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Chapter 311 - 311 Shun Fang's and Shun An's situation

Surprisingly, inside the royal dungeons, there were no guards.

Instead, it looked more like a big prison, that seemed to have no end, expanding infinitely into the darkness.

Unlike other prisons however, this one was without any cells.

Instead, there were iron chains on the walls, that were restraining the most heinous criminals of the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom'.

Although Shun Long wasn't too interested in the criminals of the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom', he still knew that there were people that wouldn't be executed right away, and would instead be kept as prisoners in the royal dungeons until they died.

This was either because some criminals had powerful identities that even the royal family didn't want to clash with directly, or for other private reasons that the king, Dong Weifeng didn't want exposed.

As he and Zeng Cui headed deeper inside the dungeon, Shun Long noticed that most chains were only restraining skeletons instead of living humans.

Of course, Shun Long also noticed men, women, and even children trapped as he walked deeper inside.

All of them seemed malnourished, as if they weren't even being fed once every 3 days, and yet, despite their bony limbs, they were still alive and suffering in this inhuman prison.

The smell of feces attacked Shun Long's senses as he headed in deeper inside, while some people even opened their eyes and begged for help.

Shun Long however didn't stop to help any of them, and instead, he kept walking deeper inside the dungeons, while the bad premonition in his heart was slowly becoming even more intense.

Finally, after 10 more minutes of walking, Shun Long arrived at the end of a corridor and stood in front of a large metallic door.

Looking at the door in front of her Zeng Cui had an expressionless look on her face before she spoke in an uncaring tone

"Enter inside if you want to see your parents."

Shun Long didn't hesitate in the slightest, and despite the uncomfortable feeling in his heart that was becoming even more intense as he approached the metallic door in front of him, under Zeng Cui's shocked eyes, Shun Long forcefully tore the door open with his left hand before he entered inside.

The 3m(10ft) metallic door had turned into an unrecognizable lump of metal that fell on the ground with a thump, instantly waking up the people behind it.

It was a small room around 50 square meters, but more than 20 people were chained on the wall.

Shun Long's body had suddenly started to tremble as his eyes fell on a middle-aged man and a woman who were shackled by the black chains, while his grip on Zeng Cui's neck involuntarily loosened up.

Little Black's eyes inside the 'Stone of Time' also chilled, and understood that his conjecture before they entered this place was actually right.

The middle-aged man had a haggard expression on his face, and yet his body was still standing tall with his back straight, despite the countless wounds on his body.

Whip marks filled his body and even his face seemed to have been hurt, but the most serious one was a wound that hadn't stop bleeding even until now.

It was a wound on his abdomen that seemed to have come from a punch or kick, completely dyeing his clothes red with his blood.

Next to this man was a beautiful middle-aged woman, whose body was also filled with blood from head to toe.

Although her body wasn't as badly hurt as the middle-aged man's next to her, she was also filled with whip marks as well, while in her abdomen was a similar wound that was still flowing with blood.

Shun Long's eyes had already turned red when he saw his parents' conditions before he hurriedly stepped forward.

The grip he had on Zeng Cui's neck instantly hardened, as he violently crushed her throat before he angrily threw her body to the side.

Destroying the chains that were binding Shun Fang and Shun An, he grabbed both of their bodies and supported them from falling on the ground.

At the same time that the chains that were shackling his body disappeared, Shun Fang seemed to have opened his eyes while an expression of disbelief filled his face when he saw his son supporting him.

"Father... don't worry, it will be alright!"

For the first time in his life, Shun Fang actually cried when he heard these words.

The emotions that had been suppressed in his heart for the past few days finally burst out when he heard his son's comforting words, as warm tears flowed through his eyes without stop, wetting Shun Long's robes.

The dignified formation master, a man who had cultivated all the way to the Heaven grade after so many years... had his cultivation destroyed and suffered endless torture and humiliation in the last few days.

Despite having his cultivation destroyed and essentially being crippled, the only sound that he made during the time of his imprisonment was only when Shun An was about to be tortured.

He would taunt the guards and accept most of the torture in her stead, losing his flesh and blood in the process.

And yet, during this time, Shun Fang didn't make a single sound of protest, neither did he plead nor beg.

"AAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!"

At the same time, Shun Long let out a powerful roar filled with limitless anger, indignation and killing intent, when he saw his parents' condition.

Shun An was still unconscious and just like Shun Fang's her cultivation was also destroyed.

The rest of the prisoners inside the room were shocked when they heard Shun Long's angry roar and felt his terrifying aura, but seeing him rescue Shun Fang and Shun An, their eyes lit up with the flames of hope.

Shun Long's roar was so powerful, that it didn't just shake the royal dungeon, but the entire royal palace itself had started to tremble.

Endless killing intent was coming from his body, and he even regretted killing Zeng Cui that quickly.

Ignoring the begging gazes of the prisoners around him, Shun Long slashed the air in front of him with his right hand, opening a space tear, before his body, as well as Shun Fang's and Shun An's disappeared in a flash, as they appeared back at the entrance of the royal dungeons.

Looking at the 2 guards that he had previously trapped inside the 'Monarch's Domain' to enter the dungeon, this time, Shun Long didn't hesitate to destroy them, exploding their heads with a single punch each, causing their now lifeless bodies to slump on the ground.

Looking around him, Shun Long soon found an empty room inside the palace and entered inside.

He gently placed Shun An on the large bed, before he fed his father and mother with a high-grade rank 1 healing pill each.

Originally, Shun Long was planning to give them a top-grade 'Sun-healing pill', but with their cultivations destroyed, neither Shun Fang's body nor Shun An's would be able to handle the energy inside the rank 4 pill.

The external wounds on Shun Fang's and Shun An's body started to slowly disappear at a speed visible to the n.a.k.e.d eye.

Despite his body still being full of injuries, Shun Fang had a gratified smile on his face as he looked at his son in front of him.

Looking at the wounds on Shun Fang's body, Shun Long tried to calm himself down, before he said a moment later

"Father, tell me who did this to you!"

Chapter 312 - 312 Dong Weifeng's betrayal

Although Shun Long's voice wasn't loud, it was filled with so much anger and killing intent, that Shun Fang didn't doubt that if the people responsible were in front of him right now, they wouldn't even die with their corpses intact.

With a serious look in his eyes, Shun Fang nodded his head, and after adjusting his seating posture with some difficulty, he looked at Shun Long's eyes before he said seriously

"It all started a week ago.

Dong Weifeng came to our house and explained to me that he was facing a serious problem.

His third son, Dong Lingyuan that disgusting brat, seduced the daughter of a rank 2 Heaven grade expert from one of the nearby kingdoms.

Even I don't know how he managed to come in contact with her and how he ended up seducing her, but it was said that that woman fell head over heels for him.

Dong Lingyuan explained to her how hard his life was in the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom', with his elder brother, Dong Lingxin as the crown prince suppressing him and 'destroying his life'.

As soon as that woman heard this, she replied to Dong Lingyuan that she would personally ask her father to come to the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom' and kill his elder brother Dong Lingxin, before forcing the king to make Dong Lingyuan the new crown prince."

Shun Long's eyes chilled as he seemed to have understood the gist of the matter, while Dong Lingyuan's face soon appeared in his mind.

Just because he wanted to become the crown prince, he had somehow caused the whole of 'Sky Fortune Kingdom' to fall into chaos.

However, this didn't explain Shun Fang's and Shun An's condition.

After all, although Shun Fang was a man who upheld justice, Shun Long knew that he wouldn't choose to fight someone like Wei Tai for no reason, especially since this had nothing to do with him.

Looking like he had understood what Shun Long was thinking, Shun Fang had a mocking smile on his face as he continued

"Although Dong Weifeng had announced that he would let his children fight for the throne by themselves and allow the most resourceful one to become the next king, in the end, he wasn't willing to see his eldest son fall into despair and die when he got the news of Dong Lingyuan getting a Heaven grade expert as his backer.

After all, the backer that Dong Lingyuan had found, had also exceeded the sphere of influence and control that Dong Weifeng had.

No matter what, it was impossible for him to control a Heaven grade cultivator who had no relations with the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom'!

A day after the news spread, both Dong Weifeng and the crown prince, Dong Lingxin came to our house and begged me to intervene and fight off Wei Tai.

After all, although Wei Tai was an early rank 2 Heaven grade expert, in the past few months, your father had already advanced to the peak of rank 1 in Heaven grade!

However, I refused without so much as even thinking about it.

What did it have to do with our family whether Dong Lingxin lives or dies, or whether Dong Lingyuan becomes the crown prince and the next king?

Should I risk my life, just because they personally beg me to fight? This isn't giving them face, this would be me becoming Dong Weifeng's personal lapdog every time someone that he couldn't handle appeared.

No matter what, I always do what I like, and no one can force me to do what I don't want to!

This is how I, Shun Fang live my life!

As for my relationship with Dong Weifeng, although it couldn't be considered a bad one, it wasn't to the level of me risking my life for him!"

Shun Long nodded his head, as Shun Fang seemed to have confirmed his guess.

Indeed, his father wouldn't risk his own and his mother's lives, just to fight for Dong Lingxin.

However, with a self-deprecating smile on his face, Shun Fang's eyes seemed to have been filled with anger and undisguised mockery as he continued

"Hehe, however, who would expect that Dong Weifeng would be such a poisonous snake?!

He helped his son, Dong Lingxin spread the rumors, that I am a powerful formation master who is extremely rich!

Of course, the reason that he spread this word, was to make Wei Tai take note of this issue and force him to come to the 'Blue Forest city' and fight with me.

Who would expect that Wei Tai would cause a whole war instead, just to help Dong Lingyuan.

He sent a huge army of soldiers from his own kingdoms to attack and conquer the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom', while he himself personally came to the 'Blue Forest city'.

The entire city turned into a battlefield, and soon, even the city lord's, Zhen Wang's army was destroyed and he himself was killed.

As for Wei Tai... hahaha!

That old shit came to our house and 'ordered' me to give up all my wealth if I wanted to live!

Of course, despite not wanting to fight him, I would never allow anyone to come to my house and trample over mine and your mother's head.

It doesn't matter whether that person is stronger than me or not, this is my own pride as a man and father, as well as a cultivator and a formation master.

Besides, our house was filled with more than just a few rank 3 bronze grade formations, so even with my cultivation being a minor realm lower than Wei Tai's, I was confident in fighting him off if we were inside our house.

Hehe, that old bastard indeed attacked us in the end, but not only was he unable to beat me, but he was the one to suffer instead.

Hehe, your old man was really strong kid!"

Shun Long didn't speak and just silently listened to Shun Fang's narration, who seemed to have wanted to say everything without holding back his emotions.

They were like a river that was bottled up the past few days, and upon seeing his son, they suddenly exploded like a broken dam.

Shun Long felt a stifling feeling in his heart when he saw the tears in his father's eyes, but he still let him finish his explanation

"Despite beating that old bastard, I was unable to kill him or even cause him any serious injuries. I just forced him to retreat!

2 days later however, that old fart returned and attacked our house again, but this time, he wasn't alone, but he brought with him 2 peak rank 1 Heaven grade cultivators as well!

After 6 hours, in the end, they managed to break through the formations around the estate, and captured both me and your mother."

When he mentioned Shun An's situation, Shun Fang's emotions seemed to have reached their peak of anger and helplessness.

With a mocking look in his eyes, he then continued

"Originally, Wei Tai wanted to kill both me and your mother, but after hearing that our son is a cultivator in the 'Floating Cloud sect', he chose to cripple our cultivation instead before he ordered Dong Lingyuan to imprison us in the dungeon of the palace!

No matter what he said, it was obvious that he was actually afraid of a huge sect, as a cultivator without any backing.

As soon as they threw us in the dungeon, they tortured us along with the rest of the prisoners inside. The people you saw imprisoned along with us, were all the supporters of the previous crown prince. As for Dong Lingxin and his mother, the previous queen, hehe, they had a fate even worse than us! When the guards tried to break everyone's spirit in the dungeons, they revealed everything.

They were hanged n.a.k.e.d in front of the palace gates, for everyone who entered to see."

As soon as he finished his words, Shun Fang turned his gaze towards Shun An, whose injuries were slowly healing while she was still unconscious.

And yet, an expression of pain appeared on his face when he looked at the wound in her abdomen, as well as his own.

Shun Long didn't say a word, but Little Black could clearly feel his anger and thirst for revenge.

The usually emotionless black dragon was also angry, but he didn't choose to speak either.

Under Shun Fang's stunned eyes, Shun Long first placed his hand on Shun An's back, injecting a gentle stream of qi inside her body that helped her wake up, before he raised his right hand in the air and slashed the void in front of him, opening a space tear more than 2m(6.6ft) long.

Without another word, Shun Long held both Shun Fang and Shun An, as he entered inside, once again appearing in the main hall of the palace!

Chapter 313 - 313 Shameless Dong Lingyuan

Shun An who had just woken up and saw Shun Long supporting her and Shun Fang felt that she was dreaming again.

As she lowered her head to look at herself she noticed, that most of the injuries and whip marks seemed to have disappeared from her body, but her clothes were still tattered and the wound on her abdomen still hadn't closed.

The pain that she was feeling still hadn't disappeared, but Shun An's expression instantly turned into one of joy, as she looked at Shun Long and said in a voice filled with joy

"Long'er!"

However, as soon as she finished her words, Shun An felt her surroundings turning blurry, while the look in her eyes quickly turned into one of disbelief.

The moment that Shun Long who was carrying her and Shun Fang stepped inside the space tear in front of him, Shun Fang and Shun An found themselves in the main hall of the palace, where an even more shocking scene than what they had just experienced appeared in their eyes.

6 people were surrounded by a group of jade-white skeletons, while 3 of them were on the ground bleeding and crying out in pain, as the skeletons' bony white-swords had pierced their thighs.

Both Shun Fang and Shun An didn't know how to react when they saw the moving skeletons that moved like they were actually alive, before their eyes turned to look at the people inside the hall.

Seeing the terrified expression on Wei Tai's as well as the 2 middle-aged men's, Zhu Zan's and Zhu Heng's faces, who were all bleeding on the ground while surrounded by the jade-white skeletons, Shun Fang could feel his body trembling.

It was these 3 people who had crippled his and his wife's cultivation.

Unknowingly, Shun Fang's eyes looked past these 3 people, and saw Dong Weifeng, his son, the third prince of the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom', Dong Lingyuan, as well as a young woman in a red dress who was hugging Dong Lingyuan's left arm, all trembling in fear as they stared at the terrifying white skeletons in front of them.

At the same time, Shun Fang and Shun An both also saw a gorgeous young woman with long black hair and white robes, whose face seemed to have come directly out of a portrait walking towards them.

Liu Mei walked next to Shun Long, and without saying a word, she simply stared at Zhu Zan, Zhu Heng and Wei Tai who were wreathing in pain with a cold look in her eyes.

As soon as Shun Long and Zeng Cui had left the palace hall to go to the dungeons, these 3 had ignored Liu Mei, and did their best to escape from the hall at the same time.

After all, they knew, that if they waited for Shun Long to return, their chances of leaving alive were practically zero.

Seeing the 3 'Heaven grade experts' who were flying towards her, Liu Mei hadn't even moved, and she simply ordered 3 of her skeletons to capture each of them.

Who could expect the skeletons in front of that woman to be so strong that they had effortlessly subdued 3 Heaven grade experts in the blink of an eye?!

Seeing Shun Long appear inside the hall out of nowhere, with Shun Fang and Shun An by his side, and that terrifying white-robed young woman now standing next to him, Wei Tai's, Zhu Zan's and Zhu Heng's expressions had instantly turned pale.

They could feel the terrifying aura coming from Shun Long's body. that was like an angry magic beast that was no longer holding back.

Shun Long's cold eyes surveyed everyone inside the hall, before his gaze soon landed on Wei Tai, as he then walked towards him without any hesitation.

The early rank 2 Heaven grade expert felt fear gripping his heart, and ignoring the pain from the bony white sword that was stabbed in his thigh, he hurriedly stepped backwards.

Looking at Shun Long who was still walking towards him, Wei Tai then shouted in a voice filled with fear

"Wait."

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"WAIT!!"

Looking around the hall for someone to help him, Wei Tai's gaze was quickly focused on the blonde young man behind him while his eyes finally lit up.

Looking at Dong Lingyuan whose expression had instantly turned ashen as soon as he met his eyes, Wei Tai pointed at the blonde-haired man and said

"Everything happened because of him! He is the one who seduced my daughter and told me about your parents' wealth!

Even if you want to take revenge, he is the true mastermind!"

"Daddy..." The red-dressed young woman next to Dong Lingyuan had a complicated expression on her face, when suddenly, she felt her body losing her balance and flying forward, almost as if she had been pushed by someone.

Turning her head around in disbelief, Wei Yi saw Dong Lingyuan's resolute face, as the third prince of the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom' pointed towards Wei Tai and shouted in an angry voice

"LIAR! It's because your daughter seduced me that I was unable to understand what was going on until now! She is a witch! A succubus! You killed my elder brother and even the queen of our kingdom was humiliated and died by your hands!

Shameless old man, you deserve death!"

Turning his gaze to look at Shun Long, Dong Lingyuan instantly knelt on the floor and spoke with tears in his eyes

"Elder brother Shun, please punish these people for the harm that they have caused to our kingdom and your family! I must have been blind to not notice this until now!"

Everyone inside the hall, including Dong Weifeng, Wei Tai, the red-dressed young woman called Wei Yi, the 2 rank 1 Heaven grade experts, Zhu Zan and Zhu Heng, Shun Fang and Shun An, and even Liu Mei, were all speechless when they heard Dong Lingyuan.

How shameless did this person have to be to suddenly try and change sides at this moment?

Tears had appeared in Wei Yi's eyes as she shouted

"Big brother Lingyuan!"

Even Shun Long was stunned for a moment, but his footsteps didn't slow down as he arrived in front of the stunned Wei Tai.

Looking at Dong Lingyuan, Wei Tai had the urge to vomit blood from anger, and pointing at him with his finger, the early rank 2 Heaven grade expert shouted angrily

"YOU LIA-"

Before he could properly finish his words however, Wei Tai's voice was cut short, as he felt his throat being grabbed by an iron-like grip that raised his entire body in the air.

Shun Long's eyes didn't hold the slightest bit of mercy inside them as he looked at the old man who had crippled his parents.

Without wasting any words, under Wei Tai's terrified eyes, Shun Long clenched his right hand with all of his strength, instantly snapping the early rank 2 Heaven grade expert's neck.

Crackk!

The sounds of bones breaking resounded in the palace hall, and under everyone's terrified eyes, the early rank 2 Heaven grade expert slumped on the ground as he lost his life.

"NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!"

Chapter 314 - 314 Wiping them out

The red-dressed woman, Wei Yi shouted when she saw her father falling on the ground, while her eyes were filled with tears when she realized what had happened.

She first turned to look at Dong Lingyuan with a look of hate in her eyes, before she turned her attention to Shun Long.

Taking out a small bronze dagger from her waist, she rushed towards him and shouted

"DIEE!"

Shun Long had a cold look in his eyes as he looked at Wei Yi who had the aura of an early-stage earth grade cultivator and was running towards him.

The fact that she was a woman or that she was in love with Dong Lingyuan and most likely was being used, didn't change the fact that she was also the prime reason that had caused everything in the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom' to be ruined.

An entire kingdom was destroyed, villages and cities were pillaged, and even the 'Blue Forest city' had turned into a city of death, where only Wei Tai's soldiers were present, all because of this woman in front of him.

Only the imperial city still had some survivors hiding inside their houses, but the number of dead people inside the kingdom had already exceeded half the kingdom's original population.

Seeing Wei Yi running at Shun Long so angrily, anger had also appeared in Liu Mei's face, while an azure sword had also appeared in her hands.

Shun Long however simply shook his head in response.

This was something that he was going to take care of by himself.

This was justice for his parents that only he could personally enact in front of them, to soothe the aggrieved feeling in their hearts.

Taking a step forward, Shun Long clenched his right fist tightly, before he sent a full-powered punch towards the incoming Wei Yi.

Air crackled and even the space around Shun Long's fist was distorted, as his fist met with Wei Yi's dagger head-on.

Under Wei Yi's, Zhu Zan's and Zhu Heng's horrified eyes, the peak rank 3 bronze grade dagger shattered into pieces after meeting that terrifying punch, before Shun Long's full-powered fist continued to fly towards Wei Yi's head.

A shower of blood covered the 4 people who were standing behind Wei Yi, as her head exploded in an instant, dying Dong Lingyuan's and the rest's robes red.

Without the slightest hint of mercy or pity in his eyes, Shun Long had killed Wei Yi, before he turned his eyes towards Dong Lingyuan.

The fear in Dong Lingyuan's eyes couldn't be concealed when he saw Shun Long walking towards him, and stepping back hurriedly he said in an anxious tone

"Brother Shun, what are you trying to do?"

Taking a look around him, Dong Lingyuan's eyes soon landed on Zhu Zan and Zhu Heng who were slowly backing away before he said hurriedly

"Right! Brother Shun, those people also helped Wei Tai when he crippled your father!"

Before he could finish his words, Dong Lingyuan's eyes nearly bulged out of their sockets while a feeling of despair suddenly overcame him.

Shun Long's hand had instantly pierced through his chest, tightly holding Dong Lingyuan's beating heart with his right hand.

Ignoring the terrified expression that had appeared on the third prince's face, Shun Long clenched his hand tightly, and a loud popping sound resounded throughout the entire palace hall, bringing endless terror to everyone who heard it.

Retracting his arm, Shun Long wiped the dripping blood on Dong Lingyuan's robes, before he allowed him to fall on the ground.

An expression of horror had appeared on the third prince's face, as his body slowly fell backwards.

Shun Long was a monster! A heartless monster without any emotions!

Turning his eyes towards Dong Weifeng, Shun Long was surprised to see that the so-called dignified king of the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom' didn't care about his son's death in the slightest.

Instead, he seemed to be somewhat relieved after seeing Dong Lingyuan dying. However, the moment he felt Shun Long's gaze landing on him, fear that his turn was about to come instantly overcame him.

And yet, Shun Long seemed to have ignored Dong Weifeng, as he slowly walked towards Zhu Zan and Zhu Heng.

Despair filled the 2 Heaven grade experts' hearts when they saw this monster in blue robes walking towards them with a serious expression on his face.

It seemed as if the deaths of Wei Yi, Dong Lingyuan and Wei Tai hadn't pacified him in the least.

Zhu Zan was the first one to go down on his knees, hoping that he could still change this situation as he said seriously

"Let me live! I will give you everything you want!

I have 3 kingdoms!

You can become king!

No, I can help you become the king of this island! Women, gold, fame, power, everything will be yours!"

Shaking his head, Shun Long then spoke in a voice that wouldn't compromise no matter what Zhu Zan was willing to offer

"You should have helped yourself by not getting involved in this. If it wasn't for you two helping Wei Tai, how could my father and mother be crippled today?

As for women, gold, fame and power? Do I need someone like you to help me get them?"

Zhu Zan felt anger and despair rising in his heart.

He wanted to argue that since they were stronger than Shun Fang, then it was only natural for him to suffer under their hands, but he knew that this argument was useless.

Zhu Heng looked at Zhu Zan, and nodding his head, they both lunged towards Shun Long at the same time.

If they were going to die, they were at least going to make sure that Shun Long would suffer as well.

With a cold look in his eyes, Shun Long first turned his head around to look at his parents and make sure that they were watching, before he punched forward with each arm.

The 2 peak rank 1 Heaven grade experts, Zhu Zan and Zhu Heng were both sent flying at the same time, until they crashed at the wall of the palace hall and fell on the ground.

Shun Long's terrifying punch had completely crushed the 2 Heaven grade experts' chests, who lifelessly slid down on the ground, arriving in front of Dong Weifeng.

The 2 Heaven grade experts who were similar to Wei Tai in strength and influence, the kings who ruled 3 kingdoms each in the mortal world, existences that Dong Weifeng could only look up to, ended up landed in front of his feet as they died.

Involuntarily raising his head, Dong Weifeng shivered when his gaze met with Shun Long's cold eyes that were staring back at him.

Chapter 315 - 315 Aftermath

Dong Weifeng's pupils contracted while his body shivered as soon as his eyes met Shun Long's cold gaze.

Shun Long's black eyes were still emitting killing intent, even when Dong Weifeng was the only 'enemy' left inside the main hall.

Understanding that he was about to die, the king of the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom' abandoned any notion of pride left, and hurriedly fell on his knees.

However, he wasn't dumb enough to beg Shun Long, and instead, his gaze fell on Shun Fang, as he spoke with tears in his eyes

"Brother Shun, please forgive me! I know what I have done wrong.

I shouldn't have let my son, no, that unfilial bastard to spread the word about you!

I know that I don't deserve any forgiveness, but I have already lost 2 sons and 2 wives, please don't kill me!"

Shun Long frowned when he heard Dong Weifeng's words, while his eyes narrowed.

No matter what excuse Dong Weifeng used, the truth was, that not only did he allow Dong Lingxin to spread Shun Fang's name, but he did everything he could to force him to fight against Wei Tai even when it meant risking his life.

And now he was asking for forgiveness?

Shun Fang also shook his head, and without the slightest hint of pity in his eyes, he looked at the kneeling Dong Weifeng and spoke coldly

"Hehe, if it was just me that you had hurt, I could allow you to leave today after crippling your cultivation!

After all, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth!

However, not only did you choose to torture us after sending us in your dungeon, but you were also the cause that my wife's cultivation was crippled as well!

Don't bother to ask for forgiveness, since you are the one who deserves to die the most out of everyone else!"

Horror filled Dong Weifeng's heart when he heard Shun Fang's words.

After all, this was no different than sentencing him to death!

Shun Long seemed to have hated him to begin with, and now Shun Fang's words seemed to have extinguished his final hope.

Dong Weifeng's expression quickly changed into one of madness, but before he could utter another word, Shun Long had already disappeared from his original spot after using the 'Gale Steps' and instantly appeared in front of Dong Weifeng.

An illusionary purple-colored blade had appeared on his right hand, and looking at the anxious king of the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom' in front of him, Shun Long slashed his blade horizontally towards Dong Weifeng's neck!

If the dancer girls hadn't already passed out from fear in a corner of the room, they would have witnessed a once in a lifetime scene.

The 'Sky Fortune Kingdom's' king's head was separated from his body as it flew through the air, leaving behind a fountain of blood that dyed the main hall of the palace red!

As soon as Shun Fang saw the scene in front of his eyes, a sense of gratification and a feeling of relief overcame his heart, as well as a feeling of weakness!

He felt relief that his son had saved him and Shun An, and he also felt gratified that Shun Long was strong enough to take revenge for his parents by himself, but he also felt weak after having his cultivation crippled!

He had trained since he was 13 years old like every other kid in the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom', and he had slowly risen above everyone else and stood at the top of the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom' as a peak rank 3 bronze grade formation master and a peak rank 9 earth grade expert.

And yet, he seemed to have lost all of his power overnight due to Dong Weifeng's schemes and the inner fights of the royal family.

However, seeing his son being strong enough to take revenge for him was enough to put a smile on Shun Fang's face.

Shun An seemed to have felt Shun Fang's turbulent emotions, and holding Shun Fang's hand she said

"It's not too bad! At least we are still alive! If Long'er didn't come in time, perhaps we would have already turned into a pile of corpses by now!"

Shun Fang nodded his head, and held his wife's hand without saying a word, before their eyes both fell on Shun Long and Liu Mei.

Shun Long's expression was still serious, as he summoned Little Silver from the 'Stone of Time', and allowed Shun Fang and Shun An to sit on its back.

Without paying any more attention to the royal palace, he and Liu Mei sat on Little Silver's back as well, as he left the imperial city.

Shun Long had already heard that Dong Weifeng also had a daughter, but he wouldn't personally go and look for her in order to kill her.

With Wei Tai inside the palace, he didn't even know whether Dong Weifeng would have kept his daughter there or sent her somewhere far away.

As for the wealth of the royal palace and the situation of the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom', these were also things that Shun Long didn't care about either.

As a mortal kingdom, it was impossible for the royal family to have anything else other than low-quality gold and silver in their treasury.

After all, low-grade spirit stones were a rare commodity that only Heaven grade experts used in the 'Floating Cloud sect'.

As for the situation of the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom', this had already taken an unrecoverable turn for the worse even before Shun Long had killed Dong Weifeng and Dong Lingyuan.

On the way to the 'Blue Forest city', Shun Long had already seen Wei Tai's army pillaging villages and cities of the kingdom, practically destroying everything in their paths.

The 'Sky Fortune Kingdom's' army was already destroyed, and the kingdom's sovereignty lied in Wei Tai's hands.

Aside from the imperial city where the citizens were all holed up inside their homes, every other city in the kingdom was completely destroyed.

Shun Long was certain that it wouldn't take long for the rest of the citizens of the imperial city to start moving towards one of the nearby kingdoms, since the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom' would soon become the territory for another war to start, as the kingdoms around it would start fighting over its land.

Leaving the imperial city, Shun Long also expected the dancer girls and everyone else inside the palace to start spreading the news of Wei Tai's and the Zhu brothers' deaths very soon.

This would make the kingdoms that were previously under Wei Tai's, Zhu Zan's and Zhu Heng's control, to be fought over by the other Heaven grade cultivators around them.

After all, Shun Long knew, that Wei Tai, Zhu Zan and Zhu Heng weren't the only Heaven grade experts in this island of the 'Mortal world'. Now that they were dead, their territories will certainly be split up, and even their own families and their confidantes would have to escape.

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It only took a few moments for the black panther to cross the distance from the imperial capital and arrive in the sky of the 'Blue Forest city'.

In the time that Shun Long took to go to the imperial palace and kill Wei Tai and the rest, Zhu Zan's and Zhu Heng's army had already escaped from the city when the rumors of the 'Heaven grade expert', Shun Long had started to spread.

However, almost all of the original inhabitants of the city had already been massacred, making the 'Blue Forest city' a city of death.

Arriving in the sky above the already destroyed Shun estate, Shun Long saw the disheartened Shun Fang and Shun An holding his hand, as they looked at the rubble of what was left of their original home.

With a serious expression in his eyes, Shun Long looked at his parents who were still staring at the wreckage below them before he said

"Father, mother, do you want to come with me and Mei'er to the 'Cultivation world'?"

Chapter 316 - 316 Shun Fang's decision

"Father, mother, do you want to come with me to the 'Cultivation world'? You don't have any more reason to stay here. Our house is destroyed and the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom' itself will be abandoned before another war starts over its territory."

Turning his head to look at Liu Mei, Shun Long finally smiled lightly for the first time since he arrived in the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom', and holding her hand he looked at his parents and said

"This is my wife, Mei'er. She and I have been together for almost a year. If you come with us, we can travel the world together!"

There was a gleam in Shun Long's eyes as he looked at Shun Fang and Shun An.

Originally, he wouldn't have minded letting his parents in the 'Mortal world'.

After all, Shun Fang was certainly strong enough to protect himself and Shun An against almost any threat in this place.

Who could expect that things would really take such a turn for the worst due to Dong Weifeng and his son?

However, this was also a chance in itself.

If Shun Long could have his parents travel with him, he could ensure their safety in the future.

Additionally, Shun Long knew that right now, it was impossible for him to help his parents with their cultivation now that their dantians had been destroyed, but it wasn't impossible in the future.

If he had his parents with him, he would be able to help them recover their cultivation as soon as he found the necessary medicinal ingredients that he needed.

As Shun Long waited for their answer, he saw Shun Fang and Shun An watching Liu Mei with bright eyes.

If one judged her simply based on her outer appearance, there was indeed nothing to criticize about her.

She was a gorgeous and yet reserved young woman, who didn't let many of her feelings show to her face. This was most likely part of her character and not Liu Mei intentionally suppressing herself in front of them... Shun Fang thought as he kept examining his daughter-in-law!

Liu Mei's face turned somewhat red as she wasn't used to this, and looking at Shun Fang and Shun An who were staring at her with zeal in their eyes, she bowed and greeted them politely

"Father-in-law, mother-in-law!"

"HAHAHA! Long'er! Your father is proud of you! You finally have a wife!"

Although Shun Fang's words were few, they expressed exactly what he wanted to say. He was very satisfied with his daughter's-in-law manners, appearance and strength.

After all, both he and Shun An had seen Liu Mei summon her white skeletons that had completely suppressed Wei Tai and the rest to the point that they were just one step away from death.

"And it's one who's much gentler and polite than that Lin girl."

As she finished speaking, Shun An held Liu Mei's hands and looked at her daughter-in-law with a gentle smile on her face and a satisfied look in her eyes.

At the same time, Shun Long smiled before his eyes fell on Shun Fang as he waited for his answer. Turning his head to look at his son, Shun Fang however shook his head before he declined Shun Long's prior offer without any hesitation

"Long'er, your mother and I will both stay in the 'Mortal world'!"

Shun Fang's answer was actually completely different to what Shun Long had expected.

Since their Shun estate was destroyed and his father's and mother's cultivation was crippled, wouldn't that mean that they were even weaker than normal people?

After all, even most children in the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom' started to train their qi at the age of 13, and Shun Long knew that the other kingdoms weren't any different.

Looking like he had guessed Shun Long's thoughts, Shun Fang had a bright smile on his face as he patted Shun Long's shoulder and said

"Long'er, if I wanted to enter the 'Cultivation world', I would have long since joined the 'Floating Cloud sect'. Even if I didn't become an inner disciple, I would have at least become a normal Elder by now.

However, entering the 'Cultivation world' was neither mine nor your mother's goal.

Choosing to live a simple life, without any worries, away from the strifes of cultivators in the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom', was what we were originally planning.

However, even without the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom', there are other kingdoms where we can go and meet new people.

We can also have a fresh start and won't have people to rely on me being a Heaven grade expert to help them.

Going with you to the 'Cultivation world'? Aside from being a burden to our son, what else would we do there?"

Seeing that Shun Long wasn't entirely convinced, inside the 'Stone of Time', Little Black nodded his head as he said to Shun Long

"Master, Shun Fang is right. Although their cultivation was destroyed, they can still live their lives.

However, if they followed master in the 'Cultivation world', they would then feel hopeless and weak.

Although master's parents suffered, they can certainly start a new life, away from the war of the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom' now and travel to a new place."

Shun Long shook his head when he heard Little Black's words.

How could he have not thought about these things by himself already?

However, leaving his parents without any protection was still an unpleasant feeling.

For a moment Shun Long even thought of taming a rank 4 magic beast to protect Shun Fang and Shun An, but that would still go against Shun Fang's wishes of living a simple life.

After all, no matter what, a rank 4 magic beast would certainly make every single Heaven grade expert in this mortal island afraid.

Even the sect master of the 'Floating Cloud sect', Liu Jian, wasn't certain if he could fight an early rank 4 magic beast head-on.

Without another word, Shun Fang walked through the Shun estate and gathered some of his personal belongings in a small chest, along with some gold and silver, before he once again sat on Little Silver's back.

Understanding that there was no more reason for them to stay here, Shun Long, Shun Fang and Shun An, all threw one more look at the destroyed 'Blue Forest city' from the sky, before the black panther's body flew forward like a bolt of silver lightning, as it tore through the sky, as Shun Long searched for a new place for his parents to settle down.

Less than a minute later, the black panther had stealthily arrived in the sky above a city located near the vast sea that surrounded this 'mortal island'.

It was a large city, more than 3 times bigger than the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom's' imperial capital itself, while its harbor was completely filled with big and small sh.i.p.s, that ranged from fishermen sh.i.p.s, all the way to big warsh.i.p.s.

It was the 'Roaring Waves Kingdom'.

Chapter 317 - 317 Returning to the 'Floating Cloud sect'

After landing a few miles away from the capital of the 'Roaring Waves Kingdom', Shun Long had Little Silver return back inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time', before he and Liu Mei walked along with his parents towards the city gates.

After paying a fee of 2 gold coins per person for a total of 8 gold coins, Shun Long and his family walked past through the city gates and entered the city.

Although the royal city of the 'Roaring Waves Kingdom' couldn't be compared to the cities of the cultivation world, it was still many times more bustling than the imperial city of the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom'.

The smell of fish had already filled the air of the royal capital, as many fishermen displayed their catch for the day, trying to attract the customers around them.

Looking at the scene around him, Shun Fang had a smile on his face as he said

"Although it's my first time in this city, it is exactly how I thought it would be!"

The reason that Shun Fang wanted to come to the 'Roaring Waves Kingdom', was because he had once heard, that this was one of the most bustling kingdoms in this 'world' and at the same time one of the most peaceful ones.

Of course, the reason behind this was that a powerful middle rank 2 Heaven grade expert was the king of this kingdom, so very few people would dare to cause trouble to this place.

Walking past the street merchants, Shun Long and his group soon arrived at the residential district of the city.

Originally, Shun Fang was planning to purchase a simple, small house, but in the end, he chose to buy a relatively big home with a large garden.

The 3.000 gold coins that Shun Fang spent for it, was like a drop in the bucket for a rich peak rank 3 bronze grade formation master.

Shun Fang's and Shun An's new house was relatively close to the center of the city, and although it wasn't nearly as big as their previous Shun estate, it was perfect to live a simple life.

The city guards' headquarters was just a few miles away from it, make its safe location the main reason that it was so expensive.

After entering inside the newly purchased home, Shun Fang looked at Shun Long who didn't seem to have any plans to leave just yet, and said with a gentle smile on his face

"Long'er, you don't have to worry about us. Although we are no longer cultivators, we will still live our lives happily.

This is also a new start for me and your mother.

If you just stay here to watch over us, you will only cause me to feel guilt."

Shun An nodded her head and smiled, as she held Liu Mei's hands, before she whispered in her ears

"Little Mei, take good care of my Long'er!"

Liu Mei had a serious expression on her face as she nodded her head in response.

Although Shun Long knew that Shun Fang was just trying to make him leave, in the end, Shun Long still nodded his head before he stepped forward and hugged his father and mother.

There was no reason to keep thinking too much about this issue.

In his heart, Shun Long had already decided to do what he could in order to find the medicinal ingredients that he needed, to restore Shun Fang's and Shun An's dantians.

It didn't matter if they wanted to live their lives as mortals, Shun Long still wanted to let his parents live longer, even if Shun Fang and Shun An wanted to spend their entire lives in the 'Mortal world'.

Before he and Liu Mei left the house, Shun Long also left quite a few rank 1 healing pills behind, in case Shun Fang and Shun An needed them in the future.

Then, without another word, he and Liu Mei stealthily left the royal capital of the 'Roaring Waves Kingdom'.

In the sky, sitting on Little Silver's back, Shun Long and Liu Mei took one more look at his parents' new home, before they soared high above the clouds.

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After taking a deep breath to change his mood, Shun Long turned around to look at Liu Mei who was hugging his back, and staring at her deep black eyes he then asked

"Mei'er, are you ready?"

Liu Mei's body trembled for a moment when she heard Shun Long's words, but her eyes quickly became focused once again, and looking at Shun Long, she nodded her head and said seriously

"Long-ge, don't worry! I have been waiting for this for so long."

Liu Mei had immediately understood what Shun Long meant with his question.

It was easy to say that you are ready to personally fight with your father, but once the time came, perhaps you wouldn't be ready mentally to face him head-on.

After all, this was the most powerful person that Liu Mei had met until she left the 'Floating Cloud sect' to go to the 'Vermilion realm', and although she and Shun Long had seen countless powerful experts, including even powerful Dao Kings like the hall master of the 'Demon Emperor Palace', Duan Zhu, Liu Jian's shadow inside Liu Mei's heart hadn't dissipated yet.

Shun Long's question was akin to him asking Liu Mei, whether she wanted Shun Long to personally take care of this or not.

Seeing that Liu Mei was determined to face Liu Jian head-on, Shun Long didn't say anything else, and simply nodded his head, when he once again felt Liu Mei resting her head on his back.

The 'mortal island' soon became a black dot in the endless sea below them, and a few moments later, Shun Long and Liu Mei had already arrived in front of the barrier that divided the 'Cultivation world' from the 'Mortal world'.

Little Silver tore through the barrier in front of it and effortlessly passed through it once again, before it spread its majestic silver wings and continued to fly forward.

The black panther's speed was extremely quick as it flew through the sky, and a few minutes later the outline of a familiar city appeared in the distance.

Little Silver however didn't directly barge inside the city in front of it, and instead, it hid itself in the clouds above the city, completely hiding its aura in the process.

Looking at the 'Floating Cloud city' below them, Shun Long continued to sit on Little Silver's back high above the clouds, and watched Liu Mei who had a determined look in her eyes as she looked at the city below her.

After taking a few moments to calm down her emotions and gather her strength and courage, she slowly took a step forward and descended from the sky, like an otherworldly fairy appearing in the mortal world.

And yet, at the same time, the aura of death that was coming from her body, brought a terrifying sensation to anyone who laid their eyes on her.

It was as if the thick black threads of qi coming from Liu Mei's body would instantly kill anyone who came in contact with them, emanating an extreme sense of danger and death.

Liu Mei's eyes were now staring at the 'Floating Cloud city' below her, and after taking a deep breath, she finally allowed her aura at the middle rank 4 of the Spirit realm to spread and cover the entire city.

Chapter 318 - 318 The excited Liu Jian

As the powerful aura of a middle rank 4 Spirit realm cultivator covered the 'Floating Cloud sect', both the bustling outer and the inner city instantly fell silent.

The disciples of the 'Floating Cloud sect' all turned their heads to the sky when they felt the terrifying aura that had fallen upon the city, where a stunning scene greeted their eyes.

An otherworldly fairy in white robes descended from the sky, as she looked at the city in front of her with cold eyes.

There were no traces of warmth, love or compassion as she slowly flew towards the inner city, but only a cold indifference in her enchanting black eyes.

"Se-Senior sister Liu?"

"Senior sister Liu Mei? The sect master's daughter? Didn't she die in the 'Vermilion realm'?"

"I heard that rumor too... but it seems like senior sister is alive."

"But... isn't her temperament somewhat different from the past? She seems so cold..."

Although Liu Mei was a reclusive character in the 'Floating Cloud sect' who didn't show her face very often, some outer disciples immediately recognized her when they saw her face.

After all, as the daughter of the sect master and the idol of most young men in the sect, it was natural for people to remember Liu Mei after having seen her even once.

At the same time, in the inner city, Liu Jian who was chatting with Liu Changpun, suddenly shot to his feet when he felt the aura of a rank 4 Spirit realm expert covering the 'inner city'.

Despite not knowing 'which expert' had arrived, there was a grim expression on his face when he felt the powerful aura looming above his head.

Looking at his son next to him, he deliberated for a while before he said

"Changpun, come with me. This will also help you learn how to deal with such situations when you become the sect master in the future."

Liu Changpun nodded his head, before he followed behind his father, as they walked out from the house and flew towards the sky.

It wasn't just Liu Jian and Liu Changpun that were alarmed by this matter however, but all of the high-ranking Elders of the sect, including the Grand Elder Lan Hong who was at the rank 1 of the Spirit realm.

All of the Elders from the sect had serious expressions on their faces, as they soared in the sky to see who had come to their 'Floating Cloud sect'.

Under the Grand Elder's, Lan Hong's lead, everyone met with the sect master before they turned their eyes towards the white-robed figure to the sky.

Suddenly, the Elders all had various expressions on their faces as they saw the young woman who was leisurely flying towards them.

Liu Jian himself was stunned, while Liu Changpun mumbled

"Am I hallucinating today?"

A few moments later, Liu Mei flew past the gates of the inner city, and arrived in front of Liu Jian, Liu Changpun, and Lan Hong, as well as the rest of the Elders of the sect.

Staring at his daughter, Liu Jian had a marvelous expression on his face that changed from shock and disbelief, to anger and finally joy.

Stepping forward, he took a deep breath, before he asked in the gentlest voice that he could muster "Little Mei? Is it really you?"

Liu Mei's body trembled when she heard the way that Liu Jian addressed her.

He, her strict father, the sect master of the sect, would always call her by her full name, Liu Mei.

He would never called her 'Little Mei', or 'Meimei' that her mother usually called her.

This was to remind her that although he was her father, he was also a strict figure who always had the sect's interest above everything else.

And yet, just now he had used the gentlest voice he could use when he spoke to her.

Even Liu Changpun would have been stunned by his father's behavior, if he wasn't already looking at his sister with his mouth hanging open.

The aura of a powerful Spirit realm expert was coming from her body.

Her aura... was actually even more powerful than their father's!

What did this mean?

It meant that Liu Mei wasn't just a Spirit realm expert, but she was also a middle-stage one at that!

"How is this possible?"

Liu Changpun meant to say this inwardly, but because of the shock that had filled his heart, he couldn't control his voice that ended up escaping his mouth.

Looking at Liu Mei, the so-called 'strongest genius of the sect' asked loudly, in a tone filled with shock and denial

"How can you be a Spirit realm expert? It has been less than a year since the 'Vermilion realm' closed!"

Suddenly, Liu Changpun's eyes widened as he thought of a terrifying possibility, and looking at his sister, he pointed his finger forward before he asked in a shrieking voice

"YOU! Don't tell me that you actually got the inheritance of the 'Vermilion realm'! NO! THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!

Even I, the greatest genius of the sect didn't manage to get the inheritance so how could YOU succeed?"

Liu Jian's eyes suddenly lit up as he looked at Liu Mei, and even Lan Hong and the Elders around him were looking at the daughter of the sect master with eyes filled with shock!

The inheritance of the 'Vermilion realm'?

Right! Only this could explain Liu Mei's rapid advancement!

Liu Mei didn't answer Liu Changpun's question!

She didn't even bother glancing at her 'brother', and instead, she looked at Liu Jian who was staring at her as if he was looking at a rare piece of treasure.

Looking at her father's change in behavior, who hadn't even asked her what had happened to her for the past one year, countless thoughts flashed through Liu Mei's mind

The inheritance of the Vermilion realm? If it wasn't for Long-ge saving me, I would have already become a corpse under the hands of the the disciples of the 'Poison Hall'.

The look in Liu Mei's eyes soon turned cold, and looking at her father who was staring at her joyously, and was expecting her to nod her head and admit that she had indeed received the inheritance of the 'Vermilion realm', Liu Mei took a deep breath, and without responding to Liu Changpun's question, she said in a cold voice

"I am here to take my mother away!"

Chapter 319 - 319 Liu Mei's suppressed emotions

It was a simple sentence, and yet it had left Liu Jian staring at Liu Mei in shock.

"Take her mother away? What mother? My wife?"

Even Liu Changpun, the Grand Elder Lan Hong and the Elders around him, were all staring at Liu Mei, not understanding what she meant.

And yet, despite being confused, Liu Jian wasn't angry.

Instead, he looked at his daughter with a big smile on his face, and like a father who was trying to coax his angry child he said

"Meimei, don't be angry. Daddy will do whatever you want.

Come with me and let's go chat inside. Your mother is certainly very worried about you as well."

This time, it wasn't just Liu Mei and Liu Changpun, but all of the Elders around him as well who were stunned by his behavior.

How was this their dignified sect master? This was more like a patient and doting father speaking to his child.

"Fathe-"

"Shut up! Quickly lead the way for me and your sister you unfilial son!"

Liu Changpun was ready to interrupt Liu Jian, and ask him if he had a fever, or perhaps he had caught some kind of rare disease that could infect the entire sect, but instead, he was met by a fierce rebuttal by his father.

Liu Jian who had always pampered his son had now berated him in front of all the Elders of the sect!

No matter what the reason was, this was certainly going to hurt his prestige in the future, when he succeeded his father for the position of the sect master.

And yet, after seeing the angry expression in his father's face, Liu Changpun didn't dare to flare up, and after shooting a look of anger at Liu Mei, he hurriedly went deeper inside the sect, as he 'led the way' for his father and his sister.

Before he could go too far however, Liu Changpun heard Liu Mei's cold voice as she looked at Liu Jian and said coldly

"There is no need! I didn't come here to chat with you like family. I am here to take my mother back, and settle everything with you and your son."

Hearing Liu Mei's cold voice, Liu Jian's expression slowly turned angry, and looking at his daughter he finally asked furiously

"Liu Mei, are you sure that you want to talk to me like this? I am already being accommodating with you, but don't forget that you are still my daughter!"

"Hahahaha!" Liu Mei's melodious laughter resounded in everyone's ears, but Liu Jian and the rest felt shivers in their bodies when they heard this.

To them, it sounded as if Liu Mei's laughter was filled with traces of death.

Even some of the inner disciples who had gathered near the entrance of the 'inner city' and had come to 'spectate' what was going on, soon felt themselves gasping for breath, as if death itself had appeared next to them, and was ready to take their lives with his scythe.

Looking at the shocked Liu Jian and the horrified Liu Changpun who took a few steps back to get even further away from her, Liu Mei laughed again before she continued

"Your daughter? NOW you remember that I am your daughter?"

In all these years, have I not been a prisoner inside the sect?

Were you not cruel to me, treating me like an object rather than your own child?

Did you not only have eyes for your own son, the one who you were going to make the next sect master?

Even when Liu Changpun brought the third son of the 'Flying sword sect's' sect master, did you not berate me when I refused to marry him myself?

Did you not lock me up in the sect for 4 months until my mother begged you with tears in her eyes to let me go?

When Meng Shengyi came to you a year ago and said that he wanted to marry me no matter what, did you not say that as long as the 'Meng family' followed Liu Changpun faithfully and helped him reach the third trial of the 'Vermilion realm', that I would have to marry Meng Shengyi in return regardless if I agreed or not?

And now, you want me to forget everything and act as your obedient daughter?

Hahahaha! Isn't it because of the inheritance of the 'Vermilion realm'?"

As soon as Liu Mei finished her words, Liu Jian's own words were stuck in his throat!

Indeed, he hadn't cared about his daughter in the past.

It wasn't that he hated Liu Mei, but in the end, she was simply a tool to help her brother on his way to rise in the world.

After all, Liu Jian already had dreams of his son becoming the next sect master, and expanding the 'Floating Cloud sect' even further.

As for Liu Mei, even if her talent was at the same level as her brother's, she was still a woman in the end.

Although there were some sects that had women as their sect masters, Liu Jian didn't think that Liu Mei could ever lead the sect the way that Liu Changpun could.

After all, he had instructed his son since young, and had always taught him what a sect master needed to know.

Liu Mei could simply serve as a bridge, to connect Liu Changpun with his own helpers.

However, Liu Mei was also wrong.

Liu Jian didn't care about the 'Vermilion realm's' treasure that much.

Instead, after seeing that his daughter had already reached the middle-stages of the Spirit realm, a new plan had formulated in his mind.

He could now have Liu Mei lead the sect, and have her relocate to the center of the 'Desolate East', near the 'Golden Buddha temple's' location.

That was the location with the most dense qi in the entire 'Desolate East'.

Even the head priest of the 'Golden Buddha temple' had once admitted to Liu Jian, that the qi at the center of the 'Desolate East' wasn't too inferior to some of the cities of the 'Night star continent' like the Silver sword city!

This way, with Liu Mei's current speed of advancement, even if she advanced extremely slowly in the future, she still had chances to reach the late-stages of the Spirit realm, and perhaps... even the Nascent Soul stage.

Liu Jian trembled as this possibility flashed through his mind.

However, Liu Mei's next words completely crushed his illusions

"Liu Jian, today I am here to take my mother back and take revenge!"

After she finished speaking, Liu Mei waved her hand and a bright blue sword appeared in it.

It was her 'Four seasons azure sword'.

Chapter 320 - 320 Fighting Liu Jian

Liu Jian and the Elders of the 'Floating Cloud sect' around him were all taken aback when they saw this.

Was Liu Mei intending to fight Liu Jian head-on?

Liu Jian was also stunned when he noticed the quality of the azure sword in Liu Mei's hands.

With a glance, he could clearly tell that this azure sword was even better than his own sword!

As for Liu Changpun, he didn't seem to have noticed this detail, and instead, he pointed at his sister and laughed in a mocking manner as he said

"Hahaha, take revenge? Revenge for what? For being treated unfairly?"

This is the cultivation world idiotic woman! Perhaps you were lucky enough to obtain the inheritance of the 'Vermilion realm', but if you think that your sudden rise in cultivation will instantly place you at the level of a sect master, you really are dumb!

Just based on how quickly you have advanced, your foundation is surely unstable and you may never even reach the late-stages of the Spirit realm!"

Liu Jian frowned when he heard his son's words, but he didn't berate him this time.

It was obvious that Liu Mei really wanted to fight him, and wouldn't rest until one of them won.

Besides, in Liu Jian's heart, Liu Changpun was also right.

Despite the fact that Liu Mei's cultivation had somehow surpassed his, and her sword looked to be at least a rank 3 silver grade weapon, Liu Jian didn't think that he would lose when fighting his own daughter.

Even in the worst-case scenario, they would be evenly matched!

After all, Liu Jian's fighting experience was honed through many years of fighting against the best of the best in the 'Desolate East'.

Although his cultivation was only at the early stages of the Spirit realm, he was still a peak rank 3 Spirit realm expert who was just a step away from reaching the middle-stages.

Despite the qualitative difference between the early and the middle-stages of the Spirit realm, Liu Jian always had the confidence to fight against, and even defeat normal early rank 4 Spirit realm cultivators, let alone Liu Mei who most likely had her cultivation boosted in an abnormal way.

Looking at Liu Mei, Liu Jian shook his head, before he said with a serious look in his eyes

"Very well!

If you win, you can take your mother and do whatever else you want to do...

But if you lose, you will have to listen to me from now on."

With a gentle smile on his face, Liu Jian took out a long white sword from his spatial ring, and looking at Liu Mei he continued

"Meimei don't worry. I will no longer force you to marry someone you don't want to! In fact, as long as you agree, I will make you the sect master today!

After all, my blood still flows through your veins, and even if I failed to realize your worth in the past, we can still fix everything."

"Hahaha!"

At the same time, right above the clouds of the 'Floating Cloud city', Shun Long couldn't help laughing when he heard Liu Jian's words.

Thankfully he had already suppressed his voice so no one had managed to hear him.

Seeing Liu Jian's attempt to persuade Liu Mei to return back to the sect, was akin to watching a monkey perform.

If everything in this world, including years of parental neglect that had practically pushed Liu Mei to the brink of death, forcing her to pass through the second trial of the 'Vermilion realm' by herself and almost die in the process, all of them simply to escape from the 'Floating Cloud sect', could be mended through a bunch of sweet words, then Liu Mei would have really suffered for nothing.

Indeed, this was a pragmatic world, and now that Liu Mei's 'worth' had exceeded that of Liu Changpun's in their father's eyes, Liu Jian was willing to do anything to get Liu Mei back to his side.

However, although Lan Hong's and the rest of the Elders nodded their heads, Liu Changpun's expression had instantly turned ugly when he heard his father's words.

He was like a chicken being held from its neck.

Make Liu Mei the sect master? Then what about him?

However, despite Liu Jian's sweet words, Liu Mei wasn't that naive and sheltered woman any longer.

Although she was a person who seldomly spoke, she had experienced a lot of things with Shun Long in the last year, and wouldn't be willing to forgive Liu Jian just because of a few words.

Holding the peak rank 2 silver grade sword in his hand, Liu Jian looked at Liu Mei and said in a gentle tone

"Come then! Show me how much you have improved while you were away!"

With a cold look in her eyes, a layer of frost appeared on Liu Mei's 'four seasons azure sword', before she flew forward towards Liu Jian.

Although Shun Long had already taught her the 'Gale steps', Liu Mei's affinity with this martial skill wasn't high, and she had only reached the first out of the 7 levels.

However, just the first stage of this 'Mystic high-grade martial skill' was enough to boost Liu Mei's speed by at least two-fold, making it impossible for any early-stage Spirit realm cultivator to catch up with her.

Even other rank 4 and rank 5 Spirit realm cultivators wouldn't be able to match her speed if they hadn't comprehended a Dao like the 'Dao of Wind' or if they didn't have a similar 'Mystic high-grade martial skill'!

A gust of wind appeared around Liu Mei's feet while her body left behind a layer of frost in the air as she flew towards Liu Jian.

Using both of her hands, Liu Mei gathered her qi into the 'four seasons azure sword', creating a huge ice sword that she slashed down towards Liu Jian.

Liu Jian smiled when he saw this while a layer of frost covered his own sword as well, turning into a huge sword that met Liu Mei's slash head-on.

The Elders of the 'Floating Cloud sect', including the Grand Elder Lang Hong, as well as Liu Changpun, all hurriedly flew away, not daring to stay within the radius of Liu Mei's and Liu Jian's fight.

As soon as the 'four seasons azure sword' met Liu Jian's sword however, the sound of ice crashing resounded above the 'Floating Cloud sect', and Liu Mei's huge ice sword started to crumble.

The layer of ice that was covering the 'four seasons azure sword's' surface was quickly destroyed, revealing the blue sword's original appearance, while pushing Liu Mei back in the process.

At the same time, although the ice on Liu Jian's sword was cracked as well, it wasn't destroyed, and was quickly reformed a few moments later.

In the first exchange, Liu Mei was actually at a disadvantage!

"Hahahahaha!"

Liu Changpun started laughing when he saw this scene, and without missing the chance to mock his sister he said seriously

"Hahaha! Despite your cultivation being higher than father's, it seems that your comprehension of the Dao of Ice isn't even close to his own!"

It wasn't just Liu Changpun who had noticed this, but Lan Hong as well as the other Elders, who looked at the scene in front of them without any shock in their eyes.

No matter what, it was impossible for Liu Mei's comprehension of the Dao of Ice to reach the same level as Liu Jian's within a year.

Even though her cultivation was higher, in a direct exchange she was put on the back foot.

Liu Jian didn't miss this chance, and continued to counterattack, as he relentlessly slashed his white sword at Liu Mei again and again, forcing her to defend and take a passive position.

The ice on top of the 'four seasons azure sword' didn't even have enough time to reform itself, before it was quickly destroyed by Liu Jian's powerful attacks.

Indeed, when the difference in cultivation wasn't big, the comprehension of the Dao, the martial skills, as well as the type of the Dao itself, were the things that proved to be critical during a fight.

As Liu Jian pushed Liu Mei further and further, he said in a low voice

"This is the result of advancing hastily in your cultivation. No matter what, your comprehension of the Dao must always be at the same level as your cultivation base.

Otherwise, even after reaching the middle stages of the Spirit realm, you will lose even when you fight against average early-stage Spirit realm cultivators."

Narrowing her eyes, Liu Mei didn't reply to Liu Jian, and instead, she raised the 'four seasons azure sword' as she took Liu Jian's hit head-on.

Despite being a peak rank 2 silver grade sword fighting against a rank 1 gold grade weapon, Liu Jian's huge ice sword sent Liu Mei flying in the sky, making her hands feel pain in the process after blocking the hit.

However, Liu Mei still suppressed the pain she was feeling, and with a cold look in her eyes, she gathered her qi in her right hand, where a black ball of qi slowly took form.