Nine-Dragon 1291

Chapter 1291: The Cosmos Sword Formation

"I didn't expect this item was hidden by the Demonic God of Six Paths!"

Emperors who created the Star River? Su Yu was surprised. It seemed the Realm of Demons knew a lot more about the secrets of the universe than creatures of other worlds did.

Chi!

The Demonic God of Six Paths threw out the shroud after activating it by injecting his divine strength into it.

The Nine-Emperor Shroud was expanded infinitely. Then, it wrapped up the Dead Soul Worm together with a part of the Star River next to it.

With a dull sound, everything that was wrapped up in the shroud was turned to bloody water which kept dripping down along it.

Then, the shroud started to shrink until it regained its original form.

It was so quiet inside the shroud. It seemed the Dead Soul Worm had been killed.

A relaxed expression appeared on the face of the Demonic God of Six Paths.

However, something inside the shroud moved a bit at that moment.

Then a blood-covered creature crawled out from the shroud slowly. It was the Dead Soul Worm!

The Demonic God of Six Paths was greatly shocked. He turned around to escape immediately without taking back the shroud.

The Dead Soul Worm murmured in its language with a sinister smile, "It's time to finish this game!"

Chi!

The Dead Soul Worm opened its mouth to suck in the soul of the Demonic God of Six Paths.

Instantly, a majestic soul was dragged out from the body of the Demonic God.

The Demonic God of Six Paths, who was utterly terrified, shouted hurriedly, "Undead Demonic Heart!"

Puff!

The chest of the Demonic God ruptured. Then, a demonic heart flew out from his chest and exploded in front of his soul directly.

After the explosion, a soul with a glazed expression appeared. It was the former owner of this demonic heart.

Swish!

The glazed soul was devoured. The Demonic God of Six Paths took this opportunity to take his soul back into his body.

However, before he had time to run away, the suction force of the Dead Soul Worm seized him again.

The newly generated demonic heart of the Demonic God of Six Paths was devoured again.

Apparently, the remnant soul of the Dead Soul Worm was annoyed. Therefore, it increased its effort to devour the soul of the Demonic God.

Immediately, the newly generated demonic heart of the Demonic God of Six Paths was devoured once more.

Before the eyes of Su Yu and his teammates, many demonic hearts were flying out from the chest of the Demonic God of Six Paths, who was standing there motionlessly.

After a short while, over thirty demonic hearts had flown out.

Together with the ten demonic hearts ruined by the First Prince, the Demonic God of Six Paths had lost forty demonic hearts by now.

"I didn't know he had killed so many demonic gods to enhance his Undead Demonic Heart with their hearts!" The Second Princess said in surprise. "That's impossible! Nobody knew so many demonic gods have been killed!"

The Sixth Princess, who was also quite surprised, said calmly, "It's possible! So many deities disappeared after joining the Holy Magic Hall. I guess most of them were killed by the Demonic God of Six Paths!"

Nobody dared to interfere in the issues related to the Holy Magic Hall.

"I guess he has almost run out of his demonic hearts!" The Sixth Princess knew around fifty deities disappeared after joining the Holy Magic Hall in these years.

Once all these demonic hearts were used up, the demonic heart of the God of Six Paths would be devoured. Then he would definitely be killed.

However, the body of the Dead Soul Worm was so dark now. It seemed it would also run out of its vital energy soon.

Judging by the situation of the two sides at this moment, the Demonic God of Six Paths might be killed first.

The Demonic God of Six Paths changed his expression abruptly. He knew the Dead Soul Worm had brought him a life-and-death crisis.

If things continued this way, he would die here.

Deep regret appeared in his eyes. Then, the Demonic God of Six Paths shouted as he took out nine golden wooden swords which were quite old and shabby.

Seeing this, the First Prince and his two younger sisters called out in surprise at the same time, "Are those swords made from the Golden Flames Forbidden Wood?"

Even Su Yu was surprised. He thought only one piece of Golden Flames Forbidden Wood was found, the one that was used to forge equipment to restrain the Giant of the Bitter Sea.

Why were these nine broken swords also made from the Golden Flames Forbidden Wood?

The First Prince said as he perked up, "It turns out the rumor is true. It is said that nine swords were found in the core of the tree when the Golden Flames Forbidden Wood was dug out. I thought it was just hearsay. But it is true!"

After taking out the nine broken swords made from the Golden Flames Forbidden Wood, the Demonic God of Six Paths shouted, "Cosmos Sword Formation!"

Chi! Chi!

Instantly, the broken swords formed an array around the Dead Soul Worm.

This scene didn't surprise the Frist Prince and his younger sisters. However, Su Yu shouted in surprise, "The Cosmos Sword Formation?"

The Sixth Princess was surprised by his reaction, "What's wrong? The Cosmos Sword Formation is a secret skill of the Demon Realm. What's the problem?"

This was the first time she saw Su Yu so surprised.

When those nine broken swords appeared, Su Yu got a feeling that he had seen them before.

When the Demonic God of Six Paths shouted the name of the sword formation, Su Yu was very surprised.

Wasn't it the second part of the Nine Suns Cosmos Sword Formation?

During the years, Su Yu only obtained the Nine Suns Sword Formation, which was the first half of this sword formation. With the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo as the main material of the swords, this sword formation was very powerful.

However, he didn't find the second half of this sword formation.

After the explanation of the Sixth Princess, Su Yu was stunned.

He didn't expect the Cosmos Sword Formation was a secret skill of the Demon Realm!

Suddenly, Su Yu remembered Qian Jun was surprised when he used the Nine Suns Sword Formation. Qian Jun said this sword formation was quite familiar.

Now, Su Yu realized that Qian Jun must have been surprised because of the similarities between his Nine Suns Sword Formation and the Cosmos Sword Formation of the royal Demon Realm family.

"Have you mastered this sword formation?" Su Yu asked.

The First Prince and his two younger sisters were stunned by Su Yu's question. Then, they all nodded at the same time.

Su Yu's eyes were filled with wild joy. What a windfall!

Then, he started to observe the Demonic God of Six Paths who was using the Cosmos Sword Formation.

When the Cosmos Sword Formation was activated, four swords were flying in the sky. Another four swords were guarding the earth. The last sword was staying in the middle. The formation of these swords was just like the structure of the cosmos.

Seeing this, the Dead Soul Worm changed its expression a bit. Then, it dashed towards the Demonic God of Six Paths as it roared loudly. The suction force created by its mouth was increased remarkably.

"Slash!" The Demonic God of Six Paths shouted in a low voice. Then, four swords that were flying in the sky dropped down while the four swords on the ground flew up rapidly. The sword in the middle stopped in the way of the Dead Soul Worm.

The combination of the eight swords in the sky and on the ground created a gust of fearsome sword energy.

It seemed the sword energy could create or destroy an entire world.

This overpowering sword energy even caused sharp pain in Su Yu and his teammates, who were far away from there.

The integration of sword energy, which could destroy a world, was the essence of this sword formation.

The more powerful the swords were, the more destructive the sword energy created by the combination of nine swords would be!

Rumble...

A gust of golden sword Qi swept away in the sky during the combination of the nine swords. It seemed it would destroy the cosmos and create a new world.

No words could describe the horrible sword energy.

Followed by a miserable scream, a small part of the Dead Soul Worm's wing was chopped off from its body.

This sword formation wounded a Median Deity who failed to cross its tribulation!

The horrible energy of the Cosmos Sword Formation shocked Su Yu and also cheered him up.

However, after this attack, those broken swords made from the Golden Flames Forbidden Wood became dark immediately. All of them were turned to dust in the air.

The Cosmos Sword Formation was extremely powerful. However, it would also cause great damage to the swords.

Suddenly, Su Yu figured out the secrets of the Nine Suns Sword Formation and the Cosmos Sword Formation.

The Nine Suns Sword Formation, which was not very powerful and destructive, could be used for a long time.

The Cosmos Sword Formation, which was horribly powerful, could only be used for a short while.

Could he combine these two sword formations?

At the thought of this, Su Yu couldn't stop his heart from beating rapidly!

Chapter 1292: The Death of the Demonic God of Six Paths

"Squeak!"

The Dead Soul Worm, whose wings were cut into half, did not die. Instead, it let out a piercing scream.

Even though the people didn't understand the language it spoke, everyone knew that the worm was completely enraged.

After the high-pitched scream, the Dead Soul Worm glowed blood-red.

The red light in it flashed between the heavens and the earth. When this happened, the Demonic God of Six Paths held his chest in pain as another of his demon hearts was destroyed.

At this time, everyone saw a blood-red remnant that intermittently penetrated the chest of the Demonic God of Six Paths.

Then, the Demonic God of Six Paths ground again. This time, his palms, which were covering his chest, were also penetrated by that bloody red streak of light. It too disintegrated into powder.

Another demon heart was gone.

Another aftershock between the heavens and the earth ran through his chest.

Then, the third, fourth, fifth...

One after another, the blood-red remnants ran between the heavens and the earth before penetrating through the chest of the Demonic God of Six Paths.

In just ten short breaths, ten blood-red residual lines ran through the chest of the Demonic God.

The Demonic God of Six Paths was unable to resist. He could only look on as his hearts were destroyed, one by one.

This continued until his own demon heart remained. It was a dark red heart far beyond the ordinary demon heart.

When the Dead Soul Worm turned into a trace of residual thread and tried to pass through this heart, the heart didn't break immediately. Instead, Divine Path continued oozing out of it.

The Demonic God was hit hard liked never before.

Creak!

The dead soul worm screamed and wanted to launch its final blow, but its reddish body gradually burned. It then dimmed in redness, becoming a transparent entity.

Its life had come to an end.

Even so, the dead soul worm still turned into a remnant line and headed straight for the Demonic God of Six Paths.

As its speed was getting slower and slower, the light within it was getting darker and darker. Eventually, it thundered and turned into a ball of fire. Then, it disintegrated within inches of the chest of the Demonic God of Six Paths.

The Demonic God of Six Paths was covered in cold sweat, which was visible on his forehead. Had the worm died just a bit later, he would have perished here today.

Boom!

Su Yu's life, too, would finally end.

Everyone has lost the items that could save their lives.

In contrast, the Demonic God of Six Paths, despite losing so many demon hearts, could kill them all once.

The Demonic God of Six Paths was no longer self-assured. He stared hard at Su Yu's eyes and saw the killing intent was strong.

Too dangerous!

This person, Su Yu, was indeed very dangerous; much more dangerous than Princess Yunxia had expected!

He must die!

The First Prince could stay alive for now, and he could also ignore the Second and Sixth princess at the moment.

But not Su Yu. Su Yu had to die. The Demonic God of Six Paths felt Su Yu would be the bringer of doom to the entire demon world in the future!

Brush!

The dark red demon body of the Demonic God of Six Paths flashed and he instantly moved towards Su Yu's chest.

This killer move required him to use all of his demon power!

The First Prince's demon sword rushed forward. The Second and Sixth Princesses also struggled to move forward to block the blow.

"Scram!" The word thundered out of his mouth and the three of them flew backward.

The Demonic God of Six Paths' killing intent was unprecedented.

At this moment, no one could resist him.

Su Yu, having exhausted almost all his tricks, had nothing left to defend himself against the powerful and matchless Demonic God of Six Paths.

However, at this moment of life and death, the Purple-Eyed Demonic God, who was always silent in the background, emitted purple light from his eyes.

Purple light penetrated the dark starry sky and enveloped the world.

As for his physical body, it burned with a layer of purple flame.

"He is burning his Divine Path!" Said the First Prince in surprise.

The Divine Path was the foundation of all deities. Burning Divine Path was tantamount to self-destruction.

Although it could help one to release a great burst of power, it would never be used useless a god was about to end his life.

"Heavens and Earth as the Prison!" The Purple-Eyed Demonic God shouted. Two purple lights shot from his eyes and into the abyss. It was as if he was seeking to latch onto something invisible that nevertheless existed.

When the reflection came back, it carried with it a hidden power of the heavens.

The burning of Divine Path was tantamount to abandoning one's desire to become a god. Inevitably, it would lead to the consequences laid out by the laws of heaven.

A slip of Heaven and Earth as the Prison landed in front of them and reflected purple light. Altogether, the lights were interweaved into a purple cage, and the Demonic God of Six Paths was trapped within it.

"What a weak god! You thought that by burning your Divine Path you would be able to trap me?" The Demonic God of Six Paths yelled, grabbed the purple light with both hands, and attempted to shatter it.

The prison cage started shaking violently and looked like it could actually be broken open.

The purple flames of the Purple-Eyed Demonic God became more and more intense. He turned his head and looked at Su Yu. "There is only so much I can do for you. Su Yu, treat my disciple well."

With those words, he resolutely turned around and went forward into the Heaven Pool with the cage.

"No!" The Demonic God of Six Paths now realized his intentions and let out a scream of horror. Despite being in the cage, his scream managed to reach the body of the Purple-Eyed Demonic God. It shook his body considerably.

However, it was all to no avail. By then, the Purple-Eyed Demonic God had already submerged himself in the Heaven Pool.

A shocking swallowing force pulled everything towards it. The cage, which was closely connected to the Purple-Eyed Demonic God, was also quickly swallowed.

The Demonic God of Six Paths roared with a fury that shook the entire Xing River. "No! I don't want to die!"

With the cage submerged into the Heaven Pool, huge waves splashed upwards. Then, the voice of the Demonic God of Six Paths came to an abrupt end.

Ploop!

The First Prince and his sisters seemed to be on the brink of fainting. They collapsed to the ground like jelly.

The Purple-Eyed Demonic God sacrificed himself, dragging the Demonic God of Six Paths along to die with him.

Everything that had just happened was like a dream, fleeting and seemingly unreal.

Su Yu had a sad expression on his face. He stood by the side of the Heaven Pool and made a deep bow. "I will take very good care of your disciples." Without the sacrifice of the Purple-Eyed Demonic God, they would not be able to escape.

He wanted to help the Purple-Eyed Demonic God enjoy his old age. Su Yu didn't expect that he would sacrifice himself so that the Demonic God of Six Paths would finally be defeated.

The Sixth Princess stared at Su Yu's sadly hunched form. Pulling herself together, she pursed her lips, approached Su Yu, and said softly, "The Purple-Eyed Demonic God couldn't become famous when he was alive, but he was able to win over the top-ranked Demon in his death. I'm sure he died happy. Compared with enduring mediocrity, I think he was more willing to die with a blast."

Su Yu nodded slightly, looked back at her, and said, "Thank you."

"When will come the time when no one would have to sacrifice themselves?" Su Yu looked at the vast world ahead.

The Sixth Princess replied, "When you break away and become the creator of the heavens and the earth. If not, we will always be a mere speck of dust in the vast skies, always at the mercy of fate."

Su Yu seemed to have thought of something and looked far out and away.

Although the Demonic God of Six Paths was gone, he still couldn't relax.

There was still someone who was infinitely superior to the Demonic God of Six Paths.

The First Demon Emperor!

He was the most terrifying being in the entire Xing River.

Within a day, he would destroy all living things. They would be= his nourishment to become a Middle God.

"Demon Realm, if you didn't exist, how peaceful would the Xing River be?" Su Yu said with a cold look upon his face.

Whether it was the Zhenlong Continent, the Jiuzhou world, the Great Eastern Alliance, the land of the gods, or the Great Western Alliance, all their misfortunes and tragedies were related to the Demon World.

As long as the First Demon Emperor existed, Xing River would never find peace.

There was a twinkle in Su Yu's eyes now.

He knew what he had to do.

He would create a tomorrow and a future for himself and for everyone!

However, before that, some things had to be done.

"Book God, if you were hiding in the demon world, I would not be able to do anything to you. However, since you came out of it, our grudges will be written off completely!" Su Yu said with his eyes glowing brightly.

If the Sheng Deity didn't rush back in time, Su Yu would not have had the chance to release the Dead Soul Worm.

The strength of the Book God was not great, but he was extremely good at seizing opportunities and causing harm to any gods he partnered with.

If he was given a chance, Su Yu had no doubt that the harm he would bring would be comparable to that of the Demonic God of Six Paths.

The Sixth Princess frowned. "The Book God is cunning. You had forced him to face death many times, but he could always use the book as his stand-in to prevent his own death. Without careful preparation, it would be difficult to eliminate him."

Su Yu replied coldly, "He has no chance to escape; I have already learned why he was able to get away every time."

He could use the book as a stand-in once, twice and even three times.

Even if Su Yu were stupid, which he was not, he could make out a simple clue.

"Let's go and catch up with the Sheng Deity! It's time to fight against the Book God!" Su Yu shouted.

Brush...

He and his team quickly broke through space and chased after the Sheng Deity.

They didn't know that when they left, a black pillar a thousand feet in length suddenly rolled out from an inconspicuous part from Heaven Pool.

If one looked closely, one would find that the long pillar was actually a hair!

Half a day later...

In the distant horizon, the Sheng Deity was guarding the entrance of a dead and silent Cavern World, and said coldly, "Book God, you don't have to hide anymore. You had done many evil deeds and you shall meet your fate today!"

There was dead silence in the Cavern World, and the Book God did not respond.

However, the Sheng Deity could feel the breath of the Book God from within, as well as the fluctuation of his divine power.

Hesitating for a moment, the Sheng Deity gritted her teeth and decided to step into the Cavern World.

"Don't go in!" Just then, Su Yu's voice came from the other end of the world.

The Sheng Deity was stunned for a moment. Then, she saw Su Yu leading the prince and princesses. They quickly landed next to her.

She rejoiced upon seeing that they were alive. Did this mean that they had managed to escape from that terrible demon?

"Why are you here?" Sheng Deity asked.

Su Yu landed, stared at the Cavern World and said in a low voice, "If we didn't come, we could only wait to recover your dead body!"

The Sheng Deity was displeased. "The strength of the Book God is far inferior to mine. For you to say that to me, it is really ..."

"Then you should see this," Su Yu pointed to an area outside the Cavern world that was hidden by the formation.

The First Prince's eyes flickered and his Demon Sword swiped forward, breaking the formation.

Then, in that area, three lacquered black rune-breaking symbols emerged. They were roaring with momentum, waiting to be activated.

"World Destruction Spell?" Sheng Deity was taken aback. If these runes were launched, the entire Cavern world would be destroyed.

Even though the Sheng Deity could resist the power of broken amulets, due to the destruction of the Cavern World it would be impossible to keep her from being seriously injured.

If Book God took the opportunity to attack her, her probability of falling from her god's position would be as high as 80%!

After thinking about it, the Sheng Deity broke out in a cold sweat: "So the breath of the Book God that I detected was fake; was it to lure me in and trap me?"

Su Yu nodded. "Yes, probably," he said.

"However, I saw him walk in here. I couldn't have possibly seen wrongly, could I?" The Sheng Deity was surprised. "I kept watching outside. If he had escaped, it would be impossible for him to get past me without breaking open the Cavern World."

Chapter 1293: Hunting down the Book God

Su Yu said with a deep voice, "This is where the Book God is tricky! The Book God became a God through the study of books. He is, in fact, actually a book! Across the entire world, as long as there is a book, he can easily and instantly make an avatar with it. Then, his real body is reborn in a very remote place in the form of another book. This is why, despite us being able to push him into situations which he could not have physically left, he still managed to get out safely."

Unless there was only one book left in the Book God's family, he could easily escape with a single thought.

This was also the reason why, despite the Sheng Deity standing guard outside the Cavern World, the Book God could escape without anyone detecting it. He then left behind a bait to lure the Sheng Deity into his trap.

Hearing these words, the Sheng Deity was shocked. "So, would he never die? There are so many books in the world!"

Su Yu shook his head. "No! If he could have cast this method at any time, he would not have been hurt and left behind the Divine Doom. If I did not guess wrongly, there would have to be a time limit for the Book God to cast this. Every time he uses this ability, it would take a while before he would be able to do it again!"

Su Yu's eyes narrowed gradually. "He lured you into this trap. This means that his real body must be nearby. Once you are seriously injured, he will immediately appear to deal you a fatal blow! So... the Book God who had just replaced his real body with a proxy is nearby. If we can find him before he replaces himself again, it will be easy to kill him!"

Hearing this, everyone's eyes brightened.

"Okay, this thing that is not even comparable to an animal... it's time to end its life for good!" The Sheng Deity almost stepped into the elaborate trap set up by the Book God; she now disliked the man even more.

"Let's split up and look for him. He must be in a range that allows him to sense this Cavern world. All of your cultivations are significantly above his, so you will most definitely be able to sense his presence!" Su Yu narrowed his eyes, revealing a deep determination. Book God, you will not be able to run this time around, he thought!

Soon after, the First Prince's eyes flashed with excitement: "I've found him! It's quite near!"

"Direction?" Su Yu asked.

"Towards the East." Did it mean he was heading towards the Great Eastern Alliance?

Su Yu squinted. He said: "We are chasing... to the west!"

The First Prince froze. "Go west? His breath is most definitely going towards the east, and it is disappearing fast."

The implication was that the breath of the Book God in the east direction must be the deity, the Book God himself.

Su Yu shook his head and said, "I know him very well. The east direction must not be his real self. His replacement time is shorter than I had expected!"

"However, to be safe, First Prince, go after that breath in the east, and we will search in the west."

The west direction was back towards the Heaven Pool.

The Sheng Deity frowned and said, "Even if the breath of the Book God in the east direction is a deliberate smokescreen, why are you so sure that we should head towards Heaven Pool and not to the south or the north?"

Su Yu said: "It's very simple! You chased him from Heaven Pool all the way here. Only books can be left as substitutes along the way from there to here. There are no books that can be placed in the south or north, so he replaced his real body and fled back to where we came from."

The eyes of the Sheng Deity brightened up with understanding. Su Yu was right and she could not help but praise him: "You really are the nemesis of the Book God."

Why not? All the way back since their beginnings in the Great Eastern Alliance, to the Demon Realm and now back here, Su Yu had always been opposing the Book God.

He not only killed this god's entire family but now was threatening the Book God's own life.

Whoosh!

The group divided into two.

The First Prince swiftly went forward and caught up with the spirit of the Book God in the Eastern direction. The result exactly matched Su Yu's guess.

A book containing the breath and power of the Book God was placed on a god-bone ship, driven by a small demon tribe, and rushed eastward.

The First Prince immediately notified Su Yu by way of the summoning Jade Pendant. At the same time, he turned back and headed for the west, his face full of admiration. "Su Yu is really clever. I think the Book God no longer has a chance to escape."

To the west...

Soon, the eyes of the Sixth Princess flickered, and she was the first to discover the breath and power of the Book God: "Westward, galloping towards Heaven Pool!"

Sure enough, it was so!

After two hours, the Sixth Princess said, "The breath and power of the Book God have stopped."

Everyone rushed over and saw that an abandoned book was gradually disappearing.

"It's him!" The sixth princess stared at Su Yu. Despite everything having been planned well, Su Yu was not fooled by the Book God. Everything turned out exactly as he had said!

Su Yu smiled coldly. "Continue chasing him! He can only escape westward."

Half an hour later, the Sixth Princess detected the fluctuation of the Book God's breath again. "He is trying to escape to the south!"

Su Yu said, "Second Princess, you chase south and force him to replace his real body!"

"Yes!" The Second Princess flew away quickly.

Not long after that, the Second Princess sent a message. She had found the physical body of the Book God, but he fled on the spot and replaced his real body!

Almost at the same time, the Sixth Princess sensed that the breath and power of the Book God reappeared in the western direction: "He is going to escape to the north!"

"Sheng Deity, it's your turn to force him to change his physical body."

The Sheng Deity immediately flew away, and sure enough, she also found the gloomy Book God. He was forced to replace his real body and fled once more.

He returned towards the west.

Su Yu sneered: "He is a very cunning creature; there are most definitely more than three escape routes left by the Book God! However, it should be coming to an end soon!"

The Sixth Princess detected the breath of the Book God again: "This time, he fled south once more."

Su Yu said, "This time I will rely on you. He had replaced himself several times and the distance between him and us is getting shorter and shorter. He has lost all time to replace his physical body by now."

Half an hour later, the breath of the Book God in the south disappeared. For the last time, he was replaced with a real body using a book prepared in the western direction.

Su Yu was too close to him this time. The Book God did not have enough time to wait for the next replacement of his real body.

Finally, one hour later, next to the Heaven Pool, the Book God could no longer escape.

Even though he had left several books in the north and south, there was no time for him to continue to replace his physical body at this moment.

This was much like Su Yu had speculated; every time he replaced his real body, he needed about two hours before he was able to do it again.

"Book God, it's over," Su Yu said lightly. Green light flashed around him, and the Tree Goddess appeared.

The Tree Goddess of today had a combat power that was comparable to the All-Access Merchant God. It would be easy for her to kill off the Book God.

The Book God had overstretched himself and his divine powers were diminishing. He was as pale as paper. "Enough! Is it not enough for you to force me into this?"

"You're not dead, so of course, it is not enough!" Su Yu said with a murderous flare.

The Book God sighed in disappointment. "With your wisdom, if we join hands, we can govern the entire Xing River. Why should we kill off one another?"

"Oh, Book God, you and I are clever enough. Don't use this kind of trick on me," Su Yu interrupted him. "You can't escape your death today! I will only give you two choices; the first one, I will imprison your soul and torture you forever! The second one, I will give you a swift death, but you have to answer one question."

The Book God did not hesitate to choose the second one, hoping to gain time.

"What's the question?" The Book God was looking around and seemed to be thinking about how to get out of this situation.

Su Yu said coldly, "I want to know all about your relationship with Yun Yazi!"

At the mansion of the Glittering Deity, Su Yu unexpectedly learned that Yun Yazi was actually a Book God!

So, what was the relationship between the Book God and Yun Yazi?

Chapter 1294: Underwater Ruins

"Is he here, in Xing River?" The Book God, who was thinking about his escape strategy, suddenly raised his head. He was rather shocked by this question.

Eh? Su Yu was confused. The Book God's response meant that Yun Yazi did not belong to the Xing River.

Might there an unknown world beyond the Xing River?

"So you surely know of his existence. What is your relationship with him?" Su Yu's eyes glowed coldly.

The Book God looked perturbed. His eyes darted right and left, and he was apparently still in shock to have heard about Yun Yazi.

Su Yu was even more suspicious, and his expression grew colder: "I'll search through your soul if you don't speak!"

The Tree Goddess flashed green, and two vines were drawn out to catch the Book God.

The Book God was shocked and wanted to avoid it, but alas, it was difficult to escape the Tree Goddess.

However, just as the Tree Goddess was reeling him in, suddenly, there was a loud noise under the Heaven Pool, and a ten-meter-high water wave appeared out of nowhere.

A black sweat hair pierced through the waves and caught the Book God, who was next to the Heaven Pool.

The Book God screamed and struggled. He tried to pull out the black hair probing out of the water as he moved.

The sudden scene and abrupt events made Su Yu stupefied. How could something come out from the Heaven Pool?

When he saw the black hair, Su Yu shouted, "Tree Goddess, hurry up and push the Book God in!!"

Was it not the hair of the Giant of the Bitter Sea? Ten thousand feet long, it was full of the corrosive atmosphere unique to the Giant!

However, the Giant of the Bitter Sea was in the Demon Realm and could not have suddenly appeared in the Heaven Pool.

The only explanation was that after the Demonic God of Six Paths fell into the depths of the Heaven Pool, he used the hair of the Giant of the Bitter Sea and stuck it out of the Heaven Pool. He intended to use it to grab the Book God.

There was no doubt that the Demonic God of Six Paths was attached to the hair!

Once the Book God pulled the hair up, the Demonic God of Six Paths would also be liberated!

Su Yu felt chills all over. He could not perform the Domain of Life again and it was impossible to find yet another Dead Soul Worm. It was even less likely to find another deity like the Purple-Eyed Demonic God who burned his Divine Path to save him.

If the Demonic God of Six Paths got out of the Heaven Pool, everyone would die and nobody could run away!

The Tree Goddess lingered for a moment. Upon realizing that the situation was bad, she immediately took the initiative and used the two vines that caught the Book God to push him into the Heaven Pool instead.

The sweat hair was being pulled whilst the vines were pushing it. The Book God was not at all useful in this situation.

"Wait! Don't do it yet, I..."

Splash!

The Book God was pushed into the Heaven Pool.

Immediately, the black hair loosened its grip on the Book God and tangled into the two vines of the Tree Goddess.

The Tree God immediately cut off those vines.

The sweat hair pulled hard, but could only get the two cut vines into the water.

Failing once again, the sweat hair's pulling force plummeted and it seemed unable to continue pulling.

However, at this moment, the hairs suddenly burst out of the Heaven Pool and stretched out, sweeping from one side of the Xing River to the other.

The Tree Goddess screamed. Using divine light that surged through her body, she grabbed Su Yu and was ready to teleport out of the area.

Alas, the sweat hair was too fast. Just as she was about to teleport, it caught and entangled Su Yu's feet.

The Tree Goddess immediately grabbed and pulled hard, but the hair gripped Su Yu's leg so powerfully that they couldn't break free.

At the same time, the sweat hair, using Su Yu as a lever point, climbed upwards at a frenzied speed.

The breath of the Demonic God of Six Paths was slowly but surely looming.

The Tree Goddess was so anxious that she tried to cut the Sweat Hair. Alas, no matter what she did, she couldn't break it at all.

Beneath the water, a dark red ominous body was about to climb up again along with the hair!

"It's too late! Let go!" Su Yu stared at the Tree Goddess, sighing softly.

The Tree Goddess's crystal eyes shone resolutely: "No, I can't let it go! If I let it go, you can never come back!"

"If you don't let it go, no one can come back," Su Yu was extremely calm facing this life and death situation. He extricated himself from the grasp of the Tree Goddess.

He had just released himself when almost immediately, he felt the infinite power drag him in.

Under the water, the dark red demon shadow that was about to surface issued a desperate roar: "Nooooo!."

Splash!

With Su Yu falling into Heaven Pool, the pulling power sucked him, the Demonic God of Six Paths, and the hair into it.

"No!" The Tree Goddess screamed and rushed over, but could only see ripples on the surface.

"Su Yu!" The Tree Goddess looked at the gradually calming ripples and murmured softly. Across her pretty face, there were two streaks of crystal clear tears.

Standing beside the Heaven Pool, she wept for a long time. One could sense her sadness and utter despair, but a sad smile soon appeared on her face: "You took me away from Jiuzhou. I will now follow you to the end of the world."

She decided that she would enter the Heaven Pool and follow Su Yu wherever he went.

Whoosh!

Right on time, someone arrived at the scene and intercepted her from acting foolishly.

"You are crazy!" The Sixth Princess rushed back to Heaven Pool to stop her crazy act.

The Tree Goddess said, "Su Yu had fallen into the Heaven Pool. I want to follow him."

The Sixth Princess was stunned. It was as if she was struck by lighting. He actually...

There was an inexplicable feeling in her heart. The Sixth Princess looked at Heaven Pool blankly, without saying a word.

Not long after that, the First Prince, the Sheng Deity, and the Second Princess rushed back to the spot as well.

They had heard that Su Yu fell into the Heaven Pool. They were all silent.

They originally thought that the Demonic God of Six Paths had been eliminated. Who would have thought that his vitality was so tenacious that he not only survived but also managed to drag Su Yu into the Heaven Pool?

"What should I do now?" The Second Princess yelled. Without Su Yu, their group felt lost.

The Tree Goddess said, "You should head to the Great Eastern Alliance. Ximen Jian and Glittering Deity are there, and you should be able to settle down there in peace. As for me, you don't need to care about me."

What she intended to do was well understood by everyone present.

The prince was silent for a long time, and his eyes flashed. "I don't think it's necessary to be so pessimistic. Think about it! The Demonic God of Six Paths hasn't died in the Heaven Pool after being in there for so long. So maybe Su Yu didn't die either?"

Hearing this, everyone cheered up. The hollowed eyes of the Tree Goddess were able to focus once more.

The Sixth Princess's hopes rose as well. "Yeah! Anyone might die if they fell into the Heaven Pool, but Su Yu is not an ordinary person. When he first came to the Demon World, he was a nonentity, but what happened? Not only did he succeed in leaving the Demon World, but he also managed to turn it World upside down!"

"Even in our Demon World, he could come and go freely. Maybe he can do so as well in the Heaven Pool?"

The Tree Goddess was now completely reassured. She said, "You are right, he will not die. He escaped twice from the Giant of the Bitter Sea, so what is a mere Heaven Pool to him?"

"Sheng Deity, you take them back to the Great Eastern Alliance, unite the two major alliances, gather all the Cavern Worlds across Xing River and complete his unfinished business for him!" the Tree Goddess said.

"What about you?" The Sixth Princess asked.

The Tree God smiled slightly. She looked at the waters of the Heaven Pool and her smile was soft as never before. "I will wait for him to come back. I will wait for a year, and if it is not enough, I will wait for ten years. If ten years are not enough, I will wait for a hundred years. After all, I have become accustomed to waiting."

The Sixth Princess felt a sense of pity and sympathized with how the Tree Goddess felt over losing someone dear.

She tried her best to hold back tears from welling up and reluctantly said, "Alright, let's go."

The Tree Goddess looked back at her and said, "I will wait for you as well."

"Thank you." The Sixth Princess bowed and teleported away in an instance. Only a crystalline teardrop was left behind, drifting across the river.

The First Prince sighed quietly: "The Sixth Princess is arrogant and stubborn. She never fell for anyone. However, if she did, it would be forever."

When the rest went away, the Tree Goddess sat cross-legged on the edge of Heaven Pool. She turned herself into a giant tree of this galaxy, standing quietly beside the pool.

Su Yu was pulled into Heaven Pool, and he took in a few sips of water.

The water in the Heaven Pool Lake was extremely cold. It quickly entered his body and froze it.

What rendered him even more helpless was that, under the water, there was a tremendous power. No matter how he resisted, he was mercilessly dragged down.

This dragging force continued for half a day. The Heaven Pool seemed to be a bottomless pit.

Half a day later, Su Yu saw a dark cave at the bottom of the pool. He saw that the sucking power was emitted from the cave.

The surroundings of the cave were smooth and there was no hiding place around it.

He decided that he should take some precautions. Su Yu transformed the power of the five elements into "gold" while protecting his body with divine power.

With that, he was then swallowed into the cave.

The tide rose and Su Yu was washed away by the rapid current. It took a while before it finally came to a halt.

When the water flow gradually eased, Su Yu opened his eyes and found himself in a deep underwater world.

There were ancient buildings everywhere, across the entire bottom of the sea. They were extremely archaic in style and eroded by water.

"What a huge ruined city!" Su Yu exclaimed. He estimated billions of square meters of land were covered in ruins.

At this moment, he saw a black shadow ahead, as if there was something swimming above him.

Su Yu was startled, but he was not willing to let his soul out to investigate. To think that something could go across the top of his head without him noticing!

Su Yu felt the slightest sense of danger and swam into a well-preserved ancient ruin.

Unlike flying through the air, moving through water was slower.

An even stranger thing was that the power of the five elements was not useful here. It seemed that the power of "water" within the ocean floor was too strong, causing the unevenness of the five elements. It was therefore very difficult to gather enough power of the five elements to complete the shift.

"How unlucky!" Su Yu secretly said to himself. It was really bad luck to be dragged by the Demonic God of Six Paths into this strange underwater world. However, he wasn't dead yet.

"Ahhh..." Suddenly, a faint voice reached his ears.

Eh? Su Yu was stunned, and he was on high alert. He turned and glanced around, but there was no one in the ruins.

However, Su Yu always believed in his intuition.

His eyes glowed white as Su Yu activated his all-encompassing eye, which penetrated through everything.

Suddenly, he saw something in the corner of the ruins. Two strange creatures came into view.

Those creatures were half-human and half-fish. Their upper body resembled that of a human, but they had scale-covered fishtails instead of legs.

Judging by their appearance, they were two women.

One looked to be in her early twenties, while the other was about fifteen or sixteen years old. They were both extremely beautiful.

This was especially true of the older girl. She had golden, soft and long hair. Her eyes were green like spring leaves, and she had beautiful and delicate features. Placed among human beings, she would be one of the most beautiful women.

The younger one was also good looking with fair skin, a slightly rounded face, and a pure complexion.

Each of them carried a small basket on her back. They hugged each other tightly as they looked at Su Yu in fear.

When that realized that Su Yu was looking at them, they froze in terror.

"You don't need to hide, I can see you," Su Yu calmly said.

Whoosh!

As soon as his voice sounded, the two mermaids swayed their tails and immediately left the area.

Su Yu smiled. With two fingers, a force of five elements condensed into a chain and flew out from him.

Soon, the chains returned with the two beautiful mermaids.

Chapter 1295: Ancient God Realm

The little mermaid was terrified, while the big mermaid stared at Su Yu coldly, blabbering away.

"Strange. It turns out to be a rare ancient divine language. This language has disappeared from Xing River many years ago," Su Yu thought, then responded in a choppy manner using the mermaid language. He learned various clan languages from Yun Yazi, including the lost languages that were also part of the extensive syllabus.

The big mermaid was taken aback. She did not expect Su Yu to be able to speak their language. "Kill us! We will not submit to you."

Su Yu touched his chin. "Do I have the words 'I'm a bad guy' written on my face or do I simply look like one?"

Su Yu actually looked very handsome and intelligent, but the frightened mermaids couldn't be expected to notice that.

"There is no need to pretend! You were sent by the Yaksha clan to catch us and force us to get married, right? We swore to rather die!" the big mermaid said firmly.

Su Yu shook his head. "What is the Yaksha clan? Not that I really care. What exactly is this place?" The two mermaids stared at each other with suspicious expressions.

The little mermaid said, "Sister, he doesn't seem to be from the Yaksha clan. He actually looks a little bit better than the Yaksha."

Su Yu's face fell. "Although I don't know what the Yaksha look like, I cannot help but feel deeply insulted."

"Don't bully her, come at me instead!" The big mermaid squared her shoulders and threw out her plump chest. She looked straight at Su Yu and said, "These are the territorial waters of the mermaid clan."

"I'm asking about the whole place."

The big mermaid was stunned. "The whole place...you mean the Empire of Darkness?"

"I mean all of it. Basically, what do you call this world?"

The big mermaid was astonished. "Why do you ask this? This world is the Ancient God Realm."

What?

Su Yu's heart trembled and his divine power went out of control. The Strength of Five Elements became disorderly, causing water to form in his mouth, nearly making him choke.

Barely managing to stabilize his turbulent state of mind, Su Yu said, "What did you say this place was called again?"

The big mermaid gave him a baffling look. "What a strange man you are! Have you never heard of the Ancient God Realm?"

Whoosh...

Su Yu took a long deep breath!

This place was... the Ancient God Realm!

The legendary Ancient God Realm that the Xing River Overlords, the Divine Warriors of Heaven and Earth inhabited?

Under the Heavenly Pond, there was hidden an ancient civilization that had been lost for eons!

Shell-shocked, Su Yu managed to calm down after some time.

Staring at the two mermaids in front of him, Su Yu said, "Don't be afraid, I didn't come to hurt you, I just arrived here by accident and wanted to gather some information."

As he explained, he released them from the Chain of Five Elements.

After exchanging a few words, the mermaids realized that Su Yu had no malicious intentions towards them.

The little mermaid hid behind the big mermaid and stuck out her head. "Actually, my sister and I are not hiding from you."

"Oh? If you are not hiding here from me, then who are you hiding from?" Su Yu inquired.

"The Nine-headed Alien Deity." The big mermaid's eyes were suddenly filled with fear.

Su Yu recalled that a huge mysterious shadow had flashed over his head just a moment ago and his heart trembled.

At the moment, there were no deities by his side to support him. If he encountered any ordinary deities, Su Yu could still hold his own.

But what was an Alien Deity?

Suddenly, there was a trace of movement outside the ruins.

The expressions of the two mermaids changed dramatically and the elder one said, "This is not good. It's the tomb guard spirit! Leave now!"

She grabbed the little mermaid's hand and prepared to flee.

Before going, she looked back at Su Yu and said hesitantly, "You don't seem to be familiar with this place. Come with us and we will take you to a safe place."

Tomb guard spirit? What was that?

In the end, Su Yu decided to go with them.

The mermaids could move extremely fast in the water. Very soon, Su Yu was lagging far behind them.

Exasperated, Su Yu transformed all the Strength of Five Elements into the power of water, shrouded his body with it and created currents that propelled him through the water.

His speed spiked sharply, allowing him to catch up with the mermaids in an instant.

The little mermaid who was in the arms of the big mermaid opened her mouth wide in astonishment and exclaimed, "Oh my god, what kind of species are you? How can you swim so fast?"

Su Yu's forehead twitched. The words that came out from the little mermaid's mouth seemed to tick him off constantly.

"Stop talking, the tomb guard spirit has extremely keen hearing!" the older mermaid said in a low voice.

Su Yu fled with them through the underwater ruins. Within a day, they actually covered the distance of the whole cavern world.

Su Yu was surprised to see that the ruins were not severed at any point along the way.

It was obvious that this place was extremely prosperous in the past.

"We are almost there!" the big mermaid said.

Su Yu looked into the distance and faintly saw a dark object standing obliquely in the water.

The size of the object was simply staggering. It was one-tenth the size of a Cavern World!

Upon getting closer, it became clear that it was a giant sunken ship.

The whole ship was dark and gave off a strong sense of oppression.

On the hull, a series of extremely complicated spell symbols were outlined. Each of those ancient symbols was deemed lost within the Xing River!

On each side of the giant ship, there were several dark holes, and inside each of them stood an extremely large cannon.

The giant cannons looked old-fashioned and were shaped like dragon heads. They were really majestic and awe-inspiring.

Su Yu stared directly at the huge cannon and felt chills down his spine. He asked, "What is this?"

"The Heavenly Sacred Ship. Haven't you seen it before?" the big mermaid replied.

Heavenly Sacred Ship... was this something that only existed in the Ancient God Realm?

"Can't believe that you don't even know that," the little mermaid sniggered.

Pssh...

At this moment, a stream of water stirred from behind.

The big mermaid's face changed. "Something is catching up with us! It must be the tomb guard spirit!"

Su Yu frowned. "Not one, but thousands of them," He corrected

In terms of perception, Su Yu was far superior to the mermaids.

"Can you tell me what this tomb guard spirit you are talking about is?" Su Yu asked. After running for so long, he did not encounter any such spirit yet.

The big mermaid was shocked at the lack of common knowledge that Su Yu displayed and said, "The tomb guard spirit was born from the ancient tomb of the Divine Warriors of Heaven and Earth. Wherever the tomb of the Divine Warriors of Heavens and Earth resides, there is bound to be a tomb guard spirit! They are truly terrifying and savage beings. After leaving the ancient tomb, they will move around the Ancient God Realm in packs and eat any live spirit they see."

"What does it look like?" Su Yu asked, having recollected something familiar about it.

"They all look different," The little mermaid made an exaggerated gesture. "They are hideous and only look a little bit better than Yaksha."

Su Yu glared at her. Just now, she had described his own appearance in a similar manner.

However, Su Yu had heard something like this before and his mind was beginning to form a picture.

"This is not good! We can't escape!" The big mermaid noticed the rapid changes in the current, and her heart sank.

She turned her head, looked at Su Yu and gritted her teeth while thrusting the little mermaid into his arms. "You swim faster than me, please take my sister while I hold back the tomb guard spirits!"

The little mermaid moved her tail, turned back and said, "No, sister, there is no way you can hold them back! Even Brother Ba Yi would be swallowed up immediately."

"There is no other way! Either you two leave, or none of us can leave!" the big mermaid yelled.

At this moment, Su Yu put an arm around the waist of each mermaid and said, "Shall we escape together then?"

The big mermaid blushed, apparently uncomfortable with such familiarity. However, the situation was desperate and she said hurriedly, "You can't possibly escape with both of us."

Su Yu shrugged, grabbed one of them in each hand, and swam away quickly.

The giant ship seemed far and would take about two hours to reach.

After an hour, the tomb guard spirits finally caught up with them. There was a dark mass behind them, and the endless brutality and despair could be felt across the distance.

Su Yu was startled. "It really is as you described!" he gasped.

The mermaids' faces were full of despair and hopelessness!

The big mermaid became resentful, "I already told you that if you take me, you and my sister will not be able to escape...Hey, what are you doing, why did you stop?"

Su Yu put the two of them down and said, "You said it yourself; if we can't escape then what is the point of doing so?"

"You..." The big mermaid was angry at his carefree tone, but once she thought about it, what was the difference between fleeing or not?

"Both of you wait here for a little while, and I will come back as soon as I can!" Su Yu said, turned back and took off in a flash!

"Ah! You're crazy!" both of the mermaids were shocked.

Poof!

However, shortly after, a sea of blood exploded from the dark presences of the tomb guard spirits behind them.

Thousands of tomb guard spirits were killed almost instantly.

Boundless fresh blood and shredded meat moved along the turbulent water and appeared in front of the mermaids.

The heads from the corpses showed up in front of them, their ferociousness gone.

"Okay, all cleaned up." Suddenly, a person walked out of the sea of blood with a relaxed look and smiled lightly. "It turns out that the tomb guard spirits are wild beasts, but it is not too far off from what I expected."

The tomb guard spirits, ferocious and devouring everything within their sight, moved in large packs and were very similar to the wild beasts residing in Xing River.

The problem was that these beasts were born from the tombs of the Divine Warriors of Heaven and Earth.

In that case, where did the wild beasts in Xing River come from? Were they from the Tombs of the Divine Warriors of Heaven and Earth too?

The mermaids were stunned and stared at Su Yu as if he were a monster.

As the bloody water slowly swept across them, the big mermaid stuttered, "You... you killed them all?"

Su Yu replied, "Not really."

The big mermaid was stupefied. How could it be possible that this stranger killed thousands of tomb guard spirits? Where did so much blood come from then?

"About two or three of them managed to get away," Su Yu continued.

The big mermaid's jaw fell.

The little mermaid took a deep breath and said in astonishment, "You killed them all? Even Brother Ba Yi could not have done that!"

"Alright, come on, let's go." Su Yu said, but as soon as he moved, he suddenly stopped in his tracks and looked back. He frowned deeply and said, "This is really troublesome. There are still some of them left!"

The mermaids managed to calm down and said, "Can you kill them?"

Su Yu shook his head. "I used to be able to kill them at will, but now it's a bit tricky."

The mermaids were puzzled. He was so fearsome just a moment ago, but unable to kill the next instance?

"Come on, I don't want to battle head-on with the God-level tomb guard spirits for the time being," Su Yu said faintly, grabbed the two mermaids again and flew towards the giant ship.

What? God-level tomb guard spirits? Both mermaids were petrified again.

Chapter 1296: Saving Your Life

Concentrating hard, the big mermaid tried subconsciously to perceive divine energy behind her.

However, she could not feel the slightest presence of a god and couldn't help but wonder. "Where are these God-level tomb guard spirits?", she muttered. "Su Yu is acting so calm, I bet he deliberately exaggerated."

After a long time, the so-called God-level tomb guard spirits still did not appear.

They were getting very close to the giant ship and could sense the presence of the mermaid clan.

The big mermaid heaved a sigh of relief. Confident that she was right, she half-smiled, "Where are the God-level tomb guard spirits you were talking about?"

Su Yu shrugged, "They have always been around us."

"Why can't we see them?" The big mermaid's half-smile slowly disappeared as she asked herself, "If the God-level tomb guard spirits were really here, how could he be so calm?"

Su Yu said, "It is normal that you can't pick up their presence."

Su Yu carried two Celestial Energy Spheres endowed with divine powers. Hence, his sensitivity to the presence of other divine beings would be magnified.

The big mermaid belonged to the category of a Level Four Mortal Fairy which was miles away from being a Prospective Deity.

She shook her head and smiled. "Well, even if I am not aware of them, today you saved my sister and I. The mermaid clan will give thanks to you."

Without Su Yu's help, the sisters could not possibly escape from thousands of tomb guard spirits.

"I didn't save you for any reward. Say no more. Let us proceed to the giant ship!" Su Yu said, as his eyes flashed with light.

After an hour, they finally arrived at the giant ship.

The ship was half the size of the cavern world. Close up, it was impossible to take in its full appearance. Only a dark wall could be seen extending to the depths of the sky.

Upon closer inspection, the surface of the battleship appeared to be lined with buildings and undulating hills.

It looked like the ship was part of the cavern world itself.

Su Yu's eyes widened. The entire cavern world was built into a warship. Such an extraordinary method of construction was unheard of at Xing River.

Looking at the battleship, it was apparent how prosperous it must have been during the time of the Ancient God Realm.

There was a faint red-colored barrier layer over the surface of the entire ship.

Su Yu inspected it briefly and was taken aback. The strength of the barrier was tougher than anything in the cavern world of Xing River. Even the barriers of the demon realm could not match up to this.

It was so strong that any ordinary deity, even the Demonic God of Six Paths, could do nothing to penetrate it.

Other than the Giant of the Bitter Sea, no one in Xing River would have any chance of breaking through.

Furthermore, this was just a remnant of the barrier that had previously existed on the giant ship.

Back then, the complete barrier must have been awe-inspiring in strength.

Su Yu had the feeling of suddenly entering the prosperous civilization period from the primitive society of the Stone Age.

"The Ancient God Realm, exactly what kind of era was it?" Su Yu could not help but murmur.

After hearing what Su Yu said, the big mermaid nodded her head. "Yes, we often wonder how such a prosperous era could have been destroyed overnight! And that a broken warship could shelter our mermaid clan for billions of years. How must the Ancient God Realm have looked at its peak?"

The little mermaid pouted and said, "The book says, that it was an era of divine warriors, entire generations of Divine Warriors of Heaven and Earth were born. They opened up the world and created the legendary Gold, Silver, and Bronze Clans. Sadly, the three legendary clans are no more. However, there are still a few survivors of the Bronze race. The Gold race, Silver race, and the Divine Warriors of Heaven and Earth all fell together. Since then, for billions of years, no new Divine Warrior of Heaven and Earth has been born."

As the three of them became nostalgic, they moved towards the barrier.

There was an entrance that could only be opened from the inside.

If there was no response, even if the Demonic God of Six Paths came, he could be trapped.

The big mermaid sacrificed a drop of her blood onto a jade plate placed at the entrance.

The droplet was absorbed and caused some kind of induction effect. Soon, an excited voice could be heard from the inside, "The two princesses have returned!"

Princesses? Su Yu was taken aback and re-examined both of them.

The big mermaid said with a tinge of pride in her voice, "Are you surprised? My sister and I are actually princesses of the mermaid clan."

"Whether you are princesses or not, what does it have to do with me?" Su Yu smiled. The mermaids had not revealed their identities for safety reasons, in case Su Yu harbored evil thoughts.

The big mermaid frowned, "You are so cold and unemotional!"

Buzz...

There was a slight squeak and the entrance opened halfway revealing another barrier behind it.

Both sides were now able to see each other.

Inside was a mermaid squad, each holding a quaintly styled halberd.

There were both men and women. The women were outstandingly beautiful and graceful, and the men were handsome and spirited.

At the head of the squad was a merman. His huge fishtail was triple colored, his body was majestic and strong while his features were handsome and his eyes had the sharpness of a hawk.

He had a most imposing aura that matched those of the middle stage prospective deities.

His manner appeared arrogant, but he was civil towards the two mermaids, "Bai Yi welcomes the two princesses back to the clan."

The little mermaid glanced at the big mermaid, and said with a smile, "Sister, your elder brother Bai Yi came to pick you up in person."

Unmoved, the big mermaid said, "Open the door! I want to see the mermaid king immediately."

Ba Yi bowed his head and nodded. He took a head-sized key from his neck and penetrated it into the barrier.

Click Cluck Clank-

A series of strange sounds were heard. It seemed that some internal mechanism of the giant ship had been activated and the countless gear transmissions turned one after another.

Then, the huge plates of the hull moved and slotted together, and the entire surface of the giant ship became active, emitting an eclectic mix of loud noises.

The majestic grandeur was like science fiction.

Finally, with a loud bang, there appeared a door in the barrier that only one person could pass through at any one time.

The big mermaid took the arm of her sister and they went in.

However, as they entered, a five-colored light suddenly flashed in front of them.

The big mermaid was startled and saw that Su Yu was standing calmly at the entrance with his hands behind his back, looking at her nonchalantly.

"What are you doing?" asked the big mermaid.

Su Yu said, "Since I'm here, let me help you uncover a sinister plot. You can go in, but it would be better to let go of that little mermaid in your arms."

The big mermaid became irritated, "What are you talking about?"

"Oh, I am merely making a suggestion. However, if you have no problem letting a God-level tomb guard spirit into your mermaid clan, then you can ignore what I said and go ahead with whatever you wanted to do," Su Yu said lightly.

The mermaids inside the barrier were taken aback. "A God-level tomb guard spirit?"

"Warrior Ba Yi, close the entrance immediately!" The other mermaids hurried him after hearing Su Yu.

Ba Yi shouted in a cool-headed manner, "Everyone, calm down! He is an outsider, how can you believe this nonsense? Follow me out right now and kill this person."

The big mermaid held the little mermaid tightly, and with a sweep of her tail, she suddenly stopped and stared at Su Yu. "Who are you?", she said coldly. "What exactly is your motive for being here?"

In terms of his identity and what had just transpired, Su Yu was a very suspicious figure indeed.

Now, in saying her sister was a God-level tomb guard spirit, it made her even more suspicious of Su Yu's identity.

Su Yu was amused, "Seriously... if I hadn't wanted to gather useful information from your mermaid clan, I would have simply stood by and watched you fools destroy yourselves. It would have cost me nothing."

The big mermaid was disturbed but thought hard about it. What good would it do him by slandering her sister as a God-level tomb guard spirit?

There must be easier ways to cause trouble for the mermaid clan.

Looking at the aggrieved sister in her arms, the big mermaid said, "Can you provide any evidence to back up your claim?"

"Evidence? It's very simple," Su Yu stared coldly at the little mermaid. "I've been wondering how the tomb guard spirits caught up with us!"

"Why is that so strange?", the big mermaid said. "The tomb guard spirits are not only sensitive to sound but also to smell. Even if they are hundreds or thousands of miles

away, they could still sense our presence. So is it surprising that they eventually caught up with us?"

Su Yu smiled, "What if I told you, I had secretly wiped out any trace of us?"

A silver glow emerged from his palm.

To be rid of the tomb guard spirits Su Yu had irradiated all trace of them as they moved.

Hence, it was simply impossible for the tomb guard spirits to track them.

However, the tomb guard spirits had found their way to them, even in the vast underworld.

The only explanation was that someone amongst them had guided the spirits to them.

As that person could not be Su Yu, it could only have been one of the mermaid sisters.

"One of you two sisters must be a God-level tomb guard spirit, so I deliberately set up a trap by telling you that God-level tomb guard spirits were following us, and I secretly observed both your reactions." Su Yu stared at the little mermaid and said coldly, "When I said that the God-level tomb guard spirit had caught up with us, do you remember how you reacted?"

The big mermaid froze. She realized that her usually timid sister had not said a word, nor uttered a sound.

"Exactly! She did nothing", said Su Yu. "The normal reaction would have been for her to keep looking over her shoulder, but she did not do so. So what does that tell you?"

Hearing this, the big mermaid's face changed, and she gradually let go of the little mermaid, slowly backing away, saying, "Hai Luo...you!"

The little mermaid lowered her head, and her usual bright voice turned into a monster-like snarl.

She suddenly raised her head, and her lovely little face became savage.

Roar-

With a growl, the little mermaid exuded an imposing aura. Her petite body was fluttering with light and instantly broke through the group of mermaids that were poised to capture Su Yu. Suddenly, she dived straight into the depths of the fleet.

Boom-

However, just before she managed to penetrate the mermaid clan, a hill suddenly appeared from above and flew towards her body.

The little mermaid looked up, panicked and hurriedly retreated.

She barely avoided suppression by the five-colored divine light. She somersaulted and dodged to the side. As she was about to try and break into the battleship again, she discovered the entrance was blocked by the hill.

Her instincts told her that the hill was extremely dangerous and seemingly untouchable.

Whoosh-

The little mermaid turned abruptly, stared at Su Yu in anger and made a horrifying sound with her mouth.

Su Yu folded his arms. With a stern expression, he said with a cold piercing look, "If I were you, I would get out of here. You should know that my body is stained with the blood of your fellow spirits."

Chapter 1297: Utmost Respect

Pssssh-

Su Yu snapped opened his fingers to reveal an ancient scripture glowing with the light of Star River.

In the past, there were no less than ten God-level wild beasts captured within. The remaining presence of God-level wild beasts was unparalleled.

Sure enough, although the little mermaid growled profusely and wanted to kill Su Yu, she was extremely frightened once she saw what was in his hand.

Indeed, she sensed the bloodlust from this human species. Not only the blood of fellow God-level tomb guard spirits but the blood of many other deities.

Her intuition told her that this human standing in front of her was extremely dangerous!

Rawrrr-

After letting out a roar, the little mermaid's brows suddenly slit open and a blood-red, threadlike worm flew out and quickly disappeared into the vast underwater.

The little mermaid became limp and fell unconscious.

Ba Yi stepped forward to catch her but was beaten to it by a five-colored light that lifted her gently.

Su Yu's pupils became white as he inspected every inch of the little mermaid's body and sneered, "Sure enough, it still refuses to give up its evil designs!"

Pssh ——

Su Yu's right palm was emanating starlight and he pressed it against her chest.

The mermaids' faces were a little bewildered after witnessing such a scene.

Ba Yi shouted sullenly, "You! How dare you touch the princess's body?"

Ba Yi reached out to attack Su Yu, but was blocked by the big mermaid, "Stop, Ba Yi!"

The big mermaid approached and stared at Su Yu's palm. Although his palm was indeed at a place that he should not be touching, anyone who still suspected that Su Yu intended any harm would be very foolish.

Sure enough, the silver light in Su Yu's palm slowly drew a faint blood-red line from the little mermaid's chest. All the while, it was twisting and turning in a futile attempt to resist.

"Is that...the God-level tomb guard spirit's divine clone?" the big mermaid's face stiffened as she recognized what it was.

The God-level tomb guard spirit was insidious!

However, when she turned to look at Su Yu, her eyes were filled with astonishment.

Su Yu had previously said that he could kill the tomb guard spirits with ease, but she was not convinced.

However, judging by what had just happened, she was willing to take his word for it.

He had managed to scare the God-level tomb guard spirit away right in front of her own eyes!

She did not believe that the fearsome tomb guard spirit could be so easily intimidated. Su Yu must have had some special power to make it so uncomfortable.

With a clench of his fist, Su Yu crushed the divine clone and handed the little mermaid over to her sister. He then shook his sleeves, recovered the Five Elements Mountain that was blocking the entrance, and entered the ship leisurely with his hands placed behind his back.

Ba Yi's expression was cold, he shouted, "Stop! Who allows you to enter without permission!"

The big mermaid was livid. After he had saved both the mermaid sisters not once but twice, and prevented a catastrophe in the mermaid clan, how could her brother treat their benefactor with such disrespect?

"Shut up Ba Yi!" the big mermaid scolded.

Ba Yi said, "But he..."

"I told you to shut up!" the big mermaid said with a stern expression.

Ba Yi clenched his fists tightly and his cheek muscles twitched a few times before he eventually backed away and kept silent.

He continued to stare at Su Yu, but this time with brewing resentment.

Su Yu looked back at him, and a little upward curl could be seen at the corner of his mouth.

The interior of the battleship was completely different. It was a place of exceptional charm and beauty. There was a host of complex gadgets and huge bulky machinery densely packed inside the giant ship.

Unfortunately, most of them were damaged. Only a small proportion remained in operation. The barrier that was protecting the battleship was one of those that were still working.

Su Yu relished the opportunity to acutely observe this ancient civilization that had been lost for billions of years.

What remained in the battleship was far in advance of anything that Star River had to offer.

In its full glory, the battleship would be equivalent to the whole of the Western Alliance!

Furthermore, Su Yu had not taken into account the thing that he was most interested in, the artillery.

When he discovered the towering giant cannons, Su Yu was disappointed to find that all of the interiors were destroyed. They were no longer in operation, no one could use them, or even copy them.

"Sir, I apologize for Ba Yi's rudeness." The big mermaid appeared from behind and bowed apologetically.

Unmoved, Su Yu did not bother to take his eyes off what he was doing.

The big mermaid assumed Su Yu was still angry and continued, "Ba Yi is usually very smart and capable, but...maybe because my sister and I seem very close to you he got jealous..."

"So a smart and capable person cannot evaluate the situation?" Su Yu turned around and said lightly, "As the gatekeeper, he ignored his subordinates' advice to close the entrance to ensure the safety of the entire mermaid clan. Instead, he led them out to fight without grasping the situation fully. Your Royal Highness, why do you imagine he qualifies for such an important position?"

The big mermaid was slow to understand. "Do you mean..."

Su Yu shook his head, "This is internal politics within the mermaid clan, I will not meddle, but for my safety, let me make a suggestion. Judging by his performance just now, he cannot be a capable gatekeeper. He has some personal issues and I advise you to replace him as soon as possible. The sooner the better! "

"That would be..." the big mermaid hesitated. Su Yu's words were logical, and thinking about it further, she had to admit that Ba Yi's conduct was a disappointment.

"Send down my orders! Ba Yi is commanded to hand over the entrance key to me and reflect behind closed doors!"

Shortly, a group of mermaids brought her the key.

"Ah, I see that you hold quite prestigious status here in the Mermaid Clan." Su Yu looked at her.

For some reason, the big mermaid felt overwhelmed by Su Yu, as if she was dealing with a man of great importance.

"You can call me Luzhu.", the big mermaid said as her expression turned grave, "If I may ask, when did you find out that my sister was possessed by the God-level tomb guard spirit?"

Su Yu examined his surroundings and then said, "I noticed it when I first met the two of you."

Once he had cast his perspective vision, Su Yu had noticed something peculiar about the body of the little mermaid. As the other party was well hidden, he had decided to wait and see.

"Since the beginning...so, my sister was already long possessed by the God-level tomb guard spirit!" Luzhu said with surprise.

"No wonder we met so many tomb guard spirits there, all of it is beginning to make sense now!" Luzhu murmured.

"There are very few tomb guard spirits in those water territories. I wondered why there were so many appearing at once, the reason was that there was a God-level tomb guard spirit nearby!" Luzhu murmured. After some thought, the big mermaid's eyes began to sparkle as the truth gradually dawned on her.

"Perhaps you are right, we do appear to have some problems within the mermaid clan. Is it a coincidence that the moment we two princesses left, we encountered a large number of tomb guard spirits that were trying to hunt us down? Come to think about it, someone must have divulged our whereabouts. The fact that my sister was possessed must be the work of the same mastermind that is pulling the strings behind the scenes, but who could it be?"

Su Yu said lightly, "It's very simple. If you look at what is happening with your clan today, you can already guess who is responsible"

"If I'm not mistaken, the mermaid clan has recently had a serious power struggle, and you are a very promising candidate for that power."

Luzhu stared with her eyes wide open and said, "Who told you that?"

Su Yu was a man who had more than just common sense. But how could he know about the mermaid clan's secret power struggle? Even the ordinary mermaids were not aware of it.

Since Su Yu arrived, he had not spoken to the rest of the mermaids. So how could he know?

"It wasn't hard to deduce that from your actions. It would be unusual for a princess to so easily change the guardian of an important location on the battleship. This is something that would not ordinarily happen unless you had taken over power from the supreme leader. But from how they address you, you are still a princess. The power you wield has not yet been legitimized, and so this will inevitably lead to a power struggle."

"Let me guess, the supreme leader is either recently dead or seriously ill? Those are the scenarios where it would be highly likely for a power struggle to ensue."

Luzhu was stunned and it took her a long time to catch her breath. She stared at Su Yu and her eyes were brimming with admiration. "You are amazing! You have been able to grasp the whole picture through my actions!"

She was overwhelmed by Su Yu's brilliance. If she had not seen it with her own eyes, she would never have believed that there could exist such an intelligent and admirable spirit in this world.

"As you say, the supreme leader is now seriously ill and he is also my father. He handed power to me before he fell into a coma. In the end, out of the three generals that served under him only one of them is supportive, the other two have soldiers under them and are prideful. They did not pay me much heed and I suspect they intend to compete for the position of the mermaid king."

Su Yu listened in silence.

Luzhu asked tentatively, "Sir, if I may ask your opinion, between the two of them, which one is most likely to be the mastermind of the conspiracy?"

"Them?" Su Yu smiled and his eyes sparkled, "I think you should beware of the general that you claimed to help you so much."

Luzhu disagreed, "Sir, General Blackfish helps me sincerely from the bottom of his heart. Without him, I would not be able to make it through the day. It would be impossible for him to be the conspirator!"

Su Yu smiled, "Look, even you think that he could not be the murderer, let alone anyone else!" "What do you mean?"

"It's very simple! If you die, who will be the first beneficiary? Of course, it will be the two generals who are prideful and lead an army. They will undoubtedly become the prime suspects! Then, the most unlikely conspirator, General Blackfish, comes and swears revenge for you and your sister. Who do you think the mermaid clan will favor? The traitors that they suspect of killing the royal family, or the loyal Blackfish general?"

Luzhu had never even considered this possibility.

"But, but he has always helped me defend against the other two disloyal generals!"

"Oh, if he allowed you sisters, to be defeated, wouldn't the power go to those two generals? So, naturally he must support you against the other two generals! Then, you would no longer be of any use to him. As soon as you two are dead, he would get the support of the mermaid clan".

Luzhu was once again dealt a heavy blow, her senses were now in complete disarray.

Although what Su Yu said was all just speculation, every sentence was incisive and logical. It was as if Su Yu was a higher level being that could see and analyze everything.

"Well, that's all for now, it is up to you to choose how you handle this matter. I am not interested in what is happening within the mermaid clan, I am only here to find out some information."

Luzhu snapped back into her senses and her attitude towards Su Yu became more respectful, as if worshipping a god.

"Please tell me what you need, the mermaid clan will assist you as much as we can."

Su Yu nodded, "Well, I have two things to investigate. First, how do I leave the Ancient God Realm? Second, I wish to collate all the information about advanced weapons in the Ancient God Realm."

He could not stay in the Ancient God Realm for too long, the Xing River battle was ongoing and he needed to return.

He would have the ability to turn the tide if he could only bring back those weapons, that were lost for billions of years, from the Ancient God Realm to fight against the demons.

Chapter 1298: Imperial Sacred Faction

"Leave the ancient god realm?" Lüzhu was stupefied. "What are you saying, young lord? I don't understand."

Su Yu was silent for a moment. Hesitantly, he answered. "It means head for the world beyond the ancient god realm."

"There is a world beyond the ancient god realm?" Lüzhu questioned in return.

Su Yu was pensive for a moment, he realized that he had been a little impetuous.

Back when he was in the galaxy, had he ever thought about the existence of the ancient god realm within the galaxy?

"I'll rephrase my question. Where did we first meet?" Su Yu asked. It was that endlessly profound passageway, very likely the only passage between the ancient god realm and the galaxy.

Lüzhu was surprised. "You mean there? It is known as the Endless Origin. Every second, a neverending stream of the heavenly rivers' water flows into it. That's why it is named the Endless Origin."

The Endless Origin... Indeed, the waters of the galaxy continuously flow into the Heaven Pool.

Su Yu's eyes glittered. "Has anyone ever succeeded in passing through the Endless Origin?"

Lüzhu turned solemn. "Never! Not one! Since the recorded history of the ancient god realm began, countless Imperial Sacred Factions have attempted to explore the end of the Endless Origin. Not a single soul succeeded!"

Su Yu was thoughtful. "What are the so-called Imperial Sacred Factions? How powerful are they?"

Lüzhu had a look of reverence in her eyes. "The Imperial Sacred Factions are the descendants of the imperial rulers of the world billions of years ago."

"Although the ancient imperial rulers have perished, the descendants of their bloodlines still exist, managing everything in the ancient god realm. They are the supreme rulers."

"Every Sacred Faction consists of strong men from the Sacred Master level. I can't tell exactly their strength, but they are extremely powerful. In their hands, the divine-level tomb-guarding spirits could perish in a single breath."

Finishing off divine-level wild beasts in a breath? Su Yu was stunned. Within the galaxy, there were many deities who could kill divine-level wild beasts. At least the top twenty deities of the Great Eastern Alliance had such strength.

However, killing them in one breath made them entities far beyond the ordinary deities. Such individuals did not exist in the Great Alliances.

In comparison, their strength was almost on par with the Demonic God of Six Paths.

Could it be possible that all the descendants of the world's imperial rulers were that powerful and intrepid?

Besides, Lüzhu's tone implied that there was more than one such Sacred Faction.

If entities like them had not succeeded in traversing the Endless Origin in the past billions of years, it seemed like an impossible challenge for Su Yu to return.

"What was the cause of their failure?"

Lüzhu thought for a moment, and replied, "Because there is a Nine-headed Mutant God living in the Endless Origin, that has been there for a billion years."

"Anyone who gets near it has only a slim chance of getting out alive. Legend has it that it was the spiritual pet of a world's imperial ruler of the past, nestling in the Endless Origin."

"Once you alarm it, even if you're a Faction Master of the Imperial Sacred Faction, you will not survive!"

Su Yu was shocked. As he recalled the humongous black shadow that flashed past above his head, he couldn't help but shudder inside.

That, was probably the Nine-headed Mutant God.

Even an entity like the Demonic God of Six Paths was easily devoured by the Nine-headed Mutant God. How powerful could the Nine-headed Mutant God be?

The reason he got to live was probably because in the eyes of the Nine-headed Mutant God, he was insignificant, and therefore it did not bother with him.

"Besides, there's another crucial reason for their failure. A paramount Power of Rules exists in the Endless Origin. Anyone attempting to travel against the water flow would be suppressed by the Power of Rules, making them unable to go against the tide."

Su Yu thought of the unknown sucking force he felt in the water, it was irresistible indeed.

Even a powerful individual like the Demonic God of Six Paths would have to rely upon the Giant of the Bitter Sea to painstakingly crawl out of it.

As he reflected on that, Su Yu was downhearted. It was more trouble than he had imagined, Returning to the galaxy was full of challenges, or perhaps impossible.

"However, it is said that during that expedition, the four great Imperial Sacred Factions joined forces, and succeeded in penetrating the Endless Origin with a force."

"Unfortunately before they received any response, they were detected by the Nineheaded Mutant God, which hurried over and engulfed all the Faction Masters of the Imperial Sacred Faction." "What?" Su Yu couldn't but recall what he had read about the Heaven Pool in the Alliance Master's mansion.

Many years ago, a terrifying beam of light was emitted from under the Heaven Pool. It penetrated the galaxy, devastating the Demonic Dimension, and severely injuring the Giant of the Bitter Sea.

Could it be the force unleashed by the Imperial Sacred Faction?

If that was the case, penetrating the Endless Origin with the help of this force seemed to be a viable solution!

"What exactly was the force? Are you certain about that?"

Lüzhu shook her head. "That was a by-gone era, our mermaid tribe keeps no detailed records. It is passed on by word of mouth."

"However, the Mermaid Emperor believed that it could be replicated by the four great Imperial Sacred Factions based on a lost weapon from the ancient times, the World Annihilation Plate."

Su Yu was moved. A weapon passed down from the time of the ancient god realm?

"What is the World Annihilation Plate?"

Lüzhu explained. "From the limited sources we have, it is known that it was the treasure of the greatest emperor of the world, the World Annihilation Emperor."

"It is the fifth-ranking Emperor-based Saint Artifact, which possesses the naturedefying strength to break the rules of the universe!"

Upon hearing that, Su Yu's pupils shrank forcefully and he inhaled a cold sharp breath. "The fifth-ranking Emperor-based Saint Artifact?"

The Milky Way Star Sand was only ranked 21st and yet it already possessed nature-defying abilities. Just how horrifying would a fifth-ranking artifact be?

The Demonic Dimension had been penetrated and the Giant of the Bitter Sea injured, yet it was only a replica. The power of the real one would be phenomenal.

By seizing control of such a force, would he be able to break through the restraints of the universal laws, negotiate past the Endless Origin with its help, and return to the galaxy?

"Where is the replica of the World Annihilation Plate now?" Su Yu had a hopeful gleam in his eyes.

"In the belly of the Nine-headed Mutant God," Lüzhu replied, "When the Faction Masters of the four great Imperial Sacred Factions were devoured, the World Annihilation Plate went missing. It must have been swallowed into the belly of the Nine-headed Mutant God as well."

It was like a pail of cold water had been poured over Su Yu when he heard that.

Even entities like the Demonic God of Six Paths were devoured by the Nine-headed Mutant God in one gulp, how was it possible to retrieve the World Annihilation Plate from its belly?

"Has the blueprint for creating the World Annihilation Plate been passed down?" Su Yu asked eagerly. Since the four great Imperial Sacred Factions managed to replicated it, the method of building it must have been handed down.

"I don't know about that, our mermaid tribe only makes up a very small portion, how can we possibly get to know the affairs of the Imperial Sacred Faction?"

Su Yu did not give up. "Do the four great Imperial Sacred Factions still exist?"

"They no longer do. When the four great Faction Masters were devoured, 90 percent of the masters and experts of their organization also perished."

"Very soon, they all met their downfall or were merged into other bludgeoning Imperial Sacred Factions. For millions of years, they have been thoroughly eradicated from the world."

Disappointment flashed across Su Yu's eyes.

"However, it is said that some people of the four great Imperial Sacred Factions during that time still exist in the world, but they appear to have vanished, and it's very difficult to find them."

Su Yu nodded. "Thanks a lot."

"How much knowledge of the weaponry of the ancient god realm does the mermaid tribe hold? The blueprint for building this Sacred Sky Warship, for example, do you have it preserved?"

Lüzhu chortled awkwardly. "You're kidding me, young lord. Even the Imperial Sacred Factions have lost the method of building the Sacred Sky Warship, how could a mere mermaid tribe like us have its blueprint?"

"But as for the blueprints of certain spare parts, we do have some of those."

Chapter 1299: Rescuing the Mermaid Emperor

"Make a copy of each of them for me," Su Yu instructed without courtesy.

Lüzhu seemed to have a problem with that. "Erm...I'm afraid it's quite difficult to do so unless the Mermaid Emperor gives me the green light."

"The Mermaid Emperor is bedridden and in a coma. I'm afraid there is nothing I can do at the moment."

So the Mermaid Emperor needed to give her the green light? Su Yu nodded lightly. "Fine, take me to the Mermaid Emperor, I will examine him."

"There is no need," Lüzhu said sorrowfully. "The Mermaid Emperor was wounded by the Yaksha Poison. The effects of this poison can only be alleviated with the Endless Spiritual Pearl of the Endless Origin."

"Furthermore, the Endless Spiritual Pearl only blossoms and bears fruit once in a thousand years. To acquire it, one needs to have great luck."

It follows that the sisters that went to collect the Spiritual Pearls in the past weren't very lucky.

"Take me to him first, we'll see," Su Yu said.

"All right then." Lüzhu's eyes were dull, she dared not pin her hopes on Su Yu. Despite his magical abilities, she did not think that Su Yu would be able to nullify a poison that not even deities could manage.

As a princess, she could get in and out of the Mermaid Palace at will.

In the depths of the palace, surrounded by the wheel gears of several Sacred Sky Warships, was a strong presence of golden-yellow mermaids.

Not only were they fit and robust, but they were also very powerful.

They were the imperial guard under the control of the royal house.

Su Yu glanced at them and his eyes shone with a bright gleam.

Upon entering the Imperial apartments, Su Yu found the Mermaid Emperor lying on a bed carved from white jade.

He was a middle-aged man who bore a certain resemblance to Lüzhu and was uncommonly handsome.

However, the ghastly sight that greeted Su Yu was of pitch-black ulcerated sores all over the body of the Mermaid Emperor.

It was almost rotting and was emanating a nauseating stench. It struck a stark contrast to his handsome features.

"This rotten stench..." Su Yu frowned a little, he found it very familiar.

Lüzhu stood in front of the bed, tears welling in her eyes. "The mermaid tribe and the Yaksha tribe have been fighting over a spiritual land for many years, with no sign of resolution."

"A year ago, the Yaksha tribe suggested that we develop it together, inviting us to sign a treaty on the spiritual land. Who would have known..."

"That the Yaksha tribe would collude with several sinful deities in our government and poison my father."

Su Yu wasn't concerned with the love and hate between them, nor was he planning to intervene.

After making a detailed observation, Su Yu said, "I can cure the Mermaid Emperor, but can you guarantee that he will give me the documents that I want?"

Lüzhu's teary eyes went saucer wide, she could not believe her ears. She stuttered, "You're saying that you can... you can save the Mermaid Emperor?"

"It's not a big deal," Su Yu said.

Lüzhu shed tears of joy. Amid her agitation, she did not bother to avoid intimacy. Clutching Su Yu's shoulders, she shook him. "Are you serious?"

Su Yu nodded. "Can you promise me that the Mermaid Emperor would agree? If you can't, I won't feel the need to help him."

"Erm..." Lüzhu hesitated. Those documents were held by the Mermaid Emperor personally, thus they must be confidential. It was impossible to say if the Mermaid Emperor would willingly hand them over to Su Yu, once he awoke.

After a moment of contemplation, Lüzhu took a bright red round pearl from her neck. It was the size of a thumb. She handed it to Su Yu. "Take this, when the Mermaid Emperor sees it, he will certainly agree."

Su Yu shot a glance at the uncanny looking red pearl and muttered to himself... "This pearl will make him agree?"

But she did not appear to be making it up. Su Yu said, "Fine, I'll start treating him. But before that, please order the imperial guards outside."

"No way! What if in the process of treatment, the two traitors find that something is amiss and take the opportunity to start a riot?"

Su Yu heaved a soft sigh. "I'm only worried they might disturb me."

"You mean them? Impossible. They were personally trained by my Father..." Lüzhu was taken aback.

Su Yu nodded slowly. "An astute enemy will offer a fatal blow where you least expect it."

Lüzhu pondered for a moment. As she thought of Su Yu's deeds, she gritted her teeth. "Fine then."

She turned to leave, and before long had returned. The sound of armor rhythmically colliding outside gradually died down.

After giving a nod of acknowledgment, Su Yu used the Milky Way Star Sand to draw the Yaksha poison from the Mermaid Emperor's body.

Under Lüzhu's dumbfounded gaze, the acute poison, that even deities had no control over, was removed little by little, by Su Yu's right palm.

"Amazing! The Mermaid Emperor is safe." Lüzhu cried out in astonishment.

Su Yu shook his head lightly. "Is he? I think that this may be the most precarious time the Mermaid Emperor could face. Prepare some artifacts right now that will enable us to escape from the Sacred Sky Warship in time."

"Escape you say?"

Su Yu said, "At a time when the three brave generals cannot be relied upon, once they get to know that the Mermaid Emperor is being treated, what do you think they are going to do?"

"Wait for the Mermaid Emperor to awake, and report all their plans and deeds? Or, in for a penny in for a pound, charge forward and take the Mermaid Emperor's life?"

Lüzhu was stunned. "This..."

"Do as I said, right now!" Su Yu scowled.

As a princess of the mermaid tribe, Lüzhu would not have dreamt of being ordered around by an outsider. Hurriedly, she replied, "All right, I'll get them prepared right away."

Watching her leave, Su Yu shook his head. "Living in such comfort and luxury has made them slow to respond, unlike the cruel competition of the galaxy! Looks like I shouldn't expect too much from her."

Half a day later, Lüzhu returned, and said, "I have instructed my kin to prepare a Garuda and have it hidden outside the palace. It can be used at any time."

Su Yu nodded, continuing the treatment for half a day more. The pitch-black, decayed surface of the Mermaid Emperor's body slowly regained its normal hue.

The Mermaid Emperor's divine energy was beginning to function once again, self-healing the rotten areas.

In another hour or so he could make a complete recovery and become fully conscious.

The Mermaid Emperor's strength was nearly on par with the Sheng Deity and the Merchant God. On returning to normal health, the general prospect for the mermaid tribe was that it would once again become stable.

Then a muffled commotion sounded from outside the palace. Lüzhu noticed it as well. Despite her shock, she couldn't help but admire Su Yu for his foresight.

The two of them exchanged a glance. Lüzhu yelled, "I'll deal with this!"

With a gasp in the air, the water in the surroundings rapidly turned cold, solidifying into numerous icicles.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

The icicles pierced through the door of the palace and out the other side.

A series of miserable wails and pained whimpers resonated. The icicles had found their mark on the soldiers lying in ambush there.

"Let's go!" Lüzhu scurried out of the palace, with her hands clasping in front of her chest. The waves above the palace began fluctuating, and a metal artifact that was shaped like an eel suddenly appeared.

Su Yu leaped onto the boat with the comatose Mermaid Emperor in his arms.

Lüzhu raced to the control panel at the front, and instilled Mortal Fairy's Strength into it.

But Lüzhu's heart sank as the Garuda made no response.

"What's the matter? It worked fine just now." A cold sweat broke out on Lüzhu's forehead. At the critical juncture, the artifact that was supposed to help them run for their lives had let them down.

Su Yu inspected with his Transparent Eye and shook his head. A particular mechanism at the bottom of the boat had been severed.

The Garuda had been sabotaged.

Chapter 1300: The Senluo Divine Cannon

Without a doubt, the relatives that Lüzhu had relied on, had now turned against her.

The Garuda must have been furtively sabotaged, as Su Yu was the one who asked them to intervene.

"Eldest Princess, where are you going?" A taunting voice echoed between the sky and the earth.

A handsome merman stood at the head of a troop of mermaids, forming a semicircular barrier, completely blocking their way.

"Bayi? What do you think you are doing? Who let you out?" Lüzhu stared at the impertinent figure in disbelief. He was none other than Bayi, whom Su Yu had wanted to exclude.

Bayi's handsome face became stern. "Lüzhu, the entire mermaid tribe knows about my feelings for you, but what have you done now?"

"You deprived me of my right and made me doubt myself, all because you listened to the suggestions of an outsider. Is it because deep down in your heart, I can't compare even to a stranger?"

Lüzhu gazed at him and said longingly, "You grew up by my side, and the Mermaid Emperor even match-made us and made you the future successor of his throne."

"How could I possibly not have any feelings for you? And how could an outsider compare to you?"

Upon hearing that, the look on Bayi's face softened, and he flashed a contented smile. "All right, as long as you come over to my side now, we could be back on good terms again."

"It's too late. Before you brought soldiers here, I regarded you highly, far more highly than I did this young lord. But now..."

Lüzhu's eyes turned cold and dark. "Just like Master Su has said, you are not loyal to the mermaid tribe, you switched your allegiance to the two traitors."

As the Eldest Princess and the holder of power, no one else had the right to bypass her authority, apart from the three intrepid generals of the tribe who released Bayi without permission.

Bayi's joyous smile froze and his eyes grew cold. "Lüzhu, intelligent people know when to do the right thing."

"Abandon the Mermaid Emperor, and once I inherit the Emperor's throne, I will marry you and make you the Mermaid Queen!"

"What if I say no?" Lüzhu laughed in misery, her eyes filled with disappointment.

Bayi said coldly, "You can't run away. Ever since you two princesses ventured out to collect the Endless Spiritual Pearls, the mermaid tribe will never be the same."

"All of your kin and relatives, as well as the strong men of the tribe, have surrendered to us, and those who did not surrender...are all dead."

A coup had taken over the mermaid tribe and power had fallen into the hands of their enemies.

"We have prepared everything and waited for your return. You should know what we want," Bayi said callously.

The reason they pretended that all was well, and the reason they did not lay hands on the Mermaid Emperor, was to avoid alarming Lüzhu. However, unfortunately for them, it had all been noticed by Su Yu.

Now he wanted to escape with Lüzhu and the Mermaid Emperor. Worse still, the Mermaid Emperor was about to make a recovery.

Lüzhu sneered. "So you want to get your hands on the Mermaid Emperor's Blood Pearl and inherit his Divine Path? Hahaha, dream on!"

For a long time, the most powerful figure of the mermaid tribe had always been the Mermaid Emperor.

Before the death of a Mermaid Emperor, he would pass down his Divine Path.

Whoever inherited the Mermaid Emperor's Divine Path stood the chance of becoming the most powerful figure of the mermaid tribe and acquiring the imperial power.

In other words, without inheriting the Mermaid Emperor's Divine Path, just taking control of the mermaid tribe wasn't enough. Without adequate strength, one would be overthrown sooner or later.

"Lüzhu, considering that I still have feelings for you, give me the Mermaid Emperor's Blood Pearl, otherwise..." Bayi's eyes grew increasingly icy.

The mermaid warriors around him boiled in a murderous rage, as they closed in on them.

Lüzhu replied, "What a pity. The Mermaid Emperor's Blood Pearl isn't here."

"Where is it then?" Bayi became anxious and his gaze couldn't help but fall upon Su Yu. "You gave it to him?"

"Haha..." Lüzhu stood at the deck of the Garuda, and in a low voice, she spoke through telepathy, "Young lord, I will break out of the siege, while you run away with the Mermaid Emperor."

It wouldn't possible for everyone to make such an easy escape.

However, Su Yu wasn't bothered in the slightest. With a grasp of five fingers, he fished out an ancient, bloodstained piece of fabric from his sleeve, and tossed it into the air.

The bloodstained cloth expanded in the wind, turning into a thousand square feet in size. It engulfed the entire Garuda, as well as Su Yu and Lüzhu within.

Then, water-based energy converged around the Garuda, condensing into streams of water and compelling the ship to surge forward.

No one would have expected that the damaged Garuda could still be maneuvered.

A fierce light gleamed in Bayi's eyes. "Stop them!"

A dozen mermaid fighters displayed their respective magical powers and bombarded the Garuda, which was fast colliding.

However, the bloodstained cloth that wrapped around the Garuda was extremely bizarre. No matter what hit its surface, everything was easily repelled.

Having been caught unawares, the dozen mermaid fighters were sent flying into the distance by the Garuda.

Even more peculiarly, while in mid-air, all of them turned into droplets of blood and were absorbed by the mysterious layer of bloodstained cloth.

The Nine-Emperor Shroud!

It was treasure left behind by the Demonic God of Six Paths.

Back then, the shroud had even subdued the dead soul worm momentarily. It was covered with the blood of former emperors and was so powerful that even strong men would die if they touched it.

In the blink of an eye, the mermaid fighters were dead. The other fighters that were prepared to stop them broke out in cold sweat and shuddered in fear.

Even Bayi moved away in horror, not daring to charge recklessly.

Watching as the Garuda flew to freedom, Bayi was all tensed up. The Mermaid Emperor's Blood Pearl aside, if the Mermaid Emperor was cured, who among them would survive?

"Generals, attack right now!" Bayi bellowed.

Boom!

The world trembled, as two thunderbolts penetrated both sides of the giant warship.

The second they emerged, the two of them attempted to shatter the Garuda into smithereens with a thunderous slam.

The Nine-Emperor Shroud flickered intensely with a blood-colored light, as layers of faraway, ancient and magnificent will erupted from it.

Not only did the two deities fail to shatter the Garuda, but the shroud also swept them off their feet, even revealing their Original Forms.

A man and women, both middle-aged... The man was clad in silver-white clothing, well-built and burly, while the woman wore pink and was willowy and alluring.

They were the two powerful generals that owned private armies and refused to take Lüzhu's commands.

At this moment, they were staring at the Shroud in shock and puzzlement.

"This is...the scent of world-class imperial rulers!" Their eyes were filled with deep stupefaction.

Inside the Garuda, Su Yu was surprised as well. The Nine-Emperor Shroud was the Shroud of the nine imperial rulers that pioneered the galaxy, and it was tainted with their scents.

However, from the tone of the two deities, why did it sound like it was the scent of the Ancient God Realm's imperial rulers too?

Were they the same group of people?

"Do not let them leave! Seal the exit." The female general's face shifted slightly. She transformed into a ray of divine light and made it to the exit before Su Yu.

With clasped palms, she exclaimed, "Divine Path Incarnation!"

She bellowed, and her Divine Path transformed into a labyrinth, that formed right in front of the exit.

The labyrinth had such a confounding and convoluted nature that people were never able to find the exact location of the exit.

Once ventured into the labyrinth, no one would be able to make it out anytime soon.

Su Yu's eyes turned solemn. Steering the Garuda, he crashed right into it.

All of a sudden, the labyrinth was shaking, on the verge of crumbling under the remnant majestic will of the Nine-Emperor Shroud. Meanwhile, a feminine whimper of misery sounded out.

With her Divine Path having sustained a huge trauma, she would also feel unwell.

"General Hu, use the Senluo Cannon! This Shroud is way too powerful, I can't stand it for much longer!" The female general urged.

Immediately, General Hu retrieved an ancient bronze cannon ten thousand feet in length. It had an antique, simplistic appearance, which was somehow similar to the giant cannon of the Sacred Sky Warship, except it was a few times smaller.

Upon hearing that, Lüzhu shuddered. "They are using weapons of absolute destruction as well! That is a weapon that the mermaid tribe succeeded in replicating, with a power on par with a full-force blow of the Mermaid Emperor!"

Whilst the labyrinth was on the verge of falling apart, it couldn't be destroyed at once either.

However, the Senluo Cannon had been primed already. An extremely intimidating force was rapidly building up within it.

Su Yu scowled. The Nine-Emperor Shroud wasn't a protective Emperor-based Saint Artifact and he was afraid that it couldn't hold off the blow completely.

Right at that moment, the female general blocking the exit suddenly screamed in great shock and fury. "Black Fish, how dare you!"

Boom!

With a loud, earth-shattering noise, the labyrinth conjured up by the female general was disintegrated by an external force.

With an anguished scream, the female general transformed back to her real self. With her mouth full of blood, she staggered back to the side of General Hu and stared at the figure behind the labyrinth with rage blazing in her eyes.

It was a divine-level strong man, with a head full of black hair. The scales on the lower half of his body were black as well.

He had mellow, gentle features, and was extremely handsome.

Lüzhu's eyes glittered. "General Black Fish!"

Black Fish withdrew his fists, and the look on his face grew somber. "Greetings Eldest Princess, Black Fish has come to your rescue!"

Delight filled Lüzhu's eyes.

"Eldest Princess, please leave with the Mermaid Emperor as soon as possible. I will hold them off and join you in a while!" General Black Fish said.

Lüzhu shot a look at Su Yu as if to say, "it looks like you have made an error of judgment. General Black Fish is loyal to me".

Su Yu's face showed no emotion as he drove the Garuda and flew away swiftly.

The faces of General Hu and the female general changed drastically. They tried to stop them but were blocked by General Black Fish.

"Black Fish, da*n you!" The two generals were outraged.

Black Fish had a look of indifference on his face. "You traitors! Don't you lay a finger upon the Eldest Princess and the Mermaid Emperor!"

The next moment, both parties were caught up in a big fight.

Lüzhu had taken out the key to open the entrance.

"Listen to my command! All mermaids, chase after them, do not let them get away!"

"Yes!" Not only did Bayi lead his guards to chase after them but also other troops appeared from under the ground. The ones with the strongest cultivation among them had the level of late-stage Prospective Deities.

Bayi felt more self-assured and his eyes were full of brutality. "Eldest Princess, I gave you a chance to become the Mermaid Queen, yet you did not appreciate it. So, do not blame me for making you a captive!"

"Go after them!"

Large numbers of mermaid warriors surged out like tides.

Under the propulsion of the flowing water, the Garuda left the exit immediately and arrived at the water in the outside world.

"Which is the best direction to get away from the mermaid tribe?" Su Yu asked.

Lüzhu pointed in the distance. "The South-West, that is the border between the mermaid tribe and the Yaksha tribe! The North-West is where we meet the Frogman Tribe, both directions are much the same."

Su Yu nodded. The Garuda transformed into a remnant shadow, sprinting in the direction of the Yaksha tribe.

Lüzhu was startled. "Why did you choose the Yaksha tribe? There is immense animosity between the two tribes, and running into their water area will easily alert the Yaksha King."

Su Yu took a look at the Mermaid Emperor, and said placidly, "That is why it is safer there."

The mermaid tribe would perhaps advance on the Frogman tribe, but they would not attack the Yaksha tribe.

The most dangerous place would be the safest place.

Swish!

The moment they left, Bayi and the two late-stage Prospective Deities were hot on their heels.

However, right as they came out, a troop of mermaids lying in ambush beyond the Sacred Sky Warship was waiting for them. General Black Fish had put them there.

Bayi and the others were caught unawares and were scattered instantly.

"Hold them back, I'll cover for the Eldest Princess so she can escape!" A late-stage Prospective Deity merman with a hideous scar on his face bellowed, before catching up with Su Yu's Garuda.