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Dong Huang Clock Tower.

The air seemed to be frozen in the solemn hall.

Elder Bo Yan sat at the front with not much of an expression on his face. Only his slightly clenched fists reflected that his current mood wasn't as calm as it seemed on the surface.

In front of him were the four people who had just come out of Million Wine Mountain.

"...That's basically what happened." Elder Ouyang narrated the entire story once, and he almost spoke until his mouth was dry.

Then, the hall fell into silence again.

After a while, Elder Bo Yan said gradually, "So you guys rushed over early in the morning because... the few of you destroyed half of Million Wine Mountain?"

Shang Yulin couldn't help but remind, "It's mainly to help Chu Yue refine the Chi Xiao Sword's weapon soul... The weapon soul—ahem, ruined some trees and rocks, and..." That fountain is still fine!

He didn't finish his last sentence, and his tone became much lighter when he said the first few words under Elder Bo Yan's solidifying stare.

Everyone who understood Elder Bo Yan knew that he rarely got angry. But once he was furious, it would be very hard to handle!

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Even Shang Yulin and Elder Ouyang—who had worked with him for so many years—felt a faint sense of coldness.

"Chu Yue, this means that this incident still started because of you?"

Chu Liuyue's shoulders dropped, and she hung his head slightly. "I was impulsive and made a huge mistake. Elder Bo Yan, please punish me."

"Of course, you should be punished." Elder Bo Yan really didn't know what to say. This Chu Yue—just as I thought he would be more obedient and stop his troublemaking ways, he caused new trouble again! And it is even more serious than the previous time! This time, he has even implicated Shang Yulin and Ouyang! Oh yes, and a Rong Xiu!

"Elder Bo Yan, if I didn't take the initiative to propose the idea, Junior Brother Chu Yue wouldn't have gone to Million Wine Mountain today." Rong Xiu spoke calmly and also very sincerely. "Previously, I promised you that I would guide Junior Brother Chu Yue properly, so the person who should be punished is me."

Elder Bo Yan was so furious that he laughed. "Do you think I won't punish you?! You can't be absolved of responsibility in this incident! Rong Xiu, you're very capable, but you should see if it will work and if you can handle the responsibility!"

"None of you can escape from this!" His gaze swept across the few of them. What kind of place is Million Wine Mountain? It's fine if Chu Yue didn't know, but the remaining three know very clearly. Under such a situation, they still dared to do such a thing. They are literally defying the heavens!

The four of them fell silent—even Shang Yulin had lost his temper and stood obediently.

Elder Bo Yan closed his eyes. "Is there anyone else who knows about this?"

Elder Ouyang replied, "Other than the people inside this hall, nobody else knows."

This also meant that only Elder Bo Yan had received news of this so far.

This made Elder Bo Yan relax a little. If this matter was blown up, it wouldn't be easy to resolve it.

He fell into deep thought and started considering how to punish the few of them.

Time seemed to pass especially slowly.

Elder Bo Yan didn't speak, and the four of them maintained their silence.

Finally, after some time, Elder Bo Yan looked up at Chu Liuyue first. "Chu Yue."

"I'm here."

"Was the weapon soul refinement successful?"

"Elder, it's done."

Elder Bo Yan nodded. Even though this incident is ridiculous, it can't be considered unfruitful. The Yuan instrument has already become Chu Yue's, and nobody can steal or take it away. It can be considered a good thing that he could refine the weapon soul and merge it completely.

Even though everyone didn't say much about the Yuan instrument recognizing Chu Yue as its owner, in actual fact, a large portion of the elders in the know was very unhappy.

The academy had made preparations a long time ago and had put in a lot of effort to snatch the item back again. But in the end, it was taken by a new student who had just come to the academy two months ago. They naturally wouldn't be elated.

But as this incident had already happened and they couldn't change it, they could only accept it as it was.

Chu Yue could only use his abilities to prove himself and convince those people.

Actually, Elder Bo Yan thought highly of Chu Yue, which was also why he gave the latter chances repeatedly. Even though Chu Yue had gone against the rules several times, he still largely stood on Chu Yue's side.

Chu Yue has gone overboard in this incident, but I really can't do much to him. After much thinking, the refined weapon soul is the only good news. While Elder Bo Yan comforted himself, he waved his hand toward Chu Liuyue. "Alright, you can go back first. Later on, I'll discuss with your mentor and see how we can punish you."

An idea popped up in Chu Liuyue's head. She instantly guessed that Elder Bo Yan probably had some things he wanted to discuss with the other three, so she sensibly left first.

"Yes." She bowed and quickly left the hall. Her movements were clean and succinct, without any form of hesitation.

When her figure had completely disappeared outside the door, Elder Bo Yan looked at the remaining three people.

He finally knitted his brows gradually, and his voice became increasingly stern. "Did this commotion affect that fountain?"

"No," answered Elder Ouyang immediately. "At that time, all of us were above the mountain peak, and we were a distance away from the fountain."

In actual fact, all those lightning bolts were absorbed by the Chi Xiao Sword. Only the after-effects had caused some damage to the surroundings, but everything else was safe.

Of course, this wasn't considering Chu Yue's last unintentional slash.

"Okay then. However, I'll still have to go over and check personally later," said Elder Bo Yan.

The three of them had no objections to this. The fountain was very important, and it was normal for Elder Bo Yan to treat it so seriously and carefully.

"We must seal this news and not let anyone else find out about it." With an additional person knowing about this, there would be additional trouble.

"Even though it's understandable that you helped today, you still have to be punished." Elder Bo Yan glanced at the three of them. "Go back and think about what you should do about this!"

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The sky gradually got brighter.

When Chu Liuyue walked out of Dong Huang Clock Tower, it was already morning. However, there weren't many people at Qing Ming Square at this time, so nobody saw her walk out.

Chu Liuyue turned around and glanced at the tightly shut door. Then, she pressed her lips against each other, turned around, and went toward Jiuhe Peak.

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When she returned to Jiuhe Peak... The moment Chu Liuyue landed on the ground, she felt that something was amiss.

She paused and still went forward. Following that, she opened the door and saw a familiar face.

Dugu Mobao was sitting cross-legged. When he heard the noise, he looked up.

"Big Baby—" Chu Liuyue called him. When she met those purple demonic-like eyes, she felt guilty for some reason.

Dugu Mobao looked at her quietly in that manner. "You went to Million Wine Mountain during the restricted hours again?"

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Chu Liuyue sighed in her heart. I knew I couldn't hide anything from him.

Dugu Mobao seemed to have countless pairs of eyes in the academy. No matter what happened, he could rapidly know about it.

Chu Liuyue long felt that this incident was too weird and strange, but she could never get an answer.

It was like now.

There were only the four of them at Million Wine Mountain the night before. With the barrier protecting and covering them, the people outside the mountain knew nothing of it. Logically speaking, other than the four of them, only Elder Bo Yan knew about this. And they were the ones who willingly told Elder Bo Yan.

Dugu Mobao actually guessed it so accurately... It really isn't normal.

"Yes." Chu Liuyue chose to be honest. She didn't feel that she had the ability to lie to Dugu Mobao.

Dugu Mobao knitted his brows slightly, and his gaze became dangerous. "Did you forget what I told you before?"

Of course, Chu Liuyue didn't.

Back then, because Dugu Mobao stated that she wasn't allowed to go to Million Wine Mountain at that time, she had obediently resisted until now. Even when Tuan Zi always looked at the fountain reluctantly, she didn't stay there any longer.

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"Today's situation was rather special..." explained Chu Liuyue rather helplessly. "I went to refine the weapon soul."

Dugu Mobao coldly snorted and turned away, "Even if you don't go to Million Wine Mountain, there are other ways to do so. There are many mountains at the Armory Refinement area, and there are quite a few masters. If you go find them, it will be the same outcome. Why must you do this?"

Chu Liuyue's eyelids twitched. "Big Baby... do you think I can do it?"

Since the first day she entered the academy, she had already heard many rumors regarding the Armory Refinement Masters—arrogant, cold, preferred to be alone, and never came out once in a million years...

She didn't even have the time to respect and admire them, so how could she think of such a solution? Although she was bold and sometimes arrogant and ill-disciplined, it didn't mean that she did not know her limits.

Dugu Mobao was stumped. "Of course—"

His voice suddenly trailed off, and a complicated expression quickly flashed across his eyes.

Chu Liuyue didn't see the momentary change, but she felt that his tone wasn't right. Thus, she asked curiously, "Of course what?"

Dugu Mobao closed his eyes, and when he opened them again, they were clear. "Nothing. I was negligent."

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows slightly. She still felt Dugu Mobao's reply was weird, but she couldn't pinpoint which part.

"Even if you can't do it, Rong Xiu can. Yet, he brought you to Million Wine Mountain directly... Hmph!" Dugu Mobao coldly snorted. Does Rong Xiu think that it isn't chaotic enough!?

Chu Liuyue looked down slightly and didn't continue. I hadn't thought about it before, but... Rong Xiu is at the top of the Qing Yun Rank Armory Refinement list! How did I forget about this? Judging by the various academy elders' attitude toward Rong Xiu... If he stepped forward personally, they might be willing to help me.

But like Dugu Mobao said, he didn't do so. However, this is also understandable. After all, it is hardest to owe people favors. Comparatively, inviting a few Armory Refinement Masters to help me is much more troublesome than directly going to Million Wine Mountain. Even though choosing the latter option would bring about quite a severe punishment, Rong Xiu definitely had his own reasons for not doing so.

Chu Liuyue thought for a while before walking over and smiling in a flattering manner. "Big Baby, don't be angry. This incident has passed, right? Not only did I come back in one piece, but I even successfully refined the weapon soul. Even if I suffer a little punishment, I gained a lot more!"

Dugu Mobao didn't say a word. How am I supposed to explain that I wasn't only worried about that?

After pausing for a moment, Dugu Mobao finally shook his head. "If there's a next time, I definitely won't forgive you."

Chu Liuyue smiled, and her eyes curved up. "Okay!"

Dugu Mobao's gaze swept across her face. He opened his mouth and finally said, "Since you've already refined that weapon soul, you must study it carefully and cultivate properly. There are only so few supreme Yuan instruments in the world. It's your honor to be able to get one of them, so you must cultivate properly."

"Definitely." Chu Liuyue nodded forcefully. After spending so much effort and time, won't it be a huge waste if I can't use it fully?

Dugu Mobao nodded, stood up, and planned to leave.

Chu Liuyue couldn't help but question, "Big Baby, you're leaving now? Are you not going to stay for a while longer?"

Dugu Mobao stopped in his tracks. "I'll come back around evening time."

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows slightly. Ever since we came to Ling Xiao Academy, I have never interacted with Dugu Mobao for a long time during the day. My daily training is all done in the evening to nighttime. It's as if... he has other things to do at other times. However, what does he need to do daily in Ling Xiao Academy?

Chu Liuyue finally couldn't help asking, "Big Baby, when you're not with me, where... are you? If I want to look for you, I don't even know where to go."

Dugu Mobao looked back and glanced at her expressionlessly. He lightly said, "You don't have to find me. If you meet with trouble in the academy, I'll rush over on my own."

Then, he turned around to leave.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows even more tightly. What secrets does Big Baby have?

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Chu Liuyue stayed in her own residence anxiously for a while.

In the afternoon, news spread across the academy that Million Wine Mountain would be closed for maintenance for a month.

The students were all very shocked about this. After all, although Million Wine Mountain had restricted opening hours, it was never closed for such a long period of time before.

Everyone partook in heated discussions regarding this and had all sorts of guesses. In actual fact, many elders also didn't know anything about this.

It was still fine the day before, yet the mountain had to be closed for no rhyme or reason today for an extended period of time. It was indeed strange. However, many elders also knew that Million Wine Mountain wasn't an ordinary place, so they didn't ask further.

Although the students felt regretful that they lost a recreational place, they naturally still accepted it as it was only a month. Of course, there wasn't much meaning even if they objected to it.

Chu Liuyue originally wanted to take a walk outside and go to Million Wine Mountain to find Tuan Zi. After some thinking, she still gave up.

Now, she could only hope that Tuan Zi could safely spend a month at Million Wine Mountain.

After temporarily setting this matter aside, Chu Liuyue started waiting for Rong Xiu to come back and waited for her upcoming punishment at the same time.

She wouldn't naively think that she could escape this ordeal.

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From Elder Bo Yan's reaction, he was the angriest this time, and he wouldn't let this slide easily. One had to know that when she took the Chi Xiao Sword the previous time, he didn't reveal an expression like today.

This showed the importance of Million Wine Mountain! This made Chu Liuyue even more certain that the fountain at the top of Million Wine Mountain definitely hid a giant secret regarding the academy.

Chu Liuyue couldn't figure out what the academy would do to her. Even though Elder Wan Zheng and Rong Xiu would help her, she instinctively felt that the ending wouldn't be good.

This wait lasted until evening. However, the person who came back wasn't Rong Xiu and was instead Elder Wen Xi.

"Chu Yue." Elder Wen Xi stood outside the barrier and placed his green jade plaque on it as he called Chu Liuyue's pseudonym.

Chu Liuyue—who had been quietly waiting in the room the entire while—heard this and immediately walked outside.

She saw Elder Wen Xi outside the barrier at first glance.

At this point, he was standing with one hand behind his back as he gazed at her complicatedly.

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat, and she unwittingly slowed down her steps. "Elder Wen Xi, why are you here?"

Elder Wen Xi didn't speak and just stared at her as if he were investigating something, like he was confused and conflicted. After some time, he then said, "Come out first, and we'll talk then."

"Okay," said Chu Liuyue as she walked out of the barrier and obediently stood in front of Elder Wen Xi.

"Did you get into trouble again?" Elder Wen Xi tried his best to make his voice sound calm, but in actual fact, anyone could hear his suppressed emotions.

Chu Liuyue hesitated for a moment and nodded.

"Didn't you just come out from Fengmin Mountain? Huh—why did you get into trouble again!?" Elder Wen Xi held his forehead and didn't know what to say. I haven't seen such an expression on Bo Yan in a long time! The more shocking thing is that it even seems to implicate Rong Xiu, Shang Yulin, and Ouyang!

"You're really becoming increasingly capable! What exactly did you do to get Bo Yan so angry?"

Chu Liuyue instantly understood that Elder Wen Xi didn't know about the incident. Even though Elder Bo Yan is furious, he has still chosen to suppress the matter. On the one hand, perhaps it has larger implications. On the other hand, it is to protect the secret of Million Wine Mountain.

But Chu Liuyue had no way of knowing all of this.

She pressed her lips against each other and carefully asked, "Elder Wen Xi, what's happening to Rong Xiu and the rest?"

"You still have the mood to ask about them? You can't even protect yourself!" Elder Wen Xi finally couldn't help but slap the back of Chu Liuyue's head.

But considering that the child was still young and that he looked rather pitiful, he didn't use much force.

Chu Liuyue hissed, held her head, and looked at him pitifully.

Elder Wen Xi's heart went soft, and he instantly shuddered. Pfft! What's so pitiful!? This kid knows who is soft-hearted, so he purposely looked at me in that manner—definitely! If he really didn't do anything, why would Bo Yan react in that manner? It's a pity that Bo Yan seems bent on sealing the news and only told me to bring Chu Yue over without mentioning why.

He could only guess in his heart. But after much thinking, he couldn't figure out what exactly this kid had done to implicate such formidable characters.

Elder Wen Xi suddenly felt a chill run down his spine, and he alertly sized Chu Liuyue up. This kid... Will he also betray me one day?

"They have their own punishments; you don't have to care about them. Wan Zheng is now in Dong Huang Clock Tower with Bo Yan, discussing how to punish you. Wan Zheng wants you to be there no matter what, so I was told to bring you over."

Chu Liuyue felt a slight warmth in her heart. Elder Wan Zheng should know about this already, but he is probably thinking about me as he insisted on this request.

She nodded. "Thank you, Elder Wen Xi."

Elder Wen Xi grunted. "Let's go!"

As the elder that recruited Chu Yue... Although Elder Wen Xi wasn't the latter's mentor, he had to take some form of responsibility.

In the beginning, he just felt excited that he had recruited such a rare talent. But now, he vaguely felt that he was tricked.

The longer Chu Yue stayed at the academy, the more obvious this feeling became!

When Elder Wen Xi thought of this, he couldn't help but sigh. Why do I meet all of the troublemakers?

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When they reached Dong Huang Clock Tower and entered the hall, Chu Liuyue clearly felt that the atmosphere was different from before.

"I've brought him over," said Elder Wen Xi.

Chu Liuyue quickly glanced at him.

In the large hall, Elder Wan Zheng and Elder Bo Yan sat there. Other than that, Rong Xiu and the rest were gone.

She retracted her vision and respectfully bowed. "I'm Chu Yue. Greetings, Elder Bo Yan, Mentor."

Elder Bo Yan glanced at Elder Wen Xi.

Elder Wen Xi understood what he meant. "You guys can continue talking. I have something on, so I'll leave first."

After saying that, he turned around to leave.

When his figure completely disappeared outside the door, Chu Liuyue instantly felt that the atmosphere within the room became nerve-racking!

Even the air started freezing inch by inch.

The two strong gazes landed on her like sharp knives scraping past her!

"Chu Yue, Bo Yan said that you caused trouble at Million Wine Mountain again. Is that true?" asked Elder Wan Zheng with a low voice.

Chu Liuyue honestly nodded. "I'm in the wrong."

Elder Wan Zheng took a deep breath in.

Elder Bo Yan snorted. "Wan Zheng, he admitted it himself. Do you still want to defend him?"

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Elder Wan Zheng coughed, and his aura weakened. "Ahem, I actually don't want to defend him either... That Yuan instrument needed its weapon soul refined, right? Strictly speaking, he didn't intend to go against the rules. He was just... for—"

Elder Wan Zheng couldn't finish his last words.

Elder Bo Yan sneered. "But this isn't his first time. If he doesn't correct himself, in the future—"

Although Wan Zheng felt that he was logical in his heart, the person in front was still his disciple after all. If Chu Yue really was punished harshly, he wouldn't be able to bear it.

Not to mention that this child did it to refine the weapon soul for that Yuan instrument. Now, he truly possesses a supreme Yuan instrument!

He felt happy in his heart, but he couldn't show it to Elder Bo Yan.

"Of course! Of course, he must be punished!" Elder Wan Zheng supported it. "But... don't harm the child's foundation..."

He is really a rare talent. If he is harmed, we will be the ones feeling the pity and heartache!

Elder Bo Yan had already expected Elder Wang Zheng would say such a thing. Ever since he called the latter over, the two of them had been arguing about this for a long time. How could he not know what Elder Wan Zheng was thinking?

Elder Bo Yan helplessly shook his head. "Wan Zheng, if you continue to spoil him, he'll get into serious trouble sooner or later!"

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Elder Wan Zheng couldn't help but say, "It's not like there wasn't another kid who could cause more trouble than him. Back then, that girl—"

"Wan Zheng!" Elder Bo Yan furrowed his brows tightly and immediately yelled for him to stop.

Elder Wan Zheng then realized that he had misspoken and fell silent.

Chu Liuyue's heart tingled. That girl... Who?

Almost without hesitation, Chu Liuyue felt that they should be talking about her. She looked down slightly, and emotions flashed across her eyes.

In actual fact, she had already recalled some incidents here and there during this period.

The previous me was a genius in Ling Xiao Academy, and I did many things that made life difficult for others. Continuous opening of the academy's barrier, using precious herbs from Medicinal Valley... All of them are hard to calculate. If not, the elders won't have lingering fears when they talk about me, even after I had left the academy for so long. But... Even now, I don't understand how exactly I did those things. I don't even know when I broke through to the Apotheosis Realm.

The room fell silent.

Elder Bo Yan recovered his emotions and gazed at Chu Liuyue. "Chu Yue, your mentor dotes on you and can't bear for you to be punished, but this incident is very serious. If we don't punish you severely, it won't be inappropriate. What do you think?"

Chu Liuyue looked up, and her gaze was clear and genuine. "I know that I'm in the wrong. I'm willing to bear all the responsibility."

Elder Wan Zheng was hesitant in his words, but seeing that his disciple had such an insistent attitude, he could only swallow those words.

Elder Bo Yan's gaze became gentler. Chu Yue has this attitude, which shows that he can still be taught.

But after the previous two incidents, he didn't dare to completely believe that Chu Yue would turn over a new leaf. "Originally, your mentor and I wanted to lock you up at Fengmin Mountain for a period of time."

Chu Liuyue's eyes flickered a little.

"But we did that the previous two times, yet it didn't serve as a warning to you." Elder Bo Yan could also tell that Chu Yue had no fear of this incident. If it were someone else, they would become very obedient after going there once. However, Chu Yue was completely different.

Hence, he felt that this method had no use on Chu Yue anymore. "So this time, we'll change the punishment."

Chu Liuyue's heart instantly felt empty. I thought I could go there again... What a pity...

She paused and couldn't help but say, "Elder Bo Yan, I made a very serious mistake this time, and I'm willing to accept any punishment! Y-you can lock me up at Fengmin Mountain again..."

Elder Bo Yan glanced at her strangely. "Why? Do you really want to go again?"

Chu Liuyue sensibly stopped the topic. "You've misunderstood. I just... I mean that I'll be willing to accept any punishment you give me."

Elder Bo Yan then nodded in slight satisfaction. "It's good that you have this realization. As for your punishment... From today onward, you'll be responsible for guarding Fiend Park for a month."

"Fiend Park?"

"A month?!"

Chu Liuyue and Elder Wan Zheng spoke in unison. The difference was that Chu Liuyue just didn't understand what Fiend Park was, while Elder Wan Zheng was stunned that Elder Wan Zheng's punishment was so long that it lasted a month!

"Bo Yan! Y-you... I don't agree!" Elder Wan Zheng swallowed the vulgarities that were about to slip out of his mouth with much difficulty, and he slammed the table angrily. "What kind of place is Fiend Park? Aren't you trying to send him to his death by asking him to go there for a month?! No! You must reduce the time!"

However, Elder Bo Yan had a calm gaze and leisurely said, "If it were someone else, it would naturally be dangerous. But don't forget that Chu Yue has a legendary fiend. Since he has the ability to make an agreement with a red-tailed phoenix, will he be unable to guard Fiend Park for a month?"

Elder Wan Zheng was stumped. "T-that's different! The ones at Fiend Park are free to roam around, and they haven't been trained. They're violent! Even if an elder went, they might get hurt, let alone Chu Yue!"

"You're thinking too much." Elder Bo Yan shook his head and had an insistent attitude. "Chu Yue has caused trouble repeatedly, but his life is tenacious. The previous time, he managed to escape unscathed even though so many legendary warriors surrounded him and attacked him. When he refined the weapon soul this time, countless lightning bolts struck, but he's in one piece. If you say that his life is tenacious, I would even think that it's an understatement!"

Chu Liuyue was speechless.

Elder Wan Zheng was at a loss for words. He had no choice because everything Elder Bo Yan said was the truth! In actual fact, I've always thought about it in my heart. Chu Yue always causes trouble, but his troubles aren't something an average person can cause. It requires some form of capability as well.

Knowing that there was no room for bargaining, Elder Wan Zheng hesitated for a long time and could only agree.

"You can ask him to go, but I'll immediately bring him out if there's any danger!" As he spoke, he looked at his disciple and reminded her, "Chu Yue, if anything wrong happens, you must immediately use your black jade plaque and send a call for help. I'll definitely rush over instantly! You mustn't act strong under any circumstances! Do you understand?"

Chu Liuyue's heart felt warm. "Thank you, Mentor."

Elder Wan Zheng looked at the young man in front of him.

Probably because the latter had experienced a huge ordeal the day before and didn't rest properly today, he looked frail, and his lips were pale. But when he smiled, he had clean eyes and a warm smile.

It unwittingly caused one to want to smile with him.

This kid... He can only smile this naively now. When he knows what kind of place Fiend Park is, he will...

Elder Bo Yan stood up. "Let's go. We'll send you over personally."

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Chu Liuyue's brows moved slightly. When I was previously locked up at Fengmin Mountain, Elder Wen Xi sent her there the first time. The second time, it was Rong Xiu. But this time, Elder Bo Yan actually plans to send me over himself. What kind of place is it that made him so cautious?

Of course, it might be because Elder Bo Yan wants to seal the news and can't appoint someone else to send me there. Thus, he can only do it on his own. But judging from Elder Wan Zheng's strong reaction, Fiend Park... shouldn't be a place that is nice to stay. At the very least, Elder Wan Zheng never worried about my safety when I was locked up at Fengmin Mountain previously. But this time...

Chu Liuyue retracted her thoughts and followed the two of them.

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The three of them walked out of Dong Huang Clock Tower and went straight toward Fiend Park.

After walking for a while, Chu Liuyue realized that they were heading to the Xuan Master area.

As if seeing her confusion, Elder Wan Zheng inched closer to her and explained, "Fiend Park is indeed in the Xuan Master region, but it doesn't only belong to them. The warrior and Xuan Master elders will take turns to patrol around here."

Chu Liuyue nodded.

Seeing her calm expression, Elder Wan Zheng felt that the kid didn't know what she was about to face later, and he couldn't help but sigh.

Chu Liuyue could see through his worries. She thought for a while and asked, "Mentor, is Fiend Park... very dangerous?"

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Elder Wan Zheng paused. "Forget it. You'll know when you get there."

Chu Liuyue could only suppress her curiosity.

After going past many mountains, Chu Liuyue still saw quite a few high-grade Xuan formations along the way.

About an hour later, Elder Bo Yan finally stopped. "We're here! The place in front is Fiend Park!"

Chu Liuyue took a few steps forward, followed Elder Bo Yan's line of sight, and looked down.

The tens of mountain peaks were of various heights. There was lush greenery, and white mist floated in mid-air.

At first glance, it was like a picturesque forest that wasn't much different from the other places in the academy. However, Chu Liuyue knew that it wasn't this simple. This was because the sky above this mountainous region had a gigantic silver Xuan formation covering it.

It floated quietly in mid-air and completely covered the large forest in a semicircular shape.

Through the gaps where rays of lights intersected, one could still see the view below clearly. However, everyone who stood here could feel the shocking suppression coming from that Xuan formation!

One couldn't be reckless!

Chu Liuyue held her breath. This Xuan formation is definitely one of the top few Xuan formations I have seen in my entire life! It is on par with the academy's barrier!

One had to know that many strong warriors were required to build such a Xuan formation. Much manpower and resources had to be invested into the making of it! To be able to generously build such a Xuan formation within the academy was enough to prove how precious the region below this Xuan formation was.

Chu Liuyue's gaze swept across the Xuan formation in detail, and she could vaguely feel some strong yet hidden auras. Those should be the elders in charge of patrolling the area.

The next moment, Elder Bo Yan flew down.

Elder Wan Zheng patted Chu Liuyue's shoulders. "Let's go!"

Chu Liuyue nodded and rushed forward without hesitation.

The three of them stood a few hundred meters in front of the silver Xuan formation.

From here, Chu Liuyue could feel the strong suppression from the Xuan formation even more clearly.

I really don't know what the situation inside is... Chu Liuyue thought to herself secretly.

Suddenly, an aura rapidly came close!

A middle-aged man stepped out from behind the Xuan formation. "Bo Yan, Wan Zheng, why are you here?"

That man wore a white robe and had a skinny figure. His gaze was sharp.

When his gaze swept across one's body, it caused one to dare not move. "Who is this? Why did you bring a kid over?"

Elder Bo Yan explained, "This is Chu Yue."

Once he said this, Chu Liuyue saw that the other party had a look of realization. It seemed like he had also long heard of her 'famous name...'

Elder Bo Yan raised his chin. "This is Elder Shu Yu."

Chu Liuyue felt very embarrassed for some reason, but she still greeted him respectfully. "I'm Chu Yue. Greetings, Elder Shu Yu."

"Chu Yue has caused some trouble recently. Wan Zheng and I discussed it and decided to throw him here for a month and let him suffer a little to learn from his mistakes," said Elder Bo Yan in a very straightforward manner.

Elder Shu Yu glanced at Chu Liuyue in shock. What exactly did he do to end up in such a state? Bo Yan normally wouldn't casually put a person here, let alone for a month.

"How are your current abilities?" Elder Shu Yu raised his chin and asked, "Note, I'm asking about everything."

Chu Liuyue paused and honestly answered, "I'm currently an intermediate stage-seven warrior, ninth-grade heavenly doctor... ninth-grade Xuan Master."

Once she said this, the scene fell silent.

The three elders stared at Chu Liuyue collectively.

"Chu Yue, when did you break through to become a ninth-grade Xuan Master?" Elder Wan Zheng couldn't help but ask.

Chu Liuyue blinked. "Um... not long ago..."

She originally didn't want to talk about it, but as a Xuan Master, Elder Shu Yu had very sharp eyes. She couldn't guarantee that she wouldn't be taught a lesson later if she lied now.

Besides, one could basically guess this from the incident of her opening the academy barrier.

Elder Wan Zheng's lips moved, but he didn't speak. Finally, he glanced at Elder Wan Zheng and grunted. See! This kid is much stronger than we thought! If something happens to such a rare talent, I'll give Bo Yan hell!

"Not bad. At least you're honest." Elder Shu Yu nodded. "Go in!"

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Chu Liuyue was dazed.

I'm going in... just like that?

Elder Shu Yu glanced at her strangely.

"What's the matter? Is there a problem?"

Chu Liuyue shook her head. It seemed like this Elder Shu Yu was a very efficient person.

But this was good. It would reduce a lot of trouble.

She took half a step out and suddenly stopped. Turning around to look at Elder Bo Yan, she asked rather hesitantly,

"Elder, may I know if Senior Brother Rong Xiu and the rest..."

"They have their own punishments. You don't have to care about them."

Elder Bo Yan waved his hands.

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"Just focus on repenting this month."

Seeing that she could not find out anything, Chu Liuyue could only nod.

"I understand."

Then, she continued walking forward and stepped into the barrier entrance.

After her figure disappeared before his eyes, Elder Shu Yu raised his brows and looked at Elder Wan Zheng.

"One month... Wan Zheng, can you really bear with it?"

Elder Wan Zheng sneered coldly and looked away.

If Bo Yan did not insist on doing this, how would he agree?

He had only accepted this disciple for two months, and he had spent forty of those days in Fengmin Mountain!

Calculating the time, he had only spent a little more than ten days cultivating with him!

How could his heart not ache?

But what else could he do? That kid always caused trouble!

No matter how much he protected his disciple, he really had no other way sometimes.

However, Elder Bo Yan suddenly said,

"One month might not be even be able to get him to repent."

He realized that one had to use extraordinary means to handle Chu Yue.

If not, he really could not be controlled!

"Why do you have such high ratings for him?"

Elder Shu Yu was very surprised.

"Hmph."

Elder Bo Yan laughed.

"You'll know why after he spends some time here."

Elder Shu Yu's heart suddenly skipped a beat and felt uneasy.

"Okay, since we've already sent him here, we'll make a move first. For the remaining month, do take care of the kid."

After speaking, Elder Bo Yan wanted to leave with Elder Wan Zheng.

For some reason, Elder Shu Yu had an illusion that they finally got rid of a tricky problem.

Elder Wan Zheng glanced at the barrier reluctantly.

Even though he could not see anything, he still secretly prayed for his precious disciple in his heart.

For this month, please... don't cause any trouble!

After Bo Yan and Elder Wan Zheng left, Elder Shu Yu quickly returned to the barrier.

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Fiend park.

Not long after entering this place, Chu Liuyue understood where this name came from.

There was the rich aura that uniquely belonged to the fiends coming from all directions!

A faint blood smell permeated throughout the air.

That was the special smell that would only appear when one's meat was just ripped apart.

Chu Liuyue walked on a narrow pathway in the mountain.

There were bushes lining the sides and lush greenery.

As the sun shone down, it casted a shadow on the ground.

Silently without wind.

She walked forward step by step.

Sometimes, she could also see the fiend prints left on the ground.

The further she went, the more tense her muscles became and more alert she had to be.

Every single tiny sound in the surroundings and every bit of change caused her to be extremely alert.

In the middle, she had turned around to take a look once.

Elder Shu Yu did not follow her.

Clearly, they planned to let her do everything on her own.

Roar!

Suddenly, a low and violent roar was heard from the side of the mountains!

Chu Liuyue immediately turned around to look.

With the thick forest in the middle, she could not see the situation there clearly.

But the roar contained tremendous suppression, which caused her mind to be dazed for a moment!

That was a strength that could not be underestimated!

At the very least, it was also a ninth-grade fiend!

Chu Liuyue's heart rate gradually rose.

I'm afraid there's more than a few fiends in the fiend park...

She took a deep breath in and carefully surveyed the surroundings, before she continued forward.

Whoosh!

An air-piercing sound was heard.

Chu Liuyue's gaze turned harsh and she rapidly shunned to the side!

Chu!

An extremely sharp grayish-brown needle stabbed right into the place that Chu Liuyue was just standing at.

That needle was thick at the top and thin at the bottom, and the top was around the size of an adult's finger. The further down it was, the sharper it became.

As it contained tremendous strength, after it inserted into the ground, its tail still shook slightly.

The originally flat rock surface suddenly cracked!

It showed how strong this item was!

If it really hit her body, it might instantly pierce through her!

But the key was that this was not a Yuan instrument.

As the top still had a few stains of fresh blood, when one looked at it closely, there was still a layer of thin fur on it.

This clearly was...

Boom!

Boom!

Boom!

The thunderous footsteps sounded and the ground began to shake!

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat and she stared at the sound of the voice tightly!

A large figure gradually appeared in her vision.

That was a fiend that was completely brownish-black.

Its figure was huge and its limbs were muscular with a silver horn on its head. Its back had a string of thick things that looked like steel needles.

This thing was the object that shot toward Chu Liuyue.

The orange-yellow eyes were cold and nonchalant with a shocking suppression!

When the gigantic paw stepped onto the ground, one could see its sharp claws. Without a doubt, once this feet went down, it could directly smash a person!

Chu Liuyue felt suffocated.

"... Ninth-grade... steel-ridged fiend?!"

She had only heard of this type of fiend in rumors.

She heard that it was born as a ninth-grade fiend and was very formidable.

As it grow older, its size would also rapidly increase.

After it came of age, it would break through and become a legendary fiend!

She heard that the weight of a strong legendary steel-ridged fiend was comparable to mountains!

Wherever it went, it had intense suppression!

The needle-like object on its back was one of its biggest trump cards.

It was extremely sharp and stiff. The most important thing was that it was poisonous!

Once one was injured by it, without an hour's time, a stage-nine warrior would die!

This showed how incredible this steel-ridged fiend was!

But the one before her eyes...

Though it had a huge figure, it had not broken through to become a legendary fiend, so it was still considered a cub.

Of course, even if it were a cub, its size was still shockingly huge.

Chu Liuyue stood in front of it and looked as small as an ant.

She was not even as tall as one of its legs.

Under such a circumstance, the other party could smash her to death in minutes.

The two parties fell into a stalemate.

The steel-ridged fiend first glanced at the slanted needle on the floor and seemed dissatisfied that it did not succeed.

Then, its gaze turned and it looked at Chu Liuyue.

Cold!

Stern!

That was the arrogance and nonchalance that belonged to a superior being!

Strong murderous intent appeared in its eyes!

Boom!

It lifted its leg and took a step out!

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Chu Liuyue's force rushed around rapidly, and a spark appeared on her fingertips! Unless it reached a critical moment, she wouldn't use the Chi Xiao Sword.

Although the steel-ridged fiend in front of her was dangerous, she might be able to fight it with her current abilities! If it didn't work, she could just escape!

But at this moment, she heard some strange rustling noises behind her.

She originally didn't want to turn around, but the sound came increasingly near, and the sharp and dangerous aura caused her to be alert! Hence, she turned around and quickly glanced in that direction.

With this look, Chu Liuyue instantly narrowed her eyes as her hair stood on end! That was because a cluster of snakes was behind her!

It wasn't one snake but a pile of snakes that were intertwined! At one glance, there were at least a hundred of them!

All those snakes were roughly as thick as a thumb, and they were iridescent. Under the sun, they reflected an icy and mesmerizing light.

But at this point, Chu Liuyue had no mood to appreciate it as her hair stood on end! This was because every snake was a ninth-grade fiend—triangular sword-toothed snake!

The reason why it had this name was that its head was flat and triangular. Every time it was in combat mode, its two sharp and sword-like teeth would be exposed and glisten in a scary white light.

Of course, it was also poisonous. Its venom was only stronger and not weaker than the steel-ridged fiend!

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At this point, they had formed a group and were going toward Chu Liuyue. Wherever they passed, the ground would produce a tiny rustling sound.

Chu Liuyue hadn't realized it previously, but after seeing their true intentions, she felt her entire body turn numb when she heard this noise.

Now, she was stuck in the middle and couldn't go anywhere!

A steel-ridged fiend was at the front, and behind her were triangular sword-teethed snakes. She didn't have full confidence that she could come out unscathed either way.

Chu Liuyue clearly felt that her entire body had stiffened.

If Tuan Zi were here, these problems could be solved easily. After all, it was a red-tailed phoenix with premium bloodline power. Just based on this natural bloodline suppression, it could handle these fiends easily. But now... How could she handle them alone?

At this point, Chu Liuyue finally realized why Elder Wan Zheng would have so many objections when Elder Bo Yan suggested this punishment.

Thinking of the meaningful gaze Elder Wan Zheng gave her before he left... Back then, she still innocently thought that he was reluctant to leave her, but it now seemed like he was clearly worried for her life!

Fiend Park... Fiend! Park!

While Chu Liuyue crazily thought of how to solve the situation before her, she urged her bodily strength to flow out!

Five sparks had already appeared on her fingertips.

If I really can't do it... I can only get the legendary three-eyed eagle to help me. But for Chu Liuyue, this was a very unwise decision. Quite a few people in the Sky-Cloud Empire knew that she had two legendary fiends.

Jiang Zhiyuan had already started suspecting her because she had a red-tailed phoenix. Luckily, Liu Yintong had one too, so she still had room to defend herself. But once Jiang Zhiyuan knew about the legendary three-eyed eagle's existence, she could immediately confirm Chu Liuyue's identity!

In this world, it could be said to be a coincidence for cultivators to have the same legendary fiend. But if they had two identical ones, there was definitely a problem!

Chu Liuyue didn't have much understanding of Fiend Park. Other than Elder Bo Yan saying that there were a few elders in charge of patrolling the area, she didn't even know if there were other people around.

Besides, if those elders knew of this, the incident couldn't be hidden.

Although Ling Xiao Academy had many elders with their own positions, most of them had frequent contact with each other. Thus, news spread fast.

This was a good thing for the academy as it could allow the academy to settle many things efficiently and quickly. However, this wasn't so good for Chu Liuyue.

The three parties were silent. The surrounding space seemed to freeze inch by inch.

Chu Liuyue's heart started beating intensely.

Bam!

Bam!

The steel-ridged fiend and the triangular sword-teethed snakes had also noticed each other's existence.

Hiss...

Quite a few triangular sword-teethed snakes let out a strange sound that caused one's heart to turn cold. Their dark-green eyes flashed with unconcealable violent and murderous intent!

Boom!

The steel-ridged fiend took a step forward!

The rocks below its foot cracked, and the ground shook! It wasn't weak at all!

Chu Liuyue instantly understood something. Did they become enemies because they wanted to fight for me?

Of course, Chu Liuyue knew very clearly that they didn't behave in this manner because they liked her and wanted to fight for her. They were fighting... for the chance and right to kill her!

Fight! Fight! Chu Liuyue yelled at the top of her lungs in her heart. As long as the two parties go against each other, I can find a chance to leave the place!

Whoosh!

The steel-ridged fiend took action first—a steel needle quickly flew out from its back!

Chu!

That needle traveled very quickly. Chu Liuyue only saw its straight and blurred image before hearing a familiar sound the next moment.

That steel needle landed about one step before the triangular sword-teethed snakes.

Chu Liuyue's heart clenched. After being instigated, no fiends can remain calm. This time, an intense battle will be unavoidable.

Hiss...

Just when Chu Liuyue was waiting for the battle to start, the cluster of triangular sword-teethed snakes actually started to retreat.

Chu Liuyue was confused. What kind of situation is this? Are they not fighting?

But before she could figure it out, the steel-ridged fiend changed its direction and started going toward her!

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Chu Liuyue almost cursed out loud. These triangular sword-toothed snakes are too useless! They performed so bravely earlier. The steel-ridged fiend then executed a tentative attack only, yet they directly retreated?! They decided too quickly!

Chu Liuyue really didn't understand. Even though a triangular sword-toothed snake's combat skills couldn't be compared to a steel-ridged fiend, they still won in numbers!

They didn't even symbolically fight with the steel-ridged fiend. They're too much of a coward.

Before she could think further, the steel-ridged fiend rushed toward her.

Chu Liuyue moved her figure and hurriedly dodged to the side!

Boom!

The steel-ridged fiend slammed heavily onto the ground!

Quite a big trench immediately appeared in the ground that was considered rather straight. Numerous cracks quickly spread in all directions.

Chu Liuyue casually picked a direction with lush greenery and rapidly went toward it!

She had already entered Fiend Park, and there was danger lurking everywhere. Actually, there wasn't much difference no matter which direction she picked. The most important thing now was to get rid of that steel-ridged fiend.

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The more forested the area, the more beneficial it was for her.

Chu Liuyue was nimble. In the blink of an eye, her figure disappeared in the lush greenery!

"Roar!" The steel-ridged fiend raised its head and hollered.

When the nearby trees felt the suppression, they directly exploded!

The steel-ridged fiend took a step forward and rushed toward Chu Liuyue. Meanwhile, the cluster of triangular sword-toothed snakes suddenly dispersed after retreating a distance.

More than a hundred snakes dispersed in all directions. Their figures were very small, and they could perfectly hide themselves once they entered the bushes. Hence, not long after they dispersed, they each slithered toward the forests and disappeared.

Only the extremely soft rustling could be heard intermittently, but it disappeared very quickly as well.

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Chu Liuyue went at full speed and escaped. She jumped up and down like an elf, and her figure could vaguely be seen in the forest.

Even so, she still couldn't successfully escape from the steel-ridged fiend that kept chasing her relentlessly.

The steel-ridged fiend's destructive capabilities were even scarier than Chu Liuyue had predicted. Originally, she thought that the lush greenery could become barriers for the steel-ridged fiend and impede it.

But in actual fact, the steel-ridged fiend didn't even care about this. Its physical strength was formidable, and everywhere it went, the area was destroyed!

Hence, the human and fiend competed with each other in the forest.

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Elder Shu Yu stood with his hands behind his back and waited below the mountain for a while. Even without going over to see personally, he could guess what had roughly happened by the change in force.

He couldn't help but snort. It seems like this Chu Yue has something following him. I wonder how long this kid can last. One has to know that other than those cubs, the lowest-grade mature fiends are at least ninth-grade here! They aren't so easy to handle.

Besides, to allow these fiends to develop and stimulate their capabilities to the maximum... Other than a few elders protecting and patrolling the area, there were basically not many people in the entire Fiend Park.

These fiends were very sensitive to the human scent, and they naturally had the urge to attack humans.

Chu Yue's talent and capabilities are decent, but at the end of the day, he is still a kid that hasn't developed. He definitely isn't the opponent of those fiends in regards to battle. He glanced at the sun that was about to descend as he smiled and shook his head. "I hope this kid can first last through the night!"

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The sky quickly darkened.

The trees in the forest cast a dark shadow, and there wasn't much light.

As Chu Liuyue ran forward, she kept thinking of other methods in her heart. This can't go on. Just based on my strength alone, I can't escape from the steel-ridged fiend. Besides, as time passes, my physical strength will slowly deplete, and my speed will inevitably decrease. However, the steel-ridged fiend seems to become increasingly braver as it competes. It is naturally good at combat, so its explosive speed and stamina are extremely good.

Chu Liuyue was really worried that it would drag her to death in the end.

It wasn't that she didn't think of fighting the steel-ridged fiend head-on. At the very start, she had already accumulated some force and did her best to prepare, but she hesitated when she saw the pile of triangular sword-toothed snakes retreating.

If they were so fearful, it just proved how capable this steel-ridged fiend was.

Although she could battle with a stage-eight warrior now, she would only lose in front of a stage-nine warrior. Besides, the combat power of a stage-nine warrior was far below that of a ninth-grade fiend.

After much thinking, it didn't seem very possible to go head-on.

She had to think of another way, but this steel-ridged fiend kept chasing after her relentlessly, causing her not to have a chance to breathe. What else could she do?

Suddenly, Chu Liuyue felt a sense of warning! She was on high alert and immediately forced herself to stop!

She had been traveling at high speed just now. Now that she suddenly stopped, the blood in her lungs rushed up. However, she could no longer care about this.

This was because... danger was right ahead!

Boom!

Heavy footsteps could be heard! This noise was rather familiar, and it was quite similar to the steel-ridged fiend's footsteps, but it was much louder!

Chu Liuyue clearly didn't see the other party's shadow this time, but she already felt that the other party had directly slammed down on her heart!

She stood on a tree and held its trunk. Her body was tense, and she almost suffocated!

The next moment, a small mountain-like figure appeared before her!

With just one look, Chu Liuyue immediately recognized that it was also a steel-ridged fiend, and its figure was a few times larger than the previous one!

This was definitely a mature steel-ridged fiend!

It walked toward the area. Trees collapsed, and the mountain rocks were crushed!

At that moment, Chu Liuyue even suspected that the entire mountain would be flattened!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Suddenly, the steel-ridged fiend behind her suddenly increased its speed for some reason!

"Roar!" This roar was very different from the previous one. The stern and threatening aura was gone and was replaced with elation and a flattering meaning. Also, this was clearly for the steel-ridged fiend that had just appeared!

Chu Liuyue hurriedly turned around, and half her heart went cold. These two... seem to be mother and son?! Then, am I still able to escape unscathed?

She held the trunk tightly, and her knuckles turned white.

As she had been running for a long time, she had exhausted much of her energy. At this point, her forehead was already covered in tiny beads of sweat, and her back was drenched.

This won't do if it continues... Chu Liuyue clenched her teeth. If I'm really pushed to the corner... I have to reveal my trump cards!

Hong!

That steel-ridged fiend cub rushed over and hammered into the tree that Chu Liuyue was on!

The tree—which needed two people to hug the trunk—collapsed instantly!

Chu Liuyue went on her toes and was about to fly! However, that steel-ridged fiend seemed like it had predicted this as it directly pounced over!

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If this foot landed, Chu Liuyue would've immediately turned into a pile of mush!

A thought appeared in Chu Liuyue's mind, and a harsh aura gathered!

But just as the foot was about to land and Chu Liuyue was going to fight for her life, the adult steel-ridged fiend opposite her suddenly rushed over and hit the steel-ridged fiend cub.

Said cub directly flipped over on the ground.

Boom!

The steel-ridged fiend cub's heavy body flew out, and the trees fell down on the way! After being knocked back by quite some distance, it finally stopped.

A deep track was left on the ground. Smashed rocks and broken trees were scattered everywhere—it was a pile of debris!

Chu Liuyue was confused.

The knocked-away steel-ridged fiend cub was also dazed.

The surroundings fell silent.

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Chu Liuyue stiffened her neck and looked toward the adult steel-ridged fiend beside her. W-what's going on? Why did it help me? Could it be that the other steel-ridged fiend isn't its cub?

However, she quickly dismissed that guess. This was because after the steel-ridged fiend cub recovered its senses, it didn't get up and instead directly wailed. "Ow!"

Chu Liuyue instinctively turned around and saw the fiend cub lying on the ground as it stared at the adult steel-ridged fiend in disbelief. Its eyes were filled with grievances and pity.

"Wu-wu!"

The next moment, Chu Liuyue clearly saw that the cub's lantern-sized eyes quickly had a layer of watery mist.

Da!

Da!

Fist-sized tears kept falling and landed on the ground, forming a small puddle.

Chu Liuyue was speechless. If the mature fiend isn't its own mother or father, it wouldn't have such a reaction, right...

But this cub didn't seem very loved—the adult steel-ridged fiend watched as it wailed. Not only did it not comfort the cub, the mature steel-ridged fiend even walked over and kicked it!

The fiend cub didn't expect its parent to be so harsh toward it. It didn't pay attention and directly flew from the kick.

The wails suddenly stopped, and it turned around.

Probably because steel-ridged fiends were born with thick skin and heavy muscles, this kick was filled with strength and wasn't merciful at all.

The sound of bones being harshly kicked caused Chu Liuyue's eyes to twitch. I-I really didn't expect this to happen...

"Roar!" The adult steel-ridged fiend roared at its cub as if it were rather stern.

After suffering, the cub had learned its lesson and didn't dare to make a scene. It hid its temper and looked very obedient.

The adult steel-ridged fiend roared again and said something, which caused the cub to look up suddenly. Shock flashed across its eyes. Then, the cub glanced at Chu Liuyue as it crazily shook its head.

Roar!

The adult steel-ridged fiend roared again, causing the cub to stop in its actions and immediately become obedient.

Chu Liuyue stood at the side in a very awkward manner. This... I fought with someone else's kid, but after the other party's parent came... Not only did they not blame me, but they even lectured their own child. This adult steel-ridged fiend has too high of a moral standard, right?

Chu Liuyue originally wanted to leave. But thinking that her speed couldn't even compare to the steel-ridged fiend cub's, let alone the adult, she decided to just stay put and see what attitude the other party had.

After a while, the two steel-ridged fiends were finally done talking. Of course, this talk was just the adult steel-ridged fiend lecturing the cub.

Bang.

The adult steel-ridged fiend walked over.

The cub hung its head in defeat and followed behind.

Chu Liuyue's heart clenched. It's coming!

She instinctively straightened her back and looked up.

She had no choice—the other party was too big. When Chu Liuyue tried to meet its gaze, she could only see the other party's thighs.

The adult steel-ridged fiend stopped not far before her.

Meanwhile, the cub inched over step by step. Anyone could tell that reluctance was written all over its face.

As if despising it for moving too slowly, the adult steel-ridged fiend kicked the cub's buttock from behind.

"Wu—" The cub almost flew from the kick, and it instinctively turned around.

Originally, the steel-ridged fiend cub seemed like it wanted to protest, but it immediately kept quiet when it saw the pair of stern eyes. After some hesitation, it let out a soft whimper that sounded very pitiful.

The adult steel-ridged fiend was unaffected and simply raised its head.

The cub could only retract its vision and walk to Chu Liuyue step by step.

The human and the fiend looked at each other.

The cub glared at Chu Liuyue before it hung its head with grievances.

Chu Liuyue was confused when she saw the steel-ridged fiend cub's head stretch toward her.

The silver horn wasn't far before her eyes! She could reach it if she stretched out her hand!

This is... Chu Liuyue was dazed for a moment and suddenly realized something. I-it's apologizing?!

Once this guess surfaced, Chu Liuyue instinctively wanted to reject it.

This was too ridiculous! One had to know that just a moment ago, she was still being chased by this steel-ridged fiend cub to the end of the world, and she almost died under its feet.

But now... Not only did it stop its attack, but it had even apologized repeatedly?

This was indeed too shocking. But other than this reason, Chu Liuyue couldn't think of any other explanation.

She looked at the adult steel-ridged fiend behind the cub in much confusion, and she saw those eyes—deep and stern, with a hint of undetectable reminiscence.

An extremely familiar feeling overwhelmed Chu Liuyue. This steel-ridged fiend...

She opened her mouth, but she couldn't speak. A bold thought then quickly flashed across her mind. Perhaps... I met it long ago?

As if detecting her emotional activity, that steel-ridged fiend finally walked over. Looking down, it stared into Chu Liuyue's eyes.

It was a pity that it was still too tall. Even if Chu Liuyue raised her hand, she couldn't touch it.

Detecting the pat, the steel-ridged fiend blinked its eyes and knelt down without hesitation. Then, it inched forward in a gentle and dependent manner.

Something seemed to rush out of Chu Liuyue's heart. She instinctively wanted to stretch out her hand and pat its head.

The steel-ridged fiend's skin was very thick and hard—touching it was akin to touching steel. But for some reason, Chu Liuyue's heart felt soft.

Suddenly, her gaze focused. She saw that there seemed to be a scar on this steel-ridged fiend's horn. It seemed like someone had used a sharp weapon to cut it by about half an inch.

It was hard to notice from afar, but it could be seen clearly when close.

Chu Liuyue unconsciously touched it.

At that moment, a scene quickly appeared in her mind! Her head hurt so much that she furrowed her brows tightly and almost collapsed onto the ground.

The steel-ridged fiend looked at her with much worry.

Chu Liuyue closed her eyes and moved forward, getting even closer to it.

The steel-ridged fiend allowed her to hug it as it didn't move.

The cub stood at the side and watched on with much desire and helplessness.

After a long while, Chu Liuyue then sighed lightly. "Ah Qiong, I'm back."

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Ever since she knew that she was missing a part of her memories, Chu Liuyue started to think of all sorts of ways to get herself to remember them. She had previously tried many methods and experienced quite a bit of torture, but they were mostly to no avail.

She could not recall those memories no matter what.

She didn't remember how she came to the God Residence Realm.

She didn't know how she reached the top of the Qing Yun Ranking.

She didn't know what exactly she had done in Ling Xiao Academy and why she had forgotten everything in the end!

Many times, she even felt that it didn't have much meaning to be like that. Since the mist was already there, and she couldn't see past it clearly, she could just not look at it.

But now, she finally realized that it was definitely not meaningless. That was because a scene she definitely couldn't bear to forget was behind the mist.

Like now, she suddenly recalled some past matters regarding Fiend Park.

Even though her memory was still in bits and pieces, and they were even unclear... It was still very precious to her.

"Ah Qiong!" Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in and hid the tears in her eyes.

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She hugged it tightly before taking a few steps back and carefully sized it up. Then, she smiled brightly and said, "Ah Qiong, you've grown up!"

When we first met at Fiend Park a few years ago, it was about the size of that cub. I didn't expect it to have grown up and even have its own child!

Ah Qiong gently rubbed against her palm dotingly. It then stood up, and its eyes were also filled with elation and emotions.

Actually, it couldn't quite confirm Chu Liuyue's identity in the beginning, so it had such a meticulous attitude. But now, it could finally be at ease!

"Ow?" The cub—which had been ignored for quite some time—finally found a chance to speak. Its gaze flicked between Chu Liuyue and its mother, and it was confused.

It was clear that it was still in a daze now. I'm clearly Mother's son, but why does Mother treat this human that suddenly popped out of nowhere better than she treats me?

Chu Liuyue saw the cub's seemingly jealous and angry look. She couldn't help but laugh out loud. "Don't worry. I won't fight with you over your mother!"

Intense doubts filled the cub's eyes. Won't fight? Then, why is Mother so good to her? She even hugged Mother just now, not to mention that Mother hit me for the first time because of her!

It was very serious, and the consequences were severe.

Hence, the cub went over to its mother's side and snuggled with the latter. As it did so, it stared at the latter with much desire. Let her go.

Let her go.

Let her go—

Bang!

It was kicked by its mother, and it flew away.

"Ow!" I can't live like this anymore. Wu wu wu!

Chu Liuyue raised her brows slightly and curtly advised, "Ah Qiong, you've already become a mother, but why haven't you changed your temper... It's your son after all, right..."

"Wu-wu!" Yeah, even the human said so! Mother is so harsh!

Ah Qiong glanced at it.

The cub rapidly shut its mouth and didn't dare to utter another sound.

It finally realized that humans were its arch-enemy! It's a pity that Mother is biased toward her, so I definitely can't do anything today. I'll find a chance to retaliate in the future!

Seeing that it finally stopped, Ah Qiong then looked at Chu Liuyue. How would the kid know that I would've ceased to exist without the woman before it. Then, how would it come about?

Chu Liuyue smiled. "Let's go! I want to see your current home!"

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Late at night.

The moon was high in the sky.

On some mountain, Elder Shu Yu hid the Xuan formation before him and looked up. It's already so late... I wonder how Chu Yue is doing...

Thinking of this, he looked at the distant mountains.

The night was quiet. Other than the occasional wind blowing, there were no other noises.

Everything was the same as before.

"It's weird..." Elder Shu Yu stroked his beard. "Logically speaking, strangers will definitely encounter quite a few fiend attacks when they enter Fiend Park. It definitely won't be this quiet..."

This situation was indeed rather strange, but he could confirm that Chu Yue wasn't in trouble. If not, the Xuan formation would've long been activated.

"Did he find a place to hide?"

Suddenly, he clapped his hands. "Tsk, how did I forget that he has a legendary fiend!?"

I heard that it's a red-tailed phoenix with a very pure bloodline! With such a legendary fiend, normal fiends won't cause trouble for him. This has really reduced the trouble Chu Yue has to face. Elder Shu Yu couldn't help but laugh. "I hope tomorrow... can be this calm and peaceful!"

Within this Fiend Park, there are existences that aren't afraid of red-tailed phoenixes!

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That night, because of Ah Qiong's help, Chu Liuyue could finally rest in peace.

In the cave they were at, after Chu Liuyue briefly talked to Ah Qiong about some things, she leaned against a gigantic rock, propped her head up, and planned to sleep.

Ah Qiong also knew that she was very exhausted after the day's ordeal, so it didn't disturb her and just guarded her silently at the side.

However, Chu Liuyue couldn't sleep peacefully. In her dream, there were a few familiar and new images. Most of them were related to Fiend Park, and of course, Ah Qiong.

Thinking of it, they were quite destined.

When Chu Liuyue came to Fiend Park for the first time, it was the first fiend she met. At that time, it was being hunted by other fiends. During its hurried escape, it met Chu Liuyue.

She helped it avoid an ordeal and even gave it a name, but they didn't make an agreement.

Chu Liuyue recalled. Back then, I already had an agreement with Tuan Zi...

Suddenly, Chu Liuyue opened her eyes wide! Tuan Zi had come with me to the God Residence Realm! Yet, I never thought of asking it what it remembered?