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Chapter 251 - Jasmine's Decision

The instant Ling Yuefeng left, Ling Jie took a big stride to Yun Che's side: "Boss! Whaddya say, let's form a group! Even though it's my first time entering this place, my old man has told me a lot regarding this place. Much of it will come in handy, I guarantee that I won't drag Boss down!"

While he said "I won't drag you down", it was evident his real intention was to protect Yun Che. After all, it would be way too dangerous if he traveled alone in the state he was currently showing.

Yun Che was naturally moved by Ling Jie's kind intentions, but he actually waved him off, and said: "It's alright. Since this is training through experience, it's still better to travel alone. Especially you, Little Jie. Though your talent is pretty good, and your sword intent and sword heart are first-class, you've always resided within the Heavenly Sword Villa. What you're missing the most is training through experience in dangerous situations. If you were to travel with me, the results of your training will be greatly diminished."

"But, but..."

"There are no buts." Yun Che extended a hand and pinched his chin: "You personally agreed to be my little brother. What, you're not even going to listen to my first decision?"

"Eh..." Ling Jie, who had an innocent mind and a head not really capable of making turns, was held up by Yun Che's words. After being confused for quite a while, he could only reply: "Fine. Boss, you must be careful. My old man really wasn't trying to frighten you guys with his words just now."

"Don't worry, I'm not the kind of person to die easily. Furthermore, I'm currently wearing the Dragonscale Armor." Yun Che pinched the corner of his clothes, revealing a sheet of dragon scales, which reflected an icy-cold light. As the reward for placing first in the Ranking Tournament, although the Heavenly Sword Villa was extremely reluctant to part with it, they had no choice but to give the Sky Profound Armor to Qin Wushang while clenching their teeth and resisting the pain. Qin Wushang had given this Dragonscale Armor to him yesterday, and he directly wore it today.

The Dragonscale Armor only had one very thin layer. When one wore it, it wasn't cold nor cumbersome; moreover, it would automatically adjust itself to fit the build of the wearer. This armor was entirely worthy of being a life-protecting tool. As he had expected, the instant he revealed the Dragonscale Armor, several tens of surrounding gazes filled with greed and jealousy instantly shot in his direction.

Ling Jie turned around and said to Ling Yun: "Big Bro, Boss said it's best for me to travel alone, so I won't go with you. I'll be leaving first... Boss, you must be careful. Otherwise, my beautiful Princess Sis will be all alone... Aaaaahh! I'm off!"

Ling Jie called out the Celestial Yang Sword, puffed his chest, and walked forward by himself in an imposing manner. Ling Yun nodded at Yun Che, and his gaze seemed to inadvertently shoot towards Xia Qingyue's location. He walked forward a few steps, finally took a small breath, and walked in front of Xia Qingyue and said politely: "Xia Fairy, would you like to form a group? I came here three years ago, so I'm somewhat familiar with this place. This place is extremely dangerous, but we should be able to handle

any dangers if we travel as a group, and we'll also be able to travel much farther. If we discover any treasures, Xia Fairy will also have the priority in selecting them. How does that sound?"

Not far away, Fen Juecheng and Xiao Kuangyu's faces both revealed strange expressions. They had also entered the Heaven Basin Secret Realm three years ago, and at that time, Ling Yun had left early by himself, giving no one any chance at all to partner with him. But now, he had actually taken the initiative to travel with someone else, and his words even carried a sense of entreatment.

Only idiots wouldn't be well aware of his thoughts.

"I thank Young Villa Master Yun for the good intentions, but Qingyue has already decided to travel alone." Faced with Ling Yun's voluntary invitation, Xia Qingyue nevertheless directly rejected his offer without any hesitation at all.

The number of people Ling Yun had voluntarily invited before did not exceed five, and this was the first time he had been rejected. Ling Yun's expression didn't change; without any more insistence, he nodded: "If this is so, then Xia Fairy must be careful."

After he finished speaking, Ling Yun also left by himself, and his silhouette rapidly disappeared into the flurry of snow.

Even Ling Yun had been rejected, so Xiao Kuangyu, who had originally been eager to give it a try, also clenched his teeth, and after struggling for a long while, decided to give up as well. As for the other people, not one even dared to go up and try. Even Xiao Kuanglei, who was also the current Xiao Sect Master's son, could not gather the courage to talk to Xia Qingyue. With the strength she had displayed in the Ranking Tournament, she handily surpassed them by an entire plane. The status of these disciples from the large sects may be exceptional elsewhere, but in front of Xia Qingyue, they couldn't even bring themselves to lift their heads up.

Disregarding everything else, just on the basis of strength, they didn't have the qualifications to travel with Xia Qingyue.

The lone Yun Che swept his surroundings with a glance. Without greeting anyone, he casually selected a direction and began walking at a leisurely pace.

"Junior Sister Xia, we'll be off now. You must be careful." Shui Wushuang and Wu Xuexin bade farewell, and left together. Xia Qingyue nodded; she watched them leave, and accidentally glanced at the direction Yun Che had walked, causing a complicated expression to flash in her eyes. After, she began walking north alone.

The entire world had been covered with snow. The only thing that could be used to distinguish direction was that single icy mountain which reached into the clouds. As Yun Che traveled forward, even though he had profound energy protecting his body, he was still chilled to the point of non-stop shivering.

"Where there isn't ice, this place is filled with snow. As for that 'Heaven Basin', I can't even see its shadow. And how can this kind of place contain any heaven-quality items. Even if there were any, they definitely have long since been buried under the icy snow... Huff, how cold."

Yun Che walked for more than an hour. He only saw the boundless plains of snow and snow-filled sky, and nothing worthwhile at all. This was completely different from the rare and exotic flowers and plants,

with strange stones and spirit jades aplenty within a scenery filled with high majestic mountains and jungles he had envisioned. Furthermore, after walking for such a long time, he had yet to see even the shadow of a profound beast!

How is this a search for rare treasures, I simply came here to suffer!

“The existence of this little world is really strange.” Jasmine muttered to herself.

“Strange?”

“This little world was indeed made by humans. Furthermore, its level of power is extremely high, and it must have existed for a very long time, so the appearance of a few heaven-grade treasures isn’t strange... What’s strange is that this kind of small world shouldn’t appear in this sort of location, because it’s simply not something that can be created with the strength of this plane.”

“It’s probably something a strong expert left a very long time ago.” Yun Che said without thought. He wasn’t concerned about the origin of this Heaven Basin Secret Realm at all. As he was walking leisurely, he suddenly said: “Jasmine, how many people are following me right now?”

“Four”. Jasmine responded.

“Four?” Yun Che was startled. This number didn’t match the number he had in mind.

“There will never be a shortage of enemies that want to kill you by your side. Have you ever wondered why this is so?” Jasmine said coldly.

“No! These people can’t even be considered my enemies.” Yun Che wagged his finger, and said with a cold smile: “They’re nothing more than a bunch of stepping stones seeking death!”

“Of these four people, three of them should be here to kill you. It seems the other person isn’t; on the contrary, this person might be here to save you.” Jasmine said.

“Mn? Save me? Who is it?”

“You’ll know in a bit.”

Yun Che’s footsteps gradually grew slower. After muttering to himself for a while, he said: “Jasmine, in a bit, I need your help to kill a person.”

“Okay!”

Yun Che froze for an instant, because Jasmine had agreed too quickly. Every time Jasmine attacked, the toxic poison in her body would spread. So, if it wasn’t a life-or-death matter or an opponent Yun Che definitely couldn’t contend against, she definitely wouldn’t strike out. But this time, she had directly agreed just as Yun Che began to open his mouth. Yun Che couldn’t help but feel nervous, and asked weakly: “Eh... could it be that you have some other... additional conditions?”

“Of course I do!” Jasmine’s voice gradually became more cold and stiff: “You should be clear about the state of your body right now. This small world is the perfect place to kill people. You should also be clear about who might try to kill you in this place. Yet you still dared to come here, just because of my

existence! I must kill whoever you want me to kill, otherwise, you will die, which means I will die as well.”

“I remember you once said that you definitely weren’t willing to become dependent on my strength. But you seem to have completely forgotten your words. In a lot of the things that you do, when you consider your capability, you will also include my strength within your calculations. When I can use my power, in the entire Profound Sky Continent, it’s impossible for you to encounter any risky situations. The hidden dependency in your thoughts will greatly restrict your growth...” Jasmine spoke every word with extreme seriousness. Her tone of voice was just like a great master, who had experienced countless dangers, instructing a disciple.

Yun Che actually approved of a small portion of what Jasmine had said. For example, this time, he didn’t want to give up the chance to explore the Heaven Basin Secret Realm; if it wasn’t for Jasmine’s existence, he definitely wouldn’t have entered this place in his current state. Contrary to what one might expect, Fen Juecheng was actually of secondary importance. The crucial point was that he had also detected killing intent from Mu Tianbei’s body.

Mu Tianbei, as the Fortress Master of the Heavenly Spear Thunderfire Fortress, was definitely not inferior to Qin Wushang in terms of strength.

“I’ll help you kill one last person. After, I’ll self-seal my profound strength for a very long time, and focus on detoxifying the poison in my body in the Sky Poison Pearl. In the future, you can only rely on yourself for everything you do. Don’t even consider hoping for my help.” Jasmine said coldly.

“... There’s no need to be this absolute, right?” Yun Che’s heart shook: “What’ll happen when I encounter some life-threatening danger I’m unable to withstand? If I die, you will also die. So you’re not afraid...”

“Hmph! After attaching myself to the Sky Poison Pearl for such a long time, the poison has flared up numerous times because I’ve forcefully activated my strength. Up until now, barely any poison has dispersed since I first met you! Rather than suffering through these poison flares again and again, and being unable to see any hope of recovering, it might actually be better to end it all with death.” Jasmine said snappily.

Yun Che opened his mouth, contemplated silently for a moment, then nodded slowly: “Alright, I understand. Furthermore, I wholeheartedly approve of your decision.”

At this time, in the midst of the endless snow, two blurred silhouettes suddenly appeared. Following Yun Che’s leisurely strides forward, these two silhouettes gradually grew clearer.

When he could see the two people clearly, Yun Che stopped walking. He revealed an expression of pleasant surprise, as if he had met an old friend. He jogged over and greeted: “Isn’t this the Burning Heaven Clan’s Young Clan Master and Juebi ol’ chap? What’re you two doing here? For us to meet in this boundless Heaven Basin Secret Region, who wouldn’t agree that this is a beautiful heaven-fated destiny!!”

Chapter 252 - Killing with a Borrowed Blade

Seeing Yun Che's appearance, Fen Juebi nearly laughed out loud. He narrowed his eyes, and edged closer step-by-step with Fen Juecheng: "Indeed, what a coincidence it is for us to meet in this boundless land. However, you don't look very well right now. You've only walked to here after such a long time; it looks like you haven't recovered much from your previous injuries."

"There's no point in wasting words with him." Fen Juecheng said coldly. He looked at Yun Che gloomily, and sneered indifferently: "Yun Che, do you really believe our meeting here was a coincidence?"

"Could it be that it wasn't?" Yun Che froze, then exclaimed suddenly: "Oh! I know, you must've thought this place was too dangerous, and wanted to travel with me, right? That's certainly not a problem."

"No! We're only here to send you somewhere. Traveling together is unnecessary." Fen Juecheng smiled even more darkly.

"Send me somewhere?" Yun Che's face revealed some doubt: "Where?"

"The Yellow Springs Road!" Fen Juecheng laughed coldly. A red light flashed in his hand as he grasped a deep-red longsword. The tip of the sword carried a scorching killing intent, and pointed straight at Yun Che.

A look of fright flashed in Yun Che's eyes. He stepped backwards rapidly, and even spoke with a small stutter: "Y... Young Burning Clan Master, in the past, we've had no grievances nor enmity. What do you mean by this?"

"Ha ha ha ha!" Seeing Yun Che's frightened appearance, Fen Juebi laughed heartily: "No prior grievances? You're actually innocently stupid. Alright, seeing as you're about to become a dead man, I'll explain why I want you dead. In the Ranking Tournament, you dealt several severe injuries to me. It's nothing if I just lost face, but the Blue Moon Princess is a woman my Big Bro has taken an interest to, and you actually dare to touch her! You truly don't know how death is written!!"

"Ah?" Yun Che stared wide, and revealed an expression of incredulity: "That... that can't be! Princess Cang Yue and I are a harmonious couple. In these past several years, how come I've never heard her say you were interested in her? I understand, this is probably only Young Burning Clan Master's wishful thinking. My Princess Cang Yue doesn't even pay attention to you. That only means that Young Burning Clan Master doesn't have enough charm; what does that have to do with me?"

"You!" Fen Juecheng furrowed his brow ferociously, as his face flushed with anger.

Yun Che seemed as if he hadn't noticed his overflowing anger at all, and continued: "Moreover, even if you do kill me today, what do you think will happen? Forgive me for my blunt words, but Young Burning Clan Master has absolutely nothing to deserve my Cang Yue... My Cang Yue is the majestic princess of the imperial family; in terms of status and respect, there's not one woman in the Blue Wind Empire that can compare to her. Yet you, Young Burning Clan Master, is but a young clan master. There is only one princess in the Blue Wind Empire, but there are thousands of young clan masters, as many as there are stones in a dung pit. It's practically the difference between a white cloud and mud. Furthermore, in terms of appearance, my Cang Yue looks like a fairy. Look at you: a donkey's face and a monkey's nose, an ox's head and a horse's mouth, and a face full of malevolence. Forget about just being ugly. You have a face full of vile air, and my life shortens every time I look at you. Even I, a man, pity you."

“Moreover, in terms of accomplishments, I’m seventeen this year, yet I have already defeated someone at the third level of the Earth Profound Realm and placed first in the Ranking Tournament. You’re twenty three or four this year, yet you appear as if you’re only at the second level of the Earth Profound Realm. This disparity is a bit too great. Between you and me, only someone blind would pick you... Oh oh, some time ago, I heard Happy Marriage Courtyard’s Little Red, Little Green, and Little Purple mention that Young Burning Clan Master’s little wee wee is only half an inch long, and is as thick as a hemp stalk... Tsk tsk, with your situation, even a forty year old widowed aunt wouldn’t be interested in you, let alone my Cang Yue. Sigh, as a man, I pity Young Burning Clan Master’s situation which is like turbulent river water...”

Since he could remember, Fen Juecheng had been fully aware that he was a dragon among men. In the younger generation, he stood at the highest level, so much that he could show disdain to everyone. But just now, Yun Che had practically called him a good-for-nothing. Fen Juecheng wasn’t easily angered, but Yun Che’s were just too malicious. He was well aware that Yun Che was deliberately humiliating him, but his face still turned the color of a pig’s liver, and killing intent several times stronger exploded out: “YOU’RE... COURTING... DEATH!!”

Fen Juecheng’s fury erupted. A blue fire ignited on his sword, which stabbed straight at Yun Che’s chest. Fen Juecheng didn’t hold back at all in this strike, and even threw in the fury that filled his heart. Under the might of the Earth Profound Realm, the nearby snow turned into water vapor in an instant. Even the thick mantle of snow underneath subsided at a terrifying pace.

As the sword pierced forward, Yun Che’s mouth revealed a cold smile. He grasped Dragon Fault in a flash, and immediately smashed straight at Fen Juecheng’s flaming blade.

An enormous sound erupted, and blue flames flew in all directions, spewing the snow on the ground ten feet high into the air, completely veiling one’s line of sight. Fen Juecheng’s entire body shook as both his arms felt a numbing feeling and the flaming blade flew out from his hands. His heart grew alarmed, and his mind calmed a bit later. But all traces of the Yun Che in front of him had vanished. Without any hesitation, his body flashed, leaving behind a crimson silhouette, and retreated thirty steps. At this time, he heard Fen Juebi scream miserably...

When the snow which filled the sky descended, Yun Che’s silhouette appeared. He was carrying Dragon Fault, and beaming as he stood in place. Under his foot, was shockingly, a stepped on Fen Juebi. Dragon Fault, which weighed over four thousand kilograms, completely pressed Fen Juebi’s body down along with Yun Che’s trampling, causing his eyes to turn white and complexion to turn green as he howled with incomparable pain.

Fen Juecheng’s complexion changed abruptly, and his expression became incomparably overcast: “Your... your injuries, are actually...”

“That’s right, I faked them.” Yun Che’s foot moved from Fen Juebi’s back to his waist, and pressed till he shrieked like a pig about to be slaughtered: “In order to wait for a few trash that overestimated their own capabilities to voluntarily send themselves up for death!”

The recovery ability brought by the Great Way of the Buddha was not something an ordinary person could imagine. Currently, Yun Che’s internal and external injuries had recovered completely, and he had recovered around seventy percent of his profound strength. Though dealing with Fen Juecheng would

be a bit too difficult, messing with the heavily-injured Fen Juebi was as easy as turning his hand. Of course, scaring Fen Juecheng for a bit would be sufficient; Yun Che had even defeated Xia Qingyue, who was at the third level of the Earth Profound Realm, so Fen Juecheng, who was at the second level of the Earth Profound Realm, wouldn't be naive enough to think of himself as Yun Che's opponent.

"Impossible! I heard that not only were your injuries extremely grave, your profound strength had also diminished completely! It's simply impossible for you to recover in five short days! Furthermore... how did you know in advance that I was coming to kill you?" Fen Juecheng said while clenching his teeth. Although he had said "impossible", his heart had been completely shocked. The numb feeling he had received from Yun Che's strike still lingered. If his strength hadn't recovered, how could he have attacked with such a frightening strike?

"Heheheheh," Yun Che began laughing with ridicule: "That's why I said that Young Burning Clan Master is nothing but a mere idiot who believes he is infallible. Once this Heaven Basin Secret Realm closes, all traces will vanish. For you two, this is the perfect place to kill someone, but it's the same for me as well. To the people I want to kill, I never show even a hint of mercy... So let's start with your pathetic little brother."

Before the sound of his words descended, the power under Yun Che's foot increased suddenly, causing Fen Juebi to emit a blood-curdling shriek again, as his five viscera and six bowels warped under the great pressure. Although Fen Juebi's strength wasn't weak, he was but a dish of food in the face of Yun Che, let alone the fact that he had several grave injuries and his strength had diminished greatly. Fen Juecheng's face became as overcast as a dark cloud as he fumed with rage between gritted teeth: "Then let's see you try to attack! To guard against any accidents, before we entered the Heaven Basin Secret Realm, Great Elder left a special soul imprint on his body. If he were to die, Great Elder will immediately know who killed him! At that time, you... and everyone related to you, will receive the wrath of the entire Burning Heaven Clan! Every one of them will die in the most miserable way possible!!"

"Right... right... you... you can't kill me! If you dare to kill me... Great Elder will know... you can't kill me!!"

As the son of the Burning Heaven Clan Master, Fen Juebi had never been trampled by anyone before. Moreover, this was the first time he had actually faced the menace of death. This kind of person was often someone who fears death the most. At this moment, Fen Juebi's face was a deathly white color, and his lips were ashen. Half of his condition was due to a relapse in injuries from Yun Che's beating, and the other half was due to fright.

"What he says is actually true. Detection imprints have indeed been left on both of their bodies. If they were to die, the person who left the imprint will immediately know who killed them." Jasmine said.

"Really?" Yun Che's expression didn't change. On the contrary, he started laughing coldly at Fen Juecheng: "Do you really believe I wouldn't dare kill you because of that? Do you really think I'm afraid of your Burning Heaven Clan?"

As he spoke, Dragon Fault in Yun Che's hands suddenly dropped, and smashed onto Fen Juebi's right leg without any mercy. Only a "snap" sound could be heard, and the bones in Fen Juebi's right leg snapped. An incomparably mournful sound akin to the wail of ghosts and the howl of wolves spread outwards. Even though the sky was filled with snow, the sound still traveled a great distance.

“You!!” Fen Juecheng didn’t think Yun Che would actually be this vicious and merciless. He had executed this strike that was capable of permanently handicapping Fen Juebi, without any hesitation at all. Fen Juebi’s mournful shriek had caused his entire facial expression to warp, as the joints in both his hands made cracking sounds.

Seventy percent of Yun Che’s profound strength recovering didn’t equate to seventy percent of Yun Che’s actual strength recovering. Because he had forcefully burned the Phoenix Blood, he wouldn’t be able to utilize the strength of the Phoenix Flame for three months, causing his overall strength to diminish significantly. With his current state, there was absolutely no possibility of him defeating Fen Juecheng.

But Yun Che’s expression remained incomparably confident. The head on exchange had also let Fen Juecheng’s heart give birth to fear. And in front of Fen Juecheng, he was not worried in the slightest and had instead quickly crippled Fen Juebi. It was clear that he was not afraid of angering him; on the contrary, it seemed as if he was trying to anger him on purpose. This infuriated Fen Juecheng to no end, yet made him even more cautious about daring to act without thinking. Not only did he not dare to advance, he was completely on guard, and had even made preparations to withdraw at full strength, as to evade the chance of Yun Che suddenly attacking him.

SNAP!

Yun Che smashed down with his sword again, directly snapping Fen Juebi’s left leg as well. Amidst Fen Juebi’s blood-curdling screams, Yun Che slowly raised his head. A sneer and a provocative smile hung on his face... This smiling expression caused Fen Juecheng’s scalp to feel numb for a moment. His body retreated backwards uncontrollably, and his sudden howl charged into the sky: “Fortress Master Mu! What are you doing... Why haven’t you attacked yet!!”

Just as Fen Juecheng’s voice fell, the snow diagonally above Yun Che suddenly became chaotic. Amidst the chaotic snowstorm, a silver colored spear shot out with an incomparably terrifying screeching sound. Wherever the spear went, the snowstorm was roughly split open. From a distance, it was like a dazzling silver colored line that was drawn on a sky sealed with ice and snow.

The aura of death brought along by the spear instantly made all of Yun Che’s hair stand up. However, his expression was nevertheless, still incomparably tranquil. Instead, the corner of his mouth curled into an evil smile as the Dragon Fault Sword easily swung down and suddenly smashed onto the ground.

Boom!!

Following Yun Che’s strike, the snow on the ground rose in excess. Aside from the snow being raised, Fen Juebi’s body had also been lifted. Before Fen Juebi, who was jolted into the air, had time to react, his chest was pierced through by a silver spear...

This was a fatal strike from a Sky Profound expert, so how could its strength not be terrifying? Before Fen Juebi, who had been speared through the chest, had time to let out a wretched shriek, his body had immediately exploded open, bursting into more than ten lumps that scattered into the distance... The silver spear continued downwards, pierced through the after image Yun Che had left with Star God Broken Shadows, before burying who knows how deep into the ground.

Chapter 253 - How do you want to die?

Heaven Basin Secret Realm, northwest direction.

BOOM!!

The mountain was directly blown apart, revealing large chunks of soil and rocks that were buried under the snow and ice. According to the previous experiences of those who entered the Heaven Basin Secret Realm, some unusual stones tend to frequently be laid beneath the mountain.

However, after blowing the mountain apart, Fen Moli did not advance. Instead, his entire body trembled and froze on the spot, and he wore an extremely ugly expression. The middle-aged man that was beside him immediately asked: "Great Elder, what's wrong?"

Fen Moli's expression slowly turned incomparably gloomy. The anger and murderous intent that were being released from his body caused the middle-aged man to tremble with fear. After quite some time, he then said with a low voice: "Juebi... has died!"

"What!!" The middle-aged man exclaimed. Not even two hours had passed since they entered the Heaven Basin Secret Realm. Before they even reaped any rewards, they had instead received such a grievous news first. He asked in alarm: "Great Elder, you had left a soul imprint on Juebi's body. Who is it... Who is the one that had such nerve to actually kill Juebi!"

"It is Mu Tianbei!" Fen Moli tightly clenched both his fists, and nearly crushed his hand bones. Suddenly, he let out a punch, releasing a path of purple flames in front of him that directly blew the small mountain in front of him into rubble. A roar filled with extreme anger came from his mouth: "Mu Tianbei!! There are no grudges nor enmity between you and my Burning Heaven Clan, yet you actually committed such an evil act. In the span of one month, I will definitely erase your Heavenly Spear Thunderfire Fortress from the face of this world, forever!!"

On the other side, Mu Tianbei descended from midair and looked towards the dismembered body of Fen Juebi that was all over the ground. His body spasmed a bit and his face turned ugly, as if he had swallowed a dead fly. Fen Juecheng's expression was ten times uglier. A face that was originally handsome and outstanding was now distorted to the point that even his biological mother would never be able to recognize it.

Fen Juebi died... He had just used the existence of the soul imprint to threaten Yun Che, but now Fen Juebi died in the blink of an eye... He didn't even die in the hands of Yun Che, but died because of the fatal blow Mu Tianbei was preparing for Yun Che.

Bang Bang Bang Bang....

Light and brisk clapping sounds echoed from the side. Yun Che had a face full of schadenfreude. His gaze shifted towards Mu Tianbei as he gratefully said: "You are worthy of being called the Fort Master of Heavenly Spear Thunderfire Fortress. That strike of yours is so fleeting, transcendent, and incredibly exquisite. This junior didn't know that you were still brooding over the clash he had with the Young Fort Master Mu from before, and still had some problems with it. Not only were you prepared to hit a person who was already down, you had the indifference of a bystander. You stuck by your actions and killed the second young master of the Burning Heaven Clan! This mind, this spirit, this boldness, makes this junior feel shame and admiration at the same time. I heard that Fen Juebi carried the soul imprint that Fen Moli left for him on his body. Right now, Fen Moli should already know about Fort Master Mu's

impressive feat of having killed his clan's second young master in one spear strike. He must be angered to the brink of life and death by now, hahahahaha..."

After Yun Che's sarcastic ridicules, he didn't forget to let out a burst of mad laughter. Mu Tianbei's complexion went from clear to black, then black to white. The anger he held within his belly narrowly avoided exploding his stomach. He clenched his fists and angrily roared: "Little junior! Young Burning Clan Master would naturally resolve this matter for this Fort Master. Death is close at hand, yet you are still able to laugh! Just watch as one of my strikes ruthlessly break the bones in your body!!"

Mu Tianbei angrily rose, and charged toward Yun Che. His right hand became a claw that grabbed straight towards the top of Yun Che's skull.

Yun Che stood motionlessly in place as he gazed at Mu Tianbei's approaching right claw with ridicule. This reaction immediately made Mu Tianbei's heart waver as his movements slowed. But at this exact moment, an extremely cold air suddenly assaulted him from ahead. A few specks of cold bristles shot right toward his eyes and Mu Tianbei's figure stopped to grab those incoming things which were in fact icicles that released a bone chilling coldness.

But at the same time, a long strip of white ribbon shot out from within the wind and snow. It wrapped around Yun Che's waist and brought him flying along with it. On the other side of the long ribbon was the fine, snow white figure of a female!

"Qingyue?" Yun Che looked at Xia Qingyue, who had suddenly appeared. He never thought that the fourth person who was following him whom Jasmine mentioned... was actually Xia Qingyue.

"Don't say another word. Let's leave quickly!"

Xia Qingyue's crescent eyebrows furrowed tightly. She took Yun Che with her as she moved forward through the snowstorm at an extremely fast pace. Under these kinds of situations, the movements of other profound practitioners would be greatly hindered. For her, not only would there be no harm; on the contrary, she could draw strength from the ice and snow to quickly recover her profound strength. Therefore, even if she brought along Yun Che, her speed was still extremely fast, as the two quickly disappeared into the wind and snow.

Mu Tianbei had also obviously recognized that it was Xia Qingyue. He flung off the icicles on his hands and did not pursue them. Instead, he stopped in place and did not move for a long while. Only his expression was constantly changing.

"Fort Master Mu, what are you still standing there for! Quickly go, and kill him!" Fen Juecheng anxiously yelled.

Mu Tianbei still made no movements. He breathed in a large breath of air and said: "That person is Frozen Cloud Asgard's Xia Qingyue! When Yun Che was just by himself, I obviously wanted to get rid him to save trouble in the future! However, Xia Qingyue is by his side now. If I kill her, Frozen Cloud Asgard's people will know! If news got out that I, the Great Fort Master of the Heavenly Spear Thunderfire Fortress, killed Yun Che within the Heaven Basin Secret Realm, how can I still stand up!"

"Then go kill Xia Qingyue along with him!" Fen Juecheng said with a sinister face.

“Wuh... What?!” Mu Tianbei’s was suddenly shocked. What kind of person was Xia Qingyue? She should be considered the most talented disciple in all of Frozen Cloud Asgard’s history. If by chance Frozen Cloud Asgard knew about it, then the issue would not be about whether or not he could stand up. Instead, the entire Heavenly Spear Thunderfire Fortress would become Frozen Cloud Asgard’s mortal enemy. Against their extreme rage, his sect’s hundreds of years of foundation would be pulled up by its roots. The consequences were something he absolutely could not bear.

“Why is this something to hesitate about?” Fen Juecheng said with a loud voice: “After killing those two, and once the secret realm closes, this matter would become top secret! The matter regarding my second brother, I’ll explain it clearly to my Great Elder. If you let them go like this, the fact that you took action to kill Yun Che would spread out anyway. The reputation of you, Mu Tianbei, would suffer in the future just the same. You’ve seen how very fiery Yun Che’s temper was. You provoked him earlier and just now, you acted with the intent of taking his life. When he matures in the future, do you feel that your Heavenly Spear Thunderfire Fortress would still have peaceful times? The ones to suffer would be more than just yourself.”

“If you still can’t think it through!” Fen Juecheng started to have a threatening voice: “Then I won’t feel like explaining the matter regarding my second brother to my Great Elder... hehe. Do you want to make matters worse and kill me as well to make Burning Heaven Clan despise you even more?”

Mu Tianbei’s entire body froze. After a twitch of his face, the ice and snow beneath his feet suddenly rose up. He chased in the direction of where Xia Qingyue and Yun Che left like a hawk.

“Qingyue, you... why... are you here ...?”

The speed of their pace was too fast. When Yun Che opened his mouth, large amounts of wind and snow poured into his mouth. After making the effort for quite a while, he was able to finally ask a question, which had a very obvious answer.

Xia Qingyue said nothing. It was unknown whether it was because she didn’t hear it or that she was too worried about Mu Tianbei chasing up to them. She didn’t dare to be distracted in the slightest.

Earlier, before Yun Che had left, she quietly changed directions and followed behind him because she feared Yun Che would run into some danger. In an environment filled with wind and snow, it was very easy for her to conceal her aura. Therefore, whether it was Yun Che or Mu Tianbei, none of them found out that she was always in their vicinity. As for why she was unable to control herself from following him, she gave herself the reason that since Yun Che’s injuries were caused by her, she was responsible for protecting his safety in this dangerous place.

Only, she didn’t think that Fen Juecheng and Fen Juebi would take advantage of this situation to kill him, and expected the Sect Master class Mu Tianbei even less!

Yun Che’s eyeballs shifted as his body tilted and his head fell into the ice and snow. Then, he was miserably dragged across the ice and snow by Xia Qingyue. She stopped right away and hurriedly asked: “Are you alright? Hurry up and quickly get up! If Mu Tianbei catches up, it’d be a disaster.”

Yun Che straightened his upper body, shook the ice and snow off his head, and miserably said: “Qing... Qingyue my wife, my internal injuries seemed to have worsened... I already... I already can’t run

anymore... You should leave... don't worry about me! The one he wants to kill is me... As long as you get far away from here, he won't do anything... to you... Cough cough cough cough..."

Yun Che coughed for a while to forcefully cough out the ice and snow that had previously poured into his stomach.

Xia Qingyue nervously looked back. Without caring about anything else any longer, she retracted the Ice Phoenix Snowflower Ribbon, put her right hand under Yun Che's ribs, and supported him up: "Hold onto me tightly... In this environment, it's not impossible for us to escape!"

This time, Yun Che had indeed swiftly reached out to hold onto Xia Qingyue's soft and slim waist. Just by holding it, it was hard to imagine that this body, which was seemingly as weak as a willow, could unexpectedly release a heaven freezing, earth sealing power. Once Yun Che held onto it, he couldn't bear to let go. It was comforting to the point that he almost let out a groan.

Having her body touched and held by a male, caused a deep and peculiar feeling to flash within Xia Qingyue's heart. She immediately activated the full power of her Frozen Cloud Arts to use Frozen Cloud Asgard's exclusive profound movement skill, "Frozen Fantasy Snow Dance", and moved towards the north at an extremely fast speed.

"Juniors! Where are you running off to! Prepare to die!"

Mu Tianbei's roars suddenly sounded from behind them. Xia Qingyue quickly looked back, only to astonishingly discover that within the wind and snow behind them, the figure of Mu Tianbei appeared, and was gradually approaching.

Cold light concentrated within Xia Qingyue's beautiful eyes. She extended her left arm and a ball of icy blue light danced about. The flying snow in an area of a few hundred meters around her all became under her control and flew towards Mu Tianbei.

Bang!!

After a huge sound, all the flying snow was easily dispersed by Mu Tianbei. Mu Tianbei was Heavenly Spear Thunderfire Fortress' Fort Master with a profound strength that had surpassed the fifth level of the Sky Profound Realm. His total strength seemed to not be inferior to Xia Qingyue's teacher, Chu Yueli. He was someone that Xia Qingyue had absolutely no chance of defending against. Even if she forcefully activated her Frozen Cloud Domain, it would basically be ineffective against him.

At the moment, Yun Che comfortably held Xia Qingyue and his hands rubbed her slender waist from time to time. He wasn't satisfied at all because Mu Tianbei stubbornly came and disturbed them as he chased closer when he got into a distance where he could attack them. Yun Che bore his teeth in quite a bad mood and lightly muttered: "Jasmine, kill him!"

Bang!!

There was clearly nothing ahead of him, and Mu Tianbei, who saw that he would soon overtake Xia Qingyue and Yun Che, suddenly collided into an incredibly tough thing that made him dizzy. Only after he spun a few circles in midair did he steady his body. He shook his head and looked up front again, but any traces of Xia Qingyue and Yun Che had long since been lost. What calmly floated in front of him was a little girl clothed in a cute, red colored princess dress.

Flying snow fell down in great packs and flooded every corner of the surrounding, but not a trace of snowflake landed on the body of the little girl. Mu Tianbei stared blankly for a long while as he looked at her, because this little girl was too refined; practically a hundred times more refined than the highest quality porcelains dolls meticulously sculpted by the top artisans of the Blue Wind Empire. It was exactly this excessively refined little face that hung a completely grim expression which didn't match her age and lovely figure at all.

She extended her finger which was more tender than snow and pointed towards Mu Tianbei. Her crystalline eyes emitted a bloody ray of light: "How do you want to die?"

Chapter 254 - A Woman's Heart

"Who... Who are you?"

Mu Tianbei had never thought that there would ever come a day where he would be frightened by a little girl, to the point where his entire body spasmed. For Jasmine, who was currently only in a half-soul form, her strength was not even ten thousandth of her normal form. However, to Mu Tianbei, it was still a nightmare-like pressure. Even though in front of him was just a little girl whose beauty could not be described, he felt as though he was looking at the abyss of death. Every part of his body was uncontrollably trembling crazily.

Jasmine's tender lips slightly tilted, revealing an ice-cold light smile. "This princess has already given you a chance to choose your method of death. Since you refuse to choose, then this princess shall choose on your behalf... Disappear!!"

Jasmine's small hand gently sliced the empty air...

Bang!

A gentle explosive sound rang. Before this sound could travel too far, it had already been submerged completely into the snowstorm. In this slight commotion, Mu Tianbei's body instantly burst... To be more exact, his body was instantly broken down! His body broke down into countless of extremely small fragments, and then, these fragments continued to break down, and break down... and they broke down into fragments even smaller than dust, until the fragments completely disappeared. Not even a trace of his body was left... as it was taken over by complete nothingness.

As she watched Mu Tianbei disappear in front of her eyes, Jasmine's expression was completely indifferent. Her two hands held in front of her chest, and following the flipping of her palms, she cast a mystical profound formation. This profound formation spiraled at high speed, and disappeared within her chest. After that, Jasmine's figure disappeared from the spot.

With Mu Tianbei nearing their backs, Xia Qingyue initially thought that they no longer had any possibility to escape. Just when she was about to forcefully open her Frozen Cloud Domain, she was surprised to feel that the pressure coming from Mu Tianbei had suddenly disappeared. When she turned to look, she could no longer see Mu Tianbei's figure as well. Although she was surprised, she did not dare to stop even for a single moment as she brought Yun Che further and further away at an incredible speed... Unconsciously, she had already went past one ice mountain after another.

Sensing that Jasmine had returned, Yun Che immediately asked. "Is the deed done?"

“Do you really believe that he can escape alive under my hands?” Jasmine said snappily.

“... Then what about Fen Juecheng? Did you deal with him as well?”

“I only told you that I will help you kill a single person. I don’t have the mood to care about some Fen Juecheng!”

“Shit... If Fen Juecheng isn’t dead, then didn’t I kill Fen Juebi for nothing!? He only has to tell Fen Moli, and whole world will know that I was the one who killed Fen Juebi! If that’s the case, I might as well kill Fen Juebi personally with my hands back then!”

“That’s your problem. What does that have to do with me?”

“...” Yun Che’s face cramped for a moment. He could only take a deep breath, and helplessly said.

“Never mind! Where’s Mu Tianbei’s corpse? Is it still at the place where he almost caught up to us earlier?”

“I have already made sure that he completely disappeared from this world. Forget about a corpse, not even a single speck of ash is left. What did you want to do with his corpse?”

“F*ck!” Yun Che almost leapt out of Xia Qingyue’s body. “Mu Tianbei is the Fort Master of the Heavenly Spear Thunderfire Fortress! The Fort Master, you know! There’s definitely a large amount of sect treasures in his spatial ring, or he might even have some sort of world-shocking secret, and you actually made him to vanish just like that! It would have been great if you had casually sliced him into half, it would have saved you time and effort as well! Y-y-y-you... You will definitely be a spoiled woman when you grow up in the future.”

Jasmine coldly snorted. “You don’t have the capability to kill him yourself, and had me deal with him instead, so stop with all this nonsense!”

“...” Yun Che had no words to rebut her with.

Turning back to give another glance, Yun Che could only swallow down the thought of turning back to kill Fen Juecheng. In the vast snowfield, it was basically impossible to determine one’s direction. When Xia Qingyue sprinted, she did not leave any trace, and even if there were some traces left behind, they would have already been covered by the snowstorm. The possibility of turning back to find them was basically none.

“Currently, I have already sealed my profound energy. In the next very long period of time, my strength will only be used to expel the poison, and it cannot be released outside. A seal like this is something I can’t even remove myself. When you once again encounter some danger, just pray for the best.”

Jasmine said, and her words were definitely not a joke. She had seriously sealed her own profound energy. However, a seal like this did not prevent her from circulating profound energy, rather, it prevented her from releasing her profound energy outside her body.

“A very long period of time? How long is that?”

“It is a sealing profound formation that I casually casted, I don’t know how long the seal will last either. The shortest is a single year, while the longest might be a few dozen years!”

“...”

After continuously proceeding forward for more than two hours, and after confirming that Mu Tianbei would not be chasing after them, Xia Qingyue's mind finally relaxed as she fell onto the patch of snow with Yun Che.

As though he had been startled, Yun Che let out a "Aiya" sound. His body was suddenly thrown forward. He instantly landed on Xia Qingyue's body and hugged her really tightly.

After sprinting with her full strength for so long, a large majority of Xia Qingyue's profound energy was used up. She steadied her breathing for a moment, and then, neither lightly nor heavily, raised her hand to push away Yun Che, who was on her body. Then, she stood up, and her breathing had slowly calmed down as well. Her expression was even more calm, with not even a hint of emotions on her face.

"Stand up. There's no need to act anymore, I know that your internal injuries never acted up in the first place." Looking at Yun Che who she had pushed into the pile of snow, Xia Qingyue spoke with an indifferent expression.

Yun Che stood up from the pile of snow and casually patted off the snow on his body. Just when he was about to speak up, he was suddenly stunned for a moment... Earlier, when Xia Qingyue had brought him to flee with all her strength, the veil on her face had long fell off somewhere along the way. A beautiful face, so absolutely beautiful to the point of causing people to hold their breaths, was revealed before him, at such a close distance. Her snow-dress fluttered, bathing within the snowstorm. A charm like this, even the legendary snow woman would pale in comparison.

Seeing that he did not say anything for a long while, and was instead looking at her own face while in a slight daze, Xia Qingyue reached out her hand to touch her own cheek. Only then did she realize that her veil had gone missing. Her brows slightly twitched. She slanted her face to the side, and lightly asked. "The reason why Fen Juecheng and Fen Moli wished to kill you, is because of Princess Cang Yue. But why did Mu Tianbei want to kill you?"

Evidently, she had heard the conversation between Yun Che, Fen Juecheng and Fen Juebi. Yun Che regained his senses, slightly curled his lips, and said. "Mu Tianbei had once invited me to join Heavenly Spear Thunderfire Fortress, and even ridiculed the Blue Wind Profound Palace. Then, he was sent back by my ridiculing comments, and I even harmed his core disciple, hence, he held a grudge against me... It was just something like that."

Xia Qingyue softly said. "Mu Tianbei is number one in the Northern Passes, and no one would dare to offend to him. People like him would never tolerate even a little bit of offense that come their way, and I had heard from Master once that he had always been prideful and egoistic... People like him, it's best that you don't offend them in the future."

"I had never take the initiative to offend someone, all of them were the ones who came to offend me. It's just that I have learnt to never be polite and tolerate people who offend me." Yun Che said without a care. Looking at the side-view of Xia Qingyue's perfect face, he smiled. "Qingyue my wife, it's good that you're here this time. Otherwise, I would have definitely died in Mu Tianbei's hands. But, you're my wife, after all, so I won't say thank you... Speaking of which, why were you nearby back then? You couldn't have seen that I had yet to recover from my injuries, was worried about my safety, and have been sneakily following after me, right?"

“I just happened to pass by.”

Evidently, Xia Qingyue was not good at lying. When she said those words, her tone and demeanor was very unnatural. She shifted her gaze away as well, not wanting to make eye contact with Yun Che. She turned to the side, and coldly said. “Mu Tianbei should have lost us, it’s nearly impossible for him to think of finding you in this Secret Realm. Your injuries have already fully healed, and your profound energy has already recovered by at least seventy percent. It should be enough to fend for yourself in this place. Take care.”

After saying that, Xia Qingyue’s snow-dress fluttered, and she was about to leave.

“Hey, hey! Wait a minute!” Yun Che hurriedly stepped forward, and blocked her front. “You can’t really be leaving like this, right? In truth... In truth, earlier, those words were used to fool Fen Juecheng, my wounds are basically not fully healed at all. At most, I’m only fifty percent healed, especially my internal injuries, right now, they’re still... Kuh kuh... Cough cough cough cough... My profound energy has only recovered by thirty percent at most, really... If, I’m once again found by Fen Juecheng and Mu Tianbei, without you by my side to protect me, then wouldn’t I... It doesn’t matter if I die, but to burden you to become a widow, how could I bear such a thing...”

Xia Qingyue’s beautiful brows evidently twitched for a moment.

“Besides, we are a legally wedded husband and wife, and since we’re husband and wife, we should live together on the same bed, die together in the same hole, share our blessings and depend on each in times of crisis. Now that I’m currently troubled by various things, as my wife, shouldn’t you do your part as what a wife would do, and take up the responsibility to protect me... Hey, hey! Don’t go...”

Back then, when Yun Che’s meridians were crippled, facing Xia Qingyue who was too high for him to reach back then, he would frequently say these cheap words, causing her to feel angry and helpless. Currently, in terms of strength, Yun Che could not compete with Xia Qingyue, but in terms of persistence, Xia Qingyue was definitely unable to compete with Yun Che. Hence, the two of them were basically six of one and half a dozen of the other. When Yun Che spoke with Xia Qingyue, naturally, he would not have any sort of scruples at all.

Xia Qingyue did not bother to pay attention to what he was saying as she directly circled around him, and lightly stepped on the snow as she headed towards the north. Yun Che stood at the same spot, and said very resentfully. “You can’t... really be leaving me here alone like this, right?”

Xia Qingyue did not answer. After walking very far away, she suddenly stopped her steps, and said with an extremely soft voice. “What are you still standing there for? Hurry and catch up to me.”

“As you command!” Yun Che instantly grinned from ear to ear. With a slight tap underneath his feet, he caught up with Xia Qingyue’s side swiftly... He did not look as though he had not fully recovered from his heavy injuries at all.

The two of them headed northwards, and very quickly, they disappeared within the snowstorm.

In regards to Xia Qingyue appearing and saving him, it was impossible for him not to feel grateful in his heart. Because the person he faced back then was Mu Tianbei, an extreme expert of the Sect Master class. When Xia Qingyue saved him, she undoubtedly carried the same risk of dying under Mu Tianbei’s

hands, together with him. And, at the same time, he was very puzzled... When he encountered Xia Qingyue again at Heavenly Sword Villa, he could only feel indifference from her body. Not closeness, not rejection, not coldness, but just the form of indifference that he could extremely not bear at all.

The few days after their marriage, he worked hard to plant his figure into Xia Qingyue's heart. But, such a long period of separation, was evidently enough to completely disperse his shallow figure in Xia Qingyue's heart. Also, to a certain degree, he believed that currently, in Xia Qingyue's eyes, he was nothing but a normal existence whom she was binded with a marriage certificate. Someone who could she do with, and could do without. But, today, when Xia Qingyue followed him to protect him, and came out to save him, he was once again confused... He completely unable to figure out what kind of place he currently had in her heart.

To a man, if there was something in the world that he would never be able to understand, it would undoubtedly be a woman's heart.

Chapter 255 - Heaven Basin's Enormous Beast (1)

Yun Che and Xia Qingyue journeyed together just like that. The two of them were unquestionably the strongest combination among Blue Wind Empire's younger generation. The two of them continued straight north... To speak more precisely, they didn't know what direction laid ahead of them either. Only boundless snow-covered plains and blizzard could be seen; there weren't any rewards, nor did they meet any danger. Not even half a silhouette of profound beasts was seen.

Yun Che kept on chattering endlessly, asking Xia Qingyue various questions, and then self-servingly told her about Xia Yuanba's situation from back then to now. Xia Qingyue's response was always impeccably indifferent, and only occasionally replied nonchalantly. Her hands continuously waved, sweeping away the ice and snow on the ground, but never found anything throughout the process.

"Qingyue my wife, don't you have anything you want to ask me? Like... Have I been well after you left, what places have I been to, and was I bullied by anyone..."

"With your personality, it would already be good if you didn't bully others; who could truly be able to bully you." Xia Qingyue expressionlessly replied with her charming eyes looking toward the front. After that, the light in her eyes moved, and she finally voluntarily asked him a question: "But I want to know, during this period of time, just how did you grow to such an extent?"

Xia Qingyue had finally taken the initiative to ask him a question. Yun Che's expression immediately became serious, and he spoke: "This matter is my secret, and I absolutely would not tell other people. But since you are my wife, so that's a different story. Mn... I met a master, she allowed my profound veins to grow anew and also taught me a bunch of random things. Furthermore, I've also had some special encounters during this period of time. That is how I came to be today."

"Your Master?" A hint of surprise flashed through Xia Qingyue's eyes: "To be able to bring you up to such a height within such a short period of time, your Master is definitely a supremely extraordinary person."

Yun Che waited for a bit, but didn't hear any further questions. He instantly said: "Don't you want to ask me who this master of mine is?"

“That is your privacy, I have no right to probe.” Xia Qingyue replied with indifference.

“Mm...” Yun Che pondered a little, and said while smiling: “This master of mine, indeed is a supremely remarkable being. But you definitely won’t be able to guess just exactly why she is “remarkable”. She is even more amazing than you imagined, and also completely changed my fate. However, she definitely isn’t a good master. Because, to be precise, she didn’t truly teach me anything, and had just always stuffed a bunch of things directly into my head. Then, she made me comprehend and practice them myself. But I, as the disciple, had never disappointed her, alright? Everything she stuffed into me, I would always comprehend them in a very short amount of time. That’s how the present me came to be.”

“Hmph, you narcissist!” In his mind, resounded Jasmine’s voice that was full of contempt.

At this time, an eccentric feeling suddenly came from Yun Che’s left hand’s palm. He immediately lifted up his left hand, and shockingly discovered that his palm was currently flashing with a green brilliance that belonged to the Sky Poison Pearl.

This is....

The Sky Poison Pearl’s reaction toward treasures!!

And to make the Sky Poison Pearl react, it certainly wasn’t just any ordinary treasure either. At the very least, it would be at the rank of the Star Concealing Grass.

After coming back to the Blue Wind Empire, the Sky Poison Pearl had a total of two detection reactions. The first time had discovered the Star Concealing Grass, and the second time had detected the existence of the Evil God’s Fire Seed. And this third time... the direction that the reaction pointed at, just happened to be directly ahead of them.

“What happened?” Xia Qingyue saw that he stopped moving, and asked while turning her head back.

“I’m guessing that we will have an enormous reward very soon!” Yun Che clasped his palms: “Let’s go continue forward.”

The blizzard did not have any hint of stopping, and it was unknown just how long this blizzard had been going on. The ice and snow under their feet also thickened to an unimaginable extent. The two of them continued traveling forward for more than four hours; the Sky Poison Pearl’s reaction was still there, but nothing was gained yet. This did not disappoint Yun Che, and the inside of his heart instead became even more excited... To make the Sky Poison Pearl have an reaction across such a long distance, the thing that it discovered must be no trivial thing! At the very least, it would be much more rare than the Star Concealing Grass!

Just what would it be?

The temperature of this place was frighteningly low. After walking for so long under this sky and earth of ice, in order to defend against the acute cold, the profound energy expenditure speed was also extremely fast. Even for Yun Che, who had a body not inferior to a true dragon, this was also starting to become a little unbearable, so it could be imagined how much more unbearable this was for the other young profound practitioners with slightly weaker profound strength. He shrunk his neck a little as his

gaze looked toward the front with care, and then asked on a whim: “Qingyue my wife, your Master and Senior Master should have come here many times before, what rewards did they usually obtain?”

Xia Qingyue thought for a bit, and said: “Master had come to this place twice before, and was rewarded plentifully every time. The first time, she acquired three pieces of Pure Cloud Jade and two Ten Thousand Year Old Blood Reishi; the second time, she obtained a chunk of Purple Veined Heaven Crystal, three drops of Profound Spirit Jade Dew and a chunk of an enormous beast’s bone. Master said that there are a total of three seasons here, and the season’s characteristics are exhibited to an extreme. Amongst them, the most unlucky would be encountering winter. It is because the winter’s blizzard would cover everything tightly, thus, it would be very difficult to obtain anything rewarding.

Very unfortunately, Yun Che and Xia Qingyue encountered the cold winter with overwhelming flying snow on their first time entering the Heaven Basin Secret Realm. That’s right, any and everything was tightly covered by the ice and snow. Let alone treasures, even a chunk of rock could not be seen.

“What is the best thing that someone who entered this Heaven Basin Secret Realm had found?” Yun Che asked. As he spoke till here, he suddenly stopped in his tracks.

Xia Qingyue also stopped right after, and slightly nodded: “I don’t know. If someone really found anything great, they normally would stay quiet about it. However, I had heard my Master bring up that more than four hundred years ago, someone had found a Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus in the Heaven Basin before.”

“Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus?” Yun Che had a surprised face. Out of all the grasses and herbs in the world, the ones that Yun Che did not know could be counted with one hand. Yet he had never heard his Master bring up the name Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus. Today was actually the first time he had heard of it.

Xia Qingyue slightly lifted her gaze, and slowly spoke: “The Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus is a type of sacred object that’s recorded in my Sect’s 《Frozen Cloud Sacred Book》, and the other top Sects also has records of it. In the records, it is a sacred object gifted by the heavens, and is also a kind of object which shouldn’t exist in the mortal world because it opposes the heavens. Legends say that one appeared long ago, and never appeared again afterwards. It only existed within the many records that spoke about it. Four hundred years ago, a Senior of the Xiao Sect had used Spirit Sound Transmission and told everyone who were in the Heaven Basin Secret Realm at that time that he found the “Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus” which was exactly the same as in the records... However, those were his last words. After he spoke those words, there was no further contact from him. He never could walk out of the Secret Realm, and fell there.”

“Sacred object gifted by the heavens”, “Object that opposes the heavens”. All of these descriptive words that came from Xia Qingyue hinted at how shocking of an existence the “Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus” was. Yun Che followed up and asked: “Just how exactly does this ‘Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus’ oppose the natural law? Don’t tell me that one would become immortal after eating it or something?”

“...No one had actually seen it so everything about it are only from the records.” Xia Qingyue said with a light voice: “I heard my Master say that after consuming the ‘Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus’, it could make someone without any profound strength step into the Earth Profound Realm in a day’s time...”

With my current realm, if I were to consume the 'Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus', I could step into the Sky Profound Realm with a single step. Furthermore, the power hidden inside 'Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus' is extremely gentle, and absolutely would not cause a situation, where the person who consumed it cannot endure the change and become injured, to appear."

"...It's that amazing?!" Yun Che's mouth flew wide open. To make someone without any profound strength at all to directly step into the Earth Profound Realm, and allow a profound practitioner of the Earth Profound Realm to enter the Sky Profound Realm, that the vast majority would not even dare to peek at, with a single step; it was simply hard to believe that there existed something like that in this world.

If one could acquire it, one could climb to a height that others may not achieve even if they worked hard for their entire lives. The words "object that opposes the heavens", was not at all an exaggeration for it. And this kind of thing that breaks the balance too much, should indeed, not exist in this world.

"Speaking of which, what does that 'Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus' look like?" Yun Che's hand tapped his chin, as his face revealed an extremely odd complexion. His gaze was also somewhat erratic.

Xia Qingyue's pink lips slightly opened, and said vividly: "I have seen the records regarding 'Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus' before. It is much larger than a normal lotus flower, and its diameter when blooming is as long as five feet. On its petals, is a somewhat eccentric light blue color..."

"...Is it a blue color like a blue crystal? Every single petal also had the luster of glazed glass like crystals. The stamen in the center of the flower is a scarlet red, and even glows. The flower stem that supports it is also blue, a type of illusory blue that's much deeper than the petal's color..." Yun Che stared at Xia Qingyue, and spoke sentence by sentence with an odd expression.

A hint of surprise condensed in Xia Qingyue's charming eyes: "So you actually had seen the records about it before?"

"No no, definitely not." Yun Che extended his finger, and probingly pointed behind her: "What I am talking about, is that lotus flower behind you."

Xia Qingyue suddenly turned around. And then, her fragrant lips slightly opened, as her entire being froze there.

In a place no more than fifty steps away from them, appeared a light blue colored silhouette. That's right; that was a lotus, an enormous lotus flower. Its diameter was as long as five feet, it had an illusory blue colored jade-like flower stem and light blue flower petals that flowed with fluorescent brilliance. Yet its stamen was like a red colored starry sky that had gathered together, and flashed with a mysterious and eccentric light.

A lotus ought to bloom in the summer with a scorching sun, yet this lotus, had lofty bloomed within the blizzard. The wind howled and the falling snow flew about, so it would be difficult even for an ordinary person to stand upright under this kind of blizzard. Yet this lotus flower unyieldingly stood there; neither the petals or the stamen had the slightest of waver. It was as if none of its petals could possibly fall even if the blizzard was ten times stronger.

Under the snow, the entire land was even submerged underneath. Yet only this lotus flower was not covered. On the petals, even a trace of the drifting snow could not be seen. In this world of overwhelming blizzard and snow, it became the only, and also the most blinding existence.

Chapter 256 - Heaven Basin's Enormous Beast (2)

"Emperor Awakening... Heart... Lotus...." Xia Qingyue was completely stunned. That lotus flower in her sights and the "Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus" from the records were exactly the same. None of the characteristics were any different. The color of its unique petal, its radiance, and furthermore, it was being battered by the elements, yet still had the attitude of arrogance towards all living things on heaven and earth. All of this proved that this was absolutely an extraordinary object. Only at this moment, Xia Qingyue had a look of disbelief in her eyes. She didn't dare to think she could inadvertently and unexpectedly encounter such a divine existence from the legends and records.

"Could that really be the 'Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus' that you mentioned?" Hearing Xia Qingyue's disillusioned murmurs, Yun Che's expression was similar stirred in a peculiar manner... this was the one of the divine objects from legends, the heaven opposing lotus? Found just like this?

So quaint? So simple? So lucky?

Wait... Lotus flowers all bloomed in the water. The person who discovered the Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus on the verge of the death four hundred years ago told everyone that when he discovered it, he was within the Heaven Basin... Could it be, that he himself and Xia Qingyue just happened to stepped onto the Heaven Basin... on the Heaven Basin which had frozen over?

"There's no mistake, it's exactly the same as the records."

Yun Che saw an extremely rare expression of excitement from Xia Qingyue's face. Such a divine object from legends just suddenly appeared right in front of their eyes. Let alone her, even Chu Yuechan would probably have difficulty maintaining her composure as well. Xia Qingyue took some steps forward and prepared to approach that blue lotus, but she was blocked by Yun Che's hands right way: "Wait, don't go near it yet. If that event from four hundred years ago is real; then, the one which that person discovered was perhaps this exact one! In other words, right now we are already standing on the Heaven Basin. After that person discovered it, he left behind a note before death... to state that it was extremely likely that a huge, hidden danger hid behind this lotus flower.

Xia Qingyue withdrew her footsteps and slowly nodded. The rarer the object, the more likely it was protected by a powerful profound beast. Naturally, it wasn't because those profound beasts were looking out for its safety, but it was for the powerful strength it contained. It would nourish the growth of the profound beast and at a suitable time, the profound beast guarding it would consume it in order to advance its strength by leaps and bounds. Therefore, it would guard it with its life and absolutely did not let another person approach and touch it.

"Jasmine, are there auras of powerful profound beasts nearby?" Yun Che calmed down and asked Jasmine.

But he waited a good while, but still did not hear a response from Jasmine.

Yun Che shut his eyes and entered into the Sky Poison Pearl, but discovered that Jasmine peacefully laid down on her white jade bed with a tranquil look over her snow white face. Her hands intersected over her chest and formed a very strange gesture. Around her body, green light flickered from time to time.

Could she be detoxifying herself?

Yun Che didn't dare to bother Jasmine and exited from the Sky Poison Pearl. He then concentrated and spread his senses in all four directions, but was in fact unable to detect the existence of any dangerous auras. He then muttered hesitantly to himself: "It's so empty here, if a profound beast was here, then I could probably spot it right away. Additionally, if we stepped into the Heaven Basin and the Heaven Basin had been iced over a long time ago, all the profound beasts would naturally be sealed under as well and would probably not come out. If I think of it like this, then perhaps it wouldn't be as dangerous as we thought."

"But still, it's still good to be careful. There could still be profound beasts hiding under the snow. If this Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus was truly being guarded by a profound beast, then it would certainly be an extremely dangerous one." Xia Qingyue raised her brows slightly.

Yun Che sensed the situation around himself again and then stepped forward: "Don't move from that spot, I'll go take a look."

"Let's go together." Xia Qingyue followed beside him: "Just in case there is a danger, us two can look after each other."

Accidentally discovering this divine object from the legends, the two were nervous and excited at the same time. An object such as the Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus was absolutely not something ordinary people could discover, let alone obtained by ordinary people. The two slowly moved forward, and cautiously and carefully approached... Until both of them stood at a position within reach of the Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus, and still without any accidents occurring.

The two then let out a long sigh of relief at the same time.

Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus was almost right in front of them. Looking at the incomparably captivating petal and pistil, Yun Che rubbed his hands in unimaginable excitement "Hehe, it looked like it wasn't a completely terrible misfortune to encounter winter here! The effect of the weather here on the profound beasts, especially the profound beasts in the Heaven Basin is much greater than it is on us."

As he spoke, Yun Che reached out with his left and touched the blossoming Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus.

"Wait!" Xia Qingyue yelled at him to stop: "If you wanted to pluck it off, you have to be careful. Plucking such a high valued divine object, the difficulty would be extremely high. If you're even the least bit careless, it would easily drain away a great deal of effect."

"You can be at ease about this, don't forget, I'm a genius doctor." Yun Che laughed with great self-confidence. With the Sky Poison Pearl, no matter the plant, he could seize it with absolute perfection. After plucking it, it would directly enter the Sky Poison Pearl and not even a trace of the power it contained would be lost.

Yun Che softly nipped at the stem of the otherworldly blue flower with his left hand that silently released a green light. At this moment, he suddenly raised his head and asked: "Qingyue my wife, aren't you afraid that I'll keep it to myself after pluck it?"

Xia Qingyue's beautiful eyes slanted and with an indifferent expression: "This Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus was found by you, it should belong to you anyway. How does it concern me in any way?"

Yun Che was suddenly startled. A peculiar feeling flashed within his mind and he immediately stopped talking. A green light flashed in his palms; then, the entire Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus disappeared into the Sky Poison Pearl.

Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus was absolutely an extremely valuable treasure, but no matter how valuable it was, it was impossible for it to surpass the Sky Poison Pearl. Under the effects of the Sky Poison Pearl, the originally hard to pluck Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus was plucked off by Yun Che with as much ease as the most ordinary of flowers.

From discovery to approach, to successfully plucking it, the entire process was incredibly smooth. Let alone risks, even an obstacle did not exist. It was simple to the point that it was somewhat abnormal. Yun Che smacked his hands and stood up. Just as he was about to speak, an incomparably muffled sound like a roar originating from the endless abyss suddenly echoed past... The source of that sound seemed to come from underneath his foot. Then, a faint vibration occurred beneath them that gradually intensified.

Yun Che's expression suddenly changed. He grabbed Xia Qingyue's hands right away and muttered: "Quickly, leave!!"

The Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus was indeed not unguarded by a profound beast.

A severe winter descended upon the Heaven Basin, so it froze over. As for this profound beast which stood guard by the Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus' side all year round, it had entered deep hibernation on the bottom of the Heaven Basin. Since it did not sense Yun Che and Xia Qingyue's approach, it was still fast asleep then. However, once the Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus had been plucked away, when its aura had completely disappeared, it had finally woken up, evoking a fury that surged to the skies.

That was the most terrifying roar that Yun Che had heard in his two lives. The oppressing power that the roar contained practically crushed his spirit, as well as his five viscera and six organs. Xia Qingyue's expression was not any different from Yun Che's expression. They rushed into the distance at their fastest speed. Under their top speed, they traveled outwards past about six hundred meters in the blink of an eye. The vibrations underneath their feet gradually intensified at this moment, as if mother earth could collapse at any moment.

BOOM!!!!!!!!!!!!

AWOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A huge heaven crashing earth splitting sound echoed from behind Yun Che and Xia Qingyue, followed by a terrifying roar that was enough to burst heaven and earth.

This roar suddenly shook Yun Che's brain into a blank state as he fell into the ice and snow together with Xia Qingyue. Then, they subconsciously looked back at the same time, and discovered the most shocking scene they had ever seen in their lives.

The ground was entirely uplifted. The ice and snow that covered the ground and countless huge chunks of ice was lifted into the skies quite far away, until it reached an altitude they were no longer capable of seeing. Then, a huge wave of water soared into the sky... that's right, a wave of water! Yun Che's thoughts weren't wrong. They were stepping on the frozen Heaven Basin beneath them. The ice covering the Heaven Basin was over thirty meters thick, but was easily broken like thin sheets of paper. The basin water beneath them rose into mid air and became an incredibly tall tower of ice. Underneath the wave of water, an incredibly huge white figure rushed into the air until it leapt over a hundred feet high. Then, it heavily landed.... The sound it caused the instant that it landed was world-shaking. The layers of ice in the surrounding was widely ruptured as well. One of the cracks reached right below Yun Che and Xia Qingyue's feet.

This was an enormous beast that completely surpassed Yun Che and Xia Qingyue's imagination. It was around three hundred meters tall and white hair covered its entire body. It had a humanlike body and a vicious wolflike head with scarlet red eyes. When it landed, it was like a small mountain that blocked a huge amount of light from the heavens, and the aura it released, was way more terrifying than over ten thousand mountains. In front of its huge body, Yun Che and Xia Qingyue were as insignificant as two little flies. The distance they ran with their fastest speeds to escape, was covered by its feet in merely two steps.

In between two icy mountains, Ling Yuefeng finally found his first reward from an ancient forest that wasn't completely covered in ice and snow. Just as he was about to pluck that pitch black Reishi, the sound of a profound beast suddenly echoed from the distance. The place it came from was very far away, so the sound wasn't very loud, but it indeed shook Ling Yuefeng's entire body. His face showed an incredibly shocked expression, and even his soul was unexpectedly trembled by the roar that originated from faraway.

"This is... this is... the power of a Tyrant Profound Beast!!" Ling Yuefeng looked in the distance and an uncontrollable fear loomed over his face.

"Inside the Heaven Basin Secret Realm, there was actually a Tyrant Profound Beast..."

"Wait! This cry is filled with anger! Could it be that someone stepped into its territory or provoked it?"

While thinking about these things, Ling Yuefeng's expression kept changing. The power that this sound contained could send him, a Throne, into deep fear. He felt that the owner of this sound could destroy him effortlessly. Tyrant Profound Realm... a level never before seen in Blue Wind Empire, because in the history of Blue Wind Empire, there never was a true Overlord. "Throne" was already the peak and limit of the Blue Wind Empire. Titles like "Overlord" and "Monarch" could exist only in the fantasies of Blue Wind profound practitioners. It was a level that they absolutely could not comprehend and imagine.

The person who offended this Tyrant Profound Beast, he would turn into dust particles in the blink of an eye... It was impossible for there to be a second outcome.

Ling Yuefeng subconsciously retreated two steps, and then flew towards that roar in the distance. Right now, he could only deeply pray that the ones who offended this terrifying Tyrant Profound Beast wasn't a part of his Heavenly Sword Villa.

Chapter 257 - On the Brink of Death

That roar transmitted an extremely terrifying pressure and penetrative power into every corner of the Heaven Basin Secret Realm. It completely overwhelmed the most powerful experts of the top ten sects with shock, and made each of them retreat from the source of the roar. They simultaneously thought that death would be inevitable, but none of them could have imagined that the people who encountered this terrifying profound beast were the two most talented people of the younger generation!

Jasmine, who was concentrating all her energy on detoxifying herself, was suddenly startled by the terrifying aura. Her severe and astonished voice echoed within Yun Che's mind: "What's going on? You guys actually provoked a Tyrant Profound Beast!"

"Tyrant Profound Beast?" Yun Che was terrifyingly alarmed. The oppressing feeling that this incredibly huge beast gave Yun Che was far superior to that Emperor Profound Flame Dragon, but he never could have thought that this was a Tyrant Profound Beast, since the level of Tyrant Profound Realm was never before seen in the Blue Wind Empire! It was a fantastical existence only told in legends!

The powerful pressure from the Tyrant Profound Beast caused Yun Che and Xia Qingyue's bodies to stiffen. Their five viscera spasmed and their heartbeats practically halted. To defend against a Tyrant Profound Beast or to escape from underneath its claws was undoubtedly just a crazed dream. Yun Che clenched his teeth and said: "Jasmine! Is your strength truly completely sealed off, and you can't utilize even a bit of it?"

"..." Jasmine remained silent for a long time and furrowed her delicate eyebrows. She never could have thought that not long after she sealed off her profound strength, Yun Che would provoke such a terrifying guy. But according to her, because she sealed herself, she could not unseal herself. The sole hope that Yun Che had to avoid this critical situation was already completely broken.

As matters stood, Jasmine was also beginning to have some regret.

"This time you are surely going to die." Every one of Jasmine's words were incredibly solemn.

"No!!" Yun Che suddenly shook his head: "I still don't want to die... I can't die!!"

"Qingyue... Let's escape quickly!!"

Yun Che clenched his teeth and shouted loudly. He got up with incredible difficulty under that incredible mountain-like pressure. He grabbed Xia Qingyue's hands and fled away with all his might.

"ROAR!!!"

Their movements invoked an angry roar from that huge beast. The giant beast lifted up its right arm and smashed downwards towards the direction they fled in...

The sound of wind that whistled from behind Yun Che made him subconsciously turn around. That huge fist wasn't attacking them, rather it fell beneath that huge beast's own feet, but it still caused Yun Che's

pupils to suddenly contract. He grabbed Xia Qingyue with one arm and used all his strength to leap high in the air. "Burning Heart" opened, and following the crazy surge of profound power, a translucent barrier suddenly appeared around him and Xia Qingyue's bodies.

"Sealing Cloud Locking Sun!!"

Boom!!

Like a heavy hammer that came from heaven, it smashed the ground viciously, causing the entire Heaven Basin to vibrate. If it wasn't a state of severe winter right now, but a summer day instead, perhaps a great amount of the Heaven Basin's water would quake into the sky.

Feeling a great danger from beneath him, Yun Che carried Xia Qingyue and leapt high in the air as he fiercely inhaled. Using Star God's Broken Shadow, he instantaneously pulled even higher into the air. Then, he flipped over facing downwards with his back to protect Xia Qingyue with the front of his body.

"Yun Che...!"

When Xia Qingyue cried from shock, it was immediately drowned out by the sound of that heaven shocking, earth shaking explosion.

After all, this was an indirect attack from a Tyrant Profound Beast. Even though Yun Che had leapt high into the sky a long time ago, the shockwave from the impact of the attack was still something he was incapable of resisting. His "Sealing Cloud Locking Sun" was instantly broken through and a chunk of broken ice and fine snowflakes struck him on the back. Yun Che's eyes bulged outwards and his face suddenly turned deathly pale. An arrow of blood sprayed out from high up in the sky and a small bit of landed on top of Xia Qingyue's clothes, dying her snow white cloud dress into a patch of red.

Without the protection of "Sealing Cloud Locking Sun", that single instant was already enough to kill Yun Che. He violently bit the tip of his tongue to prevent himself from fainting. He channeled his profound strength vigorously and activated "Sealing Cloud Locking Sun" once again. However, this time, an extremely terrifying scene appeared within Xia Qingyue and his line of sight...

They saw an incomparably large head that was still more than thirty meters away from them, but it already covered their entire vision range. On its head were two eyes as scarlet as blood, and the two bloody eyes were focused entirely on them. Following that, it opened its large, deep as the abyss mouth towards them and spread forth an incredibly powerful suction force. The solid ice, the flying snow... and the embracing Yun Che and Xia Qingyue were absolutely incapable of resisting the suction force, so they flew toward the middle of that wide open mouth.

Yun Che and Xia Qingyue suddenly shouted out instinctively, and Yun Che suddenly realized during this exact moment why the attack of the huge beast smashed the ground instead towards them. It was because that huge beast knew that Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus had been seized by them and was bound to be on their body right now. If it destroyed them, then the Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus would be destroyed as well. However, if it shook them high in the air and sucked them inside its stomach, it was equivalent to swallowing that Emperor Awakening Heart Lotus that they had on their body!

When he noticed this, a strand of hope flashed across Yun Che's eyes. Under the tremendous suction force, Xia Qingyue and himself gradually neared that deep abyss like huge mouth; even if Xia Qingyue and himself used all their power, they still did not have even the slightest chance of breaking free. Yun Che unwaveringly stared forward while maintaining "Sealing Cloud Locking Sun" with all his power. Both his hands embraced Xia Qingyue tightly, and he loudly yelled over and over again: "Hold onto me tightly... Hold onto me tightly.. Don't let go... Hold onto me tightly!!"

Before Yun Che and Xia Qingyue's eyes, everything suddenly became pitch black as the large mouth of that enormous beast finally closed.

The sound of the wind still whistled beside their ears. The moment they entered inside the mouth of that huge beast, Yun Che felt himself enter a dark and icy purgatory which possessed a freezing sensation that dug into his heart and pierced his bones. The temperature of this huge beast's body was unexpectedly much lower than being within the Realm of Heavenly Snow Invocation. Under those huge impulsive movements, his body unceasingly collided with the surrounding as they rapidly advancing forward. In the darkness, he experienced countless canyons and incredibly long tunnels. He closed his eyes and maintained "Sealing Cloud Locking Sun" with all his strength during this process, because this was the only thing they could rely on to not be smashed to bits during these courses of events.

An unknown amount of time passed by and the impacts had finally ended. They landed in an incredibly solid surface and finally stopped moving.

"Sealing Cloud Locking Sun", which he had maintained for all this time, silently disappeared.

After it had been calm for awhile, Xia Qingyue finally opened her eyes. She realized where she was, but she was incapable of believing that she was still alive... Furthermore, apart from her slightly aching body, she was not injured in the slightest.

She raised her eyes and saw a empty space around her. Then she extended her right hand and a lump of illusionary blue light condensed in her palm, slightly illuminating an empty area of ten meters around her.

This should be the stomach of that enormous beast, but the incredibly strange thing was that this place did not seem like the interior of a profound beast's body at all. It was actually more like an icy cave. The floor was incredibly hard and icicles both long and short suspended in the surrounding. The air here was extremely foul, making it hard to breathe. The temperature was lower than what she could have imagined. Even with the seventh stage of the Frozen Cloud Arts, and an intimate connection with the water element, Xia Qingyue was still feeling slightly uncomfortable.

"Yun Che, you're okay right?"

Xia Qingyue called out gently, but she did not hear a response from Yun Che for a long time. Xia Qingyue moved her hands down to let that weak blue light shine on Yun Che's body, but she discovered that his eyes were half shut and his complexion was deathly white like paper. A smudge of blood slowly extended from the corner of his mouth... When she touched his body, the only thing she felt was an ice-cold sensation.

Xia Qingyue quickly knelt beside his body. Her palms pressed against his stomach and her voice became more panicky: "Yun Che, are you still okay?"

When she checked the flow of his internal energy, Xia Qingyue's hands distinctively shuddered. Because at this moment, his internal energy was as weak... as an infant's.

Yun Che's eyes slowly opened up a bit. His face exposed an incredibly faint smile: "So... great... we're both... alive..."

It took him a great amount of effort to say these few short words.

Under the enormous beast's earth-quaking fist, Yun Che suffered an extremely severe injury, but he didn't have time to stabilize his energy and had to forcefully maintain "Sealing Cloud Locking Sun." "Sealing Cloud Locking Sun" wasn't a normal profound technique, but an explosive technique of the Evil God. Although it was an explosive defensive technique, it wasn't an ordinary defensive barrier, but a defensive skill that could only be utilized for a short moment to save his life. With each breath that "Sealing Cloud Locking Sun" was active, the consumption of profound strength was equivalent to an activation of "Falling Moon Sinking Star".

From being shaken into the sky until they were completely sucked into the stomach of the huge beast, a total of thirty breaths had passed by. During this period of time, "Sealing Cloud Locking Sun" had to be continuously maintained; otherwise, he and Xia Qingyue would have met their deaths a long time ago. The thirty breaths of activation had a huge consumption that an ordinary person would have difficulty imagining; furthermore, this consumption was still in a state where Yun Che suffered a severe injury.

Now, he finally calmed his energy, and his internal injuries had also intensified by many times. His profound strength was completely exhausted without even a trace remaining.

His internal injuries were incredibly severe, and he did not have even the slightest bit of profound strength to combat the cold. Every second in this frighteningly low temperature deprived Yun Che of a great deal of life force. He felt like his body was pierced by a myriad of needles, and very quickly, the ice cold sensation he felt disappeared bit by bit until he gradually lost all feeling of his body.

He smelled the taste of death and it was the first time he was this close within reach of it.

Xia Qingyue took her hands away from Yun Che's body. Her eyes became confused: "Yun Che, you..."

"Qingyue... don't say anything... listen to me..."

Yun Che's breathing became incredibly weak. The temperature here caused both his hands, legs, and body to become frozen stiff in this short amount of time. Both his eyes had also lost all color. He was able to speak because he relied on his strong and unwavering consciousness, but he knew that this last bit of consciousness could disappear at any moment...

Death came too fast and sudden.

"Qingyue... good thing... nothing happened to you... I should... die any moment now... After I die... don't... take care of me... You don't fear cold... perhaps it's possible... escape from here... even if this... huge beast... is even more frightening... you have to... use all your strength... to escape..."

"Yun Che! Don't talk anymore! You can't die that easily... If you want me to leave, we have to leave together! You won't die!"

This calamity was too sudden, and it caught her completely unprepared. Yun Che's internal injuries were incredibly severe. His five visceras and six internal organs were practically all smashed apart. His life force was incredibly weak and it was possible that it could disappear in the next second. She knew how he suffered such a severe injury. She also knew why he was so weak right now... When they were shaken into the sky, his back faced downwards to bear all the force of the impact and left her without the slightest bit of injuries. From the moment they were sucked into that enormous beast's mouth until they landed here, that incredibly terrifying force was something that even her most powerful ice crystal defense could not withstand, but that barrier that constantly protected them blocked all the impact... That was without a doubt, an extremely tough and resilient barrier. With such an incredibly powerful barrier, one could imagine just how much power it consumed.

Except, Yun Che was already unable to hear her voice. His eyes were still half open, but not a trace of light remained. His four limbs, body, cheek, hair... Was already completely covered by a layer of ice. Underneath that layer of ice was an ice-cold body that was on the verge of completely burning out its entire life force.

"Qingyue..." He softly muttered: "If we meet again in the next life... become my wife again... okay... because... this life... I still have not completely conquered you... I... am not satisfied..."

Xia Qingyue's body shook and her vision became fuzzy all of a sudden.

Both of Yun Che's eyes lost their final traces of focus and spirit during this moment. His entire body became still. Only his throat moved ever so slightly to say the words that came from his soul...

"Grandfather... Little aunt..."

"Senior sister Xueruo... Jasmine... I'm...sorry..."

"..."

"Ling'er... I'm coming for you... Ling'er... Ling'er..."

His final mutters were as weak as a breeze, until it completely faded away... Then, a shining drop of blue starlight descended from Xia Qingyue's face and lightly struck his completely stiff lips.

Chapter 258 - Finding the Hope of Life in Despair

Xia Qingyue touched her own cheeks and felt her ice cold tears.

She was stunned in place, because she couldn't believe that she was shedding tears.

Things such as tears were too unfamiliar to her. After she wept that one time when she was four, she never shed a single tear again. Frozen Cloud Asgard's Frozen Heart Arts made her calm under any circumstance; no happiness, grief, sorrow, or anger. Under the Frozen Cloud Arts, her heart was always cold and effective. Practically nothing could invoke a tremble in her heart... Apart from when she faced Yun Che.

...And only when she faced Yun Che.

She did not understand the reasoning behind this either.

But at this moment, after touching the tears on her own face, she finally came to a conclusion...

Her jade white hand slowly hung down and lightly touched Yun Che's face. Her line of sight had already become fuzzy because of her tears. In this fuzziness, what she saw wasn't a frozen stiff face, but a face that was sometimes unwavering, sometimes apathetic, sometimes overbearing, and sometimes smiling...

In her world, Yun Che was a very special existence. It was not only because they were husband and wife, but also because he was different from all the other men she had met... Those other men were either terrified and couldn't look her in the face in front of her, or tried too hard to put on a guise of an elegant noble, but were still unable to hide their lecherous eyes, which disgusted her. Only Yun Che... was able to completely be himself in front of her. Even when he was in his most dire straits, he did not feel the slightest bit inferior to her. He was so incredibly mysterious that it felt like she wanted to completely understand everything about a man for the very first time. Sometimes, he was so calm that it amazed her, sometimes he talked and acted like a child, and sometimes he acted like a scoundrel... But she was able to instill every one of his aspects into her heart, and then accidentally recalled them one time after another...

Only, she was a person who was destined to chase after the peak of the profound road. To achieve this height, she was willing to let go of everything and naturally expel those images which were subconsciously imprinted in her heart...

Except, in this world, not everything was controllable through willpower alone.

After the first tear dropped, her eyes became stream that overcame all its obstacles. Streaks of tears flowed down uncontrollably and quickly moistened her entire face.

"Yun Che... You don't need to wait for the next life... In fact... on the Sword Discourse Arena, when you defeated me, you had already conquered me..."

"No matter how much I meditate... I couldn't genuinely completely seal away all of my emotions. My constant indifference was merely my own selfish way of escaping..."

"At that time, for the sake of opening all of my profound entrances, you used more strength than you could bear and almost permanently damaged yourself. If not for you, the Xia Qingyue today would not exist... You have fought with all your might on the Sword Discourse Arena only for the sake to prove that you are qualified to be my husband. You would rather use extra energy and intensify your internal injuries to divert the direction of your attack than harm me... And right now, you protected me for my sake again, with all your strength and life force... You're obviously very smart, but do you actually believe after doing all this for a girl... that there would still be a girl who wouldn't be conquered by you..."

Xia Qingyue slowly stood up and placed both her hands on her chest. She shut her eyes and lightly said: "Yun Che, you're the man who I, Xia Qingyue, had married. How can you just die like this... As a husband, you did many things for me, and I never bore any responsibility as your wife..."

"At least this one time, I want to let you know... I, Xia Qingyue... am willing to be your wife..."

A dim ray of blue light emerged slowly from Xia Qingyue's body and gradually became more concentrated. Its illumination made this ice-cold area seem extra illusionary. These blue lights lasted a long time until Xia Qingyue drew it out and gathered all of it into both her hands, and condensed it into gaudy, icy bristles of blue light within her jadelike hands.

Xia Qingyue gently stooped down and laid both her hands over his stomach. She had a bewildered expression as she silently watched the blue light flow out like water onto Yun Che's stomach enter within his body bit by bit... Very quickly, a layer of dim blue colored halo of light appeared over the surface of his body.

When the light dimmed, a weak and gentle light illuminated the incredibly tranquil face of Xia Qingyue. She lightly shut her eyes. At this very moment, she was indescribably beautiful.

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Yun Che had already fallen into the abyss of death. Before the moment his consciousness had completely faded, he believed that he would never wake up again.

But under the abyss of death, he suddenly started sensing the existence of his body. The ice cold sensation on the surface of his body became clearer and clearer, and was no longer as unbearably cold as before...

Did I arrive in an icy hell?

...Before he died, he killed many people; after death, he was going to go to hell no matter what...

Yun Che felt a sharp pain slowly being transmitted from his chest that made his consciousness become increasingly awake. Little by little, he opened his eyes and barely caught a glimpse of a few weak rays of blue light.

"You're finally awake, hmph! You didn't die even like this, your life is really tenacious."

The sound of Jasmine's voice echoed by his ears. Although the her voice was panting with rage, it was still unable to conceal the sound of joy and relief.

"I... didn't die?" Yun Che made great effort to open his eyes and said with a tone of disbelief. Although his internal organs were still in pain, it wasn't like the shattering pain from before. The air was ice-cold, but it was no longer a bone-piercing cold. On the contrary, a feeling of warmth spread over the surface of his body. His five senses had been restored to normal and his four limbs had also regained their sensations. His originally completely exhausted body had also regained some strength.

"You should have died, but that girl gave all of her profound strength to you, sealed your internal injuries and isolated you from the cold air, so that you can temporarily regain consciousness. However, this is the inside of a Tyrant Profound Beast's body, it's simply impossible for you two to leave. Therefore, you two will still die in the end... The only difference is that the order is inverted. She is going to die before you."

It was... Qingyue?

Her profound strength... she gave me all of it?

Yun Che's was astonished. He clenched his teeth and suddenly supported himself up. Under the weak blue light, he saw Xia Qingyue peacefully crouching over his body. Her snow white face was incredibly calm and peaceful without a trace of emotion, but it had a slight trace of an incomprehensible satisfaction.

"Qingyue! Qing..."

Yun Che's hand touched Xia Qingyue's hand. Then, he withdrew it like lightning with a look of horror on his face. Because she cultivated in Frozen Cloud Arts, Xia Qingyue's body was slightly cold already; however, it wasn't a freezing cold, but a rather refreshing cold. But now, Xia Qingyue's body was as cold as profound ice.

"She used all her profound strength to moderate your internal injuries, help you withstand the cold, and restore your vitality. She doesn't have any profound strength left to protect her own body and simply cannot withstand the cold air here. If it wasn't for her body being accustomed to the frigid cold all year round, then she might have already froze to death before you woke up. However right now, she is at her last breath... This is an ice attributed Tyrant Profound Beast, the cold air within its body is severe. It is simply something you two cannot hope to resist!" Jasmine said coldly with furrowed brows.

"Qing... yue..." Yun Che got up with great difficulty and slowly touched Xia Qingyue's cheeks with his hands... His movements were very very soft since the Xia Qingyue right now was like an icy beauty that would break on contact. It made one's heart ache and suffocate.

She, who was obviously cold and detached towards him from the start was willing to quietly protect him before his severe injuries had healed, and when he met great danger, was willing to leave with him... Now, she was willing to risk her own life in order to save him.

He never understood why she was cold and indifferent towards him all the time, but right now, he clearly saw through her true intentions under the surface of that frozen exterior.

"Qingyue! Wake up quickly... Qingyue... Wake up!"

He gently shook Xia Qingyue's upper body and worriedly shouted for her to get up. He immediately had an idea and took out a large pile of clothes from within the Sky Poison Pearl and laid them over Xia Qingyue's entire body until all his own clothes had been taken out... And in the end, even took out the Jasmine's pink bed sheet to wrap them tightly over Xia Qingyue's body.

Only, the temperature here was too terrifyingly low. The cold air permeated Xia Qingyue's body like a nightmare and gnawed away more and more of her remaining life force.

"Not good... I must leave. Only death awaits here... Have to leave!!" Yun Che clenched his teeth with all his might and tried to get up. A sharp pain transmitted from his chest. His back and his rigid limbs weren't completely listening to all of his orders, and made him fall down ruthlessly again. Before he struggled one more time, he suddenly discovered that in this pitch black darkness, in addition to the blue glow on the surface of his body, there was another strand of green light.

Yun Che rapidly raised his left hand and shockingly saw the Sky Poison Pearl was glowing with an illusory ray of green light.

This was the Sky Poison Pearl's detection light, and the flickering green light was especially strong, proving that the thing it discovered was so close to him that it was only a few steps away!

"Don't tell me there is actually a treasure hidden inside here?" Yun Che said subconsciously.

Jasmine appeared and looked at Xia Qingyue, then looked at the shining Sky Poison Pearl and coldly said: "This ice attribute profound beast is able to open its mouth and swallow half a mountain. Swallowing an extraordinarily precious treasure is not strange at all."

Yun Che gasped for breath with all his strength and reached out to point forward: "Jasmine, can you go take there and take a look at what the Sky Poison Pearl found... After all, the Sky Poison Pearl is emitting a very strange light time time. Not only is this time's light intense, the frequency it is flickering at is also very high. Perhaps it's something that it doesn't usually find."

"You're dying soon, why do you still care about some strange treasure?" Jasmine's small and exquisite brows locked in place as she said somewhat angrily.

"I don't care about some strange treasure... Rather, I care about any possible traces of hope!" Yun Che crudely gasped for more air and said: "There is nothing on me that can help Qingyue and I leave this place... Right now, the only thing that can save Qingyue and me is only some sort of teleportation thing... Just in case...just in case what if that precious treasure actually had a space attribute!?"

"Naive! Do you truly believe there are such coincidences in this world?" Jasmine mumbled to herself, but still walked towards the direction that Yun Che pointed in. Her exquisite and delicate red figure quickly entered the darkness... Shortly after, Jasmine suddenly let out a cry of surprise from up ahead.

Yun Che's mind suddenly trembled. Something that made Jasmine cry out in such alarm absolutely had to be some extraordinary object. He eagerly asked: "What did you find? Is it actually a treasure with space attribute?"

Jasmine's voice echoed through in a peculiar way: "Your life is truly tenacious to the point that makes me jealous! Although it's not the precious treasure with space attribute that you wanted, it could still protect you against death... It's no wonder that an ice attribute Tyrant Profound Beast could appear here. So it actually swallowed it into its stomach! All year round, it had been absorbing its overflowing power... Yun Che! Catch, then swallow it!"

Under the half excited, half serious Jasmine's voice, an azure blue speck of light flew out from the darkness and landed in the middle of Yun Che's palm.

Chapter 259 - Another World

This was a very small bead the size of an ordinary glass ball that sparkled all over like a sapphire; however, the rich rays of blue light it emitted was much stronger than a sapphire, making it shine like little star. When Yun Che grabbed it, it seemed as though it had suddenly awakened from its slumber. Suddenly, it released an incredibly intense azure blue light that shrouded Yun Che's entire body inside.

"This is..." The azure blue ray of light was rich and enchanting, illuminating every corner of the place. Yun Che brought it in front of his eyes and looked at it in a stupor. At this moment, a violent turmoil suddenly transmitted from within his exhausted profound veins — that was a turmoil of excitement that spurred his stiff body's blood and mind. At this moment, a strange sensation attacked Yun Che's

heart... He had a incredibly calm sensation when holding the azure blue bead in his hand. It felt as if something that should have originally belonged to him, had finally returned to his side.

And this feeling wasn't unfamiliar to him. This same feeling emerged when he obtained another object. His memories suddenly returned to the Scarlet Dragon Mountain Range — Flame Dragon's cave — that red colored — Evil God's fire seed!

"Why are you still distracted, eat it quickly! Aside from the attribute, its aura and the fire attribute Evil God's seed you had eaten that time, should be exactly the same! This is clearly the Evil God's water seed that was swallowed by this big guy into its stomach; thus causing the existence of this ice attribute Tyrant Profound Beast!"

Jasmine judged by relying on its aura, but Yun Che's sensation was more accurate than Jasmine's. He was completely sure that this and the Evil God's seed at that time in the Flame Dragon's cave, were exactly the same! After glancing at Xia Qingyue, whose life was coming closer to its end with every passing moment within this icy cold place, he stuffed that azure blue colored bead into his mouth, and swallowed it.

Instantaneously, Yun Che's profound veins was suddenly put into a state of violent turmoil. The surface of his body suddenly emitted azure blue rays of light. These rays of azure blue light had completely engulfed Xia Qingyue's light blue colored profound strength that she gave him. Afterwards, like a lump of azure blue flame, the surface of his body began to ignite.

The icy cold sensation completely disappeared. Yun Che closed his eyes and his entire body was full of unspeakable coziness. The azure blue light on his body became increasingly rich and gradually spread to Xia Qingyue's body. In a split second, the ice crystals that covered Xia Qingyue's body disappeared without even going through the process of melting. All the icicles in the surrounding areas which had been touched by the blue light disappeared as well. The extremely frightening cold air within the Tyrant Profound Beast's body was unexpectedly unable to exist underneath the azure blue radiance.

During the frantic turmoil of his profound veins, a profound strength that seemed to have come out of nowhere rapidly surged forth. His profound strength in his originally exhausted profound veins began to recover at a rapid pace... With the warm strength that came out of nowhere, his practically broken internal organs were also healing at an amazingly quick speed.

The profound strength within his profound veins gradually increased and reached its capacity, yet it still did not stop...

A soft sound rang, and Yun Che heard a faint noise of something breaking. At this moment, the sensation that a hurdle had been directly overcome was transmitted from his profound veins. The blue rays of light that had shined for a long time over his body had also finally burned out at this time.

During that split second, Yun Che clearly felt as though his profound veins had evolved. The profound strength it held condensed into such a density that he could hardly believe. His perception of his own body and his surroundings also changed immensely. His entire body, soul, and profound veins were all suddenly reborn and became anew...

Yun Che raised his head and slowly exhaled. A sudden surge of profound strength many times more tyrannical than what he had before dispersed from his body! The aura of this kind of profound strength

had already broken through the True Profound Realm, and stepped into Spirit Profound Realm! Even his internal injuries had all healed!

Yun Che silently inspected his interior and he saw his originally crystal-like body so vividly that it seemed as if it was see-through. His original profound veins which were as crimson as flames were now transformed into a mix of scarlet and blue. Each of his fifty four profound entrances all flickered alternatively in blue and scarlet rays of light. Not only his profound veins, even his channels, plasma, and cells all had a hint of an azure blue to them now.

The scarlet and the blue colors weren't completely separate, but they weren't completely fused either. They were somewhere in between, all mixed up in a mess without repelling each other in the mess, without intruding upon each other's independent existences.

What Yun Che consumed was indeed the water seed that the Evil God originally left behind.

When he ate the fire seed back then, Yun Che's profound veins gained a fire attribute and gained the ultimate affinity with the fire element. He was also able to control fire to a certain degree, and could not be harmed by fire in any shape or form.

Now that he consumed the water seed, Yun Che's profound veins gained both water and fire attributes. In nature, water and fire were two incompatible elements, but these two attributes coexisted perfectly within the Evil God's Profound Veins.

At the same time, what Chu Yuechan left behind that time, the Frozen Cloud Arts that had to be sealed up because of incompatibilities with the fire attribute profound veins, had also completely awakened!

Yun Che opened his eyes and rubbed his hands. An azure blue barrier spread outwards to completely isolate Xia Qingyue's body from the cold air outside. The miraculous power of the Evil God had completely healed all of his injuries, restored all of his profound strength, and let him breakthrough from the True Profound Realm right into the Spirit Profound Realm. All of his nervousness, apprehension, and worries had also completely faded away, as his heart became incomparably tranquil... Because his soul had also risen to a higher level.

Yun Che extended his hand. With a thought, a small chunk of ice crystal solidified in his palm. Then, this piece of ice crystal became water, then snow, then into mist... Using just his thoughts, he was able to change its form however he pleased. Now, his body was completely familiar with the water element. Along with fire, any form of water attributed power were also unable to harm him anymore.

Jasmine returned to his side. Although her expression was unwavering, the burden in her heart had been lifted: "You really do possess some powerful luck. For the sake of finding the Evil God's seeds, I came to the Profound Sky Continent, but didn't find anything. But, within a span of less than two years, you already came across two seeds! Especially this seed which appeared at such an incredibly fortunate time! The Evil God's seeds contains powerful elemental strength. Right now, not only can you control the water element, you also gained an absolute immunity to it. The cold air here is now completely harmless to you!

"But this doesn't mean I can get out alive!" Yun Che clasped his hands tightly. His eyes shifted toward Xia Qingyue's body which still had an incredibly weak aura and was still as cold as before: "I have to take her and leave this place as soon as possible! Otherwise, it'll be difficult for her to continue on."

At this moment, a buzzing sound rang within Yun Che's mind. Then, an incredibly old and distant voice that felt like it came from an ancient era sounded.

"Successor of my powers... You are finally here..."

This voice is... is...

Yun Che quickly shut his eyes. As he concentrated his mind, he tried to respond with his thoughts:

"You're... the Evil God?"

"That's right... the seed you had just consumed... contains a fragment of my soul that I left behind... I waited many many years within this small world... and finally waited until your arrival..."

Yun Che's heart stirred and then blurted out his thought: "Could it be, that the small world that I'm in right now is something you established back then?"

The old voice gently said: "Correct... except... this isn't important... the seeds I left behind has already gotten a new owner... this trace of soul...will also soon disappear... Successor of my powers... relax your mind... steady your breathing... let me take a look at your memories... let me understand with the last bits of my power... what I can do for you..."

Yun Che did not resist, and did not stay on guard either. He completely relaxed his mind, and allowed this insignificant strand of power invade the sea of his consciousness... A few breaths later, this strand of power then pulled out from within his sea of consciousness.

"So it's like this...you're only an ordinary human... yet you possess an extraordinary fortune and fate... Your experiences tells me... that you're a qualified successor... I have much expectations for your future... only... it's destined that it'll be impossible for me to see your future... Your strongest wish right now... is to leave this dangerous place... I'll use the final bits of my power to fulfil this wish of yours... and also send you to a special place..."

Although he didn't know what kind of place the "special place" that the old voice mentioned was, leaving this place was already enough to make him almost mad with joy: "Thank you! My wife's current condition is really dangerous. if we stayed here any longer, it would put her life in danger! Please, send us away from here as soon as possible!"

"I understand...but there is no need to thank me... You have inherited my powers... which means you are also destined to inherit my mission... The one who should say thank you... should be me... Your future... is destined to exceed your imagination... Continue to become stronger... this is your only choice... Now then... go... But that place... you two can only stay for twenty four hours there... After twenty four hours... you two will be taken back to this small world..."

Mission?

Evil God's mission?

The old voice disappeared from Yun Che's sea of consciousness; then, the space where he was with Xia Qingyue suddenly distorted. He embraced Xia Qingyue tightly and disappeared with her into the twisted space.

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A wave of cool and refreshing air mixed with the faint scent of flowers and the fragrance of soil assailed their nostrils.

Dark green grass, a small running river, and trees of various height and width were unevenly distributed everywhere. This was the scene that Yun Che saw after he opened his eyes. But this scene that couldn't be any more ordinary, was extremely precious right now; it made him breath out a long sigh of relief, and then carefully lowered Xia Qingyue who was in his bosoms.

Xia Qingyue's entire body was still ice cold and unconscious. Her aura was still delicate, but this change of environment alleviated a great deal of tension from her serene face. Yun Che quickly took out his most effective and mild Small Dewdrop Pellets, and put it inside of Xia Qingyue's mouth. His left hand pressed above her heart. He used his profound strength to protect her life, and then dispersed the cold air within her body bit by bit.

This was a place that didn't seem to be visited by many people, and it didn't seem to be anything special. Yun Che didn't know where this place was, and didn't know why the Evil God used the final bits of his strength to send them to this place. His energy concentrated all over Xia Qingyue's body. While he was concentrating on expelling the cold inside her, he silently admired her devastatingly beautiful complexion and gradually became lost in his gaze...

You... you'd rather use your own life to save me...

If you hadn't risked your life to save me... then right now I... should already be a thoroughly dead person.

When I'm facing you, what I think about the most is how to conquer you... but only the thing I am most clear about is that among the reasons, love makes up only a tiny portion. What it's mostly made up of is a male's desire to possess beautiful things. My identity as your husband... is a bit funny, but I cannot let go of my arrogance and dignity.

After today, I won't think about conquering you anymore... but to completely and totally possess you... even if I have to tear apart the entire Frozen Cloud Asgard, I must completely and totally, make you mine!

"Save me... Save me..."

When Yun Che was deep in thought, an urgent cry for help echoed from nearby; this was the cry of a young girl with an empty voice that sounded like it originated from a remote valley spring; it contained deep terror and fear. Then, the sound of chaotic footsteps grew closer.

Once Yun Che's profound strength reached the first level of the Spirit Profound Realm, his vision range also substantially increased. He looked towards the source of the sound and found a little girl who wore yellow clothes quickly fleeing his way. She was too far to be able to discern her appearance, but from her petite and exquisite body, she should only be around ten years old. However, she had clearly already established the foundations of profound strength since her running speed wasn't slow at all.

Behind her, three men in black calmly and unhurriedly chased her as they teasingly laughed: "Hey hey, you can run all you want. Let's see how far you can run once you run out of strength..."

Yun Che was concentrating on protecting Xia Qingyue's heart vessels and didn't want to be distracted; furthermore, in this place that he didn't completely understand yet, he didn't want to meddle in other people's business. He quickly retracted his gaze and didn't care about it anymore.

"Plop"... The weary little girl fell on the ground. She struggled for a bit, but she couldn't get up. Her tears already filled her eyes and clenched her teeth, but she stubbornly did not want to let the tears flow out.

Behind her, three men in black calmly and unhurriedly walked over. The man in the middle extended his hand, grabbed towards her and laughed recklessly: "Su Ling'er, run again, keep running.... hahahaha..."

Yun Che's eyes suddenly opened wide and his entire body felt like it had been electrocuted.

Su... Ling... er!?

Chapter 260 - Ling'er

The name that sounded in his ears instantly caused a stir in his heart. The face and figure of a girl uncontrollably surfaced in his mind.

Su Ling'er, the girl who was his heaviest pain, the girl whom he was the most sympathetic for, who was also the biggest regret in his lifetime, was engraved deeply in his heart. Her eyes were forever that gloomy, as she had forever been silently caring, keeping watch, spending all efforts, and waiting for him... However, even after all the efforts that she had spent, until the moment she died, she never managed to wait for his return.

He knew that she carried a blood feud, yet, in the end, he never knew what her past was. She refused to tell him, and even until her death in his arms, she was unwilling to tell him whose deadly hands she died under... Because she was unwilling to pass on another layer of vengeance to him, who had long lost himself in his own vengeance. However, the more important reason, was still himself... If he could have cared for her more, and was more persistent in knowing about her past, he could have definitely known of her enemies much earlier.

That bamboo grove, that small, simple and crude bamboo house, that small creek that was forever so clear, the girl who stayed there, who would only wait and keep watch for him... formed all of the memories of him and Su Ling'er. She had given her everything for him, truly, without any regrets, from the bottom of her heart. Yet he had never done anything for her, not even the simplest of promises. When he embraced her for the last time, his heart was so broken that he cried and wailed loudly. No matter how he hatefully smashed his head repeatedly against a rock, he was unable to get back the chance to repay her in the slightest.

Whenever the memories regarding Su Ling'er surfaced, he would always suffocate for a moment from the pain in his heart.

He turned his gaze and looked towards the little girl who fell on the ground, who was about to land in the hands of those three black-clothed men.

She too, was called Su Ling'er, and had exactly the same name as the Ling'er he had already lost... Yun Che stood up. Facing this little girl who had the same name as her, he was destined to not just ignore the scene. Because the name "Su Ling'er", had toggled that forever most sensitive, and weakest nerve of

his. If he had the opportunity to repay her even the slightest bit, even if he had to sacrifice half of his life, he would not hesitate in the slightest.

After the black-clothed man grabbed onto the little girl's clothes, he instantly picked her small body up, and said with a sinister smile. "This sure is a stubborn little brat, to actually be able to run so far... Hehe, now that his daughter has landed in our hands, I really want to see if old man Su Huangshan will still be as obstinate!"

"You... You bad people! Papa will definitely save me, and then beat all of you down!" Even though the little girl's eyes were filled with fear, she did not cry. Stubbornly holding back her tears, she struggled and shouted in the black-clothed man's hands.

"Hahahaha!" The black-clothed man laughed out wildly. "Then that will really be the best outcome, I really hope to have him here! I really want to see if that Su Huangshan..."

Before the black-clothed man's words fell, a violent wind suddenly struck from behind.

At the most, the strength of these three black-clothed men were at the mid-level of the Spirit Profound Realm. To Yun Che, they were barely any threat. However, to protect the little girl's safety, Yun Che still decided to silently approach them, and instantly unleash his strength once he had reached a sufficient distance. Like an eagle suddenly diving straight down to catch its prey, he charged towards the black-clothed man who was holding onto Su Ling'er, and heavily smashing the defenseless black-clothed man away. At the same time, he snatched over the little girl who was in his hands, and carried her in his arms.

"Ah——" The frightened little girl let out a shriek, and subconsciously hugged onto Yun Che's arms tightly.

Very quickly, Yun Che steadied his body. With his back facing the three black-clothed men, he gently placed the little girl down, and then said with a smile. "Little sister, do not be afraid. I'm here to save you. With me here, you will definitely not be abducted by these bad people."

The little girl was frightened repeatedly, and was still in a little state of shock. But, when she saw Yun Che's warm eyes and his kindest smile, it was as though a clear wind had swept away the fear in her heart. A huge degree of the fear had dispersed in an instant, and her eyes had become watery as well. She looked at Yun Che, and strongly nodded. With her two small hands, she tightly grabbed onto the corner of Yun Che's clothes, and hid behind his back.

"Where did this random brat come from? To actually dare to step into our Blackwood Stronghold's business, I think you're tired of living!!"

When he was silently attacked by Yun Che from the back at such close proximity, the black-clothed men were initially frightened, as they thought they had encountered a strong enemy. However, after inspecting and finding out Yun Che's profound energy was only at the first level of the Spirit Profound Realm, his heart completely calmed down as his voice became low and ruthless.

Yun Che grabbed onto the little girl's small hand and shielded her behind his back. Then, he turned his head over, and coldly laughed. "In front of a child, I don't wish to see blood. I will give you five seconds... Scram, immediately!!"

Yun Che's words stunned the three black-clothed men. Then, as though they had heard a funny joke, all three of them began to laugh out wildly, to the point where they could not even stand straight.

"He's telling us to scram! He's actually telling us to scram!? Ahahahaha!"

"Yo! This kid is actually at the first level of the Spirit Profound Realm at such a young age, it's no wonder he's so arrogant..."

"His talent is pretty good, but as for his brain, he's basically not even comparable to an idiot. Death is at his footsteps, yet he's actually telling us to scram, hahahaha...!"

The three of them wilfully laughed out with ridicule, and their gaze on Yun Che was as though they were looking at a pitiful idiot. And as to how Yun Che was looking at them, it was filled with even more disdain and pity.

The black-clothed man on the left twisted his hand, took a step forward, and kicked towards Yun Che. His eyes were filled with scorn. "Come! Let this granddaddy teach you some morals!"

Yun Che narrowed his eyes. Like a flash of lightning, he greeted the black-clothed man's kicking right leg with a smashing fist.

Bang!!

The loudness of the sound of this exchange, was completely out of the three black-clothed men's predictions. Following that, an incomparably clear "crack" resounded, and the black-clothed man's wild laughter stopped as his face distorted completely. His entire body was sent flying far away, as though he was a scrap bag being blown away by a hurricane, and accompanying it was an incomparably sharp scream that went further and further away...

Yun Che's arm strength was that freakish. If not for the need to mind about the little girl behind him, if he had used more of his strength as a pushing force, that black-clothed man's right leg would have shattered into fragments on the spot.

Seeing that terrifying black-clothed man actually being sent flying away like a huge bird, the little girl's mouth was wide open in an "O" shape, and she even let out a subconscious "Waah" sound.

With this single exchange, the wild laughter of the two other black-clothed men were completely stucked in their throats as well. Their eyes sank inwards, their expressions paled in aghast. Even if they were idiots, they should be able to realize how terrifying that one strike Yun Che threw out earlier was. The strength of the youth in front of them, was unimaginably stronger than what they had thought by several times; he was someone whom they were not even worthy of offending.

The two people's gaze on Yun Che changed from that of scorn, to fear. At the same time, they began to retreat. Seeing that Yun Che did not have the intention to chase after them, without even daring to utter another word, they ran far away for their lives, and very quickly, they disappeared from Yun Che's sight.

He did not know what identities these people held, so naturally, he would not have the intention to ruthlessly slaughter them. Since they fled, Yun Che did not bother to chase after them. He turned around, looked at the little girl who had the same name as Su Ling'er, only to realize that she was currently raising her small face and looking at him with her watery eyes that were filled with little stars.

Yun Che had originally wanted to say something, but when he looked at her small face, the words that he was about to let out were suddenly sealed in his throat, as his entire being stood there in a daze...

The little girl looked about ten years old. Her little face was snow-white and refined, her make-up made her look even more beautiful and cute, and her pair of pupils sparkled like the stars in the night sky. It could be expected that when she grew up, she would definitely be a beauty at a catastrophic level.

And what made Yun Che absent-minded was that this little girl's features, were filled with... Su Ling'er's reflection!

Her contours, eyebrows, nose, lips, chin... all of them were so very similar to Su Ling'er's. When they were joined together, she looked so much like a smaller and younger version of Su Ling'er. Only her eyes were evidently not the same. Because, the eyes of his Su Ling'er were always so dim, and were always filled with sadness that could cause one's heart to ache. While this little girl's eyes were sparkling even brighter than a gem, and even more spirited than a stream, as though they had gathered the purest of spiritual energy between the heaven and earth.

"Ling... er..."

Su Ling'er's face surfaced in front of him. Within his blurry vision, it slowly overlapped with the little girl's. He subconsciously reached out his hand, and gently stroking the girl's tender cheeks with quivering fingers and soul. This action of his did not incite the little girl's rejection. She looked at Yun Che strangely, blinked her eyes, and politely said. "Big brother, thank you for saving me... Big brother, you're so incredible, you instantly sent the bad guy flying towards the sky, just as... you're just as incredible as my Papa!"

The little girl's words woke Yun Che up from his hallucination. Realizing his loss of decorum, he hurriedly regained his senses and revealed a smile on his face. "There is no need for thanks, bad people should always receive punishment... You're called... Su Ling'er, right?"

"Mn!" The little girl nodded. She was stronger than Yun Che had imagined. Seeing her current expression, it seemed that her fear earlier had completely disappeared, and she no longer needed him to console her. She tilted her head. "Big brother, how do you know my name?"

"I heard it when they shouted for you. Then... little sister, how old are you this year?" Yun Che asked with a smile.

"Ten years old!" The little girl reached out her two hands, stretched her ten fingers, and said with a huge grin. It seemed as though, to her, reaching ten years old was a very incredible achievement. She then asked him back. "Then, big brother, what's your name?"

"Me? I'm called Yun Che." Yun Che answered directly without hiding anything.

"Yun... Che?" The little girl blinked her eyes, and said softly. "Such a strange name... Uuu... Why does it sound strange..."

After Yun Che reported his name, the little girl suddenly entered into a state of deep thought. With her finger pressing on the side of her chin, she tilted her head as she looked at Yun Che, as though she was trying hard to recall something.

“What is it? Is my name that strange?” Yun Che laughed.

The little girl strongly blinked her eyes again, and then, with thirty percent confusion, and seventy percent seriousness, she asked. “Big brother, have we met before in the past? Why do I feel as though I have met big brother somewhere... Even big brother’s name, has a little... sense of familiarity to it.”

“Haha!” Yun Che laughed, he could not help but hold onto the girl’s little face with his hands. “Me too! Not only is little Ling’er’s name the same as someone who is very important to me, you even look very similar. This sort of very mysterious feeling, is called fate. It means that little Ling’er and I have a strong fate, and we will become very good friends.”

“Fate?” The little girl mulled over this word very seriously, and following after, her thin eyebrows smiled into two slender crescents. “Mn! As long as big brother doesn’t hate me, I’m willing to become very good friends with big brother!”