

Noble Ruler 1011

Chapter 1011: Maniacal

“Ow!” Xue Xue looked at Chu Liuyue pitifully and let out a whimper. *I actually appeared in this way... It's really too... embarrassing!*

“You... Where did you come from?” asked Chu Liuyue as she stepped forward.

Xue Xue moved a step back and crazily moved its body. Yellow sand immediately dropped down and covered the floor.

“D-did you just go to the Red Moon Desert?” Chu Liuyue's eyelids twitched. *This aura is indeed too familiar...*

Xue Xue sorrowfully lowered its head in tacit agreement.

Chu Liuyue held her forehead. “Why did you go there out of nowhere? Where's your master?”

Xue Xue instantly looked furious. *If it weren't for Master's command and wanted me to go to the Red Moon Desert, why would I end up in this state?*

“Come, I'll bring you to take a shower,” said Chu Liuyue as she bent her finger toward Xue Xue. *Not to mention others, but it's too pathetic to come out in such a manner.*

Once Xue Xue heard it, it was immediately happy as it shook its butt and followed her.

After bidding farewell to Shangguan You, Chu Liuyue brought Xue Xue back to Shaoyue Palace.

Originally, Xue Xue wanted to be more intimate with her, but it was too dirty. Hence, it could only forcefully restrain itself and keep a three-step distance behind Chu Liuyue.

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After an hour, Chu Liuyue was done tidying up and was about to check on Xue Xue next door when a gigantic white figure pounced on her. Luckily, she had already broken through to become a stage-seven warrior and could forcefully catch Xue Xue rather stably.

After washing several times and confirming that it had returned to the white and fluffy Xue Xue, it then relaxed and intimately leaned against Chu Liuyue's face.

Piak!

A small wing pushed out and stopped Xue Xue's head—it was Tuan Zi, who appeared in between Chu Liuyue and Xue Xue out of nowhere with a face filled with displeasure. *Watch it! See whose owner is this!*

Xue Xue grunted lowly and was too lazy to argue with Tuan Zi. Who asked itself to be so naive back then to choose such a master?

Chu Liuyue helped Tuan Zi up to her shoulders as she caressed Xue Xue's head. "Can you say it now?"

It doesn't seem like a coincidence that Xue Xue came back from the Red Moon Desert.

Xue Xue raised its claws, and ice-blue force exuded out as it quickly formed a palm-sized ice cube!

One faint line of words was written on the ice cube: "Girlie, come quick."

The person that signed off was Dugu Mobao.

Is this from Big Baby? However, why would they suddenly call me over and send Xue Xue as the messenger?

The ice quickly melted and disappeared.

Chu Liuyue glanced at Xue Xue and nodded. "I originally planned on making a trip there, so this came at the right time."

Xue Xue nodded. *That's good, that's good. With her around, those few will consider her and treat me kinder... right?*

"Oh, right, what has Rong Xiu been up to lately?" Chu Liuyue suddenly thought of what Jun Jiuqing had previously said. *Surprise... What exactly did he mean?*

Xue Xue blinked rather guiltily and forcefully shook its head. *I haven't been with Master lately, so I don't know anything!*

Seeing its reaction, Chu Liuyue—who originally didn't think of it much—immediately felt suspicious. “Hm?”

Xue Xue shook its head even more strongly. *I don't know! I really don't know!*

Chu Liuyue smiled. “It seems like... it might really be a surprise...”

She squeezed Xue Xue's ears, and her voice was gentle and rather seductive. “When this ends, can you secretly bring me over to see him as a surprise?”

Xue Xue instinctively nodded and later realized what Chu Liuyue meant. Then, it instantly widened its eyes in shock. *Bring her over?! Th-this...*

“Good, I knew Xue Xue was the most obedient one!” Chu Liuyue gently patted Xue Xue's forehead and smiled brightly. “This is a deal then.”

Xue Xue was dazed. *Secretly bring her over... It seems rather inappropriate, right? Master hasn't said anything! If we suddenly go over...*

“Ow!” Xue Xue whimpered in grievance and painfully buried its head. *It's so hard on me!*

Chu Liuyue stood up and left. *Before I leave, I still have some things to settle.*

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Chu Liuyue went to Huayang Palace once again.

Upon opening the main door, a rotting and pungent smell attacked her nose.

The room was in a state of debris as everything that could be broken was already in pieces. There wasn't a single spot where one could stand on the ground.

"Master." Qi Han guarded outside and bowed to her. During this period, he had been in charge of guarding Huayang Palace.

"How has Shangguan Wan been lately?"

Qi Han said, "She already lost half her life, and she's hanging onto her last breath by eating a pill every day."

He forcefully kept this breath for Shangguan Wan.

Shangguan Wan wanted to die long ago. Too many things had happened on the day of the wedding, and she had lost everything. In the end, she could only live bitterly in this lonely and sinister palace.

She was better dead than alive.

In the middle, she had tried to commit suicide countless times, but it was to no avail.

“However, her mental health seems to be a problem.”

She was tortured day after day, and she couldn't ask to live or die. No matter who it was, it would be very uncomfortable for them.

Chu Liuyue nodded. “I'll go in and take a look.”

Qi Han was rather hesitant. “Master, this palace is too messy... Why don't I bring her out?”

“No need. Where have I not gone before? Why would I care about these things?” Chu Liuyue whipped her sleeves and forcefully paved a way for herself to enter.

Qi Han didn't speak further and followed closely behind.

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It was deadly silent within the messy palace.

The once lavish palace had now become a gigantic coffin, and Shangguan Wan was undoubtedly the only living dead here.

Chu Liuyue surveyed the surroundings and saw Shangguan Wan's figure in a corner behind the bed.

The latter seemed to notice something as she looked up fearfully.

At first glance, Chu Liuyue couldn't even recognize that the person was Shangguan Wan.

Only a few months had passed, but the former Third Princess had completely changed. Her clothes were torn and tattered, and her body was dirty and very skinny. From afar, she looked like a skeleton covered in rotten cloth.

Her face was filled with injuries, and one of her eyes was deeply dented with a rotting injury.

"She dug one of her eyes out," said Qi Han.

Chu Liuyue now understood what exactly he meant by Shangguan Wan's mental health being problematic.

But Shangguan Wan only glanced at her half-sister before lowering her head and huddling into a ball as if wanting to hide herself in an unseen corner completely. At the same time, she started pulling at her hair.

As if she had lost her sense of pain, she kept pulling at it and yanked out a bunch of hair. Her expression was dazed, and her gaze was empty as she kept muttering something from time to time.

Chu Liuyue listened carefully to her ramblings for a while and forcefully heard Jiang Yucheng's name.
"...Likes me... D-don't like her..."

Chu Liuyue narrowed her eyes.. "During this time, did Jiang Yucheng come by?"

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"Nope," Qi Han immediately replied. "Ever since you separated the two of them and they were locked in here, I have guarded them strictly and never let them leave their rooms."

Chu Liuyue paused. "Even though their living spaces aren't next to each other, they seem pretty close, right?"

"Yes," Qi Han answered and then glanced at her somewhat weirdly. "Are you suspecting... there's something wrong in between?"

Chu Liuyue didn't say a word. This is actually only my guess. Shangguan Wan isn't acting crazy—she really is insane. But before I came, Shangguan Wan was just heartbroken and didn't have any signs of insanity even though she was in a lot of pain. If Shangguan Wan did go crazy, it would've been on the day of her wedding—when she had lost everything. Now, it seems like she is intensely agitated by something.

This culprit... Other than the Jiang Yucheng she keeps muttering about, I really can't think of someone else. She thought for a moment and then turned around to leave.

The moment she left, she heard a bang sound from the room.

Chu Liuyue's heart suddenly skipped a beat, and she turned around to take a look.

Shangguan Wan had smashed herself against the neighboring wall, and fresh blood splattered everywhere!

Qi Han immediately rushed over and checked her breathing. "Master, she's already dead."

Chu Liuyue glanced at the corpse calmly but didn't seem surprised. "Check the wound on her head."

Qi Han nodded and checked it carefully. With this glance, his expression drastically changed! "This... Her skull doesn't seem crushed from the impact!"

Even though the bloody hole was frightening, Qi Han discovered that the cutting point was very clean after some serious checks. "...It seems like someone slashed her head..."

"This is it." Chu Liuyue retracted her gaze. "She had long become a good-for-nothing and was trapped here for many days, so she probably doesn't even have the strength to walk. How could she smash her skull in one bump?"

"You're saying that... someone had long planned this?" Qi Han furrowed his brows tightly. But Huayang Palace has always been strictly guarded. Logically speaking, it's impossible—

Chu Liuyue waved her hands. "Go and handle her. I'll go out to take a look."

"Yes!"

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When she walked into the yard, Chu Liuyue discovered that the leaves of some trees were dropping crazily.

It was still the end of summer, so it shouldn't have happened.

Chu Liuyue walked to the neighboring trees and sized them up. She could tell that these trees had already started wilting.

After a moment, Chu Liuyue summoned the Long Yuan Sword and slashed a tree!

Black juice suddenly dripped out!

Chu Liuyue rapidly waved her sword, and the winds howled!

That juice landed on the ground, and the surrounding leaves started wilting rapidly.

Something seems to be digging this tree empty from within! Chu Liuyue knitted her brows. “Someone—uproot all these trees!”

The Black Guards in charge of guarding the courtyard rapidly came forward. After some busying around, all the trees in the yard were cleared.

Every tree was cleanly uprooted like the one Chu Liuyue had first slashed open, and their roots had entirely turned black!

These roots were intertwined underground, and it was the easiest to connect in this manner!

Chu Liuyue faintly felt that she had flipped over a gigantic mystery! It was just that the path in front was hazy, and it was very difficult to solve it.

A thought popped up in her mind, and she walked toward the back of Huayang Palace. “Continue guarding here! The remaining ones, follow me!”

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Once Chu Liuyue reached the back, she realized that something was amiss. I clearly remember that this place was planted with all sorts of flowers and trees the first time I came to Huayang Palace with my identity as Chu Liuyue. Even though it was winter and the winds were chilly, this place was still filled with blooming flowers that were vibrant and bright.

Back then, I even secretly found it surprising. Shangguan Wan wasn’t someone who liked florals, so it was weird that she did this. Back then, I still asked in a seemingly unintentional manner. Chan Yi just said that the spring water they directed over allowed these flowers to bloom for a longer period of time.

Chu Liuyue walked in.

During this period of time, some things should've been in full bloom, but they had already started wilting.

Chu Liuyue stared at the torn petals and the bunch of wilted leaves and stalks before saying, "Clear all these flowers and plants too."

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Huayang Palace's garden was huge, and it was filled with flowers and plants. Luckily, the Black Guards were always very efficient, so they completed it very quickly.

Chu Liuyue checked them clearly.

As expected, the roots had all turned black.

"Continue digging!"

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When it was evening, the backyard of Huayang Palace was completely dug clean. Below, the drain used to direct the spring water over had long dried up.

Chu Liuyue jumped down and took a look. She discovered that there was one entrance and one exit here.

Other than this, there was another hole. The hole was deep, and it was clearly a passageway connected to somewhere else.

Chu Liuyue followed this passageway and took a look. This direction... seems to be going toward the royal family's ancestral hall?

Chu Liuyue lifted her leg and was about to walk over.

"Your Majesty!" The Black Guards stopped her in unison.

At this point, everyone could tell that this passageway had a problem, so how could they allow Her Majesty to put herself in danger directly?

Qi Han—who was done with handling Shangguan Wan—hurried over and was stunned when he saw this scene. "Master, why don't I help you scout the road first?"

Chu Liuyue shook her head. "This is the Tianling Imperial Palace. What is there to be worried about?"

Even if this passageway really connects to the royal family's ancestral hall, it belongs to our Shangguan family. How can other people cause trouble for us? She thought for a moment and picked a few people, including Qi Han, to follow her over.

Qi Han saw that he couldn't stop her, so he changed his tactic and wanted to walk at the front no matter what.

Chu Liuyue couldn't argue against him, so she let him be.

The other people were in charge of guarding the back.

The few of them walked forward in such a manner.

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The passage was narrow and long, and the surroundings were rather rough. It showed that it was dug not too long ago.

Chu Liuyue could confirm that this was dug within the past two years. Since it appeared in Huayang Palace, it was clearly done by Shangguan Wan. Of course, perhaps Jiang Yucheng had participated in this.

Qi Han held a pearl and led the way.

Judging from the surroundings, it seemed like Shangguan Wan and the rest didn't come here many times. However, this was enough to cause the few of them to have their eyes open and mouths agape.

Who would've expected there to be such a secret passageway under the royal palace?!

No words were spoken during the entire journey. Noticing that this incident might have great implications, the few of them looked increasingly severe.

The atmosphere was cold.

After around 15 minutes, light finally appeared in front.

"The entrance is here!" Qi Han softly said and glanced at Chu Liuyue. "Master, I'll go down and take a look first."

However, the latter shook her head. "No need. It's the royal family's ancestral hall right in front!"

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Chapter 1013: Traces from Back Then

That was the place where she decided to burn herself and commit suicide in her previous life. Nobody knew this place better than she did.

There still seemed to be a faint burning smell in the air, feeling heavy and deserted.

Chu Liuyue walked forward.

After walking a distance, it was a flight of stairs. There was a night pearl beside the stairs, and the light they had seen before clearly came from this.

She continued upward and quickly touched a marble floor.

The marble floor had a circular dent on it.

Chu Liuyue thought for a moment and placed the night pearl at the side atop it—it fit perfectly!

Kacha!

The marble floor started moving away slowly, and a ray of light shone in through the cracks!

Chu Liuyue raised her hand to cover her eyes. When the marble floor completely moved away, she jumped up!

Qi Han and the rest followed closely after!

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After suddenly jumping out of the pitch-black passageway, Chu Liuyue had to adjust to the light before she surveyed her surroundings.

Upon taking one glance, she could confirm that this was the royal family's ancestral hall.

Due to that fire two years ago, this place was in a state of mess. There were many scars and damaged items, and it was cold and quiet.

This was the first time Chu Liuyue came into this place after she was reborn.

She pressed her lips against each other tightly. Back then, I just thought of wanting to drag Jiang Yucheng and the rest down with me. However, I didn't expect that fire to burn so long and directly destroy the entire ancestral hall.

"So that passageway actually connects Huayang Palace straight to the royal family's ancestral hall..." After Qi Han came out, he stood behind Chu Liuyue and softly muttered this as he surveyed his surroundings. They definitely had a motive for doing this, but... What exactly was it?

Chu Liuyue was also thinking of this problem. She carefully took a look at that marble floor, and the scratch marks at the edges could be clearly seen. This passageway... might've appeared earlier than I had expected! The ancestral hall is an important place to the royal family, so it is very hard for outsiders to get in. Why would they take such a huge risk and dig out such a passageway?

And there was one point that Chu Liuyue really didn't understand: If they wanted to kill me, they could do it at a lot of places. However, why did they choose the royal family's ancestral hall?

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Chu Liuyue was stuck for a while and didn't discover any worthy clues. Everything here was destroyed in that fire, and the royal family's ancestral hall is a sacred area. Even if Shangguan Wan came here silently from the passageway, she must've done it very carefully.

After taking a look in the room, Chu Liuyue went out and walked toward the main hall.

Once she stepped out, Chu Liuyue realized that the exterior of the western hall seemed to have fresh signs of being renovated. This was clearly requested by Shangguan Wan before. But before the renovation could be done, something happened to Shangguan Wan. Thus, the tasks here were delayed. Looking at it again now, it just makes people sigh.

Chu Liuyue stood at the door for a moment and realized that something had landed on her face. She looked up and realized that the sky had turned dark, and raindrops were falling gradually.

Very quickly, these raindrops formed a line as if countless lines had connected the ground and the sky.

Chu Liuyue looked forward. Even after the main hall was burned in the large fire, it still looks rather complete from the outside. This was because Ancestor had once personally set up a barrier outside the ancestral hall. Once one met with danger, they could activate it. It's a pity that the fire back then was started from the inside.

From here, they could still vaguely see some traces.

"Master." Qi Han followed over and looked at her with a complicated gaze. He didn't know how Her Highness felt when she decided to burn herself and commit suicide here back then. Now that she is back

again, how will she feel when she sees this scene? For Her Highness, this is the place where she had spent the most painful day in her life. If not to investigate that strange passageway, Her Highness wouldn't be willing to come here again, right?

Chu Liuyue said, "Guard the corridor. I'll go in to take a look."

Qi Han wanted to follow her in, but he just nodded when he saw her calm and nonchalant side profile. "Yes."

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Chu Liuyue had never thought that she would come back here again. Even after her rebirth, even though she kept thinking of taking her revenge and was filled with hatred, she had never thought of returning to this place.

She seemed to avoid this issue instinctively. Perhaps it was because she had once experienced the deepest betrayal and gone through the most heart-wrenching pain here.

In the past, she couldn't come near her due to her status. Now, she had already recovered her original name and could casually come here as and when she wanted. However, she had done so at all.

She didn't expect that she would come back due to a mysterious passageway.

The rain outside got increasingly heavier, and the raindrops pitter-pattered as they landed on the roof.

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in, pushed open the door, and walked in.

It was like a box that had been sealed for a very long time, and the air was filled with a deserted and old aura.

Chu Liuyue looked over.

Other than the ancestors' memorial tablets that were placed in the innermost area, the rest were all burned.

She walked over and kneeled down before the prayer table, respectfully kowtowing thrice. I was determined to die in the beginning, but I almost burned the ancestors' memorial tablets as well. If it were really so, I couldn't save them even if I regretted it.

A translucent figure appeared beside Chu Liuyue—it was Shangguan Jing.

He stared at the memorial tablets for a while before kneeling on the floor and lightly sighing toward Chu Liuyue, who hadn't stood up in a while. "Girlie, you don't have to blame yourself. Jiang Yucheng and Shangguan Wan did wrong. Even if we want to punish somebody, the two of them should suffer the consequences. It has nothing to do with you. I don't blame you, and if these people knew, they wouldn't blame you either."

Chu Liuyue then stood up, and there seemed to be something tumbling in her chest. All the words in the world only manifested into one sentence. "Thank you, Ancestor!"

Shangguan Jing smiled and touched her head through her hair. "You're a good child. It's our Shangguan family's blessing to have you!"

Even though he was only a soul now and this kind of contact didn't feel like anything, Chu Liuyue's heart still felt fuzzy.

She surveyed her surroundings and lightly breathed out as if wanting to let go of all the emotions she had gathered. "I'll go back today and get someone to refurbish the ancestral hall."

"This isn't urgent. What's the point of me staying in this ancestral hall? I'm happier if I can accompany you and go places," teased Shangguan Jing.

Chu Liuyue was caught between laughter and tears. The previous hint of guilt and sorrow became much better. I really am too fortunate to be able to get Ancestor's love.

"Hm? What's that?" Shangguan Jing suddenly focused forward and looked at a corner of the study.

There was a dark-red bloodstain left there.

Chu Liuyue glanced at it. "I hit it back then, so I left this—"

Just as Chu Liuyue was about to explain, she suddenly felt the water droplet in her dantian intensely moving!

Chapter 1014: Totem!

Chu Liuyue's voice trailed off right then.

The water droplet moved for a while and didn't stop. Instead, it started causing waves of ripples with a certain rhythm. The force in her body also seemed to be affected as it started circulating rapidly.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows slightly. This water droplet doesn't move most of the time. If it isn't a special situation, it basically won't move at all. Why did it suddenly—

Detecting that something was amiss with his descendant, Shangguan Jing asked concernedly, "Girlie, what's wrong?"

Before Chu Liuyue could answer, the water droplet in her dantian rapidly turned into a transparent torn page. The page floated quietly, and the seven lines that signified a stage-seven warrior had also disappeared.

In replacement, a blood-colored symbol suddenly appeared in the middle of the torn page.

Chu Liuyue was very familiar with this item. This was because she had seen such a blood symbol appear on her palm after she was reborn! But why did it suddenly appear now...

As if being guided by something, Chu Liuyue stretched out her hand.

The moment her fingers touched the dried bloodstain that was left behind, that bloodstain suddenly became 'alive!'

It rapidly formed a ball and floated up! Then, it landed on Chu Liuyue's palm as it rapidly turned into an identical symbol!

At this point, Chu Liuyue's temples started hurting sharply!

Countless scenes flashed across her mind—familiar ones and unfamiliar ones. Some she remembered, and some she did not.

It was as if something was drilling out in her brain.

"Girlie! Girlie, what's wrong?!" Seeing Chu Liuyue's appearance, Shangguan Jing immediately became anxious.

However, Chu Liuyue didn't seem to be able to hear his shouts at this point. There seemed to be countless voices intersecting beside her ear.

One of them was especially clear. "Yue'er."

That was Rong Xiu's voice! He seemed to be saying something to her, but Chu Liuyue couldn't hear him clearly anymore.

Shangguan Jing saw that the situation was becoming increasingly amiss. In his panic, he saw Chu Liuyue collapsing onto the ground.

“Girlie!” Shangguan Jing hurried over and called her a few times.

Luckily, Chu Liuyue wasn't completely unconscious, and she forced herself up when she saw her ancestor's nervous state.

“Don't worry, Ancestor. I-I'm fine...”

“How are you fine?! Just listen to how weak your voice is!” Shangguan Jing couldn't help but raise his voice. This girl is still forcing herself to be strong at this point?

“I j-just... thought of something...” Chu Liuyue rubbed her glabella.

The excruciating pain finally subsided gradually, but the lingering fear made her uncontrollably nervous.

Upon hearing this, Shangguan Jing's heart skipped a beat. “W-what did you recall?”

He vaguely knew that Chu Liuyue had lost a very important part of her memory and that it was clearly related to the soul within her black pyramid. If she has recalled it—

“It's still a little messy now.” Chu Liuyue bitterly laughed.

Many scenes she didn't remember did appear in her mind earlier, but most of those scenes were too blurred, and they hurriedly flashed across. It was hard to recall them now, and she could only forcefully

remember a small portion of it. And the part of her memory that she could remember did not have anyone in it. Most of it was just blurred images.

“I... still can’t really think of it.”

“It’s okay, it’s okay. You can’t rush this kind of thing. Aren’t you already slowly recovering? You’ll definitely be able to recall everything in the future.” Seeing that she was fine, Shangguan Jing heaved a sigh of relief. In his eyes, Chu Liuyue’s life and safety were most important.

As for the rest... they could care about them later.

Seeing his descendant’s lethargic appearance, Shangguan Jing’s heart ached as his gaze swept past her hands. He was hesitant to speak.

Chu Liuyue noticed this abnormality as she glanced up and stared at her palm.

That blood symbol had disappeared at some point, and the remaining bloodstain on the table was gone without a trace.

Other than the damaged traces on the table corner—which recorded whatever that happened before—the remaining had already disappeared.

If Chu Liuyue didn’t leave the bloodstain behind and hadn’t personally seen it before, she would’ve thought that this table corner was like this from the beginning—clean without a bloodstain.

“Ancestor, do you have something to say?”

Shangguan Jing immediately shook his head. “Nope.”

Chu Liuyue was dazed for a moment and smiled faintly. “I’m really fine now. If you have something to say, please do!”

The Tianling Dynasty’s ancestor sighed in his heart. This girl is too smart and sharp. It’s really hard to hide it from her.

He meticulously surveyed the surroundings before he took a step forward and looked Chu Liuyue in the eye. “Yue’er Girlie, the blood symbol that previously appeared... Why do you have this in your body?”

Chu Liuyue’s eyes narrowed slightly, and a hint of faint light flashed across her eyes rapidly! “You’ve seen it before?”

Shangguan Jing met her gaze and nodded after a while. “I’ve seen it once.”

As expected! Chu Liuyue instantly perked up. “Where did it come from?”

However, Shangguan Jing shook his head. “Tell me how that is related to you first.

Hearing her ancestor’s unusually stern tone, Chu Liuyue’s heart tingled slightly. This blood symbol might have a long history!

“I don’t know either. Ever since I was reborn, this thing has been following me,” said Chu Liuyue as she raised her hand.

At this point, her palm was already clean.

“Back then, it appeared here but quickly disappeared. After that... it had never appeared again. As for this time, I... really don’t know why it has such a reaction to the bloodstain left on the table.”

She had once thought of this, but she couldn’t get an answer. As time passed, she stopped thinking about it.

In actual fact, the torn page in her dantian had already reverted to its water droplet appearance. It was as if everything that happened earlier hadn’t occurred.

But after hearing his descendant’s explanation, Shangguan Jing furrowed his brows tightly and didn’t speak for a long time.

“...Ancestor?” Chu Liuyue called out.

Shangguan Jing then looked at her with a conflicted gaze and said, “I did see this blood symbol once before, and I saw it on a grandmaster.”

Chu Liuyue widened her eyes slightly. “Grandmaster? What... kind of person is that?”

The Tianling Dynasty's ancestor shook his head, and his gaze focused slightly as if he were recalling the past. "Back then, I had already founded the Tianling Dynasty, and I just kept thinking of breaking through to become a stage-nine warrior and enter a higher realm! Hence, I gave the throne up and went to the mainland alone! During this journey, I met many strong warriors! Compared to them, I... am really nothing!"

Chu Liuyue secretly felt shocked. It isn't hard to imagine how strong those people were to have Ancestor say such words!

"And I also met someone at that time. Back then, he also had such a blood symbol.." Upon speaking of this, Shangguan Jing suddenly paused and looked at Chu Liuyue with a complicated gaze. "This thing isn't actually an ordinary symbol, but... It's a totem!"

Chapter 1015: God Residence Realm

"I don't know what his background is. I only know that quite a few people were stunned when they saw him exhibit his blood symbol—it was as if his status was extraordinary. However, he only appeared for a while and left quickly after. I later heard from the others that it was a totem which symbolized his status and identity."

"Logically speaking, such a thing shouldn't appear in the Tianling Dynasty... But Girlie, where did your body's one come from?"

These few short sentences contained stunning news!

Chu Liuyue had reacted for quite some time and kept mulling over his words before gradually understanding a portion of it. "You're saying that... this is actually a symbol of someone's identity?"

Shangguan Jing nodded and then shook his head. "To be more specific, it signifies a clan!"

This was even weirder! No matter if it were Chu Liuyue or Shangguan Yue, they shouldn't be related to that clan at all!

"Also, this blood symbol should've already existed in your body around two years ago. If not, you wouldn't have left behind such a trace on this table," said Shangguan Jing carefully.

Every word he uttered caused Chu Liuyue's heart to sink an inch deeper. Ancestor has no reason to joke with me regarding this, so his words must be true. Then, it also means that I was indeed related to this clan from a very long time ago. After much thinking, the likeliest possibility is that all of these things are related to my lost memory!

The duo fell silent.

The silence spread around and caused the room to freeze inch by inch.

After a long time, Shangguan Jing finally asked, "Girlie, have you... gone to the God Residence Realm before?"

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God Residence Realm!

The moment Chu Liuyue heard these three words, her heart harshly skipped a beat! She was dazed, and her mind was blank, but something seemed to be tumbling in her heart!

She opened her mouth and softly muttered, "God Residence Realm..."

When she said these few words—

Kacha!

A second crack appeared on the black pyramid, and another ray of faint light shone out from within!

Chu Liuyue closed her eyes, and her voice trembled undetectably. "I-I should've... gone there before."

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Da!

Rong Xiu's hands slipped, and the book he was holding fell onto the floor. He knitted his sharp brows, picked the book up, thought for a while, and then placed the book back on the shelf again.

"Your Highness, what's the matter?"

The moment Yu Mo came in, he saw his master standing next to the bookshelf in a motionless and dazed state.

“Nothing.” Rong Xiu recovered his senses, and his expression was faint. I just didn’t expect things to progress so quickly...

“How’s the progress of the banquet?”

Yu Mo found it strange. His Highness has never really cared about his birthday banquet. In the past, he would just hold it for formality’s sake and wouldn’t ask more about it. This time, His Highness seems to be extra concerned about it. It’s really once in a blue moon for him to ask such a question.

“Your Highness, everything has been arranged. The subordinates are also preparing on their own, and nothing is being delayed.”

Rong Xiu nodded. “Mm, that’s good. Everyone in the clan divisions should be coming here slowly, right?”

Yu Mo bowed. “Yes. All the divisions have already sent us news that they have started moving. They should arrive in a few days.”

“There are more people this year, so be more attentive,” instructed Rong Xiu lightly. “At that time, you mustn’t allow the celebration to be spoiled.”

Yu Mo finally couldn’t help but raise his eyebrows in surprise as he quickly shot his master a look. Celebration? His Highness actually knows how to say such a thing? In the past, only the most distinguished people in the divisions had the right to join Your Grace’s banquet. As he has to choose his wife this time, there are naturally more people who are coming.

Even though Yu Mo wasn't the main person in charge, he also knew that all the divisions would put their best foot forward to fight for the position! He had heard that all the divisions had chosen their most outstanding women to contest for the position of Princess Consort!

By that time, one just had to imagine to know how intense the competition would be!

Once he thought of that scene, Yu Mo felt his head ache. However, he still respectfully acknowledged the order. "Your Highness, don't worry."

He scratched his head and planned to go back, but he still bravely asked, "Your Highness, t-then... What about Madam's side?"

From the start to now, His Highness has never mentioned her. If Madam finds out about this... A chill ran down Yu Mo's spine.

Of course, he wouldn't think that his master liked someone else. After all, his master even touched the Record of the Million Gods for her.

But... What's going on now?

Rong Xiu stood with one hand behind his back, and his gaze was deep as his thin lips curled up into an extremely faint smile. "She will come on her own."

Madam is coming?! Won't this wife-choosing birthday celebration become an arena?! Yu Mo's eyelids twitched harshly. "T-then, I'll go fet—"

“No need,” Rong Xiu said and lightly glanced at Yu Mo. “Let them continue protecting her in secret. As for the rest, I’ll personally explain it to her when the time comes.”

Yu Mo was very confused, but he didn’t dare to ask further as he respectfully acknowledged the command and dismissed himself.

After Yu Mo left, Rong Xiu then slowly walked to the bed at the side and lay on it, taking up most of the bed.

He then closed his eyes, and his thick eyelashes cast a faint shadow on his face.

His nose was high and straight, his lips were plump, and his face was as white as jade. Only his sharp brows were raised slightly.

His voice was deep with a hint of love. “...That little fellow is becoming increasingly harsh...”

Chapter 1016: If You Go, You Will Definitely Die

The rain became heavier.

There was a morning fog between heaven and earth, and the ground was covered in a layer of mist.

Qi Han looked at it for a while before turning his gaze to the tightly shut door of the ancestral hall. *Her Highness has been inside for quite a while and hasn't come out. I wonder how she is...*

Creek!

The door opened, and a thin figure walked out from within.

Qi Han and the rest hurriedly welcomed her. "Your Highness."

Walking closer, Qi Han hurriedly glanced and saw that Chu Liuyue's expression seemed to be amiss.

"What's... wrong?" Qi Han knitted his brows and felt slightly worried.

Chu Liuyue shook her head. "Arrange for more people to guard this place. Without my permission, nobody is allowed to get close."

Qi Han didn't understand why, but he still acknowledged the order. "Yes, Your Highness!"

"Also, seal that secret passageway."

"Yes!"

Chu Liuyue looked up and glanced at the dark sky while holding a black umbrella. *This was the one that Rong Xiu left behind when he came.*

“I’ll make another trip to Huayang Palace.”

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This time, she naturally didn’t go back to Huayang Palace for Shangguan Wan—who had already been cleaned up—but for the other person who was also trapped here, Jiang Yucheng.

Chu Liuyue directly pushed open the door and entered. At first glance, she saw Jiang Yucheng sitting there.

Hearing the noise, he looked up, and his expression was calm.

Judging from his frail and thin look, one could tell that he had a hard time during this period. However, his mental state was very strong. Even at this point, he could still look very calm and composed.

Seeing the incoming person, he wasn’t shocked at all as if he had long expected it.

Chu Liuyue closed the door and walked a distance in front.

The two of them faced each other.

“You killed Shangguan Wan.” Chu Liuyue was straightforward. It wasn’t a question nor a suspicion but an affirmative declaration.

Jiang Yucheng looked nonchalant. “She committed suicide. What has that got to do with me?”

He had stayed here and never went out, but he already knew that Shangguan Wan had ‘committed suicide.’ This showed that he was related to this incident!

But even though he denied it, he didn’t seem to want to refute it by saying such words.

Jiang Yucheng knew very clearly that Chu Liuyue could definitely sense something wrong with Shangguan Wan’s death and connect it to him. Then, there would be no harm in speaking about this extra matter.

“I didn’t expect you to want her to die earlier than I do.” Chu Liuyue looked at him with a calm and sharp gaze. It was like a knife that was about to break through his disguise and see through his inner heart. “I don’t know if you’re kind and aren’t willing to let her suffer another day of torture, or... Are you afraid that leaving her alive would cause more trouble?”

Jiang Yucheng laughed.

He originally had a very handsome and charming appearance, but now, he was so thin that he didn’t look human. Not only did this smile not have his old charm and handsomeness, but he even looked like a skeleton with a bag of skin. His eyes were also deep, and he looked miserable.

“You’re still as smart as before. I can’t hide anything from you.” This was a tacit acknowledgment that he had killed her!

“You’re pretty honest.”

An idea popped up in Chu Liuyue’s head, but she really didn’t know why Jiang Yucheng had to kill Shangguan Wan. *Considering Shangguan Wan’s previous reaction, she really didn’t know many things. She didn’t even know that the black symbol in her body came from Black Demon Hole. Besides, from start to end, Jiang Yucheng was the one controlling her. She was an abandoned chess piece at best. Her existence wasn’t important. What exactly is Jiang Yucheng afraid of that he would boldly take action on her?*

Upon hearing this, Jiang Yucheng laughed.

Chu Liuyue asked again, “How did you kill her?”

“You always knew everything. Why do you need me to tell you?” Jiang Yucheng beat around the bush.

Chu Liuyue’s eyes sparkled slightly. “I have already ordered people to uproot all the trees in Huayang Palace and the flowers in the backyard.”

Jiang Yucheng’s expression froze for a moment, and the corner of his lips shook unnaturally, but he quickly returned to normal.

Actually, he had already noticed something before. However, he didn’t expect her to act so quickly and remove all of them in such a short period of time.

“It seems like you rely on those to get information from outside?” questioned Chu Liuyue.

Jiang Yucheng didn’t speak.

He had long known that these cheap shots couldn’t escape her eyes. Hence, he didn’t need to say anything further since she had already stated it directly.

“You’re also the one that instigated Shangguan Wan to make the passageway that connects Huayang Palace to the royal family’s ancestral hall, right?”

Jiang Yucheng closed his eyes and refused to communicate.

Chu Liuyue smiled coldly. “It’s fine if you don’t want to say this since it’s not important already. However, there’s something that I really want to learn from you.”

Jiang Yucheng didn’t move and had no reaction.

“Back then, you could’ve chosen many places to kill me. It would even be much more convenient if you directly took action at the zither room back then. But why—why did you bring me to the royal family’s ancestral hall in the end? What reason do you have to take action there?”

Chu Liuyue’s every single word and sentence was as clear as ever, and they were like heavy rocks landing in an empty and silent room!

Jiang Yucheng still didn't show any reaction. If not for his faint breathing, one might even think that he was dead.

Chu Liuyue waited for a while and slightly raised her brows upon seeing that Jiang Yucheng had no intentions of speaking. *I long expected that he wouldn't speak—just like how he won't explain why exactly he chose to betray me back then!*

"It seems like there's not much meaning if I continue asking," said Chu Liuyue as she turned and walked outside.

When she walked to the door, she suddenly stopped and turned around to look at him. "You know that I went to the God Residence Realm before, right?"

Jiang Yucheng suddenly widened his eyes! His usual calm and nonchalant expression finally broke inch by inch, and his eyes were filled with shock.

But when he saw Chu Liuyue's 'I knew it' expression, he then suddenly realized something. He knitted his brows and gradually clenched his fists. *She didn't even remember everything! She was just testing me!*

"No wonder." Chu Liuyue suddenly felt like the mist before her had been removed. "It seems like the person behind you is also from the God Residence Realm?"

Jiang Yucheng's veins throbbed as he averted his gaze and refused to say another word. *I don't know how exactly Chu Liuyue recalled the God Residence Realm, but this isn't a good sign. If she recalls everything...*

“It’s fine if you refuse to say it.” Chu Liuyue laughed lightly. “Since the person who harmed me refuses to come, I’ll go over personally.”

Then, she pushed open the door and walked outside.

The moment she stepped out, she heard Jiang Yucheng’s voice. “If you go, you’ll definitely die.”

Chu Liuyue turned around and saw black blood gradually flowing down from the corner of Jiang Yucheng’s mouth! She narrowed her eyes and immediately whipped out a red fire!

“You—” Before Jiang Yucheng could finish his sentence, his body suddenly exploded!

Peng!

Chapter 1017: Can’t Wait

Chu Liuyue hit the air.

Jiang Yucheng’s physical body was rapidly destroyed, only leaving behind a pool of black blood in the end. Something moved in it before rapidly disappearing.

When Chu Liuyue rushed over, the pool of blood had already dried up, and an intense deathly aura filled the air.

“It seems like the other party was long prepared as he directly took away Jiang Yucheng’s soul, allowing him to escape rapidly,” boomed Shangguan Jing.

“He acted so quickly...” Chu Liuyue focused on it for a while, and her gaze turned slightly cold. *The moment I found something, the other party acted without hesitation! This proves that the other party is even stronger than I had imagined and is extremely alert. If not, they wouldn’t have settled Jiang Yucheng so swiftly and agilely. This trail of clues is broken again!*

“Girlie, you don’t have to be too worried. Jiang Yucheng’s physical body is destroyed. Even if his soul survives, he’ll be greatly harmed. If he can’t recuperate well before he finds a suitable physical body, he will forever be a wandering soul.”

“It’s a pity I didn’t personally kill him in time...” muttered Chu Liuyue softly with her furrowed brows.

“It’s not that important to kill him now. The most important thing is to find the mastermind behind him! That’s the true person who wants to harm you!”

Chu Liuyue lightly sighed as she nodded in agreement. Then, she asked, “Ancestor, can you see anything else other than this?”

“The other party is very discreet, and they clearly come from an extraordinary background... I’m afraid it’s a little difficult to find out immediately.” Shangguan Jing’s voice was solemn. “That black bloodstain and that unique deathly smell should be the key. If we really want to find the other party, the only way is perhaps to... personally make a trip to the God Residence Realm.”

Chu Liuyue nodded. *Even if Ancestor didn’t say anything, I was going to go. I have a feeling that my missing memory should be related to the God Residence Realm!*

“It’s really a pity to let him escape like that,” said Chu Liuyue as she directly set that pool of blood on fire, burning it clean!

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In one day, Shangguan Wan’s body and soul were destroyed, while Jiang Yucheng self-exploded and escaped. Since then, the two people trapped in Huayang Palace disappeared silently.

When Chu Liuyue returned to her bedroom, it was already nighttime.

After washing up, she wanted to sleep directly. But when she lay on the bed, she couldn’t sleep no matter what.

She still sat up after tossing and turning for a while.

Actually, she had experienced many things today. No matter if it were her energy level or her physical body, she was exhausted. But in the depths of her brain, there seemed to be a tense string that couldn’t relax no matter what.

Chu Liuyue thought for a while and took out a book—it was the weird diary that she had found on her bookshelf previously.

She just felt that this book should hold a deep meaning to her. So ever since that day, she brought the book everywhere she went.

She carefully flipped through it, but she still didn’t understand it.

When she flipped to the last page, she saw that line of words again.

“Xin Dynasty...” Chu Liuyue muttered to herself. *Could that be a year in the God Residence Realm...*

After thinking for a while, Chu Liuyue placed the book back again, sat cross-legged, and started cultivating. When the force in her body circulated for a few Heavenly Cycles, her emotions were gradually appeased.

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The next morning, Shangguan You came to Shaoyue Palace. Once the former emperor saw his daughter, he directly asked, “Yue’er, I heard something happened at Huayang Palace yesterday?”

He seemed quite nervous, which Chu Liuyue found strange, but she still nodded lightly. “Indeed.”

It was normal if others didn’t know that such a thing had happened, but Shangguan You would definitely know.

Chu Liuyue didn’t hide it and briefly recounted the incident to him.

“...So he really has a backer from the God Residence Realm...” After hearing this, Shangguan You had a conflicted expression.

“Father, you know about the God Residence Realm?” Chu Liuyue’s eyebrows moved slightly. *I didn’t mention it before.*

Shangguan You was suddenly dazed. “As the Tianling Dynasty’s Emperor, I naturally know about it. Not only me, but most of the other emperors have also heard of it before. As you had just ascended the throne previously and had many things to do with no spare time, I didn’t have the chance to tell you. But... It seems like you already know about it? Did Ancestor tell you about it?”

“Yes, Ancestor mentioned it to me the day before.” An idea surfaced in Chu Liuyue’s heart. *Seeing Father’s behavior, he clearly doesn’t know that I’ve gone to the God Residence Realm before.*

She also didn’t bring this point up.

“I see.” Shangguan You didn’t suspect otherwise.

Actually, one of the reasons why he didn’t mention it before was also due to her abilities being inadequate back then. Now that she had already broken through to become a stage-seven warrior and even recovered her Tianjing Yuan meridian, he could relax more.

“Now that you’ve already ascended the throne, I should tell you about it.” Shangguan You lightly sighed as he gazed far away as if deep in thought.

Chu Liuyue sat at the side and waited quietly.

“Yue’er, do you know why the Country Yao Chen you were previously at and our Tianling Dynasty have different statuses?”

Chu Liuyue thought for a moment, and her gaze moved. "...Heaven's Canopy?"

"That's right." Shangguan You nodded. "Within Heaven's Canopy, no matter if it is the density of the Heaven and Earth Force or the resources—all sorts of heavenly treasures—it is much better than outside! This also allows the cultivators within Heaven's Canopy to be much stronger than the ones outside!"

"But in actual fact, other than these dynasties, there are many hidden clans in the mainland! They... are the truly formidable existences! To us, the God Residence Realm is like what Heaven's Canopy is to Country Yao Chen. We can only cross this step and enter the God Residence Realm by becoming true top warriors!"

Chu Liuyue suddenly asked, "Then, at what point do we have the right to enter the God Residence Realm?"

Shangguan You leaned against the chair and helplessly shook his head as he smiled. He then stretched out a finger and pointed upward. "It's naturally when... you break through as a stage-nine warrior and enter the Apotheosis realm!"

Actually, Chu Liuyue had already faintly guessed the standard before, but she was still shocked when she heard the exact answer. *If it really is according to this standard, then... How did I enter back then? Also, what exactly did I experience in the past?*

"Previously, you almost broke through, and I had high hopes for you. I thought you would succeed not long later! I didn't expect..." He didn't expect so many things to happen later, and all the plans were disrupted.

“Luckily—luckily, you’re back now...” Shangguan You looked at her dotingly. “Cultivate properly. When you break through as a stage-nine warrior and enter the Apotheosis realm, you can then enter the God Residence Realm!”

Chu Liuyue looked down and covered the faint light in her eyes.. *Wait until then? I’m afraid I can’t wait any longer!*

Chapter 1018: Go Ahead

At this point, an announcement was heard from outside. “Dragon Teeth Mountain’s Ms. Mu is here!”

Chu Liuyue looked up and saw that Mu Hongyu had already arrived outside the hall. “Quickly, come in.”

Mu Hongyu followed the palace maids into the hall. Once she saw Chu Liuyue, her cute face immediately broke into an excited and elated smile as her almond eyes shone brightly.

“Liu—” She had just spat out one word when she saw Shangguan You standing at the side. She then realized that she was in the palace, so she hurriedly stopped herself and bent her knees to bow. “Greetings, Your Majesty. Greetings, Supreme Emperor!”

Chu Liuyue waved toward her. “Hongyu, this is my own bedroom. You don’t have to stand on ceremony. Come, please sit.”

Mu Hongyu glanced at Shangguan You anxiously.

After all, the latter had been of high status for many years. So even though Shangguan You was wearing casual clothes, he still had the unignorable suppression of an emperor.

Even though Mu Hongyu was active, she knew what to do at appropriate venues. *Liuyue can be polite, but I can't lose my manners.*

Shangguan You laughed out loud. "Mu Hongyu, right? I heard many things about you from Yue'er. You don't have to restrain yourself here. Coincidentally, I have something on, so I won't stay here and disturb you. You guys can continue talking."

Then, he stood up and was about to leave.

However, Chu Liuyue smiled and said, "Father, you should stay behind first. The things we're going to talk about next are also related to you."

"Oh?" Shangguan You found it strange, but seeing that his daughter didn't seem to be kidding, he sat down again.

Mu Hongyu saw that Shangguan You was very friendly, and her tense emotions relaxed gradually.

"Hongyu has a Faint Yuan Body, and it's much harder for her to break through to become a stage-seven warrior than ordinary cultivators. Hence, I plan to bring Hongyu to the Red Moon Desert this time so that we can ask the seniors that we know to guide her."

Mu Hongyu and Chu Liuyue were very close. Besides, the Faint Yuan Body hadn't appeared in a thousand years, so it would really be a pity if it was wasted like this.

Hence, Chu Liuyue was bent on helping her to the end.

“Red Moon Desert? Seniors?” Shangguan You was confused. Isn't it very dangerous there? Normal people will barely survive if they go there, but why is Yue'er rushing to go there? And she is even saying that she knows some seniors?”

Chu Liuyue smiled and nodded. “Yes. I thankfully had their help before, which is why we could successfully leave the Red Moon Desert.”

Out of all the people Chu Liuyue knew now, they were the strongest ones. Other than them, she really couldn't think of who could help.

Coincidentally, they also asked Xue Xue to send some news over, so it was good if they went over to take a look.

“For this trip I'm going on with Hongyu this time, we aren't sure when we'll return. Hence, I need you to take care of many things on the Tianling Dynasty's side, Father.”

Upon hearing this, Shangguan You naturally wouldn't reject it. “Yue'er, don't worry. With me around, you can do whatever you want!”

A hint of apology surfaced in Chu Liuyue's eyes. “I originally wanted you to lead a leisurely life from now on, but... I didn't expect to still trouble you in the end.”

“How is this troublesome?” Shangguan You glanced at her in disapproval. “Besides, you're my daughter. If I don't help you, who else can I help? Don't worry. I've already recovered, so nothing will happen to me!”

Chu Liuyue's heart felt warm.

Actually, she did come back this time wanting her father to rest properly. She also wanted to make up for what she owed him, but she didn't expect so many things to happen later.

She jokingly said, "If I knew of this earlier, I shouldn't have agreed to yours and Ancestor's suggestion to ascend the throne that day. You see, you're still the one being busy with all these things in the end."

Shangguan You laughed out loud. "Anyway, this position is yours sooner or later. You should go there as soon as possible!"

The Tianling royal family barely had any descendants, and Shangguan Wan had even taken action on many people the whole time. Hence, most of the royal family's descendants were either dead, injured, or way too young. Amongst them, only Chu Liuyue could hold up the fort.

"When do you plan to go?" asked Shangguan You.

Chu Liuyue and Mu Hongyu exchanged glances. "Today."

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In the Red Moon Desert, the sun shone aggressively.

This vast desert had no end. The heatwaves rose, and even the air became distorted.

A white figure suddenly appeared in the desert sky. Following it was a red-tailed phoenix with its wings spread.

Chu Liuyue and Mu Hongyu stood on Tuan Zi's back, and their clothes flowed with the wind.

"We're going to reach real soon," said Chu Liuyue.

Mu Hongyu nodded, but her gaze had landed on Xue Xue in front of her, and she seemed to be in a daze. *Why does this figure... look so familiar?*

"Hongyu, what are you thinking about?" Chu Liuyue had long discovered that something was wrong with Mu Hongyu. During this entire journey, she seemed to be lost.

"Hm? N-nothing. I... just feel that this white lion... looks pretty familiar..." muttered Mu Hongyu softly. When she saw Xue Xue rushing toward the desert, a ray of light flashed across her mind! *Right! This white lion looks very similar to the legendary fiend we saw in the Mystic Forest previously!*

"Xue Xue? That's Rong Xiu's fiend," explained Chu Liuyue.

In the palace back then, Rong Xiu had once summoned Xue Xue over. Quite a few people had seen it, so there was no need to hide this matter intentionally.

"What? You're saying that this is Prince Li's legendary fiend?" Mu Hongyu was stunned. *The matter of Rong Xiu having a legendary fiend has spread far and wide in the entire Xi Ling. Even though I didn't intentionally notice this issue, I had heard of it. I didn't expect that it actually was—*

Then... If it really is the one we previously saw, won't that prove that Rong Xiu is actually here?

“What’s the matter?” Seeing that her reaction was amiss, Chu Liuyue continued asking.

Mu Hongyu hesitated for a moment. She was about to speak when she suddenly heard sounds from the desert.

The duo looked down in unison. They saw the tumbling balls of sand and the moving yellow sand causing a huge commotion.

Chu Liuyue immediately said, “Seniors, it’s us!”

A gender-indistinguishable grunt could be heard from far away.

“Girlie, you know how to come back?” This was Lan Xiao’s voice. Even though he sounded angry, he had no intentions of being furious as his tone had a hint of restrained elation. “Come down quickly!”

Chu Liuyue couldn’t help but laugh. For some reason, she felt very intimate when she heard this voice.

“Hongyu, let’s go down.” She lightly patted Tuan Zi’s forehead and jumped down!

“Hey...” Before Mu Hongyu could question clearly, she saw her friend jump down. She could only follow closely.

The moment Chu Liuyue landed on the ground, the yellow sand beneath her feet started moving quickly and sent her forward. It finally stopped when she could see the sapphire-like lake in front of her.

Once Chu Liuyue stood still, she heard Diwu Zhangze's surprised voice.. "Hm? Girlie, you broke through and became a stage-seven warrior?"

Chapter 1019: Holy Body!

As he was too surprised, Diwu Zhangze's voice wasn't transmitted specifically to Chu Liuyue like Lan Xiao's had been. Hence, his voice directly sounded throughout the desert.

Mu Hongyu—who rushed over after—heard this voice and immediately looked around her surroundings alertly. "Who's there?"

Chu Liuyue smiled in comfort. "Don't worry. This is one of the few people I mentioned to you earlier. The one who just spoke is Diwu Zhangze."

"Hehe. Little girlie, you don't remember me anymore?" Diwu Zhangze laughed. "It seems like you haven't suffered enough the previous time?"

Mu Hongyu was dazed.

“You, you, you—” She suddenly recalled something and widened her eyes in shock. “It was you last time—”

Hua!

A yellow ball of sand suddenly formed and flew toward Mu Hongyu!

Shua!

Mu Hongyu’s figure instantly disappeared on the spot. Other than an extremely faint ripple in the air, nobody would’ve noticed anything amiss.

Chu Liuyue’s gaze flickered slightly. If I hadn’t broken through to become a stage-seven warrior and was slightly less sensitive, I might not even be able to notice this ripple. The Faint Yuan Body really is as rumored!

The next moment, Mu Hongyu appeared on a sand ball 1,000 feet away. “Whew... Luckily, I avoided it—”

Just as Mu Hongyu secretly felt lucky, she realized that the yellow ball of sand was still floating at its spot quietly and didn’t chase her. She then felt dazed for a moment and realized that she seemed to have overreacted.

“Hahaha! It seems like you’ve improved quite a bit during this period of time!” Diwu Zhangze laughed out loud.

Whoosh!

That ball of yellow sand fell on the floor.

Mu Hongyu's face flushed slightly, and she realized that he was teasing her.

Chu Liuyue glanced at the lake helplessly. "Senior Diwu, Hongyu was tortured miserably by you the previous time. Don't joke with her."

Mu Hongyu flashed and appeared beside Chu Liuyue as she smiled in embarrassment. "Liuyue, don't worry. I'm fine! If not for this senior guiding me previously, I wouldn't have improved so quickly..."

Even though her face was still red, her tone was very sincere and honest. She really wanted to thank Diwu Zhangze for his previous help from the bottom of her heart.

As she spoke, she solemnly bowed in gratitude in that direction.

Seeing that Mu Hongyu's attitude was so good, Chu Liuyue relaxed.

However, Diwu Zhangze was quite surprised as he laughed out loud. "Good! Good! You are teachable!"

One that can be friends with Yue'er Girlie won't be lacking in any aspect.

"Tianjing Yuan meridian?" At this point, another familiar voice sounded. "When did you recover it?"

Even though the tone was cold and distinguished, it was a pity that the voice sounded child-like and playful. Due to this, it didn't sound very threatening.

Following this voice, ripples could be seen on the lake surface.

Chu Liuyue smiled. "A few days ago."

Dugu Mobao snorted. "That's more like it."

After knowing that Chu Liuyue had recovered her Tianjing Yuan meridian, everyone was either shocked, envious, or in disbelief—as well as other similar emotions.

Only Dugu Mobao didn't express this. He sounded like he despised her a little and looked as if this should happen.

It was as though it was normal for Chu Liuyue to recover her Tianjing Yuan meridian and that she could be forcefully liked.

Mu Hongyu secretly stuck out her tongue toward Chu Liuyue. Even though she hadn't seen him, it was shocking enough just to hear this sentence.

Having a Tianjing Yuan meridian was such a rare talent! Only two people had it in the Tianling Dynasty's thousand-year history!

Many people in the world were extremely envious of it! But to this 'senior,' it... actually seemed just like that?

Mu Hongyu faintly knew why Chu Liuyue said that these few seniors might be able to give her guidance on how to cultivate the Faint Yuan Body.

Chu Liuyue didn't care much about it as her eyes curled up. "It's a coincidence, and I was just luckier. I conveniently recovered it when I broke through to become a stage-seven warrior."

Mu Hongyu's eyelids harshly twitched. T-these people are such maniacs! I faintly feel that if I continue staying here, I won't have a good time...

Even though she was already prepared mentally, she realized at this moment that she was still too naive!

"Other than coming here on your appointment, I still have a favor I'd like to ask of you, Seniors."

Whatever she was afraid of came.

Just as Mu Hongyu's heart was trembling, Chu Liuyue held her friend's hand and pushed her forward. "Hongyu has a Faint Yuan Body, and she's going to break through to become a stage-seven warrior real soon. I once read in an ancient book that it's extremely difficult for people with a Faint Yuan Body to transcend their God Foreseeing Tribulation, so I would like to ask Seniors to guide her a little. I wonder..."

“This small matter isn’t a problem.” Diwu Zhangze agreed immediately. “With me around, I’ll definitely ensure that she’ll transcend her God Foreseeing Tribulation!”

Chu Liuyue’s eyes brightened up. “You’re really willing to help?”

“What does this count for? Someone with a Faint Yuan Body is a talent after all. It’s a pity to waste it,” Diwu Zhangze said and couldn’t help but chuckle. “Those fools in the Tianling Dynasty will only delay her development. In the coming days, you can just stay here until you transcend the God Foreseeing Tribulation!”

Since he said this, it meant that he was really going to help!

“Thank you, Senior Diwu!” Mu Hongyu hurriedly bowed respectfully.

“Thank you, Senior Diwu!” After settling this matter, Chu Liuyue heaved a huge sigh of relief. “Oh right! May I know why you are looking for me, Seniors?”

Chu Liuyue directed her focus back to this matter after arranging Mu Hongyu’s matters.

Diwu Zhangze didn’t reply immediately and seemed rather hesitant. “I... I think Big Baby should say it! I’ll bring Hongyu around to let her familiarize herself with the environment!”

Then, he yelled, “Hongyu, over here!”

Mu Hongyu hurriedly acknowledged it. “Oh... oh! Okay!”

Then, she looked at Chu Liuyue rather hesitantly.

Chu Liuyue gave her an assuring look. "Just go ahead."

Mu Hongyu nodded.

A yellow ball suddenly appeared beside her.

"Ow... Again!" Mu Hongyu cried and immediately shot out!

Very quickly, only Chu Liuyue was left here.

The sun was burning, and there was no wind anywhere, but the lake water still had ripples.

"Yue'er Girlie, come over here." This was Lan Xiao's voice.

Chu Liuyue followed the voice and walked over. At the lake, she instinctively looked down.

There seemed to be a faint shadow gathering in the clear lake.

“Actually, we asked you to come here because Big Baby needs your help with something.” Lan Xiao’s tone was a little strange.

Chu Liuyue was dazed. Big Baby needs my help? All these people are so strong, especially Big Baby. What matter would they need my help with?

“As long as I can do it, I will not refuse. May I know... what it is about?”

Lan Xiao lightly said, “Big Baby, do you want me to say it, or do you want to tell Girlie yourself?”

Dead silence.

After a while, Dugu Mobao’s extremely awkward voice sounded.. “I managed to form a Holy Body, but I need your force to awaken it.”

Chapter 1020: What are You Looking At!

Holy Body? Guide? Chu Liuyue was confused when she heard it. “This Holy Body is...”

“After a cultivator breaks through as a stage-nine warrior and enters the Apotheosis realm, they can use the Heaven and Earth Force to form a body, which is the Holy Body. Normal cultivators have limited physical body strength, but a Holy Body is different. Its potential is limitless, and if one cultivates to the Paragon realm, they will never die or be harmed! Hence, this Holy Body is very important to cultivators. The more important thing is that once one reaches a certain cultivation level, even if their physical body is destroyed, they can reform it and turn it into a Holy Body!”

“Our physical bodies have all been destroyed, and we’re left with our souls only. We rely on absorbing the Heaven and Earth Force to finally reform our Holy Body. As long as he can awaken his Holy Body, Big Baby can get out of this place.”

Chu Liuyue blinked and looked very happy. “That’s great! If I can help you, I’ll definitely do it!”

She knew that Dugu Mobao and the rest were trapped in this area and couldn’t go out due to various reasons. They could only come out for a while on a red moon day, and they spent most of their time under the desert without daylight.

Since Dugu Mobao could form his Holy Body, he could then come out. Where could he not go in the world?

“This is naturally a good thing, but... There’s a small problem on Big Baby’s side.” Lan Xiao sounded like he was holding in his laughter.

“What problem?” asked Chu Liuyue.

“Actually, it’s nothing much. When you previously rushed back to Xi Ling, he was in a hurry to help you and hastened his speed in forming the Holy Body. In the end—”

“Lan Xiao, if you don’t want your tongue, I can cut it for you.” Dugu Mobao’s voice was filled with murderous intent as it sounded.

“Okay, okay, okay! I won’t say it anymore! You can tell Yue’er Girlie yourself!” Lan Xiao willingly begged for mercy and didn’t fight with Dugu Mobao for once.

This made Chu Liuyue feel even weirder. A Holy Body is so important. Since he has already formed it, what problem could there be? And... listening to Lan Xiao, it seems to have something to do with me?

After thinking for a while, she asked, “May I know where your Holy Body is now? What must I do to wake it?”

The moment she said that, the ripple on the water surface expanded! Then, a spiral appeared in the sapphire lake’s center!

The waves extended in all directions and gradually formed a hollow in the middle.

A firefly glowing faintly in purple rose from within gradually! A holy and strong suppression faintly came from within!

Just by standing here, Chu Liuyue felt that her chest was stuffy! All the force in her body suddenly seemed to slow down at this moment!

This was absolutely a crushingly strong warrior aura!

Chu Liuyue secretly felt shocked. This is still a Holy Body that hasn’t awakened, yet it is already so terrifying! I don’t know how shocking Dugu Mobao’s true capabilities are!

Right at this moment, a warm and strong force suddenly exuded from the water droplet in her body and injected into her limbs. The suppressive feeling then subsided by quite a bit.

However, Chu Liuyue still held her breath as she stood at the front without blinking, not daring to miss anything.

“The thing inside is my Holy Body.” Dugu Mobao’s voice somehow sounded even more awkward. “Later, you just have to prick your index finger and inject a wave of force within.”

Chu Liuyue nodded. “Okay.”

Then, that firefly flew toward Chu Liuyue.

It was most probably because Dugu Mobao purposely hid his aura, but Chu Liuyue didn’t feel any stronger suppression. Under the support of the water droplet’s strength, she forcefully stabilized herself.

At this point, Chu Liuyue suddenly thought of something. Why does this firefly seem a little small? Since it’s a Holy Body, it shouldn’t be like this...

Just as this thought flashed across her mind, that firefly quickly flew to one step in front of Chu Liuyue.

The layer of faint purple on the firefly looked beautiful. It was a mess inside, so she couldn’t see too clearly.

Chu Liuyue didn't think much as she bit her index finger, and a bright-red blood pearl quickly appeared.

Then, the blood pearl seemed to be guided by some force as it left Chu Liuyue's fingertip and floated toward the firefly. Of course, it contained an extremely rich force at the same time.

That blood pearl quickly landed in the center of the firefly.

The moment they touched, the blood pearl rapidly disappeared! Then, a whirring sound was heard, and the light on the firefly shone brightly!

Chu Liuyue instinctively raised her hand to cover her eyes!

The purple light glowed brightly!

Kacha!

Chu Liuyue clearly heard something breaking!

When the light gradually dissipated, she then looked up. With this glance, she was directly stunned.

That firefly had already disappeared. Like a layer of mesh unveiled, she could finally see the situation within!

A toddler that looked around three or four years old was floating quietly in midair. He had an adorable and chubby face and very thick lashes that were slightly curled. His short purple hair was soft and fluffy.

The light wind blew, and it gently rose.

As if detecting Chu Liuyue's vision, he suddenly widened his eyes!

He had a pair of purple eyes! They were so beautiful and nearly demonic!

The two of them stared at each other.

The toddler knitted his brows and looked ferocious. "What are you looking at? Have you not seen it before?"

His sentence was originally very authoritative, but his voice was too child-like and didn't feel very threatening.

Chu Liuyue recovered her senses, extended her fingers, and pointed.. "Uhm... Big Baby, you're not wearing any clothes."