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Chapter 271: Grandfather and Grandson

Facing a Great Sovereign head-on? Ye Guan wasn't that foolish.

Ye Guan wasn't foolish enough to face a Great Sovereign head-on. The most important ability one could cultivate in life was self-awareness. Ye Guan knew that there was no way he could defeat a Great Sovereign, even with the Path Sword.

The gap between cultivation bases was just too great for even his overpowered sword to cross. Moreover, he was still too weak to wield the Path Sword properly.

To make matters worse, his Master Pagoda was unreliable, his father wasn't around, and his aunt wasn't available. Left with no other options, he had to call his grandfather.

Ye Guan had made a gamble, and he didn't expect that it would pay off. However, his grandfather before him wasn't his grandfather's true body. He was just an avatar, but Ye Guan couldn't afford to be picky at the moment.

The simply dressed middle-aged man stared at the blue-robed man with a frown. His keen senses were telling him that the unassuming blue-robed man before him was an extremely dangerous opponent.

The blue-robed man grinned at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan hesitated before calling out, "Grandfather?"

Sword Master Qingshan burst into hearty laughter. "Yes, your grandfather is here!"

Ye Guan was dumbfounded. This guy seemed even less reliable than his father! He finally understood why Master Pagoda's personality was so eccentric; it seemed like that kind of attitude ran in the family.

Sword Master Qingshan asked, "Has your father ever mentioned me to you?"

Ye Guan shook his head and replied, "No."

Sword Master Qingshan furrowed his brow and muttered, "That rascal..."

Ye Guan was silent.

Sword Master Qingshan examined Ye Guan from top to bottom and smiled. "You're not bad, but you still have a long way to go compared to me during my prime."

Ye Guan didn't know what to say. It seemed that birds of the same feather would truly flock together, and his Master Pagoda's personality had truly been shaped by both his grandfather and father.

Sword Master Qingshan wanted to say something, but Ye Guan suddenly gasped.

"He pointed at the simply dressed middle-aged man and exclaimed, "Watch out, Grandfather! That's a Great Sovereign right there!"

Sword Master Qingshan glanced at the simply dressed middle-aged and chuckled.

"Did your father not tell you just how strong I am?" he asked.

Ye Guan thought for a moment and said, "Master Pagoda told me that you abandoned my father and that you don't deserve to be a father."

"Fuck!" Little Pagoda screamed. He trembled in fear as he argued, "What are you talking about?! When did I say that? Don't make things up! You have no idea just how dangerous words can be!"

Meanwhile, the smile on Sword Master Qingshan's lips had vanished.

Little Pagoda panicked.

Sword Master Qingshan opened his palm, and a tiny pagoda appeared in his hand. He looked down at the tiny pagoda and said, "I was wondering why my son was so rebellious. It turns out that you've been instigating him!"

Little Pagoda trembled as he cried out, "Old Master, I don't dare! As for your grandson... h-h-he's just mischievous!"

Sword Master Qingshan seemed somewhat displeased. "Nonsense! I find this young man very sensible—he's more sensible than his father. Little Pagoda, don't you dare speak ill of my grandson, or I'll give you a piece of my mind!"

Little Pagoda was speechless.

The simply dressed Great Sovereign suddenly said, "Fellow Da—"

Sword Master Qingshan whipped around and thrust his sword.

Shwik!

The simply dressed Great Sovereign was instantly immobilized, petrifying everyone. Ye Guan's eyes widened, and his face filled with disbelief. A Great Sovereign was immobilized with just one sword move?

His grandfather was truly formidable!

Sword Master Qingshan cast an annoyed gaze at the simply dressed Great Sovereign and grumbled, "My grandson and I are talking, so you should mind your business."

The simply dressed Great Sovereign's eyes filled with fear as he gazed at the blue-robed man. One sword move from the latter had immobilized him! Even worse, the blue-robed man had done it so quickly that he failed to react to it.

He was a proud Great Sovereign, so it shouldn't have been like this. In addition, how come the Guanxuan Universe still had a supreme elite like the Sword Master?

The nearby Divine Spirits were as still as statues.

Sword Master Qingshan smiled at Ye Guan and explained, "It's not that shocking. They're called Great Sovereigns, but they're mere ants."

Ye Guan was silent. His grandfather was just showing off, but he didn't dare to point it out or argue. Everyone here was indeed like an ant in front of his grandfather.

Sword Master Qingshan's gaze landed on the Path Sword in Ye Guan's hand.

"Grandfather!" Ye Guan exclaimed, and he proudly said, "This is the Path Sword, and it's really strong!"

"Strong?" Sword Master Qingshan replied calmly, "It's just a broken sword."

Hum!

The Path Sword let out a resonant hum and vibrated.

Ye Guan's face turned pale. It felt like the Path Sword was about to throw a tantrum.

Sword Master Qingshan chuckled and said, "What's wrong with what I said? What? Do you want to fight me one-on-one? Come here, then. Let me teach you a lesson."

The Path Sword went silent and melted into Ye Guan's glabella. The Path Sword knew that the blue-robed man didn't have the word shame in his dictionary, so the Path Sword decided to avoid a direct confrontation in the meantime.

Ye Guan was truly surprised by the Path Sword's reaction.

It was the first time he saw the Path Sword so timid. It seemed that his grandfather was even stronger than what he could imagine at the moment.

The cogs in Ye Guan's mind turned rapidly, and his brain soon reached a conclusion—he had to suck up to his grandfather and inflate his grandfather's ego.

"Grandfather!" Ye Guan suddenly exclaimed, "He's a Great Sovereign, but you took care of him in a split second! Goodness, Grandfather... Y-you're incredible!"

Little Pagoda was at a loss for words.

The blue-robed man laughed boisterously and said, "Stop trying to suck up to me, you brat. I'll let you know, but bootlicking is my weakness."

"A Great Sovereign is like a god to me, but you made quick work of such a powerful elite." Ye Guan chuckled bitterly and shook his head with a sigh before saying, "I feel like I brought you shame, Grandfather."

The blue-robed man smiled and said, "It's fine; you're still young. When I was your age, I was far more— Well, let's just say I was pretty remarkable. Not to brag or anything, but I'm probably the most heaven-defying talent since the universe's conception."

Little Pagoda was left speechless.

Unfortunately for the blue-robed man, Little Pagoda had borne witness to the three generations of the Yang Family, and Ye Guan was undoubtedly the most talented out of the three. His father and grandfather's talent just couldn't compare to him.

Actually, Sword Master Qingshan was quite pitiful back then. People were chasing and attacking him every day. In fact, he almost perished by having his head smashed in!

Ye Guan hesitated briefly before asking, "Grandfather, I'm curious. You're an extremely powerful supreme elite, so you must be a renowned supreme elite. And that's exactly why I find it weird that I've never heard of you before. Why is that?"

Sword Master Qingshan smiled and replied, "It's not weird that you haven't heard of me. It's been many years since I've vanquished all of my enemies who were born in the same generation as me."

Ye Guan froze and went silent.

Sword Master Qingshan's smile deepened as he said, "It's my turn to ask you a question, and I want you to answer me honestly."

Ye Guan nodded. "Ask away, Grandfather."

Sword Master Qingshan chuckled and said, "You said that all your descendants will bear the Yang surname. I assume you know about certain matters between your father and me. So tell me, was it my fault or your father's fault?"

Ye Guan was at a loss for words.

He felt like his very own grandfather had just created a hole for him to fall into.

Little Pagoda laughed heartily, finding the situation quite amusing.

Ye Guan's brain worked on overdrive, and he soon answered, "It's only natural for a man to endure some hardships and difficulties, but I agree with what Master Pagoda said about how it's a bit too much for a parent to abandon their children without any guidance or help."

"My enemies are so formidable, and I need even the tiniest bit of help to defeat them; otherwise, it's just impossible for me to overcome the so-called hardships and grow stronger. By then, it'll be abuse rather than letting your children grow."

"That's what Master Pagoda said to me, and I think there's some truth to it."

Little Pagoda was at a loss for words.

The mysterious voice laughed and pointed out. "He wants you to take the blame!"

Little Pagoda felt like crying.

Sword Master Qingshan asked, "Is that what you think, too?"

Ye Guan smiled and replied, "We're family, Grandfather. We can be frank with each other during conversations. In fact, I'll be frank: there's nothing wrong with leaving your children to fend for themselves.

"I believe a person who had to start from scratch is bound to achieve great things. The hardships will build and temper their character, tenacity, and willpower. I'm sure even you, Grandfather, had to go through many hardships when you were young."

Sword Master Qingshan grinned and nodded. "That's right."

Ye Guan went on, "Grandfather, you left my father to raise himself with the intention that he could reach the heights you've achieved today. That initial motive was undoubtedly good."

Sword Master Qingshan's smile grew even warmer as he listened to his grandson's words. He found himself growing increasingly fond of Ye Guan.

Ye Guan added, "However, I think you should have paid more attention to the bond between father and son, Grandfather. You probably didn't spend a lot of quality time together with Father. For example, look at us; we're having a heart-to-heart conversation."

Sword Master Qingshan was silent as he reflected on Ye Guan's words.

Ye Guan continued. "Actually, I think my father never blamed you for leaving him. I think the source of his resentment is that he never felt any fatherly love from you throughout his childhood and beyond.

"I doubt he blames you for the hardship he had to face because he knows the importance of facing hardships; we're cultivators, after all. However, the absence of a father's love and companionship is just—I think that's why he resents you."

A certain thought abruptly popped up in Ye Guan's mind.

"Were you left to fend for yourself, too?"

Sword Master Qingshan nodded without saying anything.

Ye Guan reeled in shock. Why are my ancestors such bad parents?

Ye Guan took a moment to compose himself before saying, "I believe that companionship is the most important thing when it comes to relationships between two people.

"In fact, you were just a name to me until now, Grandfather. However, you decided to help me in my time of need, which makes me feel all warm inside. I also feel like we now have a connection.

"You're no longer just a name to me, Grandfather. You've become family in my eyes, which is exactly why I think that from now on, we should talk to each other more often for the sake of nurturing our relationship. Grandfather, can you leave me a way to contact you?"

Little Pagoda, the mysterious voice, and Sword Master Qingshan were speechless.

There wasn't anything wrong with Ye Guan's words, but why did it sound so wrong?

Sword Master Qingshan stared deeply at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan was staring at Sword Master Qingshan with an unwavering gaze, but Sword Master Qingshan had already seen through Ye Guan's intentions. He burst into a peal of boisterous laughter. "Pfft! You little rascal... hahaha!"

"Grandfather, how can I contact you if I want to see you in the future?" Ye Guan asked earnestly. He had made up his mind. He needed someone who could come and help him whenever he needed help.

Otherwise, he would eventually get himself beaten to death.

Sword Master Qingshan chuckled and said, "Don't worry about that for now. Just focus on becoming even stronger. You're my grandson, so you don't have to worry about the rest of the riffraff. I won't let anyone bully you."

Ye Guan went silent; he was still somewhat reluctant to let go of the issue. He was about to ask more questions when Sword Master Qingshan suddenly pointed his finger at him.

A wisp of sword energy melted into Ye Guan's glabella.

Ye Guan exclaimed in surprise, "What is this?"

Sword Master Qingshan smiled. "A sword technique; it'll serve you well."

Ye Guan closed his eyes slowly. Beheading Heavens Sword Art?

Just then, Sword Master Qingshan said, "I have to leave."

“Grandfather, wait!” Ye Guan hurriedly said, “We still have to—”

He tugged on Sword Master Qingshan’s sleeve and dragged him into the True God Hall.

Chapter 272: True God

They were already here, so Ye Guan wanted to take advantage of this opportunity by visiting the True God Hall with his grandfather.

He needed bragging material to use in the future. If he somehow managed to enter the True God Hall, he would exceed his father. His father had reached the front yard of the True God Hall, but he failed to enter the hall.

Sword Master Qingshan stared quietly at Ye Guan with a smile. He felt a certain kinship with his grandson.

Just then, the Divine Spirits in the True God Hall were staring at the two of them. All of them were prepared to fight, and they were not afraid of Ye Guan. However, Sword Master Qingshan was a different story.

He was merely an avatar, but he defeated a Great Sovereign with one strike. He was a terrifying supreme elite that they couldn’t carelessly fight against.

Swoosh!

All of a sudden, ten powerful figures appeared in front of the True God Hall.

Sword Master Qingshan was calm.

Meanwhile, the simply dressed Great Sovereign shouted, “Retreat!”

No one among them was strong enough to stop Sword Master Qingshan. It was a foolish endeavor that would only result in meaningless death.

The ten elites in front of the True God Hall were reluctant, but they all retreated.

Ye Guan led Sword Master Qingshan into the True God Hall. The hall was very spacious, and there was only a statue of a woman inside of it. The woman was clad in a simple dress, and she had long braids. A cat was sitting in her lap.

She was none other than the True God!

Ye Guan's expression was grim as he stared at the statue. The statue had to be none other than the statue of the True God, the invincible hegemon of the True Universe.

Ye Guan looked at Sword Master Qingshan and asked, "Grandfather, can you defeat her?"

Sword Master Qingshan smiled and replied, "Guess!"

"Hahaha!" Ye Guan chuckled. "My grandfather is invincible!"

"Pfft!" Sword Master Qingshan burst into laughter but said nothing as he cast his eyes upon the statue.

However, Ye Guan was still curious.

"How many sword moves would it take you to kill her?" he asked.

Sword Master Qingshan ruffled Ye Guan's hair and smiled. "I know what you're thinking, but this woman is not simple at all. She's truly powerful. Of course, if she dares to bully you, I'll step in. At that time, I wouldn't care about anything else. No one should dare to think about harming my grandson!"

Sword Master Qingshan's words truly moved Ye Guan. He had decided to truly acknowledge his grandfather. After all, there was no way he would refuse to acknowledge his powerful ancestors.

Sword Master Qingshan continued. "Your cultivation journey started out well, but you need to stay grounded. You will have to face many things on your own. You're the only one who can walk down the path you've chosen, after all. Do you understand?"

Ye Guan nodded quietly. He didn't mind handling most of his opponents by himself, but facing a Great Sovereign with his trivial cultivation base was just too much. He had no choice but to call for help.

Sword Master Qingshan saw Ye Guan's expression and shook his head.

"My boy," he muttered and chuckled before saying, "You think more than your father."

Ye Guan hesitated for a moment before asking, "Once you've reached a certain level of strength, do you start viewing everything in the world with indifference?"

Sword Master Qingshan looked at him with surprise. "What's up with that question?"

Ye Guan replied solemnly, "The books I've read all told me the same."

Sword Master Qingshan chuckled and nodded. "Indeed, it does happen."

With that, he stared deeply at Ye Guan and asked, "Was that Great Sovereign earlier really strong in your eyes?"

Ye Guan nodded. Great Sovereigns were strong, and he reckoned that he still wouldn't be able to defeat one, even with the Path Sword in hand.

Sword Master Qingshan stared at the simply dressed Great Sovereign, who was still being suppressed by his sword energy.

He then cast his gaze on Ye Guan once more before saying, "He's considered a top-tier elite in this universe, but he's nothing more than an ant in my eyes. If he hadn't tried to bully you, I wouldn't have bothered to make a move against him."

Ye Guan fell silent. He felt like his grandfather wasn't bragging at all.

Sword Master Qingshan continued. "Cultivation is like water. You're the only one who can define its taste. You have to experience life by yourself and just take a look at yourself right now. You've come a long way on your own, right? Didn't you get stronger in your own right?"

"Yes, I did!" Ye Guan nodded. Sword Master Qingshan was right. He had overcome many challenges by himself, and he had to admit that those hardships had tempered him to who he was today.

Sword Master Qingshan laughed and asked, "What would have happened if I kept on interfering in your battles and saving you from your hardships? Do you think you would have become stronger?"

Ye Guan was silent.

Sword Master Qingshan continued. "Joy and sorrow, anger and happiness—it is necessary for one to experience these emotions. Without parting, there would be no joy in reuniting. Without death, you wouldn't appreciate the value of life.

"To put it simply, I believe that as long as you are not going to get killed, you should endure as many hardships and difficulties as you can by yourself. That's the only way you'll grow even stronger at the fastest speed possible."

At that, Ye Guan finally understood why his grandfather was known as a bit of an extreme individual. He also finally understood why his grandfather and father didn't get along.

If he were in his father's shoes, he also wouldn't acknowledge his grandfather. His grandfather's method of upbringing was too extreme; it was borderline abuse!

However, Ye Guan could sense that his grandfather had to have experienced some trauma or an unfortunate event when he was still young. It would explain his extreme method of upbringing.

Sword Master Qingshan gently brushed some dust off Ye Guan's shoulder and said softly, "I had nothing but good intentions when I left your father to fend for himself, but I admit that it was a bit too extreme.

"I should have given him a hand when he needed it the most. The fact that I chose not to do is something that I regret, even to this day."

Ye Guan quickly interjected, "You can still make amends!"

Sword Master Qingshan asked, "Make amends?"

Ye Guan nodded urgently and said, "What happened between you and father is already water under the bridge, but don't you still have me? Your grandson? We can spend a lot of time in the future, and we can grow even closer over time."

Little Pagoda had no idea what to say.

Sword Master Qingshan laughed boisterously. He laughed even louder than he did when Ye Guan had sucked up to him. Soon, he stared deeply at Ye Guan and eventually shook his head with a smile. Ye Guan was much craftier than his son, and he believed that Ye Guan needed more hardships to temper his character.

With that in mind, Sword Master Qingshan transmitted his voice to Little Pagoda through profound energy. "I want you to make sure that he's going to face more challenges in the future. Don't let him become too cocky. I'm afraid he's going to end up getting addicted to relying on others."

"Great! That's a great idea!" Little Pagoda replied almost immediately. He truly found Sword Master Qingshan's suggestion to be worthy of his full support.

Just then, Ye Guan asked, "What do you think, Grandfather?"

Sword Master Qingshan's expression was serious as he replied, "You're right. We should make sure that we become even closer over time."

Ye Guan saw the golden opportunity and immediately took it. "In that case, can you leave me a way to contact you? When I'm in—no, I mean I'd like to contact you whenever I start missing you."

Sword Master Qingshan fell between a rock and a hard place. However, he quickly composed himself and said, "If you want to contact me, just tell Little Pagoda. He knows how to get in touch with me."

Ye Guan was a bit hesitant about the idea of consulting Little Pagoda. He had truly lost trust in the tiny pagoda, and he was convinced that he could never rely on Little Pagoda.

Just then, a thunderous explosion boomed in the distance.

Ye Guan quickly turned to Sword Master Qingshan and said, "Have you met my sister yet? If you haven't, would you like to meet her?"

Sword Master Qingshan nodded and said, "Sure!"

With that, they made their way outside.

Ye Guan stole one last glance at the statue of the True God inside the hall. Once he encountered the woman depicted in the statue, he would make sure to get her real good. Wait, what am I thinking? Ye Guan's face flushed red, and he found his choice of words a bit inappropriate.

Of course, he quickly blamed Little Pagoda for corrupting him.

Sword Master Qingshan looked up.

Ye An was still engaged in a fierce battle.

Her opponent was truly extraordinary, and Ye An seemed unable to suppress him.

Ye An's opponent abruptly came to a halt. He seemed to have sensed something; he cast his gaze downward and upon Sword Master Qingshan. Before he could react, a dazzling sword light pierced him.

The young man's face filled with disbelief. Who was he? What just happened?

Ye An turned and froze upon seeing Sword Master Qingshan.

Sword Master Qingshan waved his sleeve, and Ye An appeared in front of him and Ye Guan.

Ye Guan walked up to Ye An and tugged on her sleeve.

"He's our grandfather," he said.

Ye An stared quietly at Sword Master Qingshan.

Ye Guan quickly added, "Sister, Grandfather defeated a Great Sovereign with one sword move."

Ye An glanced at the simply dressed Great Sovereign, who still couldn't move. She hesitated briefly before finally saying, "Grandfather."

Ye Guan wiped away the cold sweat on his forehead. He felt like his sister was a bit eccentric. Why was it that it felt like Ye An wanted to fight their grandfather?

Sword Master Qingshan examined Ye An and smiled. "Your bloodline... has it awakened?"

"Yes." Ye An nodded.

Sword Master Qingshan contemplated for a moment before pointing his finger a few inches away from Ye An's forehead. Moments later, a drop of blood was squeezed out of Sword Master Qingshan's fingertip, and it fell on Ye An's forehead.

Boom!

A crimson pillar of light burst out of Ye An and took to the skies, dying even the skies crimson.

Ye Guan's expression turned solemn. He could feel the surging bloodline power bubbling within Ye An. Soon, Ye An opened her eyes, and they were bloodshot.

Sword Master Qingshan explained, "I've increased the power of your bloodline, and the full extent of its growth now depends on you."

Ye An clenched her fists. She suppressed the powerful killing intent surging within her. Moments later, her gaze fell on Sword Master Qingshan, and she said, "Thank you."

Sword Master Qingshan chuckled and asked, "Do you have any grievances against me?"

Ye An calmly replied, "I don't dare."

Sword Master Qingshan smiled. "You're a member of the Yang Family, so feel free to express your grievances if you have any. Don't worry; I'm not that petty."

Ye An stared deeply at Sword Master Qingshan before saying, "Boundary Pagoda told me that you neglected my father to the point that he had to live a miserable life until he made it big. Is it true?"

Sword Master Qingshan blinked in confusion. He opened his palm, and the Boundary Pagoda flew over to him. He looked down calmly at the tiny pagoda in his hand before saying, "I think this pagoda is outdated and is in dire need of an update. Let me modify it a bit so you'll have an easier time with it."

Sword Master Qingshan pointed at it, and a swarm of dazzling sword lights inundated the Boundary Pagoda in the blink of an eye.

Shwik! Shwik! Shwik!

Sword Master Qingshan's control of his sword energy was so fine and exceptional that every sword light left a mark on the pagoda without actually damaging it.

However, it seemed that the process was still painful as Ye Guan and Ye An heard a horrible agonizing scream from within the pagoda.

The siblings went as quiet as a mouse. Sword Master Qingshan chuckled and explained, "The process is indeed a bit painful, but it's going to be fine."

However, the screams grew even shriller and heart-wrenching as time went on, which sent chills down the spine of the siblings.

Little Pagoda was silent.

He didn't dare to speak as the Yang Family was filled with experts in pagoda torture.

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The miserable screams made their hair stand on end.

Ye Guan and Ye An didn't dare to move as the agonizing screams pierced their ears.

Ye Guan was slightly embarrassed. His grandfather didn't seem like a good person. Ye An was also silent, seemingly lost in thought.

Sword Master Qingshan eventually stopped. He opened his palms, and the Boundary Pagoda flew to Ye An.

Ye An looked at Sword Master Qingshan and asked, "What happened?"

Sword Master Qingshan calmly replied, "I just replaced the spirit inside of it with a new one."

Ye Guan froze and went silent. Ye An's expression stiffened.

The spirit inside of it was replaced with a new one? Little Pagoda was drenched in cold sweat.

What did that mean? It meant killing the spirit inside of it and replacing it with another spirit. Little Pagoda realized just then that Sword Master Qingshan was furious. Sword Master Qingshan wasn't easily angered, but the consequences were dire once he was enraged.

Sword Master Qingshan stared deeply at Ye An and said, "People can talk about our Yang Family behind our backs, but how dare a mere pagoda meddle in our affairs and stir up trouble? Unlike its name, it doesn't know its boundaries.

"Did that pagoda think that it could get involved in our family affairs?"

Ye An was silent. She actually wasn't familiar with her grandfather, but she had heard that her grandfather had a bad temper. It seemed that they weren't lying back then.

Sword Master Qingshan calmly said, "I haven't mentioned this yet, but it's fine even if you don't want to use the Yang surname. I treat others based on how they treat me. If you treat me like family, I'll treat you like one."

Sword Master Qingshan was truly furious, but it wasn't strange at all. The matter between him and Ye Xuan was between the two of them. He didn't mind even if Ye Xuan resented him, but no one else could interfere in the matter between them, even if those who wanted to interfere were his grandchildren.

Sword Master Qingshan had already admitted that he was mistaken, but no one was allowed to criticize him for it.

Ye An clenched her fists tightly, looking unhappy.

However, Sword Master Qingshan remained calm.

Familial ties—he had always placed great importance on familial ties.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have asked the Yang Family to support Ye Guan as well as Ye An's Milky Way Clan. He had been putting in the effort to make up for his mistakes in the past, so he was furious when Ye An criticized him.

However, Sword Master Qingshan was right. The grandchildren had no right to interfere in the matters between their father and their grandfather. In fact, even their father hadn't said anything about it, so how come the grandchildren were complaining?

Sword Master Qingshan had always been like this; he wouldn't recognize even family once he was angered.

Ye Guan quickly walked up to Sword Master Qingshan and tugged on his arm.

"I think you should take it easy. We're all family here, so don't say things you'll regret."

Sword Master Qingshan glanced at Ye Guan and smiled. "Good luck!"

With that, he turned into a streak of sword light that took to the skies and disappeared into the depths of the starry sky.

He left just like that.

Ye Guan sighed. His grandfather was truly furious earlier. It turned out his grandfather's temper was too fierce!

Ye Guan recalled something, and he walked over to Ye An. He was about to say something when Ye An's figure blurred. She transformed into a crimson beam of light that rushed toward the distant horizon.

How come the two of them have such bad tempers?! Ye Guan froze and went quiet. It seemed that he would have a difficult time being a grandson and a younger brother in this family. However, there wasn't anything Ye Guan could do about it.

Sword Master Qingshan shook his head with a smile while staring at Ye An. He realized that Ye An's temper resembled him, while Ye Guan's temper was more similar to his son's.

"How was it?" a voice asked from out of nowhere.

Sword Master Qingshan turned and saw a woman in a purple dress. He chuckled and replied, "It became a bit unpleasant."

The woman in a purple dress stared contemptuously at Sword Master Qingshan and said, "You're the only one capable of throwing a tantrum against the members of the younger generation. Yes, you're the only one."

Sword Master Qingshan laughed at that and said, "Let's go!"

With that, he vanished into the vast expanse along with the woman in a purple dress.

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Ye Guan looked up and realized that his grandfather had truly departed.

The mysterious voice suddenly asked, "Are you not going to leave as well?"

Leave? Ye Guan was stunned. He turned and saw that even though the simply dressed Great Sovereign was still immobilized, the other Divine Spirits could move, and they were all staring at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan decisively turned around and fled!

The simply dressed Great Sovereign roared, "Don't let him leave!"

Ye Guan's talent could only be described as frightening. If they were to let him leave, they would definitely see the advent of the next Sword Master.

To make matters worse, Ye Guan had infiltrated the True God Hall. They couldn't allow him to leave so easily, lest the True Universe's reputation be ruined.

The Divine Spirits immediately gave chase. A Divine Spirit muttered hesitantly, "Great Sovereign Nanchen, that blue-robed man earlier..."

Great Sovereign Nanchen's expression dimmed, and fear quickly filled his eyes. After a moment of silence, he replied, "Don't worry, the Yin Spirit and the rest are on their way here!"

The Divine Spirit hesitated. He wanted to ask if Yin Spirit could beat that blue-robed man, but he decided against it. It was a question tantamount to disrespecting the Yin Spirit, which meant he would only be inviting trouble upon himself.

With that in mind, he decisively turned around and left.

Meanwhile, Great Sovereign Nanchen was staring worriedly at the skies.

The waters of the Guanxuan Universe were more mysterious and deeper than he initially thought, and the current generation was particularly remarkable. He didn't expect to see so many powerful young talents from the Guanxuan Universe, but it was the harsh reality, and it was a fact that made him feel worried.

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After leaving the True God Hall, Ye Guan headed to the Guanxuan Universe. He had to hurry up and return to the Guanxuan Universe now that the True Universe clearly had no intentions of keeping its word.

Not long after he started his journey back, a sword light flashed in front of him.

Nan Nishui appeared.

Ye Guan thrust his sword toward her, but his expression changed dramatically.

He abruptly turned around and slashed out with his sword.

Bang!

A fist imprint shattered, and Ye Guan was sent flying away.

The fist imprint had come from an old man a kilometer away.

Incredibly, he was a Great Sovereign!

Ye Guan's face darkened, feeling irritated. The True Universe was too much.

When it became clear that Divine Sovereigns no longer posed any threat to him, the True Universe actually decided to send a Great Sovereign[1] after him.

“Go right!” exclaimed the mysterious voice.

Ye Guan's brows furrowed slightly. The mysterious voice explained, "A powerful cultivator is waiting for you at the Heavenly Garrison, and you can't use that path anymore. Trust me, go right."

Ye Guan decisively turned and went right, disappearing into the horizon as a beam of sword light.

The old man standing a kilometer away from Ye Guan glared at Ye Guan and opened his palm. He reached out toward Ye Guan and clenched his fist.

Bam!

The spacetime around Ye Guan collapsed as immense pressure bore down on Ye Guan.

Ye Guan's expression turned ugly. So this is the power of a Great Sovereign.

It was too much, and he couldn't withstand it with his current cultivation base. With that in mind, Ye Guan slashed out and carved a hole for him to escape the constraints of the dense and heavy spacetime.

His figure blurred as he disappeared into the horizon.

The old man appeared in front of Ye Guan and threw a punch.

Ye Guan's pupils constricted.

He was about to attack when a stream of golden light rushed out of him like a deluge.

Buzz!

The golden light took the brunt of the old man's attack.

“Go!” Little Pagoda shouted before immediately enveloping Ye Guan in his golden light and dragging the latter away into the horizon.

The old man frowned at the sight. He was about to give chase when a white light flashed past him and chased after the golden light.

The old man was stunned. He sounded curious as he muttered, “That aura...”

Eventually, he turned into a streak of light that chased after Ye Guan.

Ye Guan gripped the Path sword tightly and asked in a deep voice, “Senior, where are we going?”

The mysterious voice replied, “We’re going to the True God World!”

Ye Guan frowned slightly, “True God World?”

“Yes, it’s the world where the True God was born, and there’s a rule there that says—fights are forbidden in the True God World,” explained the mysterious voice.

Fights are forbidden there? Ye Guan was astonished.

“You should take advantage of that world’s rule to become even stronger,” the mysterious voice said, “The Divine Spirits will have to be cautious about dealing with you there.”

Ye Guan’s brows furrowed slightly. “The True God World?”

“Yes, it’s an incredibly sacred world in the eyes of the Divine Spirits,” the mysterious voice explained, “They won’t make a move on you in that world, so you’ll be safe there.”

Ye Guan went silent. Eventually, he shattered the ice and asked, “Senior, are you perhaps from the True Universe?”

“Guess!” said the mysterious voice.

Ye Guan didn't know what to say. He also thought his question just now was nonsense.

Swoosh!

Ye Guan turned around at the shrill cry coming from behind him, and his expression changed drastically upon seeing a beam of light tearing through spacetime just to chase after him.

The beam of light's aura was stronger than the Great Sovereign earlier.

Is it a Cosmic Spirit?

Ye Guan's face fell. The True Universe was going too far!

Soon, he started to get worried. Senior An was definitely fighting against the experts of the True Universe at the moment.

Ye Guan quietly gripped the Path Sword.

The beam of light behind him was speeding up.

The mysterious voice exclaimed, “Go faster!”

Little Pagoda said, “This is my fastest speed!”

“The Yin Spirit will catch up to us!” shouted the mysterious voice.

“Why don’t you help me?” Little Pagoda asked.

The mysterious voice’s reply came a bit late, but she exclaimed, “Okay!”

A dazzling light erupted from Ye Guan and enveloped him. Ye Guan’s speed surged crazily until he was several times faster than earlier.

The Yin Spirit’s eyes filled with disbelief at the sight. However, her expression quickly turned ugly. It turned out that Ye Guan’s destination was the True God World!

“How dare you!” the Yin Spirit roared while glaring hatefully at Ye Guan.

The True God World was more important than the True God Hall in the eyes of the Divine Spirits. If Ye Guan somehow managed to infiltrate the True God World, it would be a humiliation far greater than the humiliation thirty million years ago.

The Yin Spirit bellowed, “Heavenly Dao!”

Boom!

The weather abruptly turned tumultuous as dark clouds gathered above Ye Guan. A horrifying, inscrutable power swept across between heaven and earth.

The world itself seemed illusory beneath it.

Ye Guan's face darkened.

The mysterious voice shouted, "Take care of the heavenly tribulation, Little Pagoda!"

Little Pagoda asked, "Why me?"

“You know that my circumstances are unique,” the mysterious voice explained before casting her gaze on Ye Guan and asking, “Who else can handle it aside from you? Don’t tell me you expect this little guy to do it?”

Little Pagoda was speechless, but he wordlessly shot toward the clouds.

Crackle!

A divine lightning filled with a cataclysmic might flew toward Little Pagoda.

However, Little Pagoda was undeterred, and he collided with the divine lightning.

Boom!

Everything between heaven and earth was instantly chaotic, stupefying Ye Guan. It turned out that Little Pagoda was more powerful than he thought.

Meanwhile, the dazzling light dragged Ye Guan into the distance.

The dazzling light tore a rift in spacetime and brought Ye Guan into the true God World.

The Yin Spirit came to a screeching halt and cursed, “Fuck!”

Chapter 274: Kill the True God in an Instant

The Yin Spirit’s face was beyond dark. She was so angry that the spacetime around her trembled incessantly, creating a terrifying sight.

Just then, the other Divine Spirits rushed to the scene. When they saw that Ye Guan had entered the True God World, their expressions turned extremely unpleasant; killing intent suffused their eyes.

Ye Guan had infiltrated the True God World!

An outsider had actually trespassed on the True God World. This wasn't just the True Universe's disgrace, but the True God's disgrace as well.

The Great Sovereign old man earlier stared at the Yin Spirit and asked, "What should we do, Yin Spirit?"

The Yin Spirit was silent. There were two reasons the True Universe couldn't make a move in the True God World. First of all, it was the burial ground of many individuals related to the True God, so it was considered hallowed grounds.

Secondly, the True God had once ordered that fighting was forbidden in the True God World. No one would dare to disobey the True God's order. The Yin Spirit was in a tough spot. Should she go there and chase after Ye Guan?

The Great Sovereign old man noticed the Yin Spirit's hesitation and said, "We have to chase him. Otherwise, if he ever does anything inside..."

The Yin Spirit frowned and pondered briefly before shouting, "Let's go!"

With that, she vanished into thin air. The Divine Spirits chased after her.

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Ye Guan found himself before a massive graveyard. There were too many tombstones to count that they seemed endless.

Ye Guan's brows furrowed, and he asked, "Senior, where am I?"

The mysterious voice replied, "You're in the Divine Cemetery. The True God's burial grounds."

"The True God's burial grounds? Is the True God dead?" asked Ye Guan.

The mysterious voice replied, "She's still alive. Those buried here were her followers back then. They perished in battle, so she created a world to serve as their burial grounds."

Ye Guan's curiosity was piqued.

"Who were the True God's enemies back then?"

The mysterious voice replied, "She had many enemies—Sovereign Qing, the Heaven Seizing Clan, those of the Divine Dao Bloodline, and even the vast expanse itself as it sent a Universe Tribulation upon her. These figures are the most powerful out of the True Universe's enemies at the time."

"Senior..." Ye Guan sounded serious as he asked, "Can you tell me more about the Heaven Seizing Clan, the Divine Dao bloodline, and what a Universe Tribulation is?"

The mysterious voice replied belatedly, "It's only natural for you to know them, so I'm going to answer you. Let's start with the Heaven Seizing Clan first. The Heaven Seizing Clan is filled with extremely formidable cultivators with the Heaven Seizing Bloodline running through their veins.

"The Heaven Seizing Bloodline can suppress almost every other bloodline in existence, but of course, your family's Mad Demon Bloodline is an exception. The Heaven Seizing Bloodline was invincible before the conception of the Mad Demon Bloodline.

"They become more terrifying as they fight, and they're capable of seizing the bloodline of others for themselves. One of the biggest reasons those with the Heaven Seizing Bloodline are all formidable opponents is their unpredictability.

"It is impossible to know what cards they have up their sleeves because of their ability to seize other bloodlines and use the special abilities of those bloodlines."

“Which of the two bloodlines is stronger at the moment?” asked Ye Guan.

“If we’re talking about your father and grandfather, it’ll naturally be the Mad Demon Bloodline,” said the mysterious voice. She paused before she continued teasingly. “If it’s you, then you already know the answer.”

Ye Guan’s expression darkened. Damn it, I really am the weakest member of my family!

“Anyway, let me tell you about the Universe Tribulation,” said the mysterious voice. “Every universe will someday experience a Universe Tribulation. Going through it means the end of a cycle. However, the True Universe’s Universe Tribulation at the time was extremely terrifying because the True God had been suppressing it.

“The act of suppressing a Universe Tribulation is just buying time. It’ll eventually return with vengeance, and it’s akin to holding back a flood. The water level rises the longer you suppress it until you can no longer suppress it.

“However, the True God had been suppressing it for over a million years.”

Ye Guan frowned. He found something weird about the mysterious senior’s story, so he decided to point it out. “I thought tribulations could be destroyed. Isn’t that so?”

“It’s unlike any other tribulation, so it can’t be destroyed,” the mysterious voice said, “It represents a Law of the Dao. Actually, it’s already an incredible feat to be able to suppress it, but destroying it is simply impossible.

“It’s a tribulation born from the myriad of sentient beings living in that universe, so destroying it means destroying those sentient beings as well.”

Ye Guan nodded, but he was still curious. “Senior, what’s a Law of the Dao?”

The mysterious voice explained, “Yin and Yang are the constituents of the Dao. The Dao allows cultivators to harness spiritual energy and transform it into profound energy, and profound energy is what cultivators use to pursue the Dao.

“In a nutshell, everything boils down to Yin and Yang. It seems complex because it involves a myriad of processes involving the sentient beings throughout the vast expanse, but it is not that complicated in essence.”

“If I were to make it even easier for you to understand, there must be death for there to be life. Life and death are natural Laws of the Dao. A universe is born, and it will inevitably perish—this is also another natural Law of the Dao.

“Why do people say that cultivators are going against the natural Laws of the Dao? It’s all because cultivators are fighting against the Dao to change their destiny. Sadly, it is extremely difficult to do such a thing, and those who have escaped the clutches of their destiny to control the Dao are extremely rare, even throughout the vast expanse.

Ye Guan went silent as he pondered over the mysterious senior’s words. He found it a bit too complex for him to understand at the moment.

However, it seemed the mysterious voice wasn’t done just yet as she continued. “The True God’s action of suppressing the True Universe’s Universe Tribulation is an act that had changed her destiny as well as the destiny of the True Universe. According to the Law of the Dao, the True Universe should have perished many, many years ago.”

Ye Guan couldn’t quite grasp the terrors of a Universe Tribulation, but he believed that it was all because its horrors were beyond his comprehension. Ye Guan believed so, as the mysterious voice was speaking in a different way than usual.

As for the True God’s might... the fact that she could suppress the tribulation of an entire Universe by herself was the greatest testament to her power.

“Actually, there’s someone scarier than an entire universe’s tribulation,” said the mysterious voice from out of the blue. “It’s the Great Daoist Brush Master. The Divine Dao Bloodline runs through his veins, and he’s a terrifying figure to face!”

“The Great Daoist Brush Master?” asked Ye Guan with a frown.

“He’s a true Dao User,” the mysterious voice said, “In addition to escaping the clutches of his destiny by obtaining the Dao, he can also control it. I can only describe him as awesome if I were to describe him.”

“What does it mean to control the Dao?” Ye Guan asked.

The mysterious voice explained, “The Dao can be observed, and it is through witnessing the transformation of many things as they chase after the Dao. The Dao is impartial, and all beings are equal before it. However, the Great Daoist Brush Master is an exception to that.

“He can control and wield the Dao, which means he can make everything move according to his whims. It happens because the Dao can be a powerful tool in the hands of those with desire.

“The Dao itself is without desire, but if one with desire were to control it, it would be an exceedingly powerful tool capable of dominating and suppressing every existence. The Great Daoist Brush Master has a penchant for doing that, so you could say that he’s an extremely immoral individual.”

“I understand! Ye Guan nodded.

“The True God is a god in the eyes of the True Universe’s denizens, but...” the mysterious voice trailed off before saying, “She’s evil in the eyes of the other worlds and the universes. In other words, each and every single individual has their own things they consider important, and it is based on their vested interests.”

“You have a vested interest in becoming stronger. You can become strong enough to become a god in the eyes of many people, and you have to become even stronger, or else those stronger than you will become your god, like the True God, for example.”

“I have a vested interest in the survival of the Guanxuan Universe,” said Ye Guan with a nod. “Those daring enough to attack the Guanxuan Universe are my enemies!”

“Great!” exclaimed the mysterious voice.

Just then, Ye Guan turned around.

Rumble!

He heard rumbling noises ahead of him, and a rift in spacetime soon manifested.

The Yin Spirit emerged from the rift along with three Great Sovereigns!

Ye Guan inwardly asked, “Senior, are you sure that they won’t dare to attack me here?”

The mysterious voice replied, “They probably won’t...”

Ye Guan went numb. The mysterious senior was also unreliable.

The Yin Spirit stared quietly at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan inwardly asked, “Senior, what should I do?”

The mysterious voice exclaimed, “Do what you want!”

Ye Guan’s expression stiffened.

“Who is the mysterious person inside of you?” asked the Yin Spirit while glaring at Ye Guan. She had noticed long ago that there was an extremely powerful existence hiding within Ye Guan. Ye Guan couldn’t have escaped earlier if it hadn’t been for that existence’s intervention.

Ye Guan stared deeply at the Yin Spirit and said, "Yin Spirit, we had an agreement that the younger generation of our universes is to fight without the intervention of the older generation for an entire year. Why are you attacking me?"

The Yin Spirit's cold gaze fell upon Ye Guan "Can you even be considered a member of the younger generation with that sword in hand?"

It was only natural for a cultivator to wield artifacts in battle. However, Ye Guan's sword was just too overpowered. His overpowered sword allowed him to become invincible to anyone beneath the Great Sovereign Realm.

In fact, even a Great Sovereign had to be wary of Ye Guan's sword.

It was just too overpowered.

Ye Guan asked, "Does the True Universe lack overpowered artifacts?"

"Don't even try to make excuses, Ye Guan!" the Yin Spirit roared. She clenched her right hand slowly, and an oppressive energy fell upon Ye Guan.

Ye Guan remained calm and smiled. "Yin Spirit, we're in the True God World. Those buried here are the ancestors of the True Universe. Fighting here means destroying the peace of this world; can you bear the consequences of that?"

The Yin Spirit fell silent. She was worried. No one could disobey the True God and withstand the consequences of it, considering the True God's temper.

Ye Guan sighed in relief at the Yin Spirit's hesitation. It seemed that she wouldn't dare to do anything untoward to him here. Of course, it would be best for him not to provoke her. After all, everyone had their own bottom line, and the Yin Spirit would surely attack if he were to cross that. By then, he would be dead meat.

Ye Guan started looking around, eliciting a frown from the Yin Spirit.

One of the three Great Sovereigns behind the Yin Spirit couldn't help but speak up, "We can't let him roam and do as he pleases here."

The Yin Spirit's gaze landed on Ye Guan. She sounded solemn as she pointed out. "An extremely powerful existence is in him. They're at least on the same level as me—a Cosmic Spirit."

The three Great Sovereigns frowned at that.

"Where is the Adjudication Sword Master?" the Yin Spirit asked.

"She's on her way," replied a Great Sovereign.

"She's the only one who can make a move in here," said the Yin Spirit.

The three Great Sovereigns were silent. The Adjudication Sword Master had a special relationship with the True God, and she had always been by the True God's side. If she were to take action here, the True God would definitely not punish her for disobedience.

The Yin Spirit stared deeply at Ye Guan and muttered, "I want you to uncover the identity of the blue-robed man as well as the identity of the existence hidden within Ye Guan."

Despite her words, the Yin Spirit had seen that blue-robed war during the war between the True Universe and the Guanxuan Universe thirty million years ago.

At the time, she didn't think that the blue-robed man was anything much, as the latter had only stood at the sidelines. The Yin Spirit looked worried. She had just realized that the people standing behind Ye Guan were getting more and more powerful.

Meanwhile, Ye Guan started walking away.

"Senior, can you kill the True God?" he asked.

"I can kill the True God in an instant!" the mysterious voice exclaimed.

"What?!" Ye Guan exclaimed with his eyes shot wide open.

The mysterious voice added, "There's a special place that even if your grandfather, your father, your aunt, and the True God were to join forces, they still aren't my match."

"A special place?" Ye Guan hurriedly asked, "Where is it?"

"In my dreams!" shouted the mysterious voice.

"..." Ye Guan was so dumbfounded he forgot to speak.

Chapter 275: Let Me Help You Undress

Ye Guan's face instantly soured. What nonsense is this? In your dreams! I can also instantly kill my father and grandfather in my dreams!

Ye Guan was so infuriated that he didn't bother asking more questions. He walked briskly toward the distance, realizing that the mysterious voice had become trickier to handle.

Ye Guan soon noticed that the Yin Spirit and other Divine Spirits weren't chasing after him. Ye Guan frowned. Something had to have happened. Otherwise, they wouldn't have allowed him to walk away.

Ye Guan's face turned somber. Stronger cultivators had to be on their way here.

"Go right!" shouted the mysterious voice.

Ye Guan set his thoughts aside and turned into a streak of dazzling sword light that flew to his right. Before long, Ye Guan stumbled upon a bamboo forest. The bamboo forest stretched far and wide, and there was a hill at the end of the forest with a bamboo hut on its summit.

Ye Guan stared at the bamboo hut and asked, "Are we going there?"

The mysterious voice responded, "Yes."

Ye Guan nodded. He hopped onto his sword and was about to fly to the bamboo hut when the mysterious voice said, "Not on your sword. The True God's power of Laws lingers about that hut, and it's not something you can withstand."

Power of Laws! Ye Guan looked around before slowly walking into the bamboo forest.

The bamboo forest was tranquil and quiet. Only the sound of rustling leaves would echo whenever the wind blew.

Swoosh!

Ba Wan abruptly appeared next to Ye Guan, startling him.

Isn't she supposed to be eating in the pagoda?

Ba Wan looked around while muttering, "This place..."

Her gaze became somewhat absent-minded, as if she were in the midst of recalling something. Ye Guan became a bit nervous at the sight, and he hurriedly asked, "Ba Wan, have you been here before?"

"I think I've been here before..." Ba Wan replied.

Ye Guan was stunned. Really? She's been here?

Ye Guan inwardly asked, "Senior, are you aware of Ba Wan's origins?"

The mysterious voice simply replied, "Go to the hut."

Ye Guan's face darkened at the languid response.

The mysterious voice obviously knew of Ba Wan's origins.

Ba Wan frowned. She still hadn't eaten the meat in her hands.

Ye Guan smiled at the sight and said, "Don't think too much about it."

With that, he pulled Ba Wan and started walking away.

Ba Wan lowered her head slightly, allowing Ye Guan to drag her away.

Ye Guan was silent as they made their way over to the bamboo hut, and his expression was inexplicably gloomy.

Little Pagoda suddenly asked, "Is he trying to guess again?"

The mysterious voice replied, "Yes."

Little Pagoda asked, "Did he manage to guess it?"

The mysterious voice as silent for a while before she said, "If it were others, I wouldn't think so, but this brat... he's too good at guessing!"

Little Pagoda fell quiet. The mysterious voice was right; the little bastard was too good at guessing things.

Little Pagoda seemed to have thought of something as he asked, "What's Ba Wan's identity?"

"Guess!" the mysterious voice replied.

After a moment of silence, Little Pagoda asked, "How about you guess if I'm taking a guess?"

"How about you guess whether I'm daring enough to beat you up or not?" asked the mysterious voice.

"..." Little Pagoda went silent.

Ye Guan dragged Ba Wan with him as he made his way to the summit of the hill through the bamboo forest. Ye Guan's expression was inscrutable, and he was abnormally quiet, seemingly in deep contemplation.

Ba Wan suddenly stopped walking and looked at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan asked, "Is there something wrong?"

Ba Wan asked softly, "Can we eat?"

Ye Guan froze and went quiet, but he eventually smiled. "Sure!"

With that, he sat down and started cooking for Ba Wan.

Ba Wan sat in front of Ye Guan, hugging her legs with her hands. Her chin was resting in between her knees, and she looked somewhat gloomy.

Ye Guan smiled, "What's wrong?"

Ba Wan shook her head slightly, not saying anything.

After a moment of silence, Ye Guan smiled, "Don't think too much for now. Let's think after we've eaten, okay?"

Eat! Hearing Ye Guan's words, a smile appeared on Ba Wan's face, "Okay!"

Seeing Ba Wan's excited expression, Ye Guan laughed heartily and began to cook for her. Ba Wan stared at him, occasionally smiling.

Ye Guan looked at Ba Wan and smiled, "What are you smiling at?"

Ba Wan grinned, "I realized that you are pretty good looking!"

"Haha!"

Ye Guan instantly laughed out loud. Ba Wan laughed with him. It was obvious that she was feeling very happy at this moment.

After fifteen minutes, the rice and meat were cooked.

Ba Wan started to devour it. She truly devoured it mouth by mouth. It looked like she was very hungry.

Ye Guan sat in front of her. There was a smile on his face as he looked at her. There was really no need to think so much.

After some time, Ba Wan wiped out the rice and meat. She wiped the gravy from the corners of her lips and grinned. "The food you make is really tasty!"

Ye Guan laughed before saying, "I will cook often for you in the future."

Ba Wan blinked. "Great!"

Ye Guan smiled, "Let's go!"

He then extended his right hand. Ba Wan placed her hand in his. Ye Guan smiled and pulled her towards the bamboo hut on the mountain.

Ba Wan suddenly said, "Only you are not afraid of how much I eat. In the village, they were all afraid that I would eat for free!"

Ye Guan smiled, "Now that you are outside, you can eat however much you want!"

Ba Wan tilted her head, looking at Ye Guan. There was a smile on her face, "But now I only want to eat the food you cook!"

Ye Guan nodded. "As long as you want to, I will always cook for you."

Ba Wan smiled brilliantly without saying anything more.

Ye Guan suddenly asked, "Did you remember something?"

Ba Wan was slightly startled, then whispered, "Why do you ask?"

Ye Guan smiled, "Nothing, just asking casually."

Ba Wan remained silent.

Ye Guan glanced at her and said with a smile, "If you don't want to say, then don't."

After hesitating for a moment, Ba Wan nodded.

Ye Guan shook his head and smiled. She was really not going to say. However, he did not press further.

Soon, Ye Guan and Ba Wan reached the bamboo hut. On the left side of the hut, there was a swing. In front of the swing, there was a pond. The water in the pond was crystal clear and the bottom could clearly be seen. There was steam on the surface of the water, it was a natural hot spring!

At this moment, Ba Wan suddenly walked to the hot spring, squatted down, scooped up a handful of hot spring water. As she looked at it, ripples of emotion appeared in her eyes, as if reminiscing about the past.

Ye Guan walked over to Ba Wan, and she suddenly turned to him with a playful smile, "Do you want to soak in the hot spring?"

Ye Guan was momentarily stunned.

However, Ba Wan began to undress.

Ye Guan immediately held her hand to stop her. He hesitated before saying, "This..."

Ba Wan smiled, "Don't think too much!"

She then continued to undress.

At this moment, Ye Guan suddenly took out Little Pagoda and said, "Master Pagoda, go and entertain yourself for a while."

He then threw Little Pagoda into the sky.

“????” Little Pagoda.

At this point, Ba Wan was completely naked. She did not hide from Ye Guan as she entered the hot spring. The water was very clear and every blade of grass could be seen clearly. Ye Guan could also see everything. It was like a beautiful painting.

Ye Guan turned his head away.

He felt his breathing speed up.

At this moment, Ba Wan suddenly laughed, "It feels so comfortable! Do you want to join?"

Ye Guan hesitated for a moment, then said, "Well..."

But at that moment, a hand suddenly grabbed him. Ye Guan's hand trembled slightly.

Ba Wan pulled Ye Guan into the water. She looked at him and giggled, "It's really comfortable! Let me help you undress!"

With that, she began to untie Ye Guan's clothes.

Ye Guan didn't resist.

It is just soaking in a hot spring, what's the big deal? Who hasn't soaked in a hot spring before?

Very soon, Ye Guan was also naked. He laid down in the water, completely immersed in it. The water felt comfortably warm.

Ye Guan gradually relaxed. After fighting for days on end, coupled with heightened mental alertness, he felt exhausted.

Ba Wan was delighted as she swam around like a fish.

Ye Guan looked at her and smiled.

He felt that this was not right but as soon as he saw the smile on Ba Wan's face, he wondered why the heck was he thinking so much?

Ye Guan slowly closed his eyes as he enjoyed the water. The thoughts in his mind gradually drifted away.

As he thought of the things that happened recently, he felt as if he had been in a dream.

One thing after another, he almost had no time to catch his breath. It was truly exhausting!

Moreover, the battle has just begun!

With these thoughts, a hint of worry appeared on Ye Guan's face. Just then, he suddenly felt a hand on his chest, and simultaneously, a pleasant fragrance filled the air. Ye Guan quickly opened his eyes, only to see Ba Wan.

Ye Guan was stunned, "Ba Wan..."

Ba Wan smiled softly before burying her head in Ye Guan's chest. She said softly, "I recall some things."

Feeling the difference in temperature and softness, Ye Guan's body stiffened. His pulse sped up before he cleared his throat and asked, "What do you remember?"

Ba Wan slowly lifted her head. Her face was inches from Ye Guan's. Her right hand stroked his chest softly as she whispered, "I remember an older sister."

Ye Guan frowned slightly. "An older sister?"

Ba Wan nodded, "She told me..."

She then paused.

Ye Guan was curious, "What did she tell you?"

After a moment of silence, Ba Wan suddenly smiled, "She told me that if I meet someone I like, then...then I should sleep with him!"

Ye Guan was stunned. Your sister is really wild!

Ba Wan looked at Ye Guan with a heated gaze.

Ye Guan hesitated before saying, "Ba Wan, this..."

Ba Wan suddenly blurted out, "I am hungry!"

Ye Guan was shocked.

Cook for you? Now?

Ba Wan grinned seductively at him as she pressed down on him and blinked her eyes, "I will eat something else today!"

Ye Guan was speechless.

There was a powerful force of harmony enveloping this place, the scenery here is beyond what words can describe to outsiders.

However, there is a poem that goes:

Clear sky at dawn, water in pure hues.

The warm fragrance of the nephrite is endless.

A mountain peak pushes through the clouds.

A tender cooing enters the heart of the lover.

Chapter 276: She's Here!

A sparring was underway. It was both Ye Guan and Ba Wan's first time, but Ye Guan was more ravenous than Ba Wan.

Ba Wan quickly got full, but their sparring was so intense that the water in the hot springs had almost dried out from the intensity of their spar.

It was a hot day, and the sparring got underway in the middle of high noon. The spar lasted four hours, and they were both exhausted at the end of it. They felt weak all over, but it made sense as today was a particularly hotter day than usual.

Ye Guan was sprawled out on the floor.

He felt like he was dreaming, but the young woman in his arms was definitely real.

Rumble!

Just then, a terrifying undulation reached the bamboo hut. Spacetime itself was starting to distort, prompting Ye Guan and Ba Wan to jump out of the hot spring and wear their clothes in a frantic rush.

Ye Guan looked up at the sky and spotted the Yin Spirit in the distance. Little Pagoda hovered before the Yin Spirit, and he was emitting a faint multi-colored light. It soon became evident to Ye Guan that Little Pagoda couldn't keep the Yin Spirit at bay without the help of the mysterious senior in the tiny pagoda.

Ba Wan frowned slightly at the sight. Ye Guan made a sidelong glance at Ba Wan and felt that she had become somehow different than before their spar.

Just then, the mysterious voice echoed in Ye Guan's mind. "Go inside the bamboo hut!"

Ye Guan decisively pulled Ba Wan toward the bamboo hut.

Ye Guan was shocked to find a starry sky beyond the doors of the bamboo hut. There were rows upon rows of books floating about the starry sky. Ye Guan looked around and judged that there had to be more than a million books here.

Ye Guan's expression turned serious. How come there are so many books?

The mysterious voice echoed in his mind once more. "Find a golden ancient book."

A golden ancient book? Ye Guan furrowed his brows at the difficulty of the task. There were too many books here, and he couldn't use his divine sense to accurately search for such a book.

"I know where that book is..." Ba Wan suddenly said. She grabbed Ye Guan's hand and led him away.

Ye Guan turned to Ba Wan and asked, "Can you hear the mysterious voice?"

Ba Wan blinked, but she didn't respond.

Ye Guan shook his head with a smile. Ba Wan was getting more and more mysterious as time went on. Ba Wan led Ye Guan to a bookshelf that only had a single book. The book was thin and was seemingly covered in gold.

Ba Wan's brows furrowed deeply upon seeing the book.

Sensing something amiss, Ye Guan looked at her and asked, "What's wrong?"

Ba Wan shook her head and replied, "I'm remembering many fragmented memories... it's confusing, and I feel uncomfortable seeing them."

Ye Guan held Ba Wan's hand and whispered, "Don't think too much of it."

"Okay," said Ba Wan with a faint nod.

Ye Guan cast a complicated gaze upon Ba Wan.

It seemed that Ba Wan was about to recover her lost memories.

Ba Wan picked up the golden ancient book and handed it over to Ye Guan.

"Here."

Ye Guan accepted the golden ancient book, but his brows furrowed almost instantly upon flipping it open. He couldn't read the words written on its pages.

"It's the True God Dao Manual," said Ba Wan from out of the blue.

Ye Guan cast a curious gaze at Ba Wan and asked, "You know this book?"

Ba Wan nodded.

Ye Guan fell silent. Ba Wan's hands clenched tightly, and she lowered her head without saying anything. After a while, Ye Guan smiled gently and asked, "Do you know what's inside the True God Dao Manual?"

Ba Wan pondered briefly before saying, "I really can't remember anything about it."

Ye Guan ruffled her hair gently. "Don't worry about it, then."

He then looked down at the golden ancient book and fell into deep contemplation. The True God Dao Manual... it has to be related to the True God.

It was a pity that he couldn't understand even a single word on its pages.

The mysterious voice asked, "Did you have it?"

Ye Guan nodded and said, "Yes."

"Leave!" the mysterious voice said sternly.

Ye Guan held Ba Wan's hand and was about to leave, but he suddenly came to a halt.

He whipped around and flicked his wrist. The floating books were sucked into his storage ring. His storage ring was a top-quality storage ring from the Guanxuan Academy, so it had enough space to accommodate so many books.

Ye Guan then left the bamboo hut with Ba Wan.

Swoosh!

A streak of golden light appeared in front of them.

The light soon dimmed, revealing a tiny pagoda.

"You got the book, right?" asked the mysterious voice.

Ye Guan nodded. "I got it, but I can't understand any of it."

Swoosh!

A beam of light struck his glabella and melted into it. His brain was abruptly inundated with knowledge about ancient words.

The mysterious voice said, "You should be able to read it now."

Ye Guan was for quite a while before asking, "Senior, what is this True God Dao Manual?"

The mysterious voice replied, "The True God wrote it many years ago. It's more accurate to call it a compendium, as it contains a sword manual, a martial arts manual, and a spells canon.

"The sword and martial arts manuals will help you tremendously."

It'll help me tremendously? Ye Guan was curious. He was about to ask more questions when the Yin Spirit suddenly appeared not too far away from him, along with three Great Sovereigns.

The Yin Spirit's eyes fell on Ye Guan, but she didn't make a move.

Ye Guan inwardly asked, "Senior, what should I do?"

The mysterious voice's reply was a bit late. "I don't know."

Ye Guan was taken aback. "You don't know?"

The mysterious woman continued. "You should go and cultivate inside the pagoda for now!"

Cultivate inside the pagoda? Ye Guan thought about it before turning to someone else.

"Master Pagoda?" he muttered.

Swoosh!

A dazzling light filled Ye Guan's mind. Moments later, he could sense the tiny pagoda inside of him.

Little Pagoda said, "Enter as you wish."

Ye Guan nodded slightly and asked, "What should we do about the Yin Spirit?"

The mysterious voice replied, "Little Pagoda and I will keep her at bay."

"All right," said Ye Guan with a nod. He then decisively entered the world inside the pagoda with Ba Wan in tow.

However, Ye Guan and Ba Wan's abrupt disappearance baffled the Yin Spirit. She frowned and stared at Little Pagoda.

"Why does your power feel somewhat familiar to me?" she asked.

Her words weren't directed at Little Pagoda but at the mysterious senior in the pagoda.

"What do you think?" asked the mysterious voice.

The Yin Spirit sneered, "I think you're just trying to buy time for Ye Guan's sake!"

"Yin Spirit," the mysterious voice said sternly, "You won't dare to make a move here.."

"Why do you think so?" the mysterious voice asked.

The mysterious voice responded, "It is because you're extremely afraid of the True God. I still remember how she immobilized you with just a single glance. Since then, you've been extremely afraid of her. I don't think you'll dare to defy her orders."

The Yin Spirit's face turned ugly at that.

"Who are you?" she asked, sounding both furious and surprised. Only a handful of people who had been in that incident were still alive, and none of them could possibly be the mysterious voice, as those people were all in the True Universe.

"Who do you think I am?" taunted the mysterious voice.

The Yin Spirit was furious, and she erupted. "Don't you think you're quite pathetic for hiding your true identity? You seem to be an extraordinary person, but why is it that you insist on hiding? How laughable."

The mysterious voice chuckled and asked, "Do you want a fight?"

The Yin Spirit's eyes narrowed. "I couldn't ask for more!"

Boom!

A radiant light burst out of Little Pagoda.

The Yin Spirit's pupils shrank to the size of a needle. She didn't dare to be negligent as she hurriedly sent a punch to greet the oncoming wave of radiant light.

Boom!

The collision resulted in a loud explosion that rocked the world, and the Yin Spirit was blasted away at least a few kilometers away, cutting a sorry figure through and through. She eventually landed and recovered her balance, but blood was trickling down her lips. Obviously, the collision just now had injured her.

The three Great Sovereigns stared at Little Pagoda with their jaws on the ground.

It had to be known that as a Cosmic Spirit, the Yin Spirit was stronger than Divine Sovereigns. However, a mysterious voice had actually managed to send such a powerful expert flying with just a single blow. To make matters worse, they only heard a voice but hadn't seen a figure. It was truly incredulous!

The Yin Spirit wiped away the blood dripping down her lips and stared intently at Little Pagoda. Her eyes emitted disbelief as she screamed, "Who are you?!"

The Yin Spirit's expression turned grim. The mysterious voice had to be stronger than her, but the Yin Spirit was a Cosmic Spirit, which meant she was one of the most powerful beings in this universe.

Of course, there were a handful of people stronger than her, but she was familiar with them all. The mysterious voice sounded familiar to her, but she was also like a complete stranger at the same time, baffling the Yin Spirit to no end.

"Keep guessing, Yin Spirit!" exclaimed the mysterious voice.

The Yin Spirit was so furious at the reply that she felt like her heart would explode anytime soon as it pounded violently against her chest.

"I'll see you, then, Yin Spirit," the mysterious voice said with a chuckle.

The Yin Spirit's gaze remained fixed on Little Pagoda. She looked around briefly and hesitated for quite a while, but she ultimately chose not to make a move.

The Yin Spirit knew all too well just how that woman thought of this place; she valued this world greatly, and the Yin Spirit was aware that there was no way she could bear the consequences if she were to make a move here and inadvertently ruin this world.

I have to wait! The Yin Spirit closed her eyes. Right now, all she could do was wait.

Meanwhile, Ye Guan looked around the world inside the tiny pagoda. The passage of time in the tiny pagoda was drastically different compared to the outside world. He couldn't help but remark, "This is indeed a great place to cultivate."

He sat down cross-legged and opened the True God Dao Manual. The first words he saw on the first page were the words—Spells Canon. Ye Guan flipped to another page and saw a canon named Great Destiny Arts. Upon mastery, one would become capable of severing all bones, destroying karma, and changing destiny.

Ye Guan flipped through the pages. After a while, he shook his head and realized that the Spells Canon section of the True God Dao Manual was made for an Ancient Divine Sorcerer. He immediately decided to let Nanling Yiyi study it.

Soon, he reached the Martial Arts Manual section and found two martial arts described in the section. Ye Guan froze and went quiet upon seeing the first martial art.

It was the Unbeatable Fist Art. However, there were eight moves written in the True God Dao Manual rather than just six moves. The seventh and eighth moves were called Palm Dao and Unbeatable, respectively.

Ye Guan whipped around to look at Ba Wan. However, Ba Wan shook her head, indicating that she had no idea why the Unbeatable Fist Art was in the True God Dao Manual. Ye Guan kept on reading, and he soon stumbled upon the second martial art—Eternal Moments.

He was about to read the details of the second martial art when Ba Wan abruptly looked up with a grave look. Ye Guan was about to ask her, but the mysterious voice beat him to the chase and shouted, "We're in big trouble!"

A rift in spacetime had manifested outside, and a dazzling sword light soon rushed out of it. A domineering sword might swept across the True God World. The most powerful swordsman of the True Universe was here—the Adjudication Sword Master was here!

Chapter 277: You Are The True God?

Ye Guan immediately left the pagoda with Ba Wan. After exiting the pagoda, Ye Guan looked toward the horizon. His expression instantly became solemn upon sensing the oncoming sword might.

The Adjudication Sword Master! He recalled the Eternal Sword Master's challenge against the True God. At the time, the Adjudication Sword Master stepped up to accept the challenge in the True God's stead.

The might of the Adjudication Sword Master's sword strike had left a deep and indelible impression on Ye Guan. He knew very well that he couldn't confront the Adjudication Sword Master with his current prowess.

The Adjudication Sword Master was still behind the rift in spacetime, but the aura of her sword was enough to instill despair in just about anyone. It was terrifying beyond imagination.

Just then, a radiant light abruptly enveloped Ye Guan and Ba Wan.

"Go!" the mysterious voice shouted. The fabric of space before Ye Guan and Ba Wan was torn apart, and the radiant light carried Ba Wan and Ye Guan into the spacetime rift.

The Yin Spirit's face changed dramatically. She threw a punch toward that section of space, attempting to forcibly detain them by distorting it. However, a streak of radiant light flew out to meet the Yin Spirit.

Bam!

The radiant light shattered, and the Yin Spirit was blasted away. The three Great Sovereigns exchanged glances and decisively decided not to intervene. The Yin Spirit was stronger than them, but she was being suppressed by their enemy.

In other words, there was no way they could do anything here.

The Yin Spirit's face was beyond ugly. Just then, a burst of sword light landed next to her, and a powerful sword might roiled over the vicinity.

The Yin Spirit's expression was incredibly solemn as she stared at the young woman next to her. She was none other than the Adjudication Sword Master.

The Adjudication Sword Master appeared young, seemingly in her twenties. She was dressed in a simple and elegant fluffy robe resembling clouds. Her long hair flowed down to her buttocks, and her gaze was both cold and indifferent.

A sheathed longsword was in her hand, and the word Adjudicate was emblazoned on the hilt of her sword. It was none other than the Adjudication Sword!

Aside from being the most powerful swordsman in the True Universe, the Adjudication Sword Master was also known as the Head Commander of the Jin Guards.

The Yin Spirit and the three Great Sovereigns' expressions were inscrutable as they stared at the Adjudication Sword Master.

The origin of the Adjudication Sword Master was shrouded in mystery even in the True Universe. Even the older generation knew barely anything about her background.

No one knew her true name—all they knew was that she was one of the True God's first followers.

The Adjudication Sword Master frowned at the rift in space before her. There was a hint of confusion in her eyes.

“There's a mysterious existence inside Ye Guan. Her aura feels somewhat familiar to me. She might be...” the Yin Spirit trailed off.

"I want all of you to go to the Guanxuan Universe," said the Adjudication Sword Master, "I will take care of the young swordsman here."

“How about Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao?” the Yin Spirit asked.

The Adjudication Sword Master calmly replied, “The Martial Chancellor and Divine Dusk Guards are there.”

The Yin Spirit hesitated briefly before muttering, “The mysterious senior in Ye Guan—”

The Adjudication Sword Master snapped, “I'll soon uncover her identity!”

With that, she stepped forward, creating a rift in spacetime. A dazzling sword light bedazzled everyone, and she was already gone when they could finally open their eyes.

The Yin Spirit turned around to leave. She didn't want to face Ye Guan anymore. She hated Ye Guan, but the people behind Ye Guan were just too powerful for her to handle. He had too many supreme elites to rely on.

If she were to continue, her life would eventually be at risk. In fact, this was one of the reasons she had been holding back against Ye Guan. Loyalty was one thing, but risking her life was another. She decided not to dwell on it any further and turned around to leave. The three Great Sovereigns followed closely behind her.

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Ye Guan found himself in a starry sky. He was enveloped in a radiant light and was speeding at breakneck speeds across the starry sky. He was so fast that if it weren't for the radiant light around him,

his fleshly body and soul would have crumbled, unable to withstand the sheer speed at which he was traveling.

Ye Guan asked in a deep voice, "Senior, can you defeat the Adjudication Sword Master?"

The mysterious voice replied, "I'm not telling you."

Ye Guan was at a loss for words. Even Little Pagoda had no idea what to say.

However, Little Pagoda finally discovered that the mysterious voice was becoming more and more bold. He suspected that it was all because her condition was improving rapidly.

Just then, a blinding light caught Ye Guan's eyes in the distance. Ye Guan instinctively closed his eyes, and he soon found himself going past the white light.

After a while, he felt his feet land on solid ground.

He opened his eyes slowly and frowned.

There was a strong stench of blood around him, and Ye Guan found himself in a desolate plain. The earth beneath his feet was crimson, as though it had been drenched in blood. The air was also pungent with the thick smell of rust.

"Senior, where are we?" asked Ye Guan, sounding confused.

"We're in the Wujian Universe," the mysterious voice replied, "The True Universe's Expedition Army once clashed with Sovereign Qing and the one million clans beneath him. The powerful warriors of those clans were slaughtered during that brutal war, and their blood ended up drenching a vast expanse of land.

"So much blood was spilled on that fateful day that even today, the smell of blood in the air had yet to disperse..."

Wujian Universe!? Ye Guan was taken aback. He didn't expect that the mysterious voice would bring him to Sovereign Qing's land. He looked around and realized that the crimson land seemed endless. It seemed the battle on that day was truly brutal.

Ye Guan gathered his thoughts and asked, "Senior, why did you bring me here?"

The mysterious voice replied, "You and the Guanxuan Universe don't stand a chance against the True Universe without the Three Swords' intervention, and the vast expanse will actually end up in more chaos if you end up winning!"

Ye Guan furrowed his brow and asked, "What do you mean?"

The mysterious voice sounded solemn as she continued. "The True Universe has been fighting all of its enemies by itself. Aside from the Guanxuan Universe, they're also suppressing the Heaven Seizing Clan, the Panwu Clan, and those with the Divine Dao Bloodline running through their veins.

"Haven't you still not realized that the True Universe seems like it doesn't have enough experts on their side despite its massive size?"

Ye Guan nodded and asked, "Yeah, I noticed that. Why?"

"It's all because the majority of their elites are trying to kill the first Clan Leader of the Heaven Seizing Clan," the mysterious voice explained.

Ye Guan asked, "The first Clan Leader of the Heaven Seizing Clan?"

The mysterious voice explained, "To be precise, they're hunting his reincarnation. I don't think you're aware, but the first Clan Leader of the Heaven Seizing Clan, Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao, has already reincarnated.

"He's both remarkable and ruthless. Most cultivators would grow weaker compared to their previous lives after each reincarnation, but he's the opposite. He becomes even stronger after each reincarnation.

"In addition, he would always slaughter the supreme elites of the True Universe once he recovers his previous peak before challenging the True God. So far, he has reincarnated a total of nine times."

Ye Guan was shocked. "Even the True God can't make him stay dead?"

"He's quite unique, and he holds one of the three greatest divine artifacts[1] throughout the vast expanse called the Gate of Reincarnation. If one wanted to kill him, one would have to destroy the Gate of Reincarnation first before any assassination attempts.

"Unfortunately, the consequences of destroying the Gate of Reincarnation are too extreme for the True Universe to withstand because it meant that none of the Divine Spirits in the True Universe would be able to reincarnate upon death.

"By then, dying will mean staying dead for eternity. Of course, the Guanxuan Universe will be safe because the Great Daoist Brush Master had established the Land of Return in the Guanxuan Universe."

"What is the Gate of Reincarnation?" asked Ye Guan.

The mysterious voice explained, "It is a supreme divine artifact of the Divine Dao. It was crafted by the Great Daoist Brush Master based on the Laws of a Great Dao.

"It is capable of controlling the reincarnation of all living beings, and it is an artifact tied to the cycle of reincarnation, so the current cycle of reincarnation will collapse if such an artifact is destroyed. In other words, the True Universe is doomed without the Gate of Reincarnation.

"The Guanxuan Universe would suffer the same fate as the True Universe if it weren't for the Land of Return's existence in the Guanxuan Universe. After all, no reincarnation meant the cessation of birth."

Ye Guan sounded serious as he asked, "If the True God is so powerful, why can't she just establish a new cycle of reincarnation and let the current one be destroyed for the sake of ending Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's life once and for all?"

"She can actually do it..." the mysterious voice trailed off before continuing. "I have no idea why she hasn't done it yet."

"To create a new cycle of reincarnation, one has to sacrifice an entire generation," said Ba Wan, "She simply couldn't bear to pay such a price."

Ye Guan was stunned. He cast a hesitant gaze upon Ba Wan and said, "Ba Wan, please don't tell me that you're actually the True God in disguise. It's not going to be a funny joke, I tell you!"

Ba Wan's background was just too strange, and Ye Guan's mind couldn't help but jump to ridiculous conclusions. It wasn't completely unfounded; Ba Wan knew of the True God Dao Manual, and her words just now had also come from out of the blue.

Ba Wan didn't say anything in response, and she only stared deeply at Ye Guan.

"Come on," Ye Guan said, "Please don't do this to me, all right?"

Ba Wan smiled at that, but she was silent.

Ye Guan shook his head and chuckled to himself before asking, "Senior, since the Gate of Reincarnation is so important, doesn't that mean that the Clan Leader of the Heaven Seizing Clan can effectively control all living beings in the world?"

"He was once like that," said the mysterious voice, "The denizens of the Heaven Seizing Universe were under the control of the Heaven Seizing Clan many years ago, and they were incredibly ruthless."

"The reason the Heaven Seizing Bloodline is so strong is that they've been seeking out those with special bloodlines throughout the vast expanse for the sake of seizing and devouring the special abilities that come with those bloodlines."

"I'm sure that there were a myriad of special bloodlines in the vast expanse that had gone extinct because of the Heaven Seizing Clan's doing."

The mysterious voice sighed and said, "The strong rule over the weak—this is the constant law of the vast expanse. The Heaven Seizing Clan believes that they can do whatever they want as long as they are powerful enough."

Ye Guan frowned and asked, "Devouring bloodlines?"

The mysterious voice confirmed. "Yes, your bloodline can devour other bloodlines, but you no longer have to do that. Your ancestors were too strong, and they defied their destiny against all odds. Your family's bloodline does not need to consume other bloodlines to become even stronger."

Ye Guan nodded slightly and said, "I understand."

The mysterious voice continued, "The Divine Dao Bloodline once ruled over countless realms and worlds, too. The Great Daoist Brush Master also wanted to control the destinies of all living beings. He wanted to create a new order where everything and everyone had to move according to his will and desire."

The mysterious voice paused for a moment before adding, "He is undoubtedly powerful, and I can't say that his ideas are entirely wrong. After all, he was the one who established order in the first place, and he hadn't really done any evil deeds.

"However, I want you to be cautious of him. As I said, he's a true Dao User. He can control the Dao, and he has a deep understanding of both destiny and the Laws of the myriad Daos out there."

"I will..." Ye Guan said with a nod.

"Anyway," the mysterious voice said, "I brought you here for a couple of reasons. First of all, we're in Sovereign Qing's territory, and his will still remains here. In other words, the Adjudication Sword Master will definitely hesitate to barge in here.

"The second reason is that you might be able to obtain his inheritance or make contact with his descendant here—"

"She's not afraid of Sovereign Qing's will." Ba Wan chimed in.

Ye Guan turned toward Ba Wan.

Rumble!

Rumbling noises echoed from behind Ba Wan before Ye Guan could even speak.

Ye Guan inwardly asked, "Senior, what should we do if she's not afraid of Sovereign Qing's will?"

"You've grown up, and I'm sure you already know how to handle your own affairs. It's about time for me to rest, so I'll catch you later, then!" the mysterious voice said before going completely quiet.

Ye Guan had no idea what to say.

Chapter 278: Long Time No See!

Ye Guan was truly speechless. He was well aware of his current prowess, and he knew that the Adjudication Sword Master wasn't someone he could handle with his current prowess.

Just then, a rift in spacetime manifested, and a woman slowly walked out of it. Her gaze was ice-cold, and even though they were separated by hundreds of meters, Ye Guan could still feel the bone-chilling aura she was exuding.

Ye Guan was silent. He knew that any tricks were useless against her.

Ba Wan frowned deeply while staring at the Adjudication Sword Master.

Ye Guan turned to Ba Wan and asked, "Do you know her?"

Ba Wan nodded slightly but remained silent. However, her grip around his arm tightened. Seeing this, Ye Guan couldn't help but smile wryly. It was clear that Ba Wan knew the Adjudication Sword Master, but how come?

Ye Guan shook his head. He didn't dare to think that Ba Wan could be the True God.

As the Adjudication Sword Master approached Ye Guan, a powerful aura abruptly swept across the world. Ye Guan was taken aback by the advent of the powerful aura, and even the Adjudication Sword Master's eyes narrowed.

A powerful will pervaded both the heavens and the earth, making the entire world appear as though it was illusory. Ye Guan's expression grew extremely grave. It was a terrifying will, even more terrifying than the Unyielding Will Ye Guan had to face before.

It had to be Sovereign Qing's legendary will.

The Adjudication Sword Master's gaze was transfixed on Sovereign Qing's will, but she remained both calm and composed. Soon, Sovereign Qing's will converged and transformed into the figure of a man wearing a cyan robe.

The cyan-robed man stood tall before the Adjudication Sword Master, and his hands were behind his back, making him exude an authoritative aura. He was smiling lightly as he stared at the Adjudication Sword Master.

The cyan-robed man was none other than Sovereign Qing.

Ye Guan flinched and noticed the arrival of quite a few powerful but inscrutable auras. He looked around and noticed that more and more supreme elites were rushing toward where they were. Ye Guan

reckoned that they were the survivors of the clans Sovereign Qing had led to battle against the True God.

Each and every single one of them was a powerful cultivator in their own right!

Many clans were annihilated post-war, but quite a few clan members of those clans had survived the massacre and had united as one since then. Overall, they were a formidable force.

Sovereign Qing's gaze landed on the Adjudication Sword Master.

"It has been a long time since a formidable figure like yourself has set foot in any of the Wujian Universe's worlds," said Sovereign Qing with a smile.

The Adjudication Sword Master met Sovereign Qing's gaze in mid-air and replied, "I'm here to pursue someone."

Sovereign Qing made a sidelong glance at Ye Guan. His gaze was dyed with surprise. Ye Guan noticed Sovereign Qing's gaze, and he hurriedly cupped his fist and greeted, "My name's Ye Guan, and it is my honor to meet you today."

Sovereign Qing chuckled. "It seems that the current era is full of talents."

Ye Guan replied, "Senior, I apologize for causing you trouble."

Sovereign Qing shook his head and said, "The fact that you've made this young woman, the Adjudication Sword Master, personally come after you suggests that your background is quite extraordinary."

Ye Guan glanced at the Adjudication Sword Master but remained silent.

He felt bitter deep inside. His enemies had scampered away when his grandfather arrived, but they all came running back for him the moment his grandfather left for somewhere else.

Sovereign Qing smiled wordlessly at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan pondered briefly before saying, "I should leave now, Senior."

He believed it was best to take the initiative and leave. He didn't want to trouble them any further.

Sovereign Qing suddenly cried out, "Wait!"

Ye Guan turned to Sovereign Qing.

Sovereign Qing explained, "Young man, you've misunderstood me. It seems that you're from the Guanxuan Universe. Your universe has been in conflict with the True Universe, so I'm willing to lend you a helping hand."

"The enemy of my enemy is my friend, after all, right?"

Ye Guan was truly surprised. He didn't expect that Sovereign Qing would be willing to assist him for such a reason.

Just then, the Adjudication Sword Master stepped forward and unleashed a powerful sword strike. Sovereign Qing's presence had failed to deter her.

Sovereign Qing burst into laughter. He stuck a finger out and pointed, causing a surge of bright light to fly toward the oncoming sword light. In response, the Adjudication Sword Master stepped forward and rushed toward Sovereign Qing, bringing with her an incredibly powerful sword might.

Boom!

The Adjudication Sword Master and Sovereign Qing found themselves in a boundless patch of spacetime. The Adjudication Sword Master's figure turned blurry as she moved at breakneck speeds in the boundless spacetime.

Sovereign Qing laughed heartily, and his figure turned into a cyan beam of light that rushed toward the Adjudication Sword Master.

Boom!

The powerful collision generated enough force and immense pressure to make it seem as though an entire patch of boundless spacetime was boiling. The terrifying forces born from their exchange of moves sent shockwaves rolling in all directions.

Ye Guan's expression was solemn as he stared intently at the ongoing battle.

Despite the great distance separating both parties from him, he could still feel an overwhelming pressure on his shoulders. The pressure was heavy—as if there were a thousand mountains boring down on him. To make matters worse, it was just a fraction of pressure seeping through the countless layers of spacetime.

So strong!

Ye Guan clenched his fists tightly. It was the first time he was struck with this feeling, but it had just become more pronounced. Ye Guan felt weaker the stronger he became, as every step he took would expand his horizons.

Ba Wan suddenly said, "He can't defeat her."

Ye Guan looked at her.

Ba Wan repeated, "He can't defeat her."

Ye Guan asked, "Why?"

Ba Wan stared at Sovereign Qing in the distance and calmly replied, "If his true body were here, he could have defeated her. However, he's just a will. A mere will cannot stop her, as her sword has already stepped into the realm of a Great Dao."

Before Ye Guan could ask any more questions, Ba Wan shouted, "Run!"

Run?! Ye Guan looked down at his hand.

Ba Wan's grip on his hand was tighter than ever.

Ye Guan inwardly asked, "Senior?"

"I'm sorry..." the mysterious voice whispered, "I truly didn't expect that the Adjudication Sword Master had already become so powerful."

"Senior, please take me back to the Guanxuan Universe," Ye Guan said. He had no choice other than to pray that Senior An was strong enough to fight the Adjudication Sword Master.

The mysterious voice whispered, "I think it's already too late. Don't worry, Ba Wan's here, so you won't die. However, you'll definitely take a beating."

Ye Guan was at a loss for words.

Just then, there was a deafening explosion in the boundless patch of spacetime overhead. A myriad of sword lights dissipated, and each sword light effortlessly split a section of spacetime into two. The spacetime near Ye Guan turned illusory from the pressure.

Every single sword light soon dissipated, revealing Sovereign Qing's blurry figure.

Ye Guan turned and found the Adjudication Sword Master walking slowly toward him with an icy gaze.

Ye Guan's expression darkened.

Sovereign Qing's will was indeed too weak to compare to the Adjudication Sword Master in the flesh. The Adjudication Sword Master made a sidelong glance at Sovereign Qing. Then, she turned and vanished with a step.

Sovereign Qing vanished along with her, and they reappeared not too far away from Ye Guan.

The Adjudication Sword Master looked down at Sovereign Qing and asked coldly, "If you're going to die anyway, you should have just accepted your death and left not even a single trace here. What's the point of leaving a will? Is it to show off?"

Sovereign Qing smiled wordlessly at the Adjudication Sword Master's remark.

He turned to Ye Guan and said, "Young man, I apologize."

"It's my fault, Sovereign Qing." Ye Guan shook his head and said, "I brought you trouble."

Sovereign Qing broke out into a grin and asked, "Young man, are you willing to accept my inheritance?"

Ye Guan was taken aback.

Sovereign Qing spoke once more before Ye Guan could reply.

"Are you willing?" he asked.

Ye Guan stared deeply at Sovereign Qing and replied, "I'm willing."

Sovereign Qing laughed boisterously and pointed his finger at Ye Guan.

A streak of cyan light melted into Ye Guan's glabella.

Boom!

Ye Guan's aura skyrocketed, and the illusory figure of a tree appeared above him.

The Divine Tree of Nature!

The elites of the clans here felt conflicted at the sight.

The Divine Tree of Nature was the best divine artifact of the Wujian Universe, and it was once worshiped by the clans. Sovereign Qing had just passed it on to an outsider, so they understandably felt bitter about the arrangement.

Boom.

Ye Guan's aura crazily, and he quickly made a breakthrough into the Pinnacle Realm. However, Ye Guan's aura showed no signs of abating, and he soon reached the Ultimate Realm.

Ye Guan started to panic, and he hurriedly shouted, "Senior, please help me suppress my cultivation base!"

He broke through too quickly; Ye Guan was afraid that his foundation would become unstable if he didn't suppress his cultivation base.

Swoosh!

A radiant white light enveloped him and forcibly suppressed his surging aura.

Ye Guan heaved a sigh of relief.

The Adjudication Sword Master didn't make a move; her gaze was unwittingly transfixed on Ba Wan. No, it wasn't just the Adjudication Sword Master. Ba Wan was also staring at the Adjudication Sword Master.

Ye Guan's aura soon stabilized, and the imprint of a tree appeared on his glabella.

The imprint was dark blue in color, and it exuded an inscrutable, mysterious energy, but it wasn't anything harmful. In fact, the aura made Ye Guan feel comfortable all over.

Ye Guan's curious gaze landed on Sovereign Qing.

"What was that, Senior?" he asked.

Sovereign Qing smiled and explained, "I just gave you the Divine Tree of Nature. It was a tree that was born together with the Wujian Universe, and every living being here is under its protection. It decided to follow me on its own, and now, it has a new master to serve. I hope that you'll treat it kindly."

Ye Guan nodded. "I will."

Sovereign Qing glanced into the distance with a complex expression and said in a low voice, "The clans are no longer as numerous as those distant days, and the people whom I shared fond memories with are no longer here. I can't force them to follow you, but if you can, please look after them in the future."

Ye Guan replied, "Of course."

Sovereign Qing smiled. He cupped his fist and said, "Farewell, young man."

With that, Sovereign Qing's figure faded into nothingness. His will was no more, which meant the definitive end of Sovereign Qing's life.

Even supreme elites like Sovereign Qing would inevitably die, and their Dao would inevitably fade away beneath the erosion of time. How strong did Ye Guan have to become for him to be invincible?

Ye Guan clenched his fists. He finally realized just how difficult his journey would be.

Just then, a thought came to Ye Guan. He turned to Ba Wan and found that she was still staring at the Adjudication Sword Master.

Ye Guan felt nervous.

Ba Wan was clearly familiar with the Adjudication Sword Master. Could she really be the True God?

No, there's no way! Ye Guan was about to say when Ba Wan suddenly said, "Cijing, long time no see!"

"Long time no see," the Adjudication Sword Master replied.

Ye Guan was rendered utterly speechless at the incongruous sight.

Chapter 279: Beloved

Ye Guan had his suspicions, but he still found it hard to believe now that it had come true. It turned out Ba Wan was indeed a Divine Spirit!

Ye Guan shook his head. He smiled bitterly and inwardly asked, "Senior, you knew it all along?"

The mysterious voice replied, "Yes."

Ye Guan asked, "Senior, are you a Divine Spirit?"

After a few moments of silence, the mysterious voice replied, "Yes."

She's a Divine Spirit as well? Ye Guan chuckled. It's not even funny. Ba Wan is a Divine Spirit, and the mysterious senior in the pagoda is a Divine Spirit as well?!

Ye Guan flinched upon thinking of something, and he inwardly asked, "Master Pagoda, please don't tell me that you're a Divine Spirit as well."

Little Pagoda replied, "Actually, you're a Divine Spirit, too."

Ye Guan's face darkened.

Ba Wan's eyes landed on Ye Guan. She smiled and explained, "I remembered some of my past."

Ye Guan retracted his thoughts and pulled Ba Wan's hand. "What did you discover?"

Ba Wan simply stared at Ye Guan without saying anything.

"I—" Ye Guan started.

However, Ba Wan interrupted him. "Her name is Yan Cijing, and my name is Yan Cishu. We're sisters related by blood."

Sisters related by blood?! Ye Guan froze. Are you kidding me?!

Ba Wan added, "I also have another name—True Selflessness[1]."

True Selflessness! Ye Guan quivered ever so slightly. Isn't True Selflessness the supreme elite who had established her own Dao outside the three thousand Great Daos?!

Ye Guan slowly loosened his grip on Ba Wan's hand.

Ba Wan was still staring at Ye Guan with a smile, but tears welled up in her eyes as Ye Guan slowly let go of her hand.

Seeing that, he gripped her hand tightly and wiped her tears away. He said softly, "I knew that your origins aren't simple, and I had my own suspicions. I just didn't think that you're actually True Selflessness..."

However, Ye Guan wasn't the only one caught off guard. Everyone else in the vicinity was also shocked to discover that True Selflessness was actually a Divine Spirit all this while.

Ba Wan said softly, "It would have been great if I hadn't recovered some of my memories."

Ye Guan's expression turned cold, and his voice sounded icy as he asked, "Senior, is this what you wanted to happen?"

The mysterious voice explained, "I wanted you to get your hands on the full Unbeatable Fist Art. I didn't tell you to fool around and sleep with someone. I'm also surprised by this turn of events. Why did you even sleep with her? What are you going to do now?"

Ye Guan was speechless. He also couldn't believe what he had done.

Ba Wan suddenly said, "You should return to the Guanxuan Universe."

Ye Guan looked at her and asked, "What about you?"

Ba Wan blinked without saying a single word.

"I want you to go with me to the Guanxuan Universe," Ye Guan said.

Swoosh!

The Adjudication Sword Master abruptly unleashed a sword move toward Ye Guan before Ba Wan could even say anything. She moved so fast that there was no way Ye Guan could dodge it. However, a hand reached out and snatched it out of mid-air just as it was an inch away from Ye Guan's forehead.

The hand belonged to Ba Wan.

The Adjudication Sword Master stared silently at Ba Wan.

Ba Wan pushed the sword away and chuckled. "Cijing, your temper still hasn't changed despite the passage of time. You still raise your sword against someone the moment they say something you dislike."

The Adjudication Sword Master snapped her fingers, and the sword flew back to her.

"You're going to let him go?" she asked Ba Wan; her voice sounded extremely cold.

Ba Wan nodded quietly.

The Adjudication Sword Master's gaze turned cold at that, and she said fiercely, "You know he's an enemy, right?"

Ba Wan was silent.

The Adjudication Sword Master glared at Ba Wan and said, "I asked if you know that he's our enemy."

Ba Wan chuckled and said, "Cijing, do we really have to antagonize each other? It's our first meeting after so many years."

The Adjudication Sword Master remained expressionless and silent, but a domineering aura rolled out of her. Needless to say, she was furious at Ba Wan's attempt to protect Ye Guan.

Ba Wan's gaze fell on Ye Guan. "The little brat inside of you isn't Cijing's match at the moment, so I'm going to send you—"

Ye Guan interrupted her with a shake of his head. "What about you?"

"I'm from the True Universe," Ba Wan replied.

"Are you saying that we're going to be enemies the next time we meet?"

Ba Wan didn't say anything in response.

Ye Guan's tone became gentler as he asked, "Ba Wan, why don't you come with me?"

The Adjudication Sword Master frowned. Ba Wan and Ye Guan were closer to each other than she initially thought. At first, she never thought that they were more than friends, as she considered it impossible. However, she finally realized that there was something amiss upon seeing them holding each other's hands.

The Adjudication Sword Master's gaze fell upon Ba Wan.

"You did it with him?" she questioned.

Ba Wan smiled and replied, "Did you not tell me to just go for it once I've met someone I like?"

Ye Guan was rendered speechless.

The Adjudication Sword Master stared coldly at Ba Wan.

"Have you ever thought about our relationship with the Guanxuan Universe?"

"I know what you're trying to say," Ba Wan replied, "However, I would have still done it, even if I had recovered some of my memories prior to it. Is it necessary to care about so many things when you like someone?"

The Adjudication Sword Master was furious. She was so mad that she swung her sword toward Ye Guan.

Ba Wan stood in front of Ye Guan and punched the oncoming sword.

Boom!

A dazzling fist light bloomed, and it didn't shatter in the face of the Adjudication Sword Master's sword!

It seemed that Ba Wan's strength had gone through a qualitative change.

The Adjudication Sword Master's eyes flashed in a fierce light. She rushed forward and swung her sword once more.

Ba Wan dragged Ye Guan behind her and sent another punch.

Boom!

A fierce force struck the Adjudication Sword Master's sword, while a gentle force sent Ye Guan at least a few kilometers away.

The Adjudication Sword Master's face turned extremely ugly at the sight.

"Did you just attack me because of him?!"

A terrifying typhoon of sword force burst out of the Adjudication Sword Master. The world itself turned illusory beneath her might.

Ba Wan smiled at the Adjudication Sword Master and said, "It's been so many years, so how come your temper is still so bad?"

"Are you really going to protect him today?" the Adjudication Sword Master asked.

"You won't be able to kill him, Cijing!" Ba Wan shouted with conviction in her voice.

"Want me to try it then?" said the Adjudication Sword Master with dissatisfaction strewn across her face. She vanished almost at the same time as she spoke the final syllable of her sentence.

Ba Wan vanished into thin air as well.

Moments later, a kaleidoscope of lights pervaded the skies.

Boom!

A deafening explosion echoed as Ba Wan and the Adjudication Sword Master found themselves in a boundless patch of spacetime. The surrounding spacetime turned illusory beneath their combined might. It seemed that even the dense and boundless nature of spacetime in the Boundless Spacetime couldn't withstand their power.

To make matters worse, each and every single attack from the Adjudication Sword Master was filled with rage, and every sword move seemed capable of splitting even the heavens into two.

Ba Wan's current prowess could only be described as terrifying. She was not falling behind in defending herself against the Adjudication Sword Master's attacks.

Their battle was way more intense than the battle between the Adjudication Sword Master and Sovereign Qing.

Ye Guan stared at them from below and inwardly asked, "Senior, do you personally know the True God?"

The mysterious voice was silent for a while before she replied, "Yes."

Ye Guan asked again, "Are you two close?"

The mysterious voice said, "We've slept together before."

Ye Guan was at a loss for words.

Little Pagoda chimed in and asked, "Is it the wholesome kind?"

The mysterious voice retorted fiercely, "I'm really going to beat you up sooner or later."

Little Pagoda went silent at that.

The mysterious voice added, "I know that you're curious about my relationship with Ba Wan and the True God, but... I don't really like to talk about the water under the bridge."

Ye Guan nodded and said, "I won't force you to say it if you don't want to, but I'm curious about something. You should know about the enmity between the Guanxuan Universe and the True Universe, but you still decided to follow me.

"Does that mean you're going to fight the True Universe along with the Guanxuan Universe?"

The mysterious voice thought for a long while before she said, "It's complicated, and I don't know how to explain it to you. Regardless, I have no ill intentions toward you or toward the Guanxuan Universe. There's another reason I've been following you."

Ye Guan nodded and went quiet.

He knew that the mysterious voice wouldn't harm him. Otherwise, his father wouldn't have allowed her to follow him. After all, no father in this world could stomach potentially bringing harm to their child.

In addition, the mysterious senior had helped him a lot during his previous dilemmas and hardships. Still, Ye Guan couldn't help but become even more curious about her identity.

However, one thing was for sure. The fact that she had managed to sleep with the True God meant that she was an extraordinary individual.

Just then, the Adjudication Sword Master was sent flying away from the Boundless Spacetime. Ba Wan suffered the same fate upon taking the brunt of the Adjudication Sword Master's sword force. She was blasted at least a few kilometers away.

When Ba Wan recovered, she didn't make another move. She stepped onto the boundless patch of spacetime, and the Adjudication Sword Master did the same.

"I don't want to fight you," Ba Wan said.

The Adjudication Sword Master pointed at Ye Guan down below. "I have to kill him."

Ba Wan stared deeply at the Adjudication Sword Master and said, "No."

With that, she slowly balled her hands into fists.

The Adjudication Sword Master pointed at her neck. If one were to look closely, one would be able to see a scar on her neck.

"Do you remember this scar?" the Adjudication Sword Master asked, "An outsider almost killed you back then in Stone Village. I protected you by blocking the outsider's sword for you. My head almost went flying, so don't you dare say that you don't remember it."

Ba Wan was quiet.

The Adjudication Sword Master continued. "During the battle at Demon City, a powerful demonic beast injured you severely. I carried you on my back for three days and three nights back to Stone Village.

"The injuries I had suffered throughout the journey forced me to lie in bed for three whole months. I almost died at the time. Do you still remember it?"

Ba Wan didn't say anything in response

The Adjudication Sword Master walked up to her and said, "Do you still remember how you got surrounded by twenty Peak Great Sovereigns of the Heaven Seizing Clan? I had to kill my way into the Heaven Seizing Clan just to rescue you.

"I had to ignite my fleshly body, and my soul sustained severe injuries to the extent that I went into a coma that lasted for a hundred years. Do you still remember it?"

Ba Wan's fists relaxed, and she nodded profusely. "Yes! I remember them all!"

The Adjudication Sword Master finally arrived right in front of Ba Wan. She stared sternly at her and said, "I'm willing to sacrifice my life for you, but you chose to attack me for a man? Good, good, good. Very good! Come on, then! Kill me!"

She waved her sleeve, and her Adjudication Sword hovered in front of Ba Wan.

"Kill me! I won't fight back!" she roared.

Ba Wan stared deeply at the Adjudication Sword Master.

After a while, Ba Wan took the Adjudication Sword and examined it. Eventually, she chuckled and said, "Cijing, I've never forgotten what you've done for me. You're the person whom I feel the closest to in my heart. I still remember how you always let me eat first back when we were still in Stone Village..."

Ba Wan looked up at the sky and continued softly. “We sure did live a tough life back then, but I enjoyed every single second of it. It is truly a shame that we can never go back to Stone Village.”

Ba Wan raised the Adjudication Sword and stabbed herself in the chest.

Shwik!

“Ba Wan!” Ye Guan’s eyes shot wide open. He immediately rushed over to her, but she flicked her sleeve toward Ye Guan, sending a terrifying wave of energy that prevented Ye Guan from getting closer to her.

Ba Wan stared at the horrified Ye Guan and smiled wryly. “It was my first time liking someone, and I’m really happy that we met. I’m sorry, I can’t fight the True Universe with you because it is the home of my loved ones.

“I can’t help them fight you either because you’re my beloved...”

Ba Wan collapsed to the ground and muttered, “I really want to eat your home-cooked meals—”

The Adjudication Sword fell to the ground. Immediately afterward, Ba Wan’s fleshly body and soul turned into innumerable light particles that soon disappeared completely.

Chapter 280: Represent My Whole Family

Ye Guan stood frozen and in a daze as if he had been struck by lightning.

When the pressure boring down on him had vanished, he ran over to where Ba Wan had been like a madman. Ba Wan’s fleshly body and soul had disappeared. Only the large bowl that she had been carrying on her back was all that was left.

Ye Guan collapsed to the ground.

The Adjudication Sword Master stared at the large bowl in a daze.

She didn't expect that Ba Wan would make such an extreme decision.

The Adjudication Sword Master looked like her soul had left her. Her voice was trembling as she muttered, "Why... Why..."

Ye Guan suddenly sat up and pleaded, "Senior! Please save—"

"I can't!" the mysterious voice exclaimed, "It was a decision she made on her own; no one had forced her into it. I can't save her."

Ye Guan went silent, but he quickly recovered and pleaded, "Master Pagoda..."

"She's very strong," Little Pagoda replied, "And no one can save her from death if she wants to die."

Ye Guan went beyond pallid at that.

Just then, the Adjudication Sword Master's gaze fell on him. A ferocious expression suffused her visage as she roared, "This is your fault! This is all your fault, you piece of shit!"

She took a stance with her sword and was about to swing it toward Ye Guan when a dim light abruptly manifested in front of Ye Guan. A woman was standing in the dim light.

The Adjudication Sword Master's eyes narrowed, and she exclaimed, "It's you!"

The woman said softly, "Cijing, you haven't changed at all!"

The Adjudication Sword Master tightened her grip on the Adjudication Sword. Her expression turned menacing as she questioned, "You're helping him, too?"

The woman sighed to herself without saying anything.

"I know..." The Adjudication Sword Master said, "I know that both Cishu and you are still holding a grudge against Big Sister for what happened to the Stone Village. I feel the same. I scolded and even beat her up, but what she had done doesn't mean that we should betray her, the Stone Village, or even the True Universe!"

The woman in the dim light shook her head and said, "Ba Wan didn't betray the True Universe, and she didn't betray Big Sister as well. I also didn't betray anyone."

The Adjudication Sword Master pointed at Ye Guan and yelled, "Do you not have any idea of his identity? He's the King of the Guanxuan Universe!"

The woman in the dim light retorted, "Do you really think that can kill him?"

The Adjudication Sword Master's eyes narrowed. She was about to say something, but the woman in the dim light beat her to the chase and said, "Cijing, have you still not realized that we're changing, slowly but surely, after we left the Stone Village?"

The Adjudication Sword Master looked indifferent, but her eyes radiated a cold and gloomy light. "Regardless of what you say, it all means that you're just holding a grudge against Big Sister for what happened at the Stone Village back then.

"I feel the same, but if we were in her shoes, would we have done things in a different way?"

The woman in the dim light was silent.

The Adjudication Sword Master continued. "Did Big Sister have any other choice? No! I would have killed her myself if what she had done was for the sake of her vested interests, but it wasn't the case! She did it for the sake of the Stone Village's denizens! She simply wanted more of them to live!"

The Adjudication Sword Master closed her eyes and added, "She had saved all of us, but we're actually holding a grudge against her for what she had done. Despite her sacrifice, she had never expected anything in return, nor did she want us to pay her back—never!"

The woman in the dim light shook her head and said, "I'm not holding a grudge against her, and I do not hate her. I know that she did it for our sake, but... what she did afterward wasn't right."

The Sword Adjudication Master stared deeply at the woman in the dim light and said coldly, "We did the right thing. We would have ended up being bullied like what had happened to us when we were still in the Stone Village if we weren't strong enough.

"Imagine what the Heaven Seizing Clan would have done if we were the losers. Do you really think that they would treat our people kindly?"

The young woman in the dim glow was quiet.

The Adjudication Sword Master continued. "What would have happened to us if we had lost in that battle against the holders of the Divine Dao Bloodline? What about that battle against Sovereign Qing, the Panwu World, and what would have happened if the Universe Tribulation had been allowed to wreak havoc?"

The young woman in the dim glow chimed in, "Don't you think that what we had done makes us no different from those great demonic beasts? Have you already forgotten how they treated us back then? We've become harbingers of doom and destruction; wherever we went, doom and destruction would follow."

The young woman in the dim glow shook her head and added, "We used to think that the cards dealt to us by fate were unfair. We were furious at it, but I later realized that we weren't angry at the cards that fate had dealt to us. We were furious at the fact that we were weak."

"We eventually grew stronger, but we continued the cycle of injustice rather than eliminating it by bullying those weaker than us," the young woman in the dim glow chuckled sarcastically and said, "We treat those who are strong as equals, but we treat the weak as mere ants."

The young boy wanted to slay a dragon, but perhaps his ultimate goal was to become that dragon after slaying it.

"What's wrong about that?" The Adjudication Sword Master frowned while staring at the young woman in the dim glow. "The vast expanse has always been like this. The strong are esteemed and honored.

"The True Universe would have no shortage of bullies if it were weak. Do you really think that our enemies will be tactful toward us? You're not a child, so stop being so naive, all right?"

The young woman in the dim glow nodded and said, "I never said that you and Big Sister were wrong. I just don't want to lead the True Universe's troops into committing any more massacres."

"Did you sleep with this piece of shit as well?" asked the Adjudication Sword Master.

Little Pagoda was rendered speechless.

"For fuck's sake!" the young woman in the dim glow snarled, "Can we talk properly?"

She waved her sleeve, and a ray of light flew toward the Adjudication Sword Master.

The Adjudication Sword Master swung her sword toward it.

Clang!

The ray of light shattered.

The Adjudication Sword Master rushed over to the young woman in the dim glow and said contemptuously, "Cishu is much more straightforward than you. So what if you've slept with him?"

The young woman in the dim glow responded, "Whether I've slept with him or not is none of your business!"

The Adjudication Sword Master stared alternately between the young woman in the dim glow and Ye Guan. Her eyes fell on Ye Guan, and she snapped, "You're completely unworthy of either Ba Wan or her. You'd be completely worthless without your status!"

With that, she turned around and left.

Ye Guan suddenly called out, "Wait!"

The Adjudication Sword Master stopped in her tracks and turned to look at Ye Guan.

"Three years," Ye Guan said, "Give me three years, and I will defeat you."

The Adjudication Sword Master's face darkened. "I'll give you three hundred years."

Ye Guan raised one finger and said, "One year. Just give me one year."

The Adjudication Sword Master stared deeply at Ye Guan without saying anything.

"If I manage to defeat you one year later, I want you to kneel and apologize to me. I want you to say these exact words to me—Brother Ye Guan, I was wrong. I shouldn't have looked down on you.

"If I fail to defeat you, I'll kneel and apologize to you, and then I'll say that you were right—I'm completely worthless without my status," Ye Guan said.

The Adjudication Sword Master gazed at Ye Guan for quite a while before saying, "I'll give you a hundred years!"

Ye Guan walked up to her and whispered, "I just need one year."

The Adjudication Sword Master relented, "Fine. One year. I'll be waiting."

With that, she turned around and walked away.

The young woman in the dim glow suddenly said, "The Universe Tribulation is—"

"It's none of your business," the Adjudication Sword Master said coldly, "Go and live whatever life you want."

She took to the skies and disappeared into the horizon.

The young woman in the dim glow fell silent.

"Senior..." Ye Guan suddenly said, "Ba Wan... she's still alive, right?"

The young woman in the dim glow stared quietly at Ye Guan without saying anything.

Ye Guan's firm gaze didn't stray from her as he earnestly waited for a reply.

The young woman in the dim glow soon nodded.

Ye Guan heaved a sigh of relief. The Adjudication Sword Master and the young woman in the dim glow were definitely close to Ba Wan, so it didn't make sense for them to remain calm despite Ba Wan's death.

In fact, they even went on a tirade against each other.

Seeing that, Ye Guan guessed that Ba Wan had to be still alive. Of course, he didn't dare to jump to conclusions by himself, so he patiently waited for the young woman in the dim glow's reply.

Upon hearing the reply that he had been looking for, Ye Guan finally heaved a sigh of relief.

"But..." The young woman in the dim glow sounded hesitant. "There's a possibility that she..."

Unease gripped Ye Guan's heart as he stared at the young woman.

"What is it, Senior?"

"She had established her own Dao beyond the three thousand Great Daos, and her Dao is called the Forget-Me Dao. In other words, there's a chance that she won't recognize you the next time you see her."

Ye Guan froze and went silent.

The young woman sighed and went quiet.

Ye Guan suddenly asked, "How did she recover her memories?"

The young woman replied, "It's because of you..."

Ye Guan frowned. "Me?"

"Yes." the young woman nodded and explained, "She liked you, and her feelings allowed her to remember her past. You have to make her like you again the next time you meet here; otherwise..."

Ye Guan asked, "Senior, where can I find her?"

"I don't know," replied the young woman.

However, Ye Guan was undeterred. His gaze was transfixed on her, desperate for an answer. The young woman shook her head and said, "I really can't say for sure."

Ye Guan clenched his fists tightly.

Little Pagoda suddenly said, "I know someone who probably knows the answer to that question."

Ye Guan hurriedly asked, "Who?"

"The Great Daoist Brush Master"

"The Great Daoist Brush Master?" asked Ye Guan.

"Yes!" said the Little Pagoda.

"Get him to meet me, Master Pagoda!" Ye Guan exclaimed.

Little Pagoda's reply came a bit late. "I don't think he gives a rat's shit about you."

"Then I'll go and meet him!" Ye Guan replied.

Little Pagoda was speechless.

Ye Guan frowned and asked, "What's the problem with that?"

Little Pagoda replied, "Can I say a few honest words?"

"Yes!"

“The Great Daoist Brush Master is extremely strong. You’ve seen Ba Wan and the Adjudication Sword Master's strength, but neither of them is the Great Daoist Brush Master's match.

"Do you understand what I'm trying to say here?"

However, Ye Guan remained calm as he asked, “What if I go there as the representative of my entire family? Will there be any issues?”

Little Pagoda had no idea what to say. I guess there won't be any issues if you do that.

Ye Guan closed his eyes and said, “I know it's going to be difficult, but I would like to meet her again.”

The young woman chimed in, “You should go to the Divine Dao World, then! There's a chance that the Great Daoist Brush Master is there.”

Ye Guan asked, “The Divine Dao World?”

“The once-glorious Divine Dao Bloodline came from the Divine Dao World. It is unfortunate, but the True Universe has cordoned off that world since that battle long ago, but if you somehow manage to enter it, you might be able to find him there.”

Ye Guan pondered briefly before nodding. “I understand. Please lead the way for me, Senior.”

The young woman turned around to lead the way, but the spacetime in front of Ye Guan was abruptly torn open. A group of powerful cultivators walked out of the spacetime rift.

An old man walked up to Ye Guan. He cupped his fist and said, “Young Lord Ye, I'm the Clan Leader of the Ling Clan. I implore you to please stay for a little while.”

Ye Guan looked at him and asked, “Senior, is there anything wrong?”

The people here had left a great impression on Ye Guan, and it was all thanks to Sovereign Qing's attitude.

The Clan Leader of the Ling Clan said, "Young Lord Ye, the Divine Tree of Nature is with you, right?"

Ye Guan nodded and said, "Yes."

Ling Clan's clan leader explained, "Young Lord Ye, the Divine Tree of Nature belongs to my Wujian Universe, and the myriad clans here have faith in it. Sovereign Qing doesn't have sole ownership of it; it also belongs to us, so..."

Ye Guan looked at him and asked, "The Wujian Universe have faith in the Divine Tree of Nature?"

"Yes, yes, yes!" The Clan Leader of the Ling Clan hurriedly nodded and said, "You understand what I'm trying to say, right? Young Lord Ye?"

"Yes, I understand that it is the Wujian Universe's object of devotion," Ye Guan said, "That's great! You have faith in the Divine Tree of Nature, and the Divine Tree of Nature belongs to me. In that case, you guys can just put your faith in me from now on. I don't mind it at all!"

Everyone froze and went silent.