## The Gods 1281

# **Chapter 1281 - Absolute Suppression**

"Brother Yun's behavior is very odd today," Huo Poyun said in a low voice. There was a deeply anxious look in his eyes.

"...Don't say anything else," Huo Rulie said. Thinking of the exchange of words between Yun Che and Mu Bingyun, he was filled with apprehension right now.

"Jinxi, you go first." Yue Huan patted Yue Jinxi's shoulder, then took a few steps backward.

What a joke. Yun Che might be trying to court death by losing his mind in arrogance and wanting to face the two of them together. However, as princes of the Moon God Realm, as well as level three Divine Kings, how could they truly do so? Especially against a profound practitioner who was not only from a place lower than a king realm, but was also just at the fifth level of Divine Spirit Realm... Doing such a thing would be degrading their own identities, and would lose face in front of others.

Yue Jinxi didn't refuse. He had a stomach full of anger and was dying to teach Yun Che a harsh lesson. He stretched out his hand towards Yun Che, indicating for him to make the first move, "Since you so want to receive our guidance this much, come, let's get this started."

Yun Che didn't utter a word in response. His figure shot up into the air as he punched straight towards Yue Jinxi's head.

Even when facing the profound aura of the mid-stage Divine Spirit Realm head-on, Yue Jinxi didn't feel the least bit constricted. He stayed still in place and only reached out with his right hand unhurriedly, with a domineering expression on his face.

It was apparent that he wanted to stop Yun Che's attack, which seemed to contain all his power, in a very carefree and relaxed manner.

On the other side, Yue Huan had his arms crossed across his chest, and no fluctuation of profound energy could be sensed from his body. He simply didn't appear to have the intention of fighting Yun Che.

Yun Che's speed was very fast, and he arrived before Yue Jinxi in the blink of an eye. Yue Jinxi narrowed his eyes, as his stretched out palm grabbed at Yun Che's fist with lightning speed...

A light sound rang out. Suddenly, his palm only swept through the air, and an afterimage was speedily dispersing before his eyes.

On the other hand, Yun Che's figure had rushed towards Yue Huan in an incomparably strange way. He opened the gate of "Rumbling Heaven" as profound energy erupted from his body all of a sudden. His speed became several times faster, and he sent a straight punch towards Yue Huan's chest.

"Wh ... What!?"

As if a volcano had erupted in front of them, the nearby profound practitioners of the Eastern Divine Region were blown far, far away, and the expressions of Yue Jinxi and Yue Huan abruptly changed at the same time... It wasn't that the two of them hadn't seen the profound image of the Conferred God Battle, but that watching the profound image and personally facing the spirit pressure erupted by Yun

Che were two completely different concepts. Despite being Divine Kings of a king realm, both of them were so utterly panic-stricken that they began to feel suffocated.

Yue Huan was, after all, a level three Divine King. Confronting the sudden attack from Yun Che, his profound energy unleashed almost instinctively, and he somehow managed to raise his crossed arms in front of his chest...

## BANG!!

Yue Huan's arms were firmly struck aside as Yun Che's punch landed right at the center of his chest.

Yue Huan's back protruded all of a sudden, after which, a streak of blood spurted out like an arrow released from a bowstring. He was instantly blown a few kilometers away.

"Royal brother!!" Yue Jinxi turned around at once. He was completely dumbfounded, as his pupils contracted in great confusion.

"Eh... Ah..."

Yue Huan propped himself up with his arms. He was just trying to get up when he once again kneeled on the ground as blood continuously trickled out of his mouth... His vision was blurry and he could barely see the color of his blood... It was as if countless volcanoes had erupted within his body.

His entire body shivered and he found it simply unbelievable that his Divine King level body was actually injured to such an extent by just a punch from Yun Che... It was even more unbelievable that Yun Che, who was only at the mid-stage Divine Spirit Realm, was able to unleash such terrifying power.

Compared to his injuries, it was the feeling of shame that he felt even more intensely, which was gnawing at his mind like devils or ghosts!

Yue Jinxi was dumbstruck, Yue Huan was still kneeling on the ground, and the moon guards and moon god envoys around them were all totally shocked. Profound images were, after all, no more than just a projection of image. Without seeing it with their own eyes, no one would think that Yun Che's profound strength at the Divine Spirit Realm could shoot up to such a terrifying extent.

Yun Che didn't take advantage of the dumbfounded Yue Jinxi to launch another attack at him. It was as if he felt it beneath him to do such a thing. He said in a cold voice, "Considering how you look down on us profound practitioners who aren't from a king realm, I thought that you two would be quite powerful. Is this all you've got?"

Yun Che had done enough preparation to allow him to act like this. He had angered the two princes, made them say improper remarks and attack him in rage, and then he purposely let himself get hurt, too... But even if it was so, his words still caused numerous profound practitioners to feel nervous in their hearts.

In the end, this place was Divine Moon City, and the two people he was facing were none other than sons of the Moon God Emperor... How could he ridicule them in such a manner?

However, there was no fluctuation of emotions on the face of Moon God Emperor. Instead, an unusual light flashed through the depths of his eyes.

It was at this time that Yue Huan finally managed to stand on his feet. He was panting heavily, as a layer of lustrous light, like that of a bright moon, shone on his body.

"Divine Moon Art!" many profound practitioners cried out in a low voice.

"Yun Che, you..." He wanted to call Yun Che out for his underhanded sneak attack, but the moment he opened his mouth, he immediately swallowed the words together with his blood. It was because he knew that shouting them aloud would only cause him to be looked down upon even more.

Forcibly suppressing his injuries and his chaotic profound aura, he roared in a slightly hoarse voice, "Jinxi, let's face him together... with all our power!"

The instant he finished his words, a white figure flashed before his eyes all of a sudden. Yun Che had already rushed over to him like lightning. The chilly, blue profound light on his body made him feel as if he had fallen into an ice-cold abyss.

Yue Huan's eyes widened in fear. There was no way he would be careless any longer, no matter how foolish he was. He thrust his arms out and unleashed all of his profound energy, but due to being severely injured and afraid, he subconsciously took a completely defensive stance.

Bang-bang-bang...

Yun Che's had a chilly look in his eyes. The energy he possessed after entering the "Rumbling Heaven" state bombarded Yue Huan's body like a torrential rainfall. Yue Huan was barely holding on as he constantly retreated in the face of such fierce attacks. His injuries grew a bit more severe with every step he took backwards, and gradually, blood started oozing out of his nostrils and ears...

Yue Jinxi's face had become red. While Yun Che and Yue Huan were fighting, he had channeled the Divine Moon Art to its limit. Following, all the power of divine moon gathered at his right arm, causing it to release brilliant, white light, like that from a jade stone.

A look of viciousness flashed through his eyes. His speed exploded in an instant, as his right arm, which had the terrifying divine power concentrated around it, aimed at the center of Yun Che's back.

"Behind you!!" Huo Poyun cried out unconsciously.

However, it was already too late for a warning as Yue Jinxi's speed was really too fast. In less than one-tenth of a second, his right arm, which had divine light gathered around it, attacked straight toward the center of Yun Che's back.

Then, his arm passed right through him and firmly smashed into Yue Huan's lower abdomen.

"Wuaaahh!"

Yue Huan curled his body in pain as he was once again blown far, far away, and was unable to stand up for a long while.

He wasn't severely injured by Yun Che's punch, but this sudden all-out attack from Yue Jinxi almost knocked him out.

Yue Jinxi was immediately taken aback to see such a thing... But, it was a fatal mistake to be absent-minded for even a moment during a fierce battle of a Divine King level.

## BOOM!!

Yun Che's figure appeared behind Yue Jinxi and then heavily elbowed the latter's spine.

"It seems that Yun Che's Moon Splitting Cascade has reached the realm where he can use it whenever and however he wants." Mu Bingyun sighed in a low voice.

At this moment, Yue Jinxi was feeling as if all his flesh, as well as every bone and blood vessel in his body had thoroughly burst apart. He suddenly realized why Yue Huan was in such a sorry state just from getting hit by a single punch from Yun Che.

Yue Jinxi was kicked away like a leather ball, and by the time he came to himself, he was already lying a couple kilometers away.

Yue Huan laid prostrate on ground as he crazily spit a few mouthfuls of blood. He cursed in an angry voice, "Yue Jinxi, are you blind or what!!?"

He had just cursed angrily when he suddenly discovered that Yun Che's ice-cold eyes were very close to his own. It made the hair of his whole body stand on end.

A Divine King was a mighty existence, after all. There was no way he would be completely defeated so easily. Yue Huan suddenly gritted his teeth as he crossed his arms without caring about his injuries. Immediately, a dark moon expanded before him and firmly resisted Yun Che's offense.

"Yun Che... Die, you bastard!!"

A loud shout was heard soon after, one that clearly indicated that the owner of the voice had lost his reason in anger. Blood was trickling down from the corner of Yue Jinxi's mouth, but he still launched a powerful attack from above like a furious, vile beast... He had learned his lesson now, so instead of aiming at Yun Che's back, he chose to attack the side of his body.

Yun Che, however, didn't give him a glance, or pull himself back to avoid Yue Jinxi. His energy fully concentrated on Yue Huan's body, as he quickly suppressed the dark moon to such an extent that its shape became distorted.

When Yue Jinxi's energy was about to hit the target, a golden light flashed in front of his eyes all of a sudden.

## A Golden Crow Manifest God!

Everyone knew of the rumor that Yun Che had a special manifestation art, but knowing something and seeing it personally were two completely different things. In face of this power that was totally beyond the bounds of Yun Che's cultivation level, even if Yue Jinxi had lived a thousand years more, he would still absolutely be caught unprepared when confronting it for the first time...

# BOOM!!

Before Yue Jinxi could let out a shout in fright, the Golden Crow Manifest God struck him right in the face.

A scream resounded in the sky as all the profound energy unleashed by Yue Jinxi dispersed completely. His body was set on fire, and he fell head first onto the ground.

Silence instantly came over Divine Moon City, so much so that even the sound of a pin dropping on the ground could be heard.

Each and every profound practitioner of the Eastern Divine Region's lower, middle, and upper star realms, and even the moon guards and moon god envoys of the Moon God Realm, couldn't help but be stupefied at such a development. Countless people felt their hearts tighten up, and many others were swallowing down their saliva constantly... This monster called Yun Che, who had caused sensation in the entire God Realm, had once again made them see something that was really difficult to believe.

Earlier, almost no one dared believe that he could defeat the two princes... They had thought that even defeating one of them would be a difficult task for him.

Yet, facing the two great sons of the Moon God Emperor, two level three Divine Kings, he was actually able to... wreck them thoroughly!

He had totally destroyed them from start to end!!

Yue Huan and Yue Jinxi were two Divine Kings of a king realm. The strength they possessed was certainly self-evident. But when the two of them fought Yun Che, they looked like monkeys who had just learned to walk. Not only were their bodies battered, they also got tricked by their opponent again and again. In the short time when it was almost impossible to react, they were severely injured by Yun Che, one after another.

On the other hand, there wasn't the slightest injury on Yun Che's body. Not a crease was visible on his Ice Phoenix snow robe, not a speck of dust was visible, either.

Only fifteen days had passed since Yun Che had defeated Luo Changsheng.

At this time, they had had finally begun to notice that on the last day of the Conferred God Battle, Yun Che hadn't displayed his full strength when he suppressed Luo Changsheng with absolute strength!

He hadn't used even half of his strength!

Yun Che didn't continue to attack any further. With both of his hands behind his back, he coldly smiled at the utterly miserable-looking princes of the Moon God Realm that were a distance away, "Is this your so-called strength that I don't even have the qualifications to challenge?"

When he was going all-out, Yun Che's battle strength was definitely above either of them.

But if the two great princes at the Divine King Realm were to join hands, it would absolutely be enough to cause him significant trouble.

However, unfortunately, it wasn't just battle strength that they were inferior in compared to Yun Che.

Yun Che had gained his strength by treading on numerous corpses. He had experienced countless situations where he could die at any moment. But the two great princes of the Moon God Realm had an honorable background and standing, so they had never gone through any life and death battles.

They were several times older than Yun Che, and their knowledge of the profound way surpassed Yun Che's by a great realm, but when speaking of battle sense, the two of them combined were not even worthy to be compared to Yun Che.

Getting severely injured... suffering total defeat... and as a result, completely losing their dignity... When they heard Yun Che's sarcastic words at this time, blood filled the eyes of both Yue Huan and Yue Jinxi. Then, they mustered all the strength left in their bodies and pounced towards Yun Che like crazy, wild beasts.

As the princes of a king realm, they had never suffered such a setback and humiliation... To top it off, it was happening with everybody watching!

Yun Che slowly took a step ahead with an indifferent look in his eyes.

But the moment he took this casual step, everyone saw a blur before their eyes, after which, three Yun Che's appeared all of a sudden... Every one of them had the perfect form and aura of Yun Che.

"Oh? It's Star God's Broken Shadow!" High above the clouds, Qianye Ying'er said in a light tone.

## BOOM! BOOM!

Two loud sounds resounded in the area. As the profound energies of Yue Huan and Yue Jinxi shattered the two fake images among the three Yun Ches, their bodies were hit by the aftershock of each other's energy, which made them almost vomit blood.

As for the real body of Yun Che, it was less than sixty meters above them in the sky. He waved his arm downward, using the edge of his palm as the blade of a sword. A vast, mighty force poured down from above, accompanied by the momentary howl of a wolf.

Wild Fang!

BOOM----

The mightiness of this attack caused the world to shake, as if the vault of heaven was crumbling down. Yue Huan and Yue Jinxi appeared like two bundles of rice straw that were drawn in the hurricane of the doomsday, and blood spilled all round amidst their incomparably mournful screams...

## BANG!!

A loud sound rang out once again. The ground below their feet paved with moonlight stones caved in all of sudden, and a bottomless ditch cracked open in no time.

# **Chapter 1282 - Shocking Development**

"This... This is..."

"Star God Realm's Heavenly Wolf Hell God's Tome!?"

"How can Yun Che use Heavenly Wolf Hell God's Tome!?"

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As the second sword style, Wild Fang, thoroughly defeated Yue Huan and Yue Jinxi, it caused countless people to cry out in surprise.

"Oh? Heavenly Wolf's sword art?" High above the clouds, Gu Zhu felt a bit doubtful.

"Hmph, who would have thought that Xing Juekong would go so far to rope Yun Che in..." Qianye Ying'er slightly raised her brows, before speaking in a light tone. "No, perhaps he was not the one who intended to teach this sword art to Yun Che."

Countless gazes shifted towards the location of the Star God Emperor. They discovered that instead of being surprised there was a vague, strange smile on his face. Even the Heavenly Origin Star God and the four star guards accompanying him didn't look too surprised, either.

All the people understood something in their hearts.

The Moon God Emperor stretched out his hand to make a grabbing gesture in the air. Immediately, Yue Huan and Yue Jinxi, who were blown extremely far away, flew back to him as if a formless suction power was acting on them, and smashed onto the ground nearby.

Their bodies were completely dyed with blood and constantly twitching. It was clearly impossible for them to stand up on their own. Yue Jinxi, in particular, had most of his hair burned off and his whole face was scorched too. He appeared to be in an extremely miserable state.

The pitiful sight of the two great princes was really frightening, and everyone had a deep look of worry in their eyes as they gazed at Yun Che... No matter how many points he had in his favor, it was certainly not a good thing to beat the two princes to such an extent inside Divine Moon City.

After all, it was the same as giving a hard slap in the face of the Moon God Realm!

"Good, very good." To everyone's surprise, despite the fact that his two sons were beaten so utterly in his own territory and had completely lost their dignity, the Moon God Emperor wasn't angry in the least, nor was there an unpleasant look on his face. Instead, he slowly nodded his head, "Yue Huan, Jinxi, do you now understand why Yun Che is the 'Conferred God Number One'?"

Yue Huan's and Yue Jinxi's bodies were twitching, and there were painful expressions on their faces... They had thought that Yun Che daring to beat them to such an extent would definitely make the Moon God Emperor furious, and it was also quite likely that Yun Che would be killed off.

But, hearing the words of their royal father, he actually seemed to be... praising Yun Che!?

"...?" Yun Che raised his brows.

"Make sure to remember the disgrace and crushing defeat you experienced today. If you can make up for the dignity you have lost some day, your suffering today will not have been in vain!"

He didn't comfort them, nor punish Yun Che, but instead lectured them on their defeat. Yue Huan wanted to say something but his throat was writhing in pain, and he was finding it difficult to utter any sounds. Then, his whole body spasmed, and he passed out soon after.

Watching Yue Huan faint, Yue Jinxi eyes rolled up as he passed out too... It was not clear whether he had truly fainted or was just pretending.

"Take them away from here," the Moon God Emperor said with a light sigh and a wave of his hand. Afterwards, he turned his eyes to Yun Che, "This king has too many descendants that have different talents and natures, but are enjoying their lives under my wings. It is hard for them to avoid becoming conceited and start looking down on all who are not from a king realm. It's the same with Yue Huan and Jinxi, so this incident could be considered a very good lesson to them."

Yun Che, "..."

"Yun Che, if you have free time in the future, you can often visit the Moon God Realm as a guest. Fix these good-for-nothing descendants on the behalf of this king and let them know that what is meant by 'there is always someone better out there'."

Everyone was dumbfounded upon listening to the words of the Moon God Emperor.

"The Moon God Emperor is exaggerating," Yun Che replied. He actually felt sincerity in the Moon God Emperor's words.

"Haah." The Moon God Emperor let out a long sigh for some reason. He gave Yun Che a deep glance, "This king has numerous descendants. If even one of them could be half as capable as you, this king... would have no regrets even in the face of death."

Such high evaluation of Yun Che by the Moon God Emperor astounded the profound practitioners of the Eastern Divine Region, as well as the people of the Moon God Realm.

"..." Yun Che was evidently taken aback, too. He didn't know how to respond to such words.

He was trying to embarrass the Moon God Realm with his actions just now.

But the conclusion of the whole thing was totally different from his expectations.

The Moon God Emperor wasn't embarrassed and didn't become angry. From his sigh and the words "no regrets even in the face of death", Yun Che could even feel a faint feeling of helplessness and... sorrow?

Clap!

Clap!

A crisp and clear clapping sound rang out in the area, as the Star God Emperor walked over while clapping his hands. There was a smile on his face, "Good! This is truly good! Just by speaking a few words, the Moon God Emperor changed the meaning of such an extremely disgraceful matter. Not only have you managed to keep your dignity, but you also showed yourself to be a very magnanimous

person. You are truly worthy of being the emperor of Moon God Realm. This king truly admires your ability."

The Moon God Emperor turned around as he said with a laugh, "It seems that the Star God Emperor has some advice for me?"

"I wouldn't dare advise you," the Star God Emperor plainly said before smiling. "I only have a few doubts, and hope that the Moon God Emperor would be generous enough to dispel them."

"Oh?" the Moon God Emperor slightly narrowed his eyes. He was getting the woman of Glazed Glass to be his empress during his great wedding on this day, so the Star God Emperor would naturally be extremely unhappy. The Star God Emperor's face had been dark and gloomy this whole time but they now contained an unusual light, which made the Moon God Emperor be on his guard all of a sudden.

"This king wants to ask whether the god empress, that the Moon God Emperor is about to marry, has 'Xia' as her surname?" the Star God Emperor asked.

"...?" Yun Che suddenly raised his brows.

The eyes of Moon God Emperor shook faintly, but he smiled in an incomparably calm manner, "Correct. May I ask how you came to know about it?"

The Star God Emperor didn't answer his question. The smile on his face grew even more mysterious, "Then, does this 'Xia Qingyue' have 'two, five, four, six' in the year, month, day, hour of her birth respectively?"

Hearing these words, Yun Che opened his eyes wide in shock as his brows furrowed.

It was because the Star God Emperor had correctly spoken Xia Qingyue's date of birth... There wasn't the slightest mistake!

What's going on!?

The Moon God Emperor was intensely shocked in his heart.

For the sake of her protection, and because her existence was treated in an extremely special manner in the Moon Good Realm, although Xia Qingyue had stayed in the Moon God Realm for many years, there were extremely few people who had come into contact with her. In the entire Moon God Realm, there were only three people, including the Moon God Emperor and Xia Qingyue herself, who knew about her date of birth.

Why would the Star God Emperor be aware of it?

The Moon God Emperor didn't reply straight away. A faint smile emerged at the corner of his mouth, but the expression in his eyes slowly turned grim, "Just what exactly does the Star God Emperor want to say?"

The people around became absolutely silent as the two great God Emperors conversed with each other. The atmosphere in the area also grew heavy all of a sudden. It was because they could clearly feel that there was something fishy about this conversation.

"Hahahaha," the Star God Emperor let out a loud laugh. "This king was a bit doubtful until now, unable to believe the thing before his eyes. But seeing Moon God Emperor's reaction, it indeed seems be the truth. Oh, it has really broadened the horizons of this king!"

# "...What are you talking about?"

"Moon God Emperor," the smile on the Star God Emperor's face gradually faded, as his face turned colder bit by bit. "Despite being the realm king of the Moon God Realm, you actually want to marry a woman who is already married as your empress. This is a violation of people's emotions and the common sense we are supposed to act according to. It's an act that violates the heavenly laws and the principles of human relations! If this despicable action of taking someone else's wife by force was something that only concerned you, it might be still all right for you, but are you not afraid of the Moon God Realm also becoming the laughingstock of all the people under the heavens!?"

The words of the Star God Realm sounded as if countless thunderbolts had simultaneously bombarded in the area. Everyone was dumbstruck upon hearing them.

The god empress... was already married?

The Moon God Emperor... wants to take someone else's wife by force?

Each and every word said by the Star God Emperor was world-shocking, so much so that all the profound practitioners heard countless thunderclaps inside their heads. Everyone from the Moon God Realm; the Moon Gods, the moon envoys, the moon guards... all of them glared at the Star God Emperor. If the one who spoke such words wasn't the Star God Emperor, they would have captured and even killed him on the spot.

"Hahaha." The Moon God Emperor, however, began to laugh in response. His voice also grew cold, "Xing Juekong, this king already knew that you certainly have ill intentions behind coming here personally, but I never thought that you'd utter such malicious and slandering words. You have greatly hurt and disappointed this king. So when the distinguished Star God Emperor becomes jealous, he can also turn into a mad dog that has lost its mind."

The Moon God Emperor had called the Star God Emperor directly by his name instead of using his "god emperor" title, and he hadn't held back in the least with his sarcastic remark, either. It was apparent that he was truly angered now, even if he looked calm on the surface.

The Star God Emperor wasn't the least bit furious, and instead smiled at him, "Slander? Which part of this king's words was slander?"

"Hah!" the Moon God Emperor coldly laughed. "You said that this king's god empress is already married. Could it be that your divine sense has retrograded to such an extent that you can't even perceive the aura of her vital yin?"

These words immediately awakened all the people that were in a shocked state until now.

That's right! Although the appearance of Xia Qingyue was startling, she hadn't restrained her aura, and so the aura of her vital yin, and especially that of the glazed glass could be sensed quite clearly by them. Having the aura of vital yin proved that she was obviously a virgin.

"Hahahaha." The Star God Emperor laughed aloud. "How does possessing the aura of vital yin have anything to do with whether she is married or not? Yue Wuya, you need to explain just what is meant by this!"

The Star God Emperor turned over his palm as an opened wedding contract appeared on it. Following, starlight flickered in his hand, and the words inscribed on the contract immediately projected in the sky above. Everyone or sent could read them very clearly.

On the wedding contract, the names of Xiao Che and Xia Qingyue were inscribed, their complete date of birth, as well as the words Blue Wind and Floating Cloud...

"Yun Che, what is going on here?" Standing beside Yun Che, Mu Bingyun asked in a low voice with knitted brows.

"I don't know." Yun Che shook his head, but other than feeling confused, he already had a rough guess... It was very obvious that someone had been eavesdropping on his conversation with Mu Bingyun. Otherwise, just the word "Qingyue" on the wedding contract was far from enough for the Star God Emperor to be so sure about it referring to none other than Xia Qingyue. That servant girl called Jin Yue, whom he had given the marriage contract to, so she could bring it to Xia Qingyue, was definitely robbed midway!

Was it the Star God Emperor, or some other person!?

"Surname Xia, name Qingyue, and the date of birth also matched completely. Does Moon God Emperor want to deny anything? Or does Moon God Emperor want to call it a mere coincidence? Perhaps, you want to say that this marriage contract is fake?" The Star God Emperor narrowed his eyes. His words actually sounded as if he wanted to come up with excuses for the Moon God Emperor.

The eyes of the Moon God Emperor grew a bit gloomy, and his brows also quivered uncontrollably a few times. He looked sideways in the direction of the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace, but didn't see the figure of Xia Qingyue.

He had sensed that it was extremely likely that the contract in the Star God Emperor's hand was real. Furthermore, the Star God Emperor definitely knew something, or he would not be acting so sure of himself.

Letting out a sigh inwardly, the eyes of the Moon God Emperor gradually regained their calm, as he said indifferently, "It's certainly true that Qingyue's surname is Xia, and her date of birth also completely matches with the one on this marriage contract. It is definitely possible for this marriage contract in your hand to be real."

Woaaaah——

The people in Divine Moon City were shocked by the Moon God Emperor's words.

"Haha," a light flashed across the Star God Emperor's eyes. "So the Moon God Emperor acknowledges it after all?"

"Acknowledge?" the Moon God Emperor smiled coldly. "Xing Juekong, you seem to be someone who gets excited too soon. In that case, this king doesn't mind telling you a few things. Qingyue is from the

lower realms and she was certainly married to a person at the age of sixteen. The one she married was definitely a man called 'Xiao Che' as mentioned on this wedding contract. Although the two of them didn't really live the life of a married couple, they were indeed officially wed. This king has known of these things since a long time ago."

Yun Che, "..."

"Therefore, it is definitely possible for the contract in your hand to belong to Qingyue. However..." the tone of the Moon God Emperor changed. "The marriage contract might still exist, but Qingyue's previous husband passed away eight years ago. This contract has lost its meaning now. Xing Juekong, I'm afraid that you're going to be disappointed!"

"Haha, is that so?" the Star God Emperor wasn't panicked in the least. "Moon God Emperor, I'm sure that you really want to know where I got this contract, right?"

Before the Moon God Realm could respond, the Star God Emperor's gaze shifted right to Yun Che, as he said with a faint smile, "Yun Che, I believe that you certainly recognize this marriage contract, and especially who this 'Xiao Che' person is. I mean this is your big gift to the Moon God Empress to-be, after all."

Following the words of the Moon God Emperor, everyone's gaze swiftly focused on Yun Che. The Moon God Emperor also turned around all of a sudden, as an expression of shock and disbelief flashed in the depths of his eyes.

"The reason you challenged the two princes of Moon God Realm and defeated them so thoroughly was to dampen the celebration of this wedding ceremony, right?" the Star God Emperor said in a gloomy voice. "After all, despite being an unimaginably mighty and towering existence, the Moon God Emperor wanted to steal your wife! Any man would have hated him for his guts, isn't that it?"

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It seemed as if the world had completely frozen in this instant. It was frighteningly quiet, so much so that even slightest sound of breathing or heartbeat could not be heard.

The widely opened eyes of all the people were fixed on Yun Che. They were waiting for Yun Che's reply, but didn't dare imagine what kind of reply he would have for them...

Yun Che raised his eyes slowly, as they came into contact with those of the Moon God Emperor. He replied with no expression on his face, "Yes, that marriage contract is mine. The 'Xiao Che' on it is none other than me."

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Yun Che's tone had not been too serious, but it had exploded in the brains of everyone present like a huge lightning bolt that came out of the blue... They had come today to attend the Moon God Emperor's earth-shaking wedding celebration, so they had definitely never thought that they would be shaken by so many shocking events, one after the other, that it left their very souls trembling.

The god empress that was due to be wed to the Moon God Emperor was actually Yun Che's lawfully wedded wife!?

Holy shit...

Even if all of the otherworldly talents in the universe gathered together and brainstormed until their heads cracked open, they would definitely not be able to write such a script.

Everyone's mouths had gaped open. The Snow Song and Flame God Realms were so shocked that their eyes were practically bulging out of their sockets, and their very souls were thrown into confusion. This was especially so for Huo Rulie, his mouth was gaping open so widely that one could just about stuff one Huo Poyun inside.

The Moon God Emperor's eyes were shaking wildly. He looked at Yun Che for a long time before slowly saying, "You... are truly her..."

"Yes, I am," Yun Che said in a cold and hard voice before he turned and looked towards the Star God Emperor. "However, there is one thing I must make clear. The words that the Moon God Emperor just said did indeed not contain any falsity or excuses. Eight years ago, I was most certainly 'dead'."

The Moon God Emperor, "..."

The Star God Emperor's brow furrowed greatly upon hearing those words.

"At that time, everyone thought that I was dead, including Xia Qingyue. Furthermore, after that she arrived in the God Realm and has not seen me again, so naturally she was not aware that I still lived," Yun Che said impassively. "That is also to say that before today, Xia Qingyue was indeed not aware that I was still alive."

He had definitely not said the words he had just spoken because he wanted to help the Moon God Emperor. Because of Jasmine, he definitely did not have any good feelings towards the Star God Emperor. Furthermore, the Star God Emperor had gotten ahold of his marriage contract and was clearly trying to use him. How could he be willing to be freely manipulated as the Star God Emperor's tool?

"So to her, the fact that I am still alive is merely an accident that 'should not exist'."

"This marriage contract was something I had given to Xia Qingyue's maid 'Jin Yue' so that she could hand it over to Xia Qingyue. The purpose of doing all of this was so that she could erase this 'accident' with her own two hands. After all, even though she and I were once husband and wife, our feelings have always been thin and weak. Furthermore, we were separated by 'death' for eight years, heh... I'm afraid that there probably isn't much left of what was an originally weak and thin relationship in the first place. So this marriage contract, that should have long ago been consigned to dust, could perhaps barely be considered to be the last remaining bit."

Yun Che's voice was very cold and it held nearly no emotion. He looked at the Star God Emperor and even though he was staring directly at a god emperor, his gaze still remained cold and cutting, "Everything I should have said has been said. Right now, I have a question that I wish to pose to the Star God Emperor... Why did this marriage contract end up in your possession!? And how and why did you come to the conclusion that the 'Xiao Che' written on this marriage contract was me?"

The Moon God Emperor stared at Yun Che, a complex look in his eyes that no one else would be able to understand.

Yun Che's explanation was beyond the Star God Emperor's calculations and it had clearly messed up his own schemes. His expression grew faintly rigid as he gave a bland chuckle, "If this king told you that he had just picked it up, would you believe me?"

"I believe you. Of course I believe you." Yun Che nodded his head, "A distinguished god emperor of a king realm. It is definitely not possible for such a personage to stoop so low as to steal something secretly from another person."

Everyone present was so shaken up that they felt their brains had been rattled. At this moment, Yun Che was interrogating the Star God Emperor and making certain insinuations about him, and they could not even react in time to feel shock.

"Ah, so it turns out that he is her first husband who 'has come back from the dead', so it looks like the 'taking by force' hat doesn't fit anymore," Qianye Ying'er said with some disappointment. "This in addition to the fact Xia Qingyue's vital yin aura still remains means that Xing Juekong will not be able to throw him for a loop this time."

When she heard these words, it sounded like this matter had nothing to do with her, "However, being able to irritate Yue Wuya for a moment isn't a bad idea either. But Yun Che on the other hand... Now things are about to get ugly."

"But that makes it all the more interesting, yes?" Qingye Ying'er said with a faint smile.

At this moment, a stream of air flowed across the area. The Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace, that had always been quietly floating in the light of the divine moon, suddenly flashed with profound light before it started to slowly move. It continued flying before finally coming to rest in the space above Yun Che and the rest of them.

The curtain of light opened and Xia Qingyue stepped out from behind it. She slowly floated to the ground, and it was as if a celestial fairy from the Moon Palace was descending to the earth.

A mere glimpse of her from afar had already painted an inestimable portrait of beauty. But now that she had come forward and graced all of them with her presence, it caused a stifling sensation, that was hard to put into words, to assault everyone who saw her.

Today was the day of her marriage, the day that she was supposed to become a god empress, yet her long moon-white robes were exceptionally spare and simple. It was not even equivalent to the Divine Moon Robes worn by the daughters of the Moon God Emperor. Yet even this startlingly simple attire was exuding an incomparably eye-catching brilliance and grace because of her.

Her eyes were extremely calm and tranquil, they resembled a secluded pool that would never be disturbed by anything. Yet they seemed to hold all the delicate beauty that this world had to offer.

She merely stood there quietly, neither laughing nor scowling, but all eyes were focused on her. Even the two great god emperors, the Star God Emperor and the Moon God Emperor, had become mere props in the background when standing next to her, their presence unconsciously forgotten at that moment.

Yun Che looked at her before slowly averting his gaze. She was still Xia Qingyue, but compared to the past, she had completely and utterly changed. She was clearly so close to him, yet she radiated a mysterious and strange illusory feeling, it was as if she was a goddess that had strolled out of an ancient painting... It felt as if she should not exist on this sinful earth.

This thought silently flashed in nearly everyone's hearts: Perhaps, just based on her heavenly beauty alone, she was sufficiently qualified to become a god empress, even if she did not have a Heart of Glazed Glass. Being at the summit of this universe's ideal of beauty and grace, was now something that not only belonged to the Dragon Queen and Goddess, but also something that belonged to her.

"Qingyue," the Moon God Emperor looked at her, a complex look in his eyes, "is Yun Che truly the 'previous husband' that you told me about before?"

"...Yes." Xia Qingyue gave a light nod of her head.

Yun Che, "..."

The sound of saliva being swallowed spread across the crowd like a wave. It was fine to treat the words of everyone else who had spoken so far as assumptions, but with a single word from Xia Qingyue, this had become an absolutely irrefutable truth.

Everything that they had heard so far was actually true.

"..." The Moon God Emperor was rendered speechless for a moment before he gave Yun Che a deep look.

Xia Qingyue lightly turned her gaze to someone else, "Star God Emperor, would it be fine to return that marriage contract to me?"

"Heh heh, this was something that was originally the both of yours in the first place, so it's natural that it should return to its original owner." The Star God Emperor gave a bland chuckle before pushing out his finger.

The marriage contract lightly floated over and Xia Qingyue grasped it in her hand.

"This is something concerning me, so let me be the one to resolve it," Xia Qingyue said in a soft voice.

The Moon God Emperor inclined his head as his gaze swept over Xia Qingyue and Yun Che separately. After that, he said something that was extremely strange, "If it is him, then he is worthy of you after all."

With those words, he withdrew.

Following a gesture of his hand, the rest of them hurriedly withdrew as well. Very quickly, a huge empty space was formed and only Yun Che and Xia Qingyue stood there, in silence in the middle of this empty world... as well as the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace that was floating quietly in the air above them.

"To think that such a thing would actually happen." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor gave a deep sigh of lament, "Yun Che is the 'child of the heavens' while Xia Qingyue possesses the Heart of Glazed Glass and so she is the 'daughter of the heavens'. Furthermore, the two of them have been husband and wife and had even come from the same place."

Blue Wind Floating Cloud...

"Yet neither of these people were born in the God Realm. So just what kind of existence is that planet in the lower realms known as 'Neptune'."

"Heh heh," the Brahma Heaven God Emperor gave a dry chuckle upon hearing those words. "During this period of time, the Brahma Monarch God Realm has sent people to scour the lower realms in hopes of finding that planet known as 'Neptune'. I had believed that the stars of this myriad universe were boundless and that this search would be akin to searching for a needle in a great ocean, a most arduous and difficult task. Yet who would have thought that the fortune of my Brahma Monarch God Realm was good and we would indeed find that very planet."

"Oh?" The Eternal Heaven God Emperor's gaze swivelled towards him, but his eyes did not hold much expectation.

"It was exactly as the Eternal Heaven God Emperor thought. That planet 'Neptune' was a dead planet and there were no living creatures in it."

"Hahahaha." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor was not the least bit surprised, instead he laughed in a very composed manner. "Yun Che is an extremely clever person, so how could it be possible that he would reveal his true origins. Him using 'Neptune' as a shield was something completely logical and natural. But as for you, Brahma Heaven God Emperor. You clearly knew that this information was false yet you spared no effort to search for this planet anyways. It looks like Yun Che has truly 'caught your eye'."

"Hahahaha," the Brahma Heaven God Emperor gave a hearty laugh at that. "It's not merely enough to call it 'catching my eye'. If not, how would I be willing to betroth Ying'er to him?"

"The will of the Goddess is something I am afraid that even you, the Brahma Heaven God Emperor, cannot interfere with. So this so-called 'betrothal' is no more or less the will of the Goddess herself." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor's eyes were profound and deep beyond measure. On the final day of the Conferred God Battle, the actions of the Brahma Monarch God Realm may have tricked everyone else, but it could not possibly have tricked him as well, "But given this old one's minimal understanding of the Goddess, it is not possible for her 'betrothal' to be a genuine one. On the contrary, just this one word alone has caused Yun Che to be hated and envied by an innumerable amount of people. Moreover, this hatred and envy was spread across the entire God Realm."

"Furthermore, the attention of any one of these people is something far beyond what Yun Che can endure."

"The Eternal Heaven God Emperor has overthought things," the Brahma Heaven God Emperor said with a faint smile.

"Yun Che may not be able to endure it, but this old one can most certainly endure it." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor said slowly, his voice was composed but the implication behind his words were clear, "At least for the next three years, no one will be able to touch a hair on his head. As for what happens after the next three years, that is up to his own choices and destiny."

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor greatly admired Yun Che. Even though Yun Che had rejected his offer to become his direct disciple, he was still willing to protect him with all of his strength. After all, he was the miracle of the Eastern Divine Region.

The Brahma Heaven God Emperor smiled but he did not reply.

As everyone looked at them with bated breath, Xia Qingyue walked towards Yun Che. When she finally came to a stop, the distance between the two of them was very small, she was merely a single step away from him.

The two people finally met each other eyes. Their gazes were composed and not a ripple appeared on their faces... But the ripples of their hearts and souls were known only to themselves.

"It's been a long time," Xia Qingyue said, her voice as light as a dream.

"Yes, it has been a long time." Yun Che nodded in response.

"You practically haven't changed at all."

"Yet you have changed so much."

"Is the sect still well?" she asked.

"Very much so."

"Then that's good."

Every word, every action, every expression, and every look was something everyone present could see clearly. They were once husband and wife, yet their words and emotions were as bland and indifferent as two strangers who had met on the road.

What Xia Qingyue was about to do and what was about to happen next was something everyone very clearly understood.

On one hand was her previous husband whom she had an extremely indifferent relationship with, someone who had burst onto the scene with much fanfare in the Eastern Divine Region.

On the other hand was the realm king of the Moon God Realm, one of the four god emperors of the Eastern Divine Region, an existence that stood at the pinnacle of the entire God Realm, the entire universe even.

There was no simpler choice in the world to make than her choice today.

Even if one were to make all the concessions in the world, even if Xia Qingyue truly still had feelings for Yun Che, and even if those feelings were of the kind that would not fade even until her death. Given this current scenario and setting, the wedding celebration of a god emperor, she could not make any other choice. Because if she chose to abandon this wedding in the end, it would undoubtedly cause all the dignity and face that the Moon God Emperor had left to go down the drain. It would cause the Moon God Emperor, who was originally about to wash away the shame and humiliation he had suffered because of what had happened to Yue Wugou all those years ago, to truly become the greatest laughingstock under heaven.

The result would be that both she and Yun Che would die under the Moon God Emperor's thunderous fury.

She would not, would not dare to, and even more so, it would not be possible for her to.

As such, Xia Qingyue and Yun Che would sever the final remnants of their bonds, destroy the marriage contract, and go their own ways.

There was no other possibility.

"This pair is actually what could be called a golden couple. Ah, how pitiable," Gu Zhu gave a rare sigh of lament.

"Uncle Gu," Everyone's attention was fixed on Yun Che and Xia Qingyue but Qianye Ying'er's gaze was focused on the Moon God Emperor, "don't you think that Yue Wuya's reaction is rather strange? When faced with such a situation, just which man can be magnanimous to this extent? What's more, this is Yue Wuya we are talking about, someone who had suffered such humiliation because of the matter with Yue Wugou."

Gu Zhu, "..."

"It's been more than eight years. I had never thought that the next time we would meet, it would be in this place."

"I had never imagined it either."

The words exchanged by the two people remained calm and composed, there was no joy or sadness there.

"Have you always been in the Moon God Realm?"

"Mn, I've never left it before. How about you? When did you come here?"

"Three years ago, but I've basically been in the Snow Song Realm all this while."

"The God Realm is vast, and the Eastern Divine Regions is just one of the divine regions within it. Have you ever paid a visit to the other divine regions?"

"No, not at all," Yun Che replied.

"I haven't either. Since that's the case..." Xia Qingyue suddenly extended her arm and grabbed Yun Che's hand.

"..." Yun Che was instantly stunned by her actions. After that, Xia Qingyue's voice, that sounded like an illusion or dream, rang in his ears, "Then why don't we go and have a look?"

Her celestial voice lingered in his ears as Yun Che was suddenly carried up by Xia Qingyue, before transforming into a flashing comet which disappeared into the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace's curtain of light.

The Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace radiated profound light before it gathered up a vast amount of air and shot into the distance. In just a single instant, it had vanished from the sight of all who had gathered here.

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Everything had simply happened far too quickly and far too abruptly. Xia Qingyue had suddenly grabbed ahold of Yun Che's hand, stunning everyone in the area, but before they even had time to react, the two people had already fled far away using the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace.

The Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace did not be mirch its name as the fastest profound warship in the universe. In just a single instant, it had already crossed over to the horizon that was extremely far away, and even its shadow had vanished completely.

It was the Moon God Emperor and the Moon God Empress' wedding ceremony, but the Moon God Empress had used the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace to run away with Yun Che...

This result was something that everyone thought was impossible, a result that they had not even bothered to imagine, yet it had happened right before everyone's eyes. It felt as if they were suddenly completely shaken, turned inside out by the innumerable lightning bolts and angry tidal waves that were raging around in their hearts...

The impact this scene had on them was absolutely no less than the impact they had felt when witnessing the nine stage heavenly tribulation at the Conferred God Stage!

Everyone was absolutely stunned into insensibility as they stood there dumbfounded. The profound practitioners of the Eastern Divine Region, the moon god envoys, the gathered realm kings, the god emperors... including the Star God Emperor who had been eager to start all of this trouble, and even Qianye Ying'er, who had remained hidden in the clouds above. Each and every one of them had been completely and utterly shocked and stupefied by this turn of events.

The Moon God Emperor simply stood there with a blank stare on his face. But gradually, the features on his face started to twist and his body started to quake. His originally tranquil and dignified face started going a dreadful ghastly pale and his features were swiftly contorting into a face that resembled a sinister demon's visage.

He extended an arm that shuddered so violently that it seemed like it was going to fall apart and pointed in the direction that Xia Qingyue had left, before he roared in what was perhaps the most hoarse voice he had ever let out in his life, "Go... and capture... them! Go and capture them!!!!"

After he let out that hoarse scream, the Moon God Emperor's vision went black and his entire body swayed. He had actually nearly fallen to the ground.

That dreadful roar of his caused everyone present to be roused from their shock like sleepers waking from a dream. Divine Moon City was immediately thrown into great chaos as a large number of people soared into the sky and rushed in the direction the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace had fled.

Furthermore, among those who had taken action, there was a golden figure that suddenly flashed across the sky like a comet, instantly leaving all the other figures in the dust... The speed that golden

figure displayed was actually nearly no less than the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace that had already fled into the distance!

Divine Moon City was in a complete uproar, everyone looked at each other only to discover that the other person was completely and utterly shocked as well. It was as if nobody dared to believe the events that had just taken place before their very eyes.

"How could... this... sort of thing happen?" Mu Huanzhi asked in a trembling voice.

"Oh no..." Mu Bingyun sighed quietly.

"Heh heh heh," the Star God Emperor put away his shock and amazement while giving a bland laugh. "Marvelous, this is absolutely marvelous."

The Star God Emperor and the Moon God Emperor were very near one another. So his words had undoubtedly splashed hot oil into a raging fire. The Moon God Emperor's eyes turned scarlet as if they had been stained with fresh blood. He pointed at the Star God Emperor, the profound energy in front of that finger rioting wildly, "You! Get out of here right now... OUT!!!!"

"GET OUT!! EVERYONE GET OUT!!"

"ALL OF YOU GET OUT!!"

"GEEETTTT OUUUUUTTT!!!!"

The fury of a god emperor could shake the very heavens and earth. Under the power of his extremely hoarse and furious howl, all of the jade bottles and jade cups shattered as space itself began to faintly tremble. A majority of the young profound practitioners vomited fresh blood amid furious coughing, their internal organs suffering heavy wounds. There were also some profound practitioners who saw black, then and there, as they fainted dead away.

Who would still dare to linger near the berserk fury of a god emperor? The various big star realms did their utmost to protect their young profound practitioners as they fled towards the outskirts of Divine Moon City in a panic. In an instant, Divine Moon City, which was being graced by the light of a bright moon, was thrown into complete and utter chaos.

"Go... quickly!" Mu Huanzhi swiftly rallied all the Snow Song Realm disciples and fled towards the outskirts with the greatest speed possible... If the Moon God Emperor decided to vent his anger on the Snow Song Realm, they would not make it in time if they tarried any further.

Divine Moon City suddenly looked as if a swarm of locusts had descended upon it. Disturbances sprung up all over the city as its denizens reeled about in panic and alarm. Not a single one of the moon guards assigned to the various districts rushed out to maintain order as even they were at a complete loss at what to do.

This grand wedding celebration was originally an event of great joy for the Moon God Realm. It was supposed to have wiped away the shame the Moon God Emperor suffered all those years ago and more significantly, it was supposed to have grandly announced to the entire world that from this day forward, the Moon God Realm would be like the Eternal Heaven Realm of all those years ago, receiving the blessing of a woman of Glazed Glass.

But before the wedding ceremony could even begin, it had already become like this...

The god empress who was about to be wed left on her own, and she had even taken another man with her before running away.

Not only did this not wash away the shame inflicted by what happened to Yue Wugou all those years ago, it instead piled humiliation upon humiliation...

One of the four god emperors of the Eastern Divine Region, the realm king of the Moon God Realm, had actually completely and utterly become the greatest laughingstock under all of heaven...

The Moon God Emperor was lost in his berserk fury and he resembled a crazed wild beast.

But how could he not be enraged... Even if he was a god emperor, this matter was even more humiliating and enraging because he was a god emperor.

"Let's leave." In the clouds high above, Qianye Ying'er turned around, her gaze, astonishingly enough, directed towards where the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace had fled.

Gu Zhu did not reply, but neither did he need to question or give a response. The figures of the two people slowly receded into the clouds before they vanished in the air above Divine Moon City. Perhaps, no one knew that they had even been there in the first place.

"To think that such a thing actually happened..." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor shook his head. In this world, there were far too few things that could astonish him, but the events that had unfolded before his very eyes were too far outside of his calculations, so it caused him to feel an unfathomable shock as well.

The Brahma Heaven God Emperor, however, held him back as he spoke while shaking his head, "The Moon God Emperor is truly enraged, and deservedly so. No consolation or advice will have any use at this moment. On the contrary, it might even cause him to go completely wild. We should spend our efforts protecting the gathered profound practitioners. Let's wait for him to calm down after a few days before we try to discuss anything with him."

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The vast universe.

In the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace that had reached its maximum speed.

The internal space within the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace was exceedingly big, yet also abnormally luxurious. A bright light that was coming from somewhere unknown illuminated this place the same way Divine Moon City was illuminated by its divine moon.

Yet Yun Che had no mood to admire or appreciate this mystical and fantastic Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace. He instead merely stared dumbly at Xia Qingyue, who was a mere hand's breadth away from him, his mind completely thrown into disarray.

His hand still held Xia Qingyue's hand, it was just that that jade hand was exceptionally cold, so cold that it cut his heart.

It was not only cold, it was also trembling faintly. In fact, her entire body was trembling... and the trembling was only getting more and more intense.

He stared blankly at Xia Qingyue. He was exactly the same as the rest of them, he had absolutely never thought that she would make this kind of decision.

"Qingyue... you..."

He finally gave voice to his thoughts but just as the words left his mouth, Xia Qingyue's entire body suddenly shuddered intensely as a mouthful of fresh blood wildly sprayed out from her mouth and scattered on her white robes, a color which resembled a bright moon, as her body limply sank to the ground.

"Qingyue!!"

Yun Che was greatly shocked by this and he swiftly extended his hand to catch her midfall.

The body in his embrace was abnormally frail and soft, and it was filled with a weakness and helplessness that would cause pity and heartache to bloom in anyone who saw it. She was shivering like a kitten who had been caught in a snowstorm in the dead of winter. He looked at the eye-catching bright red blood stains which stained her moon robes... that was heart's blood...

It was heart's blood that would go against the normal flow of one's blood only when a person was experiencing extreme anger or anguish.

"I'm fine," she said softly, yet she did not attempt to struggle free from Yun Che's embrace. Her small and delicate head leaned against Yun Che's chest and her beautiful eyes softly closed. The trembling of her body had finally begun to grow gentler as well.

Those scarlet bloodstains on her moon robes cut at Yun Che's very soul constantly. He did not ask her anything, instead he quietly hugged Xia Qingyue tightly... Besides that one time in the Heaven Basin Secret Realm, this was the first time they had held each other so closely.

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Who would dare approach the berserk rage of a god emperor?

He could not imagine such a result, and it was even harder for him to believe such a thing had happened. He was simply unable to accept what had happened to him. A disordered and chaotic aura hung around him and he teetered and tottered with every step. Wherever he went, that astonishing baleful aura he radiated caused even the Moon Gods themselves to not dare to approach him.

# BOOM!!

The palace hall's doors were blasted open by him with a single palm. He took one step inside before he saw a red-colored human figure.

It was a woman who was dressed in bright-red wedding robes who was decked out in luxurious pearl and jade jewellery. Even though her face seemed to have been etched with the vicissitudes of life, it was still beautiful enough to bring ruin to a country. It was just that her jade features were far too pale, they were so pale that they resembled white wax that was about to be burned up.

Upon seeing her, the Moon God Emperor felt as if both of his eyes had been stabbed by needles and his wild rage was now laced with several degrees of panic, "You... why are you here?"

As he spoke, he swiftly waved a palm and an isolation barrier instantly sealed the area above the collapsed doors of the palace hall, sealing in all the sound and light.

"I saw everything... cough... cough cough..." The woman said softly, but just as she spoke, it brought on a painful bout of coughing, causing her face to go even paler.

The Moon God Emperor swiftly stepped forward before bringing the woman into his embrace. A white light congealed in his hand as he pressed it against her chest.

Gradually, the color of her face became slightly better. She quietly leaned against the Moon God Emperor, her palm also pressed against the pit of his chest as she softly caressed him.

Feeling the warmth against his chest, the Moon God Emperor's feelings actually calmed down little by little... In this whole wide universe, only she could calm him down so quickly when he was in the midst of such an explosive rage.

"Qingyue, why did she do this..." The Moon God Emperor shook his head, pain still etched on his face, "Why exactly did she... Could it be that she doesn't understand what will result from her actions..."

This decision of hers had not only caused him to become the greatest laughingstock in the entire Eastern Divine Region. It had also caused his hopes and that final wish of him and her to go to complete waste.

"Because... she did not wish for her husband... to repeat the disaster that occured to you all those years ago..." the red-robed woman said in a soft and gentle voice.

"Even if she still has feelings for that kid, she clearly could have used a sound transmission to explain everything!" The Moon God Emperor roared in a low voice, "Just a few short words would have explained things to him... Why did it have to be like this!?"

The red-robed woman softly shook her head, "He might know... but will the rest of the world... know as well..."

"..." The Moon God Emperor was struck dumb by those words.

"Who would have thought that she would actually be like me all those years ago, that she would have to face such a painful choice." Her voice was incomparably soft and gentle but the look in her eyes grew more and more distressed as she spoke, "Could it be that... this is also a kind of... twist of fate, a cycle of destiny..."

"She isn't to blame. But even if you were to blame her or even hate her, that would not be wrong either. And that child called 'Yun Che', one can find no fault in him either... The only thing that can be blamed is destiny..." She said this before laughing softly, "Wuya, all these years, we had always thought that there was something missing in her emotional makeup and that has always worried us. But it turns out that

her heart... was actually occupied by someone that she would be willing to go to such lengths for... Shouldn't we... be happy for her instead..."

The Moon God Emperor, "..."

"Foster father, can Qingyue make one request... Could foster father please bestow the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace upon Qingyue..."

"Foster father, Qingyue has something to say. I beg that you remember this always. In the future, no matter what happens, Qingyue... will never ever let down the Moon God Realm."

"Qingyue only wants foster father to forever remember those words... No matter what happens in the future, I beg that foster father remembers these words."

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"..." Following the gradual recovery of his sense of reason, those words of Xia Qingyue that he had found strange at the time reverberated in his mind. His heart fiercely leapt in his chest, and after that he felt a fierce pain stab his heart.

So that... was what it was about...

"Heh... heh heh... Heh heh heh..." The Moon God Emperor's hand grasped his own forehead as his five fingers tightened bit by bit and a bitter laugh escaped his lips, "All of this, ultimately and fundamentally, is entirely my fault... If not for the sake of my own face and dignity, why would I let Qingyue suffer all of this... Heh... this so-called Moon God Emperor that I am... from beginning to the end... I am only a coward..."

"She will return," the red-robed woman said. "Once you have calmed down, she will return."

The Moon God Emperor gave a faint nod of his head and his hand was already holding a jade stone which pulsed with a faint white light.

"Wuji... there's no need to continue your chase. Return immediately."

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Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace.

"The first day I arrived in the God Realm, I met the Moon God Emperor."

Qingyue seemed to have regained some of her composure and her eyes had regained that deep and tranquil calmness. She recounted her experiences to Yun Che in a calm voice, "At that time, I did not know what kind of world this was. Furthermore, my own strength was incomparably tiny in this new world that I found myself in. So it was as if I had suddenly been thrown into a boundless cage where I could get taken advantage of and trampled on at every turn."

Yun Che could well imagine the situation that the past Xia Qingyue had found herself in. At that time, her profound strength was only in the initial stages of the Tyrant Profound Realm. In the Profound Sky Continent, that sort of strength made her an absolute powerhouse, but in the God Realm, it was pathetically weak. Furthermore, given Xia Qingyue's fairy-like beauty, it was bound to cause a

nightmarish calamity to fall on her head... The her at that time, who was all alone, had undoubtedly faced despair everywhere she turned.

"When I had finally fallen into despair and was about to take my own life, it was the Moon God Emperor who saved me. He brought me to the Moon God Realm... the most divine and sacred place in the entire God Realm. He looked after me in every possible way, and at that time, I thought that he definitely had designs on me. This was how I felt until... I met my mother."

"Your... mother?" Yun Che's eyes widened, "The mother that you had always been looking for... is someone who belongs to the Moon God Realm!?"

"I resemble my mother a lot and her aura also lingers on my body. From the very first moment he saw me, he guessed that I was my mother's daughter. So he saved me, and he also let me... finally meet my mother once again."

"So, you were going to marry him in order to pay back the debt of gratitude you owed him?" Yun Che asked.

"..." Xia Qingyue softly turned her body around and the depths of her tranquil eyes flashed with a heartbreaking light, "You think far too little of me."

Facing this girl who had abandoned the Moon God Emperor for him, whose heart's blood had flowed in reverse because of him, Yun Che felt his heart get fiercely squeezed. He said anxiously, "I... I didn't mean that... I was just..."

"He is my foster father," Xia Qingyue said softly.

"..." Yun Che was struck completely dumb by that pronouncement, "Your... foster father?"

Foster father... Father...

The Moon God Emperor... was Xia Qingyue's foster father!?

This... then why did...

"Don't tell me that..." Yun Che naturally thought of something as he said, "This entire wedding ceremony was just a formality to show everyone else in the world? To use your 'Heart of Glazed Glass' to help him... that is your foster father, to wash away the shame he suffered all those years ago?"

"No..." Xia Qingyue shook her head instead, "He is my foster father, a senior whom I respect with the name 'father'. Getting married to him, even if it was just a show, would be violating all laws of heaven and human relations. My foster father would not be able to accept it, my mother also would not be able to accept it, and I am naturally also unable to accept it."

"This wedding celebration was originally just a huge lie. Moreover, this huge lie was not only for the rest of the universe to see, it was even more so for the Moon God Realm to see."

"What??" Yun Che was stunned by those words. For the Moon God Realm to see? What was he supposed to make of that statement? The Moon God Emperor was the Moon God Realm's emperor, so why did he need to put on such a grand "show" for the star realm that he controlled?

"Furthermore, the one who would complete the wedding ceremony with my foster father would not be me either. It would be my mother instead."

One could clearly hear pain in her voice when she spoke those last few words.

"..." This caused Yun Che to become completely dumbfounded, "You... you said... your mother? Are you... w-what exactly do you... mean?"

Xia Qingyue's simple few words reverberated in his head again and again. But even if he overturned all of the logic and knowledge that he held in his head, he still could not understand it... To say nothing of being able to discern the implicit meaning behind these words.

"Do you want to hear a story?" Xia Qingyue closed her eyes, her voice growing softer and softer, "It's a very long... very melancholic... story filled with despair."

Chapter 1285 - Stainless and Boundless

"In the eyes of the world, foster father was possessed of a loose and lustful nature. He had taken countless concubines yet he had never made anyone his empress. This continued until that one fateful year. It was about a century ago when he was traipsing through a middle star realm that he met a girl that stole away his heart and his soul at first sight."

"He concealed his identity as the Moon God Emperor and stayed in that star realm. He had originally thought that it was just a passing fancy, but the closer he got to that girl, the more deeply he was drawn in and so it was like this as a few days passed... as more than ten days passed... as several months passed... but he was unwilling to leave."

"He was the Moon God Emperor, so even though he had concealed his identity, he could not get rid of the innate nobility he was born with. But all that he was had also deeply mesmerized the girl. The two of them had fallen in love with each other, and it was an extremely deep and shared love..."

"It was also from that moment forward that foster father has not taken another concubine... until now."

The Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace's speed was peerless but the internal space was extremely quiet and one could not hear even a trace of the sound of space being cut apart. He stared at side profile of Xia Qingyue's face, a sight so beautiful that it could take one's breath away, as he quietly listened to her give her dreamlike recount.

He had already guessed the identity of the "girl" Xia Qingyue was talking about.

After that, the Moon God Emperor had not taken another concubine... Those words were something that Yun Che believed completely as well. Because the two youngest sons of the Moon God Emperor—Yue Huan and Yue Jinxi were already more than one hundred years old. This also meant that not only had the Moon God Emperor not taken any new concubines, it was very likely that he had not even touched any other woman from that moment onwards...

"The two of them had stayed together for several decades before they discovered each other's greatest secret... She found out that foster father was the Moon God Emperor and foster father found out she actually had the 'Divine Stainless Body' that would shock the world."

It was Yue Wugou after all... Yun Che softly muttered in his heart.

It was just that... it turns out that the Moon God Emperor had not wanted to make her his empress because of her 'Divine Stainless Body'. Rather, it was only after he had fallen in love with her that he found out about her possessing the Divine Stainless Body.

"After that, foster father brought her back to the Moon God Realm and grandly announced to the entire universe that he would make her his Moon God Empress."

"It was just that appointing a god empress is far from normal. As the emperor of the Moon God Realm, he could take concubines as he pleased, but the Moon God Empress was not a person that belonged solely to him. It was something that concerned the dignity and prestige of the entire Moon God Realm. If it was just a normal girl from a middle star realm who was forcibly made empress, the entire Moon God Realm would definitely object. So foster father made public the matter regarding her Divine Stainless Body and also gave her the name 'Yue Wugou'."

Yun Che felt his heart wrench... So it turns out that the Moon God Emperor had not announced to the world that he was going to make a girl who possessed the 'Divine Stainless Body' his empress because of glory, it was because... he had no choice but to do so.

He was not a god emperor that belonged solely to himself, he was the god emperor of the entire Moon God Realm.

"Do you know why foster father gave her the name 'Yue Wugou'?" Xia Qingyue suddenly asked in a gloomy voice.

Yun Che was stunned for a moment but he replied after some consideration, "Could it be that it was not only because... of her Divine Stainless Body?"

Xia Qingyue lightly shook her head, "The world thought that the name 'Yue Wugou' was only due to the fact that she possessed the Divine Stainless Body. But they did not know that the word Wugou was foster father telling her that his feelings for her were stainless and pure, and that there was nothing staining or polluting them. He wanted to make her his empress purely because of who she was, and not because of her Divine Stainless Body."

Yun Che, "..."

"Foster father's name is 'Yue Wuya', so when the both of them combined their names, it turns into the words 'stainless and boundless'. It meant that their feelings for each other were not contaminated by anything else and that there would never be a limit to their love."

Stainless and boundless... Yun Che's heart was deeply moved by those words. To think that the Moon God Emperor and Yue Wugou actually shared such a deep love in the past and their union actually had nothing to do with the labels "God Emperor" and "Divine Stainless Body".

But in the eyes of the world, the only reason for the Moon God Emperor to make a girl who had been born in a middle star realm his empress, was precisely because of that "Divine Stainless Body".

But this was something understandable as well. After all, the people of this world would only be willing to operate on their own perception and understanding of things.

It was just that if this was the case, then the "tragedy" that happened later would definitely have caused far greater harm to the Moon God Emperor than anyone else could imagine.

"As for what happened next, perhaps... you've already heard of it."

Xia Qinyue's chest lightly rose and fell. All those years ago, it could be said that the "scandal" of the Moon God Realm had engulfed the entire God Realm. Moreover, while the rest of them were gleefully discussing this "scandal", fully indulging their sense of schadenfreude as they sneered and mocked the Moon God Realm behind its back, they were mocking the pain and despair of her friends, family, and the person she held most dear to her heart.

Yun Che nodded his head. But even though he had listened to this point, he still did not understand just why Xia Qingyue wanted to recount such a tale. Furthermore, why she did she know it in such great detail?

"Foster father constructed the God Empress Palace for Yue Wugou, he also invited everyone under heaven to the ceremony. All in order to give her the most lavish and grand ceremony to crown her empress. It was... just ten days away from their wedding ceremony that Yue Wugou returned to the star realm she was born in so that she could personally bring her parents to the Moon God Realm, but while they were on their way there, they were despicably ambushed by someone."

"At that time, in order to protect Yu Wugou thoroughly, foster father had not only dispatched a large amount of moon guards, he had even sent two strong divine moon envoys to accompany her... But those ambushers were far too dreadful, all of the moon guards and even the envoys lost their lives in that attack.

The divine moon envoys were existences that were only inferior to the Moon Gods themselves. In order to be named a divine moon envoy, one must become a Divine Master first. Within the vast Moon God Realm, there were currently only thirty-six divine moon envoys.

Defeating and killing were two completely different notions altogether. To be able to kill two divine moon envoys in that attack, one had to be at least a powerhouse at the level of a Star God, Moon God, or guardian and it was very possible that there was more than one of them among the assailants.

Thus, this could only have been done by a king realm. Moreover, the king realm with the most motivation and reason to do such a thing was the Star God Realm.

The clearly irrational and crazed vengeance of the Moon God Emperor that came after that was also directed at the Star God Realm.

It was for this reason that Jasmine's mother had died...

"They had originally intended to capture Yue Wugou alive, but Yue Wugou had many of the best protective treasures of the Moon God Realm on her person, so she escaped their grasp many times and she had nearly given them the slip a few times. In the end, their intent to capture turned into an intent to kill... But the blow that should have ended her life was blocked by the 'Moon Heart Plate' the Moon God Emperor had personally fitted over her chest. Furthermore, within the Moon Heart Plate, was a Void Illusion Stone."

A power that could slay even a divine moon envoy was completely blocked by this "Moon Heart Plate", so one could well imagine just how strong a protective device this was. Furthermore, after the "Moon Heart Plate" had been shattered, there was still a Void Illusion Stone that lay within.

It was clear to see that the Moon God Emperor was really extremely protective of Yue Wugou.

"As it had blocked that fatal attack for Yue Wugou, the Moon Heart Plate and the Void Illusion Stone within it shattered at the same time, bringing Yue Wugou to another world, a world that was completely foreign and strange to her."

The dimensional teleportation of a Void Illusion Stone was completely random but it would not leave behind any spatial or dimensional traces. Otherwise, if it was a normal dimensional stone or dimensional profound device, it would definitely be easy to trace and follow.

"So where was Yue Wugou teleported to?" Yun Che asked. Nearly nobody knew the answer to this question, and this included the Moon God Emperor himself.

Xia Qingyue softly whispered her response, "The Profound Sky Continent."

"Wh... whaat!?" Those four simple words had shocked Yun Che so greatly that he nearly leapt to his feet.

The Yue Wugou who had barely survived her great calamity had actually been teleported to the Profound Sky Continent all those years ago?

W-w-what kind of a joke was this!?

Yue Wugou was a divine way profound practitioner! A slap of her hand would destroy several Mighty Heavenly Sword Regions and Sun Moon Divine Halls. So why had no one heard of such a personage appearing in the Profound Sky Continent?

Furthermore, she was in such a deep mutual love with the Moon God Emperor at that time that they had coined the term "stainless and boundless" for themselves, so why would she have shacked up with another man and even had children with him?

Xia Qingyue continued her story, "Even though the Moon Heart Plate saved her life, that villain's strength was simply far too great. She sustained serious injuries and she had already fainted when she was being sent away by that Void Illusion Stone... In addition to this, she had also lost all of her profound strength and memories."

Yun Che's brows twitched greatly at that... So that was the case.

This actually sounded very similar to what had happened to Mu Bingyun a millenia ago. At that time, Mu Bingyun had also suffered heavy injuries while being afflicted by a virulent poison. She had lost all of her powers and memories and after that she had slowly and steadily recovered, establishing Frozen Cloud Asgard during that period of time.

A profound energy impact that was too intense and nearly-fatal could indeed cause one's profound strength to be so impacted that it would nearly completely dissipate. One's brain could also be shaken so severely that it would cause one's memories to either be lost or thrown into chaos... Whether it was

Mu Bingyun or Yue Wugou, they had both suffered nearly fatal injuries all those years ago, so losing one's profound strength and memories temporarily did not seem too big a coincidence.

However being teleported to the Profound Sky Continent was indeed quite coincidental.

"She landed on a remote mountain, unconscious in the snow. She did not even know how long she had lain there... But after that, she was rescued by a passing merchant who brought her home."

Once he had heard this part, Yun Che had begun to come to the conclusion that the merchant who had picked up Yue Wugou was most likely...

Suddenly, Yun Che's eyes widened explosively.

Snowstorm... Merchant... Complete amnesia... Leaving forever... Realm of the Gods...

As these words pounded in his head, they began to merge slowly with the tale that Xia Qingyue had been recounting... it began to merge more and more before...

"That merchant... who picked up Yue Wugou. Could it be that this merchant is..." Yun Che's words came out in dribs and drabs before he finally spoke the last two words with extreme difficulty, "Unc... Uncle... Xia?"

He glanced towards Xia Qingyue's profile only to discover that she had remained silent, but she did not shake her head even after a long time had passed.

Yun Che's mouth gaped open instantly, he used both hands to push his jaw up and it was after nearly using all of his strength that he could finally force his mouth closed. After that, he said in a voice that somewhat trembled, "You... and Xia Yuanba... Your mother is... Yue Wugou!?!?"

"Yes." Xia Qingyue finally nodded her head.

BZZ——

Yun Che felt like someone had smashed the back of his head with a stick as his mind started buzzing and ringing.

Xia Hongyi's wife, his mother-in-law, and Xia Qingyue and Xia Yuanba's birth mother was actually the woman who had previously shaken the entire Eastern Divine Region and had nearly become the Moon God Empress, Yue Wugou!!

Holy... Sh...

When he was still in the Profound Sky Continent, Yun Che had found out that Xia Qingyue and Xia Yuanba's mother was someone who had come from the God Realm and she had left them forever after she recovered both her memories and her strength.

But...

Xia Hongyi, a simple merchant from Floating Cloud City.

Yue Wugou, the Stainless Divine Maiden whom the Moon God Emperor dearly loved...

Even if Yun Che grew a thousand more brains, it would still be absolutely impossible for him to link the two aforementioned people together.

Yet somehow... the two of them got married in Floating Cloud City and even had two children together.

It was no wonder that even though Xia Hongyi was a merchant from birth who was not competent in the profound way, Xia Qingyue and Xia Yuanba had innate talent that was so high that it was shocking. One possessed the world-shocking "Heart of Glazed Glass" and "Nine Profound Exquisite Body", while the other possessed the "Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins". As it turns out, this was actually because they were the progeny spawned from the "Divine Stainless Body".

Chapter 1286 - The Truth Behind the Wedding

"Two years after my father brought my mother back, they got married in Floating Cloud City. Even though my father never knew my mother's true history, he had never felt any complications or reservations towards her because of this."

"In the third year they were together, they had me. In the fourth year, they had Yuanba. In the seventh year... my mother suddenly recovered both her profound strength and her memories over the course of one night."

"After that, she left, leaving behind my father, leaving behind Yuanba and I as well. She had left with a heartless determination, completely severing the destined bond of marriage between herself and my father. She also did not take anything with her. She instead wanted my father, wanted us to forget about her forever, and to never ever go looking for her..."

Even when she said these words now, Yun Che could still sense Xia Qingyue's deep sorrow. He gave a soft sigh before speaking, "Qingyue, she was not being callous or heartless when she did those things. It was because she had no choice but to leave. Otherwise, the moment her aura was discovered, it would only bring down a huge calamity on all of your heads."

The woman who was his one true love, the woman whom he had grandly announced to the entire universe was going to be his future god empress, had become someone else's wife and had even given birth to two children with that man due to her amnesia... There was no man who could maintain his composure when faced with such a result. The more he loved Yue Wugou, the more crazed he would become—to say nothing of the fact that he was the Moon God Emperor as well.

Being found by him would almost certainly result in him killing Xia Hongyi, and even Xia Qingyue and Xia Yuanba as well.

Thus, she had no choice but to leave and she would never be able to return either.

"I know," Xia Qingyue said in a melancholic voice. "But other than that, there were also her feelings towards my foster father... and her guilt."

Yun Che, "..."

"My mother told me that the seven years that she spent together with my father was a period that she felt very safe and happy. My father loved her and she truly did love my father as well. Those years, she had never once thought of getting those lost memories back, in fact she was even afraid... Afraid that

her reawakened memories would shatter her current peace and happiness. But... the moment she recovered all of her memories, everything was turned upside down."

"..." Yun Che was only quietly listening but even he felt a heavy stifling sensation settle on him.

The Moon God Emperor had loved Yue Wugou. He had not taken any more concubines because of her, he had built the God Empress Palace for her, he had given her the name "Yue Wugou", had planned to make her his Moon God Empress, had grandly announced her to the entire universe, had completely fractured any and all relationships he had with the Star God Realm over her...

Xia Hongyi had also deeply loved Yue Wugou. The seven years that Yue Wugou had lost her strength and memories were seven years where she was at her weakest and most powerless. During that period of time, it was Xia Hongyi who was by her side through it all, and she had even married Xia Hongyi and had two children with him...

Yue Wugou was undoubtedly a fortunate soul to have met two men who loved her with all of their souls in her life... But the moment the fog over her memories had been lifted, this all turned into heart-rending cruelty.

She had to make a choice.

Choosing Xia Hongyi would cause her to wrong Yue Wuya now and forever, and it would also bring down an enormous calamity on the heads of Xia Hongyi and her two children.

Choosing to leave Xia Hongyi would mean that she would never be able to see her husband and children ever again...

It was indeed a most cruel decision.

Furthermore, she knew she no longer had the qualifications to choose Yue Wuya ever again, the only things she was left with in regards to him were her guilt and her shame.

"After she had chosen to leave us all those years ago, my mother actually did not return to the God Realm. Rather, she... was looking for a quiet and secluded place, a place to die. Because, she felt that her own existence would only bring calamity to my family. And in regards to foster father... She felt too ashamed to ever meet him again."

Yun Che, "..."

She had clearly done nothing wrong, yet she had somehow become the biggest sinner... Yun Che let out a deep sigh of sadness in his heart.

"But, in the end, she gave up on ending her own life and returned to the Moon God Realm. Because she wanted to see my foster father one last time, or perhaps she felt that... it was best if she could die by my foster father's own hands."

"But even if she did not kill herself and foster father did not kill her, in actuality, she did not have much time left."

Yun Che was mildly shocked at those words, "You're saying that your mother, she's..."

Xia Qingyue sofly closed her eyes in order to not let Yun Che see the deep pain in them, "Ever since she was severely wounded all those years ago and lost all her profound strength, her vitality was actually being whittled away every year. Those seven years during which she gave birth to Yuanba and I also caused to lose nearly all of the Stainless divine aura she had left in her body. In fact, when she had finally regained her profound strength and memories all of the sudden, it was actually akin to... the final brilliant flourish of a dying sun."

"..." Yun Che was struck completely dumb by those words, he could find no words to say in response to that.

Xia Qingyue's mother had always had a weak constitution and this was something that the entire Floating Cloud City probably knew about. All those years ago, Xia Hongyi had mentioned this and he had also mentioned that her body was extremely weak, and when her condition was serious, even walking would be difficult for her. She had even had a difficult birth when she was giving birth to Xia Qingyue and when Xia Qingyue was born, her entire body was icy cold and her aura was extremely weak. If not for Xiao Ying using all his strength to save her, perhaps she would have lost her life during that birth.

Moreover, it was also for this reason that Xia Qingyue had been betrothed to "Xiao Che" from the moment she was born.

Coupled with that last event, the reason that Xia Hongyi gave to the public regarding the departure of Yue Wugou was that she had passed away from a weak constitution and a serious illness... This was something that nobody ever had any cause to doubt.

"My mother had originally quietly returned to the Moon God Realm, but for some odd reason, she ended up being discovered by other people. This added fuel to the fire and caused my foster father's reputation to suffer great damage. My mother had originally thought that Foster Father would hate and resent her, or perhaps kill her himself, but..."

She softly drew in a breath before continuing, "He told my mother, 'stainless and boundless' was a vow he had made that would last a lifetime, and it was not because she had possessed the Stainless Divine Body nor was it because she had become 'impure'. To him, for her to be able to return again was the greatest blessing that the heavens had bestowed upon him."

Yun Che, "..."

"Those weren't just hollow and empty words." Xia Qingyue continued in a soft voice, "After my mother returned to the Moon God Realm, everyone, including the people of the Moon God Realm itself, had expected her to be locked away in some lightless place suffering under foster father's wrath, or maybe she would even be tortured to death... But in truth, over the past few years, she had her own little world and many maidservants who were there specifically to take care of her and meet her every need. Furthermore, foster father went to meet her and accompany her almost every day, and every so often, he would use his own power to extend her life. He also did not hesitate to use the best medicinal pellets in the Moon God Realm on my mother's body."

"If not for all of this, my mother would have departed this world long ago, and I also would definitely not have been able to see her again."

Yun Che was deeply shaken by those words.

It was also at this moment that his impression of the Moon God Emperor completely changed.

The "Yue Wugou" affair that had happened all those years ago had caused the Moon God Emperor to suffer such great humiliation that even Yun Che, who had not been in the Eastern Divine Region for very long, had known about it. In fact, this scandal could even have been termed as the greatest scandal in the history of the Moon God Realm.

No matter how enduring a man was, no one could easily bear such a humiliation, much less the emperor of a king realm. For him to vent all of his anger and resentment on Yue Wugou was something that was actually completely reasonable and natural in the eyes of the world... Even if these people clearly knew that it was not Yue Wugou's fault.

Yet, the Moon God Emperor... had treated the returned Yue Wugou just as he had in the beginning.

Yun Che searched his own heart and he asked himself if he could do as the Moon God Emperor did if he was in his shoes...

"After my mother left, my father felt sick many times during the next year and he would often quietly weep. He would also sit down for an entire day while staring at my mother's portrait... So, I swore when I was a young girl, that I would track down my mother one day so as to prevent my father's tears from flooding his face, and so that my family could finally be reunited again.... And the reason I poured my heart into the profound way was so that I could achieve this very goal."

"Finally, I found my mother in the Moon God Realm, but I also had no choice but to face foster father as well. I once blamed, detested, resented and even hated him. It was all because of him that my father and mother had no choice but to part, it was because of him that my family would never be reunited again... But after that, I slowly heard everything from my mother, and I personally witnessed the unstinting care he showed my mother, so I couldn't continue hating him any longer."

"It was to the point that acknowledging him as 'foster father' was something that I did wholeheartedly."

The Moon God Emperor had saved her life, saved Yu Wugou's life, and had used his own dignity to allow Yue Wugou to truly live a 'stainless' life. So how could she hate him and what could she even hate in the first place?

"The Moon God Emperor... Eh, I mean your foster father, does he know about the Profound Sky Continent and Uncle Xia?" Yun Che probed.

"He does not know," Xia Qingyue said. "My mother was not willing to talk about it, so after foster father asked one time, he did not ask again."

They would never ever let the Moon God Emperor know about Xia Hongyi and when she returned to the Profound Sky Continent in the future, she would nevermention the Moon God Emperor to her father either... Perhaps, letting Xia Hongyi forever live with his yearning for Yue Wugou would truly be the least cruel conclusion.

"Then your mother... is she still well?" Yun Che asked again.

"..." Xia Qingyue gave a small shake of her head but she did not reply.

Yun Che felt a faint pain stab into his heart. When she had suddenly regained her profound powers and memories all those years ago, it was already the last flashing brilliance of a dying sun. It had been an entire twenty years since that had happened... If not for the incomparably vast resources of the Moon God Realm and the Moon God Emperor's unstinting generosity towards her, if it was in any other place, it was likely that Yue Wugou would not have been able to persist up to this point.

But it seems like Yue Wugou's lifeforce had just about completely withered away, and even the Moon God Emperor himself was powerless to reverse the situation.

Yue Wuya, the realm king of the Moon God Realm, one of the four god emperors of the Eastern Divine Region, a man who stood at the pinnacle of the Primal Chaos Realm. To think that he would actually have loved a woman with such obsessiveness, through such sorrow... and even to such a humbling extent.

In the end, a god emperor was still a man who shed blood, sweat and tears.

"Then, this wedding celebration, could it be that it... was the fulfill the final long-cherished wish of your mother?"

"...The one who would have completed the wedding ceremony in the end would not have been me, it would have been my mother..." Yun Che now finally comprehended the words that Xia Qingyue had

She had given Xia Hongyi seven years and a son and a daughter, but she wanted to give the last bit of her life to Yue Wuya...

So he did not expect Xia Qingyue to shake her head instead.

"Do you know why foster father would intentionally allow me to show my face right before the wedding ceremony?" Xia Qingyue asked.

Those words left Yun Che slightly flummoxed.

No matter whether it was the God Realm or the lower realm, no matter what kind of wedding ceremony it was, the bride would always cover her face, whether it was using a great red veil or a curtain of jade pearls. Furthermore, it was only when they finally entered their bridal chambers that the bridegroom would take this covering off.

At least, for the three wedding ceremonies he had been a part of, besides the time when the Little Demon Empress had married him into her household, the other two times were like that.

(Caizhi: ???)

But Xia Qingyue had shown her face to the crowd before the wedding ceremony had even begun.

At that time, the Moon God Emperor had been agitated by the Star God Emperor's words so he had gotten Xia Qingyue to come out and show herself to all who were present... Now that he thought about it, it seemed as if... it was done so deliberately.

"It was deliberate?" Yun Che asked.

"Yes. It was in order to allow everyone present to remember my aura, especially my aura of Glazed Glass. Furthermore, that should have been the one and only time I showed my face. After the wedding ceremony began, I would have used the 'Moon Star Substitution' art to temporarily project my aura to my mother's body and allow it to cover her. After that, my mother and my foster father would complete the wedding ceremony."

When the Moon God Emperor had personally gone to the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace to remind Xia Qingyue to complete her "preparations", it was to tell her to prepare to use "Moon Star Substitution".

Yun Che's heart was beyond moved by these words. Even if the Moon God Emperor himself was more than willing, he was unable to publicly marry Yue Wugou again... because he was still the realm king of the Moon God Realm.

He could only helplessly use this underhanded trick to finally fulfill Yue Wugou's last wish... and perhaps, this was also his greatest wish as well.

At the same time, because Xia Qingyue had the "Heart of Glazed Glass", she could cleanse away the humiliation the Moon God Emperor had felt all those years ago and he could also grandly announce to the universe that the Moon God Realm would receive the protection of the very heavens themselves from this day forth.

The humiliation the Moon God Emperor had suffered all those years ago was due to Yue Wugou, and as Yue Wugou's daughter, Xia Qingyue was undoubtedly entirely willing to help out.

But if this was the case, then why did she shake her head just now? And why did she say just now that this wedding ceremony was not just for the rest of the world to see but it was even more intended for the Moon God Realm itself?

"At the same time, I could also cleanse away the humiliation foster father had suffered all those years ago because of my 'Heart of Glazed Glass', while allowing my mother to find release from the greatest burden in her heart." Xia Qingyue soft words mirrored Yun Che's thoughts, but what she said next caused him to become extremely shocked, "But all of this was not what the wedding ceremony was entirely about."

"The other important goal was to allow me to... to rightfully and properly... succeed the the Moon God Emperor."

Chapter 1287 - The Choice Bestowed By the Heavens

"To allow you to succeed... the Moon God Emperor?" Yun Che was once again left baffled by Xia Qingyue's words, "Why?"

The Moon God Emperor had his own sons and daughters, had the eleven other Moon Gods. So why would he actually want Xia Qingyue, who had only arrived in the Moon God Realm a few years ago, to succeed his position as Moon God Emperor? Furthermore, without even bringing up the fact that she was only his "foster daughter", her profound energy aura showed that she was only at the initial stage of the Divine Spirit Realm and she was not even stronger than Yun Che. So compared to the two words "God Emperor", whose aura alone could suppress heaven and earth, it was something that could not be put together at all.

Could it be because she had the "Heart of Glazed Glass"?

Just what kind of existence was the Moon God Realm? It was one of the four king realms of the Eastern Divine Region, a realm with a history and legacy of nearly one million years. Xia Qingyue had no blood ties or deep relationships with the Moon God Realm... So how could they simply let her become the Moon God Emperor because she possessed the Heart of Glazed Glass? It was simply akin to passing the vast Moon God Realm to an outsider. Was it not a completely nonsensical and ridiculous notion!?

"There are many reason for it," Xia Qingyue said. "The first reason is due to my Heart of Glazed Glass. The second is due to my Nine Profound Exquisite Body. The third might be because I am my mother's daughter. But the most important reason is because... Foster father simply had no other choice."

Yun Che became even more flummoxed after he heard those words, "I can understand the part about the Heart of Glazed Glass. In the past, the Eternal Heaven Realm became a king realm precisely because the ancestor who established it possessed a Heart of Glazed Glass. If you were to become the Moon God Emperor, perhaps it would allow the Moon God Realm to obtain that so-called 'protection of the heavens'. But..."

"The core reason for why the king realms are so strong is because of the existence of unique legacies within each king realm. These inheritances ensure that these king realms possess the highest level of power and deeply entrench their power." Xia Qingyue continued speaking, "Furthermore, if you want to obtain the recognition of the power of a Moon God and obtain a legacy, one would either need a very high innate talent or sufficient compatibility."

This was one point Yun Che was long aware of. The Star Gods of the Star God Realm and the Moon Gods of the Moon God Realm were the same.

"My foster father inherited the Moon God power of the strongest Moon God 'Zi Que'. However, among all of foster father's progeny, there is not a single child who possesses the qualifications to obtain the recognition of any one of the Moon God powers. So it was natural that there was also no one who could inherit his Zi Que's divine powers. However, my 'Nine Profound Exquisite Body' allows for me to be a perfect fit for any kind of power."

"Foster father said that I was his only choice and that I was the perfect choice that was bestowed to him by the heavens."

Yun Che furrowed his brows as he spoke in a puzzled voice, "Could it be that your foster father has grown tired of being the Moon God Emperor? Also, someone who might be compatible with his power might eventually appear among his descendants, so why was he so anxious to make such a decision."

"..." Xia Qingyue gave a gloomy sigh of lament. It was only after a long while that she softly whispered, "Because foster father's time... there's not much left of it either."

Yun Che was stunned by those words as he replied in an astonished voice, "What did you say?"

Xia Qingyue's eyes grew hazy as they misted over. She knew what her departure truly represented. She had utterly destroyed all of her foster father's dignity, destroyed his hopes and had wrecked the final wish of her mother and him...

She knew that she would be mired by the guilt she felt towards her foster father for the rest of her life.

But, if she had not done what she did, it would also have wronged the Yun Che who had "come back from the dead".

It was only today that she finally, truly, understood just how utterly painful it was for her mother when she made her decision all those years ago. No matter who she chose, it would be wrong. No matter who she chose, it would still be a sin.

But she was also fortunate, because the person who should have blamed and hated her the most had instead truly lavished her with "stainless" true love.

If Yue Wugou had been a man and he was caught between two women, his choice would not have been painful at all and it was even possible that it might turn into the best possible outcome. But because she was a woman, no matter what she did or chose, in the eyes of the world, it would forever come with the labels "stained" and "sin"... even if all of this was not her fault in the least, even if the Moon God Emperor had never hated her for this before.

This was undoubtedly one example of the greatest tragedy.

"Qingyue, how old is your foster father right now?" Yun Che had clearly not noticed the completely disordered state of Xia Qingyue's heart as he asked a question after thinking about something for a while.

"Seventeen thousand years old," Xia Qingyue replied.

"Then that shouldn't be the case." Yun Che furrowed his brows as he said, "I heard my master tell me that once you reach the level that the Moon God Emperor has reached, your lifespan should be about fifty thousand years, and it might even be longer than that. The Moon God Realm isn't even half that old yet, so how can it be that he 'does not have much time left'?"

Xia Qingyue's voice was as soft as cotton when she whispered, "A heavenly prophecy."

"Eh..." Yun Che's eyes widened dramatically before his mouth twitched violently, "Oh man, I actually thought it was something serious. But it turned out to be those bunch of old con men. You mean that all of you also believe the words of those old con artists?"

It was naturally not without reason that Yun Che was convinced that the Heavenly Mystery Realm was filled with a bunch of "old con men". He had emerged from the nine tribulations that had descended from heaven completely unscathed because of his Evil God divine powers. Yet the Heavenly Mystery Three Elders had said it was because he was the "child of the heavens". Even though it had resolved a sticky situation for him, it had caused Yun Che to permanently label them "old con men".

Yet against all reason, all of the great star realms in the Eastern Divine Region very much believed the "heavenly mysteries" and the "prophecies" of the Heavenly Mystery Realm, and this included the four great king realms. During the Profound God Convention, the Heavenly Mystery Three Elders were even seated together with the king realms.

"Every millenia, my foster father would personally pay the Heavenly Mystery Realm a visit and every time he received a prophecy, it would definitely come true, with no exceptions whatsoever."

Yun Che, "..." (Was it really that accurate?)

"The last time he visited the Heavenly Mystery Realm was five years ago. He obtained a heavenly mystery there which told him that within the next ten years, he was bound to die."

This was a "heavenly mystery" he received five years ago. That was also to say that, right now, the Moon God Emperor has only about five more years left to live... If the prophecy comes true.

"That's not possible!" Yun Che shook his head as he rejected the notion categorically. "The Moon God Emperor's lifespan is far from being up and I just saw him today at that, his vitality and the flow of his energies could not be any better. If one were to speculate that he might be killed by someone... Just who in this world would be able to kill a god emperor?"

If one were to say that someone could defeat the Moon God Emperor, Yun Che would definitely believe that person. The Dragon Monarch could defeat him, and Qianye Fantian could do it as well.

But if someone were to say that the Moon God Emperor could be killed by someone, there was probably nobody in this whole universe that would believe that, let alone Yun Che.

In order to become a god emperor, one's cultivation in the divine way must already be at the limits of the Divine Master Realm. Even though Yun Che did not understand just how strong that realm actually was, he did know that dying would be harder than trying to reach the heavens once you were at that level.

Even if the other three god emperors in the Eastern Divine Region joined hands to try to kill him, it would be in vain unless the Moon God Emperor himself was seeking a fight to the death. If that was not the case and he was unwilling, even the combined efforts of three god emperors would not be able to kill him.

"But foster father believes. Furthermore, even before going to the Heavenly Mystery Realm that time, he had already had a similar premonition."

"No matter how accurate they have been before, this sort of thing is something you don't even need to believe." Yun Che still shook his head before muttering a curse under his breath, "Those three old con men, their fraudulence truly knows no bounds."

"If it does not come to pass, that would naturally be far the best," Xia Qingyue said as she let out a frustrated and gloomy sigh. "But foster father is the Moon God Emperor and he believes in it, so he needs to make the best preparations possible before it comes to pass."

"To foster father, the most important thing was to find someone who could succeed him. But among his progeny, there was not a single one who could succeed his place as god emperor. Furthermore, in the entire Moon God Realm, he could not find a single person who was compatible with the 'Zi Que' divine power."

"So he ended up choosing me."

"Even though foster father said that I was his most perfect choice, I knew that this was a choice that he was forced to make in his powerlessness."

"No," Yun Che, however, shook his head at this moment, "Even though I am not the Moon God Emperor, if it was truly like this, then perhaps his words were not to console you. You are indeed the

most perfect choice that the heavens have bestowed upon him. Even if there was truly someone among his descendants that could inherit his divine power, he would probably still choose you."

Xia Qingyue's beautiful eyes glanced over towards him and there was a slight puzzlement within.

"Your foster father is not like us. We have lived for no more than a few decades but he has already lived for nearly twenty thousand years. To a person at his level, something like familial relations has long ago grown thin and insipid. To him, the most important thing is undoubtedly the Moon God Realm which he has pledged his entire life to. As the Moon God Emperor, the Moon God Realm's existence in his heart undoubtedly far surpasses everything else."

"..." Yun Che's words was something that Xia Qingyue also understood very well.

"There are no suitable successors among his progeny so he indeed could transfer the title of realm king to one of the other Moon Gods. But, his 'Zi Que' divine power is not only the strongest but it is also a power that has accompanied him for most of his life. Anyone will still have selfish desires, so it is natural that he hoped that the power that had accompanied him all his life would continue to rule even after his death. Furthermore, if you could truly inherit it and inherit it perfectly at that, then your foster father would definitely be filled with a wild joy."

The Nine Profound Exquisite Body... All those years ago, when Jasmine had mentioned it to him, she had only given a simple explanation. She had said that the one who possessed the Nine Profound Exquisite Body would have a small world within their profound veins which could transcend the natural laws and the boundaries of the realms. This was also why she could cultivate the Frozen End Divine Art (Ice Phoenix God Investiture Canon) in Frozen Cloud Asgard even though she did not have the Ice Phoenix bloodline.

At the same time, she was also the best dual cultivation incubator in the universe.

But who would have thought that the Exquisite World within her profound veins could actually be a perfect medium for any power...

Sigh, the heavens had truly been far too good to Xia Qingyue.

"Furthermore, given your 'Heart of Glazed Glass', this would bestow the protection of the heavens in the eyes of the world. So if you did become the Moon God Emperor, it would naturally be so that you could bring the Moon God Realm under that same protection. To the Moon God Emperor, there was perhaps nothing more important than the future of the Moon God Realm."

As for the notion that the 'Heart of Glazed Glass' would grant the protection of the heavens, it was something that the entire Eastern Divine Region was convinced of, and the king realms were even more convinced of this than the rest. Even when he had been in the Profound Sky Continent, Jasmine had also very clearly mentioned to him before when she spoke about this subject, that it was indeed a body that received the protection of the very heavens themselves. Even after Xia Qingyue had gone missing, Jasmine had told him more than once that Xia Qingyue was protected by the heavens themselves so he did not need to worry about her at all.

After all, there was a huge example right in front of them, the Eternal Heaven Realm that still stood at the pinnacle of the Eastern Divine Region even to this day. It was even placed above the Moon God

Realm which had an even longer history than it did, so it would be hard for anyone to forget even if they wanted to.

"The past few years you have spent in the Moon God Realm has given your foster father a sufficient understanding of you. Perhaps, among all these things, a part of it is due to his feelings for your mother, but it should only be a miniscule part. The inheritance of his divine power and the future of the Moon God Realm are the most important things to him. So, to him, you are indeed the more perfect choice that has been bestowed to him by the heavens."

"..." Xia Qingyue stayed silent for a very long time, as if she was silently pondering Yun Che's words.

At this moment, Yun Che now completely understood why Xia Qingyue had said that this wedding ceremony was more for the people of the Moon God Realm to witness.

Even though she could indeed perfectly inherit the 'Zi Que' divine power and she also possessed the Heart of Glazed Glass that could bestow the protection of heaven on the Moon God Realm, but her status made her absolutely unfit to become the emperor of the Moon God Realm.

The Moon God Emperor had sons and daughters, the Moon God Realm had a crown prince, the other Moon Gods and several different factions. If one were to skip past all of these things and transfer the throne to a "foster daughter" who was not born in the Moon God Realm and who nobody even understood, even if it was on the orders of the Moon God Emperor himself, it would definitely incite an extremely intense and violent objection and rejection that would shake the entire realm... Especially from the Moon God Crown Prince.

But if he were to transfer his position to the Moon God Empress, then it would be a different thing altogether. Even though there would still be resistance and objections, it would undoubtedly be less than ten or maybe even hundred times what it would have been in the other scenario.

It was just that...

"Qingyue," Yun Che suddenly said, "The Moon God Emperor, the realm king of a king realm, is something that most people do not even dare dream of. But, given your temperament, were you truly willing to succeed his position? Or are you purely trying to pay back this debt of gratitude that you owe to your foster father?"

Xia Qingyue said, "I did not wish to go against foster father's wishes, but some part of it was truly my own will."

"Eh?" Yun Che was stunned by that.

Xia Qingyue's eyes grew deep and gloomy, her long fine hair lightly falling across her fragrant shoulders and chest. The bright light of the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace illuminated her dreamy fairy-like mien, "All of my life, I had poured everything into the profound way, so I had also dreamed of seeing the limits of where the profound way could take me. Originally, even if I toiled away for the rest of my life, I might not be able to accomplish that goal. But if I inherited foster father's divine power, I would be able to fulfill this wish overnight."

"Over the past few years, I've experienced the departure of my loved ones, the disaster that struck my sect, and I nearly lost my life on countless occasions. So I already completely understand what it means

to be weak in this world. I no longer wish to be stuck witnessing things that I 'don't wish to happen' unfold before my very eyes because of my powerlessness."

She had always chased after an even stronger profound way and her mental state these years had been constantly changing as well. But she did not mention that there was a huge event that triggered all of these changes, and that event was "Yun Che's death".

"Inheriting foster father's divine power and throne would not only fulfill foster father's own hopes that he had entrusted to me, it would also realize a dream that I had always been chasing. So there was no reason for me to refuse."

"I see." Yun Che slowly nodded his head but just as he was about to continue speaking, his entire body shuddered violently.

Even though the wedding ceremony being held in the Moon God Realm today was a huge lie, just as the Moon God Emperor had announced, it was a most important day for him and it was also a day that would decide the future of the Moon God Realm... This was not the least bit exaggerated in hindsight.

It would have cleansed away the humiliation suffered by the Moon God Emperor all those years ago. It would have resolved the burden that Yue Wugou had been carrying in her heart and allow her to peacefully pass on into the next world. It would have fulfilled the final wishes of the Moon God Emperor and Yue Wugou, while establishing the foundations of the plan that would allow Xia Qingyue to succeed him as the next Moon God Emperor.

This was not merely a simple wedding celebration and the things involved in the making of these day had far exceeded everyone's imagination. To the Moon God Emperor, to Yue Wugou, to the Moon God Realm, and to Xia Qingyue... This had been an exceedingly important event.

He had remained completely focused on Xia Qingyue's recount and he had kept digesting the information while pondering all of these things. But he had actually forgotten... that all of these things had now been completely destroyed..

Because of his appearance, because of Xia Qingyue's choice, all of it now lay in ruins...

Chapter 1288 - Celestial Palace of Yun and Yue

Once he thought to that point, Yun Che felt his heart sink heavily. He said in a soft voice, "Qingyue, I'm sorry, if not for me..."

"It isn't your fault," Qingyue said with a faint shake of her head. "It was my choice."

"But, why didn't you just tell me about all of these things. At that time, you only needed to use a sound transmission to tell me, and perhaps... perhaps..."

Perhaps there was something but Yun Che did not continue speaking.

"Perhaps, you would have accepted it?" Xia Qingyue asked.

"At least, I would know that you were not really going to marry the Moon God Emperor," Yun Che said as he leaned his head back and shut his eyes, agitation raging around in his heart.

"You would know but would the rest of the world know?" Xia Qingyue said nearly the exact same words her mother did in a melancholic voice, "From then on, the entire world would know me as the god empress of the Moon God Realm. Even if it was only a hollow title, even if the Star God Emperor did not reveal to all who were present that you and I were husband and wife, even if this matter would never be revealed, would you... truly be able to accept it?"

"..." Yun Che was unable to reply.

Xia Qingyue lightly shook her head, "You are an extremely prideful individual, I knew this from the very first day I married you. Today, in front of foster father, you violently beat up two of his sons. Wasn't the purpose of that to let me see the anger and resentment in your heart?"

"Qingyue... I..."

"You don't need to feel guilty and you have even less need to feel like you owe me anything. If you were not around, then the title of 'God Empress' would merely be an empty one that would allow foster fother and I to realize the desires of our hearts. But since you are still around, then I am still your wife..."

On one side were her foster father and mother, on the other side was the Yun Che who had appeared out of nowhere...

Originally, the plan would have gone off without a hitch, but just like how Yue Wugou suddenly regained her memories all those years ago, the heavens had once again played a joke that was both kind and malicious at the same time. Because the Yun Che that she thought was lost to her forever had once again appeared in front of her.

She had chosen Yun Che... She had not even thought it over, because at that time, her mind had been thrown into complete and utter chaos, and she had basically been unable to consider anything at all.

Even now, she still did not know why she had chosen Yun Che.

The entire Eastern Divine Region had gathered there, so it was no longer possible to stop or regret this wedding ceremony. After she had asked the Moon God Emperor for the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace, she had desired to run away by herself, fleeing the title of "God Empress", and once the Moon God Emperor's wrath had waned, she would have come back to explain and atone for her sins.

But when the Star God Emperor had revealed the marriage contract to all who were present and Yun Che had admitted to it as well, she was left with no other choice but to bring Yun Che along with her. Otherwise, the Moon God Emperor would definitely have killed Yun Che when he went berserk with rage—no matter who he was.

Yun Che was severely shaken by this... He had just silently asked himself this question. If Xia Qingyue was not truly going to marry anyone and it was a sham marriage that was true in title and name only, could he actually force himself to accept it? But, on the other side, there was her foster father's dignity and most important hopes and the final wishes of her very own mother...

Yet she had chosen him... She abandoned the foster father whom she owed a great debt of gratitude, abandoned her own mother and abandoned the Moon God Realm as well.

So now, the heart's blood that stained her moon robes was even more glaring and heart-piercing than before.

They were husband and wife, and they had been since they were sixteen years of age...

But now that he thought about it, just what exactly had he done for her over all these years?

He had gotten one lover after the other and he had even married Cang Yue after that, and married the Little Demon Empress next... And when had he ever asked her, his proper wife, about these kind of things and when had he ever even spared a single thought for her feelings?

He had always thought that Xia Qingyue was focused only on pursuing the profound way and that she had always been keeping a deliberate distance from him, ignoring the relationship they had as husband and wife.

But it was only today that he realized that the person who had truly been ignoring this relationship... had been him.

He suddenly found it hard to breathe but Yun Che strode forward and lightly hugged Xia Qingyue from behind.

Xia Qingyue's body gave a slight shudder... but she did not try to struggle free from his embrace.

Her body still felt ice cold as the torment born from abandoning her foster father and her own mother ravaged her heart, leaving her in an abyss of pain. But, after feeling the reality of Yun Che by her side, her heart began to slowly calm down. She closed her eyes and spoke as if she was talking inside a dream, "These past few years, I have always felt like I was dreaming an illusory dream, that is until... I saw you again..."

Her sect had met with disaster and in the next instant, she found herself in an completely strange and foreign world.

She was all alone by herself and every person, every thing, every brush of air, and every grain of sand was foreign to her... She did not know anyone, there was no one to help her or accompany her... Everything that she had in the Profound Sky Continent seemed to have become mere memories, a place that she would never be able to return to.

Those soft and seemingly insignificant words spoke of a boundless loneliness and sorrow. Even though she had been able to find her mother in this place, and accompany her, she still only had loneliness as her companion.

It was only when Yun Che had appeared that she felt as if she had awoken from the "dream". In fact, it was to the extent where she actually felt like she was still "alive".

"Qingyue, after this... you'll have me for company." Yun Che quietly hugged her even tighter. "As for what happened this time, I will go back together with you and beg for forgiveness from the Moon God Emperor and your mother."

"No," Xia Qingyue shook her head, "I already said that it is not your fault. I alone will return to beg for their forgiveness."

"Since you still recognize me as your husband, then if someone must atone for something, then it's only natural that we atone for our sins as husband and wife," Yun Che said with a faint smile.

Xia Qingyue still shook her head, "Foster father may still forgive me. In fact, he may decide not to take his anger out on you, but... it will not be possible for him to ever forgive you. Your appearance, on the contrary, will only incite his rage."

Xia Qingyue's words stunned Yun Che and following that, he lapsed into a heavy silence.

Xia Qingyue was Yue Wugou's daughter, was his foster daughter. So even though she had committed a colossal mistake, it would still be possible for the Moon God Emperor to forgive her. But what was he, Yun Che, to the Moon God Emperor?

As the "main perpetrator" for everything that had happened, not searching the entire Eastern Divine Region in hot pursuit of him was already the limit. So on what basis would he be forgiven by the Moon God Emperor?

Even though Yun Che had not done a single thing...

"Two days is sufficient time for my foster father's rage to cool," Xia Qingyue's voice was soft and gentle as she sighed in her heart, a sigh that Yun Che would be unable to hear, "So forty-eight hours from now, I will return you to the Eternal Heaven Realm. After that, I will return to the Moon God Realm to beg for Foster Father's forgiveness... You don't need to worry about me, foster father has always treated me as if I was his very own, he will not censure me too excessively."

"You should focus on cultivating in peace within the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm... That is indeed an extremely rare opportunity."

Even though she had not paid any attention to the Profound God Convention, she also knew about the fact that the thousand heaven chosen children would be entering the Eternal Heaven Pearl.

Just as Yun Che was about to reply, the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace was suddenly rocked by something, and even the bright lights within flickered for a second.

Yun Che's eyebrows sank as he swiftly let go of Xia Qingyue, "What's going on?"

Just as he said those words, he looked out of the gigantic curtain of light in front of them into the starry expanse of the universe and saw a person whose entire body was radiating golden light rushing towards them.

The Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace's speed was extremely fast, but this golden-colored figure was actually able to slowly close the distance between them.

And shockingly enough, the impact that rocked the ship just now was actually his profound energy attack!

"That is the 'Golden Moon God' Yue Wuji," Xia Qingyue said as she gazed through the curtain of light, her jade features not showing any sign of alarm. "Among the Twelve Moon Gods, with the exception of foster father, he is the fastest among them."

"However, he will not be able to catch us."

As she whispered those words, Xia Qingyue's snowy hand flipped and following a flash of moonlight, the already extremely fast Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace actually steadily raised its speed by another notch.

Immediately, the distance was no longer closing between them and in the next instant, they actually began to gradually grow further and further apart.

After he sensed this, the golden figure seemed to have grown enraged an a golden-colored star that could cover the earth and block out the sun suddenly exploded forth and loomed over the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace.

The Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace was still one of the best profound warships in the entire God Realm, so even when it faced power on the level of a Moon God, it was still able to display outstanding defensive capabilities. Under that golden profound light, the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace shook and trembled, and it was even knocked slightly off-course. But in just a few short breaths, it once again regained its balance and its speed was hardly affected at all.

On the contrary, due to the aftershock, the golden figure was once again left even further in the dust.

"I hope he won't chase us for too long."

Just as Xia Qingyue had finished muttering those words to herself, she saw the golden figure suddenly come to a halt... In only an instant, the figure completely vanished from their vision.

Xia Qingyue was slightly stunned by that and her chest rose and fell rapidly. She muttered in a rather dazed voice, "Foster father's rage has already abated?"

A profound light flashed in her hand once again and the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace began to slow down gradually. Flying at extreme speed would greatly increase the consumption of its fuel, and the only possible reason for the Golden Moon God to stop his pursuit was due to the Moon God Emperor's orders. This meant that the "danger" had perhaps resolved itself in advance, and so there was also no longer a need to fly at such an extreme speed and they could ensure that they had enough resources to fly for another forty eight hours.

The air of tense nervousness only lingered for about ten breaths more before dissipating completely, the two of them gazed at each other but they simply stood there gazing at each other in silence.

Yun Che was the first "old friend" that Xia Qingyue had met in the God Realm, and was Xia Qingyue also not the first "old friend" Yun Che had met in the God Realm?

They were a couple that had been married for twelve years, yet they had met seldomly and left each other's side often, and each meeting would be followed closely by departure. Every time they had met, it was over in an instant. But every time they parted, it would be for months if not years, and there was even one time that they had thought death would separate them forever.

If not for that wedding celebration and the marriage contract, perhaps there would be no way to prove that they were husband and wife.

It was marvelous and strange that their lives always seemed to intersect and blend together. In Heavenly Sword Villa, it ended up being a battle between husband and wife. She had chosen to stay in

Frozen Cloud Asgard, yet Yun Che had somehow become the first male disciple in Frozen Cloud Asgard's history. She had been sent to the God Realm and yet even though they had been "parted by death", they somehow managed to meet again in this vast universe.

It was as if there had been an invisible thread that bound them together, and it was a thread that linked them in countless ways.

"How did you survive in the Primordial Profound Ark all those years ago?" Xia Qingyue opened her mouth first, "And just why did you come to the God Realm?"

"At that time, I had also thought that I was definitely going to die..."

What happened on the Primordial Profound Ark was already a bit of a distant memory in Yun Che's mind, but it still remained extremely bright and fresh when he recalled it. He started recounting his tale to Xia Qingyue from that point onwards. He told Xia Qingyue about the existence of Jasmine, he also told her about how the Primordial Profound Ark had brought him to the Illusory Demon World and how that led to him finding his real parents and meeting the Little Demon Empress... He then spoke about how he returned to the Profound Sky Continent and saved Frozen Cloud Asgard from calamity...

After he spoke about reaching Frozen Cloud Asgard, he spoke about Xia Yuanba's growth, the tribulation of Xuanyuan Wentian, and the various changes that had happened in the Profound Sky Continent... until the part where he followed Mu Bingyun to the God Realm and was accepted into the Divine Ice Phoenix Sect.

It was the first time that he had opened his heart to Xia Qingyue to such an extent. Perhaps it was because her "choice" had impacted and moved him so much.

"Who would have thought that the Frozen Cloud Ancestor was still in this world. To think that Frozen Cloud Asgard actually had such a mysterious relationship with the Snow Song Realm," Xia Qingyue said with a sigh filled with emotion.

In the first year she had arrived in the God Realm, Xia Qingyue had found out from the Moon God Emperor himself that the Frozen End Divine Art she had displayed was clearly the Snow Song Realm's Ice Phoenix God Investiture Canon.

But she was naturally unable to imagine just how marvelous and wonderful this mysterious relationship truly was.

"If we have the opportunity to do so in the future, I will bring you to meet Palace Master Bingyun."

Upon thinking of Mu Bingyun, Yun Che's heart warmed unconsciously, "At first, I had thought that

Palace Master Bingyun was an extremely cold-hearted and indifferent person. But it was only later that I discovered that she was not the least bit heartless. On the contrary, she was the most pure, warm, and gentle person I had met in my entire life. This time, I have definitely made her worry for me yet again."

Before they knew it, the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace had already flown out of the Eastern Divine Region and had flown into a vast and boundless universe they had yet to discover.

Chapter 1289 - You're So Big Now!

Once one's cultivation reached the divine way, their body could exist within the vacuum of space with no repercussions. But this was the first time that Yun Che had truly travelled through the starry expanse of the universe.

As time quietly flowed by, the two people had lost count of how many stars they had passed by as the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace continued flying forward.

"So it turns out that all the strange situations that you kept finding yourself in in the past were actually because the Heavenly Slaughter Star God was by your side."

"Weren't the things that happened to you even more inconceivable?" Yun Che said with a small chuckle. "This world is so big, yet sometimes, it's so very small."

"When we got married all those years ago, you were still only in the Elementary Profound Realm. Yet in a short two decades, you have already become the Eastern Divine Region's 'Conferred God Number One'." She looked at Yun Che while speaking in a heartfelt voice, "Perhaps, you truly are as they say... the child of the heavens."

"That's definitely not the case," Yun Che said with an extremely nimble wave of his hand. What child of the heavens? Those nine rounds of tribulation lightning were clearly desperately and frantically trying to strike him to death, but in the end, it could do nothing but helplessly tremble beneath the might of the Evil God as it dissipated powerlessly. But in the eyes of the world and coupled with the words of those three old con men from the Heavenly Mystery Realm, it was as if that nine stage lightning tribulation had announced the birth of the "child of the heavens" to the world.

"During the last few years, have you never thought of returning to the Profound Sky Continent?" Yun Che asked.

"There was not a single moment or time that I did not feel like returning," Xia Qingyue said with a sigh. "But, I did not dare to. I was afraid that foster father was still angry with my father... and even the Profound Sky Continent itself."

"..." Yun Che gave a faint nod of his head as he gave a heavy sigh in his heart. He understood all too well what Xia Qingyue was feeling, because the current him was unable to return home either.

They were not those old monsters who had already lived for tens of thousands of years, who had grown more and more indifferent to things like feelings and emotions.

"Then what about you?" Xia Qingyue asked.

"I was supposed to go back within the next two years, but..." Yun Che helplessly shook his head, "I created far too great a commotion, so it can't be helped anymore. I will be entering the Eternal Heaven Pearl next, and I will have to wait at least three years before I can try to find an opportunity to return."

When the two of them had first arrived at the God Realm, they had never thought that they would actually somehow, within a few short years, actually be able to reach a height where they were able to move the clouds within the Eastern Divine Region... At the same time, it had also saddled them with a multitude of heavy burdens and worries.

"If we have such an opportunity, let's go back together," he softly said as he looked at the side of Xia Qingyue's face.

"..." Xia Qingyue remained silent for a long time before she finally gave a light nod of her head, "Alright."

Can I still even return... She closed her eyes and was not able to find herself within her own heart and soul... Today's choice had protected Yun Che's dignity yet it had also cause her to turn her back on the foster father to whom she owed a mountain of gratitude, and her own birth mother. It had also caused her to become the great sinner of the entire Moon God Realm.

I no longer have the right to live for my own sake for the rest of my life...

During the time she lapsed into deep silence, Yun Che had always been silently looking at her.

They left Divine Moon City more than twenty hours ago, so their hearts and minds had already grown calm quite a while back. But, from the start to the end, he could sense the heavy aura of melancholy that shrouded Xia Qingyue's body... and this aura had not even lessened by a single degree.

"Qingyue, I know that, right now, the only thing that is dominating your thoughts is how to 'atone for your sins' after you return." Yun Che's words broke the train of Xia Qingyue's thoughts. He crossed both hands over his chest and said with the resolute manner of a husband, "Do not always think of taking it on all by yourself. You're not that self-sacrificing, nor do you need to be that self-sacrificing. Since you still consider me your husband, then don't you think that relying on me is only natural?"

"I already said that this has nothing..."

"Whether it has anything to do with me is for me to decide," Yun Che cut her off before a very relaxed and confident smile played across his lips. "Perhaps you're worried that the Moon God Emperor will kill me with a single slap the moment he sees me. But don't forget that I am still slapped with the label of the "child of the heavens". As long as he does not completely lose his sense of rationality, he is unlikely to go so far as to wantonly kill me without clearing up matters first... Furthermore, I do have a plan that will not only calm his anger, but it might just end up with him feeling grateful towards me in the end."

"So, you don't need to bring me to the Eternal Heaven Realm first. Instead, it will be I who accompanies you to the Moon God Realm first."

"?" Xia Qingyue's beautiful eyes swivelled towards him. Yun Che did not seem to be faking his confident and composed look so she asked, "What plan?"

Yun Che's plan was naturally to use the Great Way of the Buddha to replenish Yue Wugou's lifeforce. However, he did not intend to say it, because it was something that even the Moon God Emperor was unable to accomplish, so just why would the rest of the world believe that he could do it just because he said so. Furthermore... he was also afraid that Yue Wugou's condition was far more serious than he currently anticipated and at that time, it would instead cause Xia Qingyue to lose the very last bit of hope that she held in her heart.

"Of course, it's to send him a great gift that he will definitely be overjoyed with." Yun Che thought about it for a moment and his eyes faintly flashed as he spoke with a mysterious look on his face, "Cough, this great present is rather unique, so I will only be able to tell you if you close your eyes."

Xia Qingyue's delicate brows gently drew together. It seemed as if she really wanted to know the method that "Yun Che" had mentioned, so she complied with his words and closed her eyes.

The beauty had closed her eyes and the clean and bright light of the Celestial Palace illuminated her body, it was as if she was a painting of a peerlessly beautiful goddess illuminated by moonlight, as she floated down to earth. Her robes were as white as snow, yet they paled in comparison to her beautiful skin which, was as lustrous as white jade and as smooth as rouge.

She simply stood there quietly, her breathtaking beauty and grace assaulted him head on. She was as beautiful as a fairy and even the words "transcending all conventional understanding" would barely be able to describe her!

Twelves years ago, Xia Qingyue was already beautiful enough to cause the ruin of cities and countries, and her current beauty had transcended this earthly world to an even greater degree. Even Yun Che had instances where he could not quite believe that this person was actually his wife.

Unfortunately for him, he had not touched her once over the past twelve years!!

He took a few steps forward before arriving in front of the completely defenceless Xia Qingyue and wrapped an arm around her waist. He did not wait for Xia Qingyue to react, planting a heavy kiss on her lips.

As those four lips came into contact with each other, Yun Che felt as if the lips he was kissing were just like orchid jade ointment. They were warm, soft, and satiny but they were also tinged with a sweet moist chill.

Xia Qingyue's beautiful eyes widened into circles, her entire body suddenly went rigid, and she was about to involuntarily let out a sound but just as her pearly teeth parted, Yun Che took the opportunity to push his tongue inside. His tongue touched her fragrant tongue which wriggled around helplessly as he plundered a mouthful of her flavor.

"Wu..."

Xia Qingyue let out a startled whimper as her delicate body once again went stiff, as if an electric current had run through her body. Her mind went completely blank for a few breaths before she finally thought of resisting. But the resistance that she put up while her heart and mind were in complete chaos was not to push Yun Che away with all her might. It was to panickedly use her pink tongue to push against Yun Che's tongue in an attempt to force it back into his own lips.

Her small tongue was smooth and tender, so rather than saying that she was resisting, her actions, in actual fact, seemed to be bashfully egging him on.

The soft and delicate body in his arms had gone completely limp, and it was lushly curved in an extremely enticing manner. Yun Che's hand was wrapped around her waist and even though their skin was separated by a layer of cloth, it still felt as if he was caressing the most perfect warm jade in this mortal world. As Xia Qingyue continued to resist, their tongues continued to tangle together ceaselessly. The fragrant saliva that flowed from her mouth to his caused him to continuously tighten his grip on her waist as he hungered even more to wantonly violate every corner of her open mouth.

Finally, following an anxious gasp from Xia Qingyue, her pearly teeth fiercely bit down on Yun Che's tongue...

"AHH!!"

Yun Che let out a strangled cry and he finally withdrew his tongue. After that, he was pushed back several steps by Xia Qingyue's weak and helpless push. He covered his mouth and sucked in a breath before saying with widened eyes, "Xia Qingyue, are you some sort of dog?"

"You..." Xia Qingyue's face was flushed red as she kept gasping softly, even her hair was in some disarray. There was a trace of fresh blood inside her mouth and it was clear that Yun Che's tongue had been bitten so hard that she had broken the skin. Furthermore, this bit of blood caused her already chaotic mental state to become even more helpless as she swallowed it in a daze.

She had never thought that Yun Che would have so much guts. She had expected even less that he would suddenly...

Compared to Xia Qingyue's disordered aura, Yun Che finally sucked in a breath fiercely, but his face was not red nor was his heart thumping in his chest. On the contrary, he said in an exaggeratedly obsequious way, "So do you suddenly feel better?"

"..." He had clearly just assaulted her all of the sudden, yet he was acting as if he was helping her dispel some of her woes. In a huff of anger, Xia Qingyue directly turned around, not wanting Yun Che to see her helpless expression.

However, the worries in her heart had indeed somehow grown a lot lighter.

"It can't be that she's really angry, right?" Yun Che quietly made a small grin as he howled in his heart, "Twelve years, Twelve years! I finally kissed her for the first time... So of course I have to kiss her more fiercely."

Eh... This could probably considered a big step forward, right?

Xia Qingyue remained silent... If Yun Che had been standing in front of her, he would see that her chest was still violently heaving.

"We have been husband and wife for twelve years already, but it has always been in name only. So you couldn't... actually really be angry because of just this, right?" Yun Che's voice grew much softer as it started to sound a bit resigned... and even aggrieved?

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Xia Qingyue's chest rose and fell yet again. Her expression finally started to relax, but her mouth and lips were still filled with the sensation of Yun Che's touch and his flavor. It would not go away, no matter what. After hearing Yun Che's words, she felt some guilt appear in her heart and she said in a soft voice, "I'm sorry... I'm still not used to it."

"There's no problem, you can slowly get used to it!" Yun Che swiftly replied. But after that, it seemed as if he realized those words were not appropriate so his voice obediently grew softer again, "What I meant was... After this instance, if you're not willing, I definitely won't do it again. But... can I just hug you for a while instead?"

After hearing Yun Che's careful and somewhat pathetic request, Xia Qingyue simply could not get angry with him. On the contrary, her heart was filled with guilt towards him... Yes, she was his wife after all...

"Mn," She gave an extremely soft reply but she did not turn around.

Yun Che moved forward and arrived at her back, his arms wrapping around her waist in a gentle embrace... The moment his arms were about to fold around her, the corner of his mouth crooked up. His hands conveniently moved higher and he spread his fingers wide as he firmly grasped Xia Qingyue's towering bosom.

Immediately, his hands deeply sank into two extremely soft and full pillows. When he used strength, the rich and full jade flesh stood out against the soft and smooth moon robes as it spilled over his five fingers... his palms simply could not hold it all.

Xia Qingyue's entire body went stiff again. Following that, her moon robes flared and a gigantic force fiercely smashed against Yun Che's chest, sending him flying far away. He somersaulted in the air before landing heavily on his butt.

But Yun Che did not immediately choose to stand up. Instead, he simply sat there, as he stared at his hands which had just gotten away with murder with a mystified expression on his face. After that he raised his head sharply and said in an amazement, "Qingyue, you're actually already... this big!"

All those years ago, the sixteen year old Xia Qingyue was already beginning to blossom into womanhood... It had been an estimate based on his observations, but there was indeed already some signs of it all those years ago.

But just now, the sensation that he had felt was a sensation that was incomparably lush and full. All ten of his fingers had sunk deeply in and it did not seem as if he had reached the end...

Even though the moon-white long robes she wore floated around her body like she was a celestial fairy, they were exceptionally loose. So even though her bosom towered towards the heavens, it was hard to tell. Yun Che had definitely not thought of it either, but after a few years of not seeing her, Xia Qingyue... had practically grown enough that she could be compared to Mu Xuanyin.

(Yun Che: Hey? Why did I just think of Master just now?)

"You..." Xia Qingyue continued to retreat several steps, her arms subconsciously held the front of the portion of her body that had just been violated. Her snowy mien was both panicked and confused, her eyes wavering between timidity and fury. The soft chest that had just started to calm down once again started to heave violently, and her gasping had become multiple times heavier.

Furthermore, the words that Yun Che had just said caused her heart to become so confused that she very nearly went into a daze.

Just as she was about to scold him, her eyes suddenly focused and fixed themselves on the curtain of light in front of them, "What... is that?"

Within the curtain of light, a faint golden light was swiftly drawing near to them from far away.

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In order to reduce the fuel consumption of the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace, Xia Qingyue had already deliberately reduced its flight speed, but the speed it was running at was still extremely fast. Yet that golden light, which had appeared in the curtain of light, was not only drawing closer, but it was doing so at an astonishing pace as it rapidly whittled away the distance between it and the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace.

Profound light flashed in Xia Qingyue's hand as the projection displayed on the curtain of light immediately zoomed in on the golden light, and a blurry human figure appeared on it. It was at this moment that Yun Che also strode forward... the figure displayed in the curtain of light was growing clearer and clearer. Gradually, he was able to make out the image of a woman dressed in luxurious golden robes, her face clearly covered by a golden mask that was shaped like wings.

Those golden robes, the exceedingly beautiful curves of that lush figure, and that golden mask which covered more than half of her face...

Yun Che's brow jumped up fiercely, "Qianye Ying'er!?"

"...You're saying that it's the Brahma Monarch Goddess?" Xia Qingyue said with faintly furrowed brows, "Why would she be in this place?"

There was nobody in the God Realm who had not heard of the Brahma Monarch Goddess' name. But they had already left the Eastern Divine Region, so why would she appear here? Was it a coincidence?

"That's not right, there are two people!" Yun Che abruptly said. As they grew closer and closer and their figures grew clearer and clearer, it was then that Yun Che noticed that there was a gray-colored figure trailing behind Qianye Ying'er. Dressed in gray robes, he was extremely thin and weak-looking. It seemed as if his very being was blending together with the space around him, and his presence was extremely weak and thin. He was so easy to miss that Yun Che and Xia Qingyue had not even noticed his existence until now.

The warning that Shui Qianhang had deliberately sent to him via sound transmission flashed into his mind at this moment. Yun Che's expression changed dramatically as he anxiously shouted, "She's rushing straight for us, we need to go faster!!"

Xia Qingyue's eyes focused and she immediately made a gesture with her hand, causing the speed of the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace to spike... But in nearly the same instant, that gray-robed elder extended an arm and made a casual pushing motion.

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A dreadful explosion suddenly appeared in the vast and empty vacuum of space and a tornado began to coalesce after that. It was just like a legendary cosmic hurricane as it caused thousands of kilometers of space to shudder violently.

In a split second, the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace had become a dried leaf tossed about in a storm. The internal space within the profound warship was shaking even more violently and the flow of air within the space was thrown into complete chaos. What seemed like ear-piercing wails of lament rang from all four corners of the world. It took more than ten breaths later before the Vanishing Moon

Celestial Palace finally regained its equilibrium and started moving forward again at the fastest speed it could muster.

Yun Che gasped roughly as he looked at the light curtain behind them... and an incomparably terrifying scene appeared before his eyes.

This was the greatest and most terrible storm he had ever seen in his entire life. Within the storm, layers upon layers of space were fragmented into tiny pieces as countless black holes were formed in those rips of space. There was also a small star nearby that was bodily forced from its orbit by the storm.

To be able to move the very stars themselves with a wave of his hand... A scene that had been described only in myth and legend unfolded before Yun Che and Xia Qingyue's very eyes, filling them with so much shock that they felt like nothing would shock them after witnessing it.

If not for the fact that Xia Qingyue had raised the speed of the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace to its maximum the instant before he had made his move, it was extremely likely that the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace would have been caught in the eye of the storm. The results of that would be unthinkable.

Even though they had received an extremely big shock, in the end, they had been more scared than in any actual danger. There were also no signs that the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace had sustained any damage... But if this had not been the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace and it had been any other profound warship, even if it was the Divine Martial Realm's Divine Martial Heavenly Palace, it would also have been smashed to smithereens.

Yun Che heavily gritted his teeth as he felt cold air radiate from his body... What kind of person was this old man? Even the strength of a god emperor was not so powerful, right!?

If the words he had said previously were only conjecture, then right now, that conjecture had completely morphed into stone-cold reality. Qianye Ying'er was indeed coming right at them!

"What do they want to do?" Xia Qingyue's eyebrows knitted together tightly, she was now far too busy to bother about the fact that Yun Che just violated her moments ago.

"They're coming for me!" Yu Che said through gritted teeth. But he was mistaken this time around, Qianye Ying'er wasn't coming for him alone, she was coming for both of them!

"Why?"

"Of course, it's to snatch me back to be her man! The fact that she tried to broker a marriage between her and myself is something that the entire God Realm knows about already! It must be because her humiliation from being rejected by me has now turned to fury, so she wants to force herself on me! Hss!"

"…"

Xia Qingyue was in no mood for jokes at thist moment. After she had raised the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace's speed to its maximum limit... the gold and gray figures depicted in the curtain of light were finally not drawing any closer, but neither were they growing further away.

A strange equilibrium was formed between the speed of the two parties.

This scene caused the hearts of both Yun Che and Xia Qingyue to lurch violently.

When the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace had been moving at its maximum speed, even Golden Moon God Yue Wuji, whose speed within the Moon God Ream was only inferior to the Moon God Emperor himself, had slowly been shaken off. Yet they were unable to shake off the two people on their tail despite moving at that exact same speed.

Their power was actually above that of a Moon God's!?

"Qianye Ying'er's title as the 'Goddess' is something that I heard countless times in just my first year within the God Realm," Xia Qingyue said. "But to think that her cultivation is already so high that it has reached this level?"

As the new master of the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace, she was far more clear than Yun Che on just how terrifying a notion it was to be able to pursue the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace.

In the entire Eastern Divine Region, there definitely weren't more than ten people who could do so.

But they had met one of those ten, in fact, they had met two of the ten in this one instance.

"I heard my master tell me before that it was very likely that Qianye Ying'er's cultivation was nearing that of her father's... At that time, I had thought that this was only a 'rumor', but who would have thought that it was actually true!?" Yun Che said as he stared fixedly at the curtain of light, his entire body tensed up like a coiled spring.

"Then who is that person in the gray?"

"I don't know! But if he's following behind Qianye Ying'er, then he's definitely someone from the Brahma Monarch God Realm!"

As the head of the four king realms within the Eastern Divine Region, the Brahma Monarch God Realm was truly an extremely terrifying existence.

Time flowed as the distance rapidly fell away. Under the maximum speed of the Vanishing Moon Celestial God Palace, the internal space was still extremely quiet and stable, but the heartstrings of Yun Che and Xia Qingyue were still pulled taut, they were unable to relax for even a single instant.

The two figures behind them were still there and they were following them like their shadow.

"Is there truly no way to move just a little bit faster?" Yun Che asked yet again. If they could only go faster by just the slightest degree, they would be able to gradually leave Qianye Ying'er in the dust...

"We're already at the limit," Xia Qingyue replied.

Two hours passed... Then four... They did not know how many star regions they passed by under this kind of speed and they were also completely unaware of where they were at the moment.

"Oh no..." Xia Qingyue suddenly let out a soft cry.

"What's happening?" Yun Che's eyes glanced sharply to the side.

"At its maximum speed, the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace's fuel consumption is simply too high," Xia Qingyue gave a gloomy sigh, "it won't be able to last for much longer."

"..." Yun Che's scalp immediately went numb. He had long thought of this point, but in the end, he had never dared to ask.

"Right now, we can only hope that they run out of endurance first and give up their pursuit," Xia Qingyue softly said, yet she sighed powerlessly in her heart. Once they had reached that realm of power, their profound strength would be far more robust and solid than a normal person would be able to imagine, so this possibility was extremely low.

It was at this time that the curtain of light suddenly flashed with an abnormal gold light.

Yun Che involuntarily turned his head. In a glance, he could see that a golden star composed of light was gathering at the tip of Qianye Ying'er's finger... This star of light was extremely tiny, and at first, it seemed as though it was just a weak little dot of light, but within the next instant, it felt like his eyes, heart, and soul had been completely pierced through...

And this was just a mere projection of its power!

Yun Che's pupils shrank as he roared with all his strength, "Dodge that attack!!"

This loud roar clearly startled Xia Qingyue, but it also caused her hand to twitch involuntarily, causing the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace to abruptly roll up and over.

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This was definitely the most dreadful ripping sound Yun Che had heard in his entire life.

It was exactly when the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace was making its roll, that an extremely small golden light skimmed the underside of the warship... After that, it cut across a small star that was an unknown distance in front of them.

A long golden glow immediately carved itself into that star. Then, the entire star was engulfed in that golden light and slowly tore itself apart and ruptured... following that, a cosmic storm that could devour the heavens and earth filled the void where the star had been.

A star had been annihilated!

Yun Che's jaw dropped open and it was several breaths before he regained his senses.

He had never once imagined that he would actually see such a terrifying scene in his life.

Was this the pinnacle of the profound way? Was this power that a mortal could obtain?

Just what kind of monsters were these people!?

At this moment, a rather preposterous idea popped into Yun Che's head... What kind of qualifications and capability do I possess to actually have two such monsters chasing after me!?

"To think that the power of mortal man could truly annihilate stars." Xia Qingyue's dispirited and empathic sigh rang in Yun Che's ears. It was not that she had never heard of this, but hearing about something and witnessing it yourself were naturally two completely different notions.

If they had been hit by that attack, even if it was the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace, it would also have been split in two.

"How much longer can we continue at this speed?" Yun Che finally asked that faithful question.

"At most... fifteen more minutes," Xia Qingyue replied.

"Wh.... What?" This answer shocked Yun Che so greatly that he leapt to his feet.

Qianye Ying'er was simply far too terrifying. If they fell into her hands, even ten thousand of him and Xia Qingyue would not be able to put up the least bit of resistance.

And this was without even considering the gray-robed old monster that was by her side!

The Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace could only maintain its maximum speed for about fifteen more minutes. This also meant that right now, they could no longer depend on the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace.

Now that he had considered all of these things, Yun Che swiftly regained his composure. He stared at the curtain of light as his eyes began to narrow bit by bit...

Even though he did not know what Qianye Ying'er's goal was... for she who rarely even made an appearance to not only chase them personally, but to even chase them beyond the Eastern Divine Region, it was definitely no ordinary scheme that she had in mind.

We definitely cannot fall into her hands.

It looks like the only choice that he had now was to use the Void Illusion Stone to escape together with Xia Qingyue... As to where it would send them, that would all depend on fate at that point.

In any case, it was far better than landing in the hands of these monsters whose motives were unclear!

He looked over towards Xia Qingyue, only to discover that her crescent brows had tightly knit together and her gaze had grown cold and focused. It was as if she was pondering something and she did not seem the least bit panicked.

"Qingyue, could it be that you've thought of something?" Yun Che inquired.

"We need to quickly head to that place," Xia Qingyue suddenly said.

"That place?" Yun Che was briefly puzzled by those words. But at this time, he suddenly noticed that a white blur had appeared in the curtain of light in front of them.

As the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace came closer, Yun Che could gradually see that it was a white vortex... a spatial vortex.

There were no stars in sight within this vast region of space, and they could not see anything else either. The only thing they could see was the solitary and quiet presence of that white spatial vortex hanging in

the middle of nowhere. Upon looking at it, Yun Che was suddenly struck by a strange feeling that came out of nowhere... It was the true center of this entire universe, the core of everything in existence.

"What is that?" Yun Che asked.

"The God... Realm... of Absolute... Beginning!" Xia Qingyue slowly said.

Yun Che's brows twitched violently upon hearing that, "That's the... fabled God Realm of Absolute Beginning!?"

The words God Realm of Absolute Beginning were words that Yun Che had already heard far too many times.

It was at the center of the four divine regions and it was also the core of the Primal Chaos Dimension. It was the most ancient and most gigantic ancient secret realm in this world. It was also rumored that it was the secret realm in which the Ancestral God herself had resided during the beginning of the Primal Chaos Dimension.

Stored within the God Realm of Absolute Beginning were countless primordial treasures. The drop of Divine Water of Absolute Beginning that was used on Yun Che had also come from this place, but there were also the many legacies left behind by the True Gods that had yet to be discovered. However, at the same time, these opportunities were accompanied by extreme danger.

The God Realm of Absolute Beginning was swimming with strange and fierce primordial beasts that did not exist in the world outside it. The more formidable a treasure, the more likely it was to radiate a spiritual aura that would attract powerful wild beasts which would try to possess it. Thus, if one wanted to take the treasures discovered within the God Realm of Absolute Beginning, even if they were as strong as a Divine Sovereign or a Divine Master, one needed to steel themselves for the likelihood of death.

The God Realm of Absolute Beginning did not belong to any divine region, much less any star realm. Anyone could enter it and there were no laws of restriction. Although this place had caused countless powerhouses to drool as they stared in its direction, at the same time it also caused them to flinch back the very next instant.

As for the younger generation of profound practitioners, the God Realm of Absolute Beginning was a forbidden ground they were absolutely not supposed to approach. Otherwise, it was no different from committing suicide.

But right now, it was the only option they had.

"We're going in!"

Xia Qingyue's gaze was cold and resolute. The trajectory of the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace changed slightly as it flew directly toward the white vortex which whirled in the center of the universe.