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Chapter 1831 - Deep Sea Crisis (6)

The figures of the five great Venerable Withered Dragons stood behind Long Bai. Every single one of these five terrifying existences that had appeared out of nowhere exuded a draconic aura that seemed as ancient and vast as the divine spirits of old.

The appearance of these five people also made everyone feel as if a gigantic ancient god had pierced the walls of space and time with five of its fingers, engulfing the entire world in a peerlessly dreadful oppressive might.

Behind the Venerable Withered Dragons stood the eight Dragon Gods, their faces grim and dark, and behind them stood all forty-three Dragon Sovereigns and three hundred and eight Master Dragons.

Very soon, the five great god emperors of the Qilin Realm, Emperor Chi Realm, Blue Dragon Realm, Hui Dragon Realm, and Myriad Manifestations Realm slowly stepped out, and following behind them were the auras of several hundred Divine Masters.

The Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm shook violently and it even seemed as if the entire Southern Divine Region was shaking violently along with it... and it continued unabated.

If they had not known the enemy's array of forces in advance, just the five Venerable Withered Dragons would have been enough to scare all the Northern Region profound practitioners witless.

They had already tasted the despair, and yet they had sworn to give up their lives even in the midst of it. Under this heavy pressure, heavier than anything they had ever felt, none of them felt even the slightest bit of fear. They merely clenched their teeth and defiantly balled their hands into fists.

"Strange." One of the Pure Dragon God's eyebrows arched slightly. "They seem to be prepared for our arrival."

The barrier was opened, the Deep Sea profound practitioners had clearly been dispersed, and the devils of the north were already in strict formation... This wasn't something that could be accomplished within a few minutes.

The forces of the Western Divine Region had still been in the Dragon God Realm two hours ago, and the existence of the World Dragon City was something that had only been known to the successive generations of Dragon Monarchs and Dragon Gods. As such, there was no reason that these northern devils would be able to predict that they would descend on this place in a mere two hours.

The same suspicions were evident on the faces of all the profound practitioners of the Western Divine Region.

"To think that the forces of the devil race were actually this strong," Long Yi said with an empathic sigh. These devils were entirely different from the devil race of the north that he had been familiar with.

"No wonder," Long Er replied. He now knew why Long Bai had not hesitated to rouse them from their slumber. It might be easy to defeat the forces of the Northern Divine Region that were assembled before them, but it would require the power of the five Venerable Withered Dragons if they wanted to exterminate every last one of them.

"The situation seems to be quite different from what we had imagined. I can't seem to sense Yun Che's aura," the Blue Dragon Emperor suddenly said in a low voice.

"...There's no need for us to say any unnecessary things. Let's leave everything to the Dragon Monarch," the Qilin Emperor reminded her. However, a strange light flashed through his old eyes as he surveyed the scene before him.

He actually could not detect any despair or fear from these devils, whether he used his eyes or his spiritual senses. Instead, he sensed shocking malice and fiercely burning determination.

The Blue Dragon Emperor did not speak up again.

At the back of the Northern Divine Region's formation, Chi Wuyao stared at the forces of the Western Divine Region but she did not step forward.

"What's on your mind?" Qianye Ying'er asked.

"We will let Cang Shitian handle the first interaction with them. I've already taught him what to say and do," Chi Wuyao replied.

Qianye Ying'er's brow furrowed greatly as she exclaimed, "What !?"

"Don't worry! He'll definitely do an excellent job," Chi Wuyao said as she gave a dry chuckle. "I can sense that he's really enjoying the current times... and the following events are going to give him even more enjoyment. After all, this is a direct confrontation with the Dragon Monarch himself! There's nothing else that can satisfy a true madman more than this current scenario."

"Drag things out." Her smile instantly vanished as she uttered those three simple words. "What we need more than anything right now is to do everything we can, no matter how underhanded, to buy time and drag things out!"

However, it was at this time that Cang Shitian's laughter boomed across the skies of the Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm.

"Hahahahahaha!"

Cang Shitian boldly stepped forward, as his god emperor voice cut through the oppressive might that seemed to fill the sky and shook the hearts and souls of all who heard it. He cupped his hands and there was a faint smile on his face as he said, "Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm King Cang Shitian has been waiting for the Dragon Monarch's glorious arrival for quite some time now. However, I did not think that my lord Dragon Monarch would be so impatient to get here that you would actually use the World Dragon City, something which has lain hidden for many years, to travel all the way here. This Shitian feels both incredibly honored and incredibly afraid."

"Oh, that's right! I can't forget to greet my five seniors here. Greetings to the honored Venerable Withered Dragons. To think that all of you actually chose to come here instead of continuing to wither away in the Dragon God Realm. This special and unprecedented honor is something my tiny Deep Sea Realm finds incredibly hard to bear. Hahahaha!"

Everyone from the Dragon God Realm grimaced as he said those words. Even Long Bai's impassive face twitched for an instant.

The World Dragon City, the Venerable Withered Dragons... These were things that even the five god emperors of the Western Divine Region were not aware of. All of them had been utterly convinced that the enemy forces would be in complete chaos and disarray when they descended upon the Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm. They had expected them to fall apart like a sandcastle being hit by a massive tidal wave before the battle had even begun.

However, reality could not have been any more different.

The enemy had not only assembled in tight formation, they had even yelled out the names of the World Dragon City and the Venerable Withered Dragons. It was almost as if they had all of the Dragon God Realm's secrets in the palms of their hands.

What was even stranger was that they actually had not chosen to retreat even though they already knew what was going to happen in advance! Instead, they had chosen to meet them head on with all of their might!

As he stared at the gathered Dragon God's and Long Bai's eyes, which were trembling with shock, Cang Shitian's mouth crooked up yet again... He could not think of any better guests for him to entertain!

Long Bai stared into the distance as he blatantly ignored Cang Shitian and called out in a calm voice, "Yun Che, show yourself."

However, Cang Shitian was the one who replied to him. He let out a low chuckle as he waved a hand, instantly causing water-like ripples to appear on the surface of the Deep Sea Barrier.

"My lord Dragon Monarch, if you want to see our Devil Master, shouldn't you be asking this Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm for permission first!?"

"What a sad joke," the Azure Dragon God said. Profound contempt and pity appeared in his grayish-blue eyes as he said, "To think that you've actually grown loyal to the devils who have made a lapdog out of you. For the Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm to have a god emperor like you is truly a shame, a stain on all of your ancestors."

Compared to Cang Shitian's fearless demeanor, all of the Sea Gods and divine envoys were showing expressions filled with discomfort and unease... They had originally thought that Cang Shitian would grandly open the barrier to admit the Dragon Monarch and use this most opportune time to "atone for his sins".

However, the reality of the situation was the complete opposite of their expectations. Every single word that Cang Shitian said caused their hearts to leap wildly in their chests and if the person speaking weren't their Ten Direction Deep Sea Realm's god emperor, they would be the first to leap out and pummel him to the ground to stop him from speaking.

Long Bai's eyes finally went dark. He looked at Cang Shitian with calm eyes before he said, "Cang Shitian, you have one last chance... and that is on account of the relationship that I had with your grandfather."

The gathered Sea Gods and divine envoys all turned to look at Cang Shitian. However, they saw Cang Shitian's lips crook up as he replied in a languid and indolent voice, "I do not need that chance of yours."

Those words left no leeway or room for misinterpretation.

"My lord!" a few Sea Gods cried out in unified shock and alarm.

"My lord Dragon Monarch!" the Overflowing Waters Sea God stepped out and said in an anxious voice. "My lord definitely didn't mean what he just said. He's just been bewitched by these devils..."

BOOM!!

A blue figure flashed through the air as space was instantly severed. Cang Shitian's hand was wrapped in blue light as he delivered a heavy chop to the Overflowing Waters Sea God's throat. A huge and dreadful explosion rang in the air as the Overflowing Waters Sea God's voice was suddenly cut off. Cang Shitian's terrifying blow had broken his neck.

His attack was as swift as flowing light and it was ruthless in the extreme. There was no way that Cang Shitian could have pulled off this attack on the fly and it was now clear that he had already prepared it in advance.

The Overflowing Waters Sea God had been severely injured by that surprise attack and the other Sea Gods and divine envoys were also greatly shocked by it. It had happened before they could even think of stopping Cang Shitian.

"My... My lord!?"

Several Sea Gods were just about to step forward but a sudden blue glow erupted from Cang Shitian's body and caused them to shrink backward as their pupils contracted in shock.

That was the Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm's divine artifact, the Deep Sea Divine Pearl! It flowed with blue light as it rested in the palm of Cang Shitian's hand, and it seemed as if a boundless ocean was hidden within it.

The same blue light was also radiating from the Overflowing Waters Sea God, who was currently writhing on the ground in agony.

As the divine artifact of the Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm, the Deep Sea Divine Pearl had two functions. It served as both a medium to contain the divine legacies of the Deep Sea Realm and also possessed a dreadful ability that was very similar to the one possessed by the Brahma Monarch God Realm's Brahma Soul Bell. The ability to forcibly restrict or even withdraw the Deep Sea divine power that rested in a Sea God's body.

This was also the main reason why Cang Shitian, who had already had a notorious reputation in the God Realm, faced no resistance or defiance from the denizens of the Deep Sea Realm at all, even when he had been the first to submit to the devil race.

As he sensed the Deep Sea divine power swiftly draining out of his body, the Overflowing Waters Sea God barely managed to croak out a few words in spite of his broken neck. "My lord... spare..."

BOOOM!!

Cang Shitian stomped down, his foot burying the Overflowing Waters Sea God's head into the profound stones which paved the roads of the Deep Sea Divine Region. Only the grotesque sight of his body twitching and spasming remained.

Bright red blood swiftly pooled at his feet, but Cang Shitian didn't move. His foot continued to press down on the Overflowing Waters Sea God's head as his lips curved into a small smile, a smile which sent shudders through the heart of every Sea God. "To think that this servant of mine would actually be such a traitorous thing. What a pity."

He turned around and looked at the ashen-faced Sea Gods as he said, "If such a thing happens again, I want you to simply kill the transgressor. I don't expect to have to tell you to do it either. Do you understand?"

"...Yes!" All the Sea Gods barely managed to grunt out that word and it was as if all their necks had been broken as well.

"My deepest apologies," Cang Shitian said with a hearty laugh as he looked up at the Dragon Monarch once more. "I had to deal with a traitorous fool and I'm sorry that my lord Dragon Monarch and my honored guests had to witness such an ugly sight."

"God Emperor Shitian." Zhou Xuzi's voice rang out. "Your actions are not only harming the Sea Gods under you, they are also burying the Deep Sea bloodline that has continued for hundreds of thousands of years. What are you thinking!?"

"Heh!" Cang Shitian gave a low chuckle. "Eternal Heaven God Emperor, I may be a loyal dog, but you are a defeated one. Since we belong to the same kind, we should be sympathizing with one another. Why do you feel compelled to come out and bark at me like a mad dog?"

"..." Zhou Xuzi gave a deep sigh. "It looks like you are beyond all hope. As such, I can only bury you together with these dark wretches!"

"Do you really think that you're up to it!?" Cang Shitian sneered.

Long Bai raised his head and no longer bothered to look at Cang Shitian. His voice shook the world as it boomed out like an oracle from the heavens themselves. "Yun Che, get out here!"

Now that this time had finally come, the Dragon Monarch had not called for the attack to begin or the barrier to be destroyed. Instead, he sought out Yun Che directly.

"It looks like my lord Dragon Monarch truly is getting on in age, because it seems as if your ears aren't working too well anymore." Cang Shitian's bold words shocked and scandalized the Sea Gods as he continued. "If you want to see the Devil Master, you'll have to get past this Deep Sea Barrier first!"

"Come!" He lifted a hand to point at the gathered Dragon Gods. "Why don't you let this king see just how long it will take for you so-called Dragon Gods to break this Deep Sea Barrier! I eagerly await it!"

"Heh!" The Crimson Destruction Dragon God gave a cold snort of contempt. "Is a lousy barrier like this even worthy of our personal attention?"

"My lord?" he asked as he looked towards the Dragon Monarch.

The Dragon Monarch gave a very small nod of his head.

BOOOM--

The Crimson Destruction Dragon God immediately gave the order and the forty-three Dragon Sovereigns standing behind him attacked at the same time. The roiling draconic energy that was released in that instant immediately caused a dreadful spatial storm to form.

BZZZZZZZ———

In the Dragon God Realm, only those who had reached the eighth level of the Divine Master Realm could qualify as Dragon Sovereigns.

Among these forty-three Dragon Sovereigns, nineteen were level nine Divine Masters and twenty-four were level eight Divine Masters. So when their attacks smashed against the barrier at the same time... it felt as if a billion heavenly bells were ringing in the Southern Divine Region.

The Deep Sea Barrier violently shuddered as dozens of distorted ripples appeared on its surface.

After the Dragon Sovereigns finished their attacks, it was the Master Dragons' turn. Three hundred and eight attacks at the level of the Divine Master Realm streaked toward the barrier and struck it with a soul-shattering impact.

However, Cang Shitian still did not move and Yan Tianxiao quietly raised a hand to stop anyone from advancing... He also did not understand why the Devil Queen had told them specifically that they were not to solidify and support the barrier when it was being fiercely assaulted by the enemy.

Chapter 1832 - Deep Sea Crisis (7)

In the Southern Divine Region, the Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm had been second only to the Southern Sea God Realm in total power.

However, when it came to protective barriers, the Deep Sea Barrier was the strongest in the Southern Divine Region.

The Deep Sea divine power was not a water-based profound energy. Instead, it was something that the ancient Deep Sea God Clan had divined by observing the movements of the tides. It was as fluid and eternally changing as water, and the Deep Sea Barrier, which was constructed with the strongest Deep Sea divine power, was exactly the same.

The most incredible thing about this barrier was that it would instantly use its Deep Sea divine power to redistribute any damage it suffered across the rest of the barrier, so trying to punch a hole in it was practically an impossible task.

Rumble!

Rumble!!

RUMBLE!!!

It seemed as if a billion bolts of heavenly lightning were falling down from the heavens every instant as the ground around the Deep Sea Divine Region fractured and crumbled.

Blue light continuously erupted from the Deep Sea Barrier as it kept on bending inwards and changing shape to endure the attacks raining down on it.

The strength of a king realm's ultimate barrier could not be doubted. Even though the Deep Sea Barrier was currently only at thirty percent of its normal strength, even the Southern Sea God Realm at full strength would need at least a day or two to shatter it.

However, hundreds of Divine Masters were attacking it at the same time... so even the strongest barrier wouldn't be able to last for very long.

No barrier in the history of the God Realm had ever received such "special treatment" before.

"Hahahahaha!!"

Even the earth-shaking explosions and the sound of space violently shaking could not drown out Cang Shitian's wild laughter. "The Dragon Sovereigns and Master Dragons of the Dragon God Realm are famed throughout the universe, but they only have this much ability? All of you are attacking this Deep Sea Barrier together, but you can't even make a crack in it."

"My lord Dragon Gods, I think you should obediently attack as well. You've assembled such a grand army, so if you still can't take down this Deep Sea Barrier in half a day, I don't know where your Dragon God Realm will hide its face."

Cang Shitian's attitude had turned from hesitance and respect to bold statements... to provocative insults that threw all decorum to the wind.

It was as if a switch had been flipped inside of him, unleashing the complete lunatic that had been caged inside.

The gathered Sea Gods had already grown numb to this shock.

In actual fact, as the ones who were the most familiar with Cang Shitian in the Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm, they were intimately aware of one thing. Cang Shitian was actually the most normal when he was behaving abnormally.

The regal bearing he displayed on a daily basis was, in actual fact, a suppression of his base nature.

Cang Shitian was absolutely not willfully acting mad. His provocation toward the Dragon Gods concealed a profound scheme... His current behavior left the Dragon Gods in a state where not even they could make a move, let alone Long Bai and the Venerable Withered Dragons.

"Wow, he really is a special kind of mad dog, huh," the Purple River Dragon God said as she disdainfully pursed her lips.

Cang Shitian did not grow angry when he heard that nasty insult. His eyes gleamed with joy as a wild grin formed on his face. "A mad dog? What a great title! That's a crazy name that was practically made for me!"

He spun on his heels and gave a weird howl before he spoke, "Listen up! From now on, I am the Devil Master's mad dog! When the Devil Master covers the world in darkness in the future, I will bite to death anyone who dares to defy him!"

His god emperor voice was even louder than the huge explosions that were violently striking the Deep Sea Barrier as he proudly proclaimed his will to the devils of the north, the profound practitioners of the west, and the entire Deep Sea Realm... The mad glee on his face and the fanaticism that burned in his eyes made it seem like he had been bestowed with some sort of exalted honor.

This time, even Yan Tianxiao and Fen Daoqi were looking at Cang Shitian as if he was some kind of freak.

This was someone who was actually... a god emperor of the Southern Divine Region !?

"Of course." He glanced to the side before he suddenly slowly licked his lips like a vicious dog that was straining at the leash. "Today, the 'mad dog of the Devil Master' will use the sharp teeth of this Deep Sea Realm to bite off the heads of a few stupid dragons!"

"Heh, it's too bad, because a mad dog like you will soon become a dead dog! How disgraceful!" The Chi Dragon Emperor's eyes shone with contempt as he felt a deep shame for being a fellow god emperor with Cang Shitian right now. He waved a hand and barked out a command, "Attack!"

The Chi Dragon Divine Masters of the Emperor Chi Realm surged forward upon hearing that command, their attacks bombarding the Deep Sea Barrier.

The Hui Dragon Emperor and Myriad Manifestations God Emperor also barked out similar commands, as the Hui Dragon Divine Masters and the Divine Masters of the Myriad Manifestations Realm joined in the fray.

"Advance." The Qilin Emperor raised a hand while he used his eyes to send a signal to the Blue Dragon Emperor. He was well aware that the Blue Dragon Emperor did not even want to be here in the first place. She had never enjoyed conflict or battle, and she was even less willing to make a move against Yun Che.

The Blue Dragon Emperor helplessly waved her hand. Blue light erupted and dragon roars filled the air as the forces of the Blue Dragon Realm also joined the attack.

When all five king realms of the west attacked simultaneously, nearly thirty percent of the Deep Sea Realm's land was instantly sunk and dozens of outrageous dents were made in the Deep Sea Barrier. It took a very long time for it to regain its previous form and the Deep Sea blue light that it was radiating had turned muddled and chaotic.

Chi Wuyao softly sighed in the back of the formation. "Cang Shitian has gone completely crazy. He even looks like he'd be completely okay with getting killed at the end of this fight."

RUMBLE--

RUMBLE!!

Qianye Ying'er raised her head to look at the sky before she said, "I'm afraid that this barrier won't last for much longer. What are you going to do next?"

Chi Wuyao suddenly turned to stare fixedly at Qianye Ying'er.

Qianye Ying'er, "...?"

"Qianying, the method I used to cause the people of the Northern Divine Region to give up their lives for Yun Che is the same method that made Cang Shitian be willing to become a mad dog. What do you think this method is?" Chi Wuyao asked.

"...Speak plainly," Qianye Ying'er replied. She didn't have any time to waste on such frivolous things during this desperate situation.

"I merely guided and amplified the desires that already existed in their hearts," Chi Wuyao replied. "If so, what do you think Long Bai's greatest desire is at the moment?"

Qianye Ying'er didn't even need to pause to think as she replied, "It's naturally Yun Che."

"That's right. But it's more accurate to say that it's a desire to slowly trample over Yun Che," Chi Wuyao said in an unhurried manner. "Despite having an absolute advantage in power, Long Bai has not hesitated to use the World Dragon City and the Venerable Withered Dragons to boost his already overwhelming power. His real goal is to completely defeat Yun Che in the most humiliating and domineering fashion, so that he will face the ultimate despair... He wants to see Yun Che in a completely helpless and powerless state and it would be best if he were to end up groveling and begging at the very end."

"This is the only way to vent the extreme hatred and jealousy he has toward Yun Che."

"As such, we can use this point to create an opportunity for ourselves."

"..." Qianye Ying'er sank into deep thought as she pondered Chi Wuyao's words.

"The moment the barrier is broken, I will go and face Long Bai myself. Since I won't be around, it'll be up to you to learn and understand as much as you can about him."

Qianye Ying'er turned to look at Chi Wuyao, a puzzled look in her eyes. "Now this is surprising. You're normally full of secrets, but you're trying to play teacher at this critical juncture? Isn't it a tad bit too late?"

Chi Wuyao's laughter sounded like the tinkling of silver bells. "Teach you? So this means that you've been hoping that I'd teach you something all this while?"

"That's right." Qianye Ying'er actually admitted it without a single shred of hesitation. "It may sound laughable to you, but when I was still the Brahma Monarch Goddess, I had once believed that my schemes were perfect and unparalleled. No matter whether I wanted to trap someone or obtain something, nothing could escape my grasp."

"It was only after Qianye Fantian crippled my Brahma Soul that I realized that I was merely a laughable and foolish child in front of a true fox. I had danced in the palm of his hand for my entire life, like a puppet on a string, yet I had been so arrogant and conceited... Heh."

"The schemes and plans I had once been proud of were nothing without the backing of the Brahma Monarch God Realm."

"However, you were the dark enchantress that even Qianye Fantian was afraid of! In terms of cunning and intelligence, I am far from your equal. Honestly speaking, you even gave me an odd sense of security every time you were around, no matter what circumstances we were facing, and I believe Yun Che feels the same way as well."

Qianye Ying'er, who had always shown animosity toward Chi Wuyao on the surface, was showing a rare moment of honesty in these dire circumstances.

The smile on Chi Wuyao's face deepened by several degrees. She gave a soft sigh and said, "To actually hear such words from someone with such a great amount of pride and self-esteem as yourself, I guess this is some kind of honor in it's own special way. However, there is no need for you to downplay your abilities, you were merely too young and your life had simply been too successful until five years ago. If you had my years and experience, I trust that you would have surpassed me in every way."

"So?" Qianye Ying'er replied. "Why are you suddenly trying to teach me how to become a better schemer?"

As she looked away from Qianye Ying'er, Chi Wuyao turned around to stare at the blue barrier that looked like it was about to collapse at any second. After that, she said in a calm but sad voice, "I hope that you can survive this."

Qianye Ying'er, "??!"

"If we can truly attain a miracle in the end and we can hold out until Yun Che exits the Eternal Heaven Pearl, you must do everything you can to flee together with him... Do not look back."

"And if this ends in the worst possible outcome, like Yun Che and the Eternal Heaven Pearl falling into Long Bai's hand, it is even more imperative for you to escape... Due to Long Bai's extreme hatred of Yun Che, it is very likely that he won't kill him immediately. Therefore, you will become the last thread of hope, because I know that you will definitely do anything you can to save him as long as you're alive."

"In fact, I would actually hope that you'd flee right here and now, but I know that you won't agree to that."

Qianye Ying'er's brow furrowed heavily as she spoke in a low voice, "You're so desperate for me to escape... but how about you?"

Chi Wuyao's chest rose and fell violently as her voice turned melancholy and gentle. "I was born in the Northern Divine Region as a devil who grew up within the darkness. I was also blessed by the darkness, inheriting the devil soul of a primordial Devil Emperor."

"Helping the profound practitioners of the Northern Divine Region overthrow their fate is my one wish. It is also the duty I inherited along with the Nirvana Devil Soul. Yet, I did not persuade them to retreat today. Instead, I persuaded my kinsmen from the north... the heart of the Northern Region to sell their lives."

"If all of them die, the hope of the Northern Divine Region will die with them." Chi Wuyao closed her eyes. "Just this sin alone has made me unworthy of living, so the only thing I can do is to accompany them in death."

"..." Qianye Ying'er took a sudden step forward. Her golden eyes trembled violently, she simply couldn't find any words.

"Don't worry, I will definitely help you escape before I die..." After that, she paused briefly before she whispered again, "I definitely will."

Qianye Ying'er was just about to say something but a loud sound suddenly reverberated in the air above them.

Crack!!

This time, the sound that rang out from the barrier was different from all the previous world-shaking explosions. It was the unmistake sound of something being broken, a most dreadful sound.

A white crack had appeared on the surface of the Deep Sea Barrier and it was swiftly starting to spread. It looked as if the sky itself had started to tear open.

This crack foretold the impending collapse of the Deep Sea Barrier.

This was the strongest barrier in the Southern Divine Region, but at thirty percent of its power, it could only resist the dreadful attacks of hundreds of Divine Masters for a mere forty-five minutes.

At this time, both the Myriad Manifestations God Emperor and Hui Dragon Emperor exchanged looks before they suddenly attacked at the same time. The power of both god emperors hurtled towards the tottering Deep Sea Barrier with deadly force and intent.

"Shatter!" both god emperors roared.

Chi Wuyao's figure zoomed forward as she shouted, "Yan One, Yan Three!"

Riiiip!!

Two black figures ripped open a hole in space as they shot into it and appeared near the surface of the barrier. Two huge clusters of Yama Devil power flew out from the barrier to violently explode against the attacks that the Myriad Manifestations God Emperor and the Hui Dragon God Emperor had unleashed.

RUMBLE!!

As black mist slowly spread and malice soared into the sky, the already tormented Deep Sea Barrier bent like a crumpled tissue. The two god emperors who had attacked let out low and muffled groans as the backlash sent them flying. When they finally came to a stop, they could feel their numb arms begin to throb with intense pain.

Everyone turned to look at the two dreadful black figures within the barrier in shock.

"Those are two of the three hidden Yama Ancestors who once hid in the Yama Devil Realm's Bone Sea of Eternal Darkness," Long Bai calmly explained. "The three of them have reached the peak of darkness profound energy."

"...Ah, so that is who they are," Long San said in a low voice.

"The one on the right isn't the least bit inferior to us," Long Wu said.

"He is still nothing more than a devilish wretch. Let us end him," Long Si replied.

At this time, a voice that was so charming that it penetrated one's heart and soul rang out in the distance. "The Dragon God Realm certainly lives up to its exalted name. You even know the greatest secret of our Northern Divine Region."

Chi Wuyao was already flying forward as she spoke. She stopped in front of Yan One and Yan Two and looked straight at Long Bai.

"Devil Queen!!" The Crimson Destruction Dragon God's pupils dilated as the joints of his knuckles popped noisily.

However, what he couldn't accept was that he actually felt something other than hatred when facing Chi Wuyao... He actually also felt a thread of icy fear course through his body, a fear he couldn't dispel no matter how hard he tried.

It was as if that dreadful devil soul had never truly left his dragon soul.

As he faced the famed Devil Queen of the North, Long Bai merely gave a casual glance. His face remained impassive as he said, "Is your so-called Devil Master Yun Che determined to be a gutless coward?"

"Heh..." Those words elicited a chuckle from Chi Wuyao. Her seductive and cottony voice contained a trace of penetrating mockery when she spoke again. "You are well aware that our Devil Master is not around, and that is why you chose to attack with such a grand force. Yet you're calling our Devil Master a gutless coward?"

"As the monarch of the entire Primal Chaos, I am surprised that you are such a hypocritical, lowly, and fake person. It truly is disappointing."

"..." His draconic eyes turned to face her as his words thundered with the weight of a hundred mountains. "What... Did... You... Say?"

Chi Wuyao proudly replied, "The forces of our Northern Divine Region have been gathered here for many moons. During that time, it would have been the perfect time for us to destroy the Dragon God Realm while you were still abroad."

"However, the Devil Master said that such a victory was devoid of honor and it would only be a stain on our Northern Divine Region's dignity! Hence, our battle with the Dragon God Realm would only take place after you had returned home. The Devil Master mentioned more than a few times that he desired to take you on in a one-on-one battle."

"As such, even though the Devil Master hates you with all of his might, we didn't take the opportunity to attack the Dragon God Realm even once during the months that you were away from home. That was despite our devil race sweeping through the Eastern Divine Region and trampling on the Southern Divine Region."

Long Bai, "..."

"..." The eyes of both Yan Tianxiao and Fen Daoqi slowly turned as wide as saucers.

"However, you, the grand Dragon Monarch..." Chi Wuyao's words were filled with venomous mockery. "After you discovered that our Devil Master was not in the Deep Sea Realm, you seized this opportunity to attack. In fact, you even used the World Dragon City, a divine artifact that has been hidden for a million years, to descend upon us like a bolt of lightning. Aiyah, I truly never expected that you, the Dragon Monarch, were actually so terrified of the Devil Master. This is truly a surprise, and a great disappointment as well."

"However, since this is the case, there truly isn't a need for the Devil Master to face you head on. Because your cowardly conduct and hypocritical actions have already disqualified you!"

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Chi Wuyao's words didn't shake the Dragon Gods in the slightest. In truth, they found her scheme childish and laughable.

A puff of air escaped from the White Rainbow Dragon God's nostrils. He was just about to launch into a mocking tirade when he felt his entire body go cold and his breath catch in his throat.

All eight of the Dragon Gods immediately turned to look at the Dragon Monarch.

His face had turned dark and grim and his entire body was radiating an extremely shocking rage that he was trying his best to suppress... Furthermore, it wasn't just a flash of rage, it was a rage that had been burning for some time now.

He was the Dragon Monarch, the only monarch in the God Realm, the most exalted and unparalleled existence in the entire Primal Chaos. He was the strongest in terms of profound strength and raw power, he had the most exalted and revered status, had lived for hundreds of thousands of years, and had the wisdom and temperament to match them.

Even if all the mountains of the universe collapsed, even if the entire world was burning around him, his emotions would remain calm and unfrazzled. Even if he faced self-confident fools or mockers, it wouldn't cause a single ripple in his heart. All of this was nothing more than a childish joke born of ignorance.

So to say that the Dragon Monarch was not qualified to fight someone? To anyone else, to almost everyone that was present, there wasn't a more forced, stupid, and pathetic insult in the world than this. It was an insult so woeful that it didn't even have the qualifications to cause even a single hair on the Dragon Monarch's brow to twitch.

However...

Crack!

Crack!

A sound so crystalline clear that it sent shudders through one's soul rang in the air, and, shockingly enough, that was the sound of the Dragon Monarch's knuckles popping.

"...!??" The eyes of all the Dragon Gods, Dragon Sovereigns, Master Dragons, and god emperors kept looking toward the Dragon Monarch's hands and face over and over again, and looks of shock and disbelief slowly crept up their faces.

"??" Even the five great Venerable Withered Dragons had started to frown.

As the supreme Dragon Monarch, how could he be so easily enraged by such a pathetic insult?

The White Rainbow Dragon God stared at the Dragon Monarch dumbfoundedly for a few breaths before he finally came back to himself. The lazy insult that he had been about to hurl had now been transformed into a furious rebuke. "What a joke! Why would our Dragon God Realm be scared of a mere Devil Master!?"

"Oh?" Chi Wuyao shot him a sidelong glance. "Just as expected, it wasn't only the Dragon Monarch. Even his Dragon Gods are a bunch of fake hypocrites who have the gall to do the deed but not admit to it. As they say, birds of a feather flock together."

"You didn't even hesitate to use the World Dragon City to rush over here, just so that you could catch us when the Devil Master was away... So why do you insist on putting up such a front? Can't you see that it's so obvious and ridiculous?"

"Heh heh heh!" The White Rainbow Dragon God let out a disdainful laugh. "Devil Queen, I'm afraid that you have forgotten that your so-called Devil Master, Yun Che, would have died in some wasteland if our Dragon Queen hadn't decided to save him out of the great kindness of her heart! So where do you find the gall to say what..."

CRACK!!

This thunderous cracking sound was so loud that it made everyone think that the Dragon Monarch had broken his own finger bones by clenching his fists too hard.

The White Rainbow Dragon God's voice broke off abruptly as his body suddenly turned cold. He felt so cold that his entire body was shuddering and he couldn't even find the wherewithal to continue his speech.

Furthermore, this cold intent, one which penetrated straight to his dragon soul, was actually coming from the Dragon Monarch.

The Azure Dragon God stepped forward and kicked the back of the White Rainbow Dragon God's calf... He was the only one among all the Dragon Gods who had managed to vaguely figure out something during this period of time. However, the Dragon Monarch had told him not to breathe a word to anyone, so how would he even dare to say anything?

The White Rainbow Dragon God turned to look at him with a face filled with puzzled shock.

"Hahahahaha!"

Cang Shitian's wild laughter rang through the air, and it matched his recently self-conferred title "mad dog". This time, his laughter was exceptionally wild and bold. "What a joke! Who is the Devil Master? He is the person who inherited the Heretic God's legacy before receiving the inheritance of a Devil Emperor. He is the person that the Sky Poison Pearl acknowledged as its master... This is a Creation God, Devil Emperor, and a Profound Heavenly Treasure we are talking about here!"

"His profound strength is only at the level of a Divine Sovereign, but his devilish might can already be compared to a god emperor's strength! And he is barely over thirty years of age! Who exactly in this world can compare to him? Who would even deign to do so? The Dragon Monarch? Hahahahahaha! In front of the Devil Master, he is nothing more than an old worm who has lived for three hundred and fifty thousand years."

Anger had started to simmer on the faces of everyone from the Dragon God Realm, but the Dragon Monarch's current emotional state was so strange that none of them dared to act impulsively.

Cang Shitian continued, "Speaking of which, everyone in the God Realm is aware of the two great beauties whose names have dominated the universe. The two celestial pearls of our world, the Dragon Queen and Goddess. The Goddess has already become the Devil Master's exclusive property, and the Dragon Queen... Heh, if the Devil Master had been born hundreds of thousands of years ago, do you think that you would even have gotten your turn, Dragon Monarch!? I'm afraid that she'd rather be the Devil Master's concubine before she would even spare you a single glance."

BAAAANG----

Dozens of kilometers of space violently swelled up with the Dragon Monarch at its center and it looked like it was about to burst.

The Venerable Withered Dragons, Dragon Gods, and Dragon Sovereigns were all knocked backward by the blast of energy that had erupted from the Dragon Monarch's body. All of them immediately turned to look at him and they were frozen in place by what they saw.

Long Bai's fair face had actually turned a ghastly shade of greenish-black and his lips, nostrils, eyebrows... and every single muscle on his face was violently trembling.

The space around him violently twisted and if he lost control of that dreadful rage of his, he would cause all of the space around him to collapse.

"My lord?" the Pure Dragon God said with a frown on her face. As the monarch of the Primal Chaos, thousands of years could pass before Long Bai would even show a hint of shock, so she had never ever seen him like this before.

Everyone knew that the Dragon Queen was the Dragon Monarch's reverse scale, something that should never be touched, but a few taunting words certainly shouldn't have resulted in this...

When he saw the dramatically-changed expression on the Dragon Monarch's face and his barelycontained rage, Cang Shitian was left stunned for several moments. But after that, it was time for his own eyes to widen dramatically as his lips twitched and he started to laugh like a madman. "Heh... Hehehehehe... Hahahaha... Ha... Hahahahahahahahahaha!"

Those words had merely been a message that Chi Wuyao had sent to him via sound transmission. He had originally thought that mentioning the Dragon Queen might prick Long Bai... but even the smallest prick would have left him satisfied.

He had never imagined that the grand Dragon Monarch would actually be so enraged that he'd show such an ugly appearance!

He lifted both hands up and arched them into claws. His eyes and nostrils were flaring in excitement as he doubled over in laughter. He was laughing so hard that he looked like he was about to pass out.

However, he did not know that every single word that he had said just now was like the most poisonous blade in the world to the Dragon Monarch, and every one of these poisonous blades had struck him in a place that couldn't be touched by anyone!

Cang Shitian's wild laughter was simply far too grating. Long Yi gave a short sigh of disappointment before saying, "Dragon Monarch, do not lose your dignity."

Long Wu's words were also filled with disappointment. "As the Dragon Monarch, you must not be fazed by even a thousand calamities. These are merely the filthy words of a lowly person, so why did you have to react in such a manner?"

"You bastard!" The Cyan Abyss Dragon howled in rage as he shot forward, the image of a cyan claw appearing over his right hand... However a pale white palm suddenly appeared in front of him and caught him right before he could attack.

Astonishingly enough, the one who had stopped him was Long Bai.

Space stopped distorting around him as his face regained its usual composure. However, the arm that had stopped the Cyan Abyss Dragon God was shaking with an extremely shocking amount of power.

The Cyan Abyss Dragon God hurriedly retreated a few steps. He would no longer dare to make any impulsive moves.

As he let his arm fall, Long Bai looked down at the Devil Queen once more. Divine light that resembled the scorching rays of a heavenly sun shone from his eyes. "Where is Yun Che?"

His words were calm and his emotions were inscrutable.

"Heh, there is no need for the Dragon Monarch to be so apprehensive," Chi Wuyao said in a languid voice. "I can honestly tell you that my lord Devil Master is still very far away, even though he is rushing over with all his might. He was simply too far away, so he will need at least another ten to twelve hours to rush back."

"That's why I have to say that your plan to avoid our lord Devil Master was very successful. You've bought yourself a full ten to twelve hours of time!"

"However, I really want to see..." Chi Wuyao's voice suddenly turned cold and flat as the black mist around her spiraled and the entire area around her turned dark and cold. "Just what you, the Dragon Monarch, can accomplish in this time!"

"Hmph."

After he let out an incredibly cold snort of disdain, Long Bai looked down on the Deep Sea Divine Region and the might radiating from his eyes threatened to overturn the heavens themselves. "Fine. Very good. Then I will wait twelve hours for him!"

When he said those words, the profound practitioners on both sides simply froze in place.

"My lord Dragon Monarch!" The Crimson Destruction Dragon God exclaimed as he swiveled around to face him. "The Devil Queen's heart is like a venomous abyss and her words are misleading and bewitching. Don't let yourself be..."

"Shut up."

That mild rebuke instantly caused the Crimson Destruction Dragon God to clam up. Even though Long Bai's voice had been calm and dry, it sent a chill coursing through his heart and soul. "Do you think that a mere Devil Queen is capable of bewitching me?"

The Crimson Destruction Dragon God's body became as tense as a bowstring as he anxiously replied, "No! I meant no such thing."

"Dragon Monarch..." Long Yi started to speak, but he was also cut off by Long Bai.

"There is no need for any more words," Long Bai said in a voice that had started to turn grim. "It isn't worth sullying the name of our dragon god race over these dark wretches! Since they think that I am afraid of their so-called Devil Master, then I will wait for him to crawl out of his hole!"

"The Dragon Monarch is right!" The Myriad Manifestation God Emperor reacted the quickest and his voice chimed out in agreement. "These dark wretches are merely dark wretches in the end. Even if we have to wait twelve hundred hours rather than twelve hours, what will they be able to accomplish?"

"That's right," the Chi Dragon Emperor said. "Let's use these twelve hours to shatter the last bit of pride and dignity that they have. How can we allow a bunch of filthy devils to sully the name of the Dragon God Realm!?"

Now that two god emperors had agreed, no one else dared to say anything in the face of the Dragon Monarch's frightening aura.

"Oh?" Chi Wuyao shot Long Bai a lazy glance. "Dragon Monarch, there is no need to push yourself for the sake of this pathetic bit of dignity. What if my lord Devil Master skins you like a snake after he returns? Won't that be even more shameful and undignified? By the time that happens, it will be far too late to regret this decision."

Long Bai didn't even spare her a single glance. He merely turned around and barked out coldly, "No one is to attack within the next twelve hours. Anyone who disobeys my command is to be executed!"

The Dragon Monarch's heavenly commandment hung in the air like a huge mountain.

This dreadful and illogical imperial command had caused a frightened hush to fall over the forces of the Western Divine Region. No one even dared to take a single step forward, much less attack.

"What's going on?" the Jade Dragon God whispered. "Could the Dragon Monarch's soul have been invaded by the Devil Queen?"

"That isn't possible," the Pure Dragon God replied. "However, the Dragon Monarch really is acting quite irrationally... and his temperament is rather strange."

"These dark wretches will definitely use these twelve hours to run away."

"They won't," the Pure Dragon God replied with a calm confidence. "If they wanted to run away, they would have scattered far before we arrived instead of waiting for us in battle formation."

"Don't think too much about it," the Azure Dragon God said. "There is definitely a deep meaning behind the Dragon Monarch's action. We should just simply obey."

Long Bai's back faced the Deep Sea Realm, his cold gaze scanning the sky. However, his hands still remained tensed and he didn't seem to have relaxed them even once.

He was afraid of Yun Che!?

He was not Yun Che's equal !?

What a ridiculous joke... What a ridiculous joke!!

He was going to prove to Yun Che, to the world... and, most importantly, to Shen Xi that Yun Che was far from his equal!! He was only fit to struggle, cry, despair, and then die before him!

That's right, I have to let him taste this world's cruelest pain and despair.

I will destroy his body, trample his dignity, and destroy all of his "dark wings" and hopes!

However, how could he possibly let Yun Che taste this ultimate despair if he wasn't around to witness it!?

"Good." The dark mist around Chi Wuyao stopped swirling as she said in a cold voice, "I hope that you won't regret this decision when my lord Devil Master returns in twelve hours time."

After she said that, she simply turned around and left.

"Devil Queen." Yan Tianxiao and Fen Daoqi swiftly caught up to her, their eyes shining with ardent hope. All of the profound practitioners of the Northern Divine Region were also looking at her as tidal waves crashed through their hearts.

"Remain where you are and quietly await the Devil Master's return!" Chi Wuyao commanded in a voice so loud that even the Western Divine Region profound practitioners could hear her words clearly. "Within the next twelve hours, no one is to make any moves without my explicit command!"

"Yes!" all the profound practitioners of the north cried out in unison.

Twelve hours... Those few simple words from the Devil Queen had actually created a crazy miracle! They had actually managed to coax another twelve hours from the Dragon Monarch... and it had been as easy as stealing candy from a baby!

They were all too aware of what this twelve hours of time meant for the Northern Region and for the Devil Master who was still inside the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm.

"You remain here as well," Chi Wuyao said to Yan Tianxiao and Fen Daoqi before her voice dropped to a whisper. "Do not do or say anything unnecessary this time. We want to avoid anything that might startle the enemy... Let's just allow these twelve hours to pass by quietly."

Yan Tianxiao and Fen Daoqie nodded their heads in unison.

Cang Shitian was just about to speak when Chi Wuyao's voice rang in his ears. "Cang Shitian, you really didn't let me down."

"If the Devil Queen has any other instructions, please feel free to issue them." The flattery in Cang Shitian's words was obvious as he bowed at the waist. "Since I have already called myself the Devil Master's mad dog, then I am naturally the Devil Queen's mad dog as well."

Now that things had come to this, he had fully thrown his lot in with Chi Wuyao.

Chi Wuyao stared at the sky. The crack in the Deep Sea Barrier that stretched out like a wound in the sky was shocking to see.

Cang Shitian observed the expression on her face and seemed to understand something after that. He grinned and said, "The Devil Queen is simply brilliant! You set the barrier at thirty percent of its power to arouse the enemy's suspicion and now that you have bought us another twelve hours of time, it is enough to secretly boost its power from thirty percent to one hundred percent. After that, we can..."

"No," Chi Wuyao said. "Maintain the barrier without any changes. What you need to do next is to get the remaining seventy percent ready, so that it can be... unleashed in an instant."

"?" A puzzled look appeared on Cang Shitian's face.

"..." Chi Wuyao's lips moved as she calmly whispered four words.

Light immediately erupted from Cang Shitian's eyes as he crowed in delight, "The Devil Queen is brilliant! Oh, the Devil Queen is brilliant! Hahahaha!"

Chapter 1834 - Deep Sea Crisis (9)

Cang Shitian went to fulfill his orders, and he left a bunch of hapless Sea Gods and divine envoys in his wake.

All of them immediately exchanged glances when he left and one of the Sea Gods finally spoke out in a hushed voice, "What do we do?"

The Overflowing Waters Sea God currently lay in a puddle of his own blood right in front of them. He was barely even alive and half of his body was currently buried in the ground.

The Sea God power in his body had already been forcibly retrieved, and he was currently in such a weakened state that he didn't even have the power to get to his own feet.

Given Cang Shitian's current state of extreme madness, no one would dare to save the Overflowing Waters Sea God without Cang Shitian's explicit command. If not, they might very well suffer the same fate as he did.

"What else can we do?" Another Sea God replied with a helpless sigh. After that, he clenched his teeth and hissed, "Do we even have another choice?"

Of course they didn't.

Chi Wuyao's steps were slow and measured and her fair face was calm and composed. However, her eyes unwittingly drifted towards the direction of the royal hall... She really wanted to go take a look at the Eternal Heaven Pearl that Yun Che was in right now, but it was not meant to be.

Even though it was covered by seven isolating barriers, the enemy at their gate was the Dragon Monarch, his powerful servants, and the gathered god emperors of the west. The moment their attention was drawn toward that hall, it was more than possible that they would be able to detect the Eternal Heaven Pearl.

Qianye Ying'er's golden hair danced in the air as she arrived at Chi Wuyao's side. When she looked at Chi Wuyao's face, she saw a grim look of gloomy melancholy plastered on it, a look that was all-too-rare.

"Do we have any other moves after this?" she asked.

"We still have a very small one," Chi Wuyao replied, "but it probably won't even be able to make any difference. In the end, everything depends on that miracle occurring."

After that, the two of them remained silent for a very long time.

Previously, all of them had wanted to dampen the raging fire in Yun Che's heart, so that he wouldn't pursue his revenge at all costs and continuously put his life on the line in that undertaking. However, they were now fervently hoping that he would leave the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm early because of that trademark impatience and impulsiveness of his.

A gentle and fragrant breeze brushed past them as Caizhi's delicate figure landed in front of the two women. After that, she raised her head to look at Chi Wuyao before asking in a very sincere voice, "How did you do it?"

A faint smile appeared on Chi Wuyao's face. "The circumstances behind the current situation are very complicated and it'll be hard to explain everything to you in the short time that we have. Furthermore, you're still small, so it would be better if you didn't delve too deeply into this matter."

Chi Wuyao immediately realized that she had made a mistake. After a short pause, she said, "When I said small, I meant your age."

"... If you don't want to tell me, then forget it!" Caizhi turned away from them and prepared to leave.

Qianye Ying'er suddenly spoke in a cold voice, "Your beloved husband slept with someone's Dragon Queen, and he did it in the Dragon God Realm, for one whole year. It's that simple."

"...!!?" Caizhi's starry eyes widened as she fell into a stunned silence.

"Hmph!" Qianye Ying'er gave a soft snort of disdain. "Just as expected, the more holy and pure a woman looks, the more likely she is to be a slut."

Her words were filled with barely contained venom. She could still overlook the part that Yun Che had to play in the desperate straits they currently found themselves in, but she had no qualms about blaming that "Dragon Queen"!

Caizhi turned to stare at her coldly. "That's still nothing compared to the so-called Goddess who has been violated more than six thousand times."

"..." Qianye Ying'er's golden eyes narrowed as she said, "Oh? It seems like you've improved."

"Can the two of you give it a rest for now, especially during a time like this?" Chi Wuyao said as she pressed her fingers against her temples. She explained to Caizhi, "Long Bai did not forcefully conscript all of the Divine Masters of the Western Divine Region's king realms, awaken the Venerable Withered Dragons, and activate the World Dragon City to eliminate the devils of the north in one fell swoop. His main motive is to vent his hatred and jealousy on Yun Che."

"As such, we aroused that deep-seated hatred and jealousy to the point where he nearly lost control of himself, and told him that Yun Che would return in about ten to twelve hours time. As a result, he will obediently wait until that time has passed... After all, if he can't rip us to shreds in front of Yun Che, the joy he will derive from venting his hatred will be greatly reduced."

Caizhi's chest violently heaved for a while before her body finally stiffened and she asked, "Why didn't you add more hours to that?"

"Going beyond the limits of plausibility is worse than falling short," Qianye Ying'er replied.

"I don't recall asking you a question!" Caizhi coldly rebuked her.

"([¬]∇[¬]~)... Tsk~" Qianye Ying'er pouted.

Chi Wuyao calmly replied, "A day has twenty-hour hours, and twelve hours is exactly half that number. It is a balanced number that will unconsciously seem reasonable to anyone who hears it. Even though it isn't a short period of time, it's something that everyone can easily swallow. If we tried to be greedy, we might very well elicit the opposite of the response we were hoping for."

"???" Caizhi didn't understand that explanation at all.

"Caizhi," Chi Wuyao said in a gentle voice, "Twelve hours from now, a fierce battle will definitely begin. At that time, we will need to rely heavily on the Dragons of Absolute Beginning."

"You don't need to remind me," Caizhi said. Even though this was tantamount to sending the Dragons of Absolute Beginning to their deaths, the desperate straits that they found themselves in brooked no softheartedness.

"However, I have a request that the both of you must agree to."

"Oh?" Chi Wuyao said as she looked at her.

"You must leave Zhou Xuzi... to me!"

Her grim voice and cold eyes contained a determination that could not be overruled along with a bonepiercing hatred.

"Okay," Chi Wuyao said with a small nod of her head.

ROAAAAAR!!

A dragon's cry shook the air as purple light vanished. It was almost as if the huge and boundless Eternal Heaven Divine Realm had just endured a gigantic calamity. Every inch of space inside of this realm was shaking violently and this continued unabated for a very long time.

"You did it! Big Brother Yun Che, you did it!"

A girl's delighted voice rang in the air like heavenly music as Shui Meiyin threw herself at Yun Che in glee. Two long and lustrous white legs circled around his waist as a pair of jade arms hugged his neck tightly. She was so happy that she was unwilling to let go.

"Whew--"

After Yun Che let out a long breath, he opened his eyes. He didn't care about the sweat that covered his body and face and the smile he wore was the brightest it had been since he had entered the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm.

He had done it! He had finally done it!

If he had tried to do this before he entered the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm, he would definitely have had to pay for it with his life. But today, he could finally use it for the first time without its burden exceeding the limits of his soul

He had only used two years to accomplish it.

This was great news. If things were like this...

He wrapped both arms around Shui Meiyin's slender waist as he closed his eyes in satisfaction. "This is all thanks to you. If you weren't around, I wouldn't be able to accomplish this even if I had a hundred years."

"As if! Big Brother Yun Che is the awesome one. And, and... I've always belonged to you in the first place." Shui Meiyin's voice turned soft and cottony, and clouds of red stained her face and her neck.

"Ah!"

She cried out softly in shock as Yun Che suddenly pressed her to the ground.

A lascivious grin appeared on Yun Che's face as he stared at her like a hungry wolf. "Then how should I thank my little Meiyin?"

Shui Meiyin stuck out her tongue at him as she replied in a coquettish voice, "You know, you're even more like a bad guy during times like these than you are as the big bad Devil Master of darkness!"

"I've always been a bad guy!" Yun Che's expression and gaze were growing lewder by the second. "Furthermore, I'm much badder than you've ever imagined... and you're about to find out right now."

As his upper body pressed down toward her, his violent movements caused the fist-sized tri-colored Glazed Sound Stone to gently smack against Shui Meiyin's lustrous crescent-shaped collarbone before it bounced back and hit Yun Che in the jaw.

"Daddy! You must control your lower self!"

Yun Wuxin's childish voice rang in their ears, causing Yun Che, who was just about to act with his lower half, to freeze in place.

Shui Meiyin pressed a tiny hand against her mouth as a "pfffft" escaped her lips.

Yun Che picked up the fist-sized Glazed Sound Stone and stared at it dazedly for a long while.

"What's wrong, Big Brother Yun Che?" Shui Meiyin timidly asked him in a soft voice.

"Eh..." Yun Che didn't know why he felt embarrassment burning on his face as he replied, "I suddenly recalled something... very important."

"Something very important?"

"That's... That's..." Yun Che actually blushed as his lips twitched several times. After that, he finally managed to say, "Back when we met in the Eternal Heaven God Realm for the first time, you were fifteen years old. In truth... you're actually only four years older than Wuxin."

Shui Meiyin, "..."

"So..." Yun Che swallowed audibly before he continued, "when everything is over and I bring you to see Wuxin, you must never ever let her know about that! Say that you're already over three thousand years old!"

Shui Meiyin blinked a few times as she stared at the sincere, worried, and embarrassed look at Yun Che's face. A giggle escaped her lips again before she started laughing in earnest. It was only after a while had passed that she finally managed to compose herself and say, "Alright, I get it."

Yun Che got to his feet before he even realized it. As he stared at the Glazed Sound Stone in his head, he fell into another daze.

"Mommy also told me to tell you to watch out not to touch this Glazed Sound Stone by accident when you're doing weird things with other aunties in the future."

The words Yun Wuxin said when she "introduced" this red-colored Glazed Sound Stone to him rang in his mind, causing a smile to appear unbidden on his lips.

He suddenly said in a hushed voice, "I feel as if Wuxin is shouting my name right now. It feels as if she wants me to leave this place sooner rather than later so I can reunite with her quickly."

Shui Meiyin stood up and leaned against his shoulder, "The Eternal Heaven Divine Realm should be open for another four to five months. But if you're missing her that much, then we should leave earlier. We can also lessen the burden on Big Sister He Ling as well."

"Yeah!" Yun Che nodded his head before he gently let go of the Glazed Sound Stone. "We will cultivate for three more weeks before we leave. I should be able to perfectly control this skill by then. At that time, we'll leave this place early."

To the profound practitioners of the Northern Divine Region, these were the shortest twelve hours of their lives.

They had practically passed in the blink of an eye,

A miracle had not happened and Chi Wuyao's eyes looked like two deep and dark abysses at the moment.

"This Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm is about to turn into an ocean of blood," Qianye Ying'er murmured.

"Don't forget what we discussed earlier," Chi Wuyao said as she gave Qianye a deep and meaningful look before she started walking forward.

"..." Qianye Ying'er did not reply.

The atmosphere was beginning to grow restless outside the Deep Sea Barrier.

"My lord Dragon Monarch, twelve hours have already passed," the Azure Dragon God said.

"..." Those quiet and desolate twelve hours had finally passed and Long Bai, who had remained as still as a statue throughout, finally began to turn around slowly, his eyes sweeping across the east.

"Where is Yun Che?"

He had only spoken three short words but they were like dark clouds which covered the skies of the Ten Direction Deep Sea Realm and silently menaced it.

"The God Realm is vast and the Devil Master was in a place that is very far away. Ten to twelve hours were merely an estimate of mine. It is normal for there to be some discrepancy."

Chi Wuyao's voice and figure seemed both near and far at the same time. Even though she was facing the Dragon Monarch's heavenly might, her voice was still as calm and tranquil as some devilish pool, "Since the Dragon Monarch has already waited for twelve hours, what's a bit more time?"

"Dragon Monarch, something is wrong with the situation!"

The Pure Dragon God suddenly said, "If Yun Che is truly rushing toward this place at full speed, he will definitely be releasing a large amount of energy and aura. However, I've been using our spies to monitor the Southern Divine Region for the last few hours, and I've even gotten the ones in the southern part of the Eastern Divine Region to do a quick scan of their areas. Despite sweeping over several star regions, none of them have found a trace of Yun Che's aura."

"It is very likely that they are not waiting here for Yun Che in the first place! This is the most plausible scenario! They used some strange means to find out about our movements, and that includes the existence of the World Dragon City and Venerable Withered Dragons. After that, they realized that this fight wasn't winnable so they decided to lay down their lives here to give Yun Che enough time to escape back to the Northern Divine Region. So they decided to use this method to stall for time!"

Even though the Pure Dragon God hadn't gotten the situation right, she had still correctly guessed most of it.

Long Bai had long since regained his composure after his initial eruption of anger. However, since he had personally said that they would wait for twelve hours, his dignity as the Dragon Monarch would not allow him to go back on those words, even if he sensed that there was something wrong.

However, these twelve hours had already passed and his vast spiritual senses had not detected a single thread of Yun Che's aura. As such, the words of the Pure Dragon God instantly reignited the fires of rage in his heart.

"You played me?" The first person the Dragon Monarch turned to look at was Chi Wuyao.

If the other person hadn't been the Devil Queen of the North, just that simple stare alone would have been enough to shake their soul.

"Hehe..." Chi Wuyao suddenly started laughing at this moment, and her laughter was both seductive and strange. After that, her voice suddenly turned incredibly cottony and languid as she said, "Our lord Devil Master has probably safely returned to the Northern Divine Region by now and you won't be able to catch him even if you use the World Dragon City."

"..." Long Bai's sword-shaped brows instantly sank.

"The Dragon Monarch's grand name has resounded like thunder in our ears for millennia. However, it turns out that you're actually nothing more than an idiot and a fool. I merely said a few words and it got you to sit there quietly for twelve whole hours! Even the pets that I rear in my devilish pool are not as obedient as you are!"

Long Bai's face remained impassive... but the words that Chi Wuyao were about to say would instantly cause heavenly lightning to erupt from him.

"Ah, you're such a fool, so it's no wonder... that the Dragon Queen gifted you a shiny green hat."

BUZZZZZ————

Everyone felt as if a million bolts of lightning had exploded in their heads at the same time.

Long Bai's face instantly turned a ghastly shade of blackish-green as his eyes widened to the size of saucers!

BOOOM!!!!

Space collapsed around him as his raging draconic energy erupted from his body along with his boundless rage. The Dragon Gods, Dragon Sovereigns, and even the Venerable Withered Dragons were violently knocked away by the backlash from this energy eruption.

Furthermore, Long Bai... the monarch of the Dragon Gods, the commander of the Western Divine Region, had actually attacked! As everyone looked on in helpless disbelief, his energy exploded towards the barrier.

An earth-shaking explosion rang through the air as his claw heavily smashed against the tattered Deep Sea Barrier.

Bang... CRACK!!!

One blow. Just a single blow had caused the Deep Sea Barrier to collapse. That attack had contained the most dreadful and powerful force in the universe and the blue sky covering the Deep Sea Divine Region instantly shattered into fragments.

A huge pale white claw appeared over Long Bai's right arm as it bore down toward Chi Wuyao with peerlessly dreadful draconic might and malice.

No one had even recovered from the dazed shock elicited by Chi Wuyao's words, so there was no way that they would be ready for the Dragon Monarch's sudden attack. However, Chi Wuyao had already been prepared for it and her devilish figure silently flew forward.

BOOOM----

The Dragon Monarch had finally attacked and even the flick of his fingers seemed to be able to create a heavenly calamity.

Countless holes were instantly gouged out in the ground of the Deep Sea Divine Region and an entire host of devils were blasted far away. As destruction raged around her, Chi Wuyao's afterimages were instantly destroyed and her real body coalesced into existence in the skies above her. She shouted, "Open!"

Ding!

The fragments of the Deep Sea Barrier were chaotically fluttering in the air, but they suddenly glowed with an extremely dense blue light that started to rapidly spread.

When the dazed Dragon Gods saw that blue light, they were shocked at first. But after that, their expressions immediately changed as they crazily charged forward and yelled, "Dragon Monarch!"

However...

For the last twelve hours, no one had seen hide nor hair of Cang Shitian. This was because he had been in the core of the Deep Sea Divine Region rigidly controlling the Deep Sea Barrier's power. Just as Chi Wuyao had instructed, he had maintained it in a state where it could be instantly released at any moment.

Bang!

The Deep Sea Barrier coalesced into existence once more, firmly sealing the Deep Sea Divine Region within.

The eight Dragon God who had rushed forward violently smacked into the newly-reopened Deep Sea Barrier.

The dazed and confused Western Divine Region profound practitioners were standing outside the barrier.

While the raging Long Bai... was inside of it.

The commander-and-chief of the entire Western Divine Region had been isolated from his troops just like that.

Chi Wuyao's heart-piercingly cold voice rang out from above him.

"Attack!!"

Heart-rending devilish cries rang through the air as the light in the area grew dim. In that instant, Yan One, Yan Two, Yan Three, Yan Tianxiao, Jie Xin, and Jie Ling attacked Long Bai simultaneously.

Behind them, the powers of Qianye Ying'er, Qianye Bingzhu, Qianye Wugu, and Gu Zhu's power erupted dramatically as they joined in the attack as well.

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Yan One and Yan Three had received instructions from Chi Wuyao long before this happened. They were also the fastest to reach and attack Long Bai. The pair of black claws that terrorized the Southern and the Eastern Divine Regions flew toward the Dragon Monarch's left and right sides.

The sound and sensation of the Deep Sea Barrier closing jolted Long Bai out of his rampage. At the same time, he realized that he had been duped by Chi Wuyao again.

A faint white light appeared from his body.

Boom!

Yan One and Yan Three's claws struck Long Bai ruthlessly. The sound of breaking bones was so clear that some people thought that it had come from their own bodies.

The profound rock Long Bai was standing on shattered, and the space behind him collapsed. However, he didn't move an inch from where he was, and he stared at his attackers with terrifying authority and indifference.

Yan One's fingers were bent. Yan Three's right arm was straight up dislocated. A level of recoil far beyond their wildest imaginations had sent them flying away from Long Bai.

Right after that, Jie Xin, Jie Ling, Qianye Ying'er, Gu Zhu, and the two Brahma Ancestors' power reached Long Bai.

Long Bai raised his white glowing right arm. It took him only an instant to complete the simple movement, but for some reason it appeared unnaturally slow to everyone who saw it. Then, he casually thrust his palm forward.

Long Bai was probably the only being in the entire world who possessed the strength to knock back two Yama Ancestors by brute force. Even so, he should need a moment to gather his strength after that.

However, the energy releasing from his right arm was a draconic aura that stifled everyone's breath at the same time.

ROAR

A half transparent, pale white image of a dragon gushed forward. The world shook beneath a soul shaking roar.

Four level ten Divine Masters—Jie Xin, Jie Ling, Qianye Ying'er and Gu Zhu—were stopped in their tracks just like that. They couldn't move even an inch closer to Long Bai.

On the other hand, Qianye Wugu and Qianye Bingzhu fared better and were halted for only a moment. Once they had regained their freedom, they charged the Dragon Monarch again and pressed two golden glowing palms on his head. High up in the sky, Yan Tianxiao summoned a pitch-black Yama spear that grew from 3 meters long to 300 meters long in an instant. By the time he reached Long Bai, it had grown to 3 kilometers long.

RUMBLE

The world shone a shade of gold and black for a moment. The Yama spear shattered into pieces, and a supernova-like explosion dropped the two Brahma Ancestors like flies. Even Long Bai was sent flying until his back struck the Deep Sea Barrier.

The air suddenly turned incredibly oppressive.

The battle had begun and come to a lull in just an instant.

The northern region profound practitioners' joy of having "imprisoned" the Dragon Monarch had also lasted only an instant. All they felt now was a level of shock that could tear the soul apart.

It was because the combined strength of some of the strongest powers in the entire Northern Divine Region—the Yama Ancestors, Yan Tianxiao, the two Brahma Ancestors, and four level ten Divine Masters—had only succeeded in knocking Long Bai back.

Meanwhile, the Dragon Monarch felt the Deep Sea Barrier behind his back and snorted quietly.

A realm protecting barrier was used to defend against an invader's attack or, in the worst case scenario, buy enough time for its denizens to escape. Therefore, it was usually set so that it prevented entry, but allowed exit.

The Deep Sea Barrier written in the records was no different. The earlier barrier was obviously a oneway barrier as well.

However, during its second activation, it had suddenly transformed into a two-way barrier now preventing both entry and exit.

Twelve hours ago, when cracks first appeared on the Deep Sea Barrier, he had already felt that something was amiss. Although he had never witnessed the true Deep Sea Barrier with his own eyes, the records had stated that it was the strongest defensive barrier in the entire Southern Divine Region. While it was impressive that it had blocked the full-powered attacks of hundreds of Divine Masters for as long as it did, it still didn't feel like it had lived up to its reputation.

However, he hadn't thought deeply into it because Chi Wuyao had distracted him at the time.

Obviously, he now knew why the Deep Sea Barrier had "broken" as easily as it did.

A perfect flaw, followed by a perfect transmutation of attributes... It looked like the seemingly pretentious claim that the Deep Sea divine power was infinitely flexible was true after all.

After that, Long Bai looked up and stared at Chi Wuyao, the one person who had stayed out of this fight.

Now that he was in full possession of his faculties once more, he realized that she had led him by the nose almost every step of the way.

RUMBLE!

The eight Dragon Gods attacked the Deep Sea Barrier at the same time, but this new barrier was clearly a lot stronger than the previous iteration. Even their combined strength had only managed to dent it a little.

"Everyone attack!" The Crimson Destruction Dragon God shouted.

The Dragon Sovereigns, Master Dragons and the Divine Masters of the five king realms responded affirmatively and attacked in unison. Divine Master energy started beating down on the barrier like a galactic storm.

Crack!

Back inside the barrier, Yan Three relocated his arm back to normal while glaring at Long Bai with shining black eyes. It didn't feel like he had struck a body earlier. More accurately speaking, he hadn't thought a body this tough even existed until just now!

Yan One fared better than Yan Three, but his hands felt numb. His eyes were shining with the same terrifying light as Yan Three.

Even Qianye Wugu and Qianye Bingzhu, the two Divine Masters who knew Long Bai better than anyone else in the northern region faction, were shaken.

No one doubted that the Dragon Monarch was strong.

The problem was that no one knew where his true limits lay.

It had been countless years since he had fought anyone seriously.

It was because he had become the strongest as far back as one hundred and fifty thousand years ago.

Of course, Long Bai's monstrous strength hadn't manifested out of thin air, and Shen Xi sat at the heart of his ascension.

Soul wise, his drive for power stemmed directly from his obsession with Shen Xi. Body wise, he had the privilege of using the Divine Water of Life—a miraculous substance that could transform a powerless mortal into a Divine Origin profound practitioner with a single drop—for hundreds of thousands of years.

In fact, one might even say that Shen Xi was the one who made Long Bai into what he was today, not Long Bai himself.

Unfortunately...

"Do not give him even a moment to breathe!" Chi Wuyao commanded, "We only have one shot at this! Don't save your strength just because he's one person! Hit him with everything you have!"

A few years ago, when Jasmine had awakened as the Evil Infant, she had single handedly killed the Moon God Emperor, the Star Gods, the Moon Gods, the Brahma Kings and the Guardians before escaping safely. She had been undefeatable despite being at the lowest point of her strength.

In terms of power, the Dragon Monarch was the closest profound practitioner to that level!

In terms of body... he might actually be tougher than Jasmine at that time!

Therefore, she had no idea if her trap—one that would've killed absolutely anyone else in the entire Primal Chaos—was enough to kill Long Bai before the barrier shattered. The odds were, to put it simply, impossible to calculate. But gamble she must, for the only other alternative was annihilation!

The Devil Queen's voice wiped out the northern region's profound practitioners' shock and replaced it with violent determination. If they could slay the Dragon Monarch right here and now, the enemy forces would fall into chaos for sure! It was the ray of a miracle the Devil Queen had schemed with all her might to obtain, so they couldn't let it slip through their hands no matter what!

"DIE!!"

The first attacker was still Yan One. He was the greatest Yama Ancestor of the Northern Divine Region, and his pride was just as lofty. The shame of being sent flying in a single exchange burned against his skin like a brand.

Behind him, the Witches, Moon Eaters and Yama Devils unleashed their powers as well.

Some distance away, the God Emperor Cang Shitian laughed madly. "How do you like my magic trick, Western Divine Region!? I just turned your Dragon Monarch into a Deep Sea turtle! Wahahahaha!!"

BOOMCRACK!

Caizhi raised the Heavenly Wolf Devil Sword and unleashed a wave of spatial energy from the tip. The next moment, hundreds of Dragons of Absolute Beginning descended from the sky, and the Dragon Emperor of Absolute Beginning himself appeared beneath Caizhi's feet. The aura the Dragon Emperor was emanating shocked even the western region dragons.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that the Northern Divine Region had squeezed out every ounce of strength they possessed to kill Long Bai.

Their manic determination deeply disturbed the Dragon Gods of the Dragon God Realm and drove them to attack the Deep Sea Barrier with even greater frenzy than before, but the five Venerable Withered Dragons still didn't make a move.

Long Bai's hair swam messily behind his back, and a white film had glazed over his pupils.

No matter how powerful he was, he couldn't possibly withstand the full strength of the northern region forces on his own.

Therefore, he, the Dragon Monarch, made the most logical and correct decision.

ROAR

BOOM!!!!

A draconic roar that nearly knocked everyone unconscious rocked the blue sky of the Southern Divine Region, and the world... trembled.

The world suddenly turned darker for no reason. The Dragons of Absolute Beginning stiffened and sank almost a hundred meters before they barely re-gathered themselves. Even the Dragon Gods, chi

dragons, hui dragons and blue dragons attacking the Deep Sea Barrier suddenly lost control of their power and shivered uncontrollably.

His body was over thirty thousand meters long, his scales were pure white, and his eyes looked like a pair of burning suns. The draconic aura that was already unparalleled in this world actually grew several times stronger than before.

Rumble... rumble...

The white dragon slowly descended from the sky.

Unnatural, disastrous storms appeared here and there without warning. Space shivered to the point where it felt like countless bolts of lightning were striking endlessly against the world.

Yan One and Yan Three froze in midair. The Yama Devils and Moon Eaters who were about to pounce on the Dragon Monarch backed away like a typhoon had hit them.

Even Qianye Wugu and Qianye Bingzhu, two old men who had lived so long that few things could surprise them anymore, stared blankly at the Dragon Monarch for a very long time.

The Dragon Monarch's true form...

It was the form that they had never seen even during their lifetimes!

They were hardly the only ones who could make such a claim. Even the Dragon Gods hadn't seen his true form for the heavens only know how many years.

It was impossible to accurately describe how it felt except that it literally caused heaven and earth to shiver, and it stunned even Yan One and Yan Three, two monsters who had lived in the Bone Sea Abyss for eight hundred thousand years, for a moment. Both devils had temporarily forgotten what they were supposed to do.

ROAR

The moment the Dragon Monarch roared, more than half of the profound practitioners present thought that their bodies and souls had been crushed to smithereens. In fact, countless planets in the Southern Divine Region had strayed away from their original orbits.

While everyone was stunned or near unconsciousness, the Dragon Monarch abruptly escaped the aura lockdown he was under and flew toward the back.

ROAR!!!

Another draconic roar followed, but this time it came from the Dragon Emperor of Absolute Beginning himself. It flew straight toward Long Bai.

BANG!

The two giant beings collided against one another and caused a series of heart-wrenching noises that sounded like thousands of dragon bones breaking at the same time. An instant later, the Dragon Emperor of Absolute Beginning dropped toward the ground like a lightning bolt, and the Dragon

Monarch brought his claws downward. The shadow it cast enveloped the entire Burning Moon Realm entourage.

"FLY!"

Fen Daoqi roared, but he himself couldn't move because he was trapped at the center of the Dragon Monarch's power. He felt as if a million mountains were trapping him in place. Pupils widening to their limits, he channeled his full power and thrust his arms upward in an attempt to resist the attack, even though he knew that his struggle was futile.

"Be safe... Senior Daoqi!!"

Suddenly, a profound practitioner reached Fen Daoqi and hit him with a palm strike, sending the old man flying and out of harm's way. Unfortunately, he also put himself directly in the way of the Dragon Monarch's claw.

Boom!

Ji Daopian was smashed deep into the ground, his arms breaking like twigs before the unstoppable force. The Moon Eaters who just barely flew out of the way were still knocked flying, some several kilometers and some dozens. When they finally regained their bearings and looked back, they saw something that caused their eyes to turn red with rage.

SQUELCH!!

The claw pushed harder... and Ji Daopian exploded in a shower of blood.

Just like that, Ji Daopian, one of the Moon Eaters of Burning Moon Realm, a level eight Divine Master, was crushed to death by the Dragon Monarch. He was barely able to put up any resistance at all.

Chapter 1836 - Piercing the Heart (1)

Shock, fear, cold... all these feelings were spreading inside the hearts of the northern region profound practitioners at an insane rate.

The core strength of the Northern Divine Region had swept the Eastern and Southern Divine Regions like an unstoppable storm. The Yama Ancestors and Brahma Ancestors especially were existences who surpassed a large majority of god emperors in the current world.

These people had joined together to attack one person and one person only... but not only had said person defeated the powerful Dragon Emperor of Absolute Beginning in one hit, he had scattered the Moon Eaters and the Burning Moon Divine Envoys in a single hit. One Moon Eater was even crushed with barely any resistance.

This wasn't the outcome they had imagined when they trapped Long Bai in with them.

Everyone knew that Dragon Monarch was strong... but how could he be this powerful!?

The world darkened once more. This time, Long Bai dropped his talons atop the Yama Devils.

It was a pressure like nothing the terrified Yama Devils and Yama Ghosts had ever imagined before, much less felt with their own persons. It was like the nine heavens themselves were falling toward them.

"MOVE AWAY!"

No one tried to defend or retaliate against the attack. Everyone from the Yama Devils to the Yama Ghosts did the first thing that entered their heads, and that was to escape with all their might.

It was at this moment a new roar shook the heavens. A gigantic, azure wolf descended from the sky and dashed straight toward Long Bai. It was a smoking Caizhi swinging her Heavenly Wolf Devil Sword at Long Bai's talons.

RUMBLE!!

Another explosion rocked the Deep Sea God Realm, and the azure wolf was shredded into pieces. Caizhi herself was knocked as far back as fifteen kilometers before she was finally able to come to a stop. Her efforts were not futile, however. The Yama forces were still scattered and wounded, but no one had died from the attack.

In the sky, Chi Wuyao narrowed her eyes to slits.

She was staring at something far scarier than his true physical form.

His Dragon God Divine Soul!

The strength of a Dragon God's soul lay in its ability to awe its opponents. It could shatter a person's fighting spirit and willpower instantly, turn their fear into all-encompassing terror, and even invoke a sense of compulsive submission. Whether or not the person had truly submitted to the awe, it would be incredibly difficult for them to renew their will and strength.

The Yama Ancestors and Brahma Ancestors were staggered to the point where they allowed Long Bai to escape their control without struggle.

The Moon Eaters and Yama Devils completely lost their will to resist and focused all their strength on escaping.

The Dragon Emperor of Absolute Beginning, the most affected of them all... couldn't even unleash thirty percent of its true power. That was why it had collapsed immediately after slamming into the Dragon Monarch.

This was the power of a Dragon God's dragon soul, and the Devil Queen knew this better than most because she had personally experienced it herself while fighting against the Crimson Destruction Dragon God. The Dragon God had been able to injure her severely even though his soul was a tattered mess at the time.

It also made her realize all over again just how amazing Yun Che was to suppress the Ash Dragon God and kill him like it was nothing... although terrifying would be a more apt descriptor.

It might very well be the reason he never feared the Dragon God Realm.

Back at the Blue Pole Star, Yun Che had crippled an entire group of god emperors with his Dragon God Divine Soul and escaped despite being only at Divine King Realm.

Yun Che's Dragon God Divine Soul had come from the Primordial Azure Dragon himself, a being that was absolutely on a higher level than Long Bai. However, his soul energy was so weak that the awe didn't last very long.

On the other hand, Long Bai's Dragon God Divine Soul was no match for Yun Che's, but it was still enough to subdue absolutely everything in his wake, not to mention that his soul energy was as vast as a boundless sea. It was impossible to estimate exactly how long the awe would last.

Chi Wuyao's pupils slowly darkened into the deepest black.

If Shui Meiyin was around, the Divine Stainless Soul could've chased away the awe.

If Yun Che was around, he might even be able to turn the tables on the Dragon Monarch himself and suppress him for a short moment.

Unfortunately... neither of them was present right now.

Her Nirvana Devil Soul was a high level soul too, but its true strength lay in its ability to cripple and control a soul.

Considering the situation... it wasn't the best use of her soul, but she had no choice but to expel the awe's effects through level suppression and hope it was enough.

Chi Wuyao's eyes closed slowly before opening abruptly.

A twisted devil's shadow appeared in her widened pupils.

Eerily, the devil's shadow appeared in everyone's else's pupils, minds and souls as well.

Then, Chi Wuyao whispered in a hoarse and distant voice:

"In this world, the only power deserving of your awe is the Devil Master! Long Bai is but another dragon on his kill list!"

Chi Wuyao's voice reverberated inside their souls like a devilish gong, chased away the fear in their eyes, and reignited their faith and fighting spirit.

"Hiss... AH!"

Yan One abruptly let out an ear-piercing shriek and pounced toward Long Bai like a crazed demon.

For a few breaths, Long Bai had intimidated him and caused his hold to slacken... it was only a few breaths, but it was one of the worst humiliations he had ever suffered in his life!

Chi Wuyao's soul voice rang again in everyone's ears:

"Qianye, Gu Zhu, Cang Shitian, suppress him with all your power!"

"Yan One, Yan Three, Yama Emperor, Yan Wu, you're the attackers!"

"Caizhi, tell the Dragons of Absolute Beginning to fall back for now!"

"Witches, prepare the prison!"

"Everyone else, back away and stay out of this fight!"

The orders were long, but they were transmitted instantly thanks to her soul voice.

If everyone were to attack Long Bai together, of course they would have a higher chance of slaying him before the barrier shattered.

However, the first thing Long Bai did after unleashing his true form and escaping the suppression was to attack the Moon Eaters and Yama Devils. It was obvious that he intended to take as many of them with him to the grave as possible. After some quick deliberation, Chi Wuyao ultimately decided to preserve her forces and attack Long Bai with only the level ten Divine Masters.

Yan One and Yan Three tried dashing toward the white dragon, but all they got was a faceful of tail.

The outcome of the second clash between the Dragon Monarch and the two Yama Ancestors was exactly the same as the first: Yan One and Yan Three bouncing away like a pair of balls. This time though, the two Yama Ancestors were very, very angry.

"You think you're the only one who knows how to transform!?" Yan One damned near crushed his own teeth as he snarled. "Watch!"

"HISSHAAAHHH!!"

Yan One and Yan Three let out another ear-piercing screech. Their withered bones suddenly pierced through their skin, and black fog poured out of their backs. A moment later, both Yama Ancestors transformed into a giant, near physical devil that was at least three hundred meters tall!

Right now, their appearance was incredibly similar to the ancient Yama Devils recorded in the history books of the Northern Divine Region!

"I'll tear you apart!!"

The howls became several times more terrifying than before. Their claws also became imbued with the destructive power of the Bone Sea Abyss.

Shred!!

Both claws struck Long Bai a third time, but instead of the usual explosion, a cacophony of screeches shrill enough to cause a heart to explode scratched against everyone's ear drums. It was the sound of the Dragon Monarch's flesh being shredded!

The ghastly claws entered Long Bai's flesh from one side and came out the other. Several jets of blood gushed out of the open wounds.

The wounds were really insignificant considering how huge Long Bai was, but when was the last time his blood was exposed to the naked air? Not even Long Bai himself could remember a time like this.

There were just so, so, so few people in the world who possessed the power to make him bleed, much less anything else.

"Dragon Monarch!"

Outside the barrier, the terrified Dragon Gods attacked even harder after witnessing the impossible sight. The Deep Sea Barrier quaked and dented under their power practically every passing instant.

Long Bai's retaliation was immediate and deadly. His white glowing tail cut a hole in space and slammed into Yan One and Yan Three hard, sending them rolling across space at an unimaginable speed.

However, the two Yama Ancestors returned even quicker and more hateful than before, pouncing toward the Dragon Monarch again.

Qianye Wugu, Qianye Bingzhu, and Gu Zhu also swooped down from above and struck Long Bai with all their power.

The Dragon Monarch's power was peerless in the world, but even he found it difficult to endure a direct hit from the two Yama Ancestors. He abruptly descended 3 kilometers or so before glaring at the sky and roaring once more.

ROAR

The second the power pushing down on his body lessened, Long Bai immediately flew up once more and sent the three Brahma Divine Masters flying with a devastating storm of energy. Of the three, Gu Zhu turned pale and failed to stop a trickle of blood from sliding down his lip.

However, things were different this time. Thanks to Chi Wuyao's Nirvana Devil Soul, they were able to regain their strength and mount a second attack just a couple of instants later. At the same time, Qianye Ying'er's Divine Oracle and Caizhi's Heavenly Wolf Devil Sword cut through the air with a sonic boom.

Five Divine Master's worth of destructive power struck Long Bai squarely in the head.

Further below, Yan One, Yan Three, Yan Tianxiao and Yan Wu were attacking his stomach like crazy as well.

Even Cang Shitian had let out a sudden, mad cry, risen into the air, and fired a hail of sharp, blue arrows toward Long Bai's glaring eyes.

RUMBLE!!

BUZZ

WHOOSH

SHRED!!!!!

The Dragon Monarch, the Yama Ancestors, the Brahma Ancestors, the Yama Emperor, the Devil Queen, God Emperor Shitian...

It was a battle no mortal would ever be able to see with their own eyes. It was because even the tiniest shockwave from this battle could easily destroy a star.

In fact, every instant; every fraction of a second of this battle was collapsing an unimaginable amount of space.
Again and again, the northern region profound practitioners taking cover in the Deep Sea God Realm were knocked back by the shockwaves of the battle. By the time they regained their balance, they realized that they were a couple hundred kilometers away from the center of the battlefield.

They stared blankly at the battle above their heads... they almost couldn't believe that there existed a battle where they, powerful Divine Masters, were unqualified to participate.

Even outside the Deep Sea Barrier, a huge number of western region profound practitioners were so focused on the battle that they had forgotten to attack the barrier.

The dragon race was the greatest race of all races, and they of course possessed their own unique profound arts and profound skills. However, the stronger a dragon, the less they actually practiced them.

As for the Dragon Monarch, he almost couldn't remember the techniques he had once engraved into his memory.

It was because both his body and his soul stood at the pinnacle of the world. Profound arts and profound skills were only burdens to him.

After all, his bloodline, his body, his power, and his soul were the strongest profound arts in the entire world.

That being said, no matter how powerful Long Bai was, there was no way he could fight off the northern region's strongest forces all by himself.

The suppression grew worse and worse. He continued taking hits from the Brahma Divine Masters and Yama Devils. However, his draconic aura never weakened or fell into disorder in the slightest, and his retaliations were as fierce as they were deadly.

It was a testament to the Dragon Monarch's true power. He didn't lose even though he was suppressed for a very long time.

Outside the barrier, Long Si let out a heavy sigh before saying, "His dragon's body and dragon's soul far surpass ours. His dragon's body especially may have surpassed the 'limit'. He truly deserves to be called the Dragon Monarch."

"Yet his dragon soul was still suppressed by the Devil Queen," said Long Yi while looking at the black shadow in the sky. "It looks like a lot of monsters have risen during the time we were asleep."

"It is time we act," Long Er said.

BOOM

Another huge, deafening explosion erupted from Long Bai and sent the Yama Emperor, Qianye and more flying.

Long Bai was covered in wounds, but even the deepest one was only a meter or two deep. They hadn't even dug deep enough to see its bones yet.

Long Bai abruptly turned around to hit the weakest Yan Wu.

Yan Tianxiao dashed toward Long Bai like a black meteor with the intent of scoring a quick hit, but the talon suddenly changed direction and pressed down on him instead.

Caught off guard, Yan Tianxiao took the full brunt of the attack. A terrifying blast of draconic energy burst through his chest and his back.

Yan Tianxiao's features twisted into an ugly visage, and his teeth nearly shattered under the sheer force he was exerting on them. In his hatred, not only did he not bother to suppress his wounds, he channeled his full power and struck the dragon talon with everything he had.

Crack!!

It sounded as if a thousand hills were crumbling. The Dragon's Monarch's talon broke under the retaliatory strike, but Yan Tiaoxiao himself crashed deep into the ground while spewing blood.

"Royal father!!"

Yan Wu let out a cry of horror and rushed to her father's aid.

After Yan Tianxiao rolled over to his back, he tapped his chest a couple of times with a finger and sealed the wound. When he looked up and saw a panicking Yan Wu flying toward him, he hit her with a gust of dark energy before shouting at her angrily, "Get him, not me!"

Chapter 1837 - Piercing the Heart (2)

Yan Wu gritted her teeth and allowed Yan Tianxiao's power to propel her straight toward Long Bai. She waved her hands and conjured tens of thousands of Yama Devil Spears in an instant.

Breaking a Dragon God's bone was a feat many, many times harder than just wounding a Dragon God. Thanks to Yan Tianxiao's effort, Long Bai growled in pain and temporarily lost his balance.

"Roar!!"

The Heavenly Wolf howled as Caizhi changed her target. She successfully scored an impossibly heavy Wild Fang on Long Bai's broken talon.

Crack!!

The heavenly wolf's power was strength-based much like the dragon god's power. Yun Che might not dare use too much strength in his hugs for fear of harming Caizhi's soft and delicate body, but the small girl really possessed enough power to shatter stars and moons.

That was how she was able to break Long Bai's talon in half and cause a snap that sounded like the profound lightning of the nine heavens itself. Every Dragon God turned as pale as a sheet when they heard this.

"Roar!!"

The explosive power spun Long Bai's body around. Sensing an opportunity, Yan Wu abruptly changed her stance, gathered her aura, condensed the ten thousand Yama Devil Spears into a giant shadow that was three kilometers tall, and dropped it on the center of his glabella.

It had been too long since he felt any pain, and the pain of his bones breaking finally broke through his calm facade and disrupted his aura. Moreover, he was unable to defend himself due to being off balance, so Yan Wu was able to land her giant spear perfectly.

Pssh BOOM!!

The full-powered attack exploded and drilled a 3-meter wide hole in Long Bai's glabella. Huge droplets of blood scattered through the air and toward the ground.

At nearly the same time, a dancing Cang Shitian finally found an opportunity to land an effective attack. The blue profound energy he had been holding all this time struck Long Bai's open, angered eyes perfectly. Again, Long Bai wasn't able to dodge it because the profound beam followed an unpredictable trajectory and was several times faster than anything Cang Shitian had unleashed before.

"Ptooey! What an amazingly despicable man!" spat Yan One and Yan Three in unison as they crawled to their feet.

"Truly shameless." Even Yan Tianxiao was facepalming with one hand while suppressing his wounds with the other. Stabbing an opponent in the eyes was a technique even the lowest commoner found despicable, and this guy was a god damn god emperor.

"Hiss... roar!!"

That being said, it was very effective.

The eyes were one of the weakest parts of any living creature, and the dragons were not an exception to this rule. Even the Dragon Monarch couldn't help but lose his mind for a not insignificant amount of time after taking a god emperor's beam straight to the eyeballs. Furious and in pain, he couldn't maintain the same level of pressure he had been exerting upon all those who approached him and inevitably put himself in greater danger.

Shred!!

A golden beam erupted from behind Long Bai, and this time it pierced through Long Bai's disrupted protective aura like paper. It slithered around the dragon's tail and tightened like a deadly python before exploding.

The horrifying noise of flesh being compressed to the point of bursting entered everyone's ears. A shower of blood erupted as the Divine Oracle sank deep into the Dragon Monarch's tail.

Although Long Bai was covered in wounds before, he was able to maintain his cool because they were mostly superficial damage that didn't matter.

Now though, he was finally faltering before the full might of the Northern Divine Region's best.

He was angry, well and truly angry.

If you lived in the God Realm, you would know that you should never, ever make a dragon angry!

ROAR!!!!!!

The fury and power behind this roar was almost twice as strong as the previous one. It caused the approaching Yan One, Yan Three, Qianye Wugu and Qianye Bingzhu to lose their strength instantly.

As for Qianye Ying'er, not only was Divine Oracle blasted away from Long Bai's tail, the sheer amount of force that was transmitted through the weapon was powerful enough to bloody her hand and make her lose her grip.

The closest people to Long Bai—Cang Shitian, Caizhi and Yan Wu—even blacked out for an instant as they were swept away like dead leaves in a hurricane.

BOOM

That wasn't the only terrible news. A deafening explosion had resounded from the Deep Sea Barrier.

It was the five Venerable Withered Dragons finally joining the rescue effort.

The five dragons had fired their draconic energy from several kilometers away, and they were all aiming at the same point. When the energies converged, the resulting explosion was so powerful that it left a shockingly huge depression and many tiny cracks on the Deep Sea Barrier.

BOOM!!!

The second time they attacked, the white cracks immediately widened and spread like spider webs.

"Wh... what!?" The Sea Gods' eyes widened so much that their eyeballs could've fallen out of their sockets.

When it came to breaching a barrier, the quality of power mattered far more than the quantity of power.

For example, on the day the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor had left the Primal Chaos, Jasmine had been able to wipe out the crimson crack on the Wall of Primal Chaos much faster than all the god emperors combined.

This meant that the five Venerable Withered Dragons' power level was above the Deep Sea Barrier's.

Not only that, they shared the same style and origin of power. Their combined energies produced a synergistic effect that was absolutely deadly to the Deep Sea Barrier.

On the other side of the barrier, Long Bai didn't beat down on his attackers despite having physically and figuratively stunned all of them with the unimaginable power of a dragon's fury. Instead, he flew straight toward Chi Wuyao.

It was because he knew that she was the heart of the entire assault!

If she hadn't canceled the aweing effects of his dragon soul again and again, he wouldn't have faltered nearly as quickly.

"Watch out Devil Queen!" Yan Tianxiao shouted.

Chi Wuyao currently had her eyes closed, and the shadow above her head was swaying unsteadily. She was just getting ready to expel Long Bai's unnaturally powerful awe by force.

However, because she was fully focused on controlling the Nirvana Devil Soul at the time, she was slow to react to Long Bai's sudden attack. She lashed out with her black ribbon but couldn't unleash even half of her normal strength. As a result, the attack bounced away, and she took a blast of draconic energy straight to the body.

Pwack!

More than half of the black mist surrounding Chi Wuyao crumbled into nothing. The amount of blood that burst out of her lips was absolutely terrifying.

Her aura also fell into incredible disorder.

Obviously, dispelling the dragon soul's awe with the Nirvana Devil Soul again and again wasn't an easy task.

"Devil Queen!"

"Devil Queen!!!"

Cries of shock and terror appeared from every corner of the Deep Sea God Realm. If the unthinkable were to happen to the Devil Queen while the Devil Master was gone... they didn't even dare to imagine the consequences.

"Ugh... ahhhhhhh!"

Eyes widening to the point of bleeding, Yan Tianxiao endured his wounds, forced his way through the awe and suppression of Long Bai's roar, and charged.

Equally shocked by Chi Wuyao's injuries, Yan One, Yan Three and the two Brahma Ancestors charged toward Long Bai as well.

Long Bai turned around to face them. His eyes were wounded, but they still shone with a light that cowed all the living creatures in the world. The line between his body and his soul blurred for a moment, and another draconic roar pressed down on everyone.

This time, the Devil Queen wasn't around to help. The northern region devils were sure to break under his dragon's soul.

It was at this moment Chi Wuyao's pupils gleamed eerily.

She had purposely taken a hit to prepare for this very moment.

The second Long Bai released his dragon's soul, Chi Wuyao captured its outline perfectly in her pupils. The seemingly weakened Nirvana Devil Soul immediately unleashed its hidden power, shot toward Long Bai's soul, and bit.

"КОААААААААААНННННННННН!"

The Crimson Destruction Dragon God hadn't been able to withstand the pain of the Nirvana Devil Soul tearing into his soul. Naturally, it was the same for Long Bai!

There was a difference, however. The Crimson Destruction Dragon God had been unable to break free because he had allowed the Nirvana Devil Soul to invade his soul domain. Still, the pain should be enough to keep the Dragon Monarch occupied for a short while.

Long Bai hurriedly withdrew his dragon's soul, but the pain inflicted by the devil soul wouldn't disappear immediately. Just the same, he couldn't regather the draconic willpower and energy he let crumble instantly. The debilitation would only last a couple of breaths, but it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that the Devil Queen had created.

"Seal him now !!"

The nine Witches who had been waiting to execute this order from the very start immediately took off to their positions.

Jie Xin, Jie Ling, Ye Li, Yao Die, Qing Ying, Lan Ting, Hua Jin, Yu Wu, and Chanyi. The nine Witches began shining like nine dreamlike butterflies with eerie black marks engraved into the space around them.

The black marks crisscrossed around Long Bai's body. Soon, a gigantic, sealed dark profound formation came into existence around him.

UOOOHHH

When the dark profound formation took form completely, a devil's shadow appeared inside the profound formation and let out a roar that seemed to hail from the ancient abyss.

The formation was called the Nine Tribulations Heaven Sealing Formation. It was an ancient devil formation the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor had left behind for Yun Che, which he then taught to the nine Witches.

Since the nine Witches were "created" by Chi Wuyao, their minds were interlinked, and their power came from the same origin. Most people of the current world would be hard pressed to master the ancient devil formation left behind by the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor herself, but thanks to Yun Che's Eternal Calamity of Darkness and the special connection between the witches, they were able to learn it in just four months.

The Nine Tribulations sealed not the body, but the power.

Long Bai's draconic energy was somewhat chaotic due to all the damage he had taken so far, but the ancient formation also caused it to weaken at a drastic rate. After his pain faded, and his consciousness grew clearer, Long Bai discovered in astonishment that his control over his own power was slipping.

It was as if his divine powers were immobilized by countless threads.

In the end, even the white energy surrounding his body all this time had dissipated completely.

"Qianye! Gu Zhu! Caizhi! Cang Shitian... suppress him with everything you got!"

"Yan Three, Yama Emperor, Yan Wu, give all your powers to Yan One!"

The order jolted everyone into action.

The six level ten Divine Masters—Qianye Wugu, Qianye Bingzhu, Gu Zhu, Qianye Ying'er, Caizhi and Cang Shitian—fired their energies into Long Bai's unprotected body.

BOOM CRACK!!

Without the layer of white energy, Long Bai's terrifying physical body was only as strong as a normal Dragon God's. The six pillars of energy immediately bent his gigantic body like a broken twig, and the following noise sounded like cracks of thunder... he had to have at least broken a thousand bones at the same time.

Boom!!!

Long Bai crashed to the ground so hard that he bounced back into the air.

While this was going on, Yan Tianxiao, Yan Three and Yan Wu were standing around Yan One and pressing their palms against his body. They poured every bit of Yama Devil energy they possessed into his profound veins.

All four people shared the same origin of power and even the same blood. Naturally, the transference of power was as smooth as it could possibly be.

The black mist surrounding Yan One's body grew as thick as the infinite night's, and his withered arm looked filled to the point of bursting. When Long Bai bounced into the air, Yan One had been gathering his power for at least one and a half breaths.

Yan One locked his gaze on the Dragon Monarch's stomach, his old, half-narrowed eyes gleaming with a kind of malice that could terrorize even the evil spirits of hell. He abruptly thrust his swollen right arm forward and fired a pitch black, claw-shaped energy that tore space and law itself apart straight at Long Bai.

"Jie ah... die!!"

Bang!

It was a soft sound, but it was one that caused everyone's eyes to widen, and every heart to stop.

The white scales around the Dragon Monarch's stomach only resisted for an instant before falling apart like cloth. The devilish claw of darkness penetrated his thirty thousand meter long body, burst out from his back...

... and ended his legend of invincibility once and for all.

The sky turned red from dragon's blood for an instant.

The northern region profound practitioners froze for a second... before feeling a rush of blood to their heads and cheering like crazy.

Unfortunately, the cheering only lasted a breath before a shattering noise chased it away completely.

The five Venerable Withered Dragons were so strong that the Deep Sea Barrier at seventy percent of its strength didn't even last fifteen minutes.

Chapter 1838 - Eruption

In the instant the Deep Sea Barrier fell, Chi Wuyao's upraised hand froze in midair before she gave the softest of sighs.

In the end, it had all been for nothing.

Long Bai's strength had exceeded even her greatest estimates, and this was especially true of his draconic body. It was so strong that it surpassed all of the records regarding the dragon god race.

Even if that was the case, there had definitely been a chance that they could have killed him with their powers combined if the Deep Sea Barrier had lasted for thirty more minutes.

This was fate. They had given it their best shot, but it had not been enough to decide the outcome.

Amidst the shattered fragments of the barrier, the eight Dragon Gods formed the tip of the spear as all of the Western Divine Region's Divine Masters rushed in. The world seemed to flip upside down in a single instant as the entire Deep Sea Divine Region was violently constricted by an incredibly terrifying field of energy.

The power of the eight Dragon Gods and five Withered Venerable Dragons exploded into the enemy formation, swiftly smashing apart the Nine Tribulations Heaven Sealing Formation. Long Bai's body suddenly started spinning in midair as he began to glow. He swiftly transformed within that white light as he resumed human form and quickly retreated under the protection of the Venerable Withered Dragons. He gave a dragon cry in an incredibly deep and grim voice, "Charge!"

At nearly the same time, Chi Wuyao shouted the exact same word on the Northern Divine Region's side. "Charge!"

Rumble!!

Blades left their sheaths with a steely rasp as profound light erupted all over the battlefield. Anyone who was peering at the Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm from distant star regions would have thought that countless stars had exploded over the Deep Sea Divine Region.

"Charge!!" A bloodthirsty howl rang out from the Northern Divine Region's troops. A cold and sinister killing intent caused the temperature in the air to plummet and made it seem like the heavens and the earth had started to shiver.

There were no probing attacks or words exchanged as both sides charged forward without hesitation. In fact, attacks were being randomly hurled toward the respective armies without any specific target. It seemed like countless powder kegs had exploded the moment the barrier shattered as darkness, roars, explosions, and fresh blood... explosively pulled back the curtains on this most terrible of battles.

In an instant, countless arrows of blood shot through the sky as space warped and collapsed all around the battlefield.

"Charge! Charge! Charge!" Tian Guhu, who had been waiting in the wings all this while, finally charged out with all of the Divine Masters of the Northern Divine Region's upper star realms in tow. His eyes had turned as red as blood and a deafening roar escaped his lips, "It wasn't easy for us to even come this far, so if you don't at least take someone else with you, you'll have died a dog's death!" "Charge!!"

Rumble! Rumble!

The heavens and earth shuddered violently as malice soared up into the sky.

The forces of the Western Divine Region overwhelmingly outnumbered the forces of the Northern Divine Region at every level. As the ground started to grow wet with blood, every Northern Divine Region Divine Master had to face off against at least two others of their level.

However, they refused to be intimidated or bullied by the Western Divine Region despite the difference in power. There wasn't a single speck of fear in their eyes as they faced off against their enemies, only frenzy and malice, and this actually caused the numerically-superior Western Divine Region Divine Masters to flinch backwards as they fought.

Long Bai's figure retreated away from the morass of blood and violence under the protection of the Venerable Withered Dragons. His face was calm but grim and there was a bloody hole that was about half a palm wide that had been punched through his chest.

His left arm held his severed right limb and slowly placed it back in place. After that, a layer of white light slowly started moving over his body.

Under that white light, all of the wounds on his body were mending themselves at a rate visible to the eye.

Furthermore, even his severed right arm, while still pale, had started to regain a bit of health and vigor.

"Help me," he said in a deep voice.

The Venerable Withered Dragons nodded their heads as five withered hands pressed down on his body. The blood flowing from the hole in his chest immediately stopped and after about a dozen short breaths, Long Bai's chaotic and uneven energy had started to regulate itself.

After another dozen breaths, the holes in his chest and back had been covered by white light before they slowly started shrinking.

This terrifying recovery speed could practically be compared to Yun Che's.

"Is this light profound energy?" Long Yi asked as suspicion flashed through his eyes.

"No," Long Wu said as he shook his head. "It is hard for the body of the Dragon Monarch to be compatible with light profound energy. This is something that has been bestowed upon him by a unique 'external power'. To think that three hundred thousand years of refining could produce results as astonishing as this."

When Long Wu went into "divine hibernation", Shen Xi had already appeared in the Dragon God Realm.

"..." Long Bai remained quiet throughout the entire process, his eyes coldly focused on the battlefield.

Yun Che's aura still hadn't appeared even once.

The opposing side did not have their ace, the beating heart of their forces, so it was undoubtedly making this calamitous battle even easier. However, Long Bai didn't feel a single shred of joy in his heart. He felt as if the volcano of infinite rage that had been churning in his heart was being suffocated and suppressed. If Yun Che wasn't around, what had been the point of rousing the Venerable Withered Dragons or using the World Dragon City!?

"Do we take action?" Long San asked.

"There's no need for that," Long Si said in a calm voice.

The Moon Eaters, Yama Devils, Brahma Kings, Witches, Star Gods, and the Dragon Sovereigns of Absolute Beginning... were clashing head to head with the high-level Divine Masters of the Western Divine Region's six king realms, but the difference in numbers was overwhelming. As such, they were already on the backfoot when the battle had begun. But since the only alternative to victory was death, invisible fires had ignited in these hearts. Hearts which had resolved themselves to death as they burned their powers and wills to the fullest extent.

"Raaaaaaah!" The Sea Gods of the Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm had been retreating, but the gradual collapse of their divine region caused their eyes to swiftly become clouded with bloody mist as the shock and fear in their hearts swiftly transformed into hate.

"This fucking Western Divine Region... The Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm is going to be destroyed! Destroyed!" a Sea God roared in despair. He rushed forward like a wild beast that had suddenly been roused from its slumber and sent a Chi Dragon that had been fighting the Heavenly Jade Star God flying.

The actions of the first Sea God had been enough to shatter the fear and hesitance of the rest. All of them gritted their teeth fiercely as they rushed forward... In that instant, it seemed as if the Western Divine Region and death weren't that scary after all.

As for those who were at the tenth level of the Divine Master Realm... The ones who had entered this exalted and unsurpassed realm of power had already found their own opponents.

The Qilin Emperor stood in front of Qianye Wugu and Qianye Bingzhu, and four Ink Qilins who were also level ten Divine Masters stood behind him.

Cries of misery reverberated through the air as the battle raged on, but the space around these seven individuals seemed to be strangely quiet and tranquil.

The Qilin Emperor made a small bow, "Old friends, it's been far too long."

Qianye Wugu let out an empathic sigh. "We haven't met for nearly a hundred thousand years but you're still so hale and hearty. I must say that I'm absolutely jealous of you."

The Qilin Emperor shook his head with a dry chuckle before he asked, "Since I received news of your return, I've always been deeply curious about one thing. Why did you two choose to throw your lot in with the darkness?"

Qianye Bingzhu replied, "Since we have already experienced life and 'death', we thought that seeing another side of the world and another possibility wasn't a bad choice at all."

"Furthermore, this is as our god emperor wills and that is all," Qianye Wugu added on.

"Ah, so that is how it is," the Qilin Emperor said as understanding seemed to dawn on his face. He stretched out his big hand and the quiet space around them instantly shattered. Vast might slowly swelled forth from his body as he said, "Since our viewpoints are different this time, let's just enjoy this battle."

The two Brahma ancestors engaged in battle with the five mighty Qilins.

"Everyone, get out of my way!"

Even though the powers that were clashing on this battlefield were at the apex of this universe, an astonishingly incredible draconic might still swept through it unimpeded as the Crimson Destruction Dragon God rushed toward Chi Wuyao. The hate that burned in his eyes was so dense that it was almost tangible.

"Devil Queen!" The Crimson Destruction Dragon God's voice seemed to explode out of his body as he gave a bone-rattling roar. "Today... I will personally... tear you to shreds!"

"Oh? Just you alone?" Chi Wuyao gracefully wiped away the blood that had trickled down her lips with her long and slender fingers. Her voice turned languid and cottony as she purred, "Aren't you afraid that you'll end up looking even more pathetic than the last time? I have always been very cruel to any little worm who isn't one of my pets."

"HAAAAAH!!" The Crimson Destruction Dragon God gave another explosive roar, one so loud that it instantly caused the ears of the three Dragon Sovereigns nearest to him to bleed. His eyes turned scarlet as his arms explosively swelled to several times their original size. All of the energy in his body raged and churned like a million volcanos that were about to erupt.

"Big Brother, let me help you!" the White Rainbow Dragon God said.

"Get lost! No one is to interfere with my battle!" All of the rage and draconic energy in the Crimson Destruction Dragon God's body seemed to explode at the same time as he rushed straight at Chi Wuyao.

The White Rainbow Dragon God's lips twitched for a few moments before he rushed Yan Three, who was already engaged in a fierce battle with the Cyan Abyss Dragon God.

Jie Xin and Jie Ling were rushing toward the Devil Queen when the figures of two Dragon Gods descended in front of them to block their path.

It was the Pure Dragon God and the Purple River Dragon God.

"They were the ones who scratched your face the last time?" The Purple River Dragon God's voice was alluring and silky and her expression was seductively charming... Unfortunately, her seductiveness was a whole level lower than Chi Wuyao's, whose devilish charm could ensnare a person's heart in a single instant.

"Hmph!" The Pure Dragon God gave a soft snort of disdain.

"That truly is a grave and unforgivable sin." The Purple River Dragon God narrowed her eyes as a smile appeared on her face. She stretched her arm out, her long nails glinting with a heart-piercingly cold light. "Then let me help you... rip them apart." Jie Xin and Jie Ling were like two halves of a mirror and even though their auras were being fiercely suppressed by the two Dragon Gods, the black light in their eyes was still as gloomy and deep as the abyss.

On the other side, the Cyan Abyss Dragon God and the White Rainbow Dragon God were battling Yan Three while Yan One was busy fighting the Jade Dragon God, the Sky Dragon God, and the Myriad Manifestations God Emperor. The two great Yama Ancestors had ignited all of their Yama Devil blood and they let out sinister and dreadful wails from time to time.

Cang Shitian was in even more trouble though. His opponents were the Blue Dragon Emperor and her Blue Dragon Divine Attendants.

"I must say, Little Blue Dragon." Cang Shitian grinned as a flowing blue light appeared on both his arms. "To think that a woman needs to bring along helpers when dueling with a man. This isn't too appropriate, is it!?"

The Blue Dragon Emperor didn't even bother to reply. Instead, she gave a light wave of her hand, instantly turning the world around her into a blue ocean which trapped Cang Shitian within...

The two people standing in front of Qianye Ying'er and Gu Zhu were two of the great god emperors of the Western Divine Region... the Chi Dragon Emperor and the Hui Dragon Emperor.

Even though chi dragons and hui dragons were not the equal of the dragon gods, their draconic body still allowed them to reign above all else. Qianye Ying'er and Gu Zhu would already be hard-pressed to take on one of these two great dragon emperors by themselves, but facing two of them... was a gamble they had to stake their lives on.

The Dragon Emperor of Absolute Beginning was battling the Azure Dragon God while the injured Yan Tianxiao and his Yama Devils were battling two level ten Divine Master Chi Dragons and one level ten Divine Master Hui Dragon... However, there was still a deep worry resounding in their hearts.

Those five dreadful Venerable Withered Dragons had not made their move yet.

Rumble!

A single downward sweep of Caizhi's Heavenly Wolf Sword had severed the spine of a Dragon Sovereign. As it fell to the ground, Caizhi used her spiritual sense to sweep the battlefield in search of more enemies. It was at this time that she detected Zhou Xuzi's aura.

In that instant, her eyes widened into saucers as a shocking blackish-blue light erupted from the Heavenly Wolf eyes set into her devilish sword.

BOOOOM--

Heavenly thunder seemed to explode in the air as the power in the Heavenly Wolf Sword swelled and gathered. As she grew near to her target, the huge image of the Heavenly Wolf cut through layers of space and smashed into Zhou Xuzi's body.

Zhou Xuzi's body suddenly spun and the horsetail whisk in his hand made the lightest of movements. A soft sound rang in the air as the image of the Heavenly Wolf changed its trajectory and brushed past him.

However, Caizhi had already appeared in the air above Zhou Xuzi and her devil sword streaked down on him like a falling meteor.

Zhou Xuzi didn't move a single inch as six beams of white light shot up above him and fiercely blocked Caizhi's sword might.

It was the last six Guardians of the Eternal Heaven God Realm!

Zhou Xuzi once again drew a casual line in the air with his horsetail whisk. A white light flashed as the sound of a bell tolled in the air for a long period of time.

Bang!!

Caizhi gave a muffled groan as she was sent flying. However, her body came to a forced halt in the very next instant. Her Heavenly Wolf Sword let out a blood-curdling howl as she sent it hurtling down with her slender arm.

One girl and her sword faced off against Zhou Xuzi and his six great Guardians alone.

She didn't utter a single word. In fact, the only thing radiating from her right now was never-ending hatred.

The Eternal Heaven Divine Realm.

"Whew!"

Yun Che opened his eyes and let out a long breath.

"This was much easier than it was the last time." The stars in Shui Meiyin's eyes started to glow with undisguised adoration as she crowed, "Big Brother Yun Che, you're way too awesome."

"Once you've completely mastered something, controlling it will soon become natural and easy," Yun Ched replied with a faint smile. "It looks like we won't even need three weeks. I shouldn't experience any difficulty or feel any strain on my next try."

"Yeah!" Shui Meiyin gave a heavy nod of her head. She sat down beside Yun Che and opened her mouth as if to say something.

"Hmmm? You want to tell me something?" Yun Che asked as he gave her a sidelong glance.

"There is... There is another secret that I think Big Brother Yun Che should finally know about. Just treat it as... your prize for working so hard."

She was still hesitant at first, but it had transformed into a happy smile by the time she said those words. Because she knew that the words that she was about to say would definitely cause Yun Che to leap in joy.

"You've actually still kept a secret from me?" Yun Che's eyes widened into saucers as a dissatisfied look appeared on his face. He reached out with both hands to grasp Shui Meiyin's face, "Hurry up and tell me! Hurry up and tell me!"

"Wuuu... Then Big Brother Yun Che, you need to prepare your heart first, okay?" Shui Meiyin let him rub her face as she giggled in glee.

"Okay!" Now that he had regained the Blue Pole Star and cried his heart out, he couldn't think of any other news that could shake his soul.

Shui Meiyin sucked in a tiny breath before slowly replying, "Your master... is still alive."

Chapter 1839 - Blood and Death

Once Shui Meiyin said those words, Yun Che suddenly shot to his feet without any warning. He remained standing there with a wooden expression on his face.

As he slowly turned his head towards her, his neck seemed to become incredibly rigid and his movements grew exceptionally stiff. "Which master are you talking about?"

"Master Xuanyin," Shui Meiyin answered with a very sincere and serious expression as she stared straight into his eyes.

Yun Che's eyes trembled violently and he felt as if someone had just swung a sledgehammer into his heart. He pressed his hand against his chest in a futile attempt to suppress his wildly-beating heart as he muttered in an absent-minded voice, "No, it's not possible... She's already... already..."

When the "Blue Pole Star" had been destroyed, his one scant comfort was that he had not personally witnessed the deaths of his family, lovers, and friends.

However, Mu Xuanyin had died in his embrace, and he had personally felt the last trace of life escape her body... before he buried her in the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake with his own two hands.

So how could she be ...

Shui Meiyin hugged Yun Che's arm and whispered to him in a very soft voice, "I know just how important Master Xuanyin is to Big Brother Yun Che, so I definitely wouldn't joke about such a thing."

"..." Yun Che turned to stare at her dumbly with blank eyes.

"Master Xuanyin's survival isn't just a guess of mine and it definitely isn't just some rumor that i heard..." She paused for a moment and her head dipped a little. "It's something I have seen with my own two eyes."

"!!" Yun Che felt as if his heart was about to leap out of his chest as his body became as still as a statue.

"Her appearance and that Ice Phoenix aura that only she has, I wouldn't mistake her for someone else." Shui Meiyin said. "Furthermore, her Ice Phoenix profound energy and soul energy have become far stronger than back when she was alive... It practically seems as if she has gone through some sort of wondrous rebirth."

"Actually, she nearly discovered my presence and I would definitely have been caught if I didn't have the World Piercer on me."

"In order to confirm her status, I paid a special visit to the Snow Song Realm to infiltrate the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake. Even though I couldn't descend into its depths, my divine senses were able to sweep the entire lake and I couldn't sense the existence of her body."

"That was definitely your Master Xuanyin. Furthermore, the reason she has remained hidden thus far is probably because she has the same worries that I did, that her presence would distract you from your determination to take revenge."

Yun Che's eyes were still dazed. He desperately wanted to believe those words with all of his might and there was no way that Shui Meiyin would lie to him about this, but...

"But, she clearly... she clearly... in my arms... She..." he muttered in a dispirited voice.

"There are times that the things that you personally see and experience lead you to a false ending." Shui Meiyin stared at him as her starry eyes trembled. "Just like back when Big Brother Yun Che died in the Star God Realm. All of the Star Gods witnessed your death...but in the end, you still appeared again, hale and whole, as you reentered my life."

Yun Che's heart pounded violently as his back stiffened.

Wait a minute!

I only managed to come back to life because of the Nirvana flames that the Phoenix Spirit bestowed upon me back then.

Phoenix... Ice Phoenix

The Ice Phoenix divine being that had possessed Mu Xuanyin...

Compensation...

Could the Ice Phoenix divine being have the same reincarnation ability as the Phoenix Divine Spirit!?

The Ice Phoenix divine being inside of the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake was no mere soul fragment. She was the true ancient Ice Phoenix of old. Furthermore, the soul she used to possess Mu Xuanyin was naturally her origin spirit.

When he had been at the bottom of the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake with her, the Ice Phoenix divine being had told him the complete truth and he had sensed a deep guilt in her heart... After she bid him farewell, the Ice Phoenix divine being, who still had part of her divine powers left, dissipated into motes of energy even though she could have continued to exist for a long time after that.

If the Ice Phoenix had the same reincarnation ability as the Phoenix...

If the reason for the Ice Phoenix divine being's dissipation had been because she had bestowed the last of her origin power on Mu Xuanyin as compensation...

Then... Then...

The anxiety, hesitation, and disbelief in his heart quickly morphed into burning flames as Yun Che's breathing became more and more violent. He suddenly recalled something as he hurriedly took out the Southern Sea Divine Pearl.

"I can't be wrong... It's her... It's her..." Yun Che's hands tightened over the pearl as his lips started to twitch violently. His eyes quickly misted over as he said, "I should have realized it... I should have realized it..."

That person had thrown the Southern Sea Divine Pearl toward him and instantly vanished from his spiritual senses in spite of the distance... The only person in the universe who could accomplish that feat was Mu Xuanyin!

Only her!!

The reincarnation ability he had inherited had been bestowed by a mere soul fragment of the Phoenix. Even though it had resurrected him, it had not been able to revive his powers as well, which resulted in him becoming a cripple.

However, Mu Xuanyin possessed... the Ice Phoenix divine being's origin soul and origin power! So this resurrection would only have made her stronger!

This was what had happened! This was definitely what had happened!

She wasn't dead... His master, his Xuanyin was still alive!

She had been watching over him and helping him all this time.

Yun Che gently pressed the Southern Sea Divine Pearl against his chest and held it there for a very long time.

It seemed as if the Deep Sea Divine Region was being filled with heavenly lightning and magma at every single instant.

Rip! Rip! Riiip!!

On the eastern borders of the battlefield, the Divine Sovereigns of the Northern Divine Region and Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm were activating all sorts of attack-based profound artifacts to aid in the battle. That terrifying sound of space being torn had come from an attack unleashed by the Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm's Giant Glazed Glass Bow.

Even though the Giant Glazed Glass Bow was far inferior to the Southern Sea God Realm's Titanic Sea God Cannon, it was still a king realm's guardian artifact. Its power was naturally extraordinary as well. Every Glazed Glass Bolt released from its string could split space apart and penetrate the body of a Master Dragon at the very least.

The Dragons of Absolute Beginning had carved out a gigantic defensive line in front of them.

However, there were simply too many Master Dragons from the dragon god race, and they were at a higher level of power than the Dragons of Absolute Beginning. Even though a bunch of upper star realms from the Northern Divine Region joined in the fierce defense, it only took fifteen minutes for the Master Dragons to punch several holes in this defensive line.

A large number of Master Dragons surged toward the backlines as their tails and claws left bloody trails of light and miserable wails in their wake.

One prepared darkness profound formation after another was activated as they trapped and wounded dozens of Master Dragons... However, the bodies of the dragon god race were simply far too powerful and most of the Master Dragons escaped those traps in less than a single breath. Even the dreadful-looking wounds on their bodies didn't do much to sap their draconic might. As they roared out in rage and pain, they proceeded to unleash calamitous destruction on the battlefield.

Divine Sovereigns were too tiny and insignificant in front of the Master Dragons.

The severed arms and heads of the Northern Divine Region's profound practitioners flew into the sky as the collapsing Deep Sea Divine Region was swiftly dyed with blood that radiated darkness.

"You... bastards!" Tian Guhu roared as his eyes bulged out of his sockets. Among those Divine Sovereigns were the young profound practitioners who were also a part of the Northern Region Heavenly Sovereign Ranking like him. They had been moved and led by him and they were the Northern Divine Region's future, the most brilliant lights of its youngest generation... However, they were currently falling, one after another, as the cruel claws of these dragons sliced them apart.

"AAAAAAAHHH!"

Unfortunately, he was currently being completely suppressed by two Divine Master Chi Dragons, so he had no way to extricate himself from this fight. The only thing he could do was to let out blood-filled roars of rage as the darkness profound energy circulating around his body and sword grew more and more sinister and frenzied. He hated that he couldn't simply ram his sword through their hearts as his attacks grew more and more reckless.

Two gigantic dragons were violently clashing in the middle of the battlefield.

Now that he faced off against the Dragon Emperor of Absolute Beginning, the Azure Dragon God had also revealed his true form. However, the superiority of his race and bloodline still wasn't able to completely bridge the gap between him and the Dragon Emperor of Absolute Beginning.

"Us dragon gods have always regarded your race as ancient kin who lived abroad, and we have never once offended you. So why are you helping these devils in their tyranny?" the Azure Dragon God bellowed.

Rumble! Rumble! Rumble!

A Dragon God faced off against a Dragon Emperor, and every collision of their bodies caused the heavens and earth to violently shudder.

"We each have our own destinies to fulfill! There's no need for any more words!"

ROAAAAAAAR----

A roar of rage shook the heavens and the earth. Under this vast and enormous power that seemed to come from the ancient past, the Azure Dragon God's draconic energy collapsed as his enormous body crashed into the ground, creating a long and gigantic ravine with his body.

He let out a furious howl as his body instantly rose up from the ground. However... he did not rush towards the Dragon Emperor of Absolute Beginning again. Instead, his enormous tail, which was filled with his Dragon God power, snaked after a Star God aura that he had detected. He sent it crashing down on the Heavenly Jade Star God who was behind him.

The Heavenly Jade Star God had been battling two mighty Dragon Sovereigns by herself and she had already been pushed dozens of kilometers back. Shock suddenly filled her heart as she sensed the extremely terrifying might bearing down on her from above. She immediately tried her best to break away from the suppression of the two Dragon Sovereigns, but she couldn't defend against or dodge the Azure Dragon God's mighty blow.

Boom!

The Azure Dragon God's tail smashed the Heavenly Jade Star God right in the back, causing her body to instantly bend around it as an arrow of blood erupted from her mouth and flew several hundred meters. Her eyes instantly grew glassy and blank after that dreadful strike.

The claws of the two mighty Dragon Sovereigns swept down at this moment, aimed straight for her back.

"Sis!!"

The Heavenly Demon Star God cried out in shock as he swiftly backpedaled.

Bang!

A dragon claw landed heavily on his back, gouging out bloody furrows in his flesh. His face went white, but he borrowed the power of the strike to rush toward the falling Heavenly Jade Star God... As his pupils shrank to pinpoints, his speed far exceeded anything he had ever achieved before.

Finally, at the last possible moment, he fell in front of the Heavenly Jade Star God's back and desperately used all of his power to shield her.

BOOOOM----

The dreadfully powerful strikes of the two mighty Dragon Sovereigns slammed into his back. The cruel sound of bone breaking reverberated in the air as his spine was snapped in two.

Blood gushed out of the Heavenly Demon Star God's mouth... However, the two Dragon Sovereigns he had been tangled up with caught up with him at that moment, and the power of two more level eight Divine Masters bore down on his broken and tattered back with enormous force...

Dispelling the last bits of light from his eyes.

ROOOOAAAAAARRR!!

The Dragon Emperor of Absolute Beginning gave a furious roar as he arrived on the scene and blasted all four Dragon Sovereigns away with a violent storm. It was also at this moment that the Azure Dragon rushed toward him ferociously as both gigantic dragons once again became embroiled in a calamitous battle of earth-shaking proportions.

The Heavenly Jade Star God swiftly regained consciousness and she hurriedly flipped around to hug the Heavenly Demon Star God tightly... In an instant, her hands became dyed red in fresh blood and his aura, which was already faint and swiftly fading away, caused her fingers to tremble crazily.

"Sis..."

The Heavenly Demon Star God opened his mouth to utter the last word he would ever say in his life. After that, he took one last look at his beloved sister before he peacefully closed his eyes.

Being able to die in his sister's embrace was perhaps the greatest comfort to the Heavenly Demon Star God.

Drip, drip... Thick droplets of blood continued to drip from his body as it stained the Heavenly Jade Star God's clothes and watered the broken ground.

"Ro... se..." the Heavenly Jade Star God muttered. She raised her head to look at the sky, two streaks of blood slowly running down the corners of her eyes while she stared blankly into space.

Whooooosh!

A storm howled around her, causing her blood-stained hair to dance in the wind. Those four great Dragon Sovereigns had returned to finish the job.

"Rose," she softly whispered, "I will still be your big sister in the next life... but next time... it'll be my turn... to protect you."

As she hugged the body of the Heavenly Demon Star God tightly, she closed her eyes and rose to her feet. Her body hunched over slightly and she exploded toward those four Dragon Sovereigns, a dazzling white starlight suddenly erupting from her body. Her speed started to dramatically increase as that starlight grew denser and denser.

From the distance, it looked as if a brilliant star was dying as it streaked towards the earth.

The Heavenly Sun Star God, Heavenly Flame Star God, Heavenly Soul Star God, and Heavenly Charm Star God immediately sensed this sudden change. All of them twisted around and let out the same heart-rending cry. "Aster... Don't do it!!"

"...!!" Caizhi also turned around at this moment and she gritted her teeth violently when she witnessed what was happening.

That was... the Star Ashes ability.

PFFFBOOOOM--

A star fell and boundless starlight erupted from it, enough to dye the sky a lustrous white.

Four miserable cries rang out from the center of that starlight. Three Dragon Sovereigns were sent flying, blood spraying wildly from their bodies. As for the Dragon Sovereign that had been directly hit by that starlight... That incredibly strong and sturdy dragon body was currently missing both its head and its chest as it startled to tumble to the ground.

Meanwhile, Aster and Rose's Star God bodies began to disperse into fragments of light, melting into the starlight that filled the sky.

This fierce battle had finally caused the death of a Star God.

Caizhi fists tightened even further and the malice and hatred in her eyes started to rage violently.

Besides her big sister, the people she had been closest to within the Twelve Star Gods had been Aster and Rose.

In fact, one of the reasons why she had appeared to stop the other six Star Gods from reinforcing the Eternal Heaven God Realm was because of these siblings.

Now, the Twelve Star Gods, whose brilliant light had once awed the world, had dwindled to only five.

Chapter 1840 - The Heavenly Wolf Resolves Herself to Death

"Ah... AAAAAAHHHH!!"

The Heavenly Sun Star God, Heavenly Flame Star God, Heavenly Soul Star God, and Heavenly Charm Star God... All four Star Gods let out wails filled with pain and sorrow. At this time, all of them saw the bitter and tragic end that was awaiting them. They knew that the once dazzling Star Gods were about to forever be consigned to the history books in their era.

Their chests swelled up with energy, to the point where it looked like they were going to burst, as all of the power within their bodies started burning with rage and hatred. At this moment, all of them had gone completely berserk and their Star God power was erupting with a strange starlight that was more frenzied than they had ever been in their lives. This frenzied Star God power poured out of their bodies like a flood as they swept away everything in front of them.

The starlight in Caizhi's eyes had disappeared and only a boundless gloomy darkness remained. Her aura turned even more wrathful as her sword energy became even fiercer and sharper, the resentful howls of the Heavenly Wolf reverberating throughout the souls of every person on this terrible battlefield.

Long Er's gaze rested on Caizhi's figure for a very long time before he gave an empathic sigh. "To think that the Heavenly Wolf of this generation was actually so incredible."

"Not even thirty years of age?" Even someone like Long Yi could scarcely believe what his own eyes and senses were telling him.

"A pity that she fell so deeply into devildom, a pity." Long San sighed as he shook his head.

In less than a decade, an incredibly short amount of time, Caizhi had grown from the seventh level of the Divine Master Realm to the tenth. The speed of her growth and awakening far exceeded the last Heavenly Wolf, Xisu, and in truth, it had surpassed that of every Star God in the history of the Star God Realm.

If she was given sufficient time, she would definitely become the strongest Star God in the history of the Star God Realm.

Unfortunately, she was still too young, and it was hard for her to fight against Zhou Xuzi, who had tens of thousands of years worth of built up power and profound energy.

What's more, she still had six Eternal Heaven Guardians to deal with.

The devilish wolf howled to the heavens as her sword streaked through the air like a calamitous meteor. Caizhi broke through the energy seals of each Guardian as a single Heavenly Star Lamentation suppressed fifty kilometers of space around her into a terrifying "S" shape and howled straight for Zhou Xuzi's head.

There was only Zhou Xuzi's figure in her eyes right now.

She might very well be destined to die in this place today... but before that, she had to rip Zhou Xuzi into a thousand pieces, no matter the cost.

Zhou Xuzi retreated a few steps as his right arm whipped out, causing the horsetail whisk in his hand to splay out wide. The space that was being twisted by the Heavenly Wolf Sword's might suddenly twisted back toward Caizhi as it violently distorted her sword energy.

Rumble!!

The space on both sides of Zhou Xuzi was completely destroyed but only a strong wind reached where he was standing.

It was also at this moment that the six Guardians, who had been forced away, chose to attack in unison.

Caizhi's attack had been bold and reckless, and she hadn't left an escape route for herself if it failed. Three beams of white light and three sword beams struck her center mass and blasted her far away. As she spun through the air, her rainbow robes quickly turned red with blood.

She didn't even bother to look at the injuries she had sustained, whether they were internal or external. Instead, the devilish malice of the Heavenly Wolf Sword once again filled the skies as the Heavenly Wolf let loose a furious howl and smashed the sword down at Zhou Xuzi's head.

There had never been a battle as vicious and terrible as this in the entire history of the God Realm.

In every part of the Southern Divine Region, countless star realms and planets had started to shudder and tremble.

In fact, the star realms that were near the Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm had already started to collapse from the terrible shock waves emanating from this battle.

The level of a person's power would dictate how much they knew about this battle. The high-level profound practitioners in the neighboring star realms had already started to flee in panic twelve hours ago. However, countless ordinary profound practitioners did not think that the battle in the distant Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm would affect their star realms... so less than half of them were able to escape with their lives when the backlash came.

Every pair of eyes in the Eastern Divine Region, Western Divine Region, and Southern Divine Region was now directed toward the Ten Directions Deep Sea Realm.

This battle, which had erupted out of nowhere, turned out to be a battle of divine regions that far exceeded even their wildest imaginations. Everyone's heart was beating wildly in fear and anticipation as they waited for it to end.

Nearly all of them were convinced that their hopes would be realized... and that the Western Divine Region would utterly destroy the invading devils, rescue the Eastern Divine Region and Southern Divine Region from their crises, and end this dark threat forever.

In most cases, it was very hard for a person to die once they entered the Divine Master Realm. However, when a battle consisted only of Divine Masters, even their hardy bodies would be torn asunder as their blood watered the land.

Rumble!!

Space was shredded apart like thin sheets of paper as three Eternal Heaven Guardians vomited blood while they were blasted away by Caizhi's attack. Caizhi herself was flung far away like a butterfly caught up in a storm.

Zhou Xuzi's white hair started dancing wildly in the air and his voice was like the tolling of a deep bell as he said, "How astonishing! To think that you've reached such heights in these short few years. However, since you have fallen onto the path of devildom, I cannot spare you!"

"Hmph! A tiny Heavenly Wolf like you wants to kill our lord!? You must be dreaming!" the Guardian who was fiercely guarding Zhou Xuzi's right flank snarled.

Caizhi stopped her body from being flung around by the storm. She pointed her sword into the sky and raised it high in the air. Streams of blood slowly flowed around her hands, a sight that would cause even the most heartless person to wince.

The sky suddenly darkened as a huge blood-colored moon suddenly appeared behind her back. A towering azure wolf stood in the middle of that moon and its eyes were like a scarlet prison of blood. Its mouth yawned open as if it was about to swallow the heavens before it let out a low howl that threatened to shatter the souls of everyone present.

The six Guardians, who were about to pounce toward Caizhi, suddenly stopped in their tracks. The blood moon and that terrifying wolf caused their eyes to shake in fear and anxiety.

"Oh?" The gazes of all five Venerable Withered Dragons turned to look at Caizhi.

"The Immortal Slaying Sword Formation," Long Yi said as he fixed his gaze on Caizhi once more. "Let me see just how powerful this young wolf's Immortal Slaying Sword Formation is."

"Heh heh, this young wolf is only young when age," Long Er chimed in. "Just based on her current power alone, she has already far outstripped all of the Heavenly Wolf Star Gods I have ever known."

"The Immortal... Immortal Slaying Sword Formation!" a Guardian gasped in a quavery voice. The Heavenly Wolf's Sixth Sword Style - The Bloodmoon Immortal Slaying Sword. Even though he had never personally had to endure this attack before, how could anyone able to become a Guardian be unaware of it!?

It was only when he gasped those words that he realized, to his utmost shock, that his teeth were chattering when he said them.

The way their souls currently trembled told them that this was a tyrannical attack that they had no hope of defending against!

Caizhi's eyes were as dark and gloomy as the deepest abyss and they were filled with boundless hatred and resentment. The bloody light of her ominous moon shone in the shocked and frightened eyes of the six Guardians as they watched her arms slowly descend.

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The howl of the Heavenly Wolf filled the air as its gigantic figure descended from the skies. That pair of furious eyes seemed to be bloody purgatories in which countless souls had been burned to death.

"Get out of the way!!" Zhou Xuzi roared. However, he advanced instead of retreating and as he faced off against that blood moon and that gigantic azure wolf, he spread his arms wide, causing an ancient bronze-colored bell to materialize in front of him.

The ancient bell was only about ten feet in length when it first appeared, but as the white light radiating from Zhou Xuzi's arms crazily poured into it, it started to rapidly swell. In an instant, it became a hundred feet, a thousand feet, ten thousand feet long... The mouth of the bell, which now looked as deep as an abyss, plummeted toward the blood moon and the giant azure wolf.

"The Armilliary Bell," Long Wu muttered as he raised his head to look at the weapon.

BOOOM!!!

As a deafening explosion that seemed to swallow up both the heavens and the earth rang through the air, the sword might of the Immortal Slaying Sword Formation erupted. The gigantic figure of the azure wolf shattered and transformed into thousands of blood-colored sword beams.

Every single one of these sword beams contained enough destructive force to split apart the heavens and the earth... but none of them exploded toward Zhou Xuzi or his Guardians. Instead, they were all sucked into the Armilliary Bell.

The sounds of destruction continued for a full five breaths. The Armilliary Bell shuddered violently as the booming sounds deafened the ears of countless Divine Masters for a short period of time. Near the end of the explosions, the ancient bell even started to gradually bend out of shape.

Crack!!

A terrifying explosion filled the air as a crack suddenly appeared on the Armilliary Bell. The crack instantly spread throughout the body of the bell, but it was also at that moment that the explosions finally ceased.

"..." The image of the azure wolf had completely dissipated and the blood moon behind Caizhi had disappeared as well. She stared blankly at the Armillary Bell as both her arms sank heavily and a look of exhaustion appeared in her eyes.

Her delicate head started to droop and droplets of blood formed streams as they flowed down her arms that were as white and lustrous as jade. The blood flowed down onto her sword and started to drip from the tip of its blade.

The Armillary Bell swiftly shrank and returned to Zhou Xuzi's palm. As he looked at the cracks on the surface of the bell, a look of pain flashed through his old eyes. Then, he gave a sigh filled with sorrow as he put it away.

"Sigh." Long San gave a soft sigh, almost as if in pity and regret.

"It's too bad for the young wolf. If Zhou Xuzi didn't have the Armillary Bell, he would have lost at least an arm. It is such a pity that her attack didn't work," Long Si said as he shook his head.

The five great Venerable Withered Dragons had not attacked even once. Instead, they behaved like neutral observers whose jobs were to comment on the fights breaking out across the battlefield. This was because they felt like the battle had already been settled, and there was no need for them to intervene.

"Hmmmm!?" The look in Long Yi's eyes suddenly changed.

It was also at this moment that the expressions of the other Venerable Withered Dragons, and even Long Bai himself, changed dramatically. All of them stared at Caizhi with puzzled looks in their eyes.

"It looks like you've about reached your limit," Zhou Xuzi said as he slowly walked forward. But before he could say another word, his entire body froze in place.

All of the sounds that were buzzing around him suddenly disappeared.

The sound of people yelling, the sound of dragons roaring, the sound of energy exploding, and the sound of bodies being ripped apart... All of it had vanished without a trace.

In fact, it was as if Zhou Xuzi had slipped into some sort of strange space where even time itself had been frozen. The distant figures, the clouds of blood, the flying fragments of dust and rock, all of these things had been frozen in a strange silent tranquility. Everything around him soon started to blur together in this dreadful tranquility.

This continued until everything vanished from his eyes and he was thrust into a strange blank world. That was until the pitch-black figure of a wolf... appeared in this world.

The wolf wasn't too big and if it raised its head to the sky, it would only be about the same height as Caizhi. It slowly padded toward Zhou Xuzi, its eyes like a pair of bloody purgatories. However, Zhou Xuzi could see his image being reflected all too clearly in those scarlet eyes. After that, the wolf clenched its jaw before letting out a low and despairing whimper through its gritted fangs.

Thump!

Thump!

Thump!

Zhou Xuzi couldn't tell if that was the sound of his heart beating or if it was the sound of that devilish wolf's heart.

"Zhou... Xu... Zi..." A young girl's voice rang in his ears, but at the same time, it also seemed to sound like the howl of a devilish wolf.

"Even if I have to burn my body and shatter my soul, I will... definitely kill... you!!"

Hatred and resentment!

There were no words that could describe this sort of hatred and resentment... Zhou Xuzi's entire body went ice cold, and he soon couldn't even feel that cold as his body turned numb.

The devilish wolf was padding closer and closer until it finally rushed at him. It opened its mouth wide and every single one of its fangs seemed to glint with a black and bloody cold light. Those fangs swiftly grew enormous in his sight as the wolf closed in on him.

However, he could not move. He could not even muster up a single sound. The only thing he could vaguely hear was the sound of his Guardians desperately shouting at him.

Caizhi, whose head had remained drooped all this while, finally raised it to look at him. She once again held the Heavenly Wolf Sword aloft as she softly muttered a few words.

"Earth... Grieves... Heavens... Wounded..."

"Solely... Hatred... Without... Heart..."

As she muttered those words, the Heavenly Wolf Sword casually swung in Zhou Xuzi's direction. A black sword beam that looked like the most basic attack in the world shot out from it.

In that instant, the terrible battlefield fell into a sudden hush.

The figure of a black Heavenly Wolf suddenly appeared in the hearts and souls of everyone on the battlefield. It was dyed in blood and its body was wrapped in black chains as it clambered up from a hellish abyss.

It opened its jaws wide enough to swallow the heavens and bit down at Zhou Xuzi with boundless hatred and resentment.

"My lord!?"

"MY LORD!!!"

The root and attribute of the Heavenly Wolf's divine power was hatred and resentment.

Right now, Caizhi's boundless hatred and resentment was locked onto Zhou Xuzi alone.

This dreadful hatred and devilish might had weighed down on him so heavily that it had locked him into a state of paralysis and stupor... As the sword beam bore down on him, his six Guardians let out desperate screams as they rushed forward, their Eternal Heaven divine power heavily exploding against that sword beam of dark energy.

Rip!

With a tearing sound so soft that it could barely be heard, the black sword beam sheared through the energy and body of the first guardian like a hot knife through butter.

Rip!

The same soft tearing sound rang out once again as the black sword beam tore through the body of the second Guardian... That Guardian hardly felt any pain, and he could not even tell that his body had been cut in half.

Rip... The third.

Riiip——

The fourth.

Riiiiiiip———

The fifth.

The might of the black sword beam finally seemed to weaken and the Eternal Heaven divine power of the sixth Guardian managed to stop it for half a second before it flew right through him as well. This time, it hadn't cut through the Guardian so cleanly and a cloud of blood burst out of the sixth Guardian as the sword beam passed through him.

It had only taken an instant, a single instant, for six mighty Guardians to be cut in half by a single sword beam... When the sword beam finally reached Zhou Xuzi, the body of the first Guardian had just barely begun to separate in two.

In Zhou Xuzi's mind, the fangs of that dark devil wolf had just about reached his throat, but he still couldn't move. The only thing he could do right now was to wallow in despair...

ROAAAAAR!!

An earth-shaking dragon roar reverberated in the air and violently shook Zhou Xuzi's soul, allowing his consciousness to abruptly escape the prison of hatred created by that black Heavenly Wolf... Unfortunately, the black sword beam was already about to hit him, so he could only raise his arms to block it.

When the dragon cry rang out, a draconic aura also burst forth and swiftly morphed into the pale white figure of a dragon. The energy dragon then proceeded to collide head to head with that dark sword beam.

Long Yi!

Now that the Heavenly Wolf had used her legendary Seventh Sword Style, he had finally made a move as well.

Bang!!

The energy dragon collided with that beam of solid darkness profound energy and a dragon cry filled with rage, sorrow, and resentment instantly split the sky.

The energy dragon that Long Yi had unleashed was dragged back by the waist before the sword beam punched clean through its body. The dark sword beam now only contained about twenty percent of its initial might as it smashed into Zhou Xuzi, who was already circulating defensive profound energy.

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The Heavenly Wolf howled to the sky once more, but this time that howl did not only contain devilish might and hatred; it also contained a trace of desolate sorrow.

When the last bit of dark sword energy exploded over Zhou Xuzi's body, the blood of a god emperor sprayed through the air. A slash that stretched nearly two feet diagonally appeared across his torso and the cut was so deep that his bones could be seen through the spraying blood.

Fortunately for him, it was not powerful enough to cut him in half and end his life.

"Uwa... aaah..." Zhou Xuzi recoiled in panic as he pressed his hand against his chest. A low groan of pain escaped from his lips and his soul was still shaking with fear.

"...!" Long Yi's hand was frozen in midair and his ancient eyes were trembling with a shock that he simply couldn't shake off.

After she looked at the wound that she had dealt to Zhou Xuzi, the last bit of light in Caizhi's eyes completely faded and they turned a murky black.

Her arm powerlessly fell to her side and the Heavenly Wolf Sword slipped from her hand and started to fall to the ground.

She felt as if her body had become incredibly light, so light that she could barely even sense her own existence. She closed her eyes and allowed the cold wind to blow her away as she fell into a deep abyss of darkness and despair.