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Chapter 1321 - Heavenly Law Tribulation Lightning Art

A red figure flashed into existence in the skies above Blue Wind Imperial City. Feng Xue'er was clad in big poofy crimson robes that whirled around her like a blaze of fire. She floated down from the air and moved forward on nimble feet once she had landed. In a flash, she had passed through most of the imperial city.

Upon entering the imperial palace, Feng Xue'er arrived in front of Cang Yue, who had been waiting for her. Cang Yue raised her head and gave a faint smile, "Xue'er, you've come."

Feng Xue'er sensed the worry hidden in the depths of Cang Yue's eyes and she had already guessed the cause, "Big Sister Cang Yue, has another profound beast rampage happened?"

Cang Yue bent her head, "This rampage is happening in the eastern part of the Wasteland of Death, and it's a rather large one this time. I have already sent the Blue Wind Profound Palaces to deal with it, but I'm afraid that their strength is not enough..."

"I understand," Feng Xue'er immediately understood Cang Yue's intentions, including why she had activated the profound practitioners of the Blue Wind Profound Palaces as well. "I will dispatch people to look after them from the shadows. If the Blue Wind Profound Palaces can successfully suppress this rampage by themselves, it would be for the best. If they cannot, my people will take action, so Big Sister Cang Yue doesn't need to worry."

"What I'm truly worried about isn't this," Cang Yue said with a soft sigh. "This has already been the sixth time in the span of six months and the last time this happened was a short half month ago. These profound beasts are not only leaving their domains, but their temperaments have also become exceptionally violent and irascible... I am worried that this is some sort of evil omen."

"I think so as well," Feng Xue'er replied. "Furthermore... there is something that I was about to tell Big Sister as well. Just six hours ago, a similar profound beast rampage also occurred in the Illusory Demon Realm."

"What !?" Cang Yue was rather shocked by the news.

"The place where it happened was to the east of Flower Mist Domain... and it also happens to be the easternmost part of the Illusory Demon Realm."

Cang Yue's delicate brow fiercely knitted in concern before she softly spoke, "It looks like this definitely isn't a mere coincidence."

Blue Wind Nation was located in the eastern part of the Profound Sky Continent. Furthermore, the place where the profound beast rampages had started was also the easternmost part of Floating Cloud City. It was only after the first time that the rampages started spreading westwards.

Similar profound beast rampages had also occurred in the Illusory Demon Realm and the place where it had occurred was also located in its easternmost part.

If this strange situation had only occurred in the eastern part of Blue Wind Nation, it would be fine. But now it had also occurred in the eastern part of the Illusory Demon Realm which was extremely far away

from the Profound Sky Continent... If it was for the same reason, then this disaster's area of influence was simply far too terrifying.

The two people cast their gazes towards the east at the same time, and even though the present Feng Xue'er had already stepped into the realm of the divine way, she still felt a sense of unease.

"Tomorrow, I will personally descend into the Eastern Sea Region and inspect an area fifty thousand kilometers wide. Big Sister Caiyi and her people are also taking this matter very seriously, so I believe that the truth will be out before too long. Big Sister Cang Yue, you don't need to be so worried," Feng Xue'er said in a bid to console her.

"Mn... then I'll leave it to Xue'er and Caiyi then."

Upon leaving Blue Wind Imperial City, Feng Xue'er's beautiful eyes grew several degrees more focused and serious.

The most likely reason for an entire region's worth of profound beasts to suddenly change their temperament and go rabid and violent was that they had felt something that caused them to become extremely afraid. But... Feng Xue'er was the first person to have truly stepped into the divine way in the history of the Profound Sky Continent. Given her current level, no one in the entire Profound Sky Continent could equal her, so there was no reason for her to not be able to detect any aura or energy that was able to affect these weak profound beasts.

But she had personally gone to every area where a profound beast rampage had occurred, yet she had not discovered anything, nor had she sensed any abnormal auras or energy.

This sort of strange unknown quantity was undoubtedly the most dreadful kind, and it had actually caused her to feel a far deeper unease than Cang Yue or anyone else.

"I'll need to carefully check all of it," Feng Xue'er muttered to herself. At this time, she suddenly seemed to recall something, her gaze darting towards the distant east, "Big Brother Yun said that to the east of the Profound Sky Continent, more than five hundred thousand kilometers away lies a place called the Azure Cloud Continent... Could it be something to do with that place?"

After she had finished her mumbled soliloquy, she was about to turn her eyes elsewhere before a crimson star twinkled in her eyes from the incomparably distant heavens above.

It was just a momentary flash, but it had stabbed fiercely into the depths of her eyes like an iron needle, causing her to involuntarily turn her phoenix eyes away... At the same time, she clearly felt as if a part of her soul had been pierced through as an iciness that was hard to describe spread through her entire body.

That... was...

She immediately turned her gaze towards the east yet again... But even though she stared straight at the sky and searched it for a very long time with her eyes, she was unable to see that star, which glimmered with crimson light, again.

Had she been mistaken?

Feng Xue'er closed her eyes, and the iciness that had spread through her heart and soul took a good long while to fade away completely. Following that, the figure that she yearned for day and night involuntarily appeared in her mind's eye, causing her heart to grow exceptionally warm.

It had been four years already...

When she had stayed in the Phoenix Perching Valley by herself in the past, she had not felt lonely no matter how much time had passed. But... these four years... seemed interminably long for her...

Big Brother Yun, one more year and you'll be back... I pray that you'll definitely return home safely...

Western Divine Region, Dragon God Realm, Forbidden Land of Samsara.

The pure land of Samsara, which had been tranquil and quiet since ancient times, was now being rocked by the rumbling explosions caused by thunder.

Yun Che's body floated in midair as it was entirely immersed in a purple-colored sea of violently raging lightning. Following a wave of his hand, the millions of purple lights whinnied and snarled, and every single one of those purple lights not only seemed sinister and glaring, but they also clearly contained a startling heavenly might.

A huge white barrier had completely encased the space around Yun Che and no matter how much that lightning surged and tore at it, it was not able to open even a crack, much less harm a single bit of the Forbidden Land of Samsara.

Shen Xi wore a long plain white robe as she stood in front of the barrier, the light wind occasionally exposing the endlessly bewitching contours of her body as it pushed the cloth against her flesh. Her silky bosom towered in the air, her skin was as white and lustrous as ice and snow, and her face was as fantastically beautiful as a celestial's. She quietly stood there observing the Yun Che inside the barrier, and it was as if her entire figure was bathed in sacred light, radiating a noble holiness and purity that was hard to put into words.

He Ling approached on soundless feet, a cluster of white light held up in her hand. Within that white light was a drop of spirit liquid. Even though it was only a drop, it contained the concentrated effort of one day and one night of He Ling's labor. She looked at Yun Che, a strange light rippling in her eyes as she could not help but saying, "Master, he is really awesome."

Shen Xi's gaze did not move away from Yun Che's figure. She merely gave a light nod of assent as she said, "He is indeed an absolute monster in every respect."

"Master has been praising him very often recently," He Ling said with a faint smile. Every time she had heard Shen Xi praise Yun Che recently, she would strangely feel a kind of happiness bubble up in her heart.

She did not know whether it was because his body contained all the hopes of He Lin or whether she had long ago already decided to link her destiny with his.

"On one side is the heavenly law tribulation lightning which no one has ever been able to control, on the other is a common and ordinary 'Purple Cloud Art', yet he was able to flawlessly and perfectly merge the two and he was even able to produce such a startling heavenly might at that."

Given Shen Xi's temperament and level, Yun Che was definitely the first person in history to have received such high praise from her.

"The birth and creation of a profound art is an exceedingly difficult thing to do, it will normally take tens of generations worth of effort before it can be considered perfect. Even though Yun Che did not create this art himself, given the extreme complexity of mixing and changing everything, this was no different from creating it by himself. Furthermore, he has only used such a short span of time, not even a year, to complete it to such a degree... An existence like him is probably unique in this universe, one would probably not be able to find a second person like him."

Shen Xi's word caused the strange light in the wood spirit girl's eyes to grow even more brilliant, "No wonder the Sky Poison Pearl recognized him as its owner."

Shen Xi glanced to the side and looked at the wood spirit girl's profile, "Ling'er, in three more days, the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark on his body will completely fade away."

"...Ah!?" He Ling was stunned by those words. Following that startled cry, the hand which held the spirit liquid involuntarily withdrew a little as she unconsciously asked, "So... so fast?"

"I also did not think that it would be this fast," Shen Xi spoke in a soft voice as if she was muttering to herself, as the complexity in her beautiful eyes grew by several degrees.

The Divine Miracle of Life was a Creation God Art of the highest level in the current universe. Without the light origin power of the Creation Goddess Li Suo and without any light sacred veins, if a mortal human wanted to rely on their own strength to cultivate it, it would be as hard as reaching the heavens.

Yun Che possessed the Evil God's profound veins, so there was no barrier in level when it came to cultivating the "Divine Miracle of Life" and in Shen Xi eyes, he would have the easiest time cultivating it in the entire universe. He was also perhaps the only person who could actually cultivate the "Divine Miracle of Life", so she held very high hopes and expectations for him... Yet these very high hopes and expectations were only to the extent that she hoped that he was able to start unravelling the mysteries within a year's time.

But the dreadfulness of Yun Che's comprehension ability had completely capsized all of the knowledge and experience she had accumulated in her life.

She had used several thousands years just to cultivate half of the Divine Miracle of Life, but Yun Che had used only six months!

Furthermore, with the first half as a foundation, he had completely comprehended the latter half within the span of three short months.

When they dual cultivated, she was the one who guided Yun Che's light profound energy at first, but later on, it was Yun Che who was guiding her instead as he helped her understand the latter half of the Divine Miracle of Life at an even quicker pace.

The Divine Miracle of Life could save every living creature, cleanse every living thing, and it would also gradually give a person a sacred body that could not be invaded by any evil. After possessing light profound energy, Yun Che had been able to sense the traces that Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark had left inside his body. But after that sudden revelation from the Divine Miracle of Life, he had begun to cleanse himself of the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark every day, and following his complete comprehension of the Divine Miracle of Light, the pace at which he cleansed his body of it had grown faster and faster.

At present, given his current light profound energy, even if he did not do anything, the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark would still gradually be removed. From now on, he would also never need to be afraid of the curse power coming from the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark or any other curses—even if it was a powerhouse that was on the level of Qianye who attempted to inflict him with it.

"Ten months ago, he told you that the day he finished purging the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark would be the day you became the Sky Poison Poison Spirit," Shen Xi said as she looked at He Ling, "Ling'er, have you changed your mind?"

After the initial shock and slight uncertainty had faded away, the wood spirit girl's eyes shone with a firm and persistent light, "Ling'er... definitely won't regret."

Shen Xi was not the least bit surprised at He Ling's words. She said in a soft and gentle voice, "The Sky Poison Pearl did not recognize him as its master, it merged together with him while it was in a state with 'no spirit'. In other words, the current Sky Poison Pearl is a part of his body, so when you become the Sky Poison Poison Spirit, you will also become his poison spirit. After this, you will accompany him forever, rely on him, and whatever destiny and life you have after this will be decided by him."

"Ling'er understands," He Ling's eyes still remained as resolute as they had in the beginning.

Shen Xi gave a light nod of her head before she spoke in a very soft voice, "Ling'er, I believe he will help you take revenge and he will also treat you well. His appearance in your life is not only a form of salvation for you, it is also a form of compensation given to you by the heavens."

BOOOM-----

A huge explosion that even the barrier was unable to contain rang out in the air, thousands of lightning bolts exploded within the barrier as the heavenly might surged. Yun Che's sleeves and long hair fluttered wildly in the wind and an imposing aura radiated from him, as if he was a thunder god descending to the earth.

Furthermore, once he put both his arms together, the frantically surging tribulation lightning quickly receded, and within the short span of two breaths, it had disappeared completely without the smallest trace of lightning remaining.

Even if it was the heavenly law tribulation lightning, he could still manipulate and control it in an incomparably natural fashion.

Yun Che's long hair fell around his shoulders. He extended a hand and looked at his own palm, a small and satisfied smile appearing on his face.

Finally... Finally...

Jasmine, if you could see this, you'd definitely be very happy.

When he was in the Star God Realm, Jasmine had advised Yun Che to combine the heavenly law tribulation lightning together with the Yun Family's Purple Cloud Art—because even though the Purple Cloud Art was only a common profound art from the lower ream, it had evolved throughout the ten thousand year history of the Yun Family, so it was undoubtedly the lightning profound art that was most suited to the Yun Family profound veins. She had even given it the name "Heavenly Law Tribulation Lightning Art".

Jasmine's words had been fixed in Yun Che's heart.

During this period of time, he had dual cultivated and comprehended the Divine Miracle of Life together with Shen Xi every day. Following the study of the Divine Miracle of Life, the light profound energy that he could produce had kept changing as well, and even his heart and soul were affected as they grew calmer and more tranquil.

Under these sorts of conditions, he finally started to combine the "Heavenly Law Tribulation Lightning Art" as described by Jasmine.

And now nearly ten months had gone by. Following the successful transformation of the "Netherprison Lightning Emperor Formation", the strongest forbidden technique in the Purple Cloud Art, using the heavenly law tribulation lightning, his "Heavenly Law Tribulation Lightning Art" had finally taken shape.

Even though it was far from complete, in the eyes of the world, being able to do this much within the short span of ten months was already a miraculous feat.

Even the one who understood Yun Che the most, Jasmine, would also not have thought that he could have reached this level of completion within such a short period of time... After all, this was one of the goals she had given Yun Che bearing the "three thousand years in the Eternal Heaven Pearl" in mind.

Chapter 1322 - Finally Becoming a Divine King

The barrier that was created by Shen Xi disappeared. After that, Yun Che descended from the sky, and in his excitement, he accidently trampled on a patch of spirit flowers below him.

He immediately crouched down, light profound energy circulating in his hand. Following that, a cluster of white light engulfed the patch of flowers below him, and those trampled spirit flowers quickly straightened up like living creatures which had been roused from their sleep. Furthermore, they shone with a vitality and vigor that was even more vibrant than before, even the originally half-closed flower buds started to slowly bloom open.

The surrounding flowers and plants had also started to sway in a light and graceful manner as they sought to gather around Yun Che.

The white light in his hand vanished and when he thought about his entirely involuntary action, he silently pressed a finger against the tip of his nose: When did I become so kind and compassionate. To think that I would actually immediately act to save even flowers and plants...

He had long been aware that darkness profound energy would affect one's personality and temperament.

It was also very clear that light profound energy, an existence that was not only as unique as darkness profound energy but also completely antithetical to it, would also imperceptibly begin to influence the personality and temperament of a person. Furthermore, the result of this influence was the complete opposite of darkness profound energy.

Yun Che also naturally did not dare to let Shen Xi know about the fact that his body contained darkness profound energy. All of the living creatures in the Eastern, Western, and Southern Divine Region hated darkness profound energy with a passion, let alone Shen Xi, who possessed light profound energy.

Yun Che was very convinced that if Shen Xi had known about the darkness profound energy in his body, she not only would not have treated him so well... she might even have killed him with a single slap.

As he suppressed the excitement and emotion in his heart, Yun Che arrived in front of Shen Xi and He Ling as he said in a respectful manner, "Senior Shen Xi."

For the last ten months, he had practiced dual cultivation with Senior Shen Xi for six hours every day, and this schedule had never been interrupted. The celestial flesh and jade body that no one had ever even dared to hope of touching was free for him to enjoy and profane for a long period of time every single day. As time went by, it could be said that Yun Che was far more familiar with Shen Xi's jade body than he was with any other woman...

But, the moment he stepped out of that bamboo hut, he would be respectful and deferential at all times when he faced Shen Xi. He did not dare to offend her in even the slightest manner.

Yun Che had always been a reckless and daring person in front of women. Even when he had been in the Illusory Demon Realm, he had dared to provoke and tease the Little Demon Empress who had just finished slaughtering an entire clan... and he had also dared to place his devilish hands on Xia Qingyue right after they had just reunited.

But given Shen Xi's otherworldly celestial appearance and her sacred and majestic presence, besides the time when she was dual cultivating with Yun Che, he did not dare to blaspheme or profane her in any way. Not only was he honest and well-behaved in front of her, he did not even dare look her directly in the eyes.

Shen Xi extended a snowy hand and retrieved the spirit liquid He Ling had been holding. "Yun Che, regulate the flow of your blood and your energy first. After that, proceed to the center of the bamboo hut."

"Eh?" Yun Che was briefly stunned by those words. After that, he managed to speak with much difficulty and awkwardness, "Uh that... Haven't we already practiced dual cultivation today?"

Even though, He Ling was well aware of what Yun Che and Shen Xi had been doing in that bamboo hut for six hours every day, when she was faced with the two words "dual cultivation" that had come out of Yun Che's mouth, red clouds immediately bloomed on the wood spirit girl's tender face as she panickedly looked away.

"It has nothing to do with dual cultivation." Shen Xi's beautiful eyes remained as clear and sacred as ever, "Over the course of these ten months, you have finished refining my vital yin. This in addition to your own improvement and the calmness in your heart means that the time has come." "Today, I will help you become a Divine King!"

The transparent barrier surrounding the Forbidden Land of Samsara was now engulfed by a layer of very weak white light. Even though it was only a very minor change, it completely blocked out everything. Even if the Dragon Monarch were to come, he would immediately know that Shen Xi was in the middle of some important thing that could not be interrupted so he definitely would not force his way in.

He Ling stood in the midst of a sea of flowers, as she looked at that little bamboo house in the distance, her two hands nervously clasped together.

The bamboo hut looked completely the same as it normally did, but a huge change was happening inside of it.

It was a world of glowing white light, and besides Yun Che and Shen Xi who sat opposite each other, there was nothing else, and one could not even see the end of this boundless world. Moreover, within this pale white world, an invisible flow of energy that radiated a vast aura was silently moving, as if it was the first signs of a hurricane.

Furthermore, this aura did not come from Shen Xi, but from Yun Che.

Under the guidance of Shen Xi's power, Yun Che's profound energy flowed out endlessly. Furthermore, the profound energy that was being released from his body did not simply dissipate, instead it coiled and swirled in the air around them as if it was being restrained by something and being formed into invisible profound energy clouds that surrounded Yun Che.

In a short amount of time, all of his profound energy had been drawn out, and the world of his profound veins became empty and hollow.

But there was an inherent difference between this form of drawing out one's profound energy and using it up normally. It would not make Yun Che feel any exhaustion, and on the contrary, it actually made him more calm.

Shen Xi, who had been silent and still for a very long time, finally sprang into action. Following the dance-like gestures of her jade hand, all of the profound energy clouds began to slowly sink downwards and gather around Yun Che's body. As they gathered together, they began to compress bit by bit until they finally formed an invisible cocoon that engulfed Yun Che's entire body.

"All of this profound energy is the profound energy you have accumulated in your life," Shen Xi's voice, light and wispy as a dream, rang out in Yun Che's ear. "Carefully think back to the first time you managed to form a tendril of profound energy up until today, especially the changes that occurred at every single level."

"..." Yun Che tightly shut both of his eyes without speaking.

"Stepping from the mortal way into the divine way, that was a fundamental change that meant that your profound energy had transcended the mortal realm and stepped into the divine. But it is only when one steps into the Divine King Realm that one's profound energy undergoes the true change in the divine way. Becoming a Divine King symbolizes the fact that you have truly stepped into the higher levels of the God Realm, gaining the qualifications to become the hero of a place or even the king of a realm."

"Carefully experience each and every change!"

The Divine King Realm was a realm that many profound practitioners did not even dream of entering in their entire lives. There were also countless profound practitioners who possessed an enviable innate talent that none could compare with, and in the short span of a century or even a few decades, they had already reached the Divine Spirit Realm. Yet they found themselves stuck at the bottleneck of becoming a Divine King, and ended up being unable to break through it despite trying for their entire lives.

But when facing Yun Che, whose profound strength had just reached the peak of the Divine Spirit Realm, Shen Xi's tone was extremely certain and calm. It was as if Yun Che's next breakthrough in level was not an attempt but an inevitability.

Shen Xi's voice gradually faded out into the distance as the layer of profound energy surrounding Yun Che suddenly exploded violently, turning into countless streams of profound energy currents which surged towards Yun Che's empty profound veins.

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The world within Yun Che's profound veins emitted an explosive sound which lasted for a very long time.

It was as if all the mountains in the world were collapsing, as if there innumerable storms wreaking havoc all over the place, as if countless volcanoes were erupting... The normally calm world within his profound veins descended into chaos as the profound energy surging into them was being distorted and shattered. Furthermore, this chaos did not gradually recede away, instead it was getting more and more intense with every second that passed by... The originally vast and surging profound energy had been smashed into countless fragments before dissipating into an endless amount of profound light.

In the end, the space within his profound veins world began to be filled with more and more cracks, until they covered the entire profound veins world. If this continued, Yun Che's profound veins world would be on the brink of collapsing and falling to pieces at any moment.

Yet Yun Che's face was exceptionally calm.

Sometimes he felt as if he had been dumped in the middle of an erupting volcano. Sometimes he felt as if he had been buried in a most sinister and devastating sea of lightning. And sometimes he felt as if he had fallen into an endless dark abyss... But his heart and soul were completely calm and not a ripple appeared within the them. He silently sensed the changes in his profound energy, the changes in his profound veins, and the changes of the entire world.

BANG... CRACK!!

It was at this moment that his profound veins world had finally shattered.

Amidst the shattered profound veins world, the profound light emitted by the countless fragments glittered, as if they were a sea of stars that dotted the night sky.

In the same instant, Shen Xi's beautiful eyes opened and with a deft movement of her jade finger, that drop of spirit liquid that she had already prepared lightly came into contact with Yun Che's chest before silently sinking into his body.

It was as if a drop of celestial dew had dropped from the heavens and sprinkled itself on a bunch of plants and trees that were about to dry up. The profound veins world which had fallen into a brief period of silence and stillness suddenly glowed with a strange and fantastic vitality... In that instant, all of the stars in the profound veins world started dancing as a countless amount of the spiritual energy that existed between heaven and earth converged to form innumerable currents of energy. It was as if all the birds in the world were paying homage to a phoenix as they flocked towards the inside of Yun Che's body.

Gusts of wild wind suddenly started blowing inside the Forbidden land of Samsara and these gusts of wild wind all surged toward the bamboo hut that had lain silent for a long time. They grew more and more violent and frenzied, and they did not look like they were going to die down even after a long period of time had passed. The wood spirit girl dumbly watched this scene unfold before her as a deep look of shock appeared on her face.

Inside the white world, Yun Che's expression remained calm and it had not changed at all since the start of the process until now. His hair was dancing above his head, and a strange and fantastic light flowed around his entire body. This was the light of pure profound energy, yet it was more resplendent and brilliant than any other profound energy Yun Che had released before.

The spirit energy was still surging and the profound light surrounding his body was gradually becoming stronger. It was as if his entire person had turned into a blazing sun that was hanging in the sky, making it hard for people to stare directly at him.

Yun Che's expression had finally started to change... His senses had changed. His senses towards his profound energy, his body and the world around him had all changed. An aura that he had never had before surged inside his profound veins before slowly spreading to his entire body as it clearly reached all of his veins and every bit of his flesh.

Finally, at a certain moment, he opened his eyes.

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With a gigantic explosion, as if the Azure Dragon itself was roaring towards the sky, the profound light surrounding Yun Che ruptured and a peerlessly terrifying energy wave exploded out of his body. The pale white world was violently shaken by this energy wave and one could see clearly see distortions in this space.

Shen Xi's silken robes and long hair were pushed back by this energy wave and her beautiful eyes opened as well as they just so happened to come into contact with Yun Che's own gaze. Her absolutely beautiful lips pursed up slightly and the small smile she showed in that instant was as fantastical as a celestial dream, causing Yun Che to descend into a deep stupor... After that, he suddenly rose to his feet and collapsed on top of Shen Xi.

The rebirth of his mental state had not given him enough time to reconstruct the reverence he normally held towards Shen Xi's sacred aura.

"You..."

Not wanting to be roused from this beautiful illusion by the sound of her voice, his lips pressed forward and smushed Shen Xi's slightly parted lips. After that, he violently ripped off her outer garments, the fragments dancing in the wind, fully exposing those lithe and graceful curves... This was the first time he had been so forceful and domineering with Shen Xi, forgetting her status and any of the consequences of his actions.

That drop of of spirit liquid had not caused Yun Che's breakthrough. It instead had sped up the process of his breakthrough. Otherwise, given Yun Che's unique profound veins, stepping from the Divine Spirit Realm to the Divine King Realm would have required more than ten days, or maybe even tens of days.

He Ling had quietly waited outside all this while and once the energy had finally calmed down, her gaze grew fixed as she nervously waited. Yet even after she had waited for a long time, Yun Che and Shen Xi still had not emerged... A full two hours had passed again before the tightly closed bamboo door had finally been pushed open.

Yun Che slowly walked out from within and also walked into the depths of He Ling's eyes.

It seemed as if he had changed into a new set of ice phoenix snow robes as his body radiated a slightly peculiar "otherworldly" aura. His aura had become withdrawn and He Ling could barely sense the existence of any profound energy from his body. Even his gaze had lost the sharpness that it had previously held, his eyes having become exceptionally gentle... But beyond that gentleness lay a deepness that she could not see through.

After Yun Che had emerged, Shen Xi had followed behind him... and this was the first time Shen Xi had left the bamboo hut after Yun Che. The white silken robes that she had originally been wearing had now been replaced by a snowy garment of pure white, but He Ling did not immediately notice these strange and obvious changes. She looked at Yun Che, a strange light flowing inside her beautiful eyes, "Di... Did you succeed?"

"Yes," Yun Che said as he gave a faint smile and nodded his head. He sensed the power flowing in his body... It was a power that was so robust and vast that it was hard for him to imagine. In fact it was so unimaginable that he was still left with a deep sense of wonder and illusion.

From the day he had stepped into the Divine Spirit Realm under the nine stage lightning tribulation to this day, only a year's worth of time had passed.

But in this one year, he had yet again broken into a level that other people would not dare dream of even if they used up all of their lives... He had stepped into the Divine King Realm!

Chapter 1323 - Poison Spirit He Ling

Yun Che's changes were very subtle. He Ling was able to clearly sense that something had changed, yet she was having great difficulty pinpointing that change. All she could tell was that it was a fantastic and mysterious sensation that seemed to indicate that Yun Che had become a higher level of existence.

While He Ling was looking at Yun Che with sparkling eyes, Yun Che's gaze also fell on her and he spoke, "He Ling, do you still want to become my Sky Poison Poison Spirit?"

The words that Yun Che suddenly said immediately stunned He Ling and for a moment, she could scarcely believe her ears. Initially, he had been most resistant to this suggestion, and she also deeply understand just why he was so resistant to it. So for these reasons, she had never brought up the matter again and would not do so until the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark had been completely purged from his body

Yet now, he was the first one to mention it. Furthemore, his gaze no longer contained any complicated feelings or resistance, there was only warmth and unswerving determination.

Perhaps, during these ten months, he had finally managed to convince himself to completely accept this matter. Or perhaps, the changes to his soul, that had happened when he became a Divine King, had also intangibly changed his understanding of the world as well.

"Please let me become the Sky Poison Poison Spirit." He Ling nodded her head and she was still as sincere as the day she answered Shen Xi, "I will use everything that I have to help you, furthermore... furthermore, I will never ever try to urge you to bring me to the Brahma Monarch God Realm and no matter what happens in the future, I definitely won't regret it."

Even if a seed of darkness had been planted in her heart, her base nature was still incomparably pure and good. Even when she was going to lose her own personal freedom and her own existence, she still was unwilling to bind Yun Che in any way... She only begged for that one ray of hope.

"Alright," Yun Che nodded his head. He walked a few steps closer to He Ling and looked her straight in the eyes as he said in a sincere voice, "I know just how unforgettable and deeply etched a desire for revenge can be when it is born from losing everything. It can only be released, and forcing you to let it go or accept it will only cause you to be in unbearable pain for the rest of your existence... thus, use everything that you have to take revenge then!"

Yun Che's words caused He Ling's beautiful eyes to shake excessively.

He stretched out a hand towards He Ling, "The Brahma Monarch God Realm are not only your opponents, they are mine as well. So, in the future you will not only be my poison spirit, you will also be the companion who has tied her destiny together with mine. This is my pledge to you. In the future, if we ever have enough power to go against them, then we must definitely make them pay ten times or even a hundred times what they owe us."

Even though that goal was incomparably distant, even though no one had ever been able to do it in the entire history of the God Realm, and maybe no one had even dared to do so. But... at the very least, this was the vow that he made towards this wood spirit girl that did not hesitate to destroy her own existence in order to get revenge, a vow that she deserved.

But for He Ling, whose soul had been hovering inside a pitch-black abyss, there were no words in this universe that sounded more beautiful than the words she had just heard.

"..." She nodded her head vigorously, her lips trembling. She wanted to speak but before she could even form the words, tears had already started streaming down her face.

When she had found out that He Lin and all her closest kinsmen had died, what engulfed her was not only vengeance, there was also a desolate loneliness, as if she was free-floating duckweed. Yun Che's words had caused her, a person who had sunk into a boundless dark abyss, to feel something with an incomparable clarity. They had caused her to feel like she was no longer alone, and to even feel... some sort of feeling of reliance...

As he looked at He Ling's faintly trembling body, Shen Xi gave a faint smile. This is what she had always hoped to see... The scenario where Yun Che rescued He Ling.

"Since that is the case, then let's do it now." Even though the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark in his body had not completely dissipated, it would only be an affair that would take two or three more days to resolve. Since his heart was set, then there was no need for the previous dithering. Yun Che took another step forward and his body was so close that it nearly pressed against He Ling's body. After that he hesitated for a moment before turning around in an awkward manner and speaking in a sheepish voice, "Eh... Senior Shen Xi, just how exactly are we supposed to do this?"

Shen Xi arrived at the side of both of them, her palm that was like celestial jade lightly holding up Yun Che's left hand, "Ling'er, once you have become the poison spirit, it will be nearly impossible to turn it around, are you... truly prepared for this?"

Yun Che's brows faintly twitched... because Shen Xi had said "nearly impossible to turn it around". She had not said it was "completely impossible".

He Ling wiped away the tears on her face and nodded with no hesitation at all, "Ling'er was already prepared for this ten months ago."

"Good," Shen Xi gave a faint nod of her head. Her jade hand flipped and her fingers lightly touched against the palm of Yun Che's hand, "Release the origin aura of the Sky Poison Pearl, just a single thread will do."

Yun Che immediately did as he was told. With a single thought, a mossy-green light flashed in the center of his palm.

Shen Xi's jade fingers made a subtle movement and immediately that bit of Sky Poison light was released under the direction of her fingers, then lightly touched the space between He Ling's eyebrows.

"Ling'er, close your eyes and calm your heart. When you feel your spirit coming into contact with it and when it starts to blend with it, do not put up any resistance."

He Ling closed her beautiful eyes and very soon, an approximately one inch wide green profound formation appeared where the Sky Poison light had been resting... At the same time, an identical green profound formation appeared on Yun Che's palm. Both of the profound formations started to rotate at the same time, releasing a pure and flawless mossy-green light.

Shen Xi's hand gesture changed again. A beam of profound light broke the skin of Yun Che's finger, then carried away a drop of blood. The drop of blood was then sprinkled on the profound formation that had formed between He Ling's brows before it instantly sank into her body.

The Sky Poison Pearl and Yun Che's body had merged together as one. As a result, this was not only a ceremony to convert someone into a spirit, it was also a contract ceremony similar to the one he had formed with Hong'er.

But no matter whether it was a ceremony to convert someone into a spirit or a contract ceremony, the power to initiate everything did not lie in the hands of Yun Che nor did it lie in the hands of Shen Xi. Instead, everything was up to He Ling. During the entire process, if He Ling felt even one bit of regret or resistance, the ceremony would come to a halt.

Wanting to force someone to become a spirit was the same as trying to force a divine profound practitioner to accept a slave mark, it was a nearly-impossible feat to accomplish... it required the whole-hearted consent of the other party.

However, this was a moment that she had always been praying for, so why would she resist or reject it?

After the mossy-green profound formation that lay between her brows had revolved more than ten times, it suddenly released an incomparably dense green brilliance. Her entire body was bathed in this brilliant light, and her figure began to grow hollow before growing clearer... She saw a whole new world, a marvelous and strange dark-green dimension. She could sense that her soul and this dark-green world were gradually connecting, they were connecting tightly together like flesh and blood would...

Furthermore, this strange feeling did not just appear within He Ling. Yun Che had also started to feel He Ling's aura gradually sinking into his own lifeforce... just like it had been with Hong'er all those years ago.

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The brilliant light completely dissipated.

Within the silence, He Ling slowly opened her eyes. Yun Che and Shen Xi still stood in front of her and she was still surrounded by the world that she was familiar with. She was still the same as before, her figure and her clothes had not changed... But her aura and the way she sensed the world had become entirely different.

Besides her own wood spirit aura, an extremely weak but pure Sky Poison aura now flowed inside her body. Because the Sky Poison Pearl's poison power had been in hibernation, right now, this thread of Sky Poison aura was composed of only purification energy.

Now that the ceremony had been completed, the current her was no longer just He Ling, she was also the Sky Poison Poison Spirit. It was also from this moment onward that the Sky Poison Pearl finally had a poison spirit once more and it was no longer in a vegetative state.

The Sky Poison Pearl that belonged to Yun Che had fused with his body and was unable to separate from him. That also meant that from today onwards, He Ling's will, life, and freedom would all be under Yun Che's control.

She knelt down and bent her body as she bowed to Yun Che, "Master."

Yun Che hurriedly extended a hand and said, "There's no need, no need for this. I already said, we are comrades."

But He Ling stubbornly shook her head before turning to Shen Xi and bowing down again, "Master, Ling'er... will no longer be able to accompany you from now on. Your great mercy is something that Ling'er will never ever forget and if there is a next life, Ling'er is willing to be your servant for ten lives to repay you for everything."

Shen Xi let go of Yun Che's hand. He Ling had finally become the Sky Poison Poison Spirit in the end. This also resolved one of her worries and whether it was for Yun Che or He Ling, it was an extremely good outcome. Now that she had become the Sky Poison Poison Spirit, He Ling's future would no longer be withered up and full of despair. Furthermore, now that he had He Ling, following the awakening of the Sky Poison Pearl's poison power, Yun Che would be able to obtain a fearsome power that everyone would have no choice but to fear in the shortest amount of time.

"Ling'er, following him well would be the best form of repayment towards me," Shen Xi said in a soft and gentle voice. "The current you has not lost your own existence, you have instead become an existence that exists on a higher plane. Vengeance is still important, but aside from that, I believe that the you who has received a new lease on life will discover many things that are more important than vengeance."

"Yes, Ling'er will forever remember the words that Master has said," He Ling said in a trembling voice while still addressing Shen Xi as "Master".

"Yun Che," Shen Xi said, "you have just entered the Divine King Realm, and not only is your profound energy unstable, you have also lost a large amount of yang energy. You are not to cultivate any more today. Go and take a good rest."

"Eh... yes," Yun Che replied in a rather sheepish voice.

"Ling'er, even though you have already become the Sky Poison Poison Spirit, you did not lose the abilities you have as a royal wood spirit. There exists a mysterious and fantastic world within the Sky Poison Pearl and the divine plants and spirit flowers in this place can also be grown inside the Sky Poison Pearl's world. During the next few days, while you are getting used to your new life, also try to bring the divine plants and spirit flowers in the Sky Poison Pearl's world. So when you leave this place in the future, you can still help your new master refine jade pellets and spirit liquids every day."

The spirit flowers and mysterious plants within the Forbidden Land of Samsara could only be grown in very pure environments and even though the Sky Poison Pearl's strongest ability was its poison power, the Sky Poison dimension within it was also an extremely pure world... Because the most extreme poisons had always been some of the purest objects in the universe.

After he had broken into the Divine King Realm, Yun Che was no longer in a rush to cultivate. Instead he spent every day stabilizing his new profound strength while he leisurely got rid of the originally extremely dreadful Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark. Very quickly, just like Shen Xi had said, the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark had completely dissipated from Yun Che's body in a short three days, and there was not a single trace of it left.

Furthermore, it had not even been a year since he had entered the Forbidden Land of Samsara.

Whether it was Xia Qingyue or Mu Xuanyin, the two people who knew about Yun Che getting afflicted by the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark, neither of them would have thought that this dreadful curse would have completely vanished from Yun Che's body at this time.

But Yun Che's heart had become far more peaceful than it had been since the time he had entered the Forbidden Land of Samsara. At the very least, he appeared to be completely at ease and he did not feel any discontentment, bewilderment, or even his extreme hatred for Qianye Ying'er.

Even after he had gotten rid of the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark, he had not mentioned that he had wanted to leave this place to Shen Xi. He had finally escaped his nightmare and become a Divine King. He also had gained a Sky Poison Poison Spirit and a new hope, and he had also just made a pledge to He Ling... So if he wanted to leave here in a rash moment of impulsiveness, he might very possibly be buried in a new hell all over again.

After all, even though he had become a Divine King, in front of people like Qianye, he was still a small and pathetic ant. Furthermore, since she had already shown him her fangs, she definitely would not let him go after this.

"Jasmine..." Yun Che leaned against the trunk of a spirit tree, his thoughts spinning. As he softly whispered that name, his finger lightly traced the ring he wore on his middle finger, as if he wanted to use this to communicate his thoughts and current situation to her, to let her know that she did not need to worry about him.

This was the marriage keepsake that Jasmine had forced Caizhi to give him.

While he was lost in thought, he did not notice that after his finger had touched it, the ring had suddenly begun to shine with a very faint azure light.

Chapter 1324 - Strange Movements of the Star God Realm

Eastern Divine Region, Star God Realm.

The sky of the Star God Realm was filled with twinkling stars, starlight twinkling throughout its aether. But today, the stars which dotted the sky seemed to be even more brilliant and resplendent than usual, and the entire Star God Realm seemed to be filled with an unusual quiet.

There were prohibitions that were quietly disseminated throughout every corner of the Star God Realm, and from the Star Gods themselves to the lowest slaves and youngest children, no one would be allowed to leave the Star God Realm during these next few days, and those who were abroad were not allowed to return.

Thus, anyone could smell that there was something big brewing in the Star God Realm, and that this big event was going to happen extremely soon.

On this day, an incomparably gigantic barrier was slowly formed among the gleaming stars that were spread out through the sky, engulfing the entire Star God Realm within it.

That's right, it covered the entire Star God Realm.

Even though the Star God Realm was a sealed king realm and there was already a barrier that would repel outsiders, the normal barrier was absolutely not in the same league as the newly-formed barrier

that appeared today... because this barrier was a barrier that no force or power could break through. It was the Star God Realm's strongest defensive barrier!

After that barrier, which covered the entire Star God Realm, was erected, a second similar barrier was formed within it, covering the core of the Star God Realm... the Star God City where the Star God Emperor and the Twelve Star Gods resided.

The outer barrier was to stop anyone from entering the Star God Realm, while the inner barrier was to ensure that there was absolutely no way the people of the Star God Realm could enter Star God City without permission.

Upon sensing the energy aura that radiated from the barriers, all the strong individuals in the Star God Realm were extremely shocked. As the profound practitioners belonging to the Star God Realm, they were seated in the highest level of the entire god realm, but this energy aura was so vast and majestic that it had reached inconceivable proportions.

There was no way anyone could break through this kind of power, but at the same time, erecting such a fearsome barrier would definitely require an extreme amount of resources and power as well... Without a shadow of a doubt, there was something huge going down in Star God City!

An extremely important and huge affair that definitely could not afford to be disrupted by any outside power.

As he unconsciously rubbed that ring, Yun Che's mind was filled with Jasmine's figure.

His wistful thoughts about Jasmine had been with him since many years ago and not a single day had passed without him thinking of her. But for some odd reason, the yearning and worry in his heart happened to be extremely intense today. He wanted to gradually calm his mind and this feeling in the usual manner, yet somehow, the figure of Jasmine in his mind refused to fade away no matter what, and for no rhyme or reason his desire to see her had instead become exceptionally intense as well.

In the end, it had all gradually coalesced into some sort of weird unease.

"Why is your heart in such chaos?"

Shen Xi's gentle and cottony voice rang out from beside him, and it was accompanied by a celestial breeze that spread into him. Yun Che shook his head before giving a faint smile, "Nothing much. Perhaps it is because my heart has started to relax after I broke through to the Divine King Realm, so I starting feeling a pressing need to leave this place."

"But Senior Shen Xi need not worry, I am very clear on one thing. No matter how many cares or worries there are in my heart, now is definitely not the time to leave this place."

"As I said before," Shen Xi said with a smile that was not a smile as she walked over, "call me Shen Xi,"

Yun Che was stunned by those words and he said in an embarrassed voice, "Eh... Ah, I always do it unconsciously... I will try to slowly get used to it."

"Even if you can't get used to it, it is of no matter," Shen Xi said in a languid voice. "In the end, an appellation is merely an appellation. It is just that I selfishly desire to not treat you as a junior anymore."

"Shen Xi," when he said her name without using the word "Senior", Yun Che still felt extremely awkward and uncomfortable, it was akin to asking him to address his master as "Xuanyin", "I have something that I've always been very curious about and I've wanted to ask you about for the longest time... But I'm also afraid that you'll get angry with me."

"You may ask," Shen Xi said softly.

"Eh, that..." Yun Che spoke in a hesitant voice, "You said this one thing before, that Senior Dragon Monarch has always only be a junior in your eyes. But from what I know, Senior Dragon Monarch's age has already reached three hundred and fifty thousand years. If that is the case, then isn't your lifespan... Eh, I mean that..."

"You want to ask me how old I am?" Shen Xi asked.

Yun Che nodded his head before following it up immediately by saying, "I'm just asking you a casual question out of curiosity, if you don't want to answer it, that's fine as well."

Yun Che was a very clever person, even if his physical relationship with Shen Xi was incomparably intimate, he had never asked her about her identity, past or any of her secrets. Because he understood that regarding these matters, Shen Xi would automatically tell him when it was time for him to know. If not, even if he asked, there was also no way he would get a reply.

This question about her age could be counted as the first "secret" that Yun Che was asking Shen Xi about.

Shen Xi's gaze shifted from him and she looked into the distance, she did not utter a single word for a long period of time.

Yun Che sensed that he seemed to have asked a question that he really should not have, so he swiftly changed the subject, "I guess that when a person has reached the level that you've reached, age is probably the most unimportant thing to them. How about... I change the question."

"Before this, I had obtained the vital yin of a woman who was very strong, a woman whose profound strength had reached the Divine Master level... Cough, cough, cough, and after I cultivated it for one night, I broke into the Divine Soul Realm from the Divine Origin Realm and that was very hard for me to believe at that time." Even if you beat Yun Che to death, he would have no face to honestly tell you that the "woman" he was speaking about was his master. "But your vital yin was actually far more... that much more powerful than hers. If not for that... there would also be no way for me to break into the Divine King Realm in a short ten months."

Shen Xi, "..."

"This is why I wanted to ask out of pure curiosity, just what level has your cultivation reached? It couldn't be... at the level of a god emperor, correct?" Yun Che probed.

Shen Xi's aura had always given him a vague but boundless sensation. She was the person that Xia Qingyue said was the "most unique" and "greatest" woman in the entire God Realm, so it could be seen that she had already had an extreme amount of fame in the God Realm from a very long time ago.

Her lifespan had even exceeded the Dragon Monarch, and while the Dragon Monarch had extreme adoration for her, he had always been humble and respectful before her, and he had never dared to even have any filthy desires towards her.

All of these were indications that Shen Xi's cultivation was definitely extremely high. Even if one were to tell him that her cultivation had reached the limits of all living creatures, he definitely would not doubt it.

Shen Xi's snowy face did not turn towards him. Her eyes remained fixed on some distant vista, the depths of her eyes filled with a disappointment that Yun Che would not be able to understand. This time, she finally opened her mouth to reply him, "The level of power I possess surpasses everything in this universe... and that includes the Dragon Monarch."

Yun Che had already had pretty high expectations, but upon hearing Shen Xi's words, he was extremely shocked.

Surpassing... everything in this universe, including the Dragon Monarch !?

"Senior Dragon Monarch is publicly acknowledged as the number one person in the Primal Chaos. If you are stronger than him, then doesn't that mean..." Yun Che had stood up amidst his excitement and shock, "That you are actually the true number one person in the Primal Chaos?"

If someone said that they were stronger than the Dragon Monarch, everyone would only treat it as crazy talk and fodder for laughter. Yet these words had come from Shen Xi's own lips.

Ssssiii... Yun Che fiercely sucked in a breath of air! If he was able to cling to this big power that was Shen Xi, then once she left this place in the future, he would not need to be scared of Qianye or whatever anymore!

"No," Shen Xi gave a faint shake of her head, "I was referring to the 'level of power that I possess'. It is just that I have no way of releasing this 'power'."

"Eh??" Yun Che was completely puzzled by her words.

"You are aware that I am bound by something to this place, but what has been bound is not limited to only my body and soul, even my power has been restricted. Only light profound energy, the purest profound energy, was not bound by this thing that is fettering me, so it has become the only part of my power that I can forcibly use. It is just that light profound energy is not made for battle, so just based on this part of my power alone, there is no way I can be the Dragon Monarch's opponent."

These words left Yun Che completely mystified. Just what exactly was thing thing that was "binding" Shen Xi? Her body could not leave this place for long and even her power had been bound. During the time he spent here, he could not think of anything that was able to create this sort of "binding".

"You said before that you have already found a way to escape these bindings, so you should be able to leave this place very soon. At that time... would there really be no one in this world who could be your

opponent?" Yun Che asked in a voice that was filled with expectation. The him who had been fallen under Qianye's sinister shadow now wanted to cling to Shen Xi in a very disappointing and unbecoming manner.

"No," Shen Xi still shook her head, "Even if my body and soul escape these fetters, that power is still something I will not be able to control or release."

"However..." Shen Xi did not wait for Yun Che's questions as she continued, her eyes swivelling towards him as she gave him a deep look, "In the future, there will be a way."

"..." Yun Che could clearly feel that the look that Shen Xi had shot him was very strange, as if there was some deep meaning hidden by it.

At this time, Shen Xi's celestial countenance twitched slightly. She quietly closed her eyes before slowly opening them again as she said, "It seems as if something big is happening in the Star God Realm that you have been yearning for."

Upon the sudden mention of the three words "Star God Realm", Yun Che's head swivelled towards her as if by conditioned reflex, "What's going on with the Star God Realm?"

Shen Xi slowly said, "Just now I received a piece of news from the Dragon God Realm. About an hour ago, the Star God Realm opened up its 'Absolute Star Soul Barrier' which covered the entire space that comprises the Star God Realm."

"Absolute Star Soul Barrier? What is that?" Yun Che asked.

"It is recorded that it is the strongest defensive barrier that the Star God Realm can erect." Shen Xi's gaze was calm and placid, and it was clear she was not too worried about it, "In order to erect this Absolute Star Soul Barrier, just building its foundation alone is enough to exhaust thirty percent of the Star God Realm's resources."

"WH... AT!?" Yun Che was well and truly shocked this time. What kind of notion was thirty percent of a king realm's resources? And yet this barrier actually needed to consume this thirty percent... Just how strong a defensive barrier was this!?

"The reason why it is called the 'Absolute Star Soul Barrier' is because it is linked with the blood and souls of the powerhouses of the Star God Realm. Just from the aura alone, the Absolute Star Soul Barrier erected today was formed by the auras of nearly fifty people at the level of Divine Master."

"Fifty... Divine Masters!?"

Divine Master, the highest existence in the current universe, even in the upper star realms, they still had the capacity to become realm kings! If a star realm did not have a Divine Master, then it would be a completely different thing altogether—the Snow Song Realm and Flame God Realm was the truest example of this, the latter's combined power was more than ten times stronger than the former, yet they were at a disadvantage just due to the existence of one Mu Xuanyin.

Fifty Divine Masters on the other hand... Yun Che was basically unable to imagine just how terrifying that power would be.

"The Star God Realm has the Twelve Star Gods and thirty seven elders in total. Added together, this fits very well with the number I just mentioned. That is also to say that this Absolute Star Soul Barrier should be linked to the blood and soul of all the Star Gods and elders in the Star God Realm," Shen Xi tirelessly stated.

"What does that mean?"

"That means that if one wants to break this barrier, one needs to be able to release a power that can simultaneously defeat the Twelve Star Gods and the thirty seven elders."

"..." Yun Che was completely dumbstruck by this but after that he said, "That sort of power basically doesn't exist, right?"

"And that is precisely why it has the words 'Absolute Barrier' in its name," Shen Xi said. "It's just that the price for opening this Absolute Star Soul Barrier is simply far too high and the last time it was opened, it was in the extremely distant past, a time when the Dragon Monarch had not even come into being yet. This time, the Star God Realm has not been met with any natural calamity, nor did anyone bring disaster upon their heads. Furthermore, there is also no power in this universe which can push the Star God Realm to such an extent. Yet they suddenly opened an Absolute Star Soul Barrier that was linked with the life and souls of all their Divine Masters... It looks like the Star God Realm is definitely undertaking some huge task that concerns their future destiny right now."

"What sort... of huge task could it be?" Yun Che unconsciously asked. When he asked that question, Jasmine's figure flashed through his mind, causing his heart to thump violently for some odd reason.

"I do not know. A huge task that would cause the Star God Realm to open the Absolute Star Soul Barrier is also something that they definitely will not let anyone else know about."

As Shen Xi's voice fell, her beautiful eyes moved and her gaze fell upon the ring on Yun Che's left hand, "Why is your ring giving off such a strong spiritual aura?"

Yun Che bent his head only to discover that a misty dull blue light was slowly shining from his ring.

Chapter 1325 - Heavenly Wolf Xisu

This ring was normally always surrounded by a blue glow but its light was normally faint and almost imperceptible, it was nearly undetectable. But at this moment, this blue light was exceptionally dense, and when Yun Che raised his left hand, the blue light nearly engulfed his entire palm.

"This is..." Yun Che's faced was filled with shock and amazement.

As Shen Xi watched Yun Che's reaction, it was clear that he had no clue what was hidden within, Shen Xi waved her white hand and a cluster of white light landed on his ring, "WIthin this ring, there lives an extremely weak spirit. At this moment, this spirit is struggling to break free and emerge from the ring."

Shen Xi's words gave Yun Che a great shock, but following that, he suddenly recalled the words that Jasmine had said to him when she had forced Caizhi to pass him the ring:

"This ring is something that Big Brother left behind as his death approached. He said that he had left the very last vestiges of his spirit within this ring and it could protect me for an entire lifetime... Twelve

years ago, I passed this ring to Caizhi before I ventured to the Southern Divine Region. Now, I pass it to you."

"Could it be ... "

Shen Xi's light profound energy was so powerful that with just a single speck of white light, the spirit had stopped struggling and had become calm. Following the swiftly spreading radiance of the blue light, a blurry azure figure slowly started to coalesce in front of Yun Che.

It was the figure of a person!

This azure person's figure was similar to Yun Che and even though it was only an image that was so blurry that one could not make out the face of the spirit, it caused Yun Che to feel a pressing aura of valiance and martial bearing... If a mere remnant of his spirit was already like this, then it was completely doubtless that this spirit had definitely been a person who had soared above and dominated all under heaven when he was alive.

"Master... Ah!" From a nearby place, He Ling clasped the jade-colored petals she had just plucked in her hands as she walked over. When she saw the strange and mysterious figure suddenly appear, she gave a startled cry as she stopped in her tracks.

"This day... has still come in the end..."

As the azure spirit grew gradually clearer, a weak and drawn-out voice rang out in the air, it was a voice that carried with it a deep lamentation and a hidden grief.

"You are... the Heavenly Wolf Star God... Xisu?" Yun Che asked in a wide-eyed manner.

At first Yun Che only thought that the "last bit of spirit Big Brother left behind" inside the ring was only referring to a small fragment of spirit, and that it contained the last emotions and sentiments Jasmine and Caizhi held towards Xisu... Perhaps Jasmine and Caizhi had also thought so as well, and they had definitely never thought that this was not only not just a fragment, but that it could actually appear and even talk.

In order to leave behind such a spirit fragment, it must have come at a cost of him heavily wounding both his lifespan and his spirit origin. But why exactly did he want to do such a thing?

Yun Che's voice caused the azure spirit to react, and it was an exceptionally intense reaction at that. A distortion appeared in the spirit image and the voice it projected had now turned strict and solemn, "Who are you? Why are you wearing this ring on your hand?"

Yun Che could sense the anxiety in the spirit's voice and he hurriedly replied, "This ring was given to me by Jasmine. She told me that this was the last remaining bit of her big brother's soul. So, are you the big brother she was speaking of... the fallen Heavenly Wolf Star God Xisu?

Yun Che's words caused the spirit to calm down a little. Following that, he was assaulted by the subtle sensation of his own soul being touched.. The lingering spirit was sincerely measuring him and he was trying to test the veracity of Yun Che's words.

After a long period of time, the lingering spirit spoke once more, "Xisu is already dead, I am only a lowly bit of his soul that he left behind due to his discontent. Since Jasmine was willing to hand this ring to

you, then it looks like she has finally found the person that I hoped that she would find, it's just that... you're actually this weak."

"I'm ashamed," Yun Che said with a bitter laugh. Compared to Jasmine, he was truly far too weak and small. "Big Brother Xisu, you left behind a bit of your soul and you chose to appear today, so did you have something you wanted to say to Jasmine? I will definitely report every single thing to her without missing a single detail."

The previous Heavenly Wolf Star God Xisu had been Jasmine's big brother and the closest family she had. His death had brought Jasmine boundless sorrow, hatred and resentment. Yun Che had also never thought that there would be a day that he could actually speak with his spirit.

But he was very clear that the price to be paid for the appearance of Xisu's spirit today was the complete and utter dissipation of this fragment, and after today... it would no longer exist.

Xisu's spirit image raised his head as if he was staring at the distant sky, "This bit of my soul was something that I forcibly left behind as I approached death's door, confining it to that ring you are wearing on your hand. Moreover, this confinement would be released when the 'Day of the Rippling Stars' was about to arrive... I wanted to know if Jasmine had managed to successfully escape. You, can you tell me whether she did or not?"

Even though he had already died, he was also unable to put down the worry he had for Jasmine.

Did... Jasmine... successfully escape?

Yun Che felt as if his head was filled with fog, "Jasmine, she... escaped? Escaped to where? Why would she need to escape? What do your words mean?"

Shen Xi, "..."

"It looks like you are unaware of this. Indeed, you are so small and weak, so how could she possibly tell you. Then tell me this, where is Jasmine right now?"

"She... should be in the Star God Realm," Yun Che replied.

"The Star God Realm..." The voice of Xisu's spirit grew a lot more bleak, "Then do you know if the Star God Realm has made any strange moves recently?"

Yun Che's eyebrows twitched ferociously, he had just heard about the strange movements made by the Star God Realm from Shen Xi... Furthermore, it had been an enormously strange move.

"I just found out that the Star God Realm seems to have opened the 'Absolute Star Soul Barrier'," Yun Che replied as a sense of unease swiftly assaulted him, his voice becoming rough and a bit hard to understand.

"Sigh..." Xisu's spirit gave a gloomy sigh, "Why did she not run away? Given the Heavenly Slaughter divine power that she possesses, she could clearly have fled. Even if she had to betray her ancestors and her realm and be unable to ever live a peaceful life, that would still be better than becoming a sacrifice and having both body and soul destroyed."

Those words were faint but every single one of them fiercely stabbed into Yun Che's nerves. He was no longer able to maintain his composure and he fiercely rushed forward as he howled in a trembling voice, "What are you saying!? What is this about betraying one's ancestors and realm!? What is this about being a sacrifice!? Why would both her body and soul be destroyed... What exactly are you trying to say!? What exactly are you saying!!?"

Even though Xisu was only left with a remnant of his spirit, something that could completely dissipate at any moment, at present, he could clearly see Yun Che's eyes shaking, he could clearly hear the trembling in his voice and he could clearly sense the terror that came from his very soul... The man in front of him, even though he was indeed small and weak, was the person that Jasmine was willing to hand this ring to, and he was also a person who truly cared about her.

Amidst his cold sorrow, Xisu felt some comfort. Even though Jasmine's life was walking towards its bitter and miserable end, at the very least, after he himself had departed, there was still someone who truly cared for her like he did.

"Since you have such a great desire to know, then I will tell you, even though continuing to be ignorant would be the best for you."

"..." Yun Che sucked in a deep breath of air.

"It was about twenty years ago, when I was abroad, that I heard a story being circulated in the outside world. The story was that the Star God Realm was in the process of gathering a large amount of various high-level profound jade, it was as if they had found some sort of opportunity to become gods and they were preparing to carry out this so-called ceremony to turn them into gods."

More than twenty years ago, the Star God Realm's "True God Plan" had indeed circulated in the world for a while and news of it had even reached the lower star realms, even Yun Che knew about it. But it was just that the person who had told him, Ji Ruyan, and even Mu Bingyun, had all said that this was no more than completely nonsensical talk.

"I had originally believed that this was a nonsensical tale invented by a bored person. Even if the Star God Realm was truly undertaking a huge task, it would not be known to outsiders. But even wind from an empty cave will definitely have its source. Moreover, the Star God Realm was indeed gathering and purchasing a large amount of high-level profound jade at that time. In order to do so, they had not hesitated to dispatch people to the core merchant guilds of the upper, middle and even lower star realms. So when I returned to the realm, I asked royal father about this matter."

"Royal father's reply was exactly what I expected, he labelled it complete nonsense. Yet, I did sense that his eyes wavered for a split second when he gave me his reply, it was as if he was hiding something. And if it was something that he tried his best to hide even from me, it definitely wouldn't be an ordinary matter."

Yun Che held his breath as he listened to the tale. He did not dare to interrupt and Shen Xi and He Ling were also quietly listening as well.

"There was a day that royal father went abroad. So I stole into his God Emperor Palace, and discovered a bundle of jade strips which radiated an extremely ancient aura, and what was carved on those strips was the method to execute a sort of 'blood sacrifice'."

"What method of blood sacrifice?" Yun Che could not help but ask.

Shen's Xi's crescent brows faintly twitched at the mention of those words. But unlike Yun Che, what formed in her head was a slight and dull suspicion.

"It involved sacrificing the entirety of a Star God, including his flesh, his power, his soul and the divine power within, so it could be combined with another Star God! Moreover, once this succeeded, the Star God divine power would combine with the other Star God divine power and undergo a unique change, thus making it very likely for the Star God who received the power to break through the limits and step across that obstructions that basically could not be passed before... reaching the legendary Way of the True Gods."

"This method of blood sacrifice cannot be realized by just using any of the Star Gods. It also requires an incomparably strict and stringent 'compatibility'. Moreover, in order to reach that level of compatibility, the Star God that is to be sacrificed must be the direct kin of the person who is receiving the sacrifice, and the sacrificed Star God must also be within one generation of the person who is receiving their power."

"That is also to say one's birth parents, one's brothers and sisters from the same father and mother, and... one's very own children by blood!"

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It was as if millions of lightning bolts had exploded in his brain at the same time. Yun Che's entire body shook fiercely, his eyes widened and his face instantly turned as pale white as wax paper... Even though Xisu had not finished recounting his tale, he already understood, he understood it completely.

Jasmine... She was the Star God Emperor's daughter by blood...

The reason why they had opened the Absolute Star Soul Barrier was because of the "blood sacrifice" that Xisu had been talking about, and the sacrifice... was Jasmine herself!

"Ah... Master!" He Ling hurriedly ran forward to support Yun Che, whose entire body was shaking so fiercely that he had nearly fallen to the ground.

"I took this bundle of jade strips and looked for royal father to ask him about this matter. Royal father did not try to quibble or answer my queries with sophistry. He directly told me that he was going to carry out the blood sacrifice ceremony written in these jade strips. The reason why he was gathering a large amount of divine jade was in order to conduct this ceremony. The time for the ceremony came once every one hundred years and the day the ceremony was to be held was also the 'Day of Rippling Stars', the time when the power of the Star Gods reaches their apex. And I, the only one amongst his sons and daughters to inherit the divine power of a Star God, was to be a sacrifice in this ceremony... He told me that all of this was for the future of the Star God Realm, and that as his son and as a Star God, I had the duty to sacrifice myself, and that this would even be the greatest moment of glory in my entire life."

Yun Che's two hands balled into tight fists, his entire body was drenched by the cold sweat that continued to pour out of him... Shen Xi eyed him from the side, shocked that he would actually have such a large reaction.

Him and the Heavenly Slaughter Star God...

"Heh heh heh, HAHAHAHAHA..." Xisu's lingering spirit let out a howl of laughter, "How utterly absurd, how utterly ridiculous. I was willing to give everything for the sake of the Star God Realm, even my very life. But how could it be due to such an utterly ridiculous and absurd method, a method that goes against all the laws of heaven and society... Furthermore, all for the mere sake of a 'possibility' at that!"

"I resisted mightily, I told him that I would never ever obey, and I even thought of fleeing far away from the Star God Realm before the Day of the Rippling Stars. Even if that meant betraying my ancestors and my realm, and having to live like a fugitive for my entire life... But, just two months later, I returned from one of my expeditions only to discover that... Jasmine had actually inherited the divine power of the Heavenly Slaughter Star God..."

Being able to obtain the recognition of a Star God's power and being compatible with it was an unsurpassed moment of honor and glory in the Star God Realm. Before all of this had happened, he would have gone mad with joy upon hearing such news... But that day had nearly been the most painful and despair-filled one of his entire life.

And now that he recalled it, his voice was still filled with unbearable pain.

"I gave up on resisting and I never thought about running away again. I just quietly waited for the day I would become a sacrifice. It's just that... I was not able to protect my own life..."

When it was just him alone, he could still run away, but now that Jasmine had also become a Star God, if he ran away, then Jasmine would simply become his replacement.

And if he chose to flee together with Jasmine, then he would implicate Jasmine in his betrayal of the Star God Realm... Furthermore, betraying one's ancestors and one's realm was the most contemptible and heavy sin in the entire world. Even if they were the Star God Emperor's own children, they would have to live forever under the dark shadow of the Star God Realm, they would always have been pursued, never being able to even dream of living a peaceful and quiet life.

So if he obediently became a sacrifice, then Jasmine would have a lifetime of peace and safety, she would be the Heavenly Slaughter Star God and the princess of the Star God Realm that no one could afford to anger... This was his choice and he had not hesitated one bit.

But before he could wait until the day he become a sacrifice, he had died because of Qianye Ying'er... or more accurately speaking, he had died for Qianye Ying'er.

"Before I died, I told Jasmine everything... I told her to flee... flee for her very life... the further she fled the better... But... why did she... She clearly could have run away, she inherited the Heavenly Slaughter divine power after all..."

"She did escape..." Yun Che's body continued to tremble. He said in a soft voice, "But after that she went back... Because... she made... the exact same choice you made..."

Xisu's remnant spirit: "???"

"Do you know... who the present Heavenly Wolf Star God is?" Yun Che's hands were clenched extremely tightly as every joint in his fingers steadily turned white, "Cai... zhi."

Xisu's spirit looked as if it had been swept up in a violent squall as it fiercely twisted and shook.

"Heh heh... Heh heh heh... HAHAHAHAHAHA..." He started laughing uproariously, a laughter that was incomparably wild and unrestrained, yet also incomparably mournful at the same time, "This goddamned heaven... this goddamned heaven, ah.... HAHAHA... HAHAHAHAHAHAHA..."

Chapter 1326 - Determination

The Star God Emperor had three children who were all able to obtain the legacy of a Star God's divine power... Furthermore, in the history of the Star God Realm, there had never even been two siblings who were able to accomplish that feat, much less three. This should have been a miracle that was worthy of being recorded forever in the annals of the Star God Realm, yet it had created the tragic destiny of the three siblings, Xisu, Jasmine and Caizhi.

All because of a blood sacrifice ceremony that only existed in writing, a ceremony that no one knew was real or fake, and even worse, a ceremony that was not even guaranteed to succeed.

Xisu's wild laughter was hoarse and filled with despair... Yun Che's face had gone ghastly white and his entire body felt limp and numb. His heart was thumping intensely inside his chest and his breathing was heavy and rough. This situation startled He Ling so badly that her face had also turned white.

He finally understood why Jasmine's expression had changed so much back in the Profound Sky Continent when she had heard from Moonflower that Caizhi had become the new Heavenly Wolf Star God, and why she had chosen to follow her back to the Star God Realm. He also finally understood why she had severed all ties with him an incredibly determined and merciless fashion, and had even said the words "we no longer owe each other anything" and "we will never see each other again"...

He finally understood why Jasmine had refused to come out and see him no matter what on that day in the Eternal Heaven God Realm. Furthermore, every word she said was so merciless that they bored holes in his heart as she tried her best to chase him away...

He finally understood why Jasmine had been so overbearing when she had forcefully betrothed Caizhi to him during his time in the Star God Realm... She had been entrusting him to Caizhi and she had also been entrusting Caizhi to him...

He finally understood why Jasmine had not chosen to return to the Star God Realm after acquiring the Evil God's blood and fleeing the Southern Divine Region. Instead she had chosen to escape towards the far-distant lower realms...

After her body had been reconstituted in the Profound Sky Continent, she did not immediately return to the "world where she had been born". Instead, she said that she would continue keeping him company for the next thirty years... So it was actually because she had not intended to return in the first place, and those so-called "thirty years" were no more than her being a tsundere. If she had not been discovered, she would have accompanied him for the rest of their lives...

Before he left the Star God Realm, she was suddenly so adamant about him entering the Eternal Heaven Pearl. As it turned out, the reason for this was to make him avoid the day where she was going to be sacrificed, and she also wanted to use that three thousand years of emptiness to dull the emotions he had for her...

Haha... How could that be possible... I chased you all the way to God Realm. Even if I experienced countless life or death situations, even if I had to suffer the torture inflicted upon me by the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark, even if I was never able to return... I did not experience even an instance of regret, so how could that dull my feelings towards you...

Don't mention three thousand years, it would still be absolutely impossible even after thirty thousand years or three million years at that...

Just like the Star God blood that you left in my body, there is no way my feelings for you will ever disappear or be extinguished.

During the short amount of time he had spent with Jasmine in the God Realm, he had clearly sensed something abnormal in her behavior... At the very least, he knew that she was hiding something very important, something that she had no choice but to do, from him. He had not pursued the matter, but at the same time, he had never thought that it would actually involve her very life...

Because his Jasmine was the Heavenly Slaughter Star God! She was so strong, and even though she was not the strongest Star God, she was the Star God who possessed the greatest speed, the greatest ability to hide, and the greatest ability to run away. Even when her body had been afflicted with a deadly poison all those years ago, even the strongest star realm in the Southern Divine Region, the Southern Sea God Realm, had not been able to catch her...

Besides, she was also the daughter of the Star God Emperor, the eldest princess of the Star God Realm, who could even begin to threaten her life?

So he had never even dreamed that it would be this kind of reason or this kind of result...

"Big Brother Xisu," Yun Che was trying his best to maintain his composure, but the moment he spoke, every single word was accompanied by the chattering of teeth, "Is there any way... that we can save her?"

"Save her... Just how are we supposed to save her!? How are we supposed to save her!?" The voice of Xisu's spirit was faint and weak but it sounded completely crazed, "The Absolute Star Soul Barrier has already been opened. Besides the Twelve Star Gods who possess the Star God blood, no other living creature or existence will be able to enter or exit that place. So no one can stop it... no one can save her... No one!!"

"..." Yun Che vigorously shook his head before speaking in a lifeless voice, "It won't happen... Perhaps the Star God Realm opened up the Absolute Star Soul Barrier for another reason... After all, he is still Jasmine's father... he won't... Perhaps it's all fake..."

Amidst the huge shock and impact he was experiencing, he had become completely dispirited and was at a loss as to what to do. The only thing he could do was forcibly console himself.

"Father? Is he even fit to be... is he even fit to be... Uaahhh... ahhhhh!!!"

With a light ring, Xisu's spirit suddenly was ripped apart after the distortions that had wracked its frame became too intense. After that, it swiftly dissipated, disappearing from the face of this world.

"Big Brother Xisu!" Yun Che fearfully and hurriedly rushed forward and the hand that he had subconsciously stretched out was only able to grab the last remaining bits of spirit that were swiftly dissolving into nothingness.

Xisu had left behind this small trace of his soul in hopes that he would be able to personally see Jasmine escape the Star God Realm, because that had been his greatest worry before he fell. If he could see a safe Jasmine before the Day of the Rippling Stars arrived, then he would be able to truly pass on in peace.

But he never thought that his last bit of consciousness and will would have to endure a pain and despair that was even deeper than the pain and despair he had endured on his dying day, causing the Heavenly Wolf Star God who had mightily shaken the entire God Realm to cackle and scream like an evil spirit.

"Why did it turn out like this... Why did it... turn out... like this..." Yun Che's entire body had gone cold, his right hand had grabbed his head and his stretched out and bent fingers looked as if they were going to crush his own skull.

"Master, what's... what's wrong with you?" He Ling had been so frightened that her face had also turned a ghastly white, and she was now feeling a shocking cold course through the hands that she was using to support Yun Che.

Shen Xi had already understood many things from looking at Yun Che's reaction. She had previously guessed that Yun Che's Evil God powers had come from the Heavenly Slaughter Star God and it was also highly likely that the Heavenly Slaughter Star God had been his master in the profound way. At this moment, it looked like the relationship between these two people was far from ordinary, and the Heavenly Slaughter Star God had definitely been by his side during all those years that she had been missing.

"Yun Che, things have already gone so far that it is no longer possible to change anything," Shen Xi said. "To think that a powerful Star God would also meet a fate such as this. If you don't want such a thing to ever happen again, the only thing you can do is to become even stronger, strong enough that you can change everything."

To think that the power of a Star God could combine with the power of another Star God as long as a certain "compatibility" was present. This was a strange piece of news that had definitely shattered all known knowledge in the God Realm, and even if it was spread it would be rather hard to believe. But Shen Xi knew that this was likely true.

Because she had heard of a similar rumor... and she had heard it during a long gone era in the distant past.

It was just that not a single Star God in any of the eras had ever truly done this before, because this fusion of powers required the sacrifice of one's own flesh and blood as a price. It was something that went against human nature, something that went against the laws of heaven and society. She had also never thought that this record would actually remain to this day and that it would actually be put to the test.

It was as if Shen Xi's comforting words had some effect as the shuddering which wracked Yun Che's body calmed down bit by bit, and the hand that fiercely grabbed his own scalp began to loosen its grip

as well... It was just that the ice-cold sensation that was coursing through He Ling's hands had become even more bone-piercing.

When he had managed to stand up straight again, even his breathing had become exceptionally calm and steady. Cold light congealed in his eyes and a light flashed in the air above. After that, the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace, that was bathed in moonlight, appeared as it broke through space.

Yun Che's actions caused Shen Xi's beautiful eyes to move intensely as she stretched out a hand as swift as lightning to grab hold of Yun Che, "What are you planning on doing?"

"I am going to the Star God Realm," Yun Che replied, although trembling could be heard in that ice-cold voice.

"...Do you even know what you are saying?" The hand which Shen Xi used to grab Yun Che suddenly gripped much tighter.

"I must go! I must go no matter what!" Yun Che's voice was completely hoarse but every word that he said carried with it a an icy-cold resoluteness that pierced the bone.

Shen Xi's figure blurred and she blocked his path forward, "That is the Star God Realm! What can you do even if you go? Can you even save her!?"

"Even if I can't save her, I still have to go!!" Yun Che yelled in a hoarse voice.

"Yun Che!" Shen Xi's voice, which was always as graceful and soft as a cloud, grew severe at this moment, "Calm down right now! Even though the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace is the fastest profound warship in the universe, it will still take several days for you to reach the Star God Realm even if it goes at its maximum speed! By that time... the 'ceremony' would have long been over!"

"No, it won't," Yun Che said as he shook his head. "Just now, Xisu's spirit said that the ceremony would only take place on the Day of the Rippling Stars, so he set the time for his spirit to be revived to 'before the Day of the Rippling Stars arrived', this meana that the Day of the Rippling Stars has not come yet! The Star God Realm opened up the Absolute Star Soul Barrier in order to make preparations. They have not started the ceremony yet... I'll make it in time... I'll definitely make it in time!"

He had clearly said such deranged and dispirited words that made no sense at all, but his brain was so clear and awake that it was frightening.

"Even if you can truly make it, what difference will it make? No one can break through the Absolute Star Soul Barrier, even the Dragon Monarch would not be able to!"

"I can! Xisu said that only the Twelve Star Gods who possessed the Star God blood could enter and exit the Absolute Star Soul Barrier. And I just so happen to possess the Star God blood that she has given me within my body. Perhaps... No! I can definitely enter! I definitely can!!"

Shen Xi, "..."

"Don't stop me!!" Yun Che's hands were balled into tight fists as he sought to escape from Shen Xi's obstruction.

Shen Xi's eyes flashed and her arm lightly moved. Immediately, a white light engulfed Yun Che. This cluster of white light was exceptionally pure and thin, yet it made Yun Che feel as if an infinitely huge mountain was pressing down on him. Every single part of his body was firmly restrained and he could not move even a single muscle.

"You... Let go... Let go of me!" As if he would be able to escape the suppression that was wrought by Shen Xi's powers. His features twisted up impressively as he tried his best to break free and his eyes were swiftly filled with veins of blood, "Let go of me!"

"Let go of... ME!!!"

Following that extremely hoarse roar, large amounts of blood began to flow from the teeth that he had gritted ferociously.

"Mas... Master?" He Ling had clearly been shocked silly and she was left at a complete loss for a long period of time.

"Yun Che!" Shen Xi's voice was soft and gentle but it also pierced one's heart, "Listen well to my words. You are still young and you can be wilful, but you can't be wilful with your own life! I do not know what happened between you and the Heavenly Slaughter Star God, but... you can't save her! Nobody can save her! If you go, you will only be going off to die in vain. Other than that, there won't be any other result!"

"Right... I can't save her... Just how can a piece of trash like myself go and save her..." Yun Che could not move a single inch, but all of the muscles in his body were twisting and contorting, and it was clear that he was still struggling with all of his might, "But you want me to hole up in here and wait for the day of her death... I'd rather die!!"

"LET... GO... OF ME!!"

"Die?" Shen Xi's brows sank, "Does that word come out of your mouth so easily? Do you know how difficult it was to pluck your life from Qianye's evil hands!? Xia Qingyue crossed entire divine regions to bring you here, she knelt down and begged for your sake, yet you would betray and disappoint her in such a manner? There's also Ling'er, she saved your life and even became your poison spirit. Just a few days ago, you personally vowed to her that you would take revenge on the Brahma Monarch God Realm together with her... You have not repaid any of the debt that you owe her, have not fulfilled a single bit of the vow that you made to her, yet you want her to completely die due to your absolutely unreasonable actions!?"

"..." Yun Che's eyes jolted into focus, and the struggles of his body stopped for an instant.

"You can die." Upon observing his reaction, Shen Xi's voice grew gentler, "You can die in the middle of taking revenge for yourself and Ling'er. You can also die protecting other people. You can even die by being assassinated by someone else... But to send yourself to your death despite knowing that you would go just to die in vain... Have you ever thought of the people who painfully wait for your return in the lower realms? Have you ever thought of Ling'er? Have you ever thought of those people who did not hesitate to throw away their lives and dignity just to save your own? Have you ever thought of the Heavenly Slaughter Star God who did not tell you a single bit of the truth in order to stave off your impulsive actions!?"

Yun Che, "…"

"Yun Che, your life is something that I have saved, I will not allow you to spend it so poorly, and in such a meaningless and stupid fashion," Shen Xi said softly. "If you truly want to do right by her, then continue to live on and get stronger, strong enough that you can take back all of her discontent and dignity. You have the power of the Evil God, you will definitely be able to accomplish what others can not in due time! This is what you should do as man, as the person who has inherited the power of the Evil God!"

Yun Che did not speak for a very long time and his aura seemed to have calmed down slightly. Shen Xi thought that he had managed to calm down and her heart relaxed slightly. But at this moment, Yun Che spoke again, his voice deep and slow:

"Shen Xi... this life of mine was indeed saved by you... and what I owe you cannot be counted... But..." His eyes had turned scarlet, as if they had been stained by blood and because his body had struggled far too intensely, cracks were actually starting to spread across his body, "If you stop me today... I will definitely hate you... for the rest of my life!"

Chapter 1327 - Rushing Towards the Star God Realm

"..." Shen Xi's gaze turned towards another direction, and for a moment, she was at a complete loss. Even given all the experience that she had in her life, she was still actually unable to understand why Yun Che would be so determined and resolute.

He clearly knew that he could not save her, he clearly knew that if he went, he would only end up dying in vain. Even if it was someone that important to him, he still should not have behaved in such an unreasonable manner.

"I won't let you go," Shen Xi said with a soft sigh. "You heart has already descended into madness. Please calm yourself down first."

"I am very calm, I am more calm than I have ever been at any point in my life!" Yun Che's voice was growing hoarser each time he spoke and blood flowed freely as it seeped from his gums, "I understand every single thing you are saying, I understand every single word! But you're the one who doesn't understand what exactly she means to me... You will never be able to understand!"

Shen Xi, "..."

"Let me... go... please... let me go... LET ME GO!!!!"

SNAP!!

An incomparably dreadful ripping sound rang out in the air, two extremely shocking and ghastly bloody lines had actually simultaneously split open on Yun Che's arms.

His body had been completely suppressed yet his alarming determination to continue struggling had erupted from within... Shen Xi's beautiful eyes shook intensely. The Yun Che in front of her was like a despairing wild beast which had been locked inside a cage of darkness, a wild beast that was using its own fresh blood and its very life to roar and struggle.

Without Jasmine, Yun Che would merely have been a useless cripple who had been chased out of his own clan, who had received an endless amount of cold stares, and who did not even have the power to

protect his own family members. So was what he felt towards Jasmine gratitude? No it was not... It definitely was not. The feelings he had for Jasmine were very strange and marvelous, they were different from every other woman who had entered his life, and he wasn't able to put those feelings into words. But it was these inexplicable feelings, which bound his heart and soul, that caused him to chase her to the God Realm. It was these feelings that allowed him to go from someone who had not even entered the divine way to the Eastern Divine Region's Conferred God Number One in the short span of three years... All for the sake of meeting her again.

And now, he had heard that she was about to become a sacrifice, that she was about to disappear from this world forever... In that instant, he felt as if his entire world was collapsing around him.

He needed to reach her side, no matter what... Even if he died, even if he lost everything. He was well aware of the fact that these thoughts would be viewed as incorrigibly stupid by anyone else. But, in his life, in his two lives in fact, he had never been as resolute and determined as he was right now.

"Master," He Ling stepped forward and softly sank to her knees in front of Shen Xi, "I beg you... Let him go."

Shen Xi's crescent brows wrinkled slightly, "Ling'er, why are you also being this willful?"

"Because Ling'er understands his feelings." He Ling's eyes were hazy and her voice was filled with distress, "If the person in question was Lin'er, I would definitely go as well... Even if I knew that I couldn't save him, even if I knew that I would only be sending myself to a meaningless death... I would still definitely go."

"..." Shen Xi looked at He Ling before looking at Yun Che as a feeling of "not knowing which course of action to take" welled up inside her... This emotion, that she had not known for a long time, was now winding around her heart.

Just why exactly was he doing this?

Wan Hu... If it was you...

"Let... me... go... Let me go!!"

"Master..."

Yun Che's hoarse yells overlaid He Ling's pleading as they rang in Shen Xi's ears. She turned around, her back facing the two people as she slowly closed her eyes.

"Do you know how to get to the Star God Realm?"

She softly asked, her voice was like a ghostly wind, it was soft and light as cotton.

"..." Yun Che's struggles froze for a moment. He had gone to the Star God Realm but the last time he went, he had arrived there via the Eternal Heaven God Realm's profound teleportation formation. So he did not know where the Star God Realm actually was.

Shen Xi stretched out a hand and as she pointed a finger, a small cluster of white flew out and entered the space between Yun Che's brows. Immediately the location of the Star God Realm was clearly imprinted into Yun Che's soul.

"Your life was saved by me, but... in the end, your destiny is ultimately your own. You are free to do as you desire. I can advise but I don't have any authority to stop you... Since you have made this choice, then go."

Bang!

With a soft pop, the white light surrounding Yun Che disappeared.

The suppression vanished and Yun Che fiercely staggered and nearly fell to the ground. After he found his footing, he did not leave immediately. Instead he stood there with a dumbfounded look on his face as he stared dazedly at Shen Xi's back... and he did so for a very long time.

He slowly walked forward and he lightly hugged Shen Xi from behind after that.

Shen Xi, "..."

"Shen Xi..." Yun Che's breathing was regular as he softly spoke into Shen Xi's ear, "Even though, I could never figure out why you were so good to me... my life is something that you saved, my light profound energy is something that you gave to me, and you even worked hard to reconstruct my mental state, guiding me to change my originally disappointing goals... I know and have sensed all of these things."

"The moment I broke through to the Divine King Realm, I even thought that my own mental and emotional states had gone through a very great change as well."

"But... the moment I heard her name, I knew that in the end I was no more than a disappointing mortal!"

"..." Shen Xi did not say anything but she did not push him away either.

"Even though it definitely sounds like a very childish and ridiculous thing to you... she just so happens to be a person whom I would give everything for, that I would throw all caution to the wind for."

"Your mercy, your expectations, it seems like it is destined for me to let you down in this life. If there is a next life... I will try my best to find you and then I'll be obedient and listen to what you say..."

After that, Yun Che abruptly let go of Shen Xi and rose into the air as he flew into the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace. A beam of dense moonlight exploded outwards in the sky and the Vanishing Moon Celestial palace transformed into a streaking trail of starlight as it vanished into the distant horizon.

"Master..." He Ling softly cried and before she could even say her goodbyes she had already transformed into an emerald-green ray of light as she vanished from behind Shen Xi and returned to the Sky Poison Pearl.

A long period of time passed before Shen Xi finally turned around. She stretched a jade finger and lightly traced the air, constructing a high-level sound transmission profound formation.

"Do me a favor... Yun Che is presently rushing over to the Star God Realm. No matter what happens, I request that you protect his..."

Shen Xi's voice came to a sudden halt and after several breaths of heavy silence, her hand slowly lowered and the sound transmission profound formation vanished into thin air as well.

"It's fine..." Shen Xi raised her head, endless disappointment and frustration filling her beautiful eyes. What she had originally thought was a gift from heaven had actually come to such a premature end in such a short period of time.

"Could this also be the will of heaven?"

The Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace maintained its top speed as it shot towards the far-away Eastern Divine Region. As one of the best profound warships in the universe, its speed was something that even Qianye had difficulty keeping up with, but Yun Che still felt it was moving too slow.

"Yun Che, in the end you and I are master and disciple... If you still respect me as your master, then promise me the last thing... I want you to immediately swear to never step into the Realm of the Gods!"

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"Even if you do enter the Realm of the Gods, you will not be able to find me anyways... and if by any chance, you are able to find me... I will still definitely not meet you!"

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"From today onwards, I am no longer your master. All our ties have been severed and we don't owe each other anything!"

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"Whatever I, the Heavenly Slaughter Star God, want to do, when has it ever degenerated to the point where I had to explain myself to a mortal from the lower realms like yourself? I am a distinguished and grand Star God, but I actually came to find you today! That in and of itself is already bestowing upon you great honor! But you not only did not feel deeply grateful, you actually want to try to climb over my head!?"

"I had no choice but to rely on you during those years we spent in the Blue Pole Star... But right now, what are you in front of me? Do you have any qualifications to request to see me? And what qualifications do you possess that I must explain myself to you!?"

"Hurry... up... and scram!!"

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"You... this... moron... this huge moron... Wuuuwuuu... Uwaaahhh..."

"Yun Che, Caizhi. I want the both of you to become husband and wife from this day forth!"

"There has always been a deep abyss in Caizhi's heart. Right now you are Caizhi's husband, so you have the responsibility... to never allow her to ever fall into that deep abyss!"

"Yun Che, three years from now, you must not only protect me, you must protect Caizhi as well... protect her for the rest of her life." "Yun Che, remember well each and every word I have said to you, you're not allowed to forget a single one."

Countless words and emotions chaotically replayed in his head. Her ruthlessness, her determination, her tears, her soft words, the things she had entrusted to him... Each and every one of these things pointed towards that most merciless truth.

He sat on the ground, his body was incessantly rocked by shivers, and the teeth that he gritted together tightly had yet to loosen at any point of time.

"If you don't see her in the next five years, then you can forget about ever seeing her again in this lifetime."

The words the Golden Crow Spirit had told him that year were also the direct reason why he had rushed towards the God Realm... It was clear now that the Golden Crow Spirit had known about what was to happen today a long time ago, perhaps it was Jasmine who had told it, or perhaps it came from his own memories of the primordial era.

The words the Golden Crow Spirit had said, the strange things that Jasmine had said and done, the abnormally intense hatred she held towards her own father, and the act of entrusting Caizhi to him...

I should have realized this a long time ago, I should have realized this a long time ago! Why am I always so naive that I never want to think in that direction...

Jasmine... You said you killed an innumerable number of people and you've always made yourself out to be a bloodthirsty and ruthless person, but I know more than anyone that you have never wantonly or unjustly slaughtered anyone before, despite having inherited the power of the Heavenly Slaughter Star God. In fact, I'd go so far as to say that you do not like to see your hands stained with blood, and you even sternly ordered Caizhi to never casually take another person's life. So all the blood that has stained your hands, when has it ever been for your own sake...

The you who has not been treated kindly by the world has always treated the world around you with kindness... For your big brother, for your mother, for me... and for Caizhi...

Why did you not escape together with Caizhi? Caizhi is so reliant on you that she would definitely be willing to betray the Star God Realm together with you rather than lose you. Even if she would have to live the life of a fugitive, always having to live under someone else's dark shadow... You're clearly clever but why did you have to be so silly when it came to this one thing.

Because of my impulsiveness and disobedience, you have scolded me so many times, yet how are you any different from me in this regard.

Yun Che's hands slowly tightened into fists and in the middle of his right hand was the Void Illusion Stone that Caizhi had given to him.

If he could make it in time, if he had the opportunity to get close to Jasmine, there was a possibility that he could flee together with her... But he was even more clear on just how tiny this hope was. The Star God Realm had not hesitated to open up the Absolute Star Soul Barrier for this ceremony, so they would definitely not allow any accidents to happen.
He Ling's footsteps were silent as she walked over and leaned lightly against Yun Che's side.

Yun Che's gaze turned towards her, "He Ling, I..."

Just as he had started speaking, He Ling interrupted him by giving a light shake of her head, "There's no need to say anything and I want to hear a sorry from you even less. On the day that I became your poison spirit, I told you that no matter what happened in the future, I would not regret it."

Yun Che, "..."

"Lin'er is already dead. I wasn't able to protect him, and I wasn't able to save him. In fact, I wasn't even able to see him for that one last time, so I understand what kind of pain this is," He Ling said softly. "Do not be left with the same regrets that I have, no matter what the ending is, I will accompany you."

"He Ling..." Yun Che muttered softly and he was unable to say anything else for a long period of time. He Ling's existence and words were undoubtedly the greatest companionship and consolation to the current him right now. It was just that he understood that the debt that he owed her would never be able to be repaid in this life.

Chapter 1328 - The Blood Sacrifice Scheme

Eastern Divine Region, Star God Realm.

Under the Absolute Star Soul Barrier, the vast Star God Realm had become completely isolated from the rest of the world. No one could enter or exit.

The atmosphere within the Star God Realm was heavier than it had ever been before. They were all extremely convinced that there was something grand happening in Star God City, yet none of them knew exactly what it was.

Furthermore, there were more Absolute Star Soul Barriers than the two that outsiders could see...

There were actually four!

Besides the ones which surrounded the Star God Realm and Star God City, there were two smaller barriers. One surrounded the figures of scores of people who were sitting down cross-legged, and the smallest was within that small barrier, and it only contained the small and delicate figure of a single girl.

Jasmine!

Her red hair floated freely and the red dress she wore contrasted sharply with her milk-white face, her ice-cold flawlessness containing traces of a beguiling charm.

She quietly sat inside the barrier, her face cold and detached.

This day had finally arrived.

There were forty-six people in that other barrier, and every single one of these forty-six were people who could shake the entire Eastern Divine Region with a single harsh word.

They were nine of the Twelve Star Gods. Besides Moonflower, who had died a horrible death, Jasmine and Caizhi, all of the Star Gods were gathered here today and the rest of the forty-six was made up by all thirty-seven elders of the Star God Realm!

Among these forty-six people, every single one of them had reached a cultivation level of the Divine Master Realm. Every single one of them was a supreme existence within the Eastern Divine Region. They were the true cornerstones of the Star God Realm and if they were to die, it would be equivalent to the death of the Star God Realm itself.

Besides these people, three thousand Star Guards from Star God City had also been gathered as they mindfully stood watch beside that barrier.

They were all guards, but they were guards of the highest level in this world. The status of any single one of these three thousand Star Guards equaled that of a great realm king from a middle star realm! It was the same when it came to their strength, if one desired to become a Star Guard, one must first become a Divine Sovereign!

If one to were regard the Star Guards as normal guards, then that would undoubtedly be the biggest joke in the entire Eastern Divine Region.

All the Star Gods, thirty-seven elders, three thousand Star Guards... This was the strongest core force the Star God Realm possessed. It was the foundation that allowed them to stand proudly above most of the Eastern Divine Region for tens of thousands of years. Now, all of them had gathered here today and this was a sight that was extremely rare even in the entire history of the Star God Realm. It was clear that something huge was happening today.

It was a momentous event that concerned the future of the Star God Realm in their eyes.

Within the barrier, the Star God Emperor sat in the center, and the other eight Star Gods and thirtyseven elders were seated around him like stars revolving around a moon.

The occasion was incomparably enormous but the world had become incomparably solemn and quiet. This continued until a certain point in time where all the light between heaven and earth suddenly grew more brilliant. At this moment, the Star Gods, whose eyes had all been closed, opened their eyes simultaneously and without prompting.

"The rippling stars have appeared," the Heavenly Origin Star God Tumi said. "My king, the time has come. The 'God Conferment Ceremony' should begin now."

Those words caused all the Star Gods, elders and Star Guards to look to the side, as all the blood in their bodies started to surge and roil. Following the opening of the Absolute Star Soul Barrier, these three thousand Star Guard also found out what this ceremony was about and what it meant. They knew that the "God Conferment" being spoken about was definitely not the award that the rest of the world knew about, they were talking about a true stepping from the mortal into the divine.

The profound strength of the Star God Emperor had already reached the limits of humanity... the limit that no human had ever managed to break through before. If the combination of a Star God's power with another Star God's power could really cause a transformation that would allow one to break

through those limits... then what lay beyond those limits was very likely to be the legendary Way of the True Gods.

Even if he could come into contact with just a fraction of it, the Star God Emperor would also become the supreme ruler of all under heaven, rising above all other living creatures, and the Star God Realm would also undoubtedly reached a height that they had never seen before.

The Star God Emperor opened both eyes and looked at Jasmine, who was inside the other barrier. He gave a light sigh before saying, "Jasmine, I know you hate me to the very core of your being, and the fact that you hate me is also deserved. After the ceremony, no matter what the result may be, the Star God Realm will forever remember your sacrifice and I will also be forever proud of you."

Jasmine's eyes opened by a fraction, leaking out an icy-cold bloody light, "The Star God Realm will forever remember my sacrifice? Heh... Old villain, sacrificing your very own daughter in order to fulfill your own ambitions. Do you really have the face to leave such a despicable and ugly act in the records of history?"

Those ice-cold words caused an awkward expression to appear on most of the Star Guards as well as quite a number of Star Gods and elders.

No ripples appeared in the Star God Emperor's expression, "From the moment I inherited the position of Star God Emperor, I no longer belonged to myself. All of my thoughts and all of my actions must put the Star God Realm first. Since I became the Star God Emperor, I became unworthy of being a father."

"Now the Moon God Realm has been looking at us like a tiger eyeing its prey. The Brahma Monarch God Realm has always been full of wild ambition, and a bizarre crack has appeared in the east of the Primal Chaos, an unknown danger that could erupt at any moment. If sacrificing one person will allow the Star God Realm to move up a level and make it so that no ones dares to bully or threaten us. Then, even if it is my very own daughter, I also will not hesitate in the slightest. And you, as the..."

"Shut your mouth!" Jasmine coldly rebuked him before he could even finish speaking. Her eyes slanted towards him and an extremely cold and contemptuous smile played across her face, "Now I think I finally understand what it means when they say even though you've lead the life of a whore, you still want a monument to your chastity. Old villain, keep those pretentious and highfalutin words to yourself, I'm afraid that if you continue talking, you'll move yourself to the point where tears might leak out of your eyes!"

Within the barrier, Jasmine raised her hand and pointed it at the Star God Emperor. "I no longer wish to hear any more of your crap, because every single word that comes from your mouth makes me feel sick. You better remember well the things that you've promised me. From now on, you are not to allow Caizhi to come to the slightest bit of harm. Also, hide what happened today for as long as you can. If not, even if I become a ghost, I will also definitely not let you off!"

"Sigh..." After hearing his own daughter curse him with such venom, the Star God Emperor could not help but let out a long sigh, "Don't worry, one can only carry out this kind of ceremony once in their lives. Even though I am not worthy of being a father... in order to make up for what I owe you, I will definitely treat Caizhi kindly for the rest of her life. Even if she comes to hate me just like you do once she discovers everything, I will also definitely not allow anyone to harm a single hair on her head." "Furthermore..." The Star God Emperor said with a faint smile and it seemed to be rather proud smile at that, "Caizhi's compatibility with the Heavenly Wolf's divine power far exceeds that of Xisu's, so in the future, I'm afraid that nobody in this universe will be able to bully her anymore."

"My king," Heavenly Origin Star God Tumi urged, "every instant the Absolute Star Soul Barrier is maintained causes us to incur a great loss. Since the rippling stars have appeared, then we should begin sooner rather than later."

In the Ancient Era, the power of the Star Gods came from the stars that dotted the universe themselves. Even though the level of the Star God power after it had been inherited by humans was completely incomparable to the level of power of the true Star Gods who had existed during the Era of Gods, in the end, it still retained its essence and nature.

Furthermore, the Day of Rippling Stars was the one day every hundred years where the brilliance and origin power of the stars were at their strongest. It was also on this day that the power of the Star Gods was at its strongest, so it was naturally the time when the "ceremony" had the best chance of succeeding.

The Star God Emperor gave a faint nod of his head. The gazes of both him and the Heavenly Origin Star God crossed and a strange light flashed in the depths of both their eyes.

Clang...

With the Star God Emperor at its center, a gigantic profound formation flared to life. Following a gesture made by the Star God Emperor, the light of the barrier that surrounded Jasmine suddenly changed. After a strange change occurred to the Absolute Star Soul Barrier... the profound energy of the nine Star Gods and thirty-seven elders linked and merged together, and an incomparably huge amount of pressure firmly pressed down on Jasmine and locked her in place.

Jasmine's body dramatically sank to the ground. Even as strong as she was, she could not resist this kind of heavy pressure in any way. In fact, even moving her body was exceptionally difficult, much less using any profound energy. The barrier that she was sealed within was no longer the pure Absolute Star Soul Barrier and even though she was a Star God, she would no longer be able to escape it.

However, she did not panic in the slightest, she merely coldly closed her eyes.

It was just that her eyelashes were trembling incessantly.

Yun Che, without me, you still have Caizhi. Remember the vow you made to me, the vow you made to Caizhi... Never ever forget.

Caizhi, without me, you still have Yun Che, you need to be concerned for him, protect him and never ever allow your heart and soul to truly fall into the abyss...

"Big Sister... Big Sister!!"

As she softly mumbled those words in her heart, a panicked and flustered yell suddenly rang out... Jasmine's eyes shot open because that was, shockingly enough, Caizhi's voice.

All the Star Gods, elders and Star Guards instantly looked to the side, their faces filled with shock.

A delicate and colorful figure descended from the sky. Caizhi arrived, and with a glance, she saw the forces arrayed below her, a gathering that was so shocking that it was hard to believe, as well as Jasmine, who was inside her own independent barrier.

"Big Sister!!"

Caizhi fiercely hurtled downwards. Upon seeing this, the Star God Emperor gave a long sigh and said in a powerless voice, "Do not stop her."

BANG!!

Caizhi's body fiercely slammed against the barrier, but she was unable to pass through it. She lay on top of the barrier as she yelled in an extremely frenetic and anxious manner, "Big Sister, what's going on? What exactly are you all doing? Tell me... Hurry up and tell me!!"

"Caizhi..." Jasmine was at a complete loss and she could not explain it either. Her expression was filled with pain and after that she fiercely whirled and looked towards Xing Juekong, "Old villain! You... actually..."

The Star God Emperor bent his head and sighed, "I had originally given her a good enough reason to stay away, so I did not think that she would come back so suddenly... Caizhi has a clever mind and her heart is also closely linked with yours, so perhaps she sensed something? Sigh."

Yet another sigh issued from his lips and this sigh contained a deep helplessness.

Caizhi turned around and due to her huge shock and unease, her face had turned a ghastly white, "You all... What do all of you intend to do to Big Sister? Hurry up and release Big Sister, release Big Sister!!"

"Caizhi, it is hard to explain this matter with a few words," the Star God Emperor said. "Fine, perhaps this is also the will of heaven. Spend some time to have a good talk with Jasmine."

Upon saying that, his hand gestures changed slightly.

The light shining from the barrier disappeared and it turned back into the normal Absolute Star Soul Barrier yet again. Caizhi had originally used all her strength to collide with the barrier, so once the barrier changed, she fell straight in and directly on top of Jasmine's body. She did not even wait to get up to cling to Jasmine as she said in a frightened voice, "Big Sister, what exactly is going on? Hurry up and tell me! Is it that they want to..."

CLANG--

An exceptionally grating clanging sound suddenly rang out and the barrier that had just regained its original form changed yet again. The dreadful oppressive might that came from the nine Star Gods, thirty-seven elders and a countless amount of divine jade descended upon Jasmine and Caizhi, firmly suppressing both of them.

Jasmine grew stunned, and after that her expression abruptly changed as a sense of extremely great unease and fear surged up in her heart, "Old villain! What are you doing!? Hurry up and let Caizhi out!!"

All the Star Gods, elders and Star Guards were also completely shocked by this, and none of them understood what was happening. Only the Star God Emperor and the Heavenly Origin Star God had a

weird light gleaming in their eyes. The Heavenly Origin Star God Tumi let out a light breath before saying, "As such, the key requirements of the 'ceremony' have been met and the God Conferment Ceremony of our king is finally about to truly begin."

The atmosphere in Star God City changed slightly and all the Star Guards were looking at one another. Within the barrier, upon hearing the Heavenly Origin Star God's words, Jasmine's eyes suddenly went dark, as the fear and unease in her heart erupted like millions of lightning bolts exploding in the sky, causing all of the blood in her body to crazily rush to her head in a single instant...

"Old... Villain... You... You!!!"

Those short four words contained an extremely deep pain and hatred... as if she had suddenly realized something.

Caizhi still remained on top of Jasmine and she had been so suppressed that she could not even move, her pale white face filled with fear and shock.

"My king, what exactly is going on?" The Heavenly Aster Star God Shenhu asked with furrowed brows.

The other Star Gods and elders also turned their eyes towards the Star God Emperor. The scene that was unfolding in front of them was completely different from what they expected.

"Heh heh," the Heavenly Origin Star God Tumi gave a bland chuckle. "My king, allow this old one to explain this matter. The ceremony is being powered by all of you and the two royal highnesses are also going to sacrifice themselves for the future of the Star God Realm. So they have the right to know everything as well."

"..." The Star God Emperor gave a faint nod of his head.

Heavenly Origin Star God Tumi did not look towards Jasmine because he knew that she would definitely be looking at him with a gaze filled with hate, a gaze that told him that she hated that she could not grind his bones to dust. Instead he started speaking in an extremely calm voice, "As all of you know, the power of the ancestral Star Gods came from the Star God bloodlines and the 'Star God Divine Canon' left behind from the Era of Gods. And in a part of that Star God Divine Canon, there was a page that had been sealed. It was the seal left behind by a True God. So naturally, no mortal man could hope to break it. As a result, we have never been able to figure out what was recorded on that page."

"But no matter how strong a seal is, it will also gradually begin to erode with the passing of time. So in our king's era, the seal was finally broken. Furthermore, the page that was sealed in the Divine Canon recorded a blood sacrifice technique that would allow the power of the Star Gods to combine.

The reason why this page had been sealed was clearly because this blood sacrifice technique was far too cruel and heartless. It went against the laws of heaven and society, so the person who sealed it had not desired their descendents to know about it, and desired even less for their descendents to use it... But this was something that the Heavenly Origin Star God naturally would not bring up.

"The blood sacrifice technique said that the power of a Star God could be combined with another Star God via this technique, causing a transformation to occur in that power. Furthermore, to achieve this combination, the sacrificed Star God and the Star God who is receiving the sacrifice must be blood relatives within one generation of each other. That is also to say one's own birth parents, siblings and children. Furthermore..."

"If you sacrifice one Star God, a success would mean that one's power would increase. But if one wanted to achieve a 'transformation' that would allow one to break through the limits, then the number of sacrifices..."

"Needs to be two Star Gods!!"

"What!?" All of the Star Gods and elders' expressions changed slightly. As incredibly strong and mighty Divine Masters, now that it had come to this, how could they still not understand what was going on.

Crk... Crk... Jasmine's teeth ground together so hard that it was if she wanted them to break as her entire body shuddered. Caizhi had also fallen into a complete stupor as if she had been caught in some sort of nightmare.

"For three relatives within a generation of each other to become Star Gods was something unprecedented in the entire history of the Star God Realm. As a result, our king had never even given this method a thought at that time. Even after His Highness Xisu inherited the Heavenly Wolf Star God's powers, our king still did not think of combining His Highness Xisu's divine powers with his own. After all, it was merely a pure increase in strength, so it definitely wasn't comparable to the might of two Star God powers."

"But on that day twenty years ago, the Heavenly Slaughter divine power that had slumbered for a very long time suddenly reacted to Her Highness Jasmine, this meant that Her Highness Jasmine had the qualifications to inherit the Heavenly Slaughter divine powers and become the Heavenly Slaughter Star God. As such, our king would have two children who had become Star Gods."

After that the Heavenly Origin Star God Tumi raised his head with a sigh and continued, "If he could combine the Star God divine power of the two Highnesses Xisu and Jasmine, then our king would possibly be able to touch the Way of the True Gods. And from then on, he would replace the Dragon Monarch as the supreme ruler of heaven and earth, and no one would dare to bully or threaten us anymore."

"This was a destiny gifted to us by the heavens! It was a blessing upon our king and also a blessing upon our Star God Realm!"

"But, this matter could not be accomplished by the will of our king alone, if their Highnesses Xisu and Jasmine were unwilling, it would be hard to accomplish. If our king attempted to coerce them, the two Highnesses would definitely resist him and they might even forever leave the Star God Realm. And if one were to carry it out behind the scenes, then just the huge amount of preparation alone would be easily detected by his Highness Xisu."

"As a result, this old one presented a suggestion to our king. We would temporarily conceal the fact that the Heavenly Slaughter divine power had reacted to her Highness Jasmine. After that we would act the opposite way and allow his Highness Xisu to personally discover the existence of this 'blood sacrifice technique'."

Chapter 1329 - The Blood Sacrifice Begins

Heavenly Origin Star God Tumi's beard and hair had already turned white, but that pair of clearly ancient eyes shone with a dreadful intelligence.

"The rumors that stated that the Star God Realm was preparing for a 'True God Ceremony' had been spread on the instructions of this old one. Upon hearing it, one would immediately know that it was a bunch of nonsense, but his Highness Xisu had grown up alongside this old one, so I knew that he had always been a cautious and prudent person who did not leave anything to chance. This coupled with the fact that the Star God Realm had suddenly started to gather a large amount of profound crystals and divine jade caused His Highness to behave as this old one expected, and he went to our king to ask him about this matter."

"Our king naturally denied it, but at the same time, he also left behind a telling opening with his eyes for just one instant. Other people would not notice this opening that only lasted a mere instant, but given his Highness Xisu's keen and sharp senses, he would definitely catch it."

Tumi was a Star God, but he was also an imperial tutor. Moreover, he had not only been the tutor of the Star God Emperor himself, he had also guided Xisu, before he became a Star God, and Jasmine, when she was still a child. So one could say that he had a deep understanding of the temperament and personality of Xisu and Jasmine.

He had also lived the longest out of all the current Star Gods, so his understanding and knowledge of the Star God Realm and all the Star Gods far exceeded even that of the Star God Emperor. Having lived through more than tens of thousands of years, and possessing the experience and shrewdness that came with that, allowed him to become a sage whom everyone in the Star God Realm respected, an existence who was second only to the Star God Emperor. Furthermore, his loyalty and dedication to the Star God Realm had never ever changed.

Even though they were sacrificing two great Star Gods, and these Star Gods were the two of the Star God Emperor's very own daughters, if it was good for the future of the Star God Realm, even if it was rather heartless... even if it was inhuman and barbarous, he would not hesitate in the slightest. Even if the Star God Emperor were unwilling, he would still advise and attempt to affect these things.

"After that, due to the suspicions that still burdened his heart, his Highness Xisu infiltrated the God Emperor Palace when our king went abroad and discovered a bundle of jade strips. The 'blood sacrifice technique' was carved on these jade strips. Furthermore, these jade strips had not come from the Star God Divine Canon, they had actually been crafted by our king and this old one from a piece of primordial precious jade which possessed an extremely heavy aura of ancientness. The blood sacrifice technique carved on it was basically the same as the one recorded in the Divine Canon, and the only difference was that the number of sacrifices in the one found in the jade strips only called for one 'sacrifice'. Furthermore, it also emphasized that this blood sacrifice technique could only be used by a Star God once in his life."

"Tu... Mi... You... Old... Villain!!

Jasmine's hand clenched tightly as blood flowed through the gaps of her fingers. When she had been young, she had treated Tumi with the utmost respect and reverence, and she had even thought that he was the gentlest and wisest senior in the entire universe. But afterwards, when Xisu told her the "truth" before he died, her impression of Tumi had immediately and completely been flipped on its head...

Because the one who had taken the opportunity to guide her towards becoming the Heavenly Slaughter Star God when Xisu was away had been Tumi.

When she returned to the Star God Realm, she discovered that the one who had guided Caizhi into becoming the Heavenly Wolf Star God had also been him.

But at this moment, her hatred towards Tumi explosively multiplied a thousandfold. It was only today, at this very moment, that she discovered that she had always been living within the web that Tumi and the Star God Emperor had woven for them... Furthermore, Xisu had not known anything even in death, and the "truth" that was known to him had basically been a despicable scheme.

If she had not been firmly suppressed within that barrier, her killing intent would have definitely filled the sky and she would have done everything she could to take his life.

Not a single ripple appeared on Tumi's face as he continued speaking, "When his Highness Xisu took that bundle of jade strips and went to speak to our king, our king admitted to him and directly told His Highness that he was to become a sacrifice."

"Even though sacrificing yourself for the Star God Emperor should be a glorious move for the son of the god emperor, just as we had expected, his Highness Xisu was extremely opposed... Several months later, when his Highness Xisu had left the realm, this old one guided Her Highness Jasmine to complete the inheritance ceremony for the Heavenly Slaughter divine power."

"His Highness Xisu and Her Highness Jasmine shared a close bond. Upon finding out that Her Highness Jasmine had become a Star God, his Highness Xisu gave up all thoughts of resisting and became willing to sacrifice himself for the future of the Star God Realm, combining his own divine power with our king's."

The surroundings had fallen completely silent. Shock filled the hearts of all who were present... and they even felt like it was hard to breathe.

Now that it had come to this, how could they not understand everything.

If Jasmine had not become the Heavenly Slaughter Star God, then given Xisu's personality, he would definitely not be willing or content to become a sacrifice. But if he knew that the ceremony called for two Star Gods to be used as sacrifice, then after Jasmine had become the Heavenly Slaughter Star God, he would definitely not have hesitated to flee the Star God Realm with Jasmine.

But the truth that he had ferreted out was that the ceremony only required "one" Star God who was connected by blood to be the sacrifice. Moreover, this ceremony was also something that could only be used once in a person's life.

If Xisu had been a selfish and heartless person, then he could have pushed Jasmine to be the sacrifice to protect himself. Even if the Star God Realm did not agree, he could also leave the Star God Realm and make it so that Jasmine had no choice but to become the sacrifice.

Even if that was not the case, he could still flee the Star God Realm with Jasmine.

It was just that besides the Star God Emperor and Tumi, everyone who understood Xisu knew that he absolutely would not do this.

Xisu had regarded the relationships with his family with utmost importance. This was especially true in the wake of his mother's death, the him who was wracked by grief and self-recrimination had loved and protected Jasmine and Caizhi to the extreme, he definitely would not escape and allow Jasmine to become a sacrifice.

Even if he fled together with Jasmine, it would cause Jasmine to become a traitor Star God in the eyes of the Star God Realm, and she would live her entire life being chased by the Star God Realm. Furthermore, Caizhi would be left all alone with no one to care for her, and it would the same as abandoning her all over again.

Thus, he chose not to struggle anymore and decided not to flee and protect Jasmine and Caizhi the best that he could... No one was at all surprised by this.

Moreover, Xisu had sensed, discovered, and understood everything he knew about the blood sacrifice ceremony by himself. There was no instance where someone had come to tell him something about it, so no matter what happened, it was not possible for him to come to the conclusion that this was a trap that had been set up by the Star God Emperor and Tumi... Furthermore, it was a trap that had targeted the most pure and kind aspect of his personality.

It had not only been limited to Xisu, the "blood sacrifice ceremony" discovered by the other Star Gods had been entirely identical to the one Xisu had found out about. The only two people who had truly known everything from start to finish had been Tumi and the Star God Emperor.

One could say that in order to keep both Xisu and Jasmine as sacrifices, the Star God Emperor and Tumi had "thought things through very carefully". They had not only tricked Xisu and Jasmine with this scheme, they had also tricked everyone in the Star God Realm.

"But after this, his Highness Xisu met with unexpected misfortune and he lost his life after returning from the God Realm of Absolute Beginning. Not long after that, Her Highness Jasmine quietly left the Star God Realm and then news came to us that she had been struck by an incurable devilish poison in the Southern Divine Region and we received no further news after that..."

"Sigh," Tumi said with a long sigh, "we had originally thought that the ceremony we had prepared for the longest time was destined to never truly begin. But the heavens took pity on us and the Heavenly Wolf divine power that had only slumbered for a few years suddenly reacted once more, and in the end, it was discovered that Caizhi had such a perfect compatibility with it that it was inconceivable. Following that, the news of Her Highness Jasmine still being in the world of the living also reached our ears. After Her Highness Caizhi had successfully inherited the Heavenly Wolf divine power, Her Highness Jasmine had also returned with Moonflower... It looked like in the end, the heavens still cared for our king, still cared for the Star God Realm. Our king actually had three children who had inherited the Star God divine power, and the ceremony that would definitely change the destiny of our Star God Realm has today finally come to fruition."

Xisu had been willing to become a sacrifice for the sake of Jasmine and Caizhi.

Jasmine had been willing to return to the Star God Realm and become a sacrifice for the sake of Caizhi.

But the Star God Emperor had not only not hesitated to use them as sacrifices for a chance to touch the Way of the True Gods, he had even used the importance and regard they had placed on their familial

bonds to manipulate them... It was clear that the bonds of blood between all these people were extremely close, yet there was such a huge difference between him and his children.

There were quite a few people among the Star Gods, elders, and Star Guards whose expressions had clearly changed upon hearing this.

Caizhi had been struck completely dumb. She was the only one amongst the Star Gods who had completely been in the dark about the "blood sacrifice technique" from start to finish. The Star God Emperor would not let her know and it was even less likely for Jasmine to want to tell her. Today, she finally found out, and she discovered the most terrible and cruel truth... She finally understood why Jasmine had acted so weirdly over the past few years, she had finally understood why Jasmine had told her that inheriting the Heavenly Wolf divine power had been the biggest mistake in her life after she had returned to the Star God Realm....

She finally understood why Jasmine hated the Star God Emperor so vigorously.

It was just that the moment she had found out about everything, she and Jasmine had already fallen into a cage that had been prepared for them, and they were completely powerless to resist.

"Big Sister... Big Sister..." Her eyes had lost their color as she muttered in a painful voice, "It was me... It was me who harmed you... If I had never inherited the Heavenly Wolf divine power... It was me... I was the one who harmed Big Sister..."

Jasmine shook her head and tightly gripped Caizhi's ice-cold hands as she glared furiously at the Star God Emperor. When she spoke, each word contained enough hatred to blot out the sky, "Old villain Xing! Even though you are completely void of humanity, at the very least, I... still believed that you would treat Caizhi kindly... You... You... are destined to die a dog's death!"

She did not plead with him or threaten him to release Caizhi. The Star God Emperor had methodically schemed and plotted to reach this point for such a long time, so there was no way that he would give up now.

To be so hated and resented by one's own daughter should have caused him great sorrow as a father, but the Star God Emperor's expression did not change in the slightest, and his heart was not the least bit shaken or stirred up by those words. Instead, he gave a sigh as he said, "If you want to hate me, then hate me. Since I am the king of the Star God Realm, there is nothing I will not sacrifice for the sake of the Star God Realm. Even if I am resented and hated by my own children, even if the people of the world curse and spit on my name, I will still not have any regrets!"

He raised his head, his gaze sweeping over the entire venue, "Now that the essential factors are all in place, the ceremony can finally begin. But the moment this ceremony starts, the power of all the people here will be completely linked to this formation, so you will not be able to take it out and you will also not be able to forcibly interrupt it midway. Have you all already made the appropriate preparations?"

"My king..." Heavenly Jade Star God Aster said involuntarily... As she and Heavenly Demon Star God Rose were twins who were extremely close to one another, the truth that had shockingly been revealed today had undoubtedly caused intense ripples, and an unbearable feeling, to spread in her heart.

The Star God Emperor looked to the side, "What is it?"

"..." The moment those words left her mouth, Heavenly Jade Star God Aster had immediately regretted them. Instead, she closed her eyes and shook her head in the end, "It's nothing, I ask that my king begin."

"Wait a moment." This time the person who spoke had been Heavenly Origin Star God Tumi, "My king, the moment the ceremony starts, we will have no way to divide our attention or our power. In order to prepare against the possibility of any accident happening, we should leave behind an elder to cover all our bases."

"There's no need," the Star God Emperor said. "Outside, there is the Absolute Star Soul Barrier barring all entry. Inside, there are three thousand Star Guards stationed in this place, so there definitely won't be any accidents. But if we lose one degree of power in this ceremony, it will also decrease the possibility of this ceremony succeeding by one degree."

The Heavenly Origin Star God persisted, "Even though outsiders are not able to enter, we need to defend against the possibility of any rebellion occuring within the ranks of those three thousand Star Guards. There is no such thing as a truly foolproof and surefire plan in this universe. No matter how assured the situation is, it is always best to leave behind a card that can be played so that we can cover all of our bases."

The Heavenly Origin Star God had said similar words to the Star God Emperor many times when he had taught him as a boy.

This time, the Star God Emperor did not reject the notion. After a brief period of consideration, he gave faint nod and said, "You're right."

"Mingzi, leave the formation and keep guard. Eliminate every possible accident."

"Yes."

Following that deep and calm reply, a tall and skinny figure pulled his strength from the blood sacrifice profound formation and stood up.

Xing Mingzi was the thirty-seventh elder of the Star God Realm. He had reached the Divine Master Realm three hundred years ago and had become the newest elder of the Star God Realm.

Xing Mingzi left the formation. Following that, the Star God Emperor's eyes changed and the huge profound formation below them suddenly shone with brilliant starlight. Nine great Star Gods and thirtysix elders of the Star God Realm, the divine aura and power of forty-five Divine Masters were completely linked and combined in this instant as it formed two powerful currents of energy. One of these currents engulfed the Star God Emperor's body while the other current engulfed the barrier where Jasmine and Caizhi had been trapped.

It was at this moment that the blood sacrifice ceremony had truly begun, it was also at this moment that Jasmine and Caizhi's fate had been fixed and it was no longer possible to change it.

Chapter 1330 - Breaking Through the Barrier At All Costs

The Eastern Divine Region, outside the Star God Realm.

The Brahma Heaven God Emperor and the Eternal Heaven God Emperor, the two people who possessed the highest status and power in the vast Eastern Divine Region, were presently standing at the borders of the Star God Realm. As they looked at the Absolute Star Soul Barrier, the expressions on the two great god emperor's faces were not calm at all.

Even though the Absolute Star Soul Barrier had been opened, the dimensional profound formations which connected the four great king realms had not been closed. At this moment, a light flashed from within a profound formation and a person who was bathed in brilliant moonlight slowly walked out of it.

The Moon God Emperor!

Three of the four great god emperors of the Eastern Divine Region had gathered here without any prior arrangements.

"Heh heh, it looks like you finally couldn't bear just sitting around after all," the Brahma Heaven God Emperor said with a laugh.

The Moon God Emperor was not the least bit surprised that the Brahma Heaven God Emperor and the Eternal Heaven God Emperor were here as well. He stared at the Absolute Star Soul Barrier, but even given his power, his spiritual senses were not able to penetrate it. He turned his head and asked, "The Star God Realm is preparing to hold some momentous event. I would ask the two god emperors here if either of you have a clue as to what is going on?"

"Even the Absolute Star Soul Barrier has already been activated, so no one will be able to probe or find out anything. How can it be possible for us to find any clues," the Eternal Heaven God Emperor said. "The last time the Absolute Star Soul Barrier appeared, it was at the very beginning of the Star God Realm, when they had been establishing the realm. Furthermore, they opened it that time because it concerned their life or death, so they had no choice but to do so. For them to open it once again today... it is definitely some momentous event concerning their destiny."

If the destiny of the Star God Realm truly changed, then it would not concern only the Star God Realm themselves, it would definitely cause the power structure that presently existed among the four great king realms in the Eastern Divine Region to change. As a result, the three great god emperors could not simply stay put and calmly watch it happen.

All three great god emperors knitted their brows before the Brahma Heaven God Emperor spoke, "The Absolute Star Soul Barrier is definitely consuming an extremely large amount of resources. Now that it has already been opened for several days, they should not be able to keep it open for much longer. At that time, everything will come to light."

It was just that they were well aware that the day the Absolute Star Soul Barrier was closed would also be the time when everything was finished. The result at that time would be something they basically would not be able to predict at this moment, nor would they be able to change it.

At this time, an abnormal energy wave came from the west and it was approaching at an extremely fast speed.

The three god emperors looked to the side at this same time, "This aura is..."

The Moon God Emperor's reaction was the greatest. He nearly instantly turned around and his brows sank as he exclaimed, "The Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace!?"

The Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace's top speed was something that even the god emperors themselves would find hard to match. Yun Che had sped straight here from the Dragon God Realm. From the start of his journey until now, the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace had maintained its fastest speed and it had not slowed down or stopped for even a second.

To be able to fly from the Dragon God Realm straight to the Star God Realm in a short three days, if a person was operating on common sense and knowledge, even if they were dreaming, they would not believe that such a speed was possible. But to Yun Che, this was still so slow that a breath seemed like a year to him.

The Celestial Time Jade that he had obtained from the Profound God Convention, the object that he had originally thought did not have much use, had instead repeatedly become the last straw that he could clutch at. Initially, it helped him escape Qianye and Gu Zhu and helped him reach the Forbidden Land of Samsara... Now, it had brought him to the Star God Realm in a miraculous amount of time.

The speed of the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace was many times more outstanding and quick than a meteor streaking through the aether. A sonic boom, so sharp it could rend a large amount of space around it, rang out in the air and the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace abruptly burst into the vision of the three great god emperors as it arrived...

After that, it fiercely slammed against the surface of the Absolute Star Soul Barrier.

BAAAANG-----

What did it mean to ram something at the fastest speed in the universe? The sound produced in that one instant of collision was akin to the sound of stars colliding and the energy flow within an entire five hundred kilometer radius was thrown into complete and utter chaos, generating countless storms which were on the level of a calamity.

The Absolute Star Soul Barrier remained imposing and motionless despite that grand impact, and even if its center was rammed, not a single scratch would be left behind.

But the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace was still the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace. It had been flipped backwards by that peerlessly dreadful impact and there were no obvious signs of damage on it either. But Yun Che was not in good shape at all, the overly-dreadful impact had smashed him in the chest like a huge weight, causing him to puke out fresh blood then and there. However, he did not even bother to regulate his energy or blood, his eyes glaring rigidly at the Star God Realm that was right in front of him. After that he let out a loud yell, "He Ling, we're off!"

He Ling transformed into a beam of dark-green light and returned to the Sky Poison Pearl and in the same instant, Yun Che ejected himself out of the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace as he rushed straight towards the Star God Realm.

"Yun Che!?"

Even though the dreadful impact had generated storms that blanketed a five hundred kilometer radius, it naturally did not faze any of the three god emperors. The moment Yun Che's figure appeared, the

eyes and auras of the three god emperors locked onto him, and all of them had shocked expressions on their faces.

At that time, Yun Che was not able to enter the Eternal Heaven Pearl and his location was unknown, but a year had passed and that was enough time for the Eastern Divine Region to figure out where he had gone. After all, there were quite a few people in the Dragon God Realm who would recognize the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace.

Thus, they all already knew that Yun Che was presently in the Dragon God Realm and it was very likely that he was still under the protection of the Dragon Monarch... After all, the Dragon Monarch had wanted to take him as a foster son in front of everyone at that time.

This was especially true for the Brahma Heaven God Emperor, he not only knew that Yun Che was in the Dragon God Realm, he had also known that he was located in the Forbidden Land of Samsara. Because the only one under heaven who could get rid of the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark was Dragon Queen Shen Xi who resided in the Forbidden Land of Samsara.

Obtaining the protection of Dragon Queen Shen Xi was a hundred times harder to believe than obtaining the protection of the Dragon Monarch!

Qianye Ying'er clearly knew that Yun Che was most definitely within the Forbidden Land of Samsara, and she also knew that he was getting rid of the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark that she had paid no small price to cast on him, yet she had never once thought of grabbing Yun Che back from the Dragon God Realm. Furthermore, it was not that she would not enter the Forbidden Land of Samsara, it was that she was not able to... or perhaps it would be better to say that she did not dare to.

Provoking the ire of the Dragon Monarch... was in the end just simply provoking his ire. Furthermore, as the supreme ruler of all under heaven, a vast existence, he would not necessarily be willing to get into an argument with a woman who was his junior. Moreover, as long as one did not touch his bottom line, the Dragon Monarch would also definitely not be willing to have a falling out with the Brahma Monarch God Realm.

But if you provoked the ire of Dragon Queen Shen Xi... then that Dragon Monarch, who reigned supreme over everything under heaven and proudly gazed over the entire Primal Chaos, would immediately become a crazed dragon! Furthermore, it was the world's most dreadful crazed dragon.

This was definitely not simply a joke, because Dragon Queen Shen Xi was the reverse scale and the bottom line of the Dragon Monarch that one definitely could not touch. This was a point that was publically known to the Dragon God Realm tens of thousands of years ago. In fact, it was something that was known to the entire God Realm.

(So, if Yun Che did not leave the Forbidden Land of Samsara for the rest of his life, then he would be able to live the rest of his life safely and peacefully, and even if he wanted to experience danger, it would be difficult... The caveat being that the Dragon Monarch did not find out about the special relationship between him and Shen Xi.)

The three great god emperors looked to the side at the same time while Yun Che's eyes swept across them as well. But his body did not stop at all as he rushed straight for the Absolute Star Soul Barrier.

Furthermore, when his gaze had swept across them, the three great god emperors felt their hearts thump at the same time.

Because his pupils were actually as scarlet as blood.

Upon seeing that Yun Che was safe and sound, the Eternal Heaven God Emperor, who had always felt regret over Yun Che, felt his heart relax greatly. He moved forward and hailed him, "Yun Che, why are you... Wait, wait! That is the Absolute Star Soul Barrier!"

As he watched Yun Che rush towards the Absolute Star Soul Barrier at full speed, the Eternal Heaven God Emperor swiftly yelled out to stop him. But in the next instant, right before the three great god emperor's very eyes, they witnessed Yun Che's body actually slip through the Absolute Star Soul Barrier that they were unable to break after pausing for an instant. After that he flew into the distance.

"This..." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor had been rendered completely stupefied.

The Brahma Heaven God Emperor's body flashed and he arrived at the spot where Yun Che had passed through the Absolute Star Soul Barrier. His hand came into contact with it, but it was instantly repelled by the barrier. His brows sank slightly as he said, "The only people who can pass through the Absolute Star Soul Barrier in such a manner are the Twelve Star Gods. Could it be that... Yun Che's body contains the blood essence of one of the Star Gods?"

The blood essence of a Star God was extremely precious and it was not something that one would easily gift to others. But they had personally witnessed Yun Che directly crossing through the Absolute Star Soul Barrier... Other than that, there could be no other explanation.

"He should have been in the Dragon God Realm, yet he suddenly appeared here, his expression was hurried and flustered, and he even passed through the Absolute Star Soul Barrier... this definitely has something to do with the momentous event that is happening within the Star God Realm," the Eternal Heaven God Emperor said with furrowed brows. "But what exactly is going on?"

Upon recalling that the Yun Che had not chosen that Brahma Heaven God Realm during the Profound God Convention, but had chosen the Star God Realm instead and how he had not hesitated at all to follow the Star God Emperor back to the Star God Realm... The Eternal Heaven God Emperor immediately turned pensive.

However, the Moon God Emperor had slightly more complex feelings in his heart. Upon seeing Yun Che fly into the distance, he sighed silently in his heart and thought: Qingyue actually gave the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace to him... Sigh, in the end, she was still a girl.

During the moment he passed through the Absolute Star Soul Barrier, Yun Che's breathing and heartbeat had practically stopped as he desperately prayed for it to work... Finally, a miracle happened and his body directly passed through the Absolute Star Soul Barrier, and he had not even felt any obvious resistance when he had done so.

When Jasmine had left at that time, she had left behind a drop of her Star God blood. The message she left behind told Yun Che that this drop of Star God blood could strengthen his body and increase his

lifespan. But in reality, it was simply her selfish desire to have a part of her own body mixed with his forevermore, never to part from him.

The her at that time would definitely not have imagined that this drop of Star God blood essence she had left Yun Che would actually allow Yun Che to pass through a barrier of despair that he should not ever have been able to pass through, and she could not have imagined that this act would also completely change her and Yun Che's lives.

Upon entering the Star God Realm, Yun Che swiftly summoned out the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace yet again as he flew towards Star God City, which lay in the middle of the realm, at maximum speed.

Jasmine, wait for me... I definitely will not allow you to be wilful by yourself...

Definitely will not...

A streak of light shot across the skies of the Star God Realm, it was so fast that most of the powerhouses within the Star God Realm could barely make it out with their eyes, much less attempt to chase after or restrain it.

The territory occupied by the Star God Realm was not too big and before long, the second Absolute Star Soul Barrier had appeared in front of Yun Che. After he passed through this Absolute Star Soul Barrier, he would arrive in the Star God City he had visited before.

His goal was right before him. He did not know what was happening inside and he did not know whether Jasmine was safe or not. The only thing he did know was that he was going towards his own ending.

However his heart did not contain any fear or terror, and even the anxiety that had flooded every corner of his heart and soul had started to swiftly fade away at this moment, as a mysterious and unfathomable calm settled over him.

BANG!!

With another gigantic explosion, the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace once again slammed against the Absolute Star Soul Barrier

The profound light that shone from the center of Star God City spread through the sky and following the launching of the ceremony, all of the Star Gods' and elders' power and bodies were firmly tethered to the sacrificial formation. Before the ceremony ended, they would be completely immobile and they would also not be able to retrieve their powers... Even trying to forcibly interrupt this ceremony would be absolutely impossible.

A strange change started to happen to the barrier that surrounded them and the barrier that sealed Jasmine and Caizhi in. Following the concentration of all that power, the two barriers had become even more tough and durable than the Absolute Star Soul Barrier. So if anyone wanted to interrupt at this moment, even if the other three god emperors of the Eastern Divine Region arrived in this place, they would not be able to do anything whatsoever.

An incomparably heavy energy shot out from all directions as it covered every inch of Jasmine and Caizhi's bodies and souls. Under the direction of the blood sacrifice formation, this energy would slowly

peel away their bodies, souls, and power. After that, these things would combine with the Star God Emperor, giving rise to the "transformation" that they all hoped for.

Under this dreadful power, Jasmine and Caizhi had been completely suppressed, they were unable to muster even the slightest bit of strength to struggle. They would not be able to end their own lives even if they wanted to, much less flee.

"Big Sister, I got you into this mess... I got you into this mess..."

Caizhi's eyes were empty and she was completely dazed as she kept repeating those words over and over again... Her mind had collapsed, her world had collapsed and everything had turned so dark and gloomy...

The day that she had succeeded in inheriting the Heavenly Wolf divine power and she had felt that unfathomably strong power rush through her body, she had been elated and content. Because she would no longer be looked down on or bullied by other people, would no longer be pathetic and helpless. And during the last few years after Jasmine had returned, she had hoped to become even stronger, so that she could protect Big Sister in the future...

But it turned out that everything... was just a deep abyss and a nightmare...

She had instead harmed her very last family member...

At this time, Caizhi had fallen into the state that Jasmine had always been the most worried about and the most afraid to see. She used all the strength she had left in her body as she softly whispered, "Caizhi, it's not your fault, it's mine. I was too stupid... To actually believe that this old villain actually still had some humanity left... I was far too stupid... I should have long ago brought you with me... and fled as far away as we possibly could, never to return..."

Whether it was regret or hatred... all of it was far too late.

Yun Che's figure flashed in her mind, causing Jasmine to close her eyes painfully. An important reason for her to forcefully marry Caizhi off to Yun Che was to curb his hatred and resentment... She understood Yun Che far too well, if Yun Che ever discovered that she had been sacrificed in the future, he would definitely bear an extreme hatred for the Star God Realm, and he would lose his mind and rationality in order to take revenge.

She hoped that at that time, Yun Che would still remember that Caizhi was his wife and remember the vows that he had made so that he would not act in too irrational a manner.

But right now, it was not only her, even Caizhi was going to share her fate. So when Yun Che learned of everything in the future, it would instead... increase his hatred, resentment, and his frenzy.

Yun Che, please live well from now on, no matter what... Even if you want to take revenge for Caizhi and I, you still need to live on.

This was her last worry and hope... It was just that all of these things would be completely shattered in a few short breaths.

BAAANG!!!!

Following the sound of an incomparably gigantic impact, a human figure hurtled downwards from the skies above Star God City.