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Chapter 491 - Miniature Profound Ark

Yun Che went towards the north, sprinting to the position that Jasmine had mentioned. On the way, he passed by many small towns, and naturally met many humans and demons, which made him even more certain that this was indeed a world where humans and demons co-existed.

After meeting more demons, Yun Che quickly learned how to tell whether one was a human or demon from their aura. Although the number of demons present was not less than humans, what Yun Che saw were mainly human forms. After all, in the boundless universe, the human figure was the most perfect form. The pure humans and demons in human figures all interacted normally, at least from what Yun Che saw; there was not one bit of division and furthermore, many of the married couples he saw were human-demon pairs.

“As expected, in the boundless universe, nothing is inconceivable. Perhaps it wouldn’t be wrong to say that within each world, there are unique and different existences. Everything about this world would undoubtedly shock anyone from the Profound Sky Continent; and the reverse must be true as well. In the Profound Sky Continent, where demons are extremely rare existences that are ostracized by normal humans, would that be abnormal to the people here?”

Yun Che, who was tired from flying, sat on an ancient tree and sighed.

“The complexity of the boundless universe is not something you are able to comprehend. No matter if it is the Profound Sky Continent or this world, they are but a small grain of sand within the boundless universe, unable to represent anything.” Jasmine coldly said. Then, she suddenly changed her tone and continued: “You’d better come into the Sky Poison Pearl for a while.”

“Eh?” Yun Che was stunned. Then, he closed his eyes and sent his consciousness into the Sky Poison pearl.

Once inside, he heard the “munch munch” sound of eating.

Jasmine hovered in midair with both arms folded in front of her chest. She was expressionless as she looked forward, and in front of her... Yun Che was shocked to find Hong’er.

“Hong’er?” Yun Che stared widely: “What is she doing here?!”

“Sky Poison Pearl and the Profound Seal Space all exist within your body, and are therefore connected. There’s nothing weird about that.” Jasmine calmly stated.

“But, before, when the Snow Phoenix was still here, it wasn’t able to enter this place! Furthermore, the internal space of the Sky Poison Pearl is very special; even if its space is within my body, it wouldn’t merge with other spaces.”

“Who knows.” Jasmine pursed her lips, her face seemed to express that she couldn’t be bothered to explain.

“Furthermore, the space within the Sky Poison Pearl obviously cannot store humans or any living beings, how can she...” Yun Che seemed very confused.

“Because she’s not a living being. I already explained that she’s very likely the already extinct ‘Celestial Spirit’, or, you could think that... she’s just a sword!” Jasmine coldly said.

“Sword?”

“Yes! She’s just a sword! You only need to think about it this way and everything will make sense. Besides, the truth is... basically like that.” Jasmine’s gaze slightly flickered as she continued playfully: “Instead of worrying about all this now... Do you not notice what she’s eating?”

Hong’er sat on the ground in a very ungraceful manner. Her cheeks puffed greatly as her mouth chewed in a hardworking manner, producing clear biting noises which sounded like she was eating jelly beans. After she finished eating, she quickly popped another piece into her mouth... Yun Che could clearly see that the item she was eating was giving off a deep purple glow.

The purple glow caused Yun Che to be so shocked he nearly knelt down.

Pur... Purple Veined Heaven Crystal!

“Hong’er... Stop! You can’t eat that!” Yun Che howled loudly as he pounced towards her. Seeing his actions, Hong’er screamed and immediately ran, causing Yun Che to grab nothing. Before Yun Che could catch up to her, Hong’er had already repeatedly chewed the item in her mouth, producing several crunching sounds. With a “gulp”, she swallowed whatever was in her mouth. She then spread her hands open and giggled: “I finished eating!”

Yun Che: “ ! # ¥ %.....”

Yun Che’s hands trembled as he bellowed in rage: “Hong’er! Do you know what you just ate?!”

“Nope, but it was very delicious.” Hong’er licked her lips happily: “Master, do you have more? I still want more!”

“Of course not!!!” Yun Che’s heart tightened: “That’s a Purple Veined Heaven Crystal; it’s a priceless treasure. In my whole life I’ve only obtained two pieces in total, how can there be more... Eh, Master?”

“That’s right!” Hong’er tilted her head and replied happily: “Little big sis Jasmine said that Master is younger than me, so I can’t call you big brother and should call you Master. And if I call you Master, I will get many many delicious food every day! Aiya... I’ve already called you Master so many times. What is Master going to give me to eat?”

Yun Che brows trembled agitatedly... This was definitely not an act, since what Hong’er ate was undoubtedly the actual Purple Veined Heaven Crystal. One piece came from Xiao Sect’s Branch Sect and the other came from Xia Qingyue. As what he had said before, with his level, he merely obtained two pieces and could never bear to use them...

However, it was actually eaten by Hong’er... eaten!

And she even found it delicious!

Not even considering the price of a Purple Veined Heaven Crystal, they were rare energy crystals that only paled in comparison to Purple Veined Divine Crystals. It was extremely tough, and with his current cultivation level, he wouldn’t be able to damage it at all even if he used his full strength. At the same

time, Purple Veined Heaven Crystals possess very dense natural energies. Cultivating using its energy would allow a person to move five hundred kilometers in a day; using it to maintain one's life force and vitality would allow one to stay alive for a long period of time, and allow one's body to be rebuilt. If used luxuriously, it could activate profound arks. A small piece of Purple Veined Heaven Crystal would be able to power up a several hundred ton profound ark for several thousand kilometers of flight! No one would ever imagine what the effects of eating a Heaven Crystal that possessed such dense energy would be... Because no one would actually consume this heavenly treasure.

Not only did Hong'er eat it, she actually chewed it!

Her teeth felt that an ordinary biscuit was tough... but could bite into Dragon Fault and Purple Veined Heaven Crystal as though they were tofu!

"The title Master is so much more harmonious, isn't it?" Jasmine said with her eyes half closed:
"Anyways, the Purple Veined Heaven Crystals are not the only things she had eaten. She has already consumed all your Yellow Profound Crystals, Cyan Profound Crystals, Purple Profound Crystals, Yellow Profound Jade, Cyan Profound Jade, Purple Profound Jade, and the Purple Crystal Jade Marrows you bought in Divine Phoenix Empire."

"Hehehe..." Hong'er's little face looked up and laughed, beside her lips were two sparkling little canines. It was uncertain whether she was laughing embarrassingly or proudly.

Yun Che was now feeling very unwell. After a quick count of what he had left, he realized that other than the lowest grade impure profound stones, profound crystals and profound jade... All his energy crystals, and even the precious Purple Crystal Jade Marrow were all eaten; not one bit was left behind.

All the various energy crystals he amassed all these years that he couldn't bear to use were obviously kept in the safest place on earth; even safer than a massive portable space he could open... yet, everything was swept in one night. Yun Che scratched his scalp, covering his face, and asked with tearless grief: "Jasmine, why did you not stop her?"

"I'm your master, not your servant." Jasmine replied in disdain.

Yun Che: "..."

Jasmine's tone changed as she continued: "Don't worry, Hong'er won't eat your things for free. Her entire being is now contracted to you. She is both your person and your sword. Even though what she eats is special, it will bring your great benefits."

"Bring me great benefits?"

"Can't you feel a little of Dragon Fault's aura from her body?" Jasmine asked.

"Dragon Fault's aura?" Yun Che stared at Hong'er, concentrated his senses, and was instantly shocked... Even though it was very slight, her original body that didn't have any aura was now giving off Dragon Fault's aura! If it was simply just Dragon Fault's aura, he would be able to think that it was from her having not completely "digested" it. However, this was the aura from when Dragon Fault had not been broken yet, and still possessed low grade spiritual intelligence. He asked in shock: "How can this be?"

“Very simple. After she ate Dragon Fault, its powers were digested and absorbed by her body, becoming her strength. Not only does she possess the slight aura of Dragon Fault, the sword that she turned into has become bigger and more powerful!” Jasmine turned and looked at Yun Che, who was in shock: “Which means to say, every time she eats a sword, her own strength will increase accordingly, and the Heaven Smiting Devil Slayer Sword that she transforms into becomes stronger as well! She is not only Hong’er, but your sword as well! If you want your sword to become stronger, you need to find various strong swords for her... And it would be best if they were all heavy swords! To Hong’er, swords are the best food, and at the same time, she would also become a massive aid for you!”

“!!” Yun Che was indeed secretly amazed. When Hong’er ate Dragon Fault, he had already found it unbelievable. But now, he found out that she was able to absorb the strength of the sword she eats, then make herself... and the sword she transforms into, grow stronger!!

There was actually such a bizarre existence in this world!

After his shock, he was suddenly thrown into elation... The Heaven Smiting Devil Slayer Sword was already powerful by itself; at least ten times stronger than Dragon Fault! If it could grow using such methods... Then to him, it would be the ultimate assistance! Its power would not be lower than those legendary Heavenly Profound Treasures!

“It will work as long as I find various swords to feed her?” Yun Che looked at Hong’er. His anger from her eating the Purple Veined Heaven Crystals and Purple Crystal Jade Marrows dissipated immediately, as his eyes glittered.

“That doesn’t seem to work.” Jasmine pointed at the area on the left: “Because towards swords that are below the Sky Profound Realm, she has no interest in them at all.”

Looking at where Jasmine pointed, Yun Che saw his other swords that were in the Sky Poison Pearl: The Overlord’s Colossal Sword, Tiger Soul Sword... and the few hundred other swords that he obtained from the Xiao Sect Branch Sect’s treasury. Seeing Hong’er’s greedy attitude, she could give up her morals just so she could eat... yet the swords laid there untouched.

This meant that Hong’er did not eat just any sword. The swords she would be willing to eat had to be at least Sky Profound... Or even Emperor Profound!

Sky Profound Swords were limited, as for Emperor Profound Swords... within the entire Profound Sky Continent, how few were they? In regards artifacts above the Emperor Profound... Yun Che had only seen Ye Xinghan’s Sun Moon Calamity. As for swords above Emperor Profound, he had never seen them before.

Where exactly could he find weapons for her that were above the Sky Profound Realm?!

“Alright, I understand.” Yun Che nodded. Even though a Sky Profound Weapon was extremely difficult to find, if it could help Hong’er strengthen after eating, it was undoubtedly good news. But then, he became a little low-spirited, and said: “She’s now my person and my sword, but why... does she not listen to me at all? Not only is she able to escape from the contracted space by herself, she can come out by herself as well... The worst part is that she can ignore my control.”

When he was chasing Hong'er previously, she ran extremely quickly... Even though both were similarly restricted by contract, the Snow Phoenix could not disobey any of his orders he issued.

"Oh?" Yun Che's words caused Jasmine to reveal a face of shock for an instant. Then, she coldly replied in annoyance: "She's not a profound beast, moreover, she's a celestial spirit at a much higher level than you. It would be weird if you could completely control her. Even though she looks innocent, she is much smarter than you think. As long as you treat her nicely, not only will she listen to you, even if you cancel the contract next time to let her leave, she wouldn't want to leave you."

"Oh..." Yun Che could only nod and sigh in his heart. Treat her nicely? Wouldn't that mean I have to please her? Damn! Am I the master, or is she the master?!

"Then, the crystals she eats, will they increase her strength as well?" Yun Che asked.

"No." Jasmine shook her head decisively, then said to Hong'er: "Hong'er, show your master the profound ark."

"Profound ark?" Hong'er blinked with her misty red eyes, before her eyes sparkled: "Oh, that thing!"

As she spoke, she stretched out her little hand and a red glow flashed past. Instantly, a palm-sized, dark red miniature profound ark sat in the palm of her hand.

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"This is?" The small, dark red ark in Hong'er's hand gave Yun Che a strangely familiar feeling.

"I don't know either, I just suddenly have it! Master, do you want to play with it?" Hong'er offered the tiny profound ark to Yun Che. The words 'master' came out exceptionally smooth. Yun Che had no idea how Jasmine had managed to educate Hong'er in this manner.

"You can't recognize it? This is the Primordial Profound Ark that you were trapped in for two years!" Jasmine said.

"What?" Yun Che's brows furrowed together, "But..."

"On the very day we entered the Primordial Profound Ark, I told you that the interior of the Ark had formed its own world, and that this internal world was much bigger than the ark's outer appearance. However the reality of the situation was much more exaggerated than I had originally determined. This profound ark's interior does indeed have an internal world, but it can also change size at will! And no matter how the exterior changes, the interior world is not affected in the least." Jasmine stared at the profound ark in Hong'er's hand with a serious expression. "There was a rumor circulating about in the Profound Sky Continent concerning the Primordial Profound Ark; every time the Divine Phoenix Empire discovered the Profound Primordial Ark, it was followed by the signal of the appearance of an extremely high class treasure. And this treasure is not within the profound ark, but should actually be the Primordial Profound Ark itself! The Primordial Profound Ark itself is a rare and unparalleled dimensional treasure! Things with its own internal worlds, I have seen many of those, but an item which can have such a huge internal world while being able to shrink down to such an extent, even I have never seen such a thing.... This is indeed worthy to be called a primordial artifact! And only a True God with the strongest ability to control dimensional power would be able to create such a profound ark!

“You mean... this thing? It’s really that Primordial Profound Ark? But didn’t it disappear?” Yun Che asked in disbelief. That Primordial Profound Ark, with an interior so vast that the Profound Sky Continent spent countless years exploring, but could not finish doing so, was actually the little ark in Hong’er’s hand? Even though it was Jasmine who had personally said it, he still had difficulty accepting this fact. And when he had escaped the Primordial Profound Ark, he personally witnessed it disappear into thin air.

“After you have taken a hold of it yourself, you will naturally find out.” Jasmine said these mysterious words.

Yun Che complied with Jasmine’s words and took the little ark from Hong’er’s hands. The moment his fingers touched the little ark, a ball of weak white light suddenly flashed forth.... Yun Che’s movements froze in place, and pieces of soul fragments entered his heart, suddenly filling his head with some strange memories, while establishing some form of spiritual link with the tiny profound ark.

Observing Yun Che’s situation, Jasmine said in a timely manner, “Do you remember the lingering spirit at the time we discovered Hong’er? She didn’t completely disappear at that time; she imparted the last vestiges of her spirit to Hong’er. It was only once you left the Profound Primordial Ark, that she truly disappeared. And this Primordial Profound Ark was left to you, consider it your repayment for rescuing Hong’er. She handed over the primary control over the profound ark to Hong’er, while the secondary controls were passed to you.... Those were the soul fragments that you received just now. However, following the dissipation of the spirit, this profound ark has completely exhausted its energy. Not only is it unable to move, it is also unable to support its internal world, and it has been sealed completely.”

“The kind of energy it requires to move... Is the same as that of a normal profound ark...” Yun Che muttered in a low voice. The soul fragments had established a clean spiritual link between him and the Primordial Profound Ark, and accompanying this link, came memories which clearly instructed him on the Primordial Profound Ark’s power source and some basic controls. It did not, however, tell him anything about the origin of the ark.

Its power source was basically the same as a normal profound ark, and it could fly in the air just like a normal profound ark. At the same time, it also possessed the ability to traverse dimensions, which normal profound arks definitely could not do.

And if one wanted to use its ability to transverse dimensions, the amount of energy required would be incomparably large! Even if you gathered up all the energy crystals within the Profound Sky Continent, it would only be enough to power it for several jumps.

The primary control of this profound ark laid in Hong’ers hands. At the same time, it had established an extremely strange connection with her... because the method to power up the ark... was actually by feeding Hong’er!!

Yun Che did not even know how to describe Hong’er’s existence, which was bizarre to the point of being heaven breaking!

The interior of the profound ark was boundless, but once he held it in his hand, he could not feel any heaviness whatsoever. Yun Che gripped the profound ark tightly and said in a low voice, “This means that if I can give it enough energy to move, I can use it to traverse the dimensions, and return to the Profound Sky Continent!”

“Hmph, you are too naive.” Jasmine said, bluntly pouring cold water over his idea, “Let’s not even mention the obscene amount of energy required to traverse dimensions, even if you could use that ability.... Do you know where the Profound Sky Continent is located? Do you know how far it is from this world?”

Yun Che: “...”

“Even though you have obtained this Primordial Profound Ark, at the moment, it is not something you can take into consideration. First, you must understand the world that you have landed in right now.”

“Right!” Yun Che crisply nodded his head. This was his second day in this world and he had been slowly understanding the living creatures that made up this world on his journey, but he had yet to inquire about where he was in this world, or even what this world was called in the first place... After all, if he asked this question, there would be the risk that people would suspect he was not right in the head.

Yun Che’s consciousness left the Sky Poison Pearl. He soared into the sky and continued towards the west.

Yun Che was about four hundred kilometers away from Jasmine’s indicated target location. Yun Che’s speed was not fast at all. In a day, he could roughly travel one hundred to one hundred and fifty kilometers. And every time he reached a town, he would stop there for half a day, then would quietly observe the communication of the people around him to glean more information about this world. He could distinctly feel that as he ventured westward, the people, demons, and beasts he met grew stronger and stronger in profound strength. On the third day, in a relatively small town, he merely walked down a street that was not longer than one and a half kilometers, and he had already felt the presence of twenty or more Thrones in the vicinity.

On the afternoon of the third day, he finally reached the area that Jasmine had indicated.

Yun Che flew more than three hundred meters into the air, and faced the west. He saw an exceptionally large grey-white city. This city was still at least fifty kilometers away, but it was huge to the point that he could not see the other side of the city. The whole city was covered in a stagnant grey-white color, and even the sky above the city seemed to have an additional mantle of gloominess.

“What a big city.... It’s at least three times bigger than Divine Phoenix City.” Yun Che said.

“The demonic energy is exceptionally thick.” Jasmine said in a low voice, “From its scale and the power levels present, this city should be the center of this entire world. The population seems roughly half human and half demon. Your real trials in this world, should begin from this city.... Hmph, you better be careful. Do not die too quickly!”

Yun Che slowed down his speed as he drew nearer to the grey-white city. At this time, the sounds of a fiercely violent fight emerged from the area to the front of Yun Che, and as he grew nearer to that spot, bursts of profound energy storms flew from a very far distance to heavily impact his surroundings.

Yun Che’s brows jumped violently... amongst the people who were fighting in front of him, every single one of them emitted an exceedingly strong aura. In terms of profound strength and levels, they were far above him.

“Two half a step into the Tyrant Profound Realm, three others at the first level of the Tyrant Profound Realm!” Jasmine said dully.

Yun Che halted his movements and hesitated for a moment. But he chose to continue flying forward and he quickly reached the scene of the battle.

He had arrived at a forest which was not too thickly enshrouded. In the aftermath of the fierce battle, several hundred meters of the area had already been leveled into a flat surface. Not even a blade of grass could be seen, much less trees. In the center of the area, three people were clothed in black and they wore pitch-black hoods. They were wrapped up in cloth from head to toe, only showing their hands and eyes. And the three people were surrounding a couple; the couple looked extremely young, approximately twenty years of age. The couple stood back to back; the man had a physique that was similar to Yun Che, his face was uncommonly handsome and elegant. He was dressed in all white, holding a longsword completely stained in blood, with a trickle of blood leaking from the corner of his mouth. Even though his wounds were not light, his eyes emitted a ferocious and unyielding light.

The girl was dressed in a light green, tight-fitting bodysuit. Her face was delicate and pretty while also having an heroic aura which would not lose to men. But what surprised Yun Che was that there were two especially long pointed ears on the side of her head, and on her back, stretched a pair of semi-transparent, butterfly-shaped, diaphanous wings; they were very beautiful. Her weapon was also very special, it was actually an oddly-shaped emerald bow broader than her entire body. On the strings of her tautly-drawn bow were three streaks profound energy sword rays.... But the power of the profound energy rays seemed to have grown weak.

“Ah, the elven race actually exists on this world?” Jasmine said in surprise. Because on their way here, they had seen many different humans and demons, but they had yet to come across fairies.

“Elf? That girl is one of those legendary fae?” Yun Che’s gaze fell on the girl. He had heard many legends of the elven race, but this was the first time he had seen real life elf.

“The special features of the elven race are immediately obvious; you do not need probe their aura, you can tell it with a glance. Elves may be far outnumbered by humankind, but their average potential far outstrips that of humanity. Not only do they find it easier to absorb elemental profound energy, but they are natural born marksmen! A bow is the weapon most suited to them.”

“Who... are you people!” The young man shouted as he gnashed his teeth.

“You despicable, shady villains! I have already sent a sound transmission to Big Brother, he will arrive very soon... And at that time, you will all die a dog’s death!” The elf girl furiously shouted.

The couple was very young, but they were already half-step Overlords, and it was hard to find equals at their age. But the three people surrounding them were genuine Overlords! Even though half-step Overlords were only just half a tier lower than true Overlords, the difference in strength was like heaven and earth. A practitioner at the first level of the Tyrant Profound Realm could easily beat both of them. Even if they combined forces, he could even beat three of such opponents.

When they heard the elf girl mention the two words ‘Big Brother’, the pupils of the three men in black contracted slightly. They were obviously extremely afraid of this ‘Big Brother’. But immediately after, the leader of the black-clad trio laughed sinisterly, “Ah but it’s too bad, that even if he arrives, he will not be

able to see you alive one last time. However... young man, you can relax, we only want this girl's life, we won't kill you. At most, we will let you suffer a bit. Do thank us, your lords, for sparing your life, hahahaha!"

"If you want to kill my seventh siser... You'll need to step over my dead corpse first!" The young man did not display the slightest joy and instead, roared harshly. But just as those words fell, he spat out a huge amount of blood. Under the combined attacks of three Overlords, he had long ago sustained serious internal injuries.

At this time, Yun Che had been sensed by their spiritual perception. As they suddenly noticed someone drawing near, the faces of the trio in black went cold, while the young man and the elf girl were overjoyed... However, once they had perceived that the person who was approaching was only in the Sky Profound Realm, the black-clothed men laughed in disdain, and completely let down their guards. The couple's newly arisen hope was also swiftly and brutally snuffed out.

Yun Che descended until he flew just above their heads. The three men in black paid him no attention at all. As Overlords, why would they even bother to consider a lowly Sky Profound Realm practitioner? Yun Che looked down mutely as he swiftly flew past without stopping. At this moment Jasmine said, "Aren't you going to meddle in their affairs?"

"Forget it." Yun Che shook his head, "The two people who have been surrounded are around my age, but they are already half-step Overlords; they cannot be of ordinary birth. And the forces that oppose them has the ability to dispatch three Overlords to deal with them; that kind of power is not to be trifled with. I have just reached this place, and I haven't even figured out the most basic situation yet. It would be better if I do not meddle."

The young couple was surrounded by three Overlords and were heavily injured; they had reached an absolute, inescapable dead end. The leader of the black-clad trio gave a cold laugh as he stretched out his hand, all five fingers making a grabbing motion towards the elf girl. "Heh.... Die!"

"I... will definitely not let you harm my seventh sister!" The young man's face turned scarlet, his arms swelling with all the power he could muster within himself. He let out a terrible shout, and he stood in front of the elf girl, both arms reaching out towards the black-clothed man.

"Stop overestimating yourself." The black-clothed man coldly laughed, and it was at this moment that the young man's body suddenly turned, as he used his back to receive the black-clothed man's attack. The arms which were supposed to receive the attack had instead, fallen heavily on the elf girl's body.

At this moment, all those who were present were taken by complete surprise; even the Yun Che who had flown away was distracted. Under the strike of this unexpected blow, the elf girl's body flew extremely far away, escaping the encirclement of the black-clad trio.

"Seventh sister, hurry up and run!!"

As he used all his remaining energy to yell those words, his back had already receive the black-clothed man's attack. His entire body flew out, and a bloody hole the size of a fist appeared on his back.

“This young punk... is looking for death!” The black-clothed man hastily withdrew his attack, but the remaining energy was already enough to take this young man’s life. Their mission was to kill the elf girl; if they accidentally killed the boy as well, the ‘result’ would be greatly lessened.

“Damn it! Do you think this is enough to save her life? Such foolish naivete!”

The other two black-clothed men flew out at the same time, bearing down on the elf girl who had flown more than thirty meters away like a pair of great birds. But they did not even need to give chase, as the elf girl came running back. She had thrown away her weapon as she looked at the young man who had fallen on the ground covered in blood. Her eyes filled with tears, and she said in heart-breaking voice, “Brother Yun... Brother Yun! I won’t run away... if you have to die... then we can die together!”

“Seventh sister...” The boy lying on the ground had difficulty raising his head as he uttered those words in a weak voice.

Yun Che’s body froze and like a bolt of lightning, he rushed all the way back...

Dammit... This kind of scene is something I can’t tolerate seeing!

And moreover, that kid is also named Yun, we might’ve even been relatives many eons ago. I’m going to save him!

Chapter 493 - So it turns out that I’m already this powerful!

Yun Che suddenly moved back, straight into the air above the five. He pushed out both his hands, and three ‘Phoenix Breaks’ flew towards the black-clad trio!

“This young punk is looking for death!”

When Yun Che had passed by before, they paid him absolutely no mind. For an Overlord to squash a Sky Profound was as simple as squashing an ant. They did not expect that the Sky Profound punk would actually come back and extend his hands towards them.

A look of extreme disdain flitted across the eyes of the black-clad trio, and they turned a blind eye to the three blasts of flame, not even making a single movement to block... The fire of a practitioner at the Sky Profound Realm could not even harm a single hair on their heads. But all of a sudden, the scarlet flame which was tens of meters away was bearing down on their bodies, its speed far surpassing their expectations. As the flames neared, they could feel a horrifying heat, as well as an extremely dangerous aura that caused their hearts to suddenly tighten.

The black-clad trio stopped their attack on the elf girl as they turned around with the swiftest of speeds, extending their hands to receive the onrushing flames. But once their palms came into contact with the flames, their bodies shuddered, as their internal organs were thrown into disarray. They could not afford to remain shocked, they thrust their hands outwards, and used all their strength to resist the blow... Three explosions resounded in the air, and the flames flew apart. But at the same time, the black-clad trio had been forced to retreat many steps, as their arms were numb and their bodies shivered. The weakest of the trio had both his palms charred black.

“Who are you!” The black-clothed man said harshly. Even though he sounded harsh, his eyes were filled with a deep fear, and what he shouted merely sounded fierce. He could only feel the aura of the Sky

Profound Realm from Yun Che's body, but his burnt hands and the numbness in his arms were not a lie... Moreover, this person had fired an attack at three of them at the same time!

Yun Che stepped through the air as he leisurely walked over, looking down on his audience. He coldly laughed, "Three stately Overlords would actually band together to bully two juniors, and they would even hide their appearances while doing so. Surely, you have brought honor to your ancestors!"

"Friend... please you must leave!" The young man who laid on the ground, with his aura being exceptionally weak, raised his head and used his loudest voice to yell, "Thank you for extending your hand towards us in help... but this matter does not concern you... please, you must leave now!"

Even though he saw the three columns of flames, the ones who endured the fire was the black-clad trio; he was naturally unaware of the embarrassment the three men had suffered under those three columns of flames. In his eyes, a single Sky Profound Realm had offended three Overlords; that was no different from courting death. He and the elf girl were destined for death today, and there was no need to implicate an innocent.

Yun Che gave him a single look, but did not respond. This person, who was also named Yun, obviously had an extremely good personality. Even though he was on the brink of death, he was still thinking about others. This had at least made it worthwhile for him to be a busybody and save them.

"Hey, punk, I would advise you to stick your nose out of this. Meddlesome people often have short lives!" The black-clothed man on the left said in a deep voice.

"Hmph, young people are often hot-blooded and impetuous, and like to meddle where they don't belong, that is understandable. But there are many affairs in this world that you do not have the capability to meddle in!" The black-clothed man in the middle said with the same deep and low voice... Their voices all sounded hoarse, and it was obvious they were using faking a voice so as to not allow people to recognize their original voice, "If you leave now, we will treat what had just happened as nothing, and maybe we can even be friends. However, if you do not appreciate... Hmph, if you spoil our plans one more time, then you can't blame us for the consequences!"

Once the black-clothed man had said his piece, the young man lying on the ground became dumbstruck. Because even though the man sounded harsh, they were three Overlords against a mere Sky Profound who had impeded their actions, yet here they were, trying to use words to intimidate the other party, rather than just exterminating him outright. And even though their voices were harsh, the words used were not fierce in the least. Even the phrase 'if you do not appreciate our kindness' was not fully voiced out. It was as if... they actually feared this young man.

The black-clad trio were genuine Overlords. To be able to reach this level, you could not be a fool. Even though the aura Yun Che exuded was that of a Sky Profound practitioner, the previous fire attack had filled their hearts with shock. And despite them announcing their status as Overlords, he still dared to attack them... it was simply too unusual!

"Heh, but it's too bad that I'm feeling good today. So in regards to this affair, I am definitely going to be a meddler!" Yun Che crossed his arms over his chest as he let out a short bark of laughter, "But I have always been a compassionate and kind man. Regarding the act of killing, I have always been unwilling, so... Either the three of you leave now, or I will send you down to meet the king of hell!"

Yun Che's words were arrogant to the extreme... Since he had already made his move and decided to save these two, he was fated to offend these three men and the hidden power behind them. Since this was unchangeable, he might as well be as offend them even more.

The gazes of the three men in black sank, and the one in the middle strode forward, speaking in an overcast voice, "Looks like even though we show you respect, you still act so brazenly. Even though we tried to let you off the hook, you deliberately want to court death! If that's the case, then this daddy will kill you as well!!"

As his voice fell, the black-clothed man rushed into the sky. At the same time, a pitch-black iron spear eight feet long appeared in his hands... This spear was only an Earth Profound Weapon. As an Overlord, his personal weapon naturally would not be a mere Earth Profound Weapon. It was obvious that the black-clothed man did not want to reveal any trace of his identity... including weapons!

That the black-clothed man would immediately use his weapon, showed the fear he had towards Yun Che. His black spear thrust forward, and with a low shout, it was accompanied by a violent blast of energy which swept towards Yun Che's neck.

"Watch out!" The young man lying in a pool of his own blood saw the black-clothed man make his move, and he yelled out in shock.

Facing the black-clothed man's attack, Yun Che face revealed a weird expression... It seemed to be an expression of surprise or confusion, as he steadily stretched out his hands, and tried to grab the body of the spear which was streaking towards him.

"Courting death!!"

The black-clothed man saw that Yun Che was not trying to dodge, and did not summon a weapon; it was not even in the correct posture to block the blow. Instead, he was trying to use his bare hands to receive his weapon. And Yun Che's movements seemed exceptionally lackadaisical. He laughed coldly in his heart, and the profound energy within his arm surged once more, as if he couldn't wait to destroy this arrogant youth in a single strike.

In the next instant... Yun Che's extended palm caught the spear with unerring accuracy. Suddenly, the incomparably fierce profound energy wave seemed to meet a boundless mountain wall, and immediately disappeared into nothingness; all that was left was a weak ripple of energy that ruffled Yun Che's hair. Without waiting for the black-clothed man to show an expression of surprise, Yun Che's palm lightly flipped, and with a light delicate touch, he stole the spear from the man. Once again, his palm flipped, and with a swing of his arm, the spear fiercely thrust towards the waist of the black-clothed man.

Bang!!!

A distorted spatial ripple distinctly appeared on the path the spear traveled. In an instant, the spear had snapped; one half remained in Yun Che's hands, the other half shot out like a black meteor, and no one knew how far it flew. At the same time, the other thing that was fractured was... the black-clothed man's body! The instant the black spear landed on his body, his body had literally been snapped in half, breaking into two pieces, with both pieces flying and landing in two different locations.

Thump...

When the two parts of the black-clothed man's body fell, two fountains of fresh blood spouted out from the parts which had been severed. The eyes of the black-clothed man was still wide, and his expression was filled with endless horror, shock and disbelief. His death glare was still affixed to Yun Che, his mouth spitting out a 'You' in a voice that was hoarse with shock. After that, he stopped moving. Even if he was an Overlord, if his body had been snapped in half, there was no way he could survive.

Yun Che extending his hand, his defensive strength, his stealing of the spear and his counter attack... All of this happened in an instant akin to the flash of a spark. The people below saw the black-clothed man sweep his spear towards Yun Che, and before anyone could react, they saw the man's body snap in half midair.

The four below were all stunned into lifelessness, and no one breathed. All four people could not believe what had just transpired before their very eyes... It was just an instant, an instant! The black-clothed man died an ignominious death at the hands of this young man! He used the spear that he had instantly snatched from the opponent — that Earth Profound spear, to snap an Overlord's body in half!

That was a genuine Overlord! A peerless strong being whose body was one hundred times tougher than stone!

Yun Che, who was still in the air, looked at the splintered spear in his hand, and he himself was rendered dumbfounded.

After enduring the spatial turbulence within the Primordial Profound Ark for two whole years, going through a tempering that was fiercer than any purgatory, his body and his profound energy all received an explosive boost. He was convinced that his current strength far exceeded the strength he had before he entered the Primordial Profound Ark, but he did not actually know how strong he had actually grown... Because in the last two years, only Jasmine had been by his side, and he had not crossed hands with anyone, so he could not ascertain the level of his current strength.

But just now, when he faced three Overlords, he did not feel any pressure at all. That already surprised him greatly. Facing the attack of an Overlord, his expression was relaxed, but in reality his heart was filled with caution... After all, before he had entered the Primordial Profound Ark, an Overlord was an unconquerable existence for him. So when he delivered his counter attack with the spear, he had used ninety percent of his power.

Not to mention, he had not opened any of the Evil God's gates.

He naturally did not even think that the counter attack he delivered without even entering the state of Burning Heart could actually snap the body of an Overlord in half.

Even though it was only a level one Overlord... It was still a genuine Tyrant Profound individual!

"So my strength has actually grown by this much." Yun Che mused in shock as he stared at his arm.

"Hmph, what did you think?" Jasmine said disdainfully, "You thickened your Dragon God's bloodline by tens of times and you reached the fourth stage of the Great Way of the Buddha, do you think all of this is for fun? If you had opened Purgatory's gate, your strength would have risen by ten times, and your last attack would not have left a single bone on that person's body intact!"

Yun Che, "..."

So it turns out that I'm already this powerful! Damn... I thought that the lack of pressure I felt from them was a misconception on my part!

Yun Che threw away the broken spear in his hand. After which his body blurred and suddenly he had landed on the ground. He looked at the two black-clothed men who had been frightened out of their wits, smiled, and said, "How about the both of you? How do you want to leave?"

"You... You... You..." The man on the left retreated several steps, both legs trembling, and when he spoke, his teeth chattered violently, making it hard for him to even complete his sentence.

"Let's go!" The man on the right pulled him along, and using the greatest speed, madly fleeing away from the scene. They passed by the splintered body and one of the black-clothed men stopped to swiftly pick it up... After seeing Yun Che not having any intention to stop them from fleeing, he plucked up his courage and scooted over to pick up the other part of the body. After doing so, he fled away from Yun Che as though he had gone mad.

"Not going to silence them?" Jasmine asked coldly.

"If I silence them, then where are my enemies going to come from? If I don't have strong enough enemies, how can this be considered a real trial?" Yun Che asked matter-of-factly.

"Hmph! This is totally in line with your death-seeking personality." Jasmine laughed coldly, but she did not attempt to restrain him in the slightest.

Chapter 494 - Yun Xiao

The young man and the elf girl had initially completely given up, resigning themselves to death, but they never expected that a savior would suddenly descend from heavens. In the blink of an eye, among the three black-clothed men, two ran away and one died. The young man stared at Yun Che for a while and he nearly forgot about his injuries in his shock. Only when Yun Che neared did he start struggling to stand. Within his pained voice was deep gratitude: "Thank... Thank you senior... for saving us..."

"I thank senior for saving us." The elf girl followed up with his gratitude and replied thankfully.

Eh? Senior?

The edge of Yun Che's mouth moved, not explaining anything. He moved forward and slowly supported the young man, replying: "Don't talk for now, calm down, and stabilize your injuries... I'll help you."

Yun Che placed his hand above the injury on the young man's back, gradually transferring profound energy over... His profound energy possessed the attributes of the Dragon God and the Phoenix God, along with highly concentrated pure natural energy. Using it to treat injuries would immensely improve the rate of recovery.

The young man did not argue as he stopped speaking and closed his eyes. Just as he intended to start utilizing the remaining profound energy within him, he suddenly felt a warm and majestic... no, it was more accurately a nearly boundless form of profound energy that entered into his body from his back. The strength of the profound energy was obviously only of the Sky Profound Realm, yet it was unbelievably dense. He had also only slowly climbed his way from the Sky Profound Realm. If it was said

that his profound energy when he was in the Sky Profound Realm was like smoke, then the current profound energy entering his body was like lava! It was even more intense and concentrated than his, even though he was half-step into the Tyrant Profound.

How could this be the profound energy from the Sky Profound Realm... No! It must be a senior whose profound realm is too high. With my cultivation, I'm unable to detect it at all, thought the young man.

As Yun Che started to transfer his profound energy, the young man's expression moved again. It was not only because he felt the density of his profound energy, rather, he felt that it actually contained a mysterious power that caused all the veins in his body to bulge up; even the damaged veins were quickly recovering their vitality. His most severe external injury was on his back, and his internal injuries were not light. However, following the flow of the profound energy, he could clearly feel that both his external and internal injuries were recovering at an unbelievably quick rate.

He was fairly certain that even if the oldest great elder in his family used all his abilities, he would not be able to let him recover this quickly! This essentially transcended all common sense; this speed of recovery was unheard of.

This senior is no doubt an extremely frightening expert... which caused the young man to be even more certain of his guess, causing him to admire Yun Che even more. He gave up on trying to utilize his own profound energy and began to concentrate on absorbing and utilizing the profound energy that was entering his body. With the presence of this boundless form of profound energy, even if he utilized all the remaining profound energy within him, it would not even compare.

When he tried to further feel the profound energy, he discovered that its profound laws were very mysterious... more accurately, weird. His half-step Overlord self, who had cultivated profound energy for nearly twenty years wasn't able to comprehend it, and he felt inexplicably surprised.

"Let me help too."

Even though the elf girl was injured as well, her injuries were relatively light compared to the young man. She felt relieved for the man as she withdrew her weapon back into her spatial ring, placing both her hands on the man's chest. Her palm let out a jade green glow... Instantly, Yun Che felt an energy that was like cooling water surge into the man's body, and when Yun Che came in contact with this energy, even he felt a sense of rejuvenation

"The elven race's profound energy possess innate natural energy. Not only is it beneficial for self-recovery, when treating others, it is far superior than any human's. Solely because of this, the elven race is well liked by other races. Furthermore, because of the nature energy, the males of the elven race are handsome while the females are beautiful. Considering their unique talent, most races desire to find a partner from the elven race." Jasmine casually commented as she glanced at the young man, then coldly continued: "This brat is a pure human, yet is favored by this elf girl. His luck's not that bad."

Under the cooperation of Yun Che and the elf girl, the young man's severe injuries were stabilized quickly. When Yun Che removed his palm, the young man's back looked worrisome, but was actually already fine. The bleeding has already stopped as well, and he would be able to recover within half a month just relying on his own profound energy.

The young man stood up with the aid of the elf girl and bowed respectfully to Yun Che: "Not only did senior save me and Seventh Sister, you personally helped treat my injuries. Junior will definitely keep such a great kindness in mind... I hope, I hope senior can tell me his name."

"You called me... senior?" Yun Che grinned, and asked: "Do I look very old?"

"This..." The young man was embarrassed by what Yun Che had said, and did not know how to answer him for a while. The elf girl eyed him from top to bottom before serious speaking: "You're so strong, so you must be a great senior who reverted to a younger age!"

"I'm only twenty-two this year." Yun Che laughed, directly announcing his age: "Are you sure you want to call me senior?"

"Ahh? Twent... Twenty-two?" The two of them looked at Yun Che and cried out in shock at the same time. Yun Che had casually instantly killed a level one Overlord, his frightening strength causing them to guess that he was definitely an elderly expert who had trained for a long time. Furthermore, at the Tyrant Profound Realm, even a two-hundred-year-old could look like a twenty-year-old. For a twenty-odd-year-old to instantly kill an Overlord was not a realistic idea. Even within the whole continent, there were not more than five who were able to do that, and each of them were renowned in the world. Yun Che, however, was a fresh face that they had never seen before, and they would never have expected that he was only twenty-two.

The young man's face looked awkward as he embarrassingly replied: "This, this... Benefactor is so strong that we thought you were an expert who purposely kept himself young." As he spoke, his eyes brightened, continuing: "Benefactor is so young, yet so strong, you must be famous. Can I know... your name?"

"Yun Che." Yun Che replied without hesitation. In a foreign world, his name would be unknown, and there was no need to hide it.

"Yun... Che?" The two of them uttered the name at the same time as their eyes looked lost... A mere twenty-two-year-old that was able to instantly kill an Overlord would by right be famous within the entire continent. However, this was the first time they heard his name. The young man quickly replied: "Oh, benefactor's surname is also Yun, what a coincidence."

"Oh, that means your surname is Yun as well?" Hearing the elf girl call the man previously, Yun Che had already known that his surname was Yun as he replied with a smile: "Just call me Yun Che. The word benefactor is too awkward. Right, how do I address you two?"

The young man hastily replied: "Alright, then I'll call you Big Brother Yun from now on! My surname is Yun and my name is..."

Just as he was about to say his name, the elf girl beside him tugged at him: "Brother Yun..."

The young man shook his head, and replied seriously: "Seventh Sister, he is our benefactor. If it wasn't for him, we would already have died here. It's just a name, why do we have to hide it from our benefactor... My name is Yun Xiao, twenty-one years and ten months old, younger than Big Brother Yun by a few months. This is... Seventh Sister, who is two years younger than me."

“Big Brother Yun can just call me Seventh Sister.” The elf girl nodded gently, her demeanor appearing a little awkward: “My name is a... a mouthful, I’m afraid Big Brother Yun would laugh and won’t say it... Please just call me Seventh Sister.”

“Mn.” Yun Che nodded. He was only casually asking for their names. However, this Yun Xiao’s name and age caused him to be somewhat surprised... Even though he said that he was twenty-two, his actual age was probably twenty one and ten months as well, exactly the same as him. Furthermore, his name was “Yun Xiao” — Yun was his surname now and Xiao was his surname from when he was sixteen. This was quite a peculiar coincidence.

After Yun Xiao announced his name, Yun Che’s reaction was unusually calm, causing the two to feel shock. The elf girl could not hold back and asked: “Big Brother Yun, could it be... that you’ve never heard the name ‘Yun Xiao’ before?”

“Oh?” Yun Che glanced again at Yun Xiao, whose expression was a bit unusual, and instantly understood. He calmly replied: “Is Brother Yun’s name renowned in this area? It must be, so young and already a half-step Overlord. You must be a world-shaking genius whom even the heavens are jealous of.”

“No, no, with Big Brother Yun here, I don’t dare.” Yun Xiao waved it off. If it was someone else praising him like that, he would definitely accept it. But comparing to someone who far exceeded him and was similar to him in age, he really could not accept those compliments. He scratched his head and replied: “I do have a slight reputation in Demon Imperial City... Oh, that’s right, Big Brother Yun is not someone from Demon Imperial City?”

Demon Imperial City? Could it be that greyish white city?

Yun Che shook his head: “I come for a faraway place and it’s my first time coming to Demon Imperial City.”

“So that’s it.” Both of them instantly understood, but the elf girl was still confused: “Could Big Brother Yun be from the southern borders? Other than Demon Imperial City, only the southern borders could produce someone as strong as Big Brother Yun... No, if the southern borders produced someone as strong as Big Brother Yun, Brother Yun and I would have already known...”

The elf girl considered carefully. It was obvious that she was unable to let it go that he was someone who had an unfamiliar appearance and name, yet had strength to instantly kill an Overlord at the age of twenty-two. Yun Che laughed and replied: “I come from a place far further than what you imagine and I’ve never come here before. I’ve come this time only for training and you guys not knowing my name is normal.”

“Yun Che nodded towards them and continued: “You two are still injured. The ones trying to assassinate you might come back. You should leave soon.”

As he finished speaking, Yun Che began rising as he prepared to leave.

“Big Brother Yun, wait!” Yun Xiao hurriedly moved forward and hastily replied: “Big Brother Yun, that direction... are you going to Demon Imperial City?”

“That’s right.” Yun Che nodded. Being named “Imperial” must mean that it was the capital city of the continent, which meant that the grey-white city giving off a very strong aura must be it.

“This little brother and Seventh Sister are citizens of Demon Imperial City; if this is Big Brother Yun’s first time, you probably do not have a place to stay. How about coming to my Yun house to stay for a while? I can explain to you the current situation of the city, and when I recover, I can bring you around Demon Imperial City. I wonder if... that is fine with Big Brother Yun?”

Yun Xiao’s voice and eyes were exceptionally sincere, and he was even afraid that Yun Che was not “fine with it”. Yun Che’s body stopped in midair as he nodded slightly, smiling: “That’s fine, then I’ll be under Brother Yun’s care.”

Yun Che knew nothing about the Demon Imperial City in front of him, nor did he know anything about this entire continent. Having someone to guide him was undoubtedly the greatly beneficial.

Seeing Yun Che’s consent, Yun Xiao was all smiles: “No, no, compared to Big Brother Yun saving our lives, this is nothing at all.”

“My elf clan will also welcome Big Brother Yun as a guest at anytime. My clan will definitely repay Big Brother Yun for saving Brother Yun and me.” The elf girl said sincerely.

Suddenly, Jasmine’s grim voice rang in Yun Che’s head: “An expert is coming here... He’s in the eighth level of the Tyrant Profound Realm! If it’s an enemy... You better prepare to run!”

Yun Che frowned as the profound energy within his body surged. However, Jasmine voice suddenly sounded again: “Looks like there’s no need to run, it’s an elf!”

Chapter 495 - Number One Under Heaven

Just as Jasmine finished speaking, a fierce gust swept over from the north, and Yun Che only felt a green figure flash past. A huge man’s figure appeared into his vision from out of nowhere.

The man was dressed in green and was extraordinarily handsome. His eyes were masculine, his ears thirty percent larger than the elf girl, and he gave off an overbearing aura. Even his pair of transparent wings vibrated intensely with profound strength. Upon seeing the elf girl, he descended in a flash and landed beside her: “Old seven, you’re injured?”

“Big brother, you’re finally here!” Once she saw the tall man appear, the elf girl was finally relieved: “My injuries aren’t serious, but Brother Yun suffered serious injuries...”

“Hmph!” Seeing that his sister was alright, the muscular man let out a sigh of relief. Then he grunted coldly, turned around, and glared coldly at Yun Xiao, anger rising within him: “Yun brat! I knew it must be you! Luckily old seven is alright this time, otherwise... I will personally cripple you!”

“I...” Yun Xiao opened his mouth, but did not rebut. Instead, he looked down in shame.

“Big brother! Don’t talk to him like that!” The elf girl frantically grabbed his hand: “It’s not Brother Yun’s fault, and... and he was only so severely injured in order to save me. It’s enough that you don’t thank Brother Yun, but you’re actually acting so fierce toward him.”

“Thank? Hmph!” The muscular man looked down: “Wasn’t it him who asked you out this time?”

"I... No, it wasn't. It was me who secretly asked Brother Yun out. If you want to blame someone, then blame me." The elf girl answered as she puffed her cheeks. It was obvious she was not good at lying and her wavering eyes and pique attitude had already betrayed her.

"It's not seventh sister's fault, it's all my fault." Yun Xiao's head hung downwards with a face of guilt and unease.

"Since you know it's your fault, you better stay further away from old seven from now on!" The muscular man said coldly: "If there's a next time, I will personally cripple your hands and legs! I do what I say! Old seven is not someone you are worthy of... Hmph! Who knows which bastard child you are. Do you really think you're the Young Master of the Yun family?!"

"Big brother!" The muscular man's words caused the elf girl's face to change drastically as she looked worryingly at Yun Xiao, and said angrily: "How can you say such words to Brother Yun... If you continue, I'll ignore you from now on!"

"Old seven, I... forget it, hmph!" The muscular man was spurred by anger, and now felt he was a little overboard as well. He turned around and stopped talking.

Yun Xiao's face blackened as he bit his lips. Then, he smiled bleakly, shook his head, and said: "Seventh sister, don't blame big brother, what he said is true... but," Yun Xiao looked up and said with resolve: "But no matter what, even if you cripple my legs, I will never give up on seventh sister! It is undoubtedly my fault that seventh sister was nearly assassinated this time. I will definitely train hard, and next time, I won't allow anyone to bully seventh sister anymore. Then, you and uncle will be at ease when you pass seventh sister on to me."

"Brother Yun..." The elf girl looked on tenderly as her eyes filled with tears.

The muscular man looked over with disdain, but when he saw the elf girl, he quickly changed to a caring and serious look: "About the matters concerning you two, we will discuss them back in the city... Old seven, what happened here? You sound transmitted over that you were attacked by three Overlords? Where are they now?"

The elf girl turned and looked at Yun Che: "Me and Brother Yun nearly died in their hands. It was this Big Brother Yun who saved us. If not for Big Brother Yun, if you came now, you would probably only see our corpses. You should thank him."

"You?" The muscular man turned and looked at Yun Che with suspicion. He saw Yun Che when he arrived, but chose to ignore him as he was only in the Sky Profound Realm and was a stranger.

Yun Che smiled slightly: "I am Yun Che."

The elf girl continued: "Big Brother Yun and Brother Yun are the same age, but he's amazing. He killed a black-clothed man in one move, scaring the two others away... He really only used one move! The three black-clothed men were all Overlords. Me and Brother Yun cooperated but couldn't even defeat one."

The muscular man's eyes swept across Yun Che and he gradually frowned. From what he sensed, Yun Che's profound strength was only at the tenth level of the Sky Profound Realm... At this level, he could only be considered a weakling within Demon Imperial City. How could he kill Overlords... and furthermore, defeat them instantly!

Under his forceful gaze, he realized that Yun Che, who was in front of him, was unperturbed and completely unaffected by the pressure of his aura. He was slightly shocked in his heart. Then, he stepped forward without uttering a single word, and pushed out a palm at Yun Che.

The casual palm caused a huge and dangerous looking spiral to appear in the space between him and Yun Che. Following which, the huge spiral suddenly dispersed into ninety-nine separate small spatial whirlpools, then converged again, and smashed towards Yun Che.

Wind attribute profound energy?

This was a blow from a high level Overlord, perhaps the most frightening attack Yun Che had ever received since birth. However, he did not panic, nor did he retreat or even move. He stretched his hand out and a ball of Phoenix flames burned in his hand, going head-on against the savage, oncoming profound energy cyclone.

Boom!!

The savage wind profound energy and the fire profound energy collided against each other without any trickery. Even though it was only a simple test between the two, space was still violently torn apart in that instant; the savage storm tore apart the flames, and the torn apart flames burned the savage storm. The surrounding ten of meters of air were violently disrupted by the collision of wind and fire.

Yun Che collided against the muscular man in the midst of the collision between the storm and the flames and was forced back by three steps. They looked at each other, their gaze now completely different from before, as their hearts echoed the same words:

So strong!

Yun Che possessed strong arm strength gifted by the Dragon God's bloodline and natural strength. Hence, when they collided, he should've had the advantage. Despite that, he did not gain an advantage from that straightforward exchange... This was also not knowing how much strength his opponent had used.

The muscular man's shock was even greater than Yun Che's. Because the Yun Che in front of him was obviously only in the Sky Profound Realm, and from what he had heard from old seven, he was probably only in his early twenties... What exactly was this person's background? Why had he never seen him before?

"Big Brother, what are you doing!" The elf girl chided: "Big Brother Yun is our benefactor. Not only did you not thank him, you attacked him! You've gone too far."

"Hahahaha!" The muscular man laughed, cupped his fists at Yun Che and said sincerely: "Brother, please do not misunderstand. Even though I am a member of the elven race, I love battles. When I see a strong opponent, I cannot help myself. I am Number One Under Heaven, I thank Brother Yun for saving old seven's life. Your kindness, my clan will definitely repay you."

"..." Yun Che opened his mouth, but did not speak. He had seen arrogant people before, but he had never seen someone so arrogant that he proclaimed himself to be the number one under heaven! Even though he was strong, he couldn't be the number one under heaven, right? Even if you are the number one under heaven... Would you die if you were a little more humble?!

Seeing Yun Che's expression, the muscular man knew what he was thinking and laughed bitterly: "Brother Yun, do not misunderstand, I'm not such a conceited and arrogant person but my surname is Under Heaven and my name is Number One. My father named me this way and I too am helpless."

Surname Under Heaven... Name Number One...

How great is he at naming?!

Even though Yun Che tried his best to control himself, his brows still twitched intensely twice as he eyed the elf girl. He said with a nod: "So that's why. Then, your sister's name is..."

"Oh, my sister is the seventh child in the family, so she's named Number Seven Under Heaven..."

"Don't say it!! Ugh..." The elf girl tried to stop her brother but it was already too late. She could only hold her face in embarrassment: "It's all dad's fault, giving me such a stupid name... Just call me seventh sister! Seventh sister!"

"..." Yun Che used an immense amount of determination to stop himself from laughing out loud. It was no wonder seventh sister refused to mention her name just now. The eldest was Number One Under Heaven and the seventh eldest was Number Seven Under Heaven... One could guess with their toes what the second eldest to the sixth eldest were respectively called: Number Two Under Heaven, Number Three Under Heaven... Number Six Under Heaven...

Who knows whether there were any Number Eight Under Heaven, Number Nine Under Heaven...

That also meant that the titles of the top few people in this world belonged to their family!

"Brother Yun looks very foreign, could this be your first time coming here?" When Number One Under Heaven said his name, Yun Che's reaction caused him to believe that Yun Che was definitely not from Demon Imperial City. Furthermore, at his age, having such a profound strength level was frightening. If he belonged to Demon Imperial City or its surrounding places, he would not be so unfamiliar.

"That's right." Yun Che nodded: "In my entire life, I've never actually entered Demon Imperial City before."

"No wonder." The Number One Under Heaven nodded before honestly continuing: "Old seven is my Under Heaven family's most important treasure. Since you've saved her life, you are a great benefactor of my Under Heaven Clan. If you don't mind, how about coming to our Under Heaven Clan to stay for a while? I also happen to have some free time now and can bring Brother Yun around the city."

Yun Xiao and Number Seven Under Heaven revealed faces of shock... They knew fully well of Number One Under Heaven's status and position, and since he was young, he had never taken the initiative to get to know someone... However, as they thought of Yun Che's age and abilities, they could understand why. With such skills at his age, even within the entire Demon Imperial City, he could be considered an elite. Even though the Under Heaven Clan's power within the Demon Imperial City was considered massive, making such a friend would only bring benefits.

Yun Che smiled and replied: "I appreciate Brother Under Heaven's intentions, but Brother Yun Xiao and I have the same surname. It must be fate, so I've already agreed to go to the Yun family for a while."

However, when I'm more familiar with Demon Imperial City and know where Brother Under Heaven lives, I will definitely go pay a visit."

Number One Under Heaven glanced at Yun Xiao, before gradually nodding: "Since that's the case, I shall not ask anymore. That Yun brat knows where my Under Heaven family lives. If you encounter any problems that are difficult to handle, you can come find me at any time. Although my Under Heaven family is not huge, within Demon Imperial City, and perhaps even the entire Illusory Demon Realm, we still have some reputation."

Yun Che raised his hand: "Since that's the case, I shall thank Brother Under..."

Yun Che words were suddenly cut off as he stared forwards, stunned for a moment...

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Illusory Demon Realm?!

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Illusory Demon Realm... Illusory Demon Realm...

Yun Che's mind burst into disorder... It had already been three days since he arrived at this world, and in this time, he didn't intentionally ask around for the name of this world. After all, this was a completely unfamiliar strange world, and the name of this world was basically unimportant to him. Furthermore, asking other people for the name of this world held the risk of him being seen as a crazy idiot.

The name of this world, was unexpectedly Illusory Demon Realm!

Impossible! It definitely couldn't be the Illusory Demon Realm he knew of; it must only be a lucky coincidence the names were the same! The Primordial Profound Ark had gone through eighteen months of space travel... it was space travel, not simple flight! And even if it was the most basic of flight, in an entire span of eighteen months, it was enough for Yun Che to travel across who knows how many continents with his speed. So, with eighteen months of space travel, who knew which corner of the boundless universe he would arrive at... the distance across the Profound Sky Continent, must be an incomparably frightening astronomical distance!

And the Illusory Demon Realm he knew of, was actually on the same star as the Profound Sky Continent and Azure Cloud Continent.

Eighteen months of shuttling through space, how could he still be on Blue Pole Star!

Furthermore, enmity between the Illusory Demon Realm and Profound Sky Continent had always existed. The people from the Illusory Demon Realm even had some means to reach Profound Sky Continent, and perhaps people from Profound Sky Continent had also once entered the Illusory Demon Realm; between the two, some news must be known about each side... If the Primordial Profound Ark also appeared in the Illusory Demon Realm every three hundred years, over the millenniums, and possibly even tens of millenniums of history, it was extremely likely that the Profound Sky Continent knew something. However, when he was at the Divine Phoenix Sect, he hadn't heard the least bit of news regarding this.

That's not right... it must only be a coincidence!

Yun Che thought long and hard about this, but at the same time, other than the name... the Illusory Demon Realm was a world where man and demon coexisted, and this place was the same. The ruler of the Illusory Demon Realm was known as the Demon Emperor, and the main city in front of him, was known as the Demon Imperial City...

Is it truly a coincidence... or is it... or is it...

“Brother Yun, are you alright?” Seeing Yun Che’s sudden daze and rapidly fluctuating expression, Number One Under Heaven questioned.

Yun Che slowly raised his head, his expression appearing imposing and misty: “Brother Under Heaven, Yun Xiao, Seventh Sister, have you all... heard of a place known as... Profound Sky Continent?”

Having said the three words “Profound Sky Continent”, a slight trill appeared in Yun Che’s voice. This was because that place which he had left for two years was land that was truly a part of him, and contained many people he cared for with all his heart. If this place was truly the Illusory Demon Realm he knew about, returning to Profound Sky Continent wouldn’t be that unattainable.

And he clearly noticed, when he brought up the words “Profound Sky Continent”, the expressions on Number One Under Heaven and the others were not of confusion, but of... a slight change!

“Not only have I heard of it, it is as clear as lightning penetrating one’s ear.” Number One Under Heaven replied without hesitation: “Brother Yun possesses such strength at such a young age, it looks like you truly submerged yourself in cultivation, and paid very little attention to happenings in the outside world. A hundred years ago, the name Profound Sky Continent was indeed very strange in my Illusory Demon Realm, and only a select few knew of it. However, in these hundred years, in the entire Illusory Demon Realm, there are few people that do not know of the name Profound Sky Continent. This is because our Illusory Demon Realm’s Demon Emperor and Little Demon Emperor died under the hands of those contemptible vile people from Profound Sky Continent in these last hundred years! Even Lord Demon King...” Number One Under Heaven’s gaze swept Yun Xiao intentionally: “Has landed in the hands of those contemptible Profound Sky villains, and it is unclear whether he is alive or dead! The name Profound Sky Continent... to our Twelve Guardian Families, not only have we heard of it, it is a name we must engrave into our hearts until death!”

“Um... Brother Yun says he is from a remote place, and it looks like it is your first time traveling to obtain experience. It’s understandable that you don’t know about this.” Yun Xiao hurriedly explained to Yun Che.

Yun Che stood blankly there, and didn’t speak for a long time.

Profound Sky Continent... Demon Emperor... Little Demon Emperor... Demon King... a hundred years ago... resentment... Twelve Guardian Families...

The name “Illusory Demon Realm” could be a coincidence, but all this... could they all be coincidences too?!

Yet how could they all be coincidences!

The world he currently resided in, this continent known as the “Illusory Demon Realm” ... was actually the Illusory Demon Realm he knew of! The world located on the same star as Profound Sky Continent, which possessed tremendous hate and intersection!

“Jasmine, what’s going on?” Yun Che shook his head, then asked Jasmine: “The Primordial Profound Ark traveled for such a long time, how could it have stopped at the Illusory Demon Realm, which is located in the same world as Profound Sky Continent? Profound Sky Continent has also never had any information about the Primordial Profound Ark appearing in the Illusory Demon Realm.”

“How would I know.” Jasmine replied lightly, but in her heart, she felt some unease... Two years ago, in order to intensify the spacial storm and allow Yun Che to go through more difficult experiences, she had forcefully pushed the speed in which the Primordial Profound Ark traveled, which certainly affected the trajectory of its travel to some extent... Only, even she completely didn’t think that her own interference actually caused the Primordial Profound Ark, in its eighteen months of travel, to return to the Blue Pole Star once again, and stop above the Illusory Demon Realm!

This was also the only explanation.

However, she was naturally incapable of informing Yun Che about this reason.

At this time, Yun Che suddenly turned his head, and stared fixedly at Yun Xiao... Twelve Guardian Families... Yun family’s... Young Master... a bastard child that had been picked up... and the name “Yun Xiao”... One after another, words that he had only heard casually and hadn’t paid the least bit of attention to began to weave incomparably violently within his mind, forming a possibility he was unable to be calm about... Under the piercing gaze of his eyes, Yun Xiao suddenly felt his entire body shudder. He forcefully gulped a mouthful of saliva, and said with some apprehension: “Brother... Yun, why are you looking at me like this... Uhh...”

Yun Che took a step forward, grabbed Yun Xiao’s shoulder, and asked with an incomparably imposing tone: “Yun Xiao, tell me, your family... is it the Yun family from the Twelve Guardian Families!”

“Ah...” Yun Che’s sudden violent reaction caused Yun Xiao to be bewildered for a moment. He used a pleading gaze to look at Number One Under Heaven, and said very cautiously: “Brother Yun, could it be... could it be your family or school has some grudge with the Yun family? Y-y-you... please calm down for a moment; no matter what misunderstanding there is, it can be resolved...”

Yun Che’s abnormal reaction also caused Number One Under Heaven and Number Seven Under Heaven to reveal gazes of astonishment, but the life experiences of Number One Under Heaven far surpassed that of Yun Xiao. Although Yun Che’s mood seemed a bit unusual, he didn’t actually display any hostility when facing Yun Xiao. After a short pause, he said: “I guess I’ll respond for this brat. He is indeed someone from the Yun family of the Twelve Guardian Families; moreover, he is the family head’s sole son. Only... hmph, they have long been unworthy of the name Twelve Guardian Families. After the unknown living state of the Demon King a hundred years ago, the Yun family has been filled with turmoil and unrest for a long while. Twenty five years ago, Patriarch Yun charged into the Profound Sky Continent; although he made it back alive three years later, both him and his wife sustained extremely heavy injuries, becoming nearly handicapped, and also lost the most important treasure of the Demon Royal Families! This caused the entire Yun family to bear great sin.”

“In these short hundred years, the core characters in the Yun family have fallen in succession. In addition to the family’s internal unrest, the Yun family’s strength has plummeted. The Yun family was indeed the head of the Twelve Guardian Families once, but as of now, the Yun family’s strength is without a doubt in its last moments! It has even gradually lost the qualifications to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the other eleven Guardian Families, and with the addition of the crime of losing countless valuable treasures... Perhaps in a few years, the Twelve Guardian Families will become the Eleven Guardian Families.”

Number One Under Heaven glanced at Yun Xiao indifferently for a moment. With the current situation this son of the Yun family was in, every word he spoke didn’t save him the least bit of face, and also portrayed the Yun family’s current steep decline. Furthermore, what he said really wasn’t a secret between the Twelve Families; basically everyone in the Illusory Demon Realm knew of this, so he said all of this without much apprehension.

Yun Xiao bit his lips. His face revealed slight unwillingness, yet didn’t say anything.

Yun Che’s chest heaved violently for a moment, because Number One Under Heaven’s words provided even more evidence that this Illusory Demon Realm was the one that he knew of. The current patriarch of Yun family... crippled twenty-two years ago... This time period made it unable for him to think of another explanation... the word “crippled” further caused his heart to twitch for a moment.

“What is the name of the current Yun family’s Patriarch?” Yun Che maintained his calm with great effort: “Is he your father? Your father, and mother, what are their names? Are they... Yun Qinghong... and Mu Yurou?!”

Yun Xiao opened his eyes wide, and nodded somewhat callously: “They... are indeed my parents... Could it be that my parents have had some interaction with your sect?”

“...” Yun Che’s expression froze. Then, his two hands grasping Yun Xiao’s shoulder slowly loosened. He stood there, unable to speak for a long time.

“...Your father is named Yun Qinghong. Even though I am already a few hundred years old, I only have one son which is your father. His talents are not too bad, and he had awakened the same cyan profound handle I have. Your mother is named Mu Yurou and is also from a Guardian Family of the Demon Emperor, and is the daughter of Mu Family’s Patriarch. The Twelve Guardian Families exist to protect the Demon Emperor and there are no estrangements between them. The relationship between our Yun Family and Mu Family have always been the best, and your father and mother were childhood friends who grew up together. A hundred years ago, when I left the Illusory Demon Realm alone, they had just gotten married...”

Yun Canghai’s words sounded within his mind, each word striking like the evening drum and the morning bell.

At that time, each time Grandfather Yun Canghai spoke about the Yun family, his face would fill with pride, speaking the words “head of the Twelve Guardian Families” loftily. Yet, from the information he had just heard from Number One Under Heaven, the Yun family had actually been on rapid decline over these hundred years... Yun Canghai had been locked up for a hundred years, and was completely

unaware the position of the Yun family had dropped a thousand miles in one fall; if he had known of this, he would definitely be turning in his grave right now...

Yun Qinghong... That the name of his biological father his Grandfather had mentioned!

Mu Yurou... That was his biological mother's name.

And the Yun Xiao in front of him... he... could it be... he was...

Jasmine: "..."

Number One Under Heaven furrowed his brow: "Could it be you've really had some interaction with the Yun family before?"

After a long period of silence, Yun Che regained his calm. He nodded slowly, and smiled lightly: "Of course I don't. Only, as my surname is also Yun, I have always possessed a deep reverence towards Demon King Yun Canghai from back then, and the current head of the Yun family, Yun Qinghong. So, because I suddenly discovered Yun Xiao was actually the son of the head of Yun family's Patriarch, I was a little stirred up; you all have seen me embarrass myself."

"Ah? So... so it's like this?" Yun Xiao's expression relaxed. He patted his chest, and let out a long breath of air: "You scared me to death; I really believed my savior had some trouble with my family, heheh... Sure enough, I was overthinking. That's true too, my parents are such gentle people, how could they have any animosity with others."

"So that's how it is." Number One Under Heaven naturally wasn't as innocent as Yun Xiao. He felt that Yun Che was speaking with tongue in cheek, yet didn't question or pursue the matter; he only nodded slowly.

"If that's the case, then you two really must have been brought together by destiny!" Number Seven Under Heaven clearly became a lot happier: "Brother Yun can bring Big Brother Yun to meet uncle; Not only is Big Brother Yun powerful, he also saved Brother Yun, and also has the surname Yun. Uncle Yun will definitely be very grateful and fond of Big Brother Yun. Hehe..."

Number Seven Under Heaven laughed happily. Even the Twelve Guardian Families didn't have many that received the approval of her Big Brother Number One Under Heaven. If Yun Xiao could become good friends with this kind of person, she was certainly extremely willing to see it happen.

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"Right, right, right!" Yun Xiao hurriedly followed suit and nodded: "My father is a very gentle person; he will definitely be fond of Brother Yun."

Yun Che glanced at Yun Xiao deeply, sighing to himself in his heart... No matter how much the Yun Family declined, it was still part of the Twelve Guardian Families, and possessed the highest level of family strength in the Illusory Demon Realm; Yun Xiao was the Yun Family Head's only son, and his status was nothing less than respectable. However, Yun Xiao didn't possess the least bit of arrogance or willfulness, and when he was doing something or speaking, he was especially gentle and humble, perhaps even cautious and forbearing... As for Number One Under Heaven's all kinds of savage words, he didn't flare up or rebut in any way since the very start.

In regards to Yun Che agreeing to visiting his house, he showed not only cordiality, but happiness as well... This told Yun Che that this Yun Xiao, who had a highly respectable status, an extremely good temperament and cultivation, seemed to not have many friends.

It seemed like a completely isolated feeling.

"I also really want to meet the Senior Yun I have revered for a long time. Since this is so, we should travel to Demon Imperial City. This is my first time visiting Demon Imperial City, moreover, I might stay for a relatively long time, so I'll have to trouble everyone to take care of me." Yun Che said as he nodded.

"Haha, don't be polite, you saved my little sister's life. Our elven race always repays favors; if you need us for anything, just speak up about it. I, Number One Under Heaven, will definitely not wrinkle my brow at all." Number One Under Heaven said candidly. After speaking, he probed Number Seven Under Heaven's wounds once again: "Old Seven, can you fly back by yourself? You're wounded, so you must not push yourself."

"I've said before, I only suffered a few light injuries. Flying a few dozen rounds isn't a problem," Number Seven Under Heaven looked at Yun Xiao with concern, and supported his arm: "Brother Yun's wounds are actually heavy."

"Hmph! This brat invited trouble upon himself, serves him right if he dies! He's lucky he didn't implicate you, otherwise I would strike him to death with one palm!" Number One Under Heaven glared at Yun Xiao for a moment as he spoke with a seemingly dour mood; it wasn't because his anger hadn't disappeared, but because it had gathered over time. In regards to Number Seven Under Heaven and Yun Xiao's matter, there was nearly no one that didn't disapprove.

Number Seven Under Heaven's willowy brow straightened, but just as she was about to flip out on Number One Under Heaven, she was held back by Yun Xiao. Yun Xiao was long accustomed to Number One Under Heaven's mockery and ridicule. He shook his head at Number Seven Under Heaven, and said: "Seventh Sis, don't be angry at your brother. This time, it was indeed my fault; if I hadn't secretly asked you out, today's affair wouldn't have happened. If we hadn't run into Brother Yun, I simply cannot bear to think of the consequences... Just let Big Brother scold me, this way, my heart will feel a little better."

Number Seven Under Heaven looked at him painfully, then turned around and glared at Number One Under Heaven fiercely for a moment. Afterwards, she didn't look at him anymore, and held Yun Xiao's hand: "Hmph, ignore him. Brother Yun, let's go."

"You're not allowed to carry him, let him fly by himself!" Number One Under Heaven smiled coldly, and said ruthlessly.

"Big Brother, you're being too excessive!" Number Seven Under Heaven's eyes burned with rage: "Brother Yun suffered such serious injuries in order to protect me; his injuries just stabilized, and activating his profound energy recklessly is very dangerous. How can you be this excessive!"

"Hmph! Even he admitted that it was his own fault." Number One Under Heaven looked away: "He suffered a few light injuries, and he needs the support of a woman? What kind of man is that! If he's a man, even if he can't fly, he should crawl if he had to!"

“Allow me.” Seeing that the situation had become tense, Yun Che couldn’t stay silent. He walked up to support Yun Xiao, and said: “Brother Under Heaven, Yun Xiao has indeed suffered heavy injuries, and isn’t fit to activate his profound energy recklessly. If he walked back, it would be a waste of time; since I want to follow him to pay my respects to Senior Yun, I’ll just bring him along as well.”

Facing Yun Che, Number One Under Heaven naturally didn’t have anything to say, and nodded: “I naturally have no objections to Brother Yun’s words...Old Seven, let’s go.”

The four people soared high into the air. With their strength, they would be able to traverse the three hundred meter distance very quickly. Seeing the rapidly nearing Demon Imperial City in his line of sight, Yun Che’s heart began to throb unceasingly... He had arrived in this world without any preparation, and also met these people without any preparation... Before this time, the Primordial Profound Ark’s travel was undoubtedly a great calamity, and it was a miracle that he had survived. But now, he wasn’t sure whether he was supposed to rejoice.

Because if the Primordial Profound Ark disaster hadn’t occurred, he wasn’t sure in what year or what month he would have been able to arrive at this place.

Demon Imperial City grew closer and closer. When they were still several meters away from the city gates, three people flew over from in front of them with speed as quick as lightning. Seeing people approach from the front, Number One Under Heaven and Number Seven Under Heaven stopped, and Number Seven Under Heaven called out happily: “Third Brother! Sixth Brother! And... ah? Dad!”

The three people that were approaching also stopped. They were three male elves; the stature and age of the two elves on the side were similar to that of Number One Under Heaven, and although their profound energy auras weren’t as great as Number One Under Heaven’s, they were still astonishingly rich. What caused Yun Che to stare fixedly was the elf in the middle... He looked as if he was thirty years old, but an unfathomable precipitate of age condensed between his brow. Furthermore, the aura on his body was as vast as the universe, causing Yun Che to be unable to probe it in any way. He was even unable to make sense of its very limits, and even the existence of a profound energy aura was barely discernible.

Yun Che had only felt this kind of feeling from Ancient Blue’s body before.

But at that time, his profound strength was only at the Earth Profound Realm, and his current state was completely incomparable to that of the past... which also signified that the strength of the middle-aged elf in front of him far surpassed that of Ancient Blue!!

Ancient Blue was a genuine Monarch powerhouse, the highest level existence in Profound Sky Continent. And this person in front of him, was undoubtedly the peak of the peak... a genuine absolute peak existence that could disdain anything!

“It’s unexpected to have actually met a Monarch so quickly.” The sound of Jasmine muttering came from within Yun Che’s mind.

The three people saw that Number Seven Under Heaven was safe and sound, and the grim expressions on their faces relaxed. The elf on the right said: “Old Seven, you’re alright. I, your Third Brother, was so scared my heart almost stopped.”

“Of course I’m alright. Big Brother already came, why did you guys... Dad, why did you personally come?” Number Seven Under Heaven glanced at Yun Xiao stealthily, and her heart filled with unease.

Yun Xiao faced forward and anxiously said: “Junior Yun Xiao pays respect to Uncle Under Heaven.”

“Hmph!” Facing Yun Xiao’s junior etiquette greeting, the elven male only snorted indifferently, then didn’t pay him another glance. He directly walked in front of Number Seven Under Heaven, and quickly inspected her aura and injuries, then finally relaxed: “I heard from your Big Brother that you encountered a secret attack from three Overlords, how could I sit still? Dad only has one daughter, if you really met some kind of unexpected accident...”

Having spoken to this point, his anger suddenly rose to the air, and he turned around abruptly to look at Yun Xiao. How could the pressure from an angry Monarch be insignificant; it caused the originally heavily-injured Yun Xiao’s face to pale. If Yun Che hadn’t swiftly used his profound energy to stabilize his injuries, he would’ve spat out a mouthful of blood on the spot: “You little bastard from Yun Family! If something really bad really happened to our Seventh Treasure this time, I, Greatest Ambition Under Heaven, would tear down your Yun family no matter what!!”

“Uncle Under Heaven, I...” Yun Xiao timidly opened his mouth.

“Shut up!” Greatest Ambition Under Heaven reprimanded him with glaring eyes: “I don’t want to hear even half a word from you anymore. If it wasn’t for the Demon King and your father’s face, I would’ve definitely crippled you today! Get out of my sight right now; if you try to get near my daughter in the future, I’ll snap your legs in two!”

“...” Yun Che’s ears buzzed from Greatest Ambition Under Heaven’s booming voice. Previously, he had thought Number One Under Heaven’s attitude towards Yun Xiao was too vile, but after seeing Greatest Ambition Under Heaven’s attitude... he began to feel Number One Under Heaven was simply too kind and gentle!

“Dad!” Number Seven Under Heaven hurriedly stood in front of Greatest Ambition Under Heaven: “Why are you so mean to Brother Yun, this issue didn’t even involve him. It was I who wanted to leave. Furthermore, those three black-clothed men only wanted to kill me; they didn’t plan on attacking Brother Yun at all. If Brother Yun didn’t stake his life to protect me, I... I wouldn’t have been able to see Dad ever again.”

“Hmph! You don’t have to speak for him.” Greatest Ambition Under Heaven waved his hand: “Your Sixth Brother already confessed. He personally heard that it was this bastard who sent you the sound transmission, inviting you to meet two hundred meters outside of the city... this is truly preposterous!!”

“Ah...” Number Seven was at a loss for words. After, she looked at the young elven male to the left... which was her Sixth Brother. Number Six Under Heaven turned his head, and his face was filled with an innocent expression.

“In short, this doesn’t have to do with Brother Yun!” Number Seven Under Heaven said annoyed.

“You also shut up!” Greatest Ambition Under Heaven bellowed. He had six sons, yet only had one daughter. Because he usually treasured her dearly, he was never willing to scold her, so him yelling this time scared all four brothers and sister present... Evidently, Greatest Ambition Under Heaven was truly

angry. After all, this was a major event that had almost cost Number Seven Under Heaven her life; how could he remain undisturbed. He looked straight at Yun Xiao, who was already too afraid to speak, and said with a grim voice: "I'll say it one more time. Get the f*ck out of my sight! Tomorrow, I'll go find Yun Qinghong. His son almost caused my daughter to lose her life, I want to see what kind of explanation he'll give me!"

"Dad..." Number Seven Under Heaven tugged Greatest Ambition Under Heaven's hand tightly, extremely fearful that he would attack Yun Xiao. Facing the furious Greatest Ambition Under Heaven, she was also at her wit's end.

"Cough, cough..." At this time, Yun Che, an outsider from head to tail, actually walked beside Yun Xiao, and said: "Senior Under Heaven, you're very protective of your daughter, and is angry because of that; this is only natural, and completely understandable. Only... would Senior Under Heaven please calm down for a moment, and hear out a few of this Junior's words?"

Greatest Ambition Under Heaven cast a sidelong glance at him, and said lightly: "And who are you?"

Number One Under Heaven said: "Father, this is Brother Yun Che. He comes from the Southern Border, and this is his first time journeying for experience. The one who saved Old Seven wasn't this son, but him. If it weren't for him, I'm afraid Old Seven really would've..."

"Oh?" Once Number One Under Heaven said this, the gazes of Greatest Ambition Under Heaven, Number Three Under Heaven, and Number Six Under Heaven held towards Yun Che naturally became entirely different, yet his profound energy aura actually caused the three to wrinkle their brows simultaneously. Number One Under Heaven knew what they were thinking, and said in a very low voice: "Father, Old Three, Old Six, you mustn't underestimate him. His aptitude is frighteningly good; although his profound strength is only at the Sky Profound Realm, he can destroy a level one Overlord in one strike! I also probed his strength previously... his strength can compare to a level four Overlord! It may even be higher."

"What?!" Number One Under Heaven's words caused Monarch-realm Greatest Ambition Under Heaven to reveal an expression of alarm on his face. Peak of the Sky Profound, can beat a mid-stage Overlord?

If Number One Under Heaven hadn't personally said this, with Greatest Ambition Under Heaven's extensive knowledge, he definitely wouldn't have believed it.

"It turns out Brother Yun saved little sis, we were truly lacking in manners. This one is Number Three Under Heaven, and I thank Brother Yun for your life-saving favor." Number Three Under Heaven said while cupping his fist towards Yun Che.

"This one is Number Six Under Heaven. You saved little sister's life, which is equal to saving my life; this great favor must be repaid." Number Six Under Heaven also said gratefully.

Greatest Ambition Under Heaven's complexion eased up. He nodded at Yun Che, and said with praise: "It turns out you were the one that saved my daughter's life. My elven race always repays favors, let alone this great favor. If you want to say something, do speak. If you have any request, do not hesitate to bring it up as well."

"I don't dare make any requests; Junior only has a few humble opinions." Yun Che gave a slight smile, then said slowly: "Before this junior saved Yun Xiao and Seventh Sister, I heard the three black-clothed men personally yell that they only wanted Seventh Sister's life, and wouldn't kill Yun Xiao. Moreover, when one of the black-clothed men attacked Yun Xiao, he promptly restrained his strength, as if he was afraid of injuring him... Perhaps Senior and Under Heaven Brothers could come up with a reason?"

"Right, they really did say that." Number Seven Under Heaven immediately nodded and said: "From the very beginning, they only wanted my life, and let Brother Yun leave immediately... But Brother Yun didn't go, and even protected me with his life. They were afraid of mistakenly killing Brother Yun, so their hands and legs were tied when they were fighting me."

The four people all furrowed their brows. Number Three Under Heaven said in a low voice: "Could it be, those three black-clothed men were Yun family's people... That's not right! They shouldn't have a reason to do such a thing."

"Of course this couldn't have been the Yun family." Yun Che said unhurriedly: "Although this is junior's first time adventuring and is extremely unfamiliar about the Twelve Guardian Families, if I didn't guess incorrectly, your elven race and the Yun family shouldn't have a hostile relationship, right? Perhaps you're even somewhat friendly with each other?"

"This is indeed true." Number One Under Heaven nodded: "My father owes a great favor to Senior Demon King Yun Canghai, so my clan and the Yun family has always been friendly. A hundred years ago, when the Demon King's life or death was unclear, Yun family went into disorder; our relationship with the Yun family has cooled off year after year, but we've never been enemies before."

"Then," Yun Che's expression became more cautious: "If this time, Seventh Sister truly suffered an evil scheme and Yun Xiao was safe and sound, how would your relationship with the Yun family change?"

Yun Che's statement was like a sudden burst of thunder sounding beside everyone's ears, causing them to sink into thought for a moment, and everyone's expressions changed completely.

Yun Che nodded, and continued speaking: "That's right! If Seventh Sister and Yun Xiao both suffered the evil scheme, then, you all and the Yun family would unite against a common enemy, and search for the murderers together. However, if only Seventh Sister suffered the evil scheme and Yun Xiao was unharmed, in addition to the fact that Yun Xiao had invited Seventh Sister, then, before searching for the murderers, with the extent that Senior Under Heaven and the Under Heaven brothers love Seventh Sister, you all would definitely thoroughly take your anger out on the Yun family. Perhaps this would even create great enmity, which would lead to conflict, and conflict would only allow the enmity to spread. In the end, your two families might even end up in a feud that wouldn't end until everyone dies!"

"If the goal of those three black-clothed men was only to take Seventh Sister's life, then not only would letting Yun Xiao keep his life not bring any good, it might actually allow him to discover tiny hints of evidence, which could expose their identities later. However, they would rather risk their identities being discovered to only kill Seventh Sister, and leave Yun Xiao... their true purpose, goes without saying!"

Yun Che's gaze swept all of them for a moment: "Seventh Sister is safe and sound, yet Senior Under Heaven is already this angry. If something really happened, one can imagine what would happen. If Senior Under Heaven's anger still doesn't disappear, and personally visits Yun family tomorrow to find Senior Yun, once your feelings intensify, wouldn't that be precisely falling into the trap of the traitors behind the scenes?"

"Of course, this is only junior's humble opinion and conjecture; I believe Senior Under Heaven should have insights as well."

Greatest Ambition Under Heaven naturally wasn't an idiot. His previous anger had peaked, and he hadn't taken too much into consideration. Yun Che's words were like a bucket of cold water, allowing him to become more clear-headed. His expression sank, and he nodded slowly: "What you said is correct."

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"But the danger my daughter encountered today, when you get down to the root of things, it is all because of this punk!" Greatest Ambition Under Heaven might have restrained his anger, but his tone was still harsh, "If anything had really happened to my daughter, even if I knew it was intentionally instigated by others, I would still cause a great commotion over at Yun Clan! It's a good thing that nothing happened to my daughter, so I can still overlook this matter and not find trouble with Yun Qinghong, but... Yun brat, I won't take back what I said to you before; you're not allowed to meet my daughter anymore. If you do, I will personally break your legs! Now get out of here!"

"Dad!" Number Seven Under Heaven became irritated: "You also know me and Brother Yun were plotted against, why are you still scolding him! That's too excessive! If you keep on acting like this, then I'll really be angry."

"I'm going overboard? My Seventh Treasure, even if I disregard today's events, you are still a princess of our elf clan. There are so many young and handsome heroes in Demon Imperial City, and they are all for your choosing, so why do you still insist on liking this..." Greatest Ambition Under Heaven pointed at Yun Xiao, but he paused for a moment. He did not voice out the remaining unkind words, but he slashed his hand instead, "In the past, I could allow you to be wilful, but now that this incident has happened, I will definitely not allow you and him to meet anymore! Yun brat, you better give up all hope! You are not worthy of my daughter."

Number One Under Heaven, Number Three Under Heaven, and Number Six Under Heaven also bore deeply approving expressions on their faces as they heard their father's words.

"Dad!!" Number Seven Under Heaven shoved Greatest Ambition Under Heaven. After which she retreated a step, and said with a face red with anger, "I'll say this one more time, in my lifetime I will only ever like Brother Yun. Besides Brother Yun, I won't marry anyone else... Moreover, this is my personal affair, I don't need the rest of you to butt in!"

"Seventh sister..." Yun Xiao looked at her and sighed out those words lightly. Both his hands were wound into tight fists, and his face was steadily becoming pale.

Greatest Ambition Under Heaven still refused to back down, "My Seventh Treasure, normally whenever you are in want, I will do my best to satisfy your heart's desire. But I definitely will not relent in this case."

Because, not only does this concern your personal feelings, it also concerns your future and your advancement... And to a certain extent, it also concerns our entire Under Heaven Clan's reputation and future!" Greatest Ambition Under Heaven heavily sighed as he said this, and he adopted a gentler posture, "My Seventh Treasure, you know how much I give into you, can't you just give in to me this once?"

Number Seven Under Heaven bit her lips, and she looked at Yun Xiao, who also looked back at her, both of them looking at each other with gazes filled with tenderness... The distance between them was only the space of a few steps, yet at the same time, it seemed akin to the distance of an unsurpassable chasm. After a long while, this stubborn elf girl slowly and resolutely shook her head, "Dad, Big Brother, Third Brother, Sixth Brother, I know, I know that all of you look down on Brother Yun, and that all of you have always despised him... because of his background! But, can Brother Yun be blamed for his background? Background and status, are those things truly so important?"

"I like Brother Yun, and this has absolutely nothing to do with his background. In my eyes, he is more than tens of thousands times better than those conceited and arrogant scions of the other families. All of you should know that because of the current set of circumstances, where we do not know whether the Demon King is dead or alive, where Yun family's Patriarch has been crippled while also losing the Demon Emperor's Seal and the Demon Emperor's Treasure, not only has their reputation greatly declined, they are also seen as great criminals. Because of this, the amount of resources given to them every year has been lessened by several times and they are not even allowed to enter the "Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley", a place which is regarded as the best place to train and have fortunate encounters. And their family has become rent by internal disorder, which has resulted in Yun family's strength falling far from where it was one hundred years ago... But in this kind of environment, with the scarcest of resources, Brother Yun already a half-step Overlord today! Not losing to the direct scion's of the other families by much. This barely passable grade that you have given him as the 'heir of a family', do you know how hard he had to work to achieve it?!"

"The amount of resources Brother Yun had to work with all these years, was not even a tenth of what other heirs to the rest of the families received, and it was even less than what the other disciples within his own family received! But Brother Yun has never complained. Instead, he put in ten times the effort that others did. Other disciples in the Yun Clan have profound handles, but not Brother Yun... And he once again he exerted several times the effort to bridge this gap... Having pitifully few resources and not even having the bloodline or talent of the Yun family, yet Brother Yun is right now, half a step into the Tyrant Profound Realm when he is not even twenty-two yet. He will soon break into the realm of Overlords... If he could have the same kind of resources, I believe his achievements today would be no less than that of Sixth Brother!"

Number Six Under Heaven "..."

"Moreover Brother Yun has a soft heart and he is ever so gentle, to the point where, even though he is the Young Master of the Yun family, he has never leaned on his position and become arrogant, and he has never bullied others as well. Instead, when he sees injustice, he will take the initiative to lend a helping hand... I know, all of his good points are not even worth a single glance to any of you, but there is this one point... when I had met danger, Brother Yun willingly used his own life to protect mine. All of Brother Yun's wounds were suffered in the course of protecting me. He could have escaped completely unscathed, but he would rather give his life in order to create an opportunity for me to escape... But

despite all of this, he was still scolded and belittled by the rest of you!” Number Seven Under Heaven’s chest fiercely rose and fell, “Dad, all of these young and handsome heroes that you just mentioned, could a single one of them have done the same thing? For a girl to meet such a man in her lifetime, and to have this feeling of love be mutual, is the most fortunate thing in one’s life. Could you bear to destroy the greatest happiness I will ever receive during my entire lifetime?!”

Facing Greatest Ambition Under Heaven’s resoluteness, Number Seven Under Heaven could not control herself anymore as she shouted out all the words trapped in her heart without any reservation. But these heartfelt words did not move Greatest Ambition Under Heaven at all. He eyed Yun Xiao dully, and gently shook his head, “My Seventh Treasure, what you have said, I definitely understand. Your father was also young once, and I understand what you are thinking, it is only that... You are still the sole princess of our Under Heaven Clan, and you possess innate qualifications that others can never cultivate, and it is because of that, that some things can never be fully under your control. Please, just come back with me first.”

“I’m not going back!” Number Seven Under Heaven retreated several steps, “If you will never let me meet with Brother Yun again, I would rather never go back home.”

“You...” Greatest Ambition Under Heaven struggled to keep his temper under control as it flared explosively once more.

“Cough... About that, Seventh Sister, would you be willing to listen to a few of my words?” Yun Che hurriedly interjected before Greatest Ambition Under Heaven flew off the handle. He pulled Number Seven Under Heaven over and said in a small voice, “Seventh Sister, return with your father first and stop quarreling with him over this. As for Yun Xiao, I will return with him to Yun family, and I will not leave his side until all his wounds recover, so you do not need to worry.”

“But...” Number Seven Under Heaven looked at Yun Xiao, then said in an indignant and angry tone, “The things they said about Brother Yun, and even barring me from seeing him ever again, I...”

“But what will your quarreling do in regards to that?” Yun Che shook his head, “You have just met intense danger, and your father and brothers are still full of anger and resentment towards Yun Xiao. Moreover, I can also see that they are truly deeply concerned for you. For you to quarrel so fiercely with them over Yun Xiao, to the point where you are even threatening that you won’t return home... This has undoubtedly caused them even more anger and grief, and at the same time, it will increase their distaste and dislike for Yun Xiao. It will purely have the reverse effect, and it will only cause the relationship between you and Yun Xiao to become even more uncertain.”

“Ah?” Number Seven Under Heaven received a shock, “Then, then what should I do now?”

“Go back with them first, wait for this affair to blow over and take things slowly. Even though your father has decreed that you are not to meet again, both of you live in the Demon Imperial City, and both of you are alive and kicking. If you really want to meet, can they really stop you? Quarreling with your father is completely useless, you should instead approach this using gentle persuasion, or perhaps act more coquettishly. Use various means and ways to demonstrate to him just how good Yun Xiao is to you... Once time has passed, he might even unwittingly approve.”

Number Seven Under Heaven's eyes lit up slowly, after that she vigorously nodded her head, "Mn, Big Brother Yun, I'll listen to you. Brother Yun... Please recuperate properly, I will definitely bring my father around."

"Seventh Sister..."

"Yun Xiao, let's get going."

Yun Che said his farewells to Greatest Ambition Under Heaven and his family. Without stopping, he picked up Yun Xiao and flew back towards the Demon Imperial City.

"Number Three, bring Seventh Treasure back first. She suffered some internal injuries and it would be best to let her rest and recover for a few days."

After Number Three Under Heaven left with Number Seven Under Heaven, Greatest Ambition Under Heaven's face gradually grew serious, "Number One, those three black-clothed men, were you able to find out anything about their identities?"

Number One Under Heaven shook his head, "By the time I had went, one of them had died while the other two had fled. I did not even catch a glimpse of their shadows."

"If one died, then where is his corpse?" Greatest Ambition Under Heaven asked.

"His corpse was taken by the other two men when they fled. And Yun Che, who had repelled them, did not make a move to stop them. Perhaps he could not even be bothered to make a move."

Greatest Ambition Under Heaven gave a deep sigh, and said slowly, "Number One, go and give that location a thorough look, try and find any trace of evidence they have left behind. Also, even if the corpse was taken away, as long as someone died, there has to be blood present. Go and bring some blood samples back, I might have a way to investigate... Hmph! I really want to know who has such great nerve, that they would dare try to assassinate a member of our Under Heaven Clan!"

"Understood!" Number One Under Heaven nodded his head. He flew out swiftly, but suddenly stopped and turned to Number Six Under Heaven, and said, "Old Six, after you go back, the first thing I want you to do is to conduct a thorough check on the background of Yun Che, the more detailed the better. This person's origins are definitely not ordinary! And remember, he is not an enemy, so when you perform your check, do not agitate him."

"I got it." Number Six Under Heaven nodded his head.

Yun Che carried Yun Xiao as they flew towards the Demon Imperial City at a steady clip. Both of them looked at the ever-nearing city gates, their hearts filled with exceptionally complicated thoughts.

"Brother Yun, are you really only twenty-two years old?" Yun Xiao asked hurriedly as he looked at him.

"I never lie." Yun Che replied, "Why do you ask?"

Yun Xiao took a breath and said in voice filled with admiration, "We are both twenty-two, but you are so mighty, and even your words are able to grasp the main point in no time at all; it fills people with an

involuntary belief... If only I could be like you, then Seventh Sister's father and older brothers wouldn't hate me so much..."

Yun Che shook his head, "I am not as sharp as you make me out to be. But the ones who were ambushed were the both of you, the ones who were interfered with was also the both of you. I am purely an outsider, so I can always keep my cool... The one in the situation is blind, while the onlookers can see things clearly, it should mean something like that."

"Haha!" Yun Xiao laughed, "Brother Yun is not only great in many areas, but you are also modest; it makes it hard for one to not admire you... However, I find it strange, I have always on guard towards others, but for some odd reason, when I look at Brother Yun. I feel an unfathomable familiarity with you... and what I am saying is from my heart! Hehe, perhaps it is because Brother Yun's charisma is just too intense."

Yun Che looked at him and laughed lightly. He said with sincerity, "Actually... I feel the same."

"Ah?" Yun Xiao was stunned, then said blankly: "Then can we... be considered good friends now?"

"We should be... as long as you don't mind."

"I won't mind, I definitely won't mind at all!" Yun Xiao waved his hands hurriedly: "Brother Yun is such a great person; if it is someone who should mind, it is you who should mind being friends with me, not the other way around."

As the two people spoke, they had already entered the space above Demon Imperial City.

"My clan is situated in the east of the city." Yun Xiao pointed towards the east, "The place where the purple energy is rising to the heavens. It was said that one hundred years ago, the purple energy of the Yun family covered half of Demon Imperial City's sky, but now... sigh."

Chapter 499 - Yun Family's Circumstances

Yun Che lifted his head. Somewhere in the north-eastern part of the city, there was indeed a purple radiance rushing into the skies. Only that this purple radiance was a little weak; if one did not pay attention to it, one would simply not notice it.

"What is that purple radiance?" Yun Che asked.

Yun Xiao's expression darkened slightly, and said: "That is the radiance of our Yun family's ancestral monument. Our Yun family cultivates lightning attribute profound arts, the profound energy appears as a purple color when released; the stronger the profound strength, the deeper the purple. Also... Brother Yun, have you heard of the profound handle?"

Yun Che nodded: "Yes, is it the bloodline skill that solely belongs to the Yun family?"

"Mn." While speaking about the profound handle, sadness evidently flashed across Yun Xiao's face. He continued: "The limit of the profound handle, just happens to be purple colored, and because of that, purple has always been the most sacred of color to the Yun family. In the Yun family, all disciples will release their maximum profound strengths towards the ancestral monument on their birthday, thereby maintaining the eternal purple radiance being released by the ancestral monument. According to father, hundred of years ago, during Yun family's flourishing period, the radiance of the ancestral monument

would shine upon half of the skies of the Demon Imperial City, yet now... it's just like what you are seeing, weak to the extent that it is hard to even detect. Accordingly, the weakness of the purple radiance of the ancestral monument directly reflects the great fall in the Yun family's combined strength..."

"The Demon King being dead or alive would affect the Yun family to such a large degree?" Yun Che said in astonishment.

"If it is simply whether my grandfather is alive or not, it would definitely not be the case. This matter implicates many other issues..." Yun Xiao's expression dimmed.

Yun Che became silent for some time, slowed down his flight and said: "Yun Xiao, could you describe to me in detail the reason behind the Yun family's decline? I am after all, a Yun, and am very curious... Of course, if it is not convenient, then it's alright."

"Yun Xiao shook his head: "This is not an issue of convenience, because in the Illusory Demon Realm, it is not a secret at all. You can easily inquire about it. If Brother Yun wants to know about it, I have no reason to conceal the truth."

Yun Xiao raised his head slightly, his expression revealing his sadness: "Hundred of years ago, the Yun family was indeed prominent for a time. Due to the ability to employ profound handles, the position of being head of the Twelve Guardian Families was never threatened. It could be said that in the entire Illusory Demon Realm, apart from the Illusory Demon Royal Family... which is the Demon Emperor's Clan that the Twelve Guardian Families protects, the Yun family was the strongest. The Yun family was loyal and devoted to the Demon Royal Family, the Illusory Demon Royal Family had always relied heavily on the Yun family, even the Illusory Demon Royal Family's most precious treasure — the Mirror of Samsara, was handed over to the Yun family to guard... In grandfather's generation, the relationship between grandfather and the Lord Demon Emperor was not only that of a ruler and subject; they were raised together, experienced much together, and were the closest of friends. They were, without exaggeration, friends who would die for each other. We are people of the Yun family, however, grandfather was named the bestowed the title 'Demon King' by the Demon Emperor. It was evident that the hidden meaning behind was the ability to sit on the same level as the Demon Emperor; it was the greatest honor of our Yun family, a distinction which the other eleven Guardian Families could not even begin to admire."

"However, about two hundred years ago, a force from another continent appeared. They were from a place called the Profound Sky Continent, they used some sort of method to build a transportation formation which could shuttle between millions of kilometers over the sea, and reached the Illusory Demon Realm. Their arrival was not simply to visit; it was to invade us, they also somehow knew that our Illusory Demon Realm's Illusory Demon Royal Family possessed a Heavenly Profound Treasure which had an ability that opposed the heavens, thus, wanting to steal it, all of them were incredibly strong, and every time they came, they would bring extremely strong escaping devices while invading the Demon Imperial City, leaving us with no other options. Within a hundred years, they had invaded more than twenty times. A hundred years ago, the Lord Demon Emperor could no longer take it; after another invasion he personally pursued them to the area where they employed their escaping formation. He rashly rushed into one of the escaping formations which they could not disengage in time, following the

other party into the Profound Sky Continent. Not long after, news of the death of Lord Demon Emperor arrived... there was no news after that.”

Yun Che: “...”

“Every one of these invaders were dreadfully strong. Even though Lord Demon Emperor was really strong, in the opponent’s territory, there was only the possibility of death; even the Demon Emperor’s Clan accepted the matter. However, my grandfather still could not believe that the Demon Emperor had died. Afterwards, grandfather used Yun family’s secret device to forcibly slice a spatial passage to the Profound Sky Continent. Then, ignoring all advice, he brought the family’s ten strongest Grand Elders, and headed towards the Profound Sky Continent to search for the Demon Emperor.”

“The ten strongest Grand Elders?” Yun Che was slightly shocked.

“Mm.” Yun Xiao nodded: “Along with grandfather, they were the Yun family’s eleven strongest seniors at that time. However after that, none of them returned. Until a few months ago, news came from the Profound Sky Continent, saying that grandfather had been captured alive and imprisoned. The captors wanted our Yun family to exchange the Demon Emperor’s Treasure which the Yun family has been guarding for generations to exchange for grandfather’s life. Only, the majority believed that grandfather had already died, that those from the Profound Sky Continent saying that grandfather was captured was simply to trick the Yun family into taking the bait.”

Yun Che: “...”

“The Yun family had lost its eleven strongest core experts, dropping from the top of the Twelve Guardian Families to being the weakest. The most critical part was that when grandfather headed for the Profound Sky Continent, he had brought along the Illusory Demon Royal Family’s Demon Emperor Seal. To the Illusory Demon Royal Family, the Demon Emperor’s Seal was even more important than the Mirror of Samsara; it concerned the Demon Emperor’s succession ceremony. After that, they all said that not only did grandfather rashly give his own life away, he had also caused Illusory Demon Royal Family’s most important item to be lost... and this ultimate crime, couldn’t help but be the burden of the entire Yun family. The Yun family was punished; not only were the resources they received every year decreased by five-fold, they also could not enter ‘Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley’ within a hundred years.”

“The cutting down of resources, and even not being able to enter the area of optimum cultivation and vast fortunes would not affect the older generation much, however, the effect on the younger generation was incomparably huge. This also caused the strength of Yun family’s newer generation of disciples to lose out greatly to the other guardian families; even the strength of the profound handle could not make up for the loss.”

“Not long after the incident concerning the Demon Emperor and grandfather, the Illusory Demon Royal Family had no choice but to appoint a new Demon Emperor. Thus, Lord Demon Emperor’s only son succeeded the throne... However, due to the Demon Emperor’s Seal being missing, the succession ceremony could not proceed. Thus, there was no ‘Golden Crow Divine Imprint’, thereby making him unable to truly become the real Demon Emperor, only being able to be called the ‘Little Demon Emperor’... On the second day after succeeding the throne, the Little Demon Emperor married the Little Demon Empress. However, nobody had thought that on the night of the marriage, the Little Demon

Emperor did not return to the bridal chamber... He had instead left a note, saying that since his father was still unavenged, he was not fit to complete the marriage, and even said that if he did not return within three years, the Little Demon Empress was to be the Illusory Demon Emperor... However, not even ten days after, news came from the Profound Sky Continent that the Little Demon Emperor had died."

Yun Che: "..."

Within the Profound Sky Continent, the Four Sacred Grounds were incomparably divine existences. It was rumored that they guarded the entire Profound Sky Continent, isolating dangers which came from other continents, especially against the "covetous" and "ambitious" Illusory Demon Realm. In the rumors from the Profound Sky Continent, the Illusory Demon Realm was dreadful and ferocious, always wanting to conquer the Profound Sky Continent... the people of the Illusory Demon Realm were all labelled as evil "demons".

Yet whatever Yun Che was hearing, actually completely contradicted the rumors within the Profound Sky Continent.

The evil one was not the Illusory Demon Realm which was constantly being framed, but the Sacred Grounds who were treated as holy guardians...

"After that?" Yun Che asked disappointedly.

Yun Xiao continued: "After that, the Little Demon Empress succeeded the throne, becoming the new Illusory Demon Emperor. Thereafter... our Yun family experienced another tremendous blow, because of news that from the Profound Sky Continent saying that my grandfather was not yet dead, but was imprisoned. Twenty five years ago, father could not take it anymore and activated the secret device again with mother. They quietly headed towards the Profound Sky Continent to search for grandfather, at that time, I was not born yet... Three years later, my parents finally came back. Although they were alive, they were severely injured, and due to them fleeing for a long period of time, they did not have the luxury of tending to their wounds, causing the profound veins in their entire bodies to deteriorate; their profound strengths were basically crippled. As for me, I was unfortunately conceived in the Profound Sky Continent, dragging down my parents as they were attempting to flee... Then, they safely brought me back to the Illusory Demon Realm."

Speaking till there, Yun Xiao dipped his head, not allowing Yun Che to see the expression in his eyes. Then, he lowered his voice and continued: "The number of strong practitioners in the Yun family was originally zilch; after mother's and father's bodies were crippled, it was another huge blow to the Yun family's potential. And the most severe issue was, when mother and father were heading towards the Profound Sky Continent, they had brought along the Illusory Demon Royal Family's guarded treasure — the Mirror of Samsara. Although they had returned to the Illusory Demon Realm... they had lost the Mirror of Samsara. The Yun family which had committed the crime of losing the Demon Emperor's Seal had yet again committed another grave crime, and from that, we suffered an even more severe punishment; the resources received every year lessened again, and we could never enter the 'Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley' ever again. The Illusory Demon Royal Clan was in such a huge rage that they even wanted to kick our Yun family out of the Twelve Guardian Families."

“Since it is such an important object, before they headed to the Profound Sky Continent, they would have been aware of the dangers ahead. Why did they bring it with them?” Yun Che asked in puzzlement. This too, was what he had always been baffled over.

Yun Xiao became taciturn, hesitating for quite some time before saying in a soft voice: “Mother had once secretly told me that it was actually the Little Demon Empress’ idea.”

“The Little Demon Empress’ idea?”

“Mm. The item known as the Mirror of Samsara had been passed on within the Illusory Demon Royal Clan for many years. Even though it is called a heaven-defying treasure, none of the Demon Emperors had ever found any uses, and no one ever knew what uses it had. Back then, the Little Demon Empress told father, if such a useless treasure could be exchanged for the Demon King’s life, it would be extremely beneficial for the Illusory Demon Realm... After father returned, unable to bring grandfather back, on top of losing the Mirror of Samsara, he did not mention that bringing along the Mirror of Samsara was the Little Demon Empress’ idea, and shouldered all the blame... it was because after the Little Demon Empress succeeded the throne, many naysayers existed within the Illusory Demon Royal Clan. Father did not want the Little Demon Empress to experience an even greater amount of stress. After that, Yun family’s potential dropped by another ten thousand feet, my father’s reputation was even... even...”

Yun Xiao heaved a long sigh. As he thought about his father, his heart ached.

Yun Che slowly digested Yun Xiao’s words. Some of what he had mentioned, matched what Yun Che had heard from Yun Canghai. This proved that Yun Xiao was recounting the details seriously, and was not lying. The two of them were silent for some time, until Yun Che suddenly said in a soft voice: “Yun Xiao, your father is currently still the head of the Yun family, his profound strength has been crippled, and he has even shouldered all of the crimes, yet your family hasn’t forced him to give up the seat?”

“...It’s because of my maternal grandfather.” Yun Xiao said absently: “Grandfather is the head of the Mu family. I still have an uncle, who is the Mu family’s Young Master; they have prestigious statuses in the Demon Imperial City. No matter if it’s grandfather or uncle, the both of them treat mother especially well. Grandfather supporting father is one of the reasons. With the fact that our Yun family’s potential and statuses have been decreasing, if we still wish to remain part of the Twelve Guardian families, we cannot lose Mu family’s support... Only, although father still holds the position of the family head, the number of people who listen to him has been decreasing. Sometimes, father’s authority doesn’t seem to be higher than a slightly high-ranking elder; the Grand Elders have never accepted father... The only reason they would allow father to remain as the family head is only because of Mu family’s might, and the fact that they do not want to lose their support.”

Chapter 500 - Golden Crow’s Legacy

Yun Che became silent. Even though he had recovered from the repeated shocks, his heart still could not calm down. He originally treated this place as a completely foreign world; after becoming strong here, finding a way to return to Profound Sky Continent would be his only goal. But now, all of his plans had been turned upside down.

This was not just a distant and foreign world, it was a world he had many connections to.

“Yun Che, ask this person what kind of place this ‘Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley’ is.” Jasmine suddenly spoke in a serious tone. “Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley” was a place that Number One Under Heaven and Yun Xiao had respectively mentioned before, and said that it was the best place for training and fortunate encounters. However, the Yun family was no longer allowed to enter it.

“...Are you suspecting that this ‘Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley’ is related to the Primordial Divine Beast, the ‘Golden Crow’?” Yun Che asked.

“I don’t think this is just a simple coincidence between the names.” Jasmine said coolly: “If this was any bit related to the actual ‘Golden Crow’, it would be interesting.”

Yun Che remained silent for a while before asking: “Yun Xiao, what kind of place is the ‘Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley’ you mentioned before? One of the reasons the strength of the Yun family is rapidly declining must be because you’re unable to enter the Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley, right...? Is it really that amazing?”

“Ugh... You don’t even know about the Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley?” Yun Xiao looked at him with a shocked expression.

“This is the first time I’ve come here and my master has never told me anything about the Illusory Demon Realm before. Thus, this is the first time I have ever heard the name Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley.”

Yun Che was not lying, but given what he told Yun Xiao, he would not naturally think that Yun Che was from another world. He nodded, and whispered: “It’s no wonder Brother Yun is so strong. Looks like you aren’t the slightest bit distracted when you cultivate... Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley is a place I’m very familiar with, even though I’ve never entered there before. I grew up listening to its name because it is the origin of the ancestors of the Illusory Demon Royal Family.”

“Origin?” Yun Che was stunned.

“Yup.” Yun Xiao nodded: “Brother Yun, have you ever heard of the Primordial Divine Beast, the ‘Golden Crow’?”

“Yes. The Vermillion Bird, the Phoenix, and the Golden Crow are the three supreme fire attribute beasts of the Primordial Era.” Yun Che nodded. Within him, flowed the blood of the Phoenix.

“The reason the place is called the Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley is because the Golden Crow Divine Beast’s legacy lies within.”

“Oh?” Yun Che suddenly tilted his head. Within his head, also rang Jasmine’s voice: “So that really is the case! But that’s weird, Blue Pole Star is but a lowly planet, why would there be so many legacies of divine powers... Phoenix, Dragon God, Golden Crow and even the Evil God’s divine strength seeds exist in this world... Could something special have happened here during the Primordial Era?”

“This is... very weird?”

“It’s not just weird, it’s extremely abnormal.” Jasmine said: “Nine-thousand nine-hundred and ninety-nine out of ten thousand divine power legacies exist in the Realm of the Gods. Within the billions of planets in the boundless universe, it would be difficult to find a divine legacy existing in one of the billion

planets. Even within the higher astral planes, not one legacy exists within the billions of planes. However, on this lowly Blue Pole Star, there are already four of them. Oh, and we still need to include Xia Yuanba, who mysteriously possesses the War God's Divine Veins! The Yun family's Profound Handle might also be a mysterious ancient divine power... If this matter were to spread, even the Realm of the Gods would be shocked!"

Yun Che: "..."

Yun Xiao continued: "The Illusory Demon Royal Family's ancestor was only a Neon Sparrow Demon turned human back then. However, it accidentally inherited the legacy of the Golden Crow within Lightning Flame Valley and received the Golden Crow's bloodline and Golden Crow's flame attribute, becoming unbeatable within Illusory Demon Realm. After that, all the clans decided that he would become the emperor. Henceforth, the first Demon Emperor of the Illusory Demon Realm was chosen. Then, the clans that continued to prosper became the current Illusory Demon Royal Family, claimed that they were the descendants of the Golden Crow and received the blessings of the Golden Crow Divine Beast. Thus, Lightning Flame Valley was renamed Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley, becoming Illusory Demon Realm's first divine ground."

"The elemental aura around Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley is dense and its surroundings contain the strength of powerful flames and thunderclouds,, which led to the constant growth of strong fire spirits, lightning spirits, and other fire and lightning type demons. Similarly, certain rare materials and treasures are also easily found within that place. Therefore, not only is entering the Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley a good experience, one can easily encounter something fortunate. Nearly everyone who entered Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley reaped massive rewards, and some were even able to shoot through the heavens."

"Those who are allowed to enter Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley are the Illusory Demon Royal Family and the Twelve Guardian Families. They can enter once every five years. However, after what happened a hundred years ago... Our Yun family wasn't allowed to enter anymore. After the younger generation of the other Twelve Guardian Family entered Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley, many of their strength grew, but as for our Yun family, we could only stare in envy..."

Yun Xiao gradually sighed with a face of disappointment. At his age, and even being the Yun family's young master, he still never managed to enter Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley even once... He did not even have the chance to catch a glimpse of that place.

"I see." Yun Che nodded: "Which means that the Illusory Demon Royal Family all possess the bloodline of the Golden Crow and its flames. No wonder they are the respected the royal family."

"That's... Not right." Yun Xiao however shockingly denied it: "Although the members Illusory Demon Royal Family possess the bloodline of the Golden Crow, it is passed down through inheritance and the bloodline is already thin. The flames that they ignite, although several times stronger than ordinary profound flames, it cannot be considered as the Golden Crow's strength... The last person who wielded the actual power of the Golden Crow was the deceased Demon Emperor."

"Why is that? Isn't the bloodline of the Golden Crow an inheritance?" Yun Che asked in shock.

“Because, only after being accepted and gifted by the Soul of the Golden Crow, can one receive the flame profound art ‘Golden Crow’s Record of the Burning World’. Otherwise, one can only rely on the Golden Crow bloodline to ignite profound flames that contain the Golden Crow’s characteristics. Among the Illusory Demon Royal Family, other than the Demon Emperor, everyone else cultivate other forms of fire profound arts.”

“Golden Crow’s Record of the Burning World... Does that mean the Flame Profound Skills of the Golden Crow cannot be taught to others?” Yun Che frowned... The name “Golden Crow’s Record of the Burning World” was something he had heard before. A few years back, Jasmine had mentioned to him before: That the 《Vermillion Bird’s Consoling Spirit Song》, 《World Ode of the Phoenix》 and the 《Golden Crow’s Record of the Burning World》 were the three great “World Scorching Heavenly Books” that once shook the boundless universe.

“That’s right! The Golden Crow’s Record of the Burning World is something that can only be obtained from the Golden Crow’s soul. The Golden Crow’s soul is located in the depths of the Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley, a place called the Golden Crow’s Holy Land. It can only be entered once every thousand years. And the only key to enter it... Is the ‘Demon Emperor’s Seal’ that has been lost in the Profound Sky Continent along with my grandfather.”

Yun Che: “...”

Yun Xiao helplessly continued: “The Golden Crow’s Holy Land can only be entered once every thousand years, which is why the Demon Emperor also succeeds once every thousand years. A hundred years ago, Lord Demon Emperor died under the hands of villains. When the Little Demon Emperor was about to inherit the position and use the Demon Emperor’s Seal to enter the Golden Crow’s Holy Land to receive the powerful Golden Crow bloodline and the Golden Crow Record of the Burning World, the Demon Emperor’s Seal was lost. He was then never able to enter the Golden Crow’s Holy Land and properly become the Demon Emperor... At that time, the Little Demon Emperor could only helplessly inherit the throne. Due to not obtaining the legacy of the Golden Crow, he could only be called the ‘Little Demon Emperor’, and not the actual Demon Emperor title. The Little Demon Empress is the same as well. Sigh, if we are unable to recover the Demon Emperor’s Seal, the Golden Crow’s Record of the Burning World might vanish from this world altogether.”

“No wonder the Yun Family bore such tremendous blame after the loss of the Demon Emperor’s Seal.” Yun Che slowly said.

“Grandfather obviously did not lose it on purpose.” Yun Xiao gritted his teeth lightly: “Father said that Grandfather and the Demon Emperor were like brothers. At that time, he did not see the corpse of the Demon Emperor, so he would not believe the Demon Emperor was dead. The Demon Emperor’s Seal was personally given by the Demon Emperor to be safekept. Unless the Demon Emperor was really dead, the Demon Emperor’s Seal was not to be given to anyone else, even if it were the Demon Emperor’s child... That was why, he always kept it with him and never handed it to anyone else. Even when he went to the Profound Sky Continent to look for the Demon Emperor, he did not allow the Demon Emperor’s Seal to leave him... This was how Grandfather showed his loyalty. He obviously did not want to lose it more than anyone else. However, the members of the Illusory Demon Royal Family...”

Yun Xiao revealed a face of anger and did not continue.

“Do you want to look for a chance to visit the Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley?” Jasmine said in an interested manner: “Since you have ‘that thing’ with you.”

“The flames of the Golden Crow and the flames of the Phoenix, which one is the stronger one?” Yun Che thought for a while and asked.

“Among the Three Supreme Fire Attribute Beasts, the Vermillion Bird is the strongest, followed by the Phoenix, with the Golden Crow being the last. However, if speaking purely in terms of the flame strength, the strongest is actually the Golden Crow!” Jasmine replied plainly.

“...Then why is the Golden Crow ranked the last?”

“Because this is not a ranking based on strength. The flames of the Vermillion Bird contain divine attributes. During the Primordial Era, it was the flame most feared by the Devil Race that lived along the God Race. In fact, the flame used to be called the ‘Flame of Salvation’ ; The flames of the Phoenix possessed benevolent attributes; not only can it destroy, it can also purify. It used to be called the ‘Flame of the World Ode’, which was also why you had to pass the third trial of the heart when you were undergoing the Phoenix Trials.”

“And the flames of the Golden Crow, are purely the flames of utmost destruction! The Golden Crow is also called the ‘Sun Bird’, and legends say that it is an extreme divine being birthed from the sun’s core. Its flames are as scorching and as violent the sun, and had no other use except for destruction. It is said that there is nothing that the Golden Crow’s hottest fire cannot burn within the boundless universe. The ranking of the Three Supreme Fire Attribute Beasts that I mentioned earlier is just the ranking of their recognition amongst the hearts of the masses. Even though the Golden Crow is not an evil beast, its emotions are just as violent as its flames, and naturally could not compare to the ‘Salvation’ and the ‘World Ode’ of the Vermillion Bird and the Phoenix. However, given the Golden Crow’s personality, it would definitely not recognize this ranking.”

“So you want me to try to obtain the Golden Crow’s legacy?” Yun Che asked after some thought.

“Golden Crow’s legacy? Heh...” Jasmine laughed plainly: “You’re thinking too much. If you did not possess the bloodline of the Phoenix, there might be some chance of that. However, since you possess the flames of the Phoenix, you would not be able to obtain the flames of the Golden Crow. I want you to go there just to check if the legacy of the Golden Crow truly exists!”

“Why?” Yun Che was slightly stunned.

“Hmph, is it really that hard to understand? The Three Supreme Fire Attribute Beasts are all unhappy with each other, and all think that the flames they possess are the strongest flames in the world. If one person possesses the bloodline of one of the three, the other two would never allow their own bloodline and strength to co-exist! Especially the Golden Crow! Its personality is extremely irritable and unyielding. Wanting to make it give its legacy to someone who possesses the Phoenix bloodline... is definitely an impossible task.”