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Chapter 2801: Fleeing

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“Run!”

Everybody started running.

The tunnels began to collapse.

Chen Ziyun finally panicked and shouted, “Oh my god! The walls are falling down! Why is this happening?”

He had thought Feng Wu was joking.

Even Elder Wu looked rather nervous now.

Feng Wu was the calmest one. “Follow me. I’ll lead you out of the mine!”

Chen Ziyun glanced at her. Really?

He doubted it.

However, they didn’t have many options, and could only follow her instructions.

Led by Feng Wu, their retreat was rather methodical, but it wasn’t the case for the other people in the mine.

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The people were divided into four groups, and Zuo Qingluan was on her own.

No one but Zuo Qingluan knew how she got out.

She was holding a jade pendant that held a flame.

She had carried the pendant for over a decade.

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There had been an abnormal phenomenon when Feng Wu was born, which was why the entire city had been intrigued about her.

The same thing happened with Zuo Qingluan.

This jade pendant appeared when Feng Wu was born.

The midwife who delivered Feng Wu put it away.

When the Zuo family investigated Feng Wu, they found the midwife and obtained the pendant from her.

The pendant was usually white, but when activated, a tiny flaming phoenix would appear.

It had the power to destroy everything.

Zuo Qingluan had activated the pendant three times so far, and each time, the tiny phoenix would help her kill the person she wanted to kill.

She gripped the pendant and whispered, "I'm the only one with the True Phoenix Blood! My phoenix, bring down this mine!"

Sealed in the pendant was the power of a phoenix of ancient times. The energy surged at Zuo Qingluan's command.

Boom!?

The sound of explosions and collapsing walls filled the mine.

Zuo Qingluan smirked.

She was sure she could kill Feng Wu today.

What about the others?

Zuo Qingluan couldn't care less. It wasn't their lucky day.

Unfortunately, Zuo Qingluan didn't realize that the energy surge from the pendant decreased every time she activated it.

This was the third time, and there was already a crack in the pendant, which Zuo Qingluan hadn't noticed.

What she didn't know was that the pendant came from Feng Wu's beautiful master and had been used to protect Feng Wu when she reincarnated into this world. Zuo Qingluan had stolen it.

Feng Wu didn't know about the pendant, nor did she know why the mine collapse was happening so suddenly.

She frowned and quickly led the others toward the exit.

She knew formations.

And she was a Level 8 formation master.

She knew the layout of the entire mine as if the map was in her head.

Chen Ziyun followed Feng Wu.

He doubted her at first.

However, he became more amazed as they walked.

OMG!

Feng Wu really seemed to know the way!

She even avoided all the places that had collapsed!

Chapter 2802: Phoenix Pendant

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Chen Ziyun noticed that Feng Wu was taking them along the safest paths.

He could hear the sound of the mine collapsing nearby, but nothing happened to the tunnel they were in.

He looked over his shoulder when they reached the next tunnel.

The one they had just walked through no longer existed.

Chen Ziyun felt a chill run down his spine.

What if...

If he hadn't listened to Feng Wu and had picked up his pace, he would have been buried by now.

Chen Ziyun and Elder Wu looked at each other in astonishment.

It seemed that Feng Wu knew everything.

With Feng Wu leading the way, they had a relatively safe journey.

However, the other two groups weren't as lucky.

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The collapse wasn't a one-off incident. It kept happening.

The eight-men group was led by Sun Yu.

When the collapse started, he immediately turned on his armband and asked for Elder Wu's help.

"Elder Wu, Elder Wu! Are you there? We need help!"

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However, he didn't receive any reply.

It wasn't that Elder Wu had abandoned them. Right now, he wasn't within a 20km-radius.

Wang Xiao realized what was going on. "Elder Wu isn't in the circle. He must have gone off to help Ziyun and Feng Wu!"

The elder was out of the armband's reach.

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Wang Xiao grew anxious.

Qiu Zeyu was even more anxious because he was terrified of death.

"It's all Feng Wu's fault!" Qiu Zeyu ground his teeth. "If it wasn't for her, Ziyun would never have left the safe circle, and Elder Wu wouldn't have left us to protect them! Elder Wu won't know the danger we're in now!"

Wang Xiao glanced at him.

Deep down, he felt that Qiu Zeyu was right. However, he was too responsible to blame the danger they were in on other people.

“No one knew this was going to happen.” Wang Xiao gave Qiu Zeyu a stern look. “Not Feng Wu, and not Elder Wu. Moreover, we don’t know if they’re still alive.”

Chu Qu nodded. “We’ll have to save ourselves.”

Hearing the mine collapse, Qiu Zeyu ground his teeth. “How? What should we do?!”

“Find Elder Mei!” Sun Yu made up his mind. “He must know the way out!”

“That’s right! There’s Elder Mei!” The others agreed with him.

The collapse was happening mainly around Feng Wu, and their area wasn’t as severely affected.

They soon found Elder Mei.

Elder Mei looked very displeased.

It had taken him forever to clear out this small area, and there was still much work to do.

He remembered clearly that a treasure was hidden in the mine.

It was spirit wine.

He was trying so hard to study the mine because he wanted to find the spirit wine and create a shortcut for the team members.

He and his fellow elders had made their breakthroughs this way, and it pained him to see the teenagers stuck at their levels.

But now...

More tunnels were collapsing.

The sound came from the direction where the spirit wine was buried.

Elder Mei was devastated.

“Elder Mei, is the mine collapsing?” Sun Yu asked.

Chapter 2803: Run! (1)

Elder Mei nodded solemnly. “Yes, it is.”

“Why is this happening?” Sun Yu grew anxious. “Do you know where Elder Wu is? What about Ziyun and Feng Wu?”

Elder Mei looked in the direction where most of the collapse was taking place.

Sun Yu paled.

Although Elder Mei didn't say anything, the look on his face was the answer.

Elder Mei gritted his teeth. "You get out first! I'll take a look over there!"

Sun Yu said, "We'll go with you!"

Elder Mei said, "No! I don't have the time to look after you!"

He then ran in the direction where he thought Elder Wu was.

However, he only made it a few steps before rocks began to fall.

The collapse had reached their area.

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"Elder Mei!"

The impact threw him off balance.

The others rushed over and helped him to his feet.

However, more rocks fell from above.

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"Elder Mei, do you think Elder Wu..."

Elder Mei climbed to a higher spot and looked into the distance. The area was in ruins.

Only he could climb that high because the students didn't know formations.

Elder Mei was filled with sorrow.

When he climbed back down, his face was drained of blood and he looked ten years older.

"Elder Mei?!"

Everybody panicked when they saw his face.

Elder Mei said sadly, "They've been buried underneath. I don't think the chance they survived is high..."

He took a deep breath and went on, "We're in grave danger ourselves! We must get out as soon as possible!"

The team members couldn't believe it. "Are we going to give up on them?"

Before Elder Mei could answer, Mr. Xu said sternly, "Do you think Elder Mei doesn't want to save them? He can't!"

"The collapse started in their direction! One can only imagine what happened over there!"

"Do you know how dangerous it'll be to go in that direction now?"

"To make it worse, we haven't explored that area yet. Even Elder Mei doesn't know the way!"

“There are 80,000 tunnels. We can easily get lost and die there!

“Even if Elder Wu wasn’t buried, he won’t find his way out!”

The others lost hope when they heard this.

Meanwhile, more rocks were falling, and the rumbling was getting closer.

Mr. Xu turned pale. He turned to Elder Mei and waited for his decision.

Elder Mei remained silent.

Mr. Xu said anxiously, “Elder Mei, we still have so many students here. Staying here will get everybody killed!

“They’re all elite students of our school and valuable assets! We can’t afford to lose all of them!”

The team members glared at him.

“Ziyun isn’t dead!” Sun Yu retorted.

If he had known the way, he wouldn’t just be standing here.

Elder Mei finally made up his mind. “Let’s go.”

He had Mr. Xu lead the way.

They had explored this area, so Mr. Xu knew the way out.

No matter how reluctant Sun Yu and the others were, they didn’t have any choice.

They couldn’t stay here.

Because...

Chapter 2804: Run! (2)

More rocks were falling on their heads, and the tunnels were collapsing more rapidly.

“Where’s Zuo Qingluan?” Elder Mei finally remembered the girl that had been following him around.

Mr. Xu looked around and realized he had lost Zuo Qingluan.

He then remembered something. “She said she was going to help Feng Wu...”

Elder Mei said, “Nonsense! Does she not know what her capability is like? What makes her think she can help other people?”

Mr. Xu didn’t know what to say.

Elder Mei said, “I’m afraid she’s been buried as well.”

The team didn’t like Zuo Qingluan all that much, so no one said anything when they heard the news.

Meanwhile, the rumbling was getting closer.

“Let’s go!” Mr. Xu said anxiously.

Sun Yu and the others took another look in that direction, gritted their teeth, and started moving toward the exit.

The collapse was close behind them.

They were racing against time.

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If they lagged behind, they would be hit by the rocks and buried underneath.

It was the most dangerous thing they had ever experienced.

Mr. Xu ground his teeth.

What were these students hesitating for? That Sun Yu even wanted to save those people!

He believed he would be out of here by now if those students hadn’t delayed him.

He was complaining in his head, when Sun Yu shouted, “Isn’t this area 20km wide? Why haven’t we reached the exit?”

The sound of the collapse was so loud that Sun Yu had to shout at the top of his lungs.

Everybody was running as fast as they could, and what Sun Yu said made them realize that something was wrong.

Yes, at this speed, they should have covered the 20km by now. Why did the tunnels seem to never end? How long did they have to run?

Mr. Xu didn’t know what to say.

He was also dumbfounded.

That was right!

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They should have covered the 20km in no time, but now...

Mr. Xu then realized something.

However, Sun Yu was the first to ask the question.

“Mr. Xu, you haven’t led us in the wrong direction, have you?”

Mr. Xu didn’t know what to say.

Because...

In fact...

He really had...

Mr. Xu's face was livid. He gave Sun Yu a dirty look before turning to Elder Mei.

"Elder Mei, I..."

Elder Mei's face was livid.

In a critical moment like this, Mr. Xu had led them in the wrong direction.

With a wave of his hand, Elder Mei led the others into a safer tunnel that had yet to collapse.

The collapse happened like dominos.

Elder Mei did some calculations and was stunned.

How had this happened?

The formation pattern he had figured out had changed significantly.

That was to say, the path he thought could lead them to the exit would no longer take them there.

Hm...

No wonder Mr. Xu ran in the wrong direction.

The formation had changed!

"Elder Mei?" Everybody looked at him anxiously.

He was their only hope.

However, Elder Mei had never appeared so troubled.

Everybody looked at one another nervously.

They knew it would be a matter of time before the collapse reached this tunnel.

Elder Mei said in a hoarse voice, "It won't be easy to find the path now."

Everybody was astonished.

Chapter 2805: Can't Find the Way

Everybody stared at Elder Mei in astonishment.

What was that supposed to mean?

Mr. Xu asked the question for them. "Elder Mei, what do you mean the path is hard to find now?"

The collapse had stopped, but it was only temporary. They knew the next wave would start soon.

Elder Mei seemed troubled by the question.

He slowly said, "The formation in the Secret Essence Mine is beyond complicated. Solving it has been much harder than I expected."

“I thought the area I explored would remain safe, but when the formation changed, everything changed with it.”

Mr. Xu asked anxiously, “Is this formation forever changing?”

Elder Mei nodded.

“We’re finished...” Mr. Xu began to howl.

If the formation really did that, they would have no way to get out.

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Sun Yu and his teammates panicked. “Why is this happening? I thought we were...”

Mr. Xu glared at them. “The formation has changed! It means the paths have changed with it! We need to find a new way out!”

Sun Yu was speechless.

The others were anxious as well.

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“What should we do now?” They all looked at Mr. Xu and Elder Mei.

Mr. Xu said, “It took us days to find that path, but now...”

Boom!?

Something worse happened.

Their tunnel finally began to collapse.

Mr. Xu paled. “It’s coming! The tunnel is coming down! Elder Mei, what should we do? We’re going to be buried!”

Elder Mei’s face was drained of all color.

What should he do?

“I can find the way out if I have two more days, but now...”

Elder Mei turned in the direction of the noise.

The rumbling was getting closer and closer.

They didn’t have two minutes, let alone two days.

Elder Mei looked at them. “You have two minutes to write down your last words.”

Last words?

Sun Yu was almost in tears. “Last words? We’re about to fight Military College! Are we going to be wiped out?”

Everybody panicked.

Elder Mei waved at them. "Write down your last words, and people may dig out the papers later."

He then started on his own.

Sun Yu suddenly smacked his forehead. "Wait! Didn't Feng Wu give us a little paper crane?"

"That's right!" Wang Xiao nodded. "Feng Wu gave us a paper crane! She said it would lead us out of here!"

Mr. Xu found his words idiotic. "Do you seriously believe her?"

Elder Mei wanted to roll his eyes as well.

When one's life was threatened, people would stop thinking straight and might even become delusional.

Let it be. They were going to die, anyway.

Sun Yu took out the paper crane.

The crane flapped its wings and flew forward.

"Little crane, can you take us out of here?" Sun Yu was full of hope.

Elder Mei rolled his eyes again.

Sun Yu grabbed his arm. "Let's go. Maybe it really knows the way out."

Elder Mei didn't have any hope at all.

He found the whole thing nonsensical.

Wang Xiao took Elder Mei's other arm. "Standing here will get us killed! Follow that bird, and maybe we still have a chance!"

The others followed the bird. Meanwhile, Mr. Xu was...

Chapter 2806: Agitation

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Mr. Xu was left behind.

"Wait..."

He grew anxious when the others ran off with the bird.

Although he didn't think the crane was reliable, he didn't want to stay here alone.

He quickly followed the others, running as fast as he could.

The crane led the way, flying a little bit faster than the speed of the collapse.

Sun Yu and Wang Xiao held Elder Mei's arms and pushed him forward.

“Let go of me! Let go!”

Elder Mei shouted angrily.

However, Sun Yu and the others ignored his protests and moved as fast as they could.

Meanwhile, outside the Secret Essence Mine.

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Gongsun Mu and his colleagues were rushing toward the mine.

They were panic-stricken when they sensed the danger.

“Why did it happen so suddenly? Everything was fine earlier!” Mr. Yang said anxiously.

Mr. Duan said, “The entire Dynasty Team is inside. If something happens, we’re going to...”

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“Elder Mei is inside, too. We can’t lose him...”

Gongsun Mu worried about Feng Wu the most.

The crown prince had summoned him in person. Although he never mentioned Feng Wu, everything he said had been a hint that Gongsun Mu should protect the girl.

Therefore, Gongsun Mu had always known how well-connected Feng Wu was.

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He found Zuo Qingluan’s petty tricks utterly ridiculous.

“Miss Qingluan is inside, too!” Mr. Wang shouted agitatedly. “She’s the crown prince’s fiancée! If something happens to her, our college is finished!”

Gongsun Mu gave him a stern look without another word.

The crown prince had only given him hints about protecting Feng Wu, and Zuo Qingluan’s name never came up. She wasn’t his fiancée! That girl must be delusional!

Gongsun Mu and the others arrived at the Secret Essence Mine.

The door was closed.

Gongsun Mu was stranded outside the door, and there was nothing he could do.

“What should we do now? Mr. Gongsun, what should we do?” Mr. Wang and the others were anxious.

Getting blamed for putting Zuo Qingluan in danger wasn’t the worst part. If the team lost the competition, the resources the teachers received would be reduced as well.

Their own benefits would be affected.

After the first explosion, the tunnels collapsed like dominos. The ground outside shook as well.

The ground shook so violently that the people outside were only able to remain standing because they were capable cultivators.

“Mr. Gongsun, the ground is caving in! It’s collapsing, too!” Mr. Wang shouted.

He was trying to say that since they couldn’t save the others, they might as well leave first.

Gongsun Mu shook his head. “You can leave if you want, but I’m not leaving!”

Mr. Wang turned to look at the other tutors.

The other tutors showed no intention to leave.

Mr. Wang stomped his feet. He now had to stay here, where they could be buried alive at any moment.

He muttered, “They must have been buried alive and are dead by now. There’s no point in standing here. We’ll only be killed, too! What a waste of energy!”

No one answered him.

The people inside were too important for Imperial College to lose.

The tutors had never been so serious, and their eyes were bloodshot red.

Mr. Wang was about to continue, when something happened.

Chapter 2807: Come Out

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Somebody charged out of the door.

Everybody was thrilled when they saw who it was.

“Zuo Qingluan!”

“Miss Qingluan!”

Gongsun Mu and the others ran to her side in excitement.

Zuo Qingluan didn’t look well.

Her clothes were covered with dust, and there was blood on her face.

Gongsun Mu immediately asked, “What’s going on inside? Where are the others?”

All eyes were on Zuo Qingluan.

Zuo Qingluan struggled to her feet, took a deep breath, and said gravely, “They, they...”

“What happened to them?” Everybody was anxious.

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“Speak!”

Zuo Qingluan said, "It was all Feng Wu's fault! If she had listened to Elder Mei and remained in the area she was supposed to, this mine would never have collapsed!"

Mr. Wang said, "What? Did Feng Wu start it? I told you already, that Feng Wu is trouble! Now you know I'm right!"

Gongsun Mu frowned and stared at Zuo Qingluan. "Where are the others?"

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Zuo Qingluan gritted her teeth. "Feng Wu took everybody with her. I couldn't stop them. They wouldn't listen to me and went away with Feng Wu. They've all been buried down there! They're all dead!"

She believed that everybody was dead, and she could make up whatever story she wanted.

Gongsun Mu's head spun.

Everybody had been buried alive?

Including Feng Wu?

Gongsun Mu swayed and dropped to his knees.

"Mr. Gongsun!"

Everybody helped him to his feet.

It was such a hard blow. Although Zuo Qingluan had come out, Imperial College still couldn't afford the loss.

Mr. Wang said, "At least His Royal Highness won't blame us."

He turned to Zuo Qingluan. "I'm so happy to see you. Otherwise, it would be the end of Imperial College!"

Zuo Qingluan smirked inwardly. Once Feng Wu was dead, she was all the empire had!

The crown prince would have to choose her.

She thought about how she was going to marry the crown prince, give him children, and become empress...

She could feel her heartbeat racing.

However, Gongsun Mu shouted, "No, His Royal Highness will make us pay! He will!"

Everybody gave him strange looks.

Zuo Qingluan had come out alive. Why would the crown prince be angry?

Meanwhile, Zuo Qingluan stared at Gongsun Mu.

She wondered if he knew something.

“Was Feng Wu buried? Are you sure she’s dead?” Gongsun Mu stared at Zuo Qingluan with bloodshot eyes.

Zuo Qingluan said coldly, “Yes, she’s dead. I saw it with my own eyes!

“And there was Elder Mei. He died trying to save her...”

“Did you watch them getting buried, too?” Mr. Yang asked.

Zuo Qingluan thought, “Those people are all dead, and no one can verify my words.” Therefore, she could slander Feng Wu however she wanted.

“Yes!” Zuo Qingluan said decisively.

Chapter 2808: Alive

Mr. Wang lost his temper when he heard that Elder Mei had died because he tried to save Feng Wu.

“That Feng Wu got so many people killed just because she thought she had a little talent!

“I warned you before. Someone should discipline her! To possess talent but no moral integrity will get people killed!

“It was all her fault! If she hadn’t wandered off, the others wouldn’t have been buried!

“Elder Mei was there, including the entire Dynasty Team!

“Feng Wu is going to ruin our college!”

Mr. Wang shouted at the top of his lungs.

Zuo Qingluan smiled viciously.

She loved it when Mr. Wang did all the work accusing Feng Wu.

In the Secret Essence Mine.

Elder Mei was astonished.

He had been furious at first.

The two students had disobeyed him.

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However, his mouth had fallen open.

Because...

As they followed the paper crane, he started to recognize their surroundings.

The rumbling remained some distance behind them, and it almost felt like they were on the right track.

“Elder Mei, Elder Mei, we’re a little safer now. Please find the path!” Mr. Xu urged him.

Elder Mei didn’t say anything. He only stared at the crane that had been leading the way.

The paper crane...

Could it be...

“Elder Mei? Elder Mei?!”

Mr. Xu almost wanted to shake the old man by the shoulders.

Elder Mei woke up from his stupor and looked at the crane.

He sounded certain when he spoke again. “Follow the bird.”

“What?” Mr. Xu was dumbfounded.

Follow the crane?

“But it’s just something Feng Wu made as a joke!”

Mr. Xu thought Elder Mei was so shocked he had lost his mind.

He said, “Elder Mei, have you forgotten? Didn’t you say the paper crane was nonsense? We even tore up the one she gave us!”

Elder Mei was speechless.

Had he done something so stupid?

Gosh... He really had!

Elder Mei blushed and didn’t know what to say.

However, when his life was in danger, his dignity didn’t matter anymore.

Elder Mei shook his head and glanced at Mr. Xu. “No, it seems it’s not a joke.”

Mr. Xu said, “What?”

Elder Mei said, “It probably has Level 8 inscriptions on it.”

Mr. Xu said, “What did you say?”

When he recovered from the initial shock, he stared at Elder Mei and really thought the old man had lost it.

“Elder Mei, do you still remember how Feng Wu gave out the paper cranes? Apart from Zuo Qingluan, she gave a paper crane to each of us.

“Level 8 inscriptions may not be so rare in the Dongsang Kingdom, but here in the Junwu Empire, they’re priceless.

“Do you think Feng Wu would give us something so precious in passing?

“She was so casual about it! It was like she was giving out ordinary fruit!

“How can it be Level 8 inscriptions? I won’t believe it even if you kill me!” Mr. Xu said decisively.

Elder Mei didn't believe it either because Feng Wu had been so off-handed about it when she gave out the paper cranes.

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Chapter 2809: Confrontation (1)

Elder Mei didn't believe it at first, but what the paper crane did was beyond his expectations.

He studied the paper crane and calmly said, "Let's follow it first."

Mr. Xu found the whole thing ridiculous.

Sun Yu looked from Elder Mei to Mr. Xu and suggested, "It's not like we have any other options. Let's just follow the bird. What if it works?"

They followed the bird after that.

Before long, they saw a spot of light up ahead.

Mr. Xu shouted excitedly, "Look! There's light!"

The underground tunnels were pitch-black, and they had been using torches to move around.

The light meant one thing.

"Is the exit up ahead?" Sun Yu was equally excited.

Elder Mei was astonished, but deep down, he knew this was going to happen.

He looked at the paper crane.

Just then, the bird seemed to have used up its energy. It swayed and turned into a little ball of flame.

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Before they could do anything, the bird turned into a wisp of smoke and disappeared.

Elder Mei rushed forward, trying to grab it, but the smoke vanished into thin air.

"Elder Mei, Elder Mei! We found our way out! We're going to live!" Mr. Xu said excitedly.

Seeing that Elder Mei was still standing there, he grabbed the old man's arm and dragged him out of the tunnel.

The people outside jumped when they charged out of the door.

Zuo Qingluan was the most astonished of them all.

Her face went livid when she saw Elder Mei and the others.

Gongsun Mu and the tutors were thrilled to see Elder Mei. They immediately gathered around him.

"Elder Mei!"

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“You’re still alive!”

“Thank god!”

Gongsun Mu and the tutors had been devastated a few minutes ago, but now, they were ecstatic.

Some of them even burst into joyous tears.

Elder Mei was exhausted by all the running.

He looked pale and weak.

Gongsun Mu counted the people around him.

Elder Mei, Mr. Xu, Zuo Qingluan...

“We still have three people inside!” Gongsun Mu had been looking for Feng Wu.

However, no matter how many times he searched, he still couldn’t find Feng Wu anywhere, and he grew anxious. “Where’s Feng Wu? Where is she?!”

Sun Yu said sadly, “Feng Wu and Ziyun are in the same group. They’re...”

“Was she really buried inside?” Gongsun Mu panicked.

“Buried?” Sun Yu was confused. “Who said that?”

“She did!”

Everybody turned in Zuo Qingluan’s direction.

They all looked at her.

Gongsun Mu glared at Zuo Qingluan. “Didn’t you say you saw Feng Wu getting buried?”

Zuo Qingluan was speechless.

Sun Yu and the others were shocked. They stared at Zuo Qingluan and asked, “Did you see it?”

Zuo Qingluan didn’t answer.

Sun Yu was even more anxious. “Answer me! Did you see them getting buried?”

“Sun Yu, do you not know?” Gongsun Mu was confused.

Sun Yu said, “How are we supposed to know? We weren’t together.

“Elder Wu split us into two groups. Feng Wu and Ziyun were in one group, and the eight of us were in another group. Ziyun was in danger, so Elder Wu went to help him.”

Chapter 2810: Confrontation (2)

“Then the collapse started, so we went to Elder Mei and ran out of the mine with Mr. Xu.”

Gongsun Mu frowned. “That’s not what I heard. Miss Qingluan, didn’t you say you saw with your own eyes Elder Mei and the students getting buried down there?”

“That’s right!” Mr. Duan also turned to Zuo Qingluan. “Miss Qingluan, you did say that you were there when the others were buried.”

All the tutors had heard her say those words, so she had no excuse to make.

She began to panic.

She thought the others had all died, and nobody would challenge her. However, these people had come out alive!

Why didn’t they die?!

Sun Yu stared at Zuo Qingluan. “Miss Qingluan, I think you owe us an explanation.”

Zuo Qingluan glanced at Sun Yu. “What explanation?”

Sun Yu said, “Miss Zuo, just because you’re the vice chief doesn’t give you the right to make irresponsible claims.”

Zuo Qingluan stared at him. She couldn’t believe someone would talk to her that way.

Gongsun Mu also said, “Miss Zuo, I’d like an explanation, too!”

Zuo Qingluan snorted. “I saw Feng Wu getting buried. As for Elder Mei, I admit I made the wrong assumption. I thought they were all together.”

Sun Yu frowned. “We split up from the very beginning. How could we be together?”

Zuo Qingluan glared at him. “Are you questioning me now?!”

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She was still a vice chief, and Sun Yu didn’t dare ask too many questions, fearing that he might offend her.

Everybody found her explanation unsatisfactory, but they didn’t know what to accuse her of, so they stopped questioning her.

Moreover, Gongsun Mu cared more about Feng Wu.

“I don’t believe she’s dead! She’s going to come out alive!” He gritted his teeth. “I believe in miracles!”

Zuo Qingluan smirked.

The tunnels had probably all collapsed. How was Feng Wu going to come out?

Zuo Qingluan feigned a sad tone and pretended to be in tears. “She’s dead. I saw it with my own eyes. Mr. Gongsun, we should move somewhere safe.”

Mr. Wang said, “That’s right! It’s not safe here! The ground is still shaking, and we don’t know if the collapse will spread. Mr. Gongsun, we should leave!”

Gongsun Mu said, “You can go if you want. I don’t think she’s dead!”

Zuo Qingluan said, “But Elder Mei is exhausted...”

She had rushed to Elder Mei's side as soon as he came out, asking about his condition. Unfortunately, Elder Mei didn't even glance at her.

To her surprise, Elder Mei said, "I don't think she's dead either."

WHAT?!

Everybody stared at Elder Mei.

The old man hadn't liked Feng Wu all that much before, but now...

Zuo Qingluan didn't like the sound of that at all.