

## **Noble Ruler 1021**

### **Chapter 1021: Bitter Story**

Dugu Mobao's face was dazed for a moment. Following this, Chu Liuyue saw the pink face flushing red at an observable speed—almost as if blood could drip out of it!

*Rumble!*

A ball of purple fire suddenly exploded in front of Chu Liuyue!

She immediately moved back and barely avoided it as a strand of her hair was burned, exuding a faint smell of something burning.

The small person opposite her rapidly covered himself in a faint layer of purple light. Then, he waved his small hand.

After the light faded away, he had already changed into a purple robe.

This robe was very exquisite. Under the sunlight, it reflected a faint light and looked more like brocade.

Chu Liuyue stared at the scene before her with a conflicted expression. Originally, this scene should be magnificent and formidable, but it was a pity that... Big Baby's image was completely destroyed in her heart.

“Puahahahaha!” Resounding laughter suddenly exploded from the lake. “Big Baby—you! Hahahaha! You didn’t wear clothes when you met Yue’er Girlie!”

Lan Xiao had always been cool and calm when talking, just like a deity. This was the first time Chu Liuyue had heard him laugh so freely.

Her eyelids twitched. *Uhm... It seems like he’s laughing a little too loudly...*

As expected, the louder Lan Xiao laughed, the darker Big Baby’s face became.

His originally flushed face instantly turned black and red. *Holy Bodies that were just formed are indeed nude, but I was careless just now and forgot about this. Besides, this process is very difficult. The three of us have been stuck here for many years, but only I have succeeded first.*

“Now, you haven’t even formed half your Holy Body. What right do you have to laugh here?” said Big Baby with clenched teeth.

Lan Xiao took no notice of the danger as he laughed even harder. “Hahahaha! But you didn’t wear clothes! HAHAHAHA!”

“Are you done laughing?” said Big Baby clearly and coldly with endless suppression.

“Hahaha—ugh!” Lan Xiao’s voice suddenly stopped.

*Whoosh!*

An explosion was suddenly heard within the lake! Then, the surroundings finally became peaceful.

The vortex in the lake quickly recovered, leaving a few ripples.

Dugu Mobao had his back facing Chu Liuyue as he closed his eyes and took a deep breath in. But even after a while, he still didn't turn around.

The atmosphere instantly became very awkward.

Chu Liuyue paused for a moment. Seeing that he hadn't turned around, she couldn't help but call him. "Big Baby?"

Dugu Mobao then resigned himself to his fate and turned around.

"What's the matter?" asked Dugu Mobao coldly as he slightly raised his chin with no facial expression. There was even a tinge of frustration in his eyes.

*Chu Liuyue's gaze turned. His small face's expression has already returned to normal, but there is still a hint of red that hasn't subsided on his ears. He looks just like a kid who made a mistake but is bent on not admitting it. This look... Even if I know he has a Holy Body, he has no look of authority at all.*

Chu Liuyue held in her laughter and asked very seriously and genuinely, "Big Baby, did I manage to help you?"

Big Baby's expression then became more normal as he turned around and looked into the distance. After a moment, he then acknowledged it.

Chu Liuyue smiled, and her eyes curved up. "That's great! However, can I ask why I could help you with this?"

A hint of curiosity filled Chu Liuyue's eyes. *Even though I've already broken through to become a stage-seven warrior now and there is a holy force in my body, it doesn't seem like someone of my cultivation level can do something such as awakening a Holy Body... Why don't I know how capable I am?*

Dugu Mobao knitted his brows. "Of course, it's because you... are you."

Chu Liuyue was dazed. *What does that mean?*

Dugu Mobao glanced at her. Seeing her confused expression, he then recalled that she had already forgotten those matters.

He opened his mouth, and the words were at the tip of his tongue when he suddenly changed the topic. "After successfully forming the Holy Body, we need a holy force to guide it. Coincidentally, you have a holy force in your body. Therefore—"

Chu Liuyue's gaze flickered slightly as she smiled slightly. "I only obtained the holy force recently. Could it be that you already knew about it then, so you got Xue Xue to send me the news?"

Big Baby's group of three was powerful, but they couldn't leave the Red Moon Desert. Hence, it was impossible for them to know about the incident so quickly. This also meant that they made this decision much earlier on.

Due to this, it was definitely not because of the holy force in her body.

Dugu Mobao was stumped and said, "You heard wrongly. I meant the force of the Heavenly Dao. Your body had it before, right?"

Chu Liuyue smiled and didn't say a word. *The two of us are just standing opposite each other. I naturally wouldn't have misheard him. Besides, the Heavenly Dao in my body is split into three. I got one portion when I broke the Tianling God Realm at first. The other two portions were obtained when I made an agreement with the legendary three-eyed eagle and Tuan Zi.*

However, she was very sensible and did not ask further.

Dugu Mobao clearly didn't want to truthfully answer this question now, so there was no point in asking further. Hence, she nodded in agreement and changed the topic. "I see... Oh right. Just now, Senior Lan Xiao said that because of me, you seemed to have..."

The 'small problem' Lan Xiao mentioned earlier was most likely referring to the very young age of Dugu Mobao's Holy Body.

Even though his voice directly sounded like a child's, Chu Liuyue wouldn't believe that Dugu Mobao was truly a three-year-old kid. *This even seems to have something to do with me?*

Dugu Mobao knitted his brows and recovered his expressionless face. "It has nothing to do with you."

“Pfft—” Faint laughter suddenly sounded next to Chu Liuyue’s ear. “Girlie, don’t listen to him argue.”

Chu Liuyue paused. *This is Lan Xiao’s voice.*

She looked up, but Dugu Mobao didn’t seem to have much of a reaction.

“Girlie, don’t worry. He can’t hear this voice—I can still do this small thing. You just need to listen.”

Chu Liuyue looked down and quietly listened as if she were thinking about something. But in actual fact, she was listening to Lan Xiao talk.

“He doesn’t want to tell you about this, but I want to tell you.” Lan Xiao reduced his teasing tone and became much more serious. “We all knew that you were harmed by that adulterous couple. Back then, you returned to Xi Ling to take revenge, right? Actually, at that time, we also wanted to go back and help you—support you. But it’s a pity that the three of us were stuck here and couldn’t leave. Only if we formed our Holy Bodies could we get out of this cage.”

“You should also be able to tell that Big Baby is the strongest amongst us all, and he’s also the one that can form the Holy Body the fastest. In actual fact, he originally needed three more years to succeed, but he decided to forcefully break through to help you then.”

Chu Liuyue’s heart tingled, and she faintly guessed something.

Lan Xiao sighed lightly. “Even though he forcefully succeeded in breaking through earlier, he has become stuck at this age in the end... Once the Holy Body is formed, one can never change it for the rest of their lives..”

Chapter 1022: Go Together

Chu Liuyue’s heart sank harshly. Does this not mean that Big Baby will very likely look like this for the rest of his life? A normal person’s life is already so long, let alone someone like Big Baby—who has reached the Apotheosis realm and formed his Holy Body. Even though his appearance is adorable, he isn’t a true child. If he is forever stuck in a three-year-old Holy Body... It would be a very torturous matter for anyone.

“Shh—don’t let him know that you already know.” Lan Xiao sighed. “In the beginning, even Diwu and I didn’t know about this. Later on, if not because it fa—because it almost failed and alerted us, we wouldn’t have known. He refused to let you know about this or let us mention it, but I thought that we shouldn’t hide this from you.”

“I’m not telling you this because I want you to be very thankful toward him, but I want you to know that... Though there are people who chose to betray you, there are also people who are forever on your side.” Even if they have to pay a huge price for it!

This was the first time Chu Liuyue heard Lan Xiao talk so seriously.

Something seemed to be tumbling in her chest. Her heart was warm, and the heat spread, even warming her limbs and bones.

She closed her eyes and hid her sourness. When she looked up again, she was smiling as usual. “No matter what, Big Baby, I’m very happy to be able to help you.”

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Since he had already formed his Holy Body, Dugu Mobao was free. After being stuck in the Red Moon Desert, he still wasn't used to it now that he suddenly came out. This was especially so... when he was in his current state.

He spent a long time gradually convincing himself to try to ignore this. After all, it was already very hard for him to come out.

The two of them chatted for a while before Chu Liuyue asked a question she had in her heart for a long time. "Big Baby, you guys know Rong Xiu, right?"

Dugu Mobao glanced at her.

Chu Liuyue looked calm. "You were willing to let Xue Xue send such important news. Actually, it's enough to prove this, right?"

Hearing its name, Xue Xue—who had been obediently staying at the side—was immediately energized.

Following this, it heard Dugu Mobao's cold voice. "I was going to look for you when it coincidentally came. It's a waste not to use it."

Xue Xue instantly felt a chill run down its spine, and it was on the brink of tears. How did I come myself? If Master didn't command me, why would I come to this place?! I really don't have any rights!

Chu Liuyue paused. Dugu Mobao's sentence didn't directly answer my question.

She looked up and smiled. "Big Baby, you don't have to consider so much. I've already recalled many things, including... the incidents regarding Rong Xiu in the God Residence Realm."

Once she said this, a hint of shock and confusion finally flashed across Dugu Mobao's beautiful and demonic eyes. "Y-you remembered everything? When?"

Chu Liuyue confirmed it in her heart. As expected—that cliff and that octagonal pavilion are indeed in the God Residence Realm! Back then, the person I played chess with was indeed Rong Xiu himself! The two of us clearly knew each other in the God Residence Realm!

Actually, she recalled a very limited amount of things, but Dugu Mobao's reply precisely confirmed her previous guess!

"I didn't remember everything but just a portion of it." A thought popped up in Chu Liuyue's mind. Since Dugu Mobao and the rest know about this, it's obvious that they know Rong Xiu. Then, it is also reasonable to get Xue Xue to help them. However... all these people hadn't told me in advance at all!

"So this time, I plan on personally making a trip to the God Residence Realm."

Dugu Mobao knitted his brows, and his pink face turned solemn. "Now?"

"Now."

“You do know how dangerous it is to go to the God Residence Realm with your current abilities... right?”

“Since I’ve gone there before, why can’t I go there now?”

Dugu Mobao was hesitant in his words. Of course, it’s because you were stronger back then than now!

But upon thinking that she did have quite a few trump cards with her... Perhaps... she could take the risk.

He thought for a moment. “I’ll go with you.”

Before Chu Liuyue could react, Xue Xue suddenly jumped up from far away. “Ow?!”

This ancestor wants to go? I’m afraid the world will flip!

“Hm? You don’t welcome me?” Dugu Mobao glanced at it lightly.

Xue Xue immediately crouched down obediently. Hehe, I’m joking. Why won’t I welcome you?

Chu Liuyue was speechless. With Rong Xiu’s personality, how could he raise a fiend like Xue Xue with no principles...

As if seeing through Chu Liuyue's thoughts, Xue Xue miserably glanced at her. Did she forget how I was previously tortured? Who can stand that?

"You don't agree too?" Dugu Mobao asked Chu Liuyue. Even though his tone was nonchalant, his small face showed a clear and obvious threat.

Chu Liuyue raised her hands in approval. "Of course, I agree!"

She didn't fake her agreement; she really thought that it was good.

The God Residence Realm was mysterious, and there were many strong warriors. Even though she had gone there previously, she couldn't remember anything now. When she reached there, it would probably be like her sight turning dark.

If Big Baby can follow me, won't I save a lot of trouble? Besides, I can be more confident with such a strong warrior backing me up.

Seeing Chu Liuyue's genuine expression, Dugu Mobao then nodded in satisfaction. "Then, we'll set off tomorrow."

Chu Liuyue hesitated for a moment. "Then... Hongyu?"

"When she's here, Diwu and Lan Xiao will take care of her."

Chu Liuyue thought for a while and felt that it was quite good. Even though it might be tiring, it is indeed a rare chance for Hongyu. Dugu Mobao is a strong warrior that has entered the Apotheosis Realm. Diwu Zhangze and Lan Xiao shouldn't be that much weaker. If it were someone else, it would be hard for them to even see these seniors.

Chu Liuyue waved at Xue Xue. "Xue Xue, we should go!"

Upon hearing this, even though Xue Xue was reluctant, it still moved over slowly. It directly walked to Chu Liuyue's feet and quickly glanced at Dugu Mobao before sticking closely to the girl.

When Tuan Zi—who was squatting on Chu Liuyue's shoulders—saw this, it couldn't help but chuckle.

Xue Xue angrily glared at it. You're the only one who didn't experience it! You should try this ancestor's powers! Young! Ignorant!

A hint of cold smiling intent flashed across Tuan Zi's sparkly eyes as it directly tilted its head and nestled in Chu Liuyue's shoulders. Do you think I'm stupid? Of course, I can tell that Dugu Mobao is very strong and can't be offended. I can depend on my own master. Why would I want to spend bitter days with someone else? Hah.

Xue Xue gradually widened its eyes and was furious, but it still turned around angrily, not wanting to argue with it. I chose my own master. What choice do I have?

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"Ah-choo!" Rong Xiu suddenly sneezed.

He rubbed his nose.. Hmm. It seems like someone hasn't been having a good time recently...

Chapter 1023: Who's that Coming?

Chu Liuyue originally planned on finding Rong Xiu and asking him about what happened back then. When she found out about the God Residence Realm's existence later on, she wanted to know more about it. Now that she knew he was there, it naturally saved her quite a bit of trouble. Hence, she wanted Xue Xue to bring them there directly.

Xue Xue originally wanted to argue, but ever since it knew that Dugu Mobao wanted to go with them, it directly abandoned this thought and obediently brought the two of them over.

Of course, Xue Xue only let Chu Liuyue ride on it.

As for Dugu Mobao... Now that he had formed his Holy Body, his speed was only faster and not slower than Xue Xue. Hence, he went on his own.

Just like this, the two humans and the fiend were on their way.

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“The God Residence Realm is miles away from here. Even if we go at full speed, it will take about ten days.” On the way, Dugu Mobao would answer some of Chu Liuyue’s questions from time to time. Most of them were related to the God Residence Realm.

In the middle, Chu Liuyue also tried to ask him about what happened to her back then, but Dugu Mobao kept his mouth tightly shut about it.

After trying twice, Chu Liuyue directly gave up.

“If we use a transportation formation, would it also take so long?” asked Chu Liuyue.

Dugu Mobao was stepping on a purple sword with two hands behind his back. He rode with the wind, and his clothes flowed. Of course, his expression was high and mighty.

If one ignored his chubby face and the stomach that bulged slightly due to the two short hands intertwined behind his back, he still looked very distinguished.

Hearing Chu Liuyue’s question, he grunted lightly. “There are no transportation formations between Heaven’s Canopy and the God Residence Realm. If one wants to enter the God Residence Realm, they have to reach the God Residence Realm’s borders first before entering through different entrances.”

Chu Liuyue was quite shocked, but after some thinking, she understood why. “...It seems like people in the God Residence Realm are really imperious and arrogant...”

They didn’t even set up a transportation formation, which meant that they had no plans of contacting the outside world! It was fine if the people inside wanted to go out, but if the people outside wanted to go in... They had to cross mountains and rivers, experiencing all sorts of difficulties.

“Of course,” said Dugu Mobao nonchalantly. “All those who can have a footing in the God Residence Realm are top clans in the mainland. They have the right to be proud, so they’ll naturally think highly of themselves. Even if you reach the border, it’s not that easy to go in. All those entrances are controlled by different clans, and they guard them especially strictly.”

As Dugu Mobao spoke, he glanced at Chu Liuyue from the corner of his eye. “If you’re not born in the God Residence Realm, outsiders have to be at least a stage-nine warrior to enter. According to your current abilities, you can’t enter. But luckily, you have a holy force in your body, so you can forcefully go in by then.”

Chu Liuyue nodded slightly and silently clenched her fists. Dugu Mobao’s words are actually very objective. I indeed don’t have the right now. Compared to the top elite warriors in the mainland, the current me is just an ant. The strong will be respected—I have to become stronger to have the right to speak! If not, I will be stepped all over by anyone! I might not even have the right to look up at others!

As if he had seen through her thoughts, Dugu Mobao’s expression changed slightly, and his voice was gentler. “Even though your cultivation level isn’t high now, you have recovered your Tianjing Yuan meridian and have a few trump cards. Therefore, you’re not any worse than those disciples from the God Residence Realm clans.”

Chu Liuyue knew that he was comforting her, so her eyes curved up as she nodded seriously. “Mm, I know.”

After a momentary silence, she suddenly thought of something and asked, “Oh right, there’s something I haven’t asked you. What clan is Rong Xiu from?”

Previously, Rong Xiu had mentioned that his mother’s clan was within Heaven’s Canopy, but it now seems like she was clearly from the God Residence Realm! At that time, I faintly felt that it should be a

huge family clan, so I didn't ask in detail and wasn't very sure about it. Since I'm going to the God Residence Realm now, I should have some sort of understanding about it.

Dugu Mobao's expression suddenly became incredulous. "You'll naturally find out when we're there..."

Chu Liuyue was dazed. W-we're already going to reach, yet Big Baby is still keeping it a secret?

Seeing his determined expression, she had no other ways, and she shrugged her shoulders. "Okay! I'll ask him personally when we get there!"

She wanted to see how Rong Xiu would explain it by then.

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After ten days, Chu Liuyue and Dugu Mobao finally arrived by the God Residence Realm's borders.

This was a spacious field with no boundaries at first glance. It was very similar to Heaven's Canopy as it had a translucent silver curtain that descended from the sky. However, its suppression was much stronger than that of Heaven's Canopy!

One could faintly see some figures flashing across behind that curtain. That should be the people guarding the God Residence Realm's borders.

At this point, Chu Liuyue hadn't gotten close to it, but she already felt her chest become stuffy. If I hadn't broken through to become a stage-seven warrior, and I didn't have the endless force and that holy force saved in my body, I would've directly kneeled on the ground at this point.

She surveyed her surroundings, but there weren't many people in the never-ending field.

Dugu Mobao retracted his aura and descended from midair. "Starting from here, everyone must walk."

Chu Liuyue nodded.

"Follow me," said Dugu Mobao as he walked forward.

Chu Liuyue quickly followed him.

The nearer she got, the stronger the suppression!

Chu Liuyue felt that her shoulders were getting heavier and heavier, but luckily, it was still within her range of tolerance.

When the two people walked to a certain position, a figure suddenly flew out from the light curtain! At the same time, a gigantic symbol appeared on the light curtain!

"This is Grotto-Heaven Cliff's entrance. Who are the people coming?"

**Chapter 1024: Mother and Son**

*Legendary warrior!* Chu Liuyue looked at the other party for a moment and immediately felt an intense suppression!

She clenched her fists in her sleeves tightly and straightened her back. Then, she stepped forward and said in an upright manner, "I'm Dugu Yue. Greetings, sir."

She didn't state her Shangguan Yue or Chu Liuyue name and instead chose the same surname as Big Baby as a fake name. Additionally, she wore a mask and pretended to be an ordinary woman.

This was because she wasn't clear what identity she used when she came to the God Residence Realm previously. Besides, she didn't intentionally hide the fact that Chu Liuyue was Shangguan Yue.

If someone just checked briefly, they would know.

Hence, on the way here, she had already discussed with Big Baby about using a completely different identity, which would make it more convenient for her to do things.

Lin Xiao—who was in charge of guarding the entrance—sized up the woman in front of him.

She looked like she was in her twenties and had an ordinary appearance. Only her pair of black gem-like eyes had something circulating in them, sparkling strangely at times.

It was a pity for such eyes to be on such a face, but this wasn't what he focused on.

Lin Xiao's expression was cold and solemn as he knitted his brows. "Someone who isn't born in the God Residence Realm can only have the right to enter the God Residence Realm if they break through as a stage-nine warrior. Are you... strong enough?"

His speech had a natural pride that came from his bones.

It wasn't that she purposely looked down on Chu Liuyue, but they had always been the same toward people who weren't from the God Residence Realm.

They were stationed here and saw many people who wanted to enter the God Residence Realm. Some had true abilities and used their own skills to break through that barrier and get permission to enter, crossing into a new realm ever since. However, there were only a handful of such people.

The cultivation environment was very ordinary outside the God Residence Realm, so those who could make it to this step were all elites amongst elites. Sometimes, a dynasty might not even be able to produce such a strong warrior once in a couple of hundred years.

Most of the remaining people tried to use all sorts of deceptive and despicable methods to stay. Hence, any of the people from the clans who guarded the entrances would have such a snobbish attitude.

When he heard that Chu Liuyue was from the Tianling Dynasty, he naturally didn't care much about her.

How can such a young lady have the capabilities? She most likely came here to play. If she doesn't have some sort of legendary weapon on her that hides her aura, causing one to be unable to identify what standard she's at, I wouldn't even ask this.

Chu Liuyue didn't really care about his frustrated attitude; she simply smiled and raised her hand.

A sparkling force appeared on her fingertip.

Lin Xiao's originally nonchalant expression froze instantly, and shock flashed across his eyes! *T-this is a holy force!*

He looked at the woman in front of him in shock and asked in disbelief, "You're a demigod?"

So-called demigods were cultivators that had already broken through as a stage-nine warrior but hadn't completely formed their own God Realm—like Shangguan Jing back then.

The reason why Lin Xiao asked was that he could tell that the holy force the woman in front of him executed was limited, but she did have a holy force. In such a situation, she was most likely a demigod.

In regards to this, Dugu Mobao had already told Chu Liuyue about it on the way here.

Hence, Chu Liuyue retracted her holy force as she smiled and nodded, taking advantage of the situation for her benefit. "Do I have the right to go in now?"

*A demigod naturally can.* Lin Xiao's expression changed as his gaze directed at Chu Liuyue was different from before and had more hints of respect in it. "This is your first time here?"

Chu Liuyue nodded.

"Anyone who comes here for the first time needs to register," said Lin Xiao as he waved his wrist.

A booklet appeared in the air.

He opened the booklet and passed over a brush at the same time. "You just need to write your name and date on it."

Chu Liuyue glanced at it.

This booklet wasn't the same as other books since it was as heavy as a rock. She almost couldn't hold it stably at the first instance.

The booklet was already flipped open, and a blank page was presented in front of Chu Liuyue. However, she could still see some names—shining in different colors—written on the page.

Chu Liuyue held the brush and wrote her name. "Dugu Yue."

After writing, her wrist paused as she looked up at Lin Xiao. "About the date..."

"Xin Yuan Dynasty Year 3574. Sixteenth of September," reminded Lin Xiao.

Chu Liuyue was shocked, and the brush in her hand accidentally drew a stroke on the page!

Lin Xiao knitted his brows. "What's the matter?"

Chu Liuyue immediately looked down. “Nothing much, but... I just find the year a little weird. I didn’t hear of it before.”

Lin Xiao laughed and looked faintly proud. “You weren’t born in the God Residence Realm, so it’s normal if you don’t know these things. Just remember that you will go according to this year after you enter the God Residence Realm.”

Chu Liuyue held the brush and suppressed the ripple in her heart as she wrote that line. Then, she passed the booklet and brush over, smiling at him in gratitude. “Thank you for the reminder, sir.”

This smile of hers caused her eyes to curl up and dazzle. It also added a few hints of charm to her originally ordinary appearance.

Lin Xiao took another look at her, and he couldn’t help but mutter to himself. *Even though she looked ordinary the first time I saw her, she has become increasingly pleasing to the eye after looking at her more. Her movements are also elegant.*

This made him have a better impression of her.

After he glanced at that booklet, he nodded. “You can go in.”

Chu Liuyue thanked him and brought Dugu Mobao in.

“Wait a minute!” Lin Xiao suddenly stretched out his hand and stopped the duo.

Chu Liuyue was dazed.

Lin Xiao raised his chin and glanced at Dugu Mobao at the side. "You can go in, but he can't."

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows. "But don't I already have the right—"

"That's you, not him." Lin Xiao shook his head and had a persistent attitude. "The two of you aren't born in the God Residence Realm, so the standard is the same if you want to go in."

The moment the duo reached, Dugu Mobao retracted his aura and didn't look any different from an ordinary child now.

Chu Liuyue glanced at Dugu Mobao. *He has already formed his holy body, so he definitely has the right to enter. But for some reason, he seems to be avoiding it and is very reluctant to exhibit his true abilities.*

"Can't I bring my family members?" Chu Liuyue refused to give up and asked. "Look, he's still so small..."

A gust of cold wind suddenly attacked the back of her head.

Chu Liuyue coughed and shot a look at Dugu Mobao. *Do you want to go in or not!?*

Lin Xiao's gaze went back and forth between the duo as he coldly said, "No, you really can't.. Can't you just hand the child over to his father? Why must you, the mother, bring him around?"

## Chapter 1025: Abandoned Child and Mother

Chu Liuyue was dazed. T-this person seems to have misunderstood something?!

Before she could say something, she felt another freezing coldness that suddenly exploded beside her.

She turned around, and Dugu Mobao's face was as black as a pot.

Looking at his face that was brewing like an incoming storm, Chu Liuyue rapidly pressed his head down with one hand and directly turned his face away. Pfft! If he continues looking, his gaze will directly kill this person!

"Sir, you must be kidding..." Before Chu Liuyue could finish explaining, Dugu Mobao grabbed the former's wrist and stubbornly turned around. Anyone could tell that something was wrong just by looking at his expression.

Lin Xiao seemed to notice something as his gaze turned, and he looked over.

Chu Liuyue bent down and rapidly hugged Dugu Mobao with one hand while her other hand pressed his forehead to her shoulders.

Before Dugu Mobao could react, his entire body was suddenly hanging in the air. Then, he landed in a warm and sweet embrace.

His hand turned, and he was about to take action, but he still held it in.

“Sir, see—it’s also not easy for me to take a kid alone...” A look of misery rapidly surfaced on her face. Even though she was smiling, it made one feel better. “...His father... I also don’t know where he is now...”

Dugu Mobao suddenly struggled, but it was a pity that Chu Liuyue was holding him tightly.

On the one hand, he didn’t want to exhibit his abilities. On the other hand, he was afraid that he would harm Chu Liuyue if he really took action, so he could only rely on his short and chubby body to do the trick.

However, it was a pity it didn’t have much effect.

“Big Baby, there there...” Chu Liuyue coaxed him lightly as her arm restrained his waist, causing him to be unable to move. At the same time, she lightly patted his back as if she were really coaxing a child.

When Dugu Mobao heard this, he finally gave up struggling as he helplessly buried his face in Chu Liuyue’s shoulders. At times like this, it’s best if I don’t show my face! If not, my heroic name... is ruined when word gets out!

Seeing that he finally stopped, Chu Liuyue secretly heaved a sigh of relief as she looked at Lin Xiao pleadingly. “Sir, please help... Look, he’s such a small child. If nobody takes care...”

She looked aggrieved, and it made one’s heart ache as well.

Lin Xiao knitted his brows even more tightly, but he still waved his hands. “No! There has never been such a thing in the past! How can—”

“Let them go in together.” At this point, a warm voice sounded behind the few of them.

Chu Liuyue turned around.

The incoming person was a youngster that looked about 17 or 18 years old. He was very handsome, and the color of his eyes was extremely light. There was a faint crescent-shaped scar at the corner of his eye, causing his distant and cold aura to be increasingly obvious.

He was wearing a robe as white as a crescent moon, and he stood still. He was a true gentleman, but his face was very pale—especially his lips, where there was no color at all. He looked like he had been ill for a long time. It was as if a light touch would cause him to crack like glass.

However, Chu Liuyue quickly discovered that this person’s aura was extremely strong! He is actually also a strong warrior that has entered the Apotheosis Realm! It seems like... he is also a demigod?!

When Lin Xiao saw the incoming person, his expression changed as he immediately kneeled on one knee to greet the latter. “Greetings, Fourth Young Master!”

“Cough, cough cough—” That youngster was about to say something more when he suddenly coughed.

Lin Xiao hurriedly went forward and looked nervous. “Fourth Young Master, what’s the matter? Are you uncomfortable?”

That young man smiled slightly. "My body has always been like this. I have long been used to it."

He shook his head and indicated that he was fine before he pointed at Chu Liuyue's group of two. "It's also hard for her to bring a child along alone. No matter what, the child is innocent. This child doesn't look like he's older than three, so he won't cause much trouble either. It'll be okay if you let him in. Why make the mother and son separate over such a small matter?"

His tone was very light as if he were recalling something when he looked at Chu Liuyue's group of two.

Lin Xiao didn't dare to speak further.

Everyone knew that Grotto-Heaven Cliff's Mistress had died from difficult childbirth when she was giving birth to the Fourth Young Master, Lin Zhifei. All these years, this Fourth Young Master had taken it to heart.

There were many rumors outside that called this Fourth Young Master a misfortune since he had jinxed his mother to death once he was born. Even though the superiors commanded them not to spread rumors, it was their mouths, so who could control them?

Lin Zhifei had heard most of it before. This thus caused his personality to be more sensitive, introverted, nonchalant, and distant.

Normally, he wouldn't care about such matters. Today, it was probably because he had seen this scene of mother and son separating, so he couldn't take it and opened his mouth.

“Since you’ve already said so, Fourth Young Master, then... I’ll let them in. You’re very kind, Fourth Young Master.” Lin Xiao respectfully replied before he said to Chu Liuyue, “What are you doing in a daze? Thank the Fourth Young Master quickly!”

Chu Liuyue immediately carried Big Baby and thanked Lin Zhifei with a face filled with gratitude. “Thank you, Fourth Young Master!”

However, Lin Zhifei just waved his hands and faintly said, “It was no trouble. It’s also not easy for you to reach this stage, so you must take good care of him when you enter the God Residence Realm next time.”

Then, he looked at Dugu Mobao, who was still lying in Chu Liuyue’s arms. “Even though you’re young, I hope you’ll mature earlier and understand your mother’s hardships.”

Chu Liuyue clearly heard a certain someone clench his teeth. She patted Dugu Mobao’s head, smiled, and said, “Fourth Young Master, don’t worry. Our Big Baby has always been the most mature one.”

Originally, she still wanted to make him thank Lin Zhifei so as to complete the show. But after much thinking, Chu Liuyue still gave up on that idea.

She wanted to leave more leeway for herself. It was better not to be so extreme when handling matters.

Lin Zhifei coughed a few times again with increasing intensity. In the end, he could only take his handkerchief out to cover his mouth, but he couldn’t stop himself.

Lin Xiao couldn’t care about Chu Liuyue as he nervously asked, “Fourth Young Master, should I send someone to fetch you? Your health—”

Lin Zhifei shook his head. "I can just go back on my own. Why let Father and the rest worry?"

Then, his figure moved, and he passed through that curtain.

Chu Liuyue looked at his back and was in a slight daze. His symptoms seemed like...

"Okay, stop looking. Hurry up and go in." Lin Xiao sighed in his heart, turned around, and saw Chu Liuyue in a daze, so he hurriedly urged her. "It's your utmost fortune to have the Fourth Young Master help you today! But you mustn't tell anyone about today, okay?"

Chu Liuyue thanked him profusely and repeatedly guaranteed that she wouldn't speak about it. Then, she carried Big Baby and went forward.

She stepped right into the curtain!

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"What did you say?" Rong Xiu looked up from the booklet. "She even brought a kid?"

Yan Qing knelt on one knee and didn't dare to look up. He braved himself and said, "...Yes. I heard that... she used the identity of abandoned child and mother to get Fourth Young Master Lin's help to enter..."

Rong Xiu was so angry that he laughed and slammed the booklet down. “Abandoned child and mother?”

Chapter 1026: Cover

Yan Qing hung his head even lower. I knew Madam was coming, but who would’ve thought she would come like this...

“What does the child look like?”

“I heard that... he’s a boy around three years old with purple hair and purple eyes, so he’s easily recognizable.”

“Purple hair?” Rong Xiu thought for a moment, and he suddenly thought of something as his distinct fingers knocked against the table twice.

Realization flashed across his face. The next moment, he laughed faintly. “She has a big heart.”

It really is only her who dares to pretend to be that person’s mother. But... This proves that that person treats her in an extraordinary manner. If it were someone else, they would’ve already died 10,000 times.

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Detecting that Rong Xiu’s anger seemed to have subsided, Yan Qing then looked up and carefully asked, “Then... Your Highness, next—”

“You don’t need to intervene. Xue Xue is there to protect them. When they’re here, I’ll personally go and fetch them.” Besides, with that person around, who could bully her? Even though I don’t feel very happy, this will have to do since that person wanted to come.

“Yes!”

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On the other side, Chu Liuyue crossed the curtain and entered the God Residence Realm!

Chu Liuyue suddenly had a dazed moment when her feet stepped on the concrete ground. She focused her gaze and looked forward.

It was still a spacious field ahead of her, and the sky was light blue. A city sat at the point where heaven and earth made contact.

The city wall and moat were huge and traditional.

Outside the moat was a gigantic barrier covering it! Even if they were this distance away, she could still clearly feel its intense suppression!

“That’s Grotto-Heaven Cliff.” Dugu Mobao jumped down from Chu Liuyue’s arms and spoke with a dark face.

“Grotto-Heaven Cliff?” Chu Liuyue had heard of this name a few times previously. “Is it a clan within the God Residence Realm?”

“There are no kingdoms or dynasties in the God Residence Realm, only clans. The stronger the clan, the higher their status, and the more resources and treasures they have. There are no laws or rules here. The only rule is that the strong will eat the weak—the strong are respected.”

Chu Liuyue’s heart shuddered. Even though he only briefly answered with two sentences, she could smell a bloodbath.

“The clans in the God Residence Realm are also split into different tiers. This Grotto-Heaven Cliff can only forcefully be considered as a third-tier one.”

Chu Liuyue was shocked. Third-tier? That Young Master Lin was so young, and he had already entered the Apotheosis Realm. I didn’t expect that the clan of such a person could only be considered as third-tier.

“If this... is only the third tier, I wonder how amazing the top tier is...” Chu Liuyue muttered to herself.

“Even though they’re only third-tier, they’ve already beaten more than half the clans in the God Residence Realm to be considered third-tier status. You need to know that most clans don’t even have the right to send someone to guard the God Residence Realm’s entrances.” Dugu Mobao glanced at her. “Do you still remember the symbol that appeared on that curtain?”

Chu Liuyue nodded.

“That’s the Grotto-Heaven Cliff’s totem. Very few clans can have their own totem engraved on the God Residence Realm’s curtain.”

Chu Liuyue instantly understood. “I understand. This also means that no matter how weak they are here, they’re not someone we can offend?”

Dugu Mobao was speechless.

Although he didn’t have much of an expression, he looked even cuter when accompanied by his chubby face—especially his eyes that were filled with solemnity and cold intent. This was because his curled lashes were too pretty and couldn’t feel threatening.

Chu Liuyue couldn’t help but stretch out her hand to ruffle his hair. “Speaking of which, your performance just now was great!”

Shua!

Dugu Mobao instantly jumped as high as three feet and rapidly moved backward! He glared at Chu Liuyue’s... hand as if he were facing great enmity. “Wh-what do you want?!”

It’s impossible if she wants to do the same as just now!

Chu Liuyue coughed and then remembered that the person in front of her wasn’t a true child, so she tactfully retracted her hand. “Misunderstanding! It’s a misunderstanding! I... just wanted to say that we should go...”

Dugu Mobao still glared at her with a look of warning. "I'll walk myself!"

Then, he inched toward the side and turned to walk forward.

Chu Liuyue rubbed her glabella. Pfft. The incident just now seems to have left quite a big scar on Big Baby...

She hurriedly chased after him. "Don't worry, don't worry. If it's not a special situation, I promise I won't do this again!"

Dugu Mobao didn't speak but silently quickened his pace.

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There weren't many people in the field. They occasionally saw some people rushing around, but most of them hid their auras.

"They all seem to have hidden their cultivation levels..." After walking a distance, Chu Liuyue lowered her voice and inquired about this.

Even though her capabilities couldn't be compared to most people here, she was extremely sensitive to one's force and aura. With just one glance, she could basically gauge the other party's level. However, she had met quite a few people just now, but she couldn't test their abilities.

"Of course." Even though Dugu Mobao still had a cold face, he still answered Chu Liuyue's question.

“The God Residence Realm only has one rule: the strong are respected! To become stronger, the people here can do anything. If one directly exposes their cultivation level outside, they would definitely attract a lot of attention. They might even cause trouble for themselves. Unless you have a strong backing or a strong warrior with you, you definitely can’t expose your cultivation level at will. Especially when...”  
Dugu Mobao stopped in his tracks and looked up at her. “You’re still so weak.”

Chu Liuyue was stumped. I have lived two lives. Other than when I was just reborn and other people called me a good-for-nothing for a period of time, people have always called me a genius most other times. No matter if it is the people that like or dislike me, they will admit that I’m extremely talented and strong regardless of how indignant they are. Only Big Baby has always despised me, but he is right. Here, I am indeed... very weak.

She pressed her lips against each other and felt a stronger urge to become more capable!

“Most people will use Yuan instruments to hide their aura, but Yuan instruments can be good or bad. Some of the very capable strong warriors can still discern one’s cultivation level through the Yuan instrument.”

“Then, mine...”

“You don’t have to worry about yours,” said Dugu Mobao lightly. “Your Yuan instrument that hides your aura is still a little useful. Ordinary people can’t tell much...”

“...Oh,” answered Chu Liuyue in a seemingly understanding tone as she touched the nail-sized silver hoop around her neck. Dugu Mobao gave me this item at the start. At that time, he just said that it was to cross the God Residence Realm’s border successfully and that I had to hide my aura. I didn’t expect it to have such an important use. However... I wonder what level this item is...

“There’s a transportation formation in the city in front.. We can walk from there.”

Chapter 1027: Spoiled

The duo walked all the way to the city gate.

The guards in charge of the gate were split into two teams—one on each side—and they all held a longsword. They all wore the same uniform with an identical pattern embroidered on their left chest area.

Chu Liuyue glanced at it.

It was exactly the symbol that surfaced on the curtain before they came in—it was Grotto-Heaven Cliff’s totem!

The city gate was clearly quite crowded, with many people coming in and out.

Chu Liuyue brought Dugu Mobao and walked forward.

The two of them were very eye-catching among the crowd.

Chu Liuyue was wearing a mask, so her appearance was ordinary and didn’t draw much attention to herself.

The key was Dugu Mobao.

His hair and eyes were purple, looking very adorable. Additionally, his eyes were incredibly beautiful and clean. Anybody who saw them would love them.

When such a small person walked on the streets, almost a hundred percent of the people would turn around.

With more people looking at them, Chu Liuyue gradually felt that it was inconvenient. She was most worried that this little ancestor would throw a tantrum if these people continued staring.

From the corner of her eye, she saw that Dugu Mobao's face was cold and that his eyes were filled with enduring anger.

"Aiyo! Whose child is this!? Why are you so cute!?" When a lady went up to talk to him and stretched out her hands, wanting to touch Dugu Mobao's cheeks, his face finally darkened completely.

Chu Liuyue saw that the situation was amiss, so she hurriedly pulled him behind her and smiled apologetically at the lady. "I'm sorry. My kid is quite introverted, and he's scared of seeing strangers."

That lady was very disappointed because she couldn't touch the chubby face, but since the other party had already said this, she couldn't continue disturbing them. Then, she walked away reluctantly.

Even when she was a distance away, she kept turning around to look at them.

Dugu Mobao coldly said, "If you didn't stop me, I wouldn't have let her off so easily!"

"She doesn't have any ill intentions!" Chu Liuyue sighed and could only advise him kindly. Any strong warrior that ends up in this state and even has strangers touching their faces will be very upset.

"Anyway, we'll be leaving very soon. Just endure it for a while, okay?"

Dugu Mobao was enraged. She looks like she's coaxing a child even more...

He turned around and left in frustration.

Since he hasn't objected, it means that he has accepted it! Chu Liuyue heaved a sigh of relief secretly. Then, she thought for a while and said, "Actually, you can think about the good aspects. If you weren't born good-looking, they wouldn't look at you like this either! It'll be fine when you're used to it!"

Anyway, she was already accustomed to ignoring all sorts of gazes from passersby.

Dugu Mobao knitted his brows. Of course, I'm not used to it. Since when did people dare to look at me like that—unless they were tired of living! However, I can't say these words to her now.

After much thinking, he could only endure it.

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Under quite a few people's stares, the duo finally arrived at the city gate and was about to go in.

The guard standing at the frontmost glanced at Chu Liuyue. "Name."

"Dugu Yue."

Once she said this, that guard's expression changed slightly.

The person in charge of name-recording also looked over. "You're... the Dugu Yue that came from outside the God Residence Realm?"

Chu Liuyue nodded in confusion.

But at that moment, the surrounding noises immediately hushed! Almost everyone looked over, and everyone's gazes landed on Chu Liuyue!

Her internal alarm was ringing, but she was still calm and collected on the outside. "Why? Is there a problem?"

"That's not it." The guard in charge of checking smiled in an ambiguous manner as he sized Chu Liuyue up again. "It's just that Grotto-Heaven Cliff hasn't had people coming from outside in a while, so we're a little surprised."

Even though he said it relaxingly, Chu Liuyue felt that things weren't this simple. The surrounding people's reactions... are strange.

"Since Officer Lin Xiao let you in, you can just go in." That guard then asked for Dugu Mobao's name and raised his chin toward the person in charge of name-recording.

That person wrote down the duo's names.

"Okay, you can go in!"

Chu Liuyue felt suspicious but didn't bother with them as she directly brought Dugu Mobao in after thanking them.

When their figures left, the crowd started buzzing again. "Heh, so she came from outside! Our Grotto-Heaven Cliff hasn't had people coming from outside the borders in a while, right?"

"She looks young and ordinary. I didn't expect her to really come in..."

"Who knows how old the people who barged in from outside are? She might even be hundreds of years old!"

"Who cares how old or young she is? She's really daring to come here alone! Such a meek sheep who doesn't know that wolves are all around her... She has much to suffer when she goes in!"

"Guess how long she can last? Half a month? Ten days?"

“Hmph! A person from outside the border carrying a child, and she’s even a woman. If she can last for a day, I’ll call her capable! This time, our Grotto-Heaven Cliff has a good show to watch!

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After walking a distance, Chu Liuyue’s group of two turned into an isolated path. The girl then asked, “What are they saying?”

When I left, I faintly heard the people at the city gate discussing something. It all seems... to be related to me.

Dugu Mobao’s expression was cold. “Just some nonsense. You don’t have to care about them.”

Hearing him say this, Chu Liuyue didn’t ask further.

Dugu Mobao said again, “The transportation formation in front is a first-grade transportation formation. The entire Grotto-Heaven Cliff only has one, so we can just directly go over.”

Chu Liuyue was rather curious. “How do you know there’s only one? Have you come here before?”

“A place like Grotto-Heaven Cliff only has the right to build one,” said Dugu Mobao lightly.

Chu Liuyue: “...Oh.”

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After walking another distance, the duo returned to a livelier street.

Chu Liuyue walked to the front of a herb shop and went to an employee. "Hello, may I know how to get to the first-grade transportation formation?"

Even though Grotto-Heaven Cliff was a city, it was extremely spacious. She and Dugu Mobao couldn't randomly walk around, so it was the fastest and most convenient to ask someone.

The employee initially thought that Chu Liuyue had come to buy herbs, but when he heard her ask this, his face immediately drooped. He said half-heartedly, "You want to go there?"

"Yeah. Brother, could you show me the way?" Chu Liuyue didn't seem to care about his nonchalant attitude as she smiled.

"Let me advise you—don't go there!"

Chu Liuyue was dazed. "Why?"

"Heh, what else can it be? Look over there!" Then, he pointed in a direction.

Chu Liuyue looked over and saw a faint light glowing at that end.

“Of course, it’s because that transportation formation is damaged!” That employee crossed his arms. “Even the Cliff Master can’t use it now, let alone you! If you have nothing else, leave quickly! Don’t affect me doing my business here!”

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows slightly. We barely managed to get in, yet the transportation formation is damaged?!

Chapter 1028: Want My Cosmic Ring?

“Is there really no other way?” In a restaurant, Chu Liuyue sat opposite Dugu Mobao. The former glanced in the direction of the transportation formation and asked insistently.

“Nope.” Dugu Mobao answered very swiftly. “The spatial forces in the God Residence Realm are very complicated and messy, and all the clans are very far apart from each other. If ordinary people want to travel within this realm, they have to rely on transportation formations. Even if one has a legendary fiend to guide them, it is very easy to get lost.”

“But we still have Xue Xue—”

“It won’t find the wrong place, but... The journey is very long, and we’ll spend a lot of time on the road. The key is that this will easily attract trouble. In the deserted lands, there are traps everywhere. If you’re not careful...”

Without him stating the remaining words, Chu Liuyue also understood why.

She rubbed her brows. “This means that we can only depend on that transportation formation to go over. However, Grotto-Heaven Cliff’s transportation formation is currently damaged. What should we do? Either we swiftly fix this transportation formation, or we find another place’s transportation formation—”

If this first-grade transportation formation can’t work, then we can also use other grade-two or grade-three transportation formations to go elsewhere! It can’t be that all the first-grade transportation formations are damaged, right?

“It’s not that you can’t do it, but... It’ll be more troublesome.”

Chu Liuyue was helpless. “But this is the only way now—unless we wait for them to fix the first-grade transportation formation here.”

Who knows how long it’ll take!

Dugu Mobao thought for a moment and still nodded in agreement.

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Chu Liuyue went to ask around and found out that there were two second-grade transportation formations here that went to different places.

After discussing it, the duo left the restaurant.

“I randomly chose one. Whichever one it is, as long as we can reach...” Before Chu Liuyue could finish her sentence, she felt a gust of cold air attack her!

She paused in her steps and abruptly looked up! “Who’s there?”

This was a small marble-paved road. At this moment, there was nobody at the front or the back, and it looked very peaceful. However, Chu Liuyue was still very alert as she started to circulate her force in secret.

“You are indeed someone that can barge in from outside. You’re quite alert.” A low voice boomed with a hint of sinister intent. Then, waves of ripples started appearing in the space in front of Chu Liuyue!

A large hand strongly ripped the space apart, and a man walked out!

He looked like he was in his thirties; he was tall and muscular with a normal face. His left cheek had a worm-sized scar, and he looked very ferocious.

Chu Liuyue’s heart rate gradually rose. This person is definitely stronger than me!

That man directly sized Chu Liuyue up. When he saw the Cosmic Ring on her hand, his eyes lit up. “Yo, you do have good treasures with you!”

This Cosmic Ring is of a decent grade, so it must hide quite a few good items! The ones I met before couldn’t even match up to this! He reached out and commanded, “Don’t worry. As long as you hand your Cosmic Ring over, I promise I won’t kill you.”

Chu Liuyue's gaze turned cold. "You want my Cosmic Ring?"

That man chuckled and touched his green beard below his chin. "If you want to give it to others, go ahead. Even though you look ordinary, your body is top-tier..."

Chu Liuyue wasn't angry and laughed instead as she lightly asked, "What if I say no?"

Chapter 1029: I Won't Do Your Business!

"What place do you think this is? A place where you can say 'no?'" That man clearly didn't take Chu Liuyue's words to heart as he smiled sinisterly, and his eyes were filled with unconcealable contempt and teasing.

"You're someone from outside, and it's your first time here in Grotto-Heaven Cliff. There are some rules you might not know, so let me, Lu Yi, teach you about them! Everyone who comes here needs to show their sincerity. If not... Grotto-Heaven Cliff is very dangerous, and you might not even be able to make it out..." He spoke as he coldly snorted, and his gaze darted around Dugu Mobao. "Such a cute child. If something happens to him, it'll be a true pity! Don't you think so?"

Chu Liuyue narrowed her eyes. "Are you threatening me?"

"How can you say that I'm threatening you?! I'm just speaking the truth!" said Lu Yi as he broke out into an oppressive smile. "I don't want to waste my time either. You better hand me that Cosmic Ring obediently!"

Once he said this, his aura immediately exploded!

Chu Liuyue's eyes shrunk. He's a demigod! No matter what, I can't beat someone of this level!

Upon deeper thought, that was true. All the outsiders who could enter the God Residence Realm were strong warriors that had stepped into the Apotheosis Realm. Here, the weakest person was at least a demigod.

If Lu Yi wasn't capable enough, he wouldn't dare to do this.

"Brother, we can talk about it. Let's talk about it." Chu Liuyue rapidly retracted her sharp expression as she smiled harmoniously.

Lu Yi coldly smiled, "At least you're sensible! Hand it over!"

Chu Liuyue pretended to touch her Cosmic Ring as if she was really planning on taking it off. At the same time, she looked like she was in a tough spot. "Actually... This ring is very important to me, so..."

"Why are you hesitating?! If you don't take it off, I'll come to take it myself!" said Lu Yi as he walked over to Chu Liuyue with big strides!

"So... don't even think about it!" A cold gleam flashed across Chu Liuyue's eyes. At the same time, the peach blossom on her inner wrist suddenly bloomed.

Lu Yi knew that something was amiss. He immediately summoned his longsword and slashed forward!  
“How dare...”

Shua!

The duo’s figures disappeared on the spot.

Tsing!

The longsword landed on the ground heavily and made a crisp sound.

Lu Yi rapidly scanned his surroundings and found that there was nobody.

There wasn’t even a ripple in the air.

“Cunning!” Lu Yi’s blood boiled. I was careless for a moment, and the other party actually escaped!

But at the same time, he felt doubtful. Only people that have completely stepped into the Apotheosis Realm can instantly teleport themselves. A demigod like me can only watch on in that case, but it didn’t seem like that woman used her own force to teleport... Did she use some Yuan instrument?

When he thought of this, his heart tingled. Yuan instruments that can instantly teleport are very rare. In the entire Grotto-Heaven Cliff, not even three people have such a treasure! If I can snatch it over... However, it seems like that woman does have quite a few treasures...

Lu Yi thought for a moment, and hesitation flashed across his heart. If she can have so many good things, that woman must be extraordinary...

But once this thought surfaced, Lu Yi dispelled it. She is just someone from outside the borders. How good can her background be?! It's most likely because she was lucky and got those things through some method! That woman knows how to teleport. With my strength alone, it might be quite difficult to catch her quickly. However, I have quite a few spies in Grotto-Heaven Cliff. As long as I command them, I can definitely find her!

His eyes looked sinister as he rapidly left.

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"Those people at the city gate were discussing this behind my back, right?" After escaping a certain distance, Chu Liuyue found a discreet corner and heaved a sigh of relief when she confirmed that they had already escaped that person.

Dugu Mobao glanced at the hand that she unintentionally held. He originally wanted to remove his hand directly, but when he recalled that she grabbed him without hesitation when she escaped, he was rather hesitant.

After hesitating for quite a while, he finally decided to turn away and pretend not to see it.

"Big Baby, what do you think? Big Baby?" Chu Liuyue called twice and finally pulled Dugu Mobao's attention back.

“Mm? Mm.” Dugu Mobao replied nonchalantly, and his expression seemed frustrated, but his explanation didn’t stop. “The people in the God Residence Realm have a natural enmity toward the people from outside and despise them. Usually, they will think of ways to bully them. Besides, such a place is very messy. In their eyes, you’re just a meek sheep that’s waiting to be killed.”

However, those people definitely wouldn’t have guessed that Chu Liuyue was actually a metal board!

“I see.” Chu Liuyue nodded. She then realized that she was still holding onto Dugu Mobao’s hand, so she hurriedly let go of it and chuckled. “It was a special situation just now. Big Baby, you don’t mind, right?”

After Dugu Mobao’s hand was suddenly flung away, he instantly felt empty as if he were missing something. Hearing Chu Liuyue’s question, he knitted his brows and faintly acknowledged it.

Chu Liuyue didn’t notice his micro-changes in expression as she crossed her arms and leaned against the wall, deep in thought. “Then, we’re in much trouble now...”

If the other party dared to touch me in broad daylight, he must have a certain background here. What if he is bent on dealing with me... I have no confidence that I can beat him.

“That Lu Yi has good taste. He just took one glance and confirmed that there are treasures inside...” Chu Liuyue gradually turned the Cosmic Ring on her hand. When Rong Xiu sent Yan Qing to deliver this item over, I could also tell that this Cosmic Ring was of high quality with one glance. However, I didn’t expect it to bring me such troubles today.

“Pfft.” Dugu Mobao couldn’t help but snort with unconcealable displeasure and contempt. “If he really had good observation skills, he wouldn’t—”

He wouldn't have snatched this Cosmic Ring! It's a pity that he is dumb and that he doesn't even know what kind of person he has offended!

"Wouldn't what?" asked Chu Liuyue curiously.

"It's nothing much." Dugu Mobao glanced at the sky. "Let's first check out the second-grade transportation formations."

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Within the city of Grotto-Heaven Cliff, there were two second-grade transportation formations, and they were located at the city's north and south quadrants respectively.

The duo went directly to the south quadrant.

From afar, they could see the large transportation formation.

Surrounding the transportation formation was a group of stationed guards. Their clothes were also embroidered with the totem of Grotto-Heaven Cliff's Lin family.

Chu Liuyue thought to herself, Even though this is a second-grade transportation formation, its scale is much greater than the Tianling Dynasty's largest transportation formation. Realistically speaking, the two can't even be compared.

It was already in the afternoon, but there were many people coming through and leaving the transportation formation.

Every time someone went up to the transportation formation, they would first go to a position in the lower-left area. It seemed like it was to pay money.

Chu Liuyue also brought Dugu Mobao over and politely said, "Hello, we would like to board the transportation formation and go to the nearest city here."

That man looked up at her. When he saw Dugu Mobao beside her, he squinted his eyes and faintly said, "I won't do your business!"

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"Why?" Chu Liuyue looked at the few people in front who had already paid the money and boarded the transportation formation. "All of them can, but why can't I?"

That guard grunted lightly and revealed a sarcastic smile. "Then, you'll have to ask yourselves. You offended someone you shouldn't have, yet you're asking me why?"

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows and instantly understood. It seems like Lu Yi did it... I had long expected him not to give up, but I didn't expect his connections to be so widespread that he could directly prevent us from boarding the transportation formations in such a short amount of time! Logically speaking, these transportation formations should be the Lin family's. Who exactly is Lu Yi to have such authority?

Chu Liuyue calmed down. "I'll give double the amount."

That guard didn't even look up. "Don't even think about it. We'll never let you up, so you should just give up!"

"I..."

"Next!"

"Five times the amount!" Chu Liuyue stepped forward. "If five times the amount isn't enough, I'll give you ten-fold!"

The surrounding crowd fell silent, and they all looked over with different gazes. "How generous! She's actually going to give ten times the amount? Does she know how much it costs to take the transportation formation once? How dare she say such a thing?"

"She seems kind of familiar... Hm? I think they're the two people that just entered the city today! That child has purple hair and purple eyes. Isn't that them?"

"That's right! That's right! I also heard that it's them!"

"It seems like they've really offended someone... They're going to have a really hard time in Grotto-Heaven Cliff now."

The crowd partook in heated discussions.

Chu Liuyue's heart sank slightly.

As expected, the guard opposite shrugged his shoulders without much smiling intent. "I said that there's no use no matter how much money you offer! If you have the time, you should quickly apologize to him lest you end up in big trouble in the end!"

Then, he waved toward the people at the back. "The people behind, why are you still in a daze? Do you want to take the transportation formation? How slow!"

The people behind Chu Liuyue hurried forward and forcefully pushed her away. "Coming! Coming!"

Chu Liuyue retracted two steps back and instinctively pulled Dugu Mobao behind her to protect him. She stood rooted to the spot for a while before turning around to leave. "Let's try the other transportation formation."

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The outcome was as expected—the other transportation formation's guard persistently rejected Chu Liuyue.

The remaining three third-grade transportation formations were also the same. This meant that Chu Liuyue and Dugu Mobao had no means of leaving here to go to another place at all.

It was nighttttime in the blink of an eye.

Chu Liuyue found an inn to rest, but she couldn't sleep in peace. "It seems like this Lu Yi has an extraordinary status..."

He has even more methods than I had initially predicted! He can even be considered as the underground boss since he can go to this extent!

"He must be related to the Lin family." Dugu Mobao sat on the chair and said lightly, "All the clans are in charge of the transportation formations in their territory. On the one hand, building such a transportation formation requires many warriors to work together. On the other hand, the maintenance cost is also very high, so they send people to guard the transportation formations and collect money from the people coming to and fro. This is to maintain their profits."

"Normally, they won't go against money. So since he can command these guards and tell them to persistently stop us from boarding the transportation formation, it means that he is someone of extraordinary background."

Chu Liuyue fell silent.

Knock, knock.

Knocks were heard from outside.

Chu Liuyue went to open the door, and the pageboy brought a letter over. "Guest, your letter."

Whose letter could I receive in such a place? Chu Liuyue already had a guess in her heart as she directly tore it open. Then, she quickly read it: "If you've thought it through, you can personally come to the Lu Mansion and kowtow to apologize."

The handwriting was bold and messy, and the tone was high and mighty. There was no sign-off, but it wasn't hard to guess that this was Lu Yi's letter.

Chu Liuyue's gaze turned slightly cold as she called the pageboy that was about to leave. "Hold it there."

That pageboy turned around. "Guest, do you have any other instructions?"

Chu Liuyue waved the letter in her hands. "Who is this Lu Yi?"

Nervousness flashed across the pageboy's face.

Chu Liuyue directly threw a bag over. "If you can say it clearly, there's still more."

Even though the pageboy was scared, he thought about it for a while, and his gaze showed some temptation. "The reason why this person is rather famous in Grotto-Heaven Cliff is due to... his elder sister."

Chu Liuyue threw another bag over. "Continue."

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Money made the world go round.

After Chu Liuyue's generous offers, she indeed found out quite a bit from the pageboy.

It turned out that Lu Yi's biological sister, Lu Yu'er, was the current mistress of the Lin family.

Lu Yu'er originally had an average background, but she flew to the sky ever since she got involved with the Lin family. This caused the entire Lu family to be in the spotlight as well.

Lu Yi was her only biological brother, so she always doted on him and allowed him to be so arrogant and unreasonable.

Originally, his cultivation talent wasn't particularly outstanding. He depended on Lu Yu'er—who went everywhere to find and use up many good things on him—finally pushing him to the demigod realm.

However, Lu Yi was a natural troublemaker; with this backer, he didn't care about the others. Normally, he would snatch other people's treasures for fun.

Quite a few people in Grotto-Heaven Cliff had suffered from him, but they didn't dare to speak even though they were angry. After all, the entire Grotto-Heaven Cliff was the Lin family's. Who would dare to fight with them?

As for an itinerant cultivator that came from outside like Chu Liuyue, he bullied them even more harshly.

He was enraged by Chu Liuyue this time, so he harshly blocked her from all the transportation formations! He was clearly forcing the latter to bow down to him, forcing her to the point of no return!

Before the pageboy left, he didn't forget to advise Chu Liuyue to beg for mercy earlier. If not, she would have a hard time during her days in Grotto-Heaven Cliff.

Chu Liuyue didn't doubt it. When there was nobody in the room, she directly burned that letter.

"He wants me to kowtow to him and apologize? He does think he's somebody!" Chu Liuyue sneered. At Ancient Phoenix Mountain back then, I didn't even give in when I met with the Beiming Ancestor, let alone a useless aristocratic child.

Dugu Mobao looked up slightly, and his pretty, demonic purple eyes glowed with faint light. "Do you want me to do something?"

Chu Liuyue shook her head. "No need. I have my own ways of taking care of him."

She knew that Dugu Mobao had his own considerations. Even though she didn't know exactly what they were, she didn't wish to trouble him unless she needed to.

"What ways?" Dugu Mobao knitted his brows slightly. "You're definitely not his match alone."

Chu Liuyue's lips curled up. "He has a backer, so won't us finding a stronger backer do the trick then?"