beating, and making them look as pathetic as a dog that had almost drowned in a river.

“You...” As the bones of his right arm broke into pieces, the feeling of pain spread all over his body. He was unable to believe what had happened to him even now.

He still hadn’t finished his words when Yun Che’s figure flashed and approached him all of a sudden.

Luo Changan’s pupils shrank at this. He reacted instantly and retreated a couple hundred meters backward with the speed of lightning. However, Yun Che followed him relentlessly and again approached him at such a fast speed that he didn’t even have time to react.

Yun Che’s palm grabbed Luo Changan’s broken arm and an enormous power surged from it, disintegrating the power that Luo Changan had released hurriedly in resistance in an instant. Grabbing his crippled arm, Yun Che immediately swung Luo Changan up in the air and then firmly smashed him onto the ground.

BANG!!!!!!!!!!

Every jadestone of the Conferred God Stage was protected by a powerful energy, and it was absolutely not possible for the people of “Conferred God Candidates” level to damage them with their energy, but an incomparably deafening sound still resounded throughout the place. Luo Changan let out a shriek that was several times more miserable than earlier, as his thrown body bounced a few kilometers, and sprayed blood all over in midair like a leaking blood bag.

“Young... Young Master!”

“Changan!!”

All the people of the Holy Eaves Realm turned pale with shock. The Holy Eaves Realm King suddenly stood on his feet too, as his face darkened at this moment.

The whole thing just now... the huge sound as if he was struck by lightning, him bouncing a few kilometers in the air, and his blood spraying all over... seemed so ruthless that it made the hearts of everyone present twitch violently.

They didn’t dare to believe that Luo Changan had attacked Yun Che, but ended up being countered and injured. However, they clearly sensed the eruption of Yun Che’s energy when he had swung Luo Changan... According to their assessment of its level, it was certainly profound strength at the eighth level of the Divine Tribulation Realm, but the tyrannical nature of it had actually suppressed Luo Changan, as well as completely surpassed the limit of the Divine Tribulation Realm that they had known of all this time.

Yun Che had always been someone who would seek revenge for the smallest grievance, and as such, quite a lot of hatred for Luo Changan had accumulated in his heart by now. Injuring him in a

counterattack was just him feeling out his strength. It was only after the attack just now that he had truly started to take his revenge, and he didn't show any mercy in his attacks, either.

"Uh... Aaah... You... Ah..."

Luo Changan was, after all, an expert at the peak of the middle stage of the Divine Spirit Realm. Even if Yun Che's attack had broken an unknown number of his bones, he still managed to stand up slowly. However, his profound energy had weakened by thirty percent at the least, and was in an incomparably chaotic state. His hair was a mess, his face was contorted into an unsightly look, and his pupils were enlarged to their limits.

"You... You... Impos... Impossible... Impossible..."

If he was defeated by other Conferred God Candidates, no matter how miserably he got defeated, he would be able to calmly accept it. But his opponent was Yun Che... the same person who was clearly a worthless thing, garbage in his eyes. It was a fact that he was someone who hadn't even dared to get on the Conferred God Stage to fight with him in their first battle, and had directly conceded!

He had thought that he would be able to trample the other party to his heart's content, but not only did his attack not hurt him, he was even injured by his own attack rebounding. On the other hand, Yun Che had only attacked him once... and he was already in such a pitiful condition.

Seeing the "trash" he had mocked and humiliated in an unbridled manner ten breaths' time ago, getting closer to him little by little, he felt an unprecedented fear in his heart. His mind was in great disorder, as he let out a strange shout and a cyan light flashed in his hand. A weird dagger with a broad hilt appeared in his hand, and then he immediately pounced towards Yun Che.

But, he had just moved his body when his gaze turned sinister all of a sudden and his left arm flung out suddenly. Like a shooting star, the weirdly shaped dagger shot straight at Yun Che's throat.

Yun Che stopped in his tracks. He stretched out his right palm, and instantly generated a swirl of cold energy in front of him. When the dagger was about to get close to him, it got frozen in several layers of ice and its speed abruptly decreased as well. Afterwards, it actually came to a standstill right before Yun Che, and was then casually caught by him.

"..." Luo Changan stood stiffly in place, looking scared out of his wits.

"So this is all you've got, huh?" Yun Che sneered, as he turned over his wrist. "Let me return it to you."

RIP!!

An incomparably ear-piercing sound of space ripping apart resounded. It was as sharp as the sound of a rock being torn asunder. Luo Changan's dagger shot back with a speed several times faster than when it had targeted Yun Che. Luo Changan could only shrink his pupils in reaction as the dagger pierced all the way through his left shoulder, leaving behind a fifteen centimeter wide hole which one could see right through.

It was also at this time that Yun Che's figure appeared before him in a flash. His speed was actually a bit faster than even the flying dagger. At the same time the flying dagger pierced Luo Changan's shoulder, Yun Che's elbow brutally smashed into his lower abdomen.

BOOM———

As if a very high mountain had burst apart inside his body, Luo Changan's whole body froze in place, and his face turned incomparably ghastly pale in no time. Soon after, several blood arrows shot crazily out of his mouth, nose, and the hole on his shoulder.

The Conferred God Stage fell into a deathly silence, as everyone present stared ahead with eyes wide open. They were witnessing something which could be called the most inconceivable scene that they had seen in their lives.

Yun Che leisurely stood straight, lifting his arm diagonally and blew on his elbow, as if to make sure to get off the dirt on it. Only a step away from him, Luo Changan didn't budge an inch as fresh blood gushed out of his entire body. His eyes were widened to their limits, and countless red veins could be seen in them.

THUD!

He heavily kneeled down in front of Yun Che as his knees gave out.

"Hah... I thought a dog that can bark so furiously would have some bite to back it up. I didn't expect it to actually collapse at the first blow." Yun Che lowered his brows, as he spoke in a low tone of voice that only Luo Changan could hear. But right after, his voice suddenly became louder, "Luo Changan, is this all you've got? In that case, you'd better surrender quickly."

"Oh, no, no!" Yun Che suddenly changed his tone, as his eyes narrowed dangerously. "I almost forgot. Luo Changan certainly said just now that a true man only has the option to fight to death, and will not surrender at all costs. Only the lowest kind of garbage would beg to surrender like a dog... Tsk! Wouldn't giving you the chance to surrender be no different from slapping your face? I really should not be doing such a thing!"

As soon as he finished his words, Yun Che flung out his arm suddenly. The back of his hand firmly slapped Luo Changan's right cheek which was deathly pale at this moment... Although it was just a slap, there was an incomparably heavy weight behind it, and hence, Luo Changan's right cheekbone was completely shattered. His whole body flew away uncontrollably while rotating like a top, rolling on the Conferred God Stage for a long while before finally coming to a stop.

His originally handsome face was now in an utterly battered state, and the whole right side of his face had sunk, with his chin completely bent to the left. Sprawling on the floor, he coughed continuously, each cough accompanied by a huge mouthful of blood and several crushed teeth.

Many people gasped in fright.

There was a saying that one could beat another person but not their face. However, Yun Che had not only beat the face of his opponent, he even destroyed it to such an extent that he looked like a buffoon... Furthermore, he had beaten and destroyed the face of none other than the son of the Holy Eaves Realm King!

It was a face that represented the Holy Eaves Realm King, as well as the entire Holy Eaves Realm!

"Changan!!"

The Holy Eaves Realm had an exceedingly great identity and status. In the vast Eastern Divine Region, his Holy Eaves Realm was publicly recognized as the strongest under the king realms. They had never experienced such galling shame and deep humiliation! Even if the ability of the Holy Eaves Realm King to exercise self-restraint was ten times greater, he would still fly into a rage after what had happened just now. He let out a loud roar, as he directly rushed over to the Conferred God Stage, “Little boy Yun Che, you are seeking death!!”

But before he could get closer to the sky above the Conferred God Stage, a figure blocked his way while emitting a tyrannical blast of aura. Honorable Qu Hui said with an indifferent gaze, “Holy Eaves Realm King, immediately return to the audience seating area. No one is allowed to interfere in the Conferred God Battle, and I think that you should already be aware of this rule.”

“Honorable Qu Hui,” the Holy Eaves Realm King forcibly suppressed his anger, “this boy... is clearly going too far due to his malicious intent. It is apparent that he is humiliating my Holy Eaves Realm!”

“Hmph, the Conferred God Battle only has the rule of ‘not killing the opponent due to malicious intent,’ not that you can’t go too far due to malicious intent! If Luo Changan finds it unbearable, he is free to shout that he intends to surrender. In that case, Yun Che won’t be able to attack him any longer. But since he hasn’t surrendered yet, it means that he still wishes to continue fighting... No one is allowed to interfere!!”

Hearing the rebuke of Honorable Qu Hui, the Holy Eaves Realm King also calmed down a bit. He nodded his head, “Alright, then we admit defeat in this battle! This king admits defeat on behalf of Changan!”

“Only he himself can admit defeat. No one else has the right to concede in his place!”

The look in the eyes of Honorable Qu Hui grew a bit chilly again. He slowly raised his head, as he pointed to the audience seating area, “Holy Eaves Realm King, this honored one is warning you for the last time. Get away from the Conferred God Stage immediately. Otherwise, we will have to drive you out of the Eternal Heaven Realm—No matter who you are!”

“...” the corner of the Holy Eaves Realm King’s mouth twitched, but he was unable to speak any further.

The Holy Eaves Realm King inhaled heavily as he turned around in anger. He was just about to return to the audience seating area, when a miserable cry came from the Conferred God Stage all of a sudden.

“Wuaaaaahh!!”

The Holy Eaves Realm King turned around instantly to see a scene that caused him to stare in such anger that his eyes were on the verge of cracking apart.

An icy thorn grew from the ground, pierced through the bloody hole on the left shoulder of Luo Changan, and shot to the sky with him skewered on it.

Over thirty feet... Over three hundred feet... Over three thousand feet!

In the blink of an eye, Luo Changan was ruthlessly stabbed through by an icy thorn, at a place over three thousand feet high in the sky. As if he was an unpardonably wicked person who had perpetrated every conceivable heinous crime and would be condemned for his sins through the ages, the distinguished son

of the Holy Eaves Realm King was skewered on an icy thorn very high up in the sky, so that every person, every living being in the Eastern Divine Region could get a clear view of him.

“Luo Changan, I grant you five breaths’ time. Show me whether you’re actually such a ‘person’ as you say, or a dog that would ‘beg to surrender!’”

At the seating area for the audience, the Holy Eaves Realm King was immensely enraged at this point. In the sky above, Luo Changan was crying miserably in despair, at the foot of the icy thorn, Yun Che still had that indifferent smile, like still water, on his face, as if he didn’t feel anything in the least... He hadn’t even glanced in the direction of the Holy Eaves Realm King at all.

At this moment, everyone felt an indescribable chill in their hearts.

Yun Che, who had kept a low profile during his stay in the God Realm so far, did everything with as much carefulness as possible, and always had the sole aim of “meeting Jasmine,” had now suddenly become a completely different person.

No, the correct way to put it would be that he had suddenly undone all the chains that had kept him bound until now.

On the Conferred God Stage, in this Eternal Heaven Realm, he was declaring the kind of end those who enraged him would meet to the whole Eastern Divine Region... just as he did in the Profound Sky Continent.

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Nailed on the icy thorn high in the sky, Luo Changan loudly wailed in a hoarse voice. It was simply impossible for any frost energy to be comparable to what was cultivated through the Ice Phoenix God Investiture Canon. He felt as if ten million soul-drilling thorns had pierced through his entire body, causing him to suffer inscrutable pain.

But even if the pain his body was feeling were to increase by ten times, it would still not be possible for it be as unbearable as the feeling of humiliation in his heart. It wasn’t just his body that was nailed firmly in the sky, all the glory and dignity he had possessed in his life had suffered the same fate as well. This scene of everybody watching him in such a state had never even appeared in the worst of his nightmares. It would certainly become such a shame for him that he would never be able to get rid of it.

Under the effect of the absolutely fearsome power of the Ice Phoenix, he found it impossible to even move a finger. Even if he wanted to, he couldn’t channel his profound strength and forcibly make himself pass out. Gradually, he could no longer sense the existence of his body, and only endless pain and humiliation was felt.

“Yun... Che!!” The Holy Eaves Realm King seemed like a volcano had erupted in his chest. Luo Changan might be quite a good-for-nothing, but he was still his son, the son of the Holy Eaves Realm King. How could he let him experience such humiliation!?

How could he let the Holy Eaves Realm experience such humiliation!?

Let alone Yun Che, who was from a middle star realm, not even one of the Four God Children of the Eastern Region would have dared to treat Luo Changan in such a manner.

Everyone from the Holy Eaves Realm had also stood up, dark looks on their faces. If this place wasn't the Conferred God Stage but somewhere else in the Eastern Divine Region, they would have already taken action in rage, without a doubt. In the eastern seating area, every god emperor had a big frown too— Although Luo Changan had an arrogant and domineering nature, and had openly humiliated Yun Che several times in front of everybody earlier, they also hadn't expected that not only would Yun Che have a complete victory over Luo Changan, but he would even return the insult to him countless times over, while everyone in the Eastern Divine Region watched their battle.

“Yun Che... I will... Aah...kill... you...”

Luo Changan shouted with all his might, but every word he shouted sounded more painful than the previous one. The last of his words almost contained a sense of despair.

The lungs of the Holy Eaves Realm King were on the verge of bursting with rage, but as he had been given a warning by Honorable Qu Hui, he could not let himself lose control at all. He forcefully inhaled, before saying in a loud voice, “Changan, a real man should know when to submit or stand tall, and victory and defeat are common happenings. Even if means that you'll lose the battle, calm your mind and admit defeat. There is no need to force yourself to continue the fight.”

“No, no, no! The Holy Eaves Realm King is greatly mistaken!”

As soon as the Holy Eaves Realm King finished his words, Yun Che suddenly turned around and said in a clear loud voice, without giving Luo Changan the chance to reply, “In the eyes of ordinary people, victory and defeat are common happenings. If you're no match for your opponent, it's acceptable to admit defeat in that case too. But this is Great Young Master Luo Changan we're talking about. In his eyes, admitting defeat or surrendering is the work of 'lowly garbage,' and such an action is akin to 'a dog begging to surrender.' A 'real man' can absolutely not do such a thing.”

“If he truly admitted defeat and surrendered, wouldn't that mean that he recognizes himself as 'lowly garbage' and 'a dog begging to surrender?' That would not only be humiliating himself, but even the whole Holy Eaves Realm. As the son of the Holy Eaves Realm King, how could Luo Changan do such a thing?”

“You!”

“Oh right,” completely ignoring the great anger on the face of Holy Eaves Realm King, Yun Che continued. “It's not like I am forcing Luo Changan to do so, as it was actually him who said those words earlier. Everyone sitting here, and all the people in the Eastern Divine Region who are watching the battle, must have very clearly heard him say that. I'm not exaggerating anything here!”

“Furthermore, when Luo Changan was giving that fine speech, the Holy Eaves Realm King didn't say a word of rebuke to stop him, which clearly showed that he approved of his words. It is likely that... it should be a principle of the profound way that your Holy Eaves Realm has followed all this time, right? It makes me feel admiration from the bottom of my heart.”

Not only did he humiliate Luo Changan to such a great extent, he even forced him to a dead end with his words. Moreover, he even managed to ridicule the Holy Eaves Realm in passing. The Holy Eaves Realm King stared at Yun Che as he said in a low voice, “Little boy... You've got some big guts!”

“Hahahaha!” The moment Holy Eaves Realm King finished those words, he was interrupted by a wild laugh. At the eastern seating area, Cang Shitian was clapping as he laughed, without the slightest bearing of a god emperor, “A real man is one who takes his revenge at all costs! Yun boy, you did well. So pleasant!!”

There was no doubt that God Emperor Cang Shitian’s unbridled, wild laughter was a slap in the Holy Eaves Realm King’s face. His gaze turned gloomy once again, but he didn’t dare to look directly at the location of God Emperor Cang Shitian, nor did he return to his seat either. He said in an extremely low voice, “Honorable Qu Hui, my son Changan has already suffered defeat. This evil creature Yun Che is obviously humiliating him on purpose. Such a thing is not only an insult to my Holy Eaves Realm, but also the Conferred God Battle.”

“Hmph! Luo Changan was the one who humiliated the other party first. He can only blame himself for experiencing revenge in such a manner!” Honorable Qu Hui snorted, as he displayed complete indifference. Instead, he turned away and said in a heavy voice, “Luo Changan, the profound strength of your body has been fully sealed, and you no longer possess the power to struggle any further. This honored one wishes to judge this as your defeat, do you have any objections!?”

The Holy Eaves Realm King suddenly raised his head, as he said in an urgent voice, “Changan!”

Luo Changan was in extreme pain as he remained nailed in the sky. However, he had been forced to not surrender due to what Yun Che had said. He was in utter misery as he couldn’t choose what to do in such a situation. When he suddenly heard Honorable Qu Hui’s words, they sounded to him as if they came from a celestial being, and he mustered his all strength to roar, “Junior... has no objection!”

“Hmph!”

Honorable Qu Hui waved his arm. A light sound resounded as the ice thorn keeping Luo Changan nailed in the sky dissipated in an instant. Immediately, Luo Changan fell straight to the ground and laid prostrate on the ground like a dog that had drowned in water due to having broken limbs, as his entire body twitched over and over again.

He understood very clearly that his ugly display on this day had caused him the loss of his dignity and prestige in the eyes of countless profound practitioners of the Eastern Divine Region. As he had the prominent identities of both the son of the Holy Eaves Realm King and a Conferred God Candidate, news about his ugly performance would certainly spread like a plague. He would become a laughing stock for a very long period of time.

“First battle of the second round of the Losers Group, Yun Che has won, and will enter the third round of the Losers Group tomorrow! Luo Changan has lost, and will have to leave the Conferred God Battle!”

As Honorable Qu Hui announced the result, Luo Changan turned his head around with difficulty. He wanted to look in the direction of Yun Che, but he had barely turned his head halfway when he directly fainted because of severe injuries and the psychological stress from shame and anger.

Yun Che coldly looked at Luo Changan, and didn’t say anything. The Holy Eaves Realm was, after all, one of the most prestigious and strongest among the upper star realms. It was not possible for the Eternal Heaven Realm to truly remain indifferent after things had come so far. He was not surprised in the least by Honorable Qu Hui forcibly interfering in the battle.

The Holy Eaves Realm King stretched out his hand, as a suction force from his palm brought Luo Changan's body to him. Afterwards, he speedily flew away along with him, and didn't even spare Yun Che another glance.

However, Yun Che clearly sensed a wisp of cold light sweep over his body.

This was the first true battle of Yun Che on the Conferred God Battle stage, and even in the Profound God Convention so far... Three days ago, it had definitely been impossible for him to be Luo Changan's opponent, but he had obtained a complete victory in the battle this day.

He had thoroughly defeated a profound practitioner at the sixth level of the Divine Spirit Realm with profound strength at the eighth level of the Divine Tribulation Realm, so it was easy to imagine the shock it gave to the people watching the battle. As he left the Conferred God Stage and returned to the audience seating area, almost all the gazes were still focused on him. The audience found it hard to shake off the feeling of shock for a long while.

Even the people from the Snow Song Realm were staring blankly at Yun Che. It was evident that they hadn't come back to themselves yet either.

"Are you... truly... Yun Che?" Great Elder of Divine Ice Phoenix Sect, Mu Huanzhi looked straight at Yun Che. "Just how... did you..."

"Great Elder, it is because of a secret method that the sect prepared for Yun Che a long time ago. Apparently, it was very effective," Mu Bingyun said in a light tone.

"So... that's the case." Mu Huanzhi and others slowly nodded their heads, but they also felt quite surprised in their hearts. Back then, Yun Che had continuously defeated Freezing Snow Hall disciples in the Divine Origin Realm with profound strength at the Sovereign Profound Realm, and it deeply surprised the elders of the sect upon coming to know of it. But they had never heard of anyone winning against an opponent in the middle stages of the Divine Spirit Realm while being in the late stages of the Divine Tribulation Realm.

It was absolutely not something any "secret method" could accomplish.

"Brother Yun... that was so great!" Huo Poyun said excitedly. As someone whose profound strength had also dramatically increased due to the execution of a "secret method," he naturally wouldn't do such a thing as curiously inquiring with Yun Che about the reason for the great amplification in his strength.

At his side, both Huo Rulie and Yan Juehai had their eyes opened wide. They looked at Yun Che as if they were seeing an absurd monster.

At a place very far away, a pair of starry eyes was watching the Conferred God Stage from high in the clouds. Their gaze had been following a person all along, from the instant he made Luo Changan kneel until he carefreely left the Conferred God Stage.

The day before, she had personally seen Yun Che leaving the Eternal Heaven Realm by himself and entering the profound formation to return to the Snow Song Realm... The moment his figure had disappeared, she had felt an enormous feeling of loss, as if most of her heart and soul had been hollowed out. But at the same time, her heart had also finally calmed down.

He went away... He finally went away...

I ask you... don't ever come back...

But, he had actually returned after just one day.

He had such energy, as if he had been reborn, and even the look in his eyes had changed completely.

Her heart had grown so utterly disordered that she herself was unable to describe her feelings at this moment.

"Yun Che... Why have you come back...?" She absentmindedly said in a low tone. "Why are you... not willing to listen to my words again...?"

It was at this time that her gaze shifted sideways all of a sudden. The blank and chaotic look in her eyes instantly turned terribly cold and bone-piercing. It was because she had sensed an extremely hateful aura that she would not stop to hate even if she were to die.

"Qian...ye... Ying...er!!"

Killing intent crazily surged from the depths of her mind and eyes, but was then firmly suppressed right away. She turned around as she moved towards the opposite direction without making any sound, and quickly disappeared into the horizon.

In another direction, Qianye Ying'er slowly took her eyes off Jasmine. There was a dried-up old person in gray clothes at her side.

"Miss, the Heavenly Slaughter Star God discovered you just now," the dried-up old person said in a low voice. "But not only did she not attack Miss, she even took the initiative to go away to some distant place. Considering the nature of the Heavenly Slaughter Star God, it is really odd for her to do such a thing. However... it seems that Miss has a well-thought-out plan."

"If not for that person, she would have certainly attacked me. But..." Qianye Ying'er's lips rose into such an absolutely beautiful curve that any man of the Eastern Divine Region would have lost himself, upon catching sight of her face.

"Oh?"

"Uncle Gu, keep an eye on that person called Yun Che from now on. Besides him, you don't need to be concerned about anyone or anything," Qianye Ying'er said. "I want to dig out all the secrets he has!"

"The things he possesses might turn out to be even more interesting than the World-Defying Heaven Manual!"

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The Conferred God Battle of the second round of the Losers Group continued. In the second battle, on one side was an "acquaintance" of Yun Che—Wu Guike, and on the other... was Li Jianming who had perished together with Wei Hen!

Although Li Jianming was dead, his name was still left behind in the participants list of the Conferred God Battle. Therefore, technically speaking, Wu Guike didn't get a free victory like Yun Che the day

before, but the result was exactly the same—Wu Guike directly obtained victory, and entered the third round of the Losers Group that was to be held the next day.

After the successive unexciting battles, with Yun Che unexpectedly crushing and tormenting his opponent one-sidedly in the first battle, and then Wu Guike winning without a fight, the fights starting with the third battle became incomparably fierce. As there was no visible difference in the profound strength of the opponents, the quality and mastery of their profound energy, as well as the execution of their profound arts, became the key factors to victory.

The longest battle continued for over two hours before it was possible to determine the winner and loser.

It was nearing evening by the time the second round of the Losers Group came to an end. In the battles this day, a total of eight Conferred God Candidates were eliminated, and the remaining eight winners entered battle on the next day.

Of the thirty-two Conferred God Candidates, sixteen people had been eliminated thus far.

The match-up list for the battles the day after was also displayed on the screen of light at this time.

Conferred Gods Group's Second Round Battles:

Battle 1: Flame God Realm 【Huo Poyun】 (Seventh level of the Divine Spirit Realm) ——VS——
Jasper Heart Sword Pavilion 【Jun Xilei】 (Tenth level of the Divine Spirit Realm)

Battle 2: Holy Eaves Realm 【Luo Changsheng】 (Tenth level of the Divine Spirit Realm) ——VS——
Shrouding Sky Realm 【Lu Lengchuan】 (Tenth level of the Divine Spirit Realm)

Battle 3: Glazed Light Realm 【Shui Meiyin】 (First level of the Divine Spirit Realm) ——VS—— Flying
Star Realm 【Meng Duanxi】 (Ninth level of the Divine Spirit Realm)

Battle 4: Glazed Light Realm 【Shui Yingyue】 (Tenth level of the Divine Spirit Realm) ——VS——
Rising Sun Sacred Realm 【Chao Feng】 (Ninth level of the Divine Spirit Realm)