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Chapter 891 - The Other Sky Poison Pearl (2)

"Ah," Su Ling'er, who was bathing in the wind, exclaimed out when Yun Che suddenly stopped and she hurriedly asked, "Big Brother Yun Che, what's wrong?"

"Master..." Yun Che muttered out absentmindedly. Then, he forcefully turned his body. He was about to wildly charge over regardless of the costs. However, the moment he gathered his profound energy, his reason took over and suppressed the impulse.

The "Yun Gu" which Duan Heisha shouted out earlier, was his master's name!

The name of the "Medical Saint" whom everyone in the Azure Cloud Continent knew and respected!

He never expected that just as he was thinking about his master, hesitating over whether he should look for him, look at him from afar or even head over and have a simple conversation with him... he would be caught by surprise and suddenly hear the name of his master.

Nor would he ever expect that Heaven Thwarting Sect, Seven Stars Divine Palace, and Soaring Celestial Sword Sect would move together. The three great hegemons personally coming to this scene could be said to be an enormous parade in the Azure Cloud Continent that one might not be possible to witness even in a hundred years. And it was actually for his master and...

The Sky Poison Pearl...

Sky Poison Pearl!!??

"Master? Are you talking about Master?" Su Ling'er was also tightly grabbing onto Yun Che's arms in excitement. "Is it true? Where is he? Where is Master?"

Yun Che carried incomparable respect towards Yun Gu and though he had always addressed him as "Master", during that lifetime when he was in the Azure Cloud Continent, that person was his only father!

And why wouldn't Su Ling'er carry deep respect and feelings towards Yun Gu as well?

Yun Che's eyes flickered. He did not immediately reply, as a doubt floated in his heart... What was going on with the "Sky Poison Pearl" Duan Heisha spoke of? These words of his clearly expressed that the three great sects were here in order to snatch the Sky Poison Pearl off the hands of his master, Yun Gu.

However, the Sky Poison Pearl was clearly in his possession and it had even merged with his body, accompanying him back to the Profound Sky Continent. So how could another one possibly appear?

Furthermore, Jasmine once mentioned that the reincarnation brought about by the Mirror of Samsara was accompanied by the amendment to karmic effect but it was definitely impossible to bend the laws of causality. Though time had shifted in the Azure Cloud Continent, another him would no longer appear and another Sky Poison Pearl would not appear either.

Not to mention, the Sky Poison Pearl was not just an ordinary object but a Heavenly Profound Treasure similar to the Mirror of Samsara!

How could something like this possibly be "duplicated!?"

There was another thing he couldn't figure out... Though his master was forced to death because of the Sky Poison Pearl, the sects and clans that forced him to death were just a few first-rate sects and clans of the Azure Cloud Continent. At the very most, they had only ruled over certain countries or certain territories in the Azure Cloud Continent; none of them was a sect at the sacred ground-level like Heaven Thwarting Sect.

Later on, with intent for vengeance, he madly released the poison power of the Sky Poison Pearl, allowing the common people to witness the terror of the Sky Poison Pearl. This thus attracted the greed of sects like Heaven Thwarting Sect... and the pursuit of the entire continent.

Yun Che had thought that because he did not possess the Sky Poison Pearl in this lifetime, with his kindness and medicinal techniques, his master Yun Gu would definitely be able to live his life peacefully amidst the respect garnered by the people. He never expected that his master Yun Gu would still end up suffering such a plight...

However, based on the present time, it had been brought forward compared to his past lifetime and it was even more terrifying than his past lifetime... Coercion by three sects at the sacred ground level!

Just what in the world was going on?

However, no matter what and no matter who it was... How could he possibly allow his master to suffer the same disastrous fate again!?

"Ling'er, the person those people were surrounding earlier, was Master," Yun Che had already calmed down and he said with a low voice. "Back then, I did not have the abilities to save master. This time, even if it's the heavenly king himself, he shouldn't even think about touching a strand of Master's hair again!!"

"Ah..." Su Ling'er's eyes turned towards the back and her expression instantly tensed up. She was anxious about Yun Gu but she was even more anxious about Yun Che.

"Ling'er, let's head over quietly... Don't worry, we won't be discovered by them."

Yun Che tightly hugged Su Ling'er again and with Hidden Flowing Lightning activated, he perfectly concealed both their auras before quietly approaching them... He wanted to figure out what exactly was going on. He wanted to know if the "Sky Poison Pearl" he heard earlier could actually be the Sky Poison Pearl.

After approaching within a distance of three kilometers, with his gaze passing through layers of trees and the human crowd, Yun Che saw the old man who was being surrounded by the three great sects with a single glance. Yun Che's heart fiercely trembled and his eyes, which had several times lost control after reuniting with Su Ling'er, once again swelled up.

He had a long white beard, long white brows, and long white hair, yet his face was not the least bit covered with wrinkles and his eyes were as clear as water. His entire figure looked as if he was a celestial walking out from the clouds as his body exuded an extraordinary and dustless brilliance.

Even though the three great hegemon sects were surrounding him, even though he was directly facing the might of the three great sect masters who had reached the apex, he still carried a calm look. Only his eyes carried a deep tiredness, as though he was sighing at human greed and its filth.

"Master..." Yun Che agitatedly muttered and it seemed as if his profound energy was about to leak out due to his loss of control. "I finally... I finally get to see you again..."

"Yun Gu, you're not trying to say that the Sky Poison Pearl isn't in your hands, right?" Heaven Thwarting Sect' Sect Master Zuo Hanshuo took several steps forward with leisurely eyes, giving a faint smile. "Seven months ago, the number one sect of Southern Sky Country, Fleeting Villa, suffered the disaster brought upon by the Sky Poison Pearl as they tried to hide the Sky Poison Pearl for themselves. A total of two hundred and seventy thousand people in the villa melted into venomous liquid and the entire villa turned into a ruin of death. It was unspeakably miserable and even the people that entered the villa after that, all lost their lives."

"After the poison scattered, there were actually no traces of the Sky Poison Pearl in Fleeting Villa and there has been no news of the Sky Poison Pearl since that day. However, just recently, we confirmed a single matter... Before the poison in Fleeting Villa scattered, there was a single person who came out alive after walking in and that person was you, Yun Gu! Are you going to deny this matter?"

"Haah," Yun Gu let out a long sigh.

"Sect Master, why the need to waste time speaking with this old man? Let's just take him down." An elder of Heaven Thwarting Sect was about to step forward.

"Ah, don't be impolite." Zuo Hanshuo however lightly raised his hand. "Yun Gu is the Medical Saint of this world. Having saved countless lives and being revered by the people of the world, how could he possibly be an idiot who does not know where he stands and does not care about the peace and stability of the entire continent?"

Naturally, these words were not out of respect towards Yun Gu. If there was only a single sect present here, they would have long made use of all possible methods to take it away. However, with the three great sects gathered together, though they looked harmonious on the surface, whoever was to make the first move would definitely suffer from a combined assault.

"Sky Poison Pearl is indeed in the hands of this old one," Yun Gu slowly said. His voice was rich, without the slightest sense of having aged.

Yun Che: "..." (Yun Gu actually directly admitted to it.)

"Hahahaha." Seven Stars Divine Palace Chief Duan Heisha laughed out loud. "As expected of the Medical Saint, you're truly a smart individual who knows your place. In that case, are you going to obediently hand it over or do you want us to personally take it away from you?"

"Why do you people wish to obtain the Sky Poison Pearl?" Yun Gu raised his head to look at the sky and asked a question that he already knew the answer to.

"Hmph, is there even a need to ask?" Mu Yingchan, the Sect Master of Soaring Celestial Sword Sect, slowly stepped forward and righteously said. "Ever since the Sky Poison Pearl appeared in this world four years ago, countless people of our Azure Cloud Continent have died under its intense poison. In the beginning its poison merely killed several dozen people. However, with every subsequent appearance, it would bring upon an even more terrifying poisonous disaster. From a few dozen people, to killing several hundred people at a time and then to a thousand people... several thousand... several tens of thousands..."

"And, the last time it appeared, it had poisoned and killed a total of two hundred and seventy thousand people in Fleeting Villa. All of their corpses no longer exist and the entire villa has turned into a wasteland. Furthermore, the intense poison had only scattered after an entire month. An item of such disastrous level will definitely bring a gargantuan crisis to the Azure Cloud Continent if given even more time. The reason our Soaring Celestial Sword Sect had bitterly search for the Sky Poison Pearl the entire time, was in order to seal it forever and to prevent it from harming the world ever again."

"And looking at the entire the Azure Cloud Continent, the only ones with the abilities capable of sealing the Sky Poison Pearl, are our Soaring Celestial Sword Sect."

Yun Gu: "..."

"Hohohoho, Sect Master Mu, are you not afraid that your tongue will get bitten by the large winds?" Duan Heisha said in a ridiculing tone. "If it's the way of the sword, our Seven Stars Divine Palace is indeed unable to compare but when it comes to the ways of medicine and poison, I'm afraid your esteemed sect is not even at the level of our toes. If the Sky Poison Pearl is truly handed to your esteemed sect, heh... Sect Master Mu, are you not afraid that your Soaring Celestial Sword Sect would step on the trail of Fleeting Villa due to its lack of abilities?"

Mu Yingchan was not angry either, as he said smilingly. "Now this isn't something Palace Chief Duan has to worry about. If our Soaring Celestial Sword Sect is really unable to contain the Sky Poison Pearl, the ten thousand years we have stood on the Azure Cloud Continent for, would have been for nothing. Though when it comes to Palace Chief Duan, an elder and a bunch of disciples from your esteemed palace seem to have just been killed by someone, yet even now, you still do not have any leads. With a foreign danger not yet dispelled, you still forcefully ran over here to intervene in the matters of the Sky Poison Pearl. This sect master was merely worried that your esteemed palace would be overwhelmed and accidentally step onto the trail of Fleeting Villa. Now that would really be ugly to see."

Duan Heisha coldly laughed. "Compared to the peace and stability of the Azure Cloud Continent, what's there to care about a mere foreign danger?"

Their words fell into Yun Che's ears without a single word missing, causing him to feel even more surprised.

The "Sky Poison Pearl" they spoke of appeared four years ago and it was able to release an incomparably terrifying poison.

The Sky Poison Pearl that merged with him possessed complete purifying and refining powers. However, even after so many years had passed, the poison powers that it once had were never restored... Not even the least bit of it was restored.

Back then, his master Yun Gu was forced to death. The reason why they wanted to snatch away the Sky Poison Pearl, was all for the purifying and refining powers displayed by the Sky Poison Pearl when Yun Gu was giving treatment to people.

Yun Gu used the Sky Poison Pearl to save people, yet the ones who were saved exposed the powers of the Sky Poison Pearl. Through the entire the Azure Cloud Continent, they spread the fact that the Sky Poison Pearl could understand the countless poisons under the heavens and that it could refine countless objects under the heavens. With the Sky Poison Pearl, they no longer needed to be afraid of any form of poison and there would no longer be medicine that they could not refine.

In the end, under the greed of countless sects and clans, Yun Gu killed himself. The reason he killed himself, was in order to protect Yun Che. However, Yun Che had instead...

As for the poison powers of the Sky Poison Pearl, the people of the world only found out about the most terrifying part of the Sky Poison Pearl, its annihilative poison powers, only after the vengeful Yun Che had released them to kill those who had forced Yun Gu to die without regard for any consequences.

And now, the reason why these three hegemons wanted to snatch away the "Sky Poison Pearl," was clearly because of its poison powers. In their words, they had never brought up that it carried purifying and refining powers.

The "Sky Poison Pearl" they were trying to snatch right now, just what in the world was it?

Yun Gu swept his eyes at his surroundings and lightly sighed. "If you people are truly here to seal the powers of the Sky Poison Pearl and prevent it from bringing a crisis of poison to the Azure Cloud Continent, then all of you can leave now."

"What do you mean by that?" Heaven Thwarting Sect Master Zuo Hanshuo leisurely asked.

"The poison of the Sky Poison Pearl is not your regular poison. Presently, its poison powers have only just awakened by a small amount, yet it is already displaying such a level of terror. Controlling and sealing its poison powers is definitely not as easy as using a profound energy formation. This old one has dwelled deep into the ways of the medicine and poison for so many years and furthermore, when it comes to the way of poison, I have a slightly unique disposition for it, which allowed me to barely control the Sky Poison Pearl. If it is handed to you people, the moment its poison powers lose control and go berserk, yet another calamitous crisis that can never be restored will happen once again."

"Heh heh heh, hahahahaha..." Heaven Thwarting Sect Master Zuo Hanshuo laughed out arrogantly and Duan Heisha and Mu Yingchan were similarly laughing out loud. With a ridiculing tone, Zuo Hanshuo said, "And here I was wondering just what kind of individual this Medical Saint is. I had thought he was a saint who truly cared about the safety of countless lives but in the end, he's nothing more than a vulgarian who covets the Sky Poison Pearl."

"Such laughable words. You're the only one capable of controlling the Sky Poison Pearl and we can't? In other words, our three sects, which have prospered for ten thousand years in the Azure Cloud Continent, cannot hold a candle to an old man who practices medicine? Hahahahaha, this is simply the most idiotic joke this palace chief has heard in his entire life." Duan Heisha laughed arrogantly.

"Old fogey Yun." Mu Yingchan dropped his pretense. His address towards Yun Gu had already turned incomparably belittling as he reached his hand out towards Yun Gu. "Hand over the Sky Poison Pearl obediently. This is all for the countless lives under the heavens."

"What you people want, is but the poison powers of the Sky Poison Pearl." Grief was clearly carried within Yun Gu's eyes and his voice was still as light as the wind. "The real disaster and mistake, will be handing it over to you all."

"Heh." Mu Yingchan's eyes darkened, as an ice-cold and pale hand stretched out, grabbing onto Yun Gu's left shoulder. "You sure are unexpectedly stubborn. In order to monopolize the Sky Poison Pearl, you would even throw away your life. I really wonder, if you were to lose an arm, would your answers remain the same?"

The moment Mu Yingchan's voice fell, an ice-cold, bone-piercing voice rang behind him.

"Take your dirty hand off him!"

Chapter 892 - Debts of Past and Present

It was as if someone had suddenly poured a bucket of cold water over Mu Yingchan's head as his entire body went completely rigid.

This sound seemed to come from the empty space that had abruptly ruptured as it echoed in his ears. As the Sect Master of Soaring Celestial Sword Sect, one of the three most powerful people in the Azure Cloud Continent, he actually had not detected the aura of the owner of that voice before it had appeared.

What was even more terrifying was the fact that even though that voice was very soft, it contained a coldness and killing intent that seeped into his very soul, causing every hair on his body to stand on end.

He had never ever experienced this sensation before in his long life.

"Who is it!?" Mu Yingchan yelled out in a low voice as he turned around as swift as lightning. After that he unwittingly looked above him as everyone's shocked gazes simultaneously focused on the space above Mu Yingchan's head.

They saw a young man dressed in white hovering in the air with a green-clad girl who did not look a day over sixteen in his arms. The girl was beautiful enough to cause the fall of cities and countries and she clung tightly to the man by her side. There was some fear reflected in her eyes but it was overshadowed by a sense of security and safety.

The place they were in was only thirty meters above them but not a single person who was present knew when exactly they had appeared in that place.

Those were two overly-youthful and completely unknown faces. The girl's profound energy aura was only at the third level of the Spirit Profound Realm but the young man's aura was at the initial stages of the Sovereign Profound Realm.

The three great sect masters all felt profound shock in their hearts... There were already very few Monarchs in the Azure Cloud Continent and the three of them were extremely familiar with all of them. Moreover, only a peerless genius could have reached the Sovereign Profound Realm at such a young age but the three of them had never seen this young man before.

"Who are you?" Mu Yingchan said as his eyes narrowed into slits, "Were you the one who spoke to this sect master just now?"

"Sect Master, it's merely some reckless young punk who doesn't value his own life. Do we chase him away or..." a person standing behind Zuo Hanshuo said in a voice that was filled with disdain.

"Young punk?" Zuo Hanshuo said with a low chuckle, "From the aura given off by his lifeforce, he should not be more than thirty years old, yet his profound strength has already reached the initial stages of the Sovereign Profound Realm. This young fellow surely must have an incredible background."

"Oh?" Zuo Hanshuo's words caused everyone besides the three great sect masters to gasp in shock. But their shock was merely at the level of surprise, so that person immediately replied, "No wonder he dares to display such an arrogant attitude, he indeed has the goods to back it up. However, it is truly a pity that he has chosen the wrong people to target today."

"Young man, you called this sect master's hand dirty. That is truly a strange thing to say," Mu Yingchan said in an amused manner as he shook his own hand. "This sect master has lived for seventeen hundred years but it is the first time I've heard anyone use the word 'dirty' to describe this sect master. Do you want to try and say it again?"

Yun Che did not say anything and his expression did not change either. Both him and Su Ling'er were still looking intently at Yun Gu and it was as if neither of them had even heard what Mu Yingchan had just said.

Yun Che's figure blurred and in an instant, he had already flashed by Mu Yingchan with Su Ling'er in tow, both of them arriving at Yun Gu's side. Mu Yingchan did not stretch a hand out to stop them. Instead, he turned around in a calm and composed manner. From his behavior, it was clear that he was extremely interested in Yun Che's identity. He was also naturally mistaken about why Yun Che had rushed to Yun Gu's side. He gave a cold smile as he said, "Ah, you are also here for the Sky Poison Pearl after all."

Master...

As he looked at Yun Gu, who was right in front of him, Yun Che cried out loudly in his heart. His mood, the complete change in his nature and temperament, and the greatest frenzy he had ever fallen into in both of his lives had both been because of this old man in front of him. The debt Yun Che owed this man for raising him and nurturing his talent was higher than the heavens and deeper than the ocean. He had originally thought that he would forever be separated from him. He also never expected to actually be able to meet him once more.

His appearance had not changed in the slightest and his aura was still as warm as a gentle breeze. The clear and fresh smell of medicine wafted from his body and his eyes looked deep enough to hold the entire world in them.

In this world, there were many people who were called magnanimous men or saints but in Yun Che's eyes, if there could only be one true saint in this entire world, then it would definitely be Yun Gu, who had been both a father and a teacher to him.

Yun Gu was also gazing at Yun Che. Yun Che's eyes alternated between clear and cloudy and it was as if his emotions had been so stirred up that he could barely control himself. However, Yun Gu could not see the slightest trace of greed in Yun Che's eyes... So, at the very least, Yun Gu could tell that he was definitely not here for the Sky Poison Pearl. He was sure that he had never seen this person before but he hazily felt a strange and old sense of familiarity with him.

"Little brother, even though I do not know why you rushed towards this old one but you are definitely not after the Sky Poison Pearl in this old one's possession. Or perhaps, you've mistaken me for someone else. This place is far more dangerous than you can imagine, I would advise that you leave as quickly as possible," Yun Gu advised.

"..." Yun Che calmed the emotions that threatened to overwhelm him. He squeezed Su Ling'er's small hand and said in a low voice, "Ling'er, return to the profound ark with Master first... I will forcibly send Master there."

Su Ling'er hands tensed as she gazed at Yun Che for a good long while before she finally gave a light nod of her head, "Big Brother Yun, you must be careful."

A spatial ripple surged from around Yun Che and before any of the people present had a chance to react, Su Ling'er and Yun Gu had both vanished from that place.

Mu Yingchan, Duan Heisha and Zuo Hanshuo were briefly stunned but after that, their expressions changed as all three of them rushed towards where Yun Gu had been standing at practically the same time. But whether it was his figure or his aura, Yun Gu had completely vanished and he had not left even a single trace behind.

"It... it was a dimensional escape!" Zuo Hanshuo said with a low yell as he swiveled towards Yun Che. He stared at Yun Che furiously, his aura firmly locking onto him as well, "There is some kind of spatial profound artifact hidden on his person."

"To think we fell for this young punk's trick," Mu Yingchan said as his expression turned completely dark. The three great sect masters and the entirety of their three supreme sects had been gathered in this place and no one in the Azure Cloud Continent could disobey or resist such a force. The power gathered here could rule over all of existence but all of them could only watch as their prey disappeared right before their eyes.

"Hohoho, it seems like Sect Master Zuo and Sect Master Mu truly have not made much progress these last few years. It is merely a small accident, yet it so easily caused the two of you to lose your composure."

On the other hand, Duan Heisha was completely calm and composed. He stared at Yun Che, his amused smile deep and long, "Even if that Yun Gu flees, where else can he flee to? Moreover, don't the both of you think that another big present has delivered itself to our doorstep?"

"Oh? What does Palace Chief Duan mean?" Mu Yingchan and Zuo Hanshuo's gazes grew more intense as they reacted to those words.

"Heh." Duan Heisha slowly walked towards Yun Che, "Kid, this palace chief really has to commend your guts. Of course, the reason you have such courage is because you still do not know who we are. Before this palace chief personally reveals this to you, you still have one last chance... Right now, this palace chief is extremely interested in the spatial profound artifact that you just used. If you are willing to obediently hand over, perhaps this palace chief will disregard your previous behavior. Otherwise..."

"Otherwise what?" Yun Che said as the corners of his mouth hooked up into a cold smile, "Duan Heisha, I heard that Seven Stars Divine Palace dispatched an elder and a group of disciples to shamelessly harm an innocent sect in the Country of Supwake. All for the sake of a stalk of Coiling Dragon Feelers. But in the end, they received their just desserts and all of them died a miserable death... I don't know who it was who sent them all to hell but I wonder if your Seven Stars Divine Palace has found that person already?"

Duan Heisha's face gradually grew rigid but a divine palace elder who stood behind him already started to roar in fury, "Ah, so the one who killed the Nineteenth Elder and his party was you!!"

"Preposterous." Duan Heisha smiled despite his rage. He had originally believed that the reason Yun Che had dared to act so boldly and presumptuously in front of them was because he did not know who they were... If not, he would have been scared shitless a long time ago.

But right now, Yun Che had addressed him by his name and had accurately identified the Seven Stars Divine Palace behind him.

He actually even took the initiative to tell them in a tone filled with contempt that he was the person who had cruelly killed all of those people from Seven Stars Divine Palace ten days ago!

If they had originally believed that the reason for his lack of fear was sheer ignorance, then right now... the other party not only knew who they were, he had also clearly and arrogantly treated his Seven Stars Divine Palace with contempt while boldly taunting them.

"Sect Master Zuo, Sect Master Mu... Will there be any objections if my Seven Stars Divine Palace takes down this kid?" Duan Heisha's face had turned a faint green and it was clear that he was truly enraged.

"You can subdue him but you need to guarantee his survival," Zuo Hanshuo said, the schadenfreude evident in his voice. "Whether it is the Sky Poison Pearl or the spatial profound artifact, once we reach an agreement on these two things, you can deal with him in whatever manner you please."

"Forget it, I'll leave this matter to Palace Chief Duan. This sect master will just treat the matter where this kid just called this sect master's hands dirty as forgotten," Mu Yingchan said indifferently as his lips curled up but his hot and venomous gaze was still locked onto Yun Che's body.

After seeing that the other two sect masters consented to his proposal, an elder that was standing behind Duan Heisha strode forward and spoke aggressively. "Palace Chief, let me teach this arrogant and ignorant punk a lesson! He has merely reached the first level of the Sovereign Profound Realm but he behaves as if he is unrivaled under heaven and actually dares to kill members of our Seven Stars Divine Palace."

"Let him keep his life but break his arms and his legs first!" Duan Heisha said in a dark voice. As the Seven Stars Palace Chief, it was only natural that he would not stoop to dealing with this matter personally.

The divine palace elder took a step forward before fiercely rushing towards Yun Che. The boundless and majestic energy field of a Monarch instantly expanded outwards, causing squalls to spring up in the surrounding area which was tens of kilometers wide.

"Kid, give your granddaddy a good kneel first!" As he shouted those furious words, his extended palm was no more than three feet away from Yun Che's head.

Yun Che did not move an inch. His eyes were tranquil and his expression was cold and indifferent, not wavering in the slightest. He only blandly murmured in his heart: The old debts of the previous years and the new debts of the present, I'll settle them all today!

RIIIIP!!!

The divine palace elder's palm grabbed Yun Che's head but in the instant that his profound energy expanded outwards, he suddenly discovered that his palm was grabbing empty air and the profound energy that he released had only torn a long black gash in the air.

Wha... What !?

Where was he... Where was he!?

The divine palace elder felt an unexpected shock bloom in his heart; he could barely believe his own eyes. But before he could recover from his shocked daze, an extremely dull and heavy sound suddenly rang out behind him.

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This sound was not particularly resonant. It also could not be described as intense, but it was so dull and heavy that it caused extreme discomfort to everyone's eardrums and body. It was as if something had suddenly exploded against their heart.

The Yun Che who had "disappeared" had materialized in front of Seven Stars Palace Chief Duan Heisha like a ghost. His right elbow struck Duan Heisha's chest... At that moment, Duan Heisha's expression was still dark and heavy and he did not even have time to be startled before this happened.

That dull and heavy noise was the sound of Yun Che's elbow striking Duan Heisha's chest.

After everyone had shifted their incredulous gazes to Yun Che's new position, he was in the midst of moving his elbow away from Duan Heisha's chest in a simple and unexaggerated manner.

Duan Heisha's body did not move an inch and even the place that was struck did not sink in or bend. In fact, there was not even the slightest change in Duan Heisha's expression.

Yun Che's speed was so fast that it was as if they had seen a ghost. However, after they saw that his "sneak attack" had clearly not hurt Duan Heisha and they had recovered from their shock, the surrounding divine palace elders and disciples were about to open their mouths to laugh out loudly to mock Yun Che's overconfidence... But before their laughter could make it out of their throats, they suddenly saw Duan Heisha's face turn ghastly pale at an astonishing speed and then his face then started to turn into a purplish-black color... After that, his entire body fell backwards like a block of wood that had been blown on by a light wind.

Bang!

Duan Heisha's body smashed against the ground, his eyes set in a wide and unblinking stare. A large amount of red-stained foam leaked out of his mouth as blood wildly gushed from his nose.

"Pala... Palace Chief!!"

The scene shocked all the gathered divine palace disciples. In fact, it shocked everyone present and the shock was so great that it seemed to cause everyone's souls to leave their bodies. The divine palace elders scrambled forward but before they could even draw near to him, Duan Heisha's body abruptly trembled.

Whooooosh.

Duan Heisha's profound veins and dantian resembled a punctured balloon. The profound energy that he had cultivated for his entire life was turning into countless streams of agitated energy as they flowed out from every part of his body... until it ran dry.

Chapter 893 - Crippling Three Monarchs

After all of his profound energy had leaked out of his body, Duan Heisha's entire body became soaked in cold sweat and he resembled a drowning dog that had just been fished out of the water. His constantly twitching limbs and face showed that he was still alive.

After receiving just a single blow from Yun Che, Seven Stars Divine Palace's Palace Chief Duan Heisha's profound veins had become completely crippled and all of his profound energy had been reduced to nothing.

"Pa... Pal... Pala... Palace Chief ... "

Those elders who were rushing over to Duan Heisha's side all dumbly stood in place. Their eyeballs shook in their sockets as their legs went limp. There were even some who sank to their knees and did not come back to their senses for a long while.

Besides the members of Seven Stars Divine Palace, the gathered members of Heaven Thwarting Sect and Soaring Celestial Sword Sect had all been so shocked that their faces had turned white as a sheet while the pupils of their eyes completely dilated. Even Heaven Thwarting Sect's Sect Master Zuo Hanshuo and the Soaring Celestial Sword Sect's Sect Master Mu Yingchan had gone pale with shock; when Duan Heisha's profound energy started wildly leaking into the air, Mu Yingchan was so shocked that he had actually taken a step back.

They had just witnessed with their own two eyes the crippling of Duan Heisha, a level nine Monarch; Palace Chief of Seven Stars Divine Palace; one of the three strongest people in the Azure Cloud Continent!!

Furthermore, this had been done a single blow... he was crippled in just a single blow!!

"Palace Chief ... Palace Chief!!"

The great divine palace elders who were the nearest to Duan Heisha had all scrambled to his side. They stretched out trembling hands to probe Duan Heisha's aura but they discovered that Duan Heisha's body had become extremely soft. There was not even the slightest trace of profound energy remaining and even his profound veins had been reduced to paste.

He had not merely been crippled, he had been so thoroughly and completely crippled that he would not be able to restart his cultivation from the Elementary Profound Realm even if he wanted to.

Duan Heisha was not dead and he even still possessed some awareness but his eyes were gray and dark, empty holes that were no different from that of a dead man's. All of the skin and muscles on his body could visibly be seen withering up too.

He had fallen from the pinnacle of the known world to a complete cripple in a matter of seconds. For a peerless profound practitioner, this was a fate that was millions of times crueler than dying in battle. Furthermore, this cruel series of events happened all too quickly and suddenly and perhaps Duan Heisha himself thought that he was currently in the middle of a nightmare.

"Duan Heisha, you must thank my master," Yun Che coldly said as he turned his back to Duan Heisha. "If not for the presence of my master, I would not even leave an intact corpse behind, much less that useless life of yours!"

Yun Gu was a medical practitioner and he was a medical practitioner that was far too pure at that. That was also the reason he was able to become the "Medical Saint" who possessed medical skills which could snatch fate away from the heavens. Yun Che's medical skills originated from Yun Gu and whether it was the Profound Sky Continent or the Illusory Demon Realm, they were unparalleled. Even if that was the case, Yun Che was aware that his medical skills were roughly only fifty to sixty percent of Yun Gu's medical skills.

If one were to say that Yun Che's medical skills could save lives then Yun Gu's medical skills could be said to truly be able to "snatch fate away from the heavens."

Furthermore, it was also because of his pureness of intent towards "saving lives," that he had never killed and he had never been able to accept killing. Even the death of someone wicked would elicit a sigh of lament from him.

"You... you..." The divine palace elder that knelt by Duan Heisha's side jerked his head upwards. Baleful energy swelled up in his body as he spoke but it faded away as swiftly as it had risen. After that, he spoke in a voice that clearly contained deep shock and fear, "You... Who exactly are you..."

Yun Che did not reply, his icy gaze piercing Zuo Hanshuo and Mu Yingchan. Both of them had completely different expressions on their faces at this moment. Yun Che said, "Now on to the both of you. Will the both of you do the deed yourselves or do I have to personally take action!?"

Under Yun Che's gaze, both Mu Yingchan and Zuo Hanshuo instantly felt an icy coldness surge through every fiber of their beings. The feat of completely crippling Duan Heisha in one strike, this was a power that they could barely believe and they could not fathom. They had striven to rationalize this event using the explanation that Duan Heisha was caught unprepared. But if you gave this sort of explanation to an idiot, even that idiot would not believe you.

As the current hegemons of the Azure Cloud Continent, they were even more clear on the fact that completely crippling a level nine Monarch was ten times harder than actually killing him!

Much less crippling him in a single strike.

"You... Who exactly are... you!?" One could clearly hear the trembling in Mu Yingchan's voice as he said these words.

"We have no grievances or resentments between us...Why are subjecting us to such a harsh judgement?" Zuo Hanshuo asked hurriedly. His words and the tone of his voice had clearly become much softer due to fear.

"No grievances or resentments against each other? This time, all of you people gathered together in the Country of Supwake so that you could steal something from my master. If I had not arrived, given my master's nature, he would have once again been... he would definitely have been forced to his death by you lot! But right now, you're trying to tell me that there are no grievances or resentments between us?"

Yun Che lightly ground his teeth together as the boundless hatred and enmity from all those years ago was faintly aroused once again.

"You are a disciple of the Medical Saintr Yun Gu?" Zuo Hanshuo said as he shook his head, "That's not possible! None of us has ever heard of Yun Gu accepting any disciples! You... You are clearly thinking of obtaining the Sky Poison Pearl for yourself!"

Yun Che's eyes faintly narrowed as he muttered words that only he could hear, "The debt that you owe my master, the debt that you owe Ling'er, and the debt that you owe me... Master does not approve of killing and Ling'er's is soft-hearted and compassionate, so I'll simply get some interest back from them..."

He extended three fingers towards Zuo Hanshuo and Mu Yingchan as he spoke in an incredibly apathetic and unsympathetic tone, "I will give the two of you three breaths. Don't worry, I don't want your lives either. So in the span of these three breaths, you will either cripple your own profound strength or I will personally cripple your entire bodies!"

"You..." Zuo Hanshuou and Mu Yingchan's pupils contracted at the same time.

"One!" Yun Che folded the first finger.

"Two!" Yun Che folded the second finger and his aura, which was originally as tranquil as still water, started to fiercely rise.

Before the events of this day, if anyone had said that there was a time where both Zuo Hanshuo and Mu Yingchan were scared witless, there would be no one in the continent that would believe them and the person who said such things would become a huge joke himself. But right now, Duan Heisha, the only other person who could be grouped together with them a mere hundred breaths ago, was now a cripple who was lying on the ground like a dead dog. So when they faced Yun Che's outstretched fingers, they were seized by a profound and heart-wrenching sense of terror.

"Three!"

Zuo Hanshuo and Mu Yingchan took to the skies at the same time as they soared backwards and roared loudly in unison, "Kill! Kill him! Everyone advance... kill him now!!"

The gathered elders and disciples of the three great sects could hear the palpable fear in Zuo Hanshuo's and Mu Yingchan's voices. But they were also seized by the same terror. A person that was able to instantly cripple a character like Duan Heisha; they could well imagine how terrifying a character they were facing right now. But the orders of the sect masters could not be defied, so the moment the two

sect masters fled in panic, they had no choice but to summon up their courage and charge forward to attack Yun Che.

However, nearly half of them... especially the disciples who belong to Seven Stars Divine Palace, also turned around and fled like the two sect masters.

Yun Che eyed the direction where Zuo Hanshuo and Mu Yingchan were fleeing in but he did not give chase immediately. Instead, his body flashed as he instantly shifted to a spot that was more than three hundred meters above his previous location. After that, a blue light descended from above.

Crack, Crack, Crack, Crack, Crack...

The blue light spread amidst the sounds of ice congealing as it instantly sealed away tens of kilometers of space in ice. When the sound of ice congealing had stopped, the entire world seemed to have gone quiet in an instance as all of the sounds of people shouting had completely disappeared.

Besides the fleeing Zuo Hanshuo and Mu Yingchan, forty Monarchs and hundreds of disciples had all been solidly frozen inside thick layers of ice.

The surpassingly-strange noise caused Zuo Hanshuo and Mu Yingchan, both of whom had been fleeing with all their might, to subconsciously turn their heads back. After seeing the scene that had unfolded in front of them, both of them were so shocked that their souls had practically flown out of their bodies. But as their eyes swept the surrounding area, they did not catch a single trace of Yun Che's figure.

Zuo Hanshuo's heart became even more uneasy. He fiercely gritted his teeth as he raised his speed to the point where he nearly broke through his own limits. But the instant he turned around, he suddenly saw Yun Che standing in front of him in complete silence.

This startled Zuo Hanshuo so badly that his soul really threatened to leave his body and fly to heaven. Right now, he was rushing forward at full speed, so he did not even have the time to come to a halt, much less reverse directions and flee backwards. The terrified and shocked Zuo Hanshuo, who had been left with no path of escape, could only let out a wild roar as both of his arms thrust outwards and he desperately summoned forth all of the profound energy in his body. A bluish-purple profound formation swiftly formed in the space between his two hands as his palms exploded towards Yun Che's chest.

Even though the profound formation that formed between Zuo Hanshuo's hands was small, it was the top profound formation that anyone in the Azure Cloud Continent was aware of, the Heaven Thwarting Formation! It had enough might to sunder the heavens and the earth, yet Yun Che did not even pay any attention to it. He had an expressionless face as he simply sent a fist flying against the wind, smashing it toward Zuo Hanshuo's chest.

BAAAANGG!!!!!

The resulting explosion sent vibrations through the air as Yun Che's fist smashed through the Heaven Thwarting Formation that Zuo Hanshuo had formed with all his power. The huge force of the backlash neatly snapped the bones in Zuo Hanshuo's arms but Yun Che's fist still contained all of its original force as it exploded against Zuo Hanshuo's chest. Amidst an explosive wail, a beam of fire violently burst out from Zuo Hanshuo's back. "Wu..." Zuo Hanshuo's eyes bulged outwards. He had never ever dreamed that his power, a power that had not been rivalled during his lifetime, was actually so insignificant and inadequate in front of this person.

In that instant, he could no longer feel the existence of his own profound veins any longer.

"Just... who ... exactly .. are ... you ... "

Zuo Hanshuo gasped out those words with much difficulty. His entire body had become just like Duan Heisha's, it resembled a balloon that had been pierced by a million needles as the foundation of all of his profound strength leaked out into the air.

Similarly, Yun Che had spared his life... Even though death would have been considered a blessed release for a continental hegemon such as Zuo Hanshuo.

Yun Che flicked his arm, throwing Zuo Hanshuo tens of kilometers away. He just so happened to land at Duan Heisha's side. After that, the fire light on Yun Che's body flashed as he took off in hot pursuit of Mu Yingchan, who had fled in the other direction.

As Mu Yingchan was wildly fleeing, he sensed that Zuo Hanshuo had released the aura of the Heaven Thwarting Formation behind him. He breathed a small sigh of relief in his shocked and terrified heart at the same time. Because he and Zuo Hanshuo had fled in opposite directions, so if he pursued Zuo Hanshuo, he would not have the chance to chase after him.

But after a brief moment, he suddenly sensed that the aura of the Heaven Thwarting Formation had disappeared completely and following that, even Zuo Hanshuo's aura began to rapidly weaken. Mu Yingchan unwittingly turned his head back and to his utter shock, he saw that Yun Che's figure was not even five kilometers away.

"Wha... What !?"

Mu Yingchan's body sank as his shocked face was instantly drained of all blood. He frantically raised his energy as he desperately surged forward. When he turned his head back once more, he discovered that Yun Che was actually less than one and a half kilometers behind him.

This time, Mu Yingchan was so shocked that his gall bladder nearly ruptured. He was moving at the full speed that a proper level nine Monarch could muster but in front of Yun Che, he was practically sitting still.

As he realized that continuing to flee would be absolutely meaningless, Mu Yingchan fiercely gritted his teeth before he abruptly wheeled about, a seven and a half foot long lustrous white longsword grasped in his hand. In an instant, a violently surging sword energy caused the surrounding space to fiercely tighten.

If Xuanyuan Wentian could be said to be the number one swordsman in the entire Profound Sky Continent, then Mu Yingchan was the emperor of the way of the sword in the Azure Cloud Continent. The 【White Jade Imperial Dragon Sword】 in his hand was the sword that reigned supreme over all the other swords in the Azure Cloud Continent. When profound energy was poured into it, a gentle sweep of its blade would produce dragon roars which would shake the heavens. "HAAH!! Soaring Celestial Sword Formation!"

The White Jade Imperial Dragon Sword danced prettily in the air as a giant circle-shaped sword formation swiftly formed in the air. It was just as Mu Yingchan had performed three hundred and sixty consecutive sword strokes and was only left with six strokes to complete the Soaring Celestial Sword Formation that Yun Che, who was rushing right at him, suddenly disappeared.

The sword in Mu Yingchan's hand also disappeared at the same time.

Mu Yingchan's entire body froze in place as his mind went completely blank. It was still reasonable that he could not sense how Yun Che had suddenly disappeared. But he had no idea how the sword that was practically one with his body had suddenly disappeared from his hand as well.

It was as if it had been swallowed up by the empty air.

"This is truly a waste of time."

A detached and apathetic voice coldly rang out from behind him. At the same time that voice fell, an enormous power that was too great to describe smashed into his back.

PUU!!

Blood streamed from Mu Yingchan's seven orifices as his profound veins and consciousness collapsed at the same time and he was sent tumbling downwards.

Chapter 894 - Sky Poison Fusion

"Hong'er has something delicious to eat again. This sword... even I feel like eating it when I see it."

When he stroked the White Jade Imperial Dragon Sword he obtained from Mu Yingchan, the shiny whiteness of the sword's blade seemed like a young girl's skin and even gafe off an extremely concentrated aura of a true dragon. Yun Che muttered a few words, placed the sword into the Sky Poison Pearl, and then descended.

Ice that was several kilometers thick sealed all the members of the three sects within. The weakest were Thrones while the strongest were Monarchs. None of them could escape and there wasn't even anyone that could make any noise. If it were the usual Yun Che, these people would have long turned into a sea of corpses and it would only be a question of whether they would still have complete corpses. Now, however, all of these people were simply sealed in ice and not one of them lost their lives.

Zuo Hanshuo, Duan Heisha and Mu Yingchan were stacked on top of one another. The three of them were still in almost the same state; their eyes were listless, their mouths foamed, and their entire bodies seemed as though they were a pile of boneless slime. It was just that their limbs spasmed occasionally.

They were similarly still alive but the profound strength that once stood on top of the Azure Cloud Continent had been completely crippled.

Which also meant that after all the commotion Yun Che caused today, not one person had died.

If the perished souls of the Burning Heaven Clan were to know of this, they would definitely jump out from the depths of hell at all costs and loudly scream, "WHY!?"

They were some of the culprits that forced Yun Che to his death back then. If he had not come not come today, Yun Gu would have definitely lost his life. Among them, Seven Stars Divine Palace even harmed the entire Grandwake Clan and nearly caused Yun Che and Su Ling'er to be separated yet again, but he actually did not kill anyone.

All of this was because of Yun Gu.

Not just because Yun Gu was unable to accept the murder of living beings; even if he had killed all of them, Yun Che believed that his master Yun Gu would definitely blame himself for the deaths of all these people. The guilt and responsibility might haunt him for the rest of his life.

Since he could not kill them, he might as well let his master Yun Gu pardon them... perhaps, this could be considered something that he had done for him.

Calling out the Primordial Profound Ark, Su Ling'er and Yun Gu walked in together and the sights within caused them to be greatly shocked.

"This..." Yun Gu looked at the surroundings, his face revealing several emotions.

"Big Brother Yun Che, are you alright?" Su Ling'er hurried over and examined him worriedly. Only when she did not find any drops of blood on him that she heavily heave a sigh of relief.

"Of course I'm fine, they are the ones that are in trouble." Yun Che's face was completely relaxed as he held Su Ling'er's hand and walked in front of Yun Gu, "Senior, don't worry, all these people are just simply sealed by ice profound energy, they aren't dead. As for the leaders, I only crippled their profound cultivations, preventing them from causing any more trouble. As for how they should be handled... since they came for Senior, how they shall be treated should be decided by Senior."

Yun Gu looked at Yun Che for quite a while, his gaze filled with doubts and complexity. Following which, he shifted his gaze away, glanced at the three people by his feet, sighed lightly and closed his eyes, "Let them go."

A reply that was completely expected, Yun Che did not immediately release the ice seal but added, "Release all of them? Senior, you should know that there are massive powerhouses behind them. You magnanimously let them off but they might not let you off. In no time, they will definitely come trouble you again. They might pay you back with a fiercer vengeance. Even so, are you still intent on letting them go?"

"As long as you give me consent, I can immediately kill of them here and now, letting them receive the retribution they deserve. No traces would be left behind. In the future, there would not be anyone that could point the blame to you. Perhaps, even the secret of the Sky Poison Pearl on you might not be known."

Although the people within the ice seal could not move or make any noise, they could clearly hear what was happening on the outside. Yun Gu's words caused them to be overjoyed but Yun Che's words that followed caused their hearts to sink. Their gazes showed feared and despair.

"Ahh," Yun Gu sighed longingly, "This old one has made his mission in life saving others. How can I let so many lives be lost because of this old one? They are only driven by greed and do not deserve death. Now, it can be said that they have already been punished. Just let them go."

Do not deserve death? Then, does Master deserve death?

Furthermore, how would these people be "not deserving of death?!" Heaven Thwarting Sect, Seven Stars Divine Palace, and Soaring Celestial Sword Sect; they were all the top of the food chain within the Azure Cloud Continent, the makers of law and order within the entire continent. They had lived for hundreds to thousands of years. Which one of them does not have hands that are stained with large amounts of blood of the innocent.

To let go any of them go, allowing them to live for several hundred more years, who knows how many hundreds or even more innocent lives would die at their hands... this was equivalent to harming several hundred lives.

In reverse, killing them would be equivalent to saving several hundred lives.

Such logic, if it were any other benevolent person, he would undoubtedly preach this. However, he was unable to do it before Yun Gu.

Furthermore, with Yun Gu's experience and intelligence, how would he not have thought about all of this...

"Since that's the case, we shall follow your wishes." Yun Che smiled and his finger waved. Instantly, the profound ice instantly melted, releasing the elders and disciples who had been trapped within for a long while. When they regained their freedom, they all collapsed to the ground weakly. They were holding onto each other's shoulders and trembling with cold and fear, unwilling to believe that they would actually be spared.

Yun Che swept his eyes across them and coldly said, "I had originally wanted to kill all of you but Senior Medical Saint chose to repay your evil acts with kindness and forgave all of you. Since this is the instruction of Senior Medical Saint, I shall let you off temporarily for today!"

All the trembling people raised their heads and finally believed that they were really going to leave the place alive.

"We thank Senior Medical Saint for his kindness... Thank both seniors for the kindness..."

They dragged the slime-like bodies of their three sect masters in fear and sprinted frantically in three different directions. Their bodies gradually warmed as their speeds became even faster; they feared that the fiend behind them would change his mind.

"Little brother, thanks for saving me today. This old one has no means of repayment but will definitely remember this for all his life," Yun Gu said in gratitude, greatly paying his respects towards Yun Che and Su Ling'er.

Yun Che brought Su Ling'er and retreated at lightning speed, causing Yun Gu's action to land on thin air. Cold sweat broke out in the back of Yun Che's forehead and he stammered, "Master… Nononono, Senior, you can't. Junior can't… how can I receive such great courtesy? Senior is a medical saint of this era. Being of help to Senior is this junior's honor.

"This..." Yun Che's strange actions caused Yun Gu to be slightly stunned before he sighed, "Little brother, you have such shocking profound strength but your temperament is so pleasant. This is indeed

a joy to the world. Today, you have not only saved the life of this old one. If the Sky Poison Pearl were to fall into the hands of those evildoers, who knows how many innocent lives would suffer from the calamity of the Sky Poison."

Yun Che's heart was moved and followed on, "Senior Medical Saint, what are you going to do with the Sky Poison Pearl?"

Seeing the deep doubt in Yun Che's eyes, Yun Gu said, "Looks like little brother really does not know about it. This Sky Poison Pearl appeared approximately four years ago. It was said to be found by a merchant of True Vermillion Country's Miragecatcher City..."

When Yun Gu said "True Vermillion Country's Miragecatcher City," Yun Che's entire body tightened and Su Ling'er's hands also grabbed onto Yun Che's arm tightly.

True Vermillion Country's Miragecatcher City... This was one of the cities he exterminated using the Sky Poison Pearl previously. An entire town of one million seven hundred thousand people and all the other living beings within had died due to the Sky Poison!

Only because Miragecatcher City possessed two of the huge sects he hated to the core, yet was unable to go against due to their size

That was one of the biggest debts in his two lifetimes.

And it was also that time, when the Sky Poison Pearl's poison powers were completely used up and could not release its poison powers anymore from then onward.

"The family that picked it up only put it at home as they thought it was a pretty looking pearl but after several days, the family was bathed in green light and when they were found, the entire family of several dozens had all passed away from a vicious poison that had never been seen before."

"From then on, whenever the Sky Poison Pearl appeared, it would cause a poisonous disaster and each time, the poisonous disaster would become more and more frightening. Also, because of that, its poison powers started to be sought after by some who hoped to use its poison for their own benefits. Southern Sky Country's Fleeting Villa obtained the Sky Poison Pearl out of pure chance and had the intention of causing a huge disaster. But such a huge sect... Sigh."

"Big Brother Yun Che, that Sky Poison Pearl, could it be..." Su Ling'er whispered.

Yun Che, "…"

Yun Gu did not notice Yun Che and Su Ling'er's weird expressions and continued, "This old one personally obtained the Sky Poison Pearl from Fleeting Mountain Villa several months back and learned that its true might was far more frightening than the rumors. This old one felt that its poison powers were still just awakening and if its poison powers were to completely recover, I wonder..."

Yun Gu's voice suddenly stopped and his expression darkened.

Yun Che was shocked, "Senior Medical Saint?!"

"This... why is this? It's obvious already..." Yun Gu suddenly raised his head and shouted loudly, "Hurry and leave! You guys hurry up and leave!!"

"Senior... just what has happened?" How would Yun Che possibly leave? Instead, he took a step forward.

"It's the Sky Poison Pearl! Its poisonous powers are suddenly showing signs of losing control... You guys hurry up and leave! If you don't, you won't make it!" Yun Gu urged with even more anxiety.

Yun Che swiftly pushed Su Ling'er behind him and rushed forward to the front of Yun Gu and said seriously, "Senior, hurry and take out the Sky Poison Pearl! It's lucky that this junior has some special properties that can cure poison, perhaps they can help senior control the vicious poison... Quick! Believe me!

With Yun Gu's temperament, how would he risk the lives of innocents? Just as he was about persuade them once again, he thought about Yun Che's heaven-shakingly powerful profound strength, gritted his teeth and took out the Sky Poison Pearl.

A pale green round pearl appeared before Yun Che and emitted a slightly aggressive green light.

This pale green poisonous light shone into Yun Che's eyes and a sensation that felt like connected souls was quickly borne in his heart.

This feeling...

Could it be...

"This old one has thought that he already had it under control and it would not lose control within a year. Unexpectedly..." The aggressive green light caused Yun Gu's heart to be completely anxious, "Looks like, this old one has overestimated himself... Oh!?"

In Yun Gu's shock, the Sky Poison Pearl suddenly flew out of his hand by itself and shot straight towards Yun Che. Yun Che did not dodge and looked stunned as it approached, flying all the way to his chest.

"Little brother!" Yun Gu stretched out his hand subconsciously and wanted to remind Yun Che when he suddenly realized that with a flash of light from the Sky Poison Pearl, it had fused into Yun Che's body like a stone that has dropped into water and completely disappeared.

A pale green light instantly flashed on Yun Che's entire body but in an instant, Yun Che gradually lifted both his arms.

His left hand, was the familiar jade green light of purification.

And his right hand also flashed with a pale green light.

The light of vicious poison!!

Chapter 895 - The Conclusion of Azure Cloud

Previously, when he heard Duan Heisha and the others talk about the "Sky Poison Pearl," he had thought that it was only just a coincidence in name because the actual Sky Poison Pearl was already on him and there could never possibly be two Sky Poison Pearls existing in this world.

However, when Yun Gu took out the "Sky Poison Pearl," a feeling of spiritual connection reverberated clearly within his heart. The Sky Poison Pearl within his body appeared to sense it strongly and in his mind, the three words "Sky Poison Pearl" appeared.

The Sky Poison Pearl within his body was real, but the Sky Poison Pearl that Yun Gu held was real as well!

However, these were two completely different Sky Poison Pearls.

The Sky Poison Pearl that fused with Yun Che had strong purifying and refining abilities but did not possess any poison powers. However, poisonous powers were the Sky Poison Pearl's main powers, but even after so many years had passed, there were no signs of the poison powers of the Sky Poison Pearl recovering even slightly. Although Yun Che had never mentioned this matter to Jasmine before, he still wondered about it frequently.

However, the Sky Poison Pearl on Yun Gu possessed pure poison powers!

When this "second" Sky Poison Pearl fused with his body, the memory seal on it finally solved the doubts in Yun Che's mind...

Back then in Azure Cloud Continent, when Yun Gu handed the Sky Poison Pearl to Yun Che, he warned him never to release the vicious poison within the Sky Poison Pearl. After Yun Gu died, Yun Che lost his mind and furiously released the Sky Poison that Yun Gu had tirelessly sealed, exterminating numerous people and clans with the poison. The final time he released the poison, he completely used up all the poison powers within the Sky Poison pearl and even the poison origin had at the same time been released following the release of the last bit of Sky Poison.

Originally, when the poison origin had recovered, it would return to the Sky Poison Pearl on its own. However, due to the interference of the Mirror of Samsara, not only had the Sky Poison Pearl that had lost its poisonous origin oddly fused with Yun Che's body, it had also passed through reincarnation and arrived in a different world. There was even a mismatch of time. Although the poisonous origin that remained on the Azure Cloud Continent did not disappear due to the powers of the Mirror of Samsara, after it recovered, it did not manage to return to the Sky Poison Pearl and formed its own body, producing the second Sky Poison Pearl.

Now, as Yun Che approached, the two Sky Poison Pearls detected the existence of one another and fused together once again.

Only today, Yun Che finally learned that the Sky Poison Pearl that he possessed had always been incomplete. It was a Sky Poison Pearl that had lost its poison origin, which was also why it never possessed any poison powers.

The pearl that Yun Gu possessed was a Sky Poison Pearl that possessed poisonous powers.

Now, the time and space mismatch between the two finally reverted to normal once again, becoming complete within Yun Che.

"Little brother, this... this..." Yun Gu revealed a rare expression of shock.

With a simple thought in Yun Che's mind, the green light on his palm extinguished instantly and all the poisonous aura disappeared without a trace. Compared to himself back then who could only barely manipulate the Sky Poison Pearl, fusing with the Sky Poison Pearl had allowed him to gain complete knowledge of the item. With the return of the poison origin of the Sky Poison Pearl, the Sky Poison was slowly recovering. The awakened Sky Poison was already nearly ten percent of what it was back then.

If it were completely released, it would be sufficient to turn a small town into a prison of poison.

"Senior Medical Saint," Yun Che did not know how to explain so he could only sincerely say, "This Sky Poison Pearl has already recognized junior as its owner and can be controlled at junior's will. Therefore, there should no longer be any signs of the poison powers losing control. Senior does not have to worry."

Yun Gu was, after all, no ordinary person. After being shocked temporarily, he smiled gently, "Then that couldn't be even better. This old one can now be at ease."

He did not question the reason behind this nor did he question Yun Che's intentions but the gentle smile on his face had come from the bottom of his heart. From what he saw, Yun Che's gaze was clear as water and he said each word with sincerity. Although he was obviously exceptionally strong, he did not show any arrogance or carelessness.

Furthermore, with strength that could even casually suppress the three major sects, he definitely would not covet a Sky Poison Pearl that one could not decide if it was a blessing or a curse.

"Even after having my life saved and having a matter that was weighing on my heart settled, this old one still does not know little brother's name," Yun Gu gently said.

"Senior Medical Saint does not have to be so courteous." Yun Che frantically paid respects and said after a slight pause, "Junior's surname is Yun, with a single word Che. This is junior's childhood sweetheart, Su Ling'er."

Yun Che... this name, was also given to me by you.

"Yun... Che..." Yun Gu muttered before smiling slightly and sighed, "As leisurely as clouds, as clear as water.. Such a good name. Not only do you have the same surname as this old one, your heart of medicine is so compatible. It seems like we really have been brought together by fate.

Zzzz

There was a faint buzzing noise in Yun Che's mind, his lips moved but he could not say anything.

As leisurely as clouds, as clear as water... This was the meaning and desire of the name that Yun Gu had when he named him "Yun Che" back then.

"To able to meet someone like little brother is definitely a blessing upon this old one's life. Little brother's profound strength is earthshaking and your temperament is exceptional. You must have some important matters to attend to coming here. This old one shall not nag anymore. If there are any matters where this old one can help, please let this old one know and he shall definitely assist you with all his strength."

"Senior, hold on!"

Even before Yun Gu managed to move, Yun Che frantically shouted for him and asked panickedly, "Where is Senior heading to now?"

Yun Gu laughed and shook his head, "A person who practices medicine has no fixed home. Where he goes shall be where he stays. However, this old one's life also has an end. It's time this old one finds a successor to which he can pass on his skills and the heart of medicine. However, the world is tainted,

people meet by fate and it cannot be sought. This old one is uncertain when his wish can possibly come true."

The heart of medicine...

Yun Che's hands clenched tightly, as he dared not look into Yun Gu's eyes in guilt. He bore all of Yun Gu's hopes but in the end, he did not succeed the heart of medicine and instead walked to the other end of the extreme...

"Senior Medical Saint," Yun Che said. "Those that were pardoned by Senior previously and escaped all know that the Sky Poison Pearl is on senior. In no time, the message will swiftly spread and the entire world will know. Even if you told those people that it was no longer on you, no one would actually believe you. At that time, Senior would undoubtedly encounter unavoidable trouble. Has senior thought about all of this?"

"Whether it's a blessing or a curse is to be determined by the heavens." Yun Gu shook his head slightly, "With the lesson little brother has taught them, they might not have the guts to do anything to this old one due to fear."

"Fear is limited but greed is limitless!" Yun Che stood in front of Yun Gu, his tone slightly agitated. He was certain that if Yun Gu chose to stay within the Azure Cloud Continent, he would meet with the same fate as today in no time, "Senior Medical Saint, regarding this matter, junior has a solution. Junior is not from the Azure Cloud Continent but came from a place called the Illusory Demon Realm. I hope senior can follow junior to the Illusory Demon Realm. At that place, junior can guarantee that no one will cause trouble for Senior nor will anyone disrespect Senior."

"..." Yun Gu turned and stared at Yun Che for quite a while, shaking his head, "This old one had already guessed previously that little brother had come from elsewhere and it looks like I was right. This old one is extremely grateful for little brother's sincere heart. However, this old one's roots are after all firmly buried here and this old one's medical path is also set on this land..."

"No, that's not right! What Senior has said is wrong." Yun Che suddenly interrupted and denied Yun Gu's words and said exceptionally firmly, "Senior Medical Saint has a heart of medicine that is revered by many and the heart of medicine is what Senior has pursued all his life. If it were just the heart of medicine, it would be curing more illness and saving more people, regardless kindness or evil, race, status, and location!"

Yun Gu's entire body trembled slightly.

"Since your entire life has been dedicated to the medical path and you've lived by the heart of medicine, then, what difference is there whether you practice medicine within the Azure Cloud Continent or the Illusory Demon Realm? Furthermore the territory of the Illusory Demon Realm is larger than that of the Azure Cloud Continent. There's more living beings and more races that need people like Senior.

"In the Illusory Demon Realm, Senior can continue saving the masses and I believe that in a few years, Senior's name would resound around the entire Illusory Demon Realm. If Senior were to remain adamant about staying in the Azure Cloud Continent, if Senior were to encounter any accident, all that you have learned and all that you desired would turn into nothing. If you take the first option, your life would be fulfilling and it would benefit many. However, if you chose the latter... perhaps you might save millions fewer people and would not even find a successor, leading to the suffering of future generations."

"..." Yun Che's words caused Yun Gu to remain silent for a long while as his gaze began to shift.

"Senior Medical Saint, Big Brother Yun Che is right. Please follow us to the Illusory Demon Realm. It's too dangerous for you to stay here," Su Ling'er pleaded softly.

"Senior..." Yun Che held his breath as he looked nervous at Yun Gu.

"Hohohoho," Yun Gu suddenly turned around and smiled gently, "That's right, since my whole life has been dedicated to medicine, where I practice makes no difference. Only when I leave, can I help more people and save even more lives. Little brother, it is you who has enlightened this old one. It seems like this old one's heart of medicine is still lacking."

"Does that mean... Senior, you... have agreed?" Yun Che asked in joy.

"Hoho," Yun Gu smiled once again, "Then, I'll have to trouble little brother and little miss here to bring this old fogey along."

"That's great!!" Yun Che and Su Ling'er exclaimed together in joy. At the same time, their eyes were watery due to agitation.

Upon seeing the joyful faces of the two youths, Yun Gu also began to laugh. However, he did not know why but his eyes also began to water uncontrollably.

Yun Che immediately brought Su Ling'er and Yun Gu into the Primordial Profound Ark. They returned to the Grandwake Clan to retrieve the items Su Ling'er's mother left behind. After staying in the Azure Cloud Continent for some time, the Primordial Profound Ark was reactivated and entered its second million kilometer spatial travel.

Su Ling'er was now by his side. His master was also by his side. There was nothing that he missed any more in the Azure Cloud Continent.

When he came to the Azure Cloud Continent, he had already known that he was facing certain death and only hoped to accomplish one last wish, which was meeting Su Ling'er again. He did not expect that, not only had he found Su Ling'er, he had also found his master. Even the Sky Poison Pearl that was unknowingly incomplete had been completely reformed.

Furthermore, the devil origin orb that originally would have definitely taken his life was no longer a threat and instead became something of his own. Not only did he no longer have to die, even his profound strength had surged to an exaggerated level that was unheard of.

He had also vaguely encountered an exceptionally frightening secret.

On this trip to Azure Cloud, not only did he achieve all that he wanted to achieve, his entire person had seemingly been reborn and underwent complete change. Unbeknownst to him, even his temperament had slightly changed.

Chapter 896 - Hope (1)

Illusory Demon Realm, Demon Imperial City, Yun household.

After Yun Che was sent into Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley, it had been nearly a month since there was any contact. The Yun household was enveloped with an incomparably suppressive atmosphere this entire time. The Little Demon Empress and Feng Xue'er would make a visit to Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley every single day but forget about obtaining information, they couldn't even enter it.

As time elapsed, the tense atmosphere that filled Demon Imperial City grew even heavier. The various great patriarchs and dukes were anxious and nervous. All of their forces were kept in a nervous state where they could be dispatched for war at any moment if needed, all day long.

Because with every passing day, it would be a day nearer to the date Xuanyuan Wentian was going to make his reappearance.

Maintaining this heavy burden on the body and mind for several days was still manageable. However, this situation continued for such a long time and before Xuanyuan Wentian had even arrived, Demon Imperial City was already crumbling. Even the wills of the profound practitioners who had sworn to protect the city to their deaths, were quickly wearing away as well.

In the sky right above the Yun residence, following after a few spatial ripples, the Primordial Profound Ark, which had crossed more than four million kilometers, quietly appeared.

"Senior, Ling'er, this is the imperial city of the Illusory Demon Realm and right below us is my home." Yun Che introduced the place to Su Ling'er and Yun Gu, while the waves in his heart endlessly surged.

He stayed in Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley for more than half a month and he had even made a stop at the Azure Cloud Continent for about a dozen days. They had to be worried to death by now.

Furthermore, they definitely would not be able to guess just what he had experienced in these few days.

"Such a huge city, its ends can't even be seen with a single glance." Su Ling'er sighed out of curiosity, yet anxiety was what filled her heart the most. Because she was immediately about to meet Yun Che's biological parents and...

"The aura of this place is greatly different from the Azure Cloud Continent. I never expected that while I was still alive, I would be fortunate enough to visit a new land."

Since he had already arrived, Yun Gu accepted everything with incomparable calm as well.

"Senior, Ling'er, trust me. You two will definitely come to like this place really quickly," Yun Che said with a smile. Then, he took in some air and a roar that came from the depths of his lungs resounded far and wide, "Grandfather! Father! Mother! Little Aunt! Xiao Yun! Caiyi! Yue'er! Xue'er... I'm back!!"

Yun Che's loud roar instantly stirred a thousand layers of waves within the Yun residence, which had been cast with low spirits for a long while.

The noises of doors being fiercely pushed open, clashed with one another.

"Little Che!!"

"Husband!!"

Cang Yue and Xiao Lingxi who were in the hall charged out and they saw Yun Che who was presently descending from the skies. Yun Che looked at the two of them and with widespread arms, he said with a large smile, "Lingxi, Yue'er, why are you two still standing there? Hurry and throw yourselves into my arms."

Cang Yue and Lingxi, with each on the left and right, pounced towards Yun Che's chest. Xiao Lingxi's emotions burst out from all the yearning, worry, and fear in this period of time, causing her to cry like the rustling of a storm. Even Cang Yue, who had long cultivated sufficient fortitude was twitching as she choked immensely, unable to utter a single word.

"..." Su Ling'er's lips opened, as she quietly looked at the silhouette of Yun Che's back, her emotions were indescribably complicated. However, as a fellow woman, she was able to sense the blazing emotions the two girls, who had recklessly pounced into Yun Che's arms, had for him.

"Big Brother... Big Brother!" Bringing Xiao Lie with him, Xiao Yun ran over with hurried steps. Following close behind him was Number Seven Under Heaven who was tightly hugging onto Yongan. In this period of time, this married couple had stayed in the Yun residence the entire time.

"Xiao Yun, Seventh Sister, this period of time when you guys took care of Grandfather must have been tough," Yun Che said with a slight smile.

"Big Brother, you... as long as you're fine." Xiao Yun's eyes stirred and his voice choked. During the days while Yun Che was not here, he was similarly in a state of extreme fear. After all, on the day Yun Che was sent to Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley, he was truly in a frightening condition and after that, there was no news of him for a long period of time. He and Number Seven Under Heaven had consoled Xiao Lie in various ways, saying how his life was more tenacious than anyone else's and he would definitely be fine, however, even they themselves were worried day and night.

"Young Master! Young Master!"

"Asgard Master!!"

Everyone in the Yun household and also the crowd of Frozen Cloud girls residing in the outer residences, had all gathered. Every single one of their faces carried incomparably deep excitement.

Before their arrival, Yun Che had lightly mentioned to Yun Gu and Su Ling'er that he was the young master of the Yun Family of the Illusory Demon Realm but looking at the scene before their eyes, to the entire Yun Family, to these people, how could he possibly be just an ordinary young master? He was surrounded by layers upon layers of people and every single one of them was unable to suppress his or her excitement from seeing his safe return... He was clearly just a youth of about twenty years old but he was like the irreplaceable core of an entire world.

"Che'er! Che'er!!"

Mu Yurou flew over with teary eyes and next to her was Yun Qinghong who was doing his best to suppress his excitement. Yun Che hurriedly moved to them and then, immediately knelt with his two knees on the ground. Filled with guilt, he said. "Father, Mother, this child is unfilial. During this period of time... I have worried you two again."

"Che'er, quick, quick, stand up." Mu Yurou could not be bothered with the tears on her face, as she hurriedly held Yun Che up and looked at him over and over again. "You're finally back. If you had taken any longer, Mother would have... Che'er, are you completely healed? Are you completely fine now? The Golden Crow Divine God has cure you completely this time, right?"

Mu Yurou's every single word carried concern that was as deep as the ocean. Yun Che looked her in the eyes and nodded with incomparable strength. "Mother, this time, I'm completely healed and I can't feel any better than I am now. The incidents that happened before will never happen again."

"Rea... Really?" Mu Yurou was excited to the point of being incoherent. "Then that's good, that's good... That's really good to hear..."

"Father, I was a disappointment some time ago. My will actually diminished in the face of a strong enemy which must have worried and disappointed father. This child guarantees that it will not happen a second time," Yun Che said as he looked at Yun Qinghong.

At first glance he saw Yun Che today, Yun Qinghong could already sense an incomparably huge change in his demeanor... To the point of being comparable to a metamorphosis.

He no longer had any bleakness, any heavy-heartedness, nor even the least bit of gloom. What replaced them, were instead brightness and excellence far surpassing what he had before. Compared to the condition he was in before he was brought to Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley, it was as if he had been reborn.

Yun Qinghong smiled with incomparable joy and comfort. He reached out his hand and patted strongly on Yun Che's shoulder. "A true man can feel depressed for a short while but he will definitely not feel depressed for a lifetime..."

The hand he patted Yun Che's shoulder with suddenly jerked, his face revealed a deep astonishment... Because flowing with Yun Che's body, was actually profound energy at the Monarch level!

"Che'er, your profound strength..." Yun Qinghong raised his head, looking at him in utter disbelief.

"Father, later on, you can inform Grandfather Mu and them to temporarily withdraw the Great City Barrier Formation. As for the enforcement of martial law, it can be completely removed as well." Yun Che revealed a confident, yet unarrogant light smile. "Right now, I'm eager to have Xuanyuan Wentian come over, it would save me the trouble of going over to the Profound Sky Continent to look for him myself."

"..." The hand Yun Qinghong placed on Yun Che instantly stiffened, his eyes slightly widened. He was actually speechless from how agitated he was.

"Xue'er isn't at home?" Yun Che could not spot Feng Xue'er's figure.

"She and the Little Demon Empress have gone over to Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley," Mu Yurou said. "During this period, they have been making these visits everyday but they should be back around now."

"Big Brother Yun!!"

The moment Mu Yurou's voice fell, an anxious call sounded from afar. Feng Xue'er, dressed in a red dress, could not be bothered with the masses of people present and heavily leapt into Yun Che's arms. The Little Demon Empress arrived right after her and she quietly landed next to Yun Che. She still had the same expressionless look and even spoke with the same cold tone. "Yun Che, just what happened to you in Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley? Why have you come out only after such a long time, letting all these people worry about you?"

Looking away, she then lightly added, "How's your present condition?"

"Heh, of course I'm fine now. You should know right after looking at me," Yun Che laughed.

"Oh right, I forgot to introduce everyone." Yun Che arrived next to Su Ling'er and Yun Gu and first pulled over Su Ling'er's small hand. "This is Ling'er, Su Ling'er. She came back with me from the Azure Cloud Continent. Ling'er, this is my father and mother."

"Ling'er greets Uncle and Auntie." Su Ling'er stepped forward and lightly bowed.

"What did you say? Azure Cloud Continent?" The Little Demon Empress suddenly turned back. Although few people knew the existence of Azure Cloud Continent, there were indeed distant records of the Azure Cloud Continent in the Illusory Demon Realm and the Little Demon Empress was one of the few people who knew about it... However, it was still just superficial knowledge.

"Mn." Yun Che nodded. "Actually, during this short period of time, I was not in Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley but travelled to the Azure Cloud Continent with the profound ark... As for the reasons behind this, I will tell everyone about it in detail later."

"..." Deep astonishment surfaced between the Little Demon Empress's brows. However, she did not press for an answer amidst the crowd.

On the other hand, Mu Yurou's focus was not on that whatever Azure Cloud Continent, the eyes Yun Che and Su Ling'er looked at each other with were all seen by her and how could she possibly not see through them? She was definitely in the process of getting another daughter-in-law. In an instant, wearing a grin on her face, she took the initiative to pull Su Ling'er's hand and gently said, "Ling'er, though this auntie isn't aware where the Azure Cloud Continent is, since you were willing to accompany Yun Che here, in the future, this will be your home. If you need anything, please feel free to let auntie know."

"Thank you, Auntie." Ripples of warmth surged within Su Ling'er's heart.

"Che'er, this senior is?" Yun Qinghong's gaze turned towards Yun Gu. This white-haired elderly man had a sage-like demeanor and he carried an aura that could deeply impress people. Furthermore, he had noticed that the eyes Yun Che was looking at him with, carried deep respect... And when it came to people whom he would display such a respectful attitude to, other than his elders, there was seemingly no one else.

Yun Che hurriedly said, "This person is Senior Medical Saint and similarly carries the surname Yun. His medical techniques can be said to be the best in both ancient and modern times and from now on, he will be residing in our Illusory Demon Realm."

Yun Qinghong's heart shook immensely. Yun Che's medical techniques were already at the miraculous level, yet the words "best in both ancient and modern times" were personally spoken by him. How could this possibly be a small matter!?

He hurriedly bowed and said, "So it's Senior Medical Saint! To have a miracle man such as Senior Medical Saint here, it's truly a blessing for our Illusory Demon Realm."

"This old man is just a regular doctor, I'm definitely not worthy of such praise from Patriarch Yun." Yun Gu hurriedly returned his greetings but his gaze had instead landed on the Little Demon Empress after that. Then, he immediately spoke. "I wonder how I should address this little lady?"

The Little Demon Empress's brows slightly twitched as she turned around. Yun Che hurriedly introduced. "Senior Medical Saint, this is the Little Demon Empress, the ruler of the continent of the Illusory Demon Realm."

"I see." Yun Gu lightly nodded and there were not any huge changes to the emotions on his face. As a doctor, he had seemingly never been moved by the identities of his patients. He continued to inspect the Little Demon Empress and when he thought of the crowd present at the sides, in the end, he kept his words to himself.

Yun Che's heart fiercely shook. When it came to the Little Demon Empress's condition, other than Yun Qinghong who had sensed it, only he and the Little Demon Empress knew about it. Furthermore, the Little Demon Empress's condition was not evidently exposed. If he had not known about it beforehand, even with his own judgment, he definitely would not have realized that she had any anomalies.

However, looking at Yun Gu's expression... He had clearly seen through it at first glance!

Yun Che's heart began to tremble from excitement... How could I have missed such an important detail? I'm unable to save Caiyi but Master might have a way... Because he's my master who has surpassed all in the way of the medicine, be it in the present or ancient times!

"Father! I have to trouble you to prepare a quiet place!" Yun Che suddenly said and then pulled the Little Demon Empress. "Senior Medical Saint, mind if I trouble you to first... check on the Little Demon Empress's pulse?"

Little Demon Empress: "...?"

Yun Gu lightly nodded, "This old man shall do his best."

Only then did Yun Qinghong react and hurriedly said, "Free up the main hall quickly. Everyone must withdraw a kilometer away from the main hall and unless personally permitted by this patriarch. No one is allowed to approach!"

Chapter 897 - Hope (2)

The central area of the Yun household was completely quiet. Because of Yun Qinghong's worry, he had even erected an enormous isolation barrier, as if the entire Yun Family was about to face a strong enemy.

The Little Demon Empress, Yun Che, and Yun Gu were the only ones in the main hall.

"Senior Medical Saint, she ... "

"No need for words." Yun Gu however smiled, preventing Yun Che from explaining the Little Demon Empress's condition as he stretched out his pair of slightly pale arms. "Allow this old one to first check her pulse. Little Demon Empress, please be at ease. This old one has always examined a woman's pulse through the air, all you need to do is calm your breathing."

"I will have to trouble you," The Little Demon Empress glanced at Yun Che and said quietly. Looking at her expression, evidently, she did not harbor even the slightest bit of hope. Because, the issue of her having only three years of life left was personally spoken by the Golden Crow Spirit.

How could the consequences, which even the Golden Crow Spirit said were impossible to heal or suspend, possibly be averted by a mere mortal?

Yun Gu did not speak any further. Gently closing his old eyes, he kneaded his fingers into a strange gesture and a warm profound energy instantly flowed into the Little Demon Empress' channels.

Yun Che held his breath at the side. His entire body was still, as if it was nailed into the ground, afraid of making even the slightest of noise.

Unexpectedly, the pulse examination was considerably short. In just a short few dozens of breaths, Yun Gu's eyes slowly opened and his hands were put down right after.

"Senior... How is she?" Yun Che hurriedly asked.

"..." Yun Gu was silent for a moment, before he slowly spoke. "After persistently chasing after immense power which her profound veins could not possibly endure, she was left with no choice but to integrate her life vein as a joint vessel. Presently, nearly half of her lifeline has already withered and if this situation persists, in two years, it will definitely wither completely."

"..." Yun Gu's words had finally stirred the light in the Little Demon Empress's eyes because this was a secret which only she and Yun Che knew of. Furthermore, this was a secret that encroached on the secrets of the power of the divine way. This elderly man with only the physique of a mortal was actually able to see through it without the slightest discrepancy in just a few short breaths of pulse examination.

"That's right, that's exactly the case." Yun Che hurriedly nodded. "Because of special reasons, during that period of time, in order to quickly obtain powerful profound energy, she forcefully took in power that her profound veins could not endure. The consequence for that, was her lifespan being reduced to just three years or so... Senior Medical Saint, do you have any way to save her?"

"If we compare the life's vitality left of the lifeline to a candle, then a regular person's candle will slowly melt as the wick burns. Her candle, however, due to forcefully integrating her lifeline as a vessel of energy, is as if it had been thrown into a sea of fire, her life's vitality quickly being burned away. It concerns her lifeline and also concerns her life's vitality as well... Difficult, it's really difficult." Yun Gu heavily sighed.

"...Could it be that even Senior has no way either?" Yun Che said with a heavy heart.

Yun Gu shook his head and instead revealed a light smile. "This old one simply said it was difficult but I did not say it was incurable."

Yun Gu's words were undoubtedly celestial music of the heavens in Yun Che's ears. He instantly fell onto his knees in front of Yun Gu and said with great excitement. "Senior, you... you're saying... you're saying you can save her?"

The Little Demon Empress who had been sitting quietly slowly stood up as well. Though she was still wearing a domineering look on her tender face, there was clearly something stirring in the depths of her eyes.

Yun Gu's expression was solemn. He stood up and slowly walked a few steps, presenting a state of deep thought. Yun Che who was like an extremely evil god in front of others, was presently like an obedient child, pacing behind Yun Gu and listening to his explanation. "Using one's life as price to greatly raise one's profound strength is not something rare. Though the methods are different, the logic behind them is greatly similar. Some heavily damage their profound veins as price, some heavily damage their blood essence. There are even some who speed up the consumption of their life's vitality as the price through altering the energy connection and mechanism between their profound veins and life vein, allowing their lifeline and profound veins to act as one vessel to hold power that their profound veins alone could not withstand."

Yun Che nodded continuously, the Little Demon Empress belonged to the third group. Though she knew of the consequences, in order to exact revenge and in order to retrieve the authority and respect of the Demon Emperor's bloodline, she had not hesitated in the slightest.

"However, the Little Demon Empress's condition is countless times more extreme than any case this old one has seen in his lifetime," Yun Gu sighed.

"Though the lifeline and profound veins have always been connected in the first place, they are merely connected in form and they have their respective energy mechanisms. However, the respective energy mechanisms of the Little Demon Empress's lifeline and profound veins, have actually merged completely into one entity. It seems like the power she forced herself to hold back then must have been immense. If it was just a small connection, it's possible to save one's life through the crippling of one's profound strength. However, her lifeline and profound veins have completely merged into one entity. Even if all her profound energy was crippled, she would simply live for a few months more."

Yun Che nodded again. If crippling her profound strength could have stopped the Little Demon Empress's life's vitality from flowing away, how could Yun Che have worried over it until now? With him around, so what if the Little Demon Empress were to become a cripple?

Yun Gu looked at Yun Che and smiled. "Little brother, it seems like you have long known about everything this old one has just said."

Yun Che nodded and said. "This junior is a little proficient in medical knowledge as well and this junior has always understood her condition better than anyone else. In this junior's humble opinion, in order to save her, the only way I can think of is to desperately increase her lifespan. However, no matter how hard we try, even if we expend all the usable resources in the Illusory Demon Realm, it would merely be a drop in the bucket."

When he asked Jasmine back then, Jasmine informed him of two methods. One, he could forcefully increase the Little Demon Empress's lifespan after reaching sufficient heights in the Great Way of the

Buddha. Two, he could search for the Primordial Seal of Life and Death and allow the Little Demon Empress to possess a limitless, inexhaustible lifespan. These were all within Yun Che's scope.

Yun Gu's footsteps then stopped and he said with a smile. "Then have you thought of another way? And that is to first guide out all of her profound energy and then re-separate the energy mechanisms of her lifeline and profound veins."

Yun Che was stunned for a moment and then replied. "If the energy mechanisms of the lifeline and profound veins can be re-separated, then it will naturally be the most perfect method to solving this problem but... but that's basically impossible. The entirety of her lifeline and profound veins have connected and they have even connected completely into a single entity. If we were to try to forcefully separate the energy mechanisms a strand at a time, not only would it be as hard as stepping into the heavens, if even the slightest of mistake is made, it will mess up the energy mechanisms greatly... and she will instantly lose her life."

"Could it be..." Yun Che's spirit suddenly shook. "Senior, you know of a way to re-separate the lifeline and profound veins?"

Yun Gu did not nod and neither did he shake his head either. Instead, he continued, "The physique of a human can be seen as a unique and complete small world. Since it is complete and unique, then there's no logic behind it being impossible to escape from the cycle of karma. If it is a smooth flow, then it can definitely be bent. If they can be merged, then they can definitely be separated. This is the foundation behind the medicine scripture this old one studies."

This was also the same exact basics of medical knowledge which Yun Che learned from Yun Gu. As it described, there were no illness in the world that could not be treated and even if there was, it would only mean that the method to cure it had still yet to be found.

"If it was a few months ago, this old one would definitely be unable to forcefully separate the merged energy mechanisms between the lifeline and profound veins as well. Just three months ago, this old one had finally comprehended a scripture which this old one had doubts about for several dozens of years..."

Yun Gu seemed to have already been absorbed in his own explanation of medical knowledge, as he unconsciously recited. "The beginning of life, void led by circulation, regulation of the seal, the paradox of life and death, are of yin and yang, of yang and yin..."

"Unique since the beginning, cluster leads to prosperity, the breath of humans surpasses the heavenly circulation..." As he listened to Yun Gu's soft recitation, Yun Che's consciousness gradually turned hazy and the scene of his master teaching him to recite the 《Heavenly Medicine Manual》 gradually surfaced before his eyes. Unconsciously, he began to recite softly with him.

When Yun Gu had stopped, Yun Che was still absentmindedly continuing with his recitation. "Blossom and tranquility, chaos and turbidity, the birth of yin and the richness of yang..."

When he finally regained his senses, Yun Gu's face had already completely lost its calm, as he looked at Yun Che shockingly. "Little brother, you... How do you know of the Heavenly Medicine Manual?"

"..." Yun Che opened his mouth and had no choice but to force out an explanation. "When this junior... was practicing the medicinal arts back then, what I studied was the Heavenly Medicine Manual. Could it be that Senior studies the Heavenly Medicine Manual as well? Then that truly is a coincidence, as expected, this junior shares a deep fate with Senior. It seems like there isn't only a single Heavenly Medicine Manual in this world. However, this junior has shallow cultivation in the way of medicine. Though this junior is familiar with the Heavenly Medicine Manual, there are many scriptures which this junior fails to comprehend. The set of scriptures which senior has recited just now, is something this junior is even more so unable to understand at all. Could it be that Senior has already attained mastery of it?"

Not just him, even his Master Yun Gu was unable to understand this set of scriptures either. Even till his passing, he was never able to comprehend it.

Could it be that in this lifetime, he had actually comprehended it?

"I see." Though Yun Gu was still shocked, he did not continue to probe and instead continued, "These set of scriptures contain the logic behind the source of countless energies within a human body. This old one has studied it for half a lifetime and had only just comprehended the key behind it. The key actually lies behind 'of yin and yang, of yang and yin'. If the logic behind it is understood, then, separating the energy mechanisms between the lifeline and profound veins, though the process may be long and arduous, is definitely not something unachievable."

Though he completely could not understand the true medical logic behind that set of scriptures, since Yun Gu was able to say such words, then it proved that the Little Demon Empress could truly be saved.

Yun Che looked over with great joy and excitedly said, "I request for Senior to put his skills save the Little Demon Empress."

Yun Gu however slightly shook his head. "This old one is after all, a man. Though I understand the logic, I am unable to apply it. I can merely impart this knowledge to someone."

Yun Che hurriedly knelt on a single knee and bowed, as he heavily spoke his every word. "Junior Yun Che is willing to have Senior as master, I hope Senior can fulfill this request."

"This... Hohoho." Yun Gu however said with a light smile. "Little brother, stand up for now. When this old one mentioned that I am unable to apply my knowledge, it is not because of the relationship between a man of a woman but because of another reason. In regards to taking me as your master, that absolutely cannot do. Your eyes are clear and your heart contains no evil will but your body carries a heavily fierce and bloody aura. In the future, you may become a hero of a lifetime but you're definitely not suitable in cultivating in the way of the medicine."

"..." Yun Che stood up with a dejected look and shame filled his heart. That's right. He was no longer able to return to the state of mind which he had back then when he was traveling the world with his master... He was no longer able to return to it for all eternity.

Back then, Yun Che wholeheartedly pursued the way of medicine and his biggest wish was to surpass his master with his medical techniques, to be praised by his master, and to save even more people... Compared to the present Yun Che, they were two people that belonged to completely different worlds.

The him now, indeed could not expect that Yun Gu would once again take him as his disciple.

Chapter 898 - Ling'er Pays Respects to Her Master

"The matter regarding the Little Demon Empress can no longer be delayed. This old one already has an inkling of an idea and I will definitely put in my best effort, it's just that... everything will be up to destiny after this."

Yun Gu said a spiel of things that Yun Che did not really understand before suddenly speaking, "Little brother, could I trouble you regarding one thing?"

Yun Che hurriedly replied, "Just let me know what you need Senior. Oh... this junior requests that Senior just calls me Yun Che from now on."

"Hoho, that is fine as well," Yun Gu said with a faint smile as he nodded his head. "Yun Che, can you call Miss Ling'er to this place."

"Ling'er? Okay!"

Yun Che did not ask for the details; he immediately rushed out of the hall and flew back with Su Ling'er in his arms a short while after he left.

"Senior Medical Saint?" Su Ling'er asked with an apprehensive and puzzled expression on her face, "Is there something you need to instruct Ling'er to do?"

Yun Gu gave a light shake of his head. He measured Su Ling'er up and down with his eyes and his gaze lingered on her eyes for an especially long time. After that, he nodded his head repeatedly, his expression becoming rather excited, "From ten years ago, this old one had begun the task of looking for the person who could inherit the medical skills that I have refined all my life. But for the entire ten years, my search has borne no fruit. After all is said and done, this world is one that is ruled by profound strength. Everyone chases after profound strength. Everyone chases after power and influence. They are people who belong to this vulgar world, so how many of them can be expected to be unsullied by the vulgar desires that move this world and truly bury their hearts into the way of medicine?"

"In the past few years, this old one was nearly prepared to give up my search entirely and I was going to nurture a disciple from infancy, so that I could cleanse his thoughts and spirit and prepare him to inherit this old one's legacy. But I was also afraid that I would waste decades of effort and nurturing, because the innate nature of a person is hard to determine."

Yun Che, "..."

"Until... this old one met you, Miss Ling'er," Yun Gu said emotionally as he looked at Su Ling'er.

"Ah? Me?" Su Ling'er said. Yun Gu's words had stunned her briefly.

"Miss Ling'er, this old one has known countless people in his life. But this old one has only ever seen one person whose eyes and heart are as clean and spotless as yours. I wonder..." After Yun Gu had reached this point, a nervous expression actually appeared on his face, "I wonder if you have any interest in the way of medicine?"

Once Yun Gu had said this much, how could Yun Che not realize his intent. He shouted in an extremely shocked and elated tone, "Ling'er, hurry... Hurry up and pay respects to your master!"

With a "thud," Ling'er landed heavily on her knees. "Junior Su Ling'er... requests that Senior accept Ling'er as his disciple. Henceforth, Ling'er will devote her entire soul to following Master and the study of medicine. I will also be very obedient to Master's words..."

Yun Gu's appearance was even more emotional than Su Ling'er herself. The rims of eyes grew faintly damp as he said, "Miss Ling'er, you... Are you truly willing to learn the way of medicine from this old one?"

Su Ling'er replied sincerely, "To be able to get Senior Medical Saint to be my master is Ling'er's fortune and it has also been Ling'er's desire all this while. It's just that Ling'er is stupid, so from now on... I request that Master gives me much instruction."

Yun Che pressed a hand to his chest, an incredibly joyous smile spreading across his face. Only he knew that the words Ling'er had just said, "it has also been Ling'er's desire all this while," was definitely not some empty pledge. All those years ago, she had wanted to be like Yun Che and learn the way of medicine from Yun Gu. Yun Gu had also been exceedingly pleased with her but it was just that he could only pass on his legacy to one disciple in his lifetime. The exceptionally moderate and gentle Yun Gu was only extremely steadfast when it came to this one thing. In everything else, he was willing to compromise. Because of that, even though Su Ling'er had accompanied Yun Gu and Yun Che for many years, in the end, she had never become his disciple.

But who would have thought that her desires would be fulfilled at this time?

"Good, very good, this is too good to be true," Yun Gu said. He nodded his head repeatedly as his emotions almost overwhelmed him. Because to Yun Gu, this was truly the greatest wish of his life. He slowly walked towards Su Ling'er. After that, he removed the bronze ring on his finger and personally slipped it onto Su Ling'er's left thumb, "Su Ling'er, from now on, you are my, Yun Gu's, only personal disciple; the one who will inherit my legacy. Your master belongs to no sect or clan and he has no power or authority, so I cannot give you any kind of glory or power. The only thing I can give you are the truths that I have comprehended from the way of medicine and the heart of one who pursues the way of medicine."

The ring that had been on Yun Che's thumb all those years ago was now on her own. It was a marvellous twist of fate and it was as if they had truly come full circle. Su Ling'er gave a deep bow. "Disciple Su Ling'er greets Master..."

Yun Che, who was a bystander to these events, was so excited that a toothy grin had been permanently pasted on his face. Even though he was no longer worthy to become Yun Gu's disciple, Ling'er had become his disciple and his master's long-held wish had finally come to fruition... it was simply a conclusion that allowed him to have the best of both worlds.

No, in fact, it left him even more satisfied than that.

"Caiyi, you can be saved... you truly can be saved!" Yun Che grabbed the Little Demon Empress' hand as he emotionally yelled into her ears.

"Just... who exactly is this person?" The Little Demon Empress asked with knitted brows. She had never seen Yun Che behave in such a respectful and reverential manner to anybody in the past but in front of

Yun Gu, he was completely reverent and respectful and he practically jumped at every word that proceeded from Yun Gu's mouth.

He was far more well-behaved in front Yun Gu than he was in front her!!!!

This was definitely not simply someone that he had brought from the outside. If there was not sufficient cause and their relationship was not deep enough, given Yun Che's arrogance which seeped into his very bones, how could it be possible for him to be so obedient in front of another?

"He..." Yun Che thought about it for a moment before he spoke with much emotion in his voice, "My medical skills and all the knowledge I have regarding medicine and poisons were learned from him. The debt that I owe him is higher than the heavens, it's just that he himself does not remember any of that anymore."

"...!?" A deep astonishment flashed through the Little Demon Empress' beautiful eyes.

"It is very hard to explain all of these things right now. I will slowly explain all of it to the rest of you in the future," Yun Che said with a faint smile. "All of you think that my medical skills are really great but they pale in comparison to his medical skills. Since he has personally said that there is a way to save you... then there definitely is a way to save you!!"

Even though even the Golden Crow Spirit and Jasmine had said that it was impossible to save the Little Demon Empress, this was merely what they knew from their knowledge of the profound way.

But when it came to the way of medicine, it was Yun Gu who was the absolute authority. As someone who could truly snatch fate away from the heavens, if he said it was possible, then it was definitely possible!

Yun Gu and Su Ling'er had finished a simple ceremony recognizing them as master and disciple. When Yun Che had come of age all those years ago, Yun Gu had also held an extremely simple ceremony to confirm his official apprenticeship. Yun Gu turned around and faintly smiled as he said, "Little Demon Empress, even though this old one knows how to cure your illness, now that it involves the energy of your lifeline, it can only be treated by a woman because she also possesses yin energy. Within half a year, this old one will first instruct Ling'er on the principles behind energy. After that, we can attempt to rid you of this illness. Even though Ling'er is a novice in the way of medicine, given her pure and unblemished heart, she will definitely be able to do this in half a year's time."

The Little Demon Empress bowed deeply to Yun Gu as she nodded her head and said, "I'll be in your care then."

Su Ling'er, who stood at Yun Gu's side, winked at Yun Che as she smiled merrily.

A person who followed the way of medicine was required to be extremely cautious. As a result, Yun Gu was a person who never spoke in absolutes. If he was confident enough to make such a statement, that meant that he definitely had adequate confidence that he could deal with this issue and it was definitely not equivalent to what he described as an "attempt."

However, Yun Che did not sense any feelings of joy from the Little Demon Empress. Naturally, Yun Che also knew the reason behind this... Because of Xuanyuan Wentian who could appear at any moment,

the Little Demon Empress had become resolved to perish together with Demon Imperial City so she had long resigned herself to not living past the next six months.

Yun Che had also not yet told her that she first needed to vent out all of her profound energy before she could resolve her hopeless situation... While she was facing a great enemy, she definitely would not allow that to happen.

It seems like the only way he could get the Little Demon Empress to accept her treatment in peace was to first get rid of the great danger that was Xuanyuan Wentian.

After that, even if the Little Demon Empress lost all of her profound strength, as long as he was around, as long as the Yun Family was around and as long as all those Guardian Families and great Duke Palaces who were either loyal to her or were compelled to even greater obedience because of the slave imprint were around, she would still be the Little Demon Empress who reigned supreme over the Illusory Demon Realm.

Furthermore, given her Golden Crow bloodline and the knowledge she had regarding the laws and principles of profound energy, she would grow immensely once she started recultivating her profound strength.

When Yun Che, the Little Demon Empress and the rest of them exited the hall, Yun Qinghong quickly walked over by himself and asked in a soft but anxious voice, "So what was the conclusion?"

Yun Che did not reply. Instead, he flashed a faint but serene smile at his father.

Wild joy appeared on Yun Qinghong's face as he deeply bowed towards Yun Gu before saying, "Senior Medical Saint, if you are able to save the Little Demon Empress, you will be the great benefactor of our entire Illusory Demon Realm."

"Patriarch Yun's words are too heavy, this old one is merely doing something that a doctor ought to do... Furthermore, I don't have complete confidence that I can accomplish this task, so we will still have to rely on the kindness of the heavens."

Yun Gu's words and behaviour was the same as always; he was still as calm and tranquil as still water. He was not the least bit ruffled even though his patient was the Little Demon Empress. Admiration blossomed in Yun Qinghong's heart as he said, "Senior Medical Saint has come to the Illusory Demon Realm for the first time so you ought not have any place to stay yet. Would staying in the household of our Yun Family suit you?"

Yun Gu thought about it briefly before he accepted the offer, "Since that is the case, then I will have to trouble you."

"The courtyard has been prepared. Che'er, bring Senior Medical Saint to his abode so that he can rest."

"Alright."

Yun Gu had made consecutive jumps across space to travel from the Azure Cloud Continent to the Illusory Demon Realm, so he was indeed rather tired. While they were walking towards the courtyard Yun Che finally could not resist the urge to ask, "Senior, just what method are you going to use the treat the Little Demon Empress? This junior truly cannot think of anything, nor can I understand what you just said."

"Hohohoho," Yun Gu gave a small chuckle. It was clear that he was in a rather good mood after taking Su Ling'er as a disciple, so he generously explained, "Because it involves both the profound veins and the lifeline, the process of treating her will be extremely long and arduous but there is only one principle behind this. The energy circulation of her profound veins and life vein are completely abnormal, so it naturally violates the laws which govern energy mechanisms within the human body. So if you use a normal person's energy mechanism to gradually guide and regulate that abnormal energy mechanism and correct those abnormal principles of energy mechanism, as time passes, everything will fix itself."

"This..." Yun Che, who had always believed that he had a deep knowledge of the principles behind medicine, was completely baffled by this explanation, "Using another person's energy mechanism to regulate and correct? This... how are you going to go about doing this? Could it be that you will be using a medical principle that was expounded upon in that medical manual?"

"That's right," Yun Gu said as he gave a faint nod of his head. "The Little Demon Empress is a woman and her energy is yin energy, so she requires the yin energy of another female to regulate and correct her energy mechanism. The medical manual that this old one has been trying to comprehend for most of his life has talked about one principle in particular. That principle states that yin energy follows yin energy while yang energy follows yang energy. This allowed this old one to view a whole new vast and broad horizon."

"..." Yun Che still had a baffled look on his face.

"This old one will first teach Ling'er about the principles behind energy circulation. Once she has comprehended and mastered this principle and the related skills that she needs to know, she and the Little Demon Empress will touch their secret gardens together, this will connect their yin energies together as well. From there on, we will separate the forcibly fused life vein and profound veins of the Little Demon Empress. If we continue this for a few months and no major accidents occur, we should be able to see outstanding results. However, the success and the length of this treatment will depend entirely on Ling'er's innate talent and her powers of comprehension."

"....."

"~!@#¥%.....!!!"

It was as if someone had struck the back of Yun Che's head with a heavy stick and he even felt his vision grow rather dim.

He had been completely mystified by the rest of Yun Gu's words but he definitely understood the meaning of the words "touch their secret gardens together!!"

Touch their secret gardens together...

Ling'er and... the Little Demon Empress!?

Damn, this...

That scene... is simply...

Moreover, given the Little Demon Empress' temperament, she definitely would not be able to accept it! She would rather die than undergo that kind of treatment. Besides himself, she had not allowed anyone else to even touch her fingers and that included other women.

...Hmmm? Wait a minute, if we are talking about her behavior when she is in bed, the Little Demon Empress was actually especially obedient during those times and she was practically even more docile and meek than Yue'er.

If he could ensure that the Little Demon Empress and Ling'er established a good relationship... Perhaps, it would still be a possibility.

It looked like he needed to work hard to establish a good relationship between the Little Demon Empress and Ling'er during the time Ling'er was comprehending and mastering the medical principles behind energy circulation...

Ah, it looks like even though he did not not to be directly involved, his task was still extremely arduous!

As Yun Che slowly sank into silence beside him, Yun Gu thought that he had descended into deep and profound thought. But little did he know that Yun Che's mind was actually filled with thousands of wild, depraved thoughts.

Chapter 899 - Dark Clouds in Profound Sky

Following after Yun Che's arrival, the Yun household was several times more lively than before and the atmosphere of the entire Demon Imperial City had undergone a large change as well.

Due to Yun Qinghong's trust towards Yun Che, he sent a sound transmission to the various great families and duke palaces, instructing them to temporarily stop their preparations for war. However, the shadow which Xuanyuan Wentian brought to Demon Imperial City was too heavy and the tense and grayish atmosphere enveloping Demon Imperial City did not weaken because of this.

Without even needing to think, on the other side, the Profound Sky Continent was definitely enveloped within Xuanyuan Wentian's shadow as well. Xia Yuanba who was seen by Xuanyuan Wentian as a potential threat that had to be eliminated, the Blue Wind Empire which Cang Yue was concerned about, and the Divine Phoenix Sect which Xue'er was concerned about, all of their situations were unknown.

On the third day he returned, Su Hengshan finally woke up and Su Ling'er began to wholeheartedly accompany Yun Gu in the studies of the way of medicine. On the fourth day, Yun Che had decided to head to the Profound Sky Continent alone.

If he were to delay eliminating Xuanyuan Wentian, who could predict what kind of terrifying thing he would do next.

"Yun Che, are you truly confident of defeating Xuanyuan Wentian now?" the Little Demon Empress worriedly asked.

In the past few days, Yun Che had given everyone a brief description of his experiences in the Azure Cloud Continent. Although Yun Che's profound strength had risen explosively, the combined strength of him, the Little Demon Empress, and Feng Xue'er could not even defeat Xuanyuan the last time they faced him. Presently, merely a short single month had passed. Could the present Yun Che truly step directly across the previous immense difference in strength?

"Though I am not hundred percent confident and am unable to predict just how much improvement Xuanyuan Wentian has made in this one month, at the very least, I can probe him. Even if I end up defeated, I can still safely escape."

Though Yun Che put it this way, his eyes were clearly exuding prideful confidence.

"Big Brother Yun, let me accompany you. I have been worried about how royal father and the rest are doing," Feng Xue'er gently said.

"Don't worry," Yun Che consoled. "Last time, Xuanyuan Wentian was injured heavily, so he wouldn't be able to heal completely without half a month or so. Furthermore, after the previous time, he will definitely become more impatient in unleashing the power within his devil blood, so he wouldn't have the thoughts and time to care about other matters."

"If you insist on going, then bring Xue'er along as well," the Little Demon Empress said with a cold look. "Adding Xue'er's strength, your chances will increase as well. With someone by your side, you will at least know how to cherish your own life!"

Yun Che, "…"

Yun Che's gaze looked towards the far north... That was the direction of the Profound Sky Continent. Unknowingly, it had already been several months since he left there.

Right now, it was finally time to return.

Xuanyuan Wentian, all the debts, it is also time to end them all!

Profound Sky Continent, Divine Phoenix Empire, Phoenix City.

The Phoenix City which was destroyed by Jasmine a few months ago still carried the same tattered look and from the looks of it, only simple repairs had been done on the exterior. The Phoenix City, which was usually filled with a searing hot atmosphere, was presently cast with lifelessness. Looking from the sky above, it was even near impossible to see any moving figures.

"How can this be... Where did all the people of Phoenix City go?"

Because Feng Xue'er was worried about the situation of Divine Phoenix Sect, the coordinates which Yun Che and Xue'er jumped to, were exactly the sky above Phoenix City. However, what they saw was utter desolateness.

"Don't be anxious. Compared to a few months ago, there isn't a large increase in traces of destruction in Phoenix City, maybe... Let's first head down to ask around."

Yun Che pulled Feng Xue'er's small hand which was tightly clenched due to anxiety and brought her straight down, landing in front of the elderly man who had the strongest profound aura remaining in Phoenix City.

That elderly man seemed to be in a daze because of some matters and he quickly took a few steps back out of shock due to Yun Che's and Xue'er's sudden appearance. The moment he saw Feng Xue'er, he shockingly widened his old eyes. "Prin... Princess Snow? It's... It's really you? I'm not... dreaming, right?"

Then, he suddenly saw Yun Che next to Feng Xue'er and his pair of eyes had almost popped out of their eye sockets. "You..."

The people of the Profound Sky Continent had all believed that Yun Che was already dead.

"Thirty-third Elder, it's me! Where's royal father? Quickly tell me where have royal father and the rest gone to?" Feng Xue'er anxiously asked and her body lightly shrank from fear, afraid of hearing the answer which she was terrified to think about.

"Sect Master, he... He..." Thirty-third Elder took a deep breath. "He, along with Grand Sect Master and the rest, have gone to Supreme Ocean Palace."

"..." Feng Xue'er's body instantly softened, her entire body leaned against Yun Che's chest, as she finally heaved a long sigh of relief between her lips.

Yun Che really wanted to step up and send thirty-three ruthless slaps to this Thirty-third Elder. If they have gone to Supreme Ocean Palace, then say they have gone to the Supreme Ocean Palace. It's not like they have gone down to the netherworld, why the hell did he take in such a big breath for!? Look at how you frightened my Xue'er.

"Supreme Ocean Palace?" Yun Che's brows twitched. "Why did they go there?"

The Thirty-third Elder was still a little shocked when facing the "resurrected" Yun Che and he only replied a few moments later. "It's the Heavenly Sovereign Conference... Xuanyuan Wentian's Heavenly Sovereign Conference. Xuanyuan Wentian will be conferring himself as the Profound Sky Supreme Lord in the Heavenly Sovereign Conference... All of those who do not accept the invitations will be seen as going against the Heavenly Sovereign and have their sects and families massacred."

"Heavenly Sovereign Conference... Conferring himself as a Heavenly Sovereign, that sure is a great show of arrogance," Yun Che coldly laughed and said, "When will this Heavenly Sovereign Conference begin?"

"It's today. Sect Master and the rest have already gone there several days ago." This Thirty-third Elder had still yet to completely regain his senses.

Today!?

"Royal father, grandfather, great grandfather and the rest... Are they all alright?" Feng Xue'er still asked with slight worry. "During the time I wasn't here, did Xuanyuan Wentian come here?"

"No... However, the people of Mighty Heavenly Sword Region have visited several times and every single time, they would bring back a large amount of profound crystals, medicine and pellets. We have no choice but to comply with them." Fear emitted out of the Thirty-third Elder's eyes. "Somehow, that Xuanyuan Wentian had basically become even more terrifying than the ghost god of legends. I heard that previously, when the other three Sacred Masters, who held the same status as him, combined their strengths, they were still miserably defeated by him alone."

"Even his personality, according to rumors, has become exceptionally cruel and violent. Anyone or any sect that had the slightest thoughts of not submitting to him, was massacred by Mighty Heavenly Sword Region. Even several people belonging to Absolute Monarch Sanctuary, Supreme Ocean Palace and Sun Moon Divine Hall have died at Xuanyuan Wentian's hands. I'm afraid that it's not much longer until the three Sacred Grounds will have no choice but to shrink back and submit under Xuanyuan Wentian as well... Aah, from today on, there will no longer be four Sacred Masters in the Profound Sky Continent. After Xuanyuan Wentian becomes the Heavenly Sovereign, it will be hard to predict just what will happen to the Profound Sky Continent and it will be hard to predict just what will happen to our Divine Phoenix Sect as well."

The Four Great Sacred Grounds had initially coexisted while mutually restraining each other. It was hard for one to dominate over the other and no one dared to act too recklessly. Now that Xuanyuan Wentian has turned into a devil god, far surpassing the other three Sacred Masters, the balance being broken was just a secondary matter. Xuanyuan Wentian's personality was becoming even more twisted under the influence of the dark profound energy, turning even more violent and brutal. To the Profound Sky Continent, his power was an incomparably terrifying disaster and it was becoming even more terrifying with each passing day.

"Xue'er, we're going to Supreme Ocean Palace!"

Yun Che pulled on Feng Xue'er and instantly disappeared within the dimensional rift, leaving behind a completely stunned Phoenix Elder.

The Primordial Profound Ark once again leapt, instantly arriving above the ocean region of Supreme Ocean Palace from Phoenix City.

Directly south from their lines of sight, they could see a floating island enveloped by a shallow blue glow at first glance. However, compared to when Yun Che first visited Supreme Ocean Palace, the blue light surrounding the floating island evidently showed slight hints of chaos.

Beneath their feet was a small circular island and a spatial profound formation was flashing at the center of the small island. Yun Che recalled that this island was named "Ocean Eye Isle" and when he first visited Supreme Ocean Palace, he was first sent to this small island, before flying towards the floating island on his own.

"It's Supreme Ocean Palace," Feng Xue'er lightly muttered, as she looked at it with startled eyes. It was unclear if she was worried about Feng Hengkong and the rest or if she had recalled the scene when they first came here.

"It has been less than a year and I never expected that I would actually come back here again," Yun Che said. The first time he met Xuanyuan Wentian was in Supreme Ocean Palace as well.

"Xuanyuan Wentian... is indeed a terrifying figure. Ambition, talent, schemes, ruthlessness, patience and opportunities... He should have possessed all the things he needed by now. However, unfortunately, on his very last step, he turned into a madman who has lost both his body and mind..." Yun Che seemed to be muttering to himself.

The Heavenly Sovereign Conference today was the moment where he would enjoy his fruits of labour to the fullest.

"Big Brother Yun, are we going head over directly?" Feng Xue'er asked.

Yun Che pondered for a moment and said. "Let's still conceal our presence and approach carefully. Let's first investigate the situation in the ocean palace. Xue'er, let's head up."

Just as Yun Che and Feng Xue'er were about to rise into the air, the spatial profound formation on the Ocean Eye Isle beneath them suddenly flashed with white light and two figures walked out one after the other.

"Hahahaha." The white-robed youth walking at the front, suddenly raised his head and laughed out loud the moment he stepped out of the profound formation. "Look at this broad ocean region. This young master has finally understood why father has chosen this place. With the vastness of this blue ocean, there's truly nowhere one could escape to."

"Hoho." The elderly following behind the youth laughed as well. "But with Lord Sword Master's present divine might, if he doesn't wish for anyone to flee, who can truly escape from the hands of Lord Sword Master?"

Yun Che's and Feng Xue'er's figures stopped at the same time, as their gazes landed at the two people below them. The youth had the profound strength of a late-stage Overlord, while the elderly was a level seven Monarch. Their two bodies were surging with sword aura.

"Xuanyuan Wendao!" Yun Che recited in a low tone, his eyes instantly darkened.

The male youth walking at the front, was actually Xuanyuan Wentian's son... his only son—Xuanyuan Wendao!!

Though the former Xuanyuan Wendao carried a lofty look, he had basically stayed passive aggressive. While in the presence of other people, he was still considered to be cautious and would occasionally display a meek side as well.

However, the present Xuanyuan Wendao was suffused with arrogance and majesty. His eyes, his tone, not one of them was not madly arrogant in the least. He was basically like an emperor who was pointing at his country and dominating over the world. Not a single thing in the world could enter his eyes.

And this change, naturally came from Xuanyuan Wentian's world-enveloping might.

"Hmph, that's natural. However, there are still several disobedient people. These laughable idiots are still daydreaming about resisting father. Today, Father will let them know what true power is. Those disobedient idiots will know what despair is and their blood, will most likely dye this blue ocean palace in fresh red."

"Lord Sword Master... Oh, that's not it. How could mere mortals possibly go against the might of the Heavenly Sovereign? Once Lord Sword Master truly becomes the first Heavenly Sovereign of the Profound Sky Continent today, then, Young Master will become the first Young Sovereign Master of the Profound Sky Continent. In the future, this entire world will belong to Young Sovereign Master as well," the elderly flattered with a face filled with smiles.

"Hahahahaha!" Xuanyuan Wendao laughed out arrogantly. "Not just the Profound Sky Continent! Once the Heavenly Sovereign Conference is completed and once those disobedient people have found out the consequences, father will immediately rebuild the profound formation and head over to the Illusory Demon Realm. Once that time comes, the Illusory Demon Realm will kneel down and submit or be destroyed!"

"Heh heh, the beautiful dream you father and son share, is truly a heartfelt one."

Amidst Xuanyuan Wentian's wild laughter, an ice-cold voice that carried deep ridicule suddenly rang in his ears, causing the hair in his entire body to instantly stand on ends. "Who is it!?"

Boom!!!

Amidst the sudden explosive loud noise, the elderly man who was following behind Xuanyuan Wendao, a powerful level seven Monarch, was sent flying away like a tattered cabbage without being able to let out a single scream in time, landing in the ocean several kilometers away. As for Xuanyuan Wendao who turned around, he finally saw the faces of Yun Che and Feng Xue'er clearly.

His eyes instantly widened out of fear. "You... You two... Urgh!"

Before Xuanyuan Wendao could roar out in time, Yun Che's hand had already locked tightly onto his neck, preventing him from making a sound. Even the slightest groan could not be heard.

"Young Master Xuanyuan, it has truly been a long time." Yun Che coldly smiled as he raised Xuanyuan Wendao up. "I was just contemplating what welcome gift I should bring for Xuanyuan Wentian when you just happened to obediently send yourself to my doorstep."

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"Don't show such a terrified expression, I didn't say I am going to kill you," Yun Che said with a grin. "If I were to let you die so easily..."

Yun Che's eyes instantly turned cold and his voice sounded like a bone-piercing sharp blade, piercing into Xuanyuan Wendao's soul. "How will I be able to face Uncle Xiao up in the heavens!?"

Crack! Bang!!

Yun Che gripped his right hand and a large bone in Xuanyuan Wendao's throat was instantly shattered, while his left hand had also fiercely smashed onto his chest. With a dull sound, Xuanyuan Wendao's body severely shook as an insidious profound energy heartlessly infiltrated his profound veins. In the blink of an eye, his profound veins were completely destroyed with all the profound energy stored within completely annihilated; not a single strand of it escaped.

Ever since he grasped darkness profound energy, he had gotten more efficient with his ability to cripple one's profound veins.

Furthermore, the several people he had crippled recently all had both their profound strength and profound veins crippled, preventing them from even cultivating all the way from the beginning again.

...Most probably, these actions more or less carried his resentment of having crippled profound veins back then.

The fear in Xuanyuan Wendao's eyes turned into deep despair the moment his profound veins were crippled... Just a moment before, he was still having a far-off dream of becoming the lord of the world. However, in just a few breaths of time, this beautiful dream that had yet to be fulfilled had completely turned into a nightmare.

Yun Che's grip loosened and Xuanyuan Wendao fell limply to the ground like a dead dog. Not killing him, was not because Yun Che wanted to use him to threaten Xuanyuan Wentian... nor was there such a need.

He was the person who killed Xiao Ying back then and also the main culprit who caused the tragedy in the Xiao Family. His life, should be judged by the Xiao Family!

After kicking Xuanyuan Wendao into the Primordial Profound Ark, Yun Che, along with Feng Xue'er, rose into the air, continuing to soar until they were three kilometers higher than Supreme Ocean Palace before heading southward.

The ocean region of the southern ocean was not calm today. Waves were rising all around on the ocean surface and a large part of the sky was covered by thick clouds. Yun Che and Feng Xue'er quickly arrived above the ocean palace and as Yun Che had expected, that thick and chaotic profound energy came from the center of the Sea God Arena of the ocean palace... Just like the Devil Sword Conference back then, Xuanyuan Wentian decided to choose the same location to host the Heavenly Sovereign Conference this time.

Yun Che and Feng Xue'er shortened their distance from the Sea God Arena to ten kilometers before finally stopping. The two of them hid themselves above the layers of clouds. Though they were separated by ten kilometers, with their eyesight, it was enough to clearly see the scenes occurring in the Sea God Arena.

"Let's settle down here then. If we approach any further, it will be easy for Xuanyuan Wentian to notice."

While Yun Che said that, his arm wrapped around Feng Xue'er's gentle waist as he activated Hidden Flowing Lightning, quickly concealing their auras.

"It's royal father and the others!" Feng Xue'er lightly called out in excitement, her eyes landing on the southern side of the Sea God Arena. Over there, she saw Feng Zukui, Feng Tianwei and Feng Hengkong's figure and behind them was almost the entire line-up of Elder-level figures of Divine Phoenix Sect.

However, Feng Ximing was not among them.

Seeing that they were safe and sound with her own eyes, Feng Xue'er's heart, which had been hanging in suspense, finally calmed down.

Yun Che swept his eyes quickly around the Sea God Arena. The Devil Sword Conference back then gathered almost all the top-notch experts in the Profound Sky Continent and could be said to be the biggest event in the history of the Profound Sky Continent. However, the scale of this so-called Heavenly Sovereign Conference, had actually even surpassed the Devil Sword Conference. The large half of the Sea God Arena which was left empty back then, was already filled to the brim when the Heavenly Sovereign Conference had even yet to begin.

The sects which were invited to the Devil Sword Conference were basically all present. On the other hand, those which did not participate in the Devil Sword Conference but were all prominent powers in their own respective regions, made up a larger number. Other than the forces in the profound realm, Yun Che had clearly spotted the powers belonging to the royal families of various nations, along with various large economic powers!

The royal family powers representing the seven nations of the Profound Sky Continent were all present! And this included Blue Wind Empire, which was made up of several dozen people led by Dongfang Xiu and Qin Wushang.

Thirty or so merchant guilds were present and every single one of them was well-known in the continent.

Very evidently, for this so-called "Heavenly Sovereign Conference," not only did Xuanyuan Wentian want to confer on himself the title of Heavenly Sovereign in the profound way... he clearly wanted to become the "Heavenly Sovereign" of the entire continent!

The atmosphere of this Heavenly Sovereign Conference was also worlds apart from the Devil Sword Conference. Back then, no one had realized that he or she would actually be reduced to mere tools for Xuanyuan Wentian to release the seal on the devil sword and they attended the conference in order to "participate" and "watch." Back then, though they were tense, at the same time, they were excited and filled with expectations. This time, however, the entire Sea God Arena felt like it had been covered in a large cauldron, enveloped by a layer of incomparably heavy atmosphere.

The powers, royal families, and merchant guilds from the seven nations were all neatly and tensely seated with fearful expressions, not even daring to take in a huge breath.

The Four Great Sacred Grounds—Absolute Monarch Sanctuary, Supreme Ocean Palace, Sun Moon Divine Hall, and Mighty Heavenly Sword Region, were already present. Huangji Wuyu, Qu Fengyi and Ye Meixie were all seated in front of their respective Sacred Grounds. Though all of them carried different expressions, they no longer possessed the pride and might they once had, as every single one of their auras was filled with different degrees of haziness.

Ye Meixie was missing an arm, becoming a single-armed Heavenly Monarch. Though Huangji Wuyu and Qu Fengyi did not look different on the surface, from their auras, Yun Che immediately sensed that the two of them had clearly suffered considerably heavy injuries... Furthermore, their injuries were inflicted not too long ago.

Ye Meixie's arm had been crippled by the Little Demon Empress and there was only a single person in the Profound Sky Continent who could injure Huangyi Wuyu and Qu Fengyi.

As for the people from Mighty Heavenly Sword Region, they were not seated in the seats at the sides of the Sea God Arena. Instead, they were separated into several square formations and all of them were standing in the central region of the Sea God Arena.

Back then, the three sword attendants and a bunch of Elders of Mighty Heavenly Sword Region were were killed by Jasmine as if she was cutting vegetables and their most important Northern Region was even destroyed. Their overall strength could be considered to have plummeted and it could be said that they had even fallen off the level of a "Sacred Ground."

However, the Mighty Heavenly Sword Region today, from the Elders at the top, to the regular disciples at the bottom, every single one of them carried proud expressions with their heads held high. Putting aside the powers from the seven nations, even when they were looking at the other three Sacred Grounds, their gazes evidently carried belittling glints.

It was as if they had stepped onto another level of this world where all the other existences, including the other three Sacred Grounds which held the same status as them, were reduced to mere servants.

"Hmph, this scene sure is spectacular," Yun Che said with a low voice. "Putting aside Xuayuan Wentian's personality being influenced by the darkness profound energy, even the entire Mighty Heavenly Sword Region could not wait to expose the ugliest side of human nature."

"The looks of father and the rest are really scary," Feng Xue'er worriedly said. "Big Brother Yun, what should we do later?"

Killing Xuanyuan Wentian was their goal in being here but they had not actually expected to encounter such a huge spectacle.

"Xuanyuan Wentian isn't here yet, I do want to see what kind of performance he has prepared... Mn?"

At the seats in the southeastern corner, Yun Che suddenly saw some familiar faces.

Ling Yuefeng, Xuanyuan Yufeng, Ling Yun...

Heavenly Sword Villa !?

Why were they here? Though Heavenly Sword Villa had immense fame in the Blue Wind Empire, they were still not worthy of being invited here.

However, immediately after, Yun Che saw Xuanyuan Jue who was seated at the very front and instantly let out a cold laugh. "This truly demonstrates what is meant by 'when a man attains the way, his hen and dog ascend to the heavens as well'."

And what made Yun Che feel at ease was, among the seats taken up Heavenly Sword Villa, he did not see Ling Jie's figure.

"He's here!" Yun Che suddenly said.

Booooom...

The moment Yun Che's voice fell, dull thunder suddenly resounded from the east and following after, the sky in the east gradually darkened. The thick clouds that were initially bluish white, were quickly dyed in black and even the entire space had begun to dim. The atmosphere that was suppressive in the first place, instantly turned even heavier, as every single person present felt as if their chest was being pressed down by fifteen tons of profound metal.

The looks on everyone in the Sea God Arena, including the three great Sacred Masters and the many Elders of the Sacred Grounds, changed one after the other. Because even at the level of strength they possessed, they could still clearly sense a terrifying pressure that could shake their souls. This pressure was completely different from the regular suppression with the use of profound auras. It was as if there

was a dark, colossal devil standing above their heads with its pitch-black mouth wide open and it could swallow them into the abyss of death at any moment.

"Saint Emperor, has Xuanyuan Wentian truly become as powerful as... you have described?"

Behind Huangji Wuyu, Spiritual Master Bitter Agony, the leader of the twelve Spiritual Masters, said with a low voice. Even before Xuanyuan Wentian had made his appearance, this pressure coming from the far distance was already able to stir his heart.

"Hss..." Huangji Wuyu slightly gritted his teeth. "What's going on? Xuanyuan Wentian's aura, has actually grown so much stronger than before... Just what is going on with his strength!?"

"Wh... What?" Spiritual Master Bitter Agony's entire body shook.

"Sovereign of the Seas..." The face of Zi Ji, who was standing next to the Sovereign of the Seas Qu Fengyi, had completely lost its calm as well. Just as he was about to speak, Qu Fengyi hurriedly raised her hand, stopping him from continuing. Her expression, which was sunken in the first place, had turned even darker than before.

"Xuanyuan Wentian!" Feng Xue'er reached out her hand to cover her lips, as endless shock filled her eyes. "His aura, has truly gotten... even more terrifying than last time!"

"And his strength did not just increase by a little." Yun Che's brows sank as he slightly clenched his fists.

This monster which was the fusion of the powers of three people—Ye Mufeng from a thousand years ago, Fen Juechen who had experienced a strange rebirth, and Xuanyuan Wentian... was truly terrifying to the extreme. He was already a monster that could not be explained or understood with common sense!!

With Xuanyuan Wentian's present condition, even if Yun Che did not take the initiative to look for him, he would have soon broken into the Illusory Demon Realm anyway.

Black clouds were moving amidst the dull thunder, all the way to the skies right above the Sea God Arena. Then, with a loud explosive sound, a pitch-black figure, carrying a dark aura that could suffocate people, descended upon the Sea God Arena from the sky.

"We welcome the Heavenly Sovereign!"

The people of Mighty Heavenly Sword Region who had waited in formation at the center of the Sea God Arena, knelt down together and shouted out in unison. When Mighty Heavenly Sword Region, a force which clearly had their powers weakened by a great extent, shouted the words "we welcome the Heavenly Sovereign", it was actually several times louder and more resounding compared to the time they shouted "we welcome the Sword Master" during the Devil Sword Conference.

Xuanyuan Wentian slowly descended and stopped right before touching the ground as he stood at the very center of the Sea God Arena. Dressed entirely in black with large sleeves, his black hair extended to his waist. His face carried a grayish color and his eyes were covered with an occasional black glow.

He raised his head and swept his eyes towards the front, the corners of his lips stretched into a slight smile... However, it was not the usual relaxed and composed smile but an indescribable low smile that made people feel extremely uncomfortable.

The smile of a devil!

Xuanyuan Wentian's arrival had caused the temperature of the Sea God Arena, which was enveloped in an incomparably oppressive atmosphere, to suddenly fall. The various forces of the seven nations tremblingly stood up in a hurried manner, however, all of their heads were lowered, not daring to even glance at this terrifying devil god.

If Xuanyuan Wentian was merely logic-defyingly powerful, the masses would not be terrified to such an extent... After all, to them, the past Xuanyuan Wentian was similarly a god-like existence who was standing at a height they could not possibly reach.

However, in just a short few months, nearly a hundred sects had already been annihilated under the hands of Mighty Heavenly Sword Region and among them, some were even personally dealt with by Xuanyuan Wentian himself. According to rumors, several thousand experts belonging to the three Great Sacred Grounds were even massacred by Xuanyuan Wentian one after another... And in the end, the other three Sacred Grounds could only endure this humiliation and suppress their indignation.

The current Xuanyuan Wentian not only possessed unmatched strength, he even held the highest authority of determining the lives and deaths in the Profound Sky Continent. If he wanted someone to die, that person definitely would not be able to see the sun on the second day.

In the past, the other three Sacred Grounds could restrain Mighty Heavenly Sword Region.

But in the current Profound Sky Continent, there was no longer any power that could restrain Xuanyuan Wentian!!