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Detecting the noise on Chu Liuyue's side, both fiends looked at her. Ah Qiong stared at her with much worry.

Chu Liuyue gave it an assuring gaze. "Don't worry. I'm fine."

Then, she rubbed her temples. Yeah, why didn't I think of it before... I had already made an agreement with my own fiend when I was in my teens. At that time, Tuan Zi was still a Nine-Colored Heavenly Pheasant, but it was considered the best fiend in the entire Tianling Dynasty. After I successfully made an agreement with Tuan Zi, my father even specifically held a banquet to celebrate the occasion.

Since then, Tuan Zi has been following me. Coming to the God Residence Realm happened afterward. Logically speaking, Tuan Zi should've come with me. But for so long, Tuan Zi hasn't mentioned any of this...

"Tuan Zi," Chu Liuyue called in her heart, but nobody responded. She then recalled that Tuan Zi was left at Million Wine Mountain and wasn't by her side.

She knitted her brows. It seems like I can only ask about this in detail a month later.

She sat in a daze for a while before lying down again. This time, she finally went to sleep dazedly.

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Just as Chu Liuyue passed the night with conflicted feelings, the people outside weren't calm either.

Million Wine Mountain.

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At the mountain peak, there were a few figures beside the mountain.

Elder Bo Yan was standing in the middle with Elder Ouyang and Shang Yulin beside him.

"This is what you've done?" Elder Bo Yan surveyed his surroundings and asked with a deep voice. Even if he had heard them talk about it before, he still couldn't help but be furious when he saw the scene for himself. These few people can really cause trouble! The previous punishments were too light!

"Ahem." Elder Ouyang coughed. "Actually, mainly the surrounding forests and rocks are ruined, but the fountain is pretty fine..."

Elder Bo Yan sneered coldly. "If something happened to the fountain, do you think I can still talk to you about this here?"

Elder Ouyang awkwardly shut his mouth.

Shang Yulin was more relaxed. "Sigh... Bo Yan, since it has already happened, there's not much use talking about it, right? Besides, you've already punished us, and the few of us didn't escape, right? Let's directly start repairing this place as soon as possible, okay?"

Elder Bo Yan glanced at him with warning. "There will be no next time."

Even though Million Wine Mountain was already sealed, one could only come in at night to repair it. Hence, they specifically waited until this time to come.

As Elder Bo Yan spoke, he walked to the fountain and checked it carefully.

The fountain that flowed during the day became very calm at night. Under the water surface with no ripples, the bolts of lightning gathered and intertwined.

"I told you the fountain is fine." Shang Yulin laughed. "Do you not believe Ouyang and me? We were very careful at that time!"

Elder Bo Yan retracted his gaze. "This fountain is very important. It's better to be more careful."

After all, they had caused such a big commotion. He definitely was more worried.

Elder Ouyang nodded in agreement. "Bo Yan is right. Because of this thing, our academy has put in a lot of effort, and we don't dare to cause any trouble. Calculating the time, it should be soon, right?"

Elder Bo Yan shook his head. "It originally should've been soon, but Chu Yue had previously caused a scene here and reduced the number of lightning bolts. Thus, it's delayed again."

"Luckily, he didn't bring too many away, so we can still recoup the loss during this period of time." Elder Ouyang sighed. "At the end of the day, this Chu Yue is a real troublemaker... Luckily, you threw him to Fiend Park this time to correct his behavior!"

If not, what will happen if he is always this bold and arrogant?

Elder Bo Yan nodded. "That's what I thought too."

Chu Yue held many treasures, and he would inevitably garner other people's envy and jealousy. If he couldn't strengthen his abilities as soon as possible, nobody would know what would happen. After all, any so-called backer couldn't protect him at every moment and for the rest of his life.

At the end of the day, it was most important to become stronger!

"I wonder how the kid is doing at Fiend Park..." Elder Ouyang spoke and looked in the direction of Fiend Park. "He shouldn't be able to sleep on the first night, right?"

Elder Bo Yan laughed. "He has a red-tailed phoenix. You don't have to be too worried."

If it weren't because Elder Bo Yan knew that Chu Yue had a legendary fiend, he wouldn't dare to leave the latter at Fiend Park for a month.

Suddenly, there seemed to be some sounds coming from within the fountain.

Elder Bo Yan immediately looked down and saw a faint ripple spreading from the middle.

He stared at it for a while. After confirming that it was nothing strange, he retracted his gaze. "Let's begin!"

The three of them went their own ways and started repairing the area they were in charge of.

Within the fountain, lightning bolts quietly shone.

A flash of red suddenly appeared in the deep waters!

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A night quickly passed.

By the time Chu Liuyue woke up, the sky was already very bright.

Ah Qiong was standing guard outside the cave, and the cub wasn't around as if it had gone out.

Hearing the noise, Ah Qiong turned around.

Chu Liuyue got up and walked outside. She then stretched and heard her bones cracking.

She looked in front and smiled. "This place is still the same as before. It's a good place to cultivate."

Ah Qiong glanced at her curiously with the intent of asking her something.

Chu Liuyue smiled and said, "Ah Qiong, I'm going to go into seclusion today. Please help guard me."

Ah Qiong nodded.

Chu Liuyue felt much more at ease as she turned around and returned to the cave.

Yes, she wanted to break through to become a peak stage-seven warrior! Ever since she recovered her Tianjing Yuan meridian, her cultivation speed had increased greatly. After she came to Ling Xiao Academy—which had rich Heaven and Earth Force—it was akin to adding wings to a tiger.

Additionally, as she had been through this before and was experienced, she didn't need anyone to guide her to break through successfully. Now, she just needed a relatively quiet and stable environment.

Some of the fiends in Fiend Park used to be trained, while the others were brought back by elders and students who hunted outside. There were quite a few legendary fiends.

If Chu Liuyue were alone, she definitely wouldn't choose this place and time to break through. But with Ah Qiong around, she now felt more at ease.

These legendary fiends feared each other and typically wouldn't offend each other, so they led quite peaceful lives.

She basically wouldn't meet with any trouble when cultivating in Ah Qiong's cave.

She sat down cross-legged, and her shoulders naturally dropped as she placed her hands on her knees. Then, she closed her eyes and started to absorb the surrounding Heaven and Earth Force rapidly!

The waves of force fought to enter her body!

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The academy was peaceful and quiet.

That night's incident at Million Wine Mountain was forcefully sealed by Elder Bo Yan. Other than the few of them, nobody else knew about it.

Everything was normal as usual. Even the news of Chu Liuyue being locked up at Fiend Park wasn't spread under Elder Bo Yan's instructions.

On the one hand, the few elders in charge of patrolling knew very clearly that those who were sent there definitely did something wrong. Thus, it was better to talk less to reduce the number of mistakes made.

On the other hand, they also weren't nosy people. Since they knew that Bo Yan and Wan Zheng didn't want to spread the news, they had a tacit agreement to remain silent. Hence, even if Chu Liuyue didn't appear in everyone's sight, nobody suspected a thing.

In everyone's eyes, she was currently busy cultivating with Rong Xiu, so it was normal for her to stay at Jiuhe Peak and not come out.

Many of these days simply passed.

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"Fifth Brother, did you hear that the few Xuan Masters want to collaborate and teach a lesson?"

On some mountain peak, after Luo Shishi and Zhuo Sheng finished cultivating, they thought of Luo Yanlin—whom they hadn't met in a while—and planned on visiting him. It was a pity that Luo Yanlin wasn't around, so they turned to find Luo Yanming instead.

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Luo Shishi poured tea for the other two people and asked.

Luo Yanming looked happy, and he nodded. "That's right. Mentor said that we normally duel with each other and that we already know each other's styles after some time, so there's not much meaning to it. He discussed it with the other elders and decided to teach us together."

This wasn't surprising in Ling Xiao Academy. Not only Xuan Masters, but even the warriors and heavenly doctors would conduct such activities from time to time.

To put it nicely, it was a friendly exchange. To put it plainly and directly, they were challenging each other.

Many of the students in the academy had distinguished backgrounds and were very prideful and competitive. The elders naturally had similar ambitions as well.

The few elders collaborated to conduct a lesson, and they would even frequently battle with the students personally to guide them. In this manner, the students could learn quite a bit, and they could strengthen their abilities through a certain amount of competition.

At the end of the day, cultivation was for one to become stronger and to allow one to succeed in battles! This matter had many advantages, so many elders and students were happy to do so.

"Who are the elders coming?" Luo Shishi asked curiously.

Luo Yanming thought for a while. "Other than my mentor, there are another three elders. Oh, Qiniang too."

"So it means that Fourth Brother will be there too?"

"Yeah. Actually, quite a few people want to battle with Fourth Brother," Luo Yanming said with much emotion and envy.

Luo Yanlin had always been in the top ten on the Xuan Master ranking and could be considered one of the top few warriors amongst the students.

There were many people who wanted to challenge him. After all, battling with strong warriors might be much better and faster than figuring things out on their own.

"I wonder when I can be as good as Fourth Brother," Luo Yanlin said rather emotionally.

Luo Shishi comforted him. "Fifth Brother, you're very talented, and you'll definitely be as outstanding as Fourth Brother in the future!"

Luo Yanlin shook his head.

"When Fourth Brother first came to the academy a few years ago, he was around the same age as me now. After coming to the academy for a month, Fourth Brother got onto the Qing Yun Ranking. In contrast, I'm... still the same."

Normally, he wouldn't say much about it, but he actually minded it quite a bit. They were both sons of the Luo family, so they would inevitably compare.

Luo Shishi was hesitant in her words.

Luo Yanlin smiled in mockery. "Shishi, you don't have to think of words to comfort me. I know it clearly in my heart. The person who is the most talented as a Xuan Master in our Luo family is Fourth Brother. Didn't we all know this since we were young? I said this because I hope that I can cultivate harder and not be too far behind Fourth Brother."

Luo Shishi saw that he seemed sincere and genuine and knew that he was telling the truth, so she didn't speak further.

"Father and the elders have always praised you for being magnanimous and that you have a bright future ahead of you, Fifth Brother."

Luo Yanming smiled. "Actually, talking about this, Lin Zhifei is quite decent too. If there's a chance this time, I must battle with him properly."

Zhuo Sheng forcefully patted his shoulders. "Brother, I support you!"

"There's something else though... Have you seen Chu Yue lately?" Luo Yanming asked. "That day, we agreed to battle when we had the time. But so many days have passed, and I haven't even seen his shadow."

Compared to Lin Zhifei, he actually wanted to battle with Chu Yue more. This was because Elder Hua Feng's reaction wasn't as big when he mentioned Lin Zhifei compared to when he talked about Chu Yue.

Lin Zhifei couldn't help but suspect that Chu Yue was even more talented in this area than Lin Zhifei!

"We haven't seen him either." Luo Shishi shook her head. "He's probably... busy cultivating at Jiuheng Peak with Senior Brother Rong Xiu, right? Anyway, I haven't heard much news about Senior Brother Rong Xiu these few days."

"I guess so..." Luo Yanming didn't think further. "Then, I'll find him when he comes out again."

Dong!

A bell could be heard!

Luo Yanming stood up and looked in a certain direction. "Class is about to start. I'll get going first. We can talk another day."

Then, he went on his toes and left rapidly.

Luo Shishi and Zhuo Sheng didn't stay on and quickly left.

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When Luo Yanming reached the place, quite a few people had gathered in the middle of the mountain. Clearly, they were all here for the lesson.

He was quite familiar with a portion of them as they were all Elder Hua Feng's students, but he didn't know the majority. They should be the other elders' students.

Luo Yanming quickly took a look and realized that his fourth brother, Luo Yanlin, hadn't appeared yet, so he found a few familiar friends and stood with them.

As the elders had yet to arrive, the atmosphere was still rather casual. Everyone stood in groups and talked from time to time.

Of course, most of it was about what was going on today.

"...This time, I want to challenge Senior Brother Luo Yanlin. I wonder if he'll agree..."

"Hm? I think you should just forget it. How are we good enough?"

"Isn't participation more important? Battling with Senior Brother is a rare chance!"

"Hmph, good that you know! I think that instead of putting all your hopes on one person who might not actually agree, why don't you pick someone else who doesn't have that high of a requirement and isn't as strong?"

"Hey, isn't that Jiang Zhiyuan? She came here today too?"

"Her mentor, Elder Dan Qing, is also one of the elders who collaborated for today's lesson. Isn't it normal that she comes? But speaking of which, she is quite a good person to challenge..."

"Hehe, I think you have an ulterior motive, right? Hm?"

"It's none of your business! Gentlemen will always chase elegant ladies! Once, she was deeply in love with Senior Brother Rong Xiu and ignored everyone around her, but Senior Brother Rong Xiu already has his own princess consort now. It's time for her to look at others now, right?"

All sorts of chatter could be heard, which caused Jiang Zhiyuan's originally frustrated mood to be even worse.

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I sent the letter out a few days ago, but I didn't receive a reply after so long. Logically speaking, the letter should've reached Fairy Water Mound after such a long time has passed. But for some reason, there is no news from that side.

If it were in the past... Even before Father can investigate and find anything, he will first send me a letter to comfort me. This time is really weird...

For the past two days, Jiang Zhiyuan had even started getting insomnia and couldn't sleep well, so she didn't have much energy in the day and looked very frail.

"Pfft, she's really punching above her own weight!"

Liang Xiaoxiao heard these words when she was standing at the side, and she couldn't help but scold silently, "How dare they harbor thoughts of being liked by you. Zhiyuan, they're really dreaming! Even if you're not the Sky-Cloud Empire's princess consort, you're not someone those people can even desire! Do you agree, Zhiyuan?"

As Liang Xiaoxiao spoke, she looked at Jiang Zhiyuan. But with this look, she realized that the latter wasn't listening to her speak.

Jiang Zhiyuan's eyes weren't focused, and her gaze was relaxed as if she were in a daze.

Liang Xiaoxiao raised her brows, and dissatisfaction flashed across her heart. I was kindly comforting her and praising her, yet she didn't even hear me?

"Zhiyuan, Zhiyuan?" The expression on Liang Xiaoxiao's face quickly returned to normal as she called Jiang Zhiyuan twice.

Jiang Zhiyuan then recovered her senses. "Hm? What's the matter?"

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Liang Xiaoxiao's discomfort grew as she smiled. "Nothing. What are you thinking about in a daze?"

Jiang Zhiyuan looked down. "I kind of miss my father. I haven't gone back in a long time. I wonder how the situation at Fairy Water Mound is."

Liang Xiaoxiao almost laughed out loud. Miss her father?

Others might believe Jiang Zhiyuan's words, but she wouldn't even think that a single word was true.

They had known each other for quite some time.

A few years before Jiang Zhiyuan entered the academy, she basically stayed at Fairy Water Mound and didn't even have the chance to go to the Sky-Cloud Empire. This was because her father kept urging her to cultivate diligently.

Jiang Zhiyuan's father doted on her very much, but this love had conditions. If Jiang Zhiyuan wasn't outstanding enough, she definitely would not have everything she owned today.

Fairy Water Mound... Jiang Zhiyuan personally once said that she was tired of staying there!

After she came to Ling Xiao Academy, she wanted to stay here all the time in a carefree manner. She had never said that she missed her father. This showed that this was just a casual and superficial excuse she came up with.

With the other party's attitude, Liang Xiaoxiao naturally didn't want to stick her face to a cold buttock. Strictly speaking, her background was even better than that of Jiang Zhiyuan, so she really didn't have the need to flatter the latter.

"Since you miss him, can't you just take leave from your mentor?" Liang Xiaoxiao pushed her loose strands of hair behind her ears and said nonchalantly.

Normally, Jiang Zhiyuan would definitely notice Liang Xiaoxiao's displeasure immediately, and she would coax her friend to ease their tension. But her mind was now filled with her letter, so she was in no mood to think of anything else. "Mm, I'll go after today's lesson."

Hearing that Jiang Zhiyuan had gone along with the situation and said such words, Liang Xiaoxiao was almost so angry that she laughed.

She had no interest in continuing to speak. After a while, she found an excuse and went somewhere else to talk to other people.

Jiang Zhiyuan's mind was in a whirl, and she didn't even notice this.

Not long later, the elders came.

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For today's class, other than Elder Hua Feng, there were still Elder Dan Qing, Elder Qinang, and Elder Shu Feng.

Seeing their arrival, the students gradually kept quiet and looked at these few people with excitement and curiosity.

Without exaggeration, these few elders together could be considered a top formation!

There were a few hundred elders in Ling Xiao Academy, and the Xuan Master elders numbered about one-third of them. However, all cultivators had varying standards. Elders weren't an exception.

These few elders were publicly recognized as the strongest few existences. It was hard for the students not to be excited.

The four elders grouped themselves in pairs and battled each other. After demonstrating to the students, they gave the students time to study on their own.

Finally, the students could battle each other.

This was a segment that everyone paid attention to the most.

Many students had rapidly chosen their targets for the duel. Some people also found Jiang Zhiyuan, but they were all rejected by her.

After the fifth young man was rejected, he didn't leave like the previous few people. He smiled at Jiang Zhiyuan and said, "Zhiyuan, we've known each other for two years. You should know how I feel about you. In the past, I didn't say much about it because I know that you have someone else in your heart. But now... He and you are impossible, so why don't you consider me?"

Hearing that this sentence implicated Rong Xiu, Jiang Zhiyuan finally looked up, raised her sharp brows slightly, and glanced at him calmly.

She had some impression of this man. Their relationship was decent, but it just stopped there.

If he talked nicely, she could still politely reply to him. It was a pity that... his last two sentences really got on her nerves!

She endured the anger in her heart and said, "If you like, you like. If you don't, you don't. You can't force such things."

Seeing that she still had the same attitude, that man couldn't help but reach out and want to hold her.

Jiang Zhiyuan immediately shied away, and disgust quickly flashed across her eyes.

That gaze immediately caused the man to fly into a rage out of humiliation. He boomed, "Senior Brother Rong Xiu already has a princess consort. No matter what you do, can you really get the position of princess consort back?"

Jiang Zhiyuan also exploded, and she couldn't help but raise her voice. "That woman isn't as good as me in all aspects. How can she be the princess consort? It's my spot!"

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Once she said this, the guy opposite her had an immediate change in expression.

Jiang Zhiyuan also suddenly recovered her senses, and her heart skipped a beat. Why did I say all of this in public?! Even if I think so in my heart—or perhaps many people think the same way—such words should never come out of my mouth!

The surroundings immediately fell into silence.

Some of the people standing nearby looked over with various expressions. Their gazes were incredulous.

Jiang Zhiyuan felt as if there were many daggers on her back, and she wanted to dig a hole and bury herself in it!

Other people could say some words, but she could not! Previously, she had continuously hinted secretly that she was the one who got her lover stolen. Many people didn't have much understanding of the Sky-Cloud Empire, so most of them believed her and thought that she suffered grievances, so they sympathized and pitied her.

But if she said it out plainly by herself, the nature of the matter would change! Wasn't this openly telling everyone that she had always thought of the princess consort position being her own?

"I-I didn't mean it that way..." Jiang Zhiyuan panicked and wanted to explain. But after stuttering for so long, she couldn't find a reasonable excuse.

The more nervous she got, the more she didn't know how to save the situation.

"Senior Sister Jiang Zhiyuan." At this point, a nonchalant and cold voice sounded, which broke the stiff and frozen atmosphere.

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Jiang Zhiyuan immediately turned around and saw that the person talking was a teen around his twenties.

He was wearing a green robe and stood upright with a clear appearance. Just by standing there, he seemed like a watercolor painting.

His eye color was much lighter than that of ordinary people, which made him look more distant.

"You're... Lin Zhifei?" Jiang Zhiyuan recalled that she had seen this face before. If I haven't recalled wrongly, this person was the first to get onto the Qing Yun Ranking amongst all the new students. At the same time, he is also the young master of Grotto-Heaven Cliff's Lin family. In the beginning, Chu Liuyue disguised herself and went to the Sky-Cloud Empire with them.

Thinking of these things, Jiang Zhiyuan felt much hatred. She hated and felt that everything related to that woman was very disgusting!

"Why are you looking for me?" Jiang Zhiyuan's tone obviously became much colder.

However, Lin Zhifei didn't seem to care as he smiled slightly. "There's something. I heard that you're very outstanding as a Xuan Master, Senior Sister Jiang Zhiyuan. I would like you to guide me. May I know... if that's possible?"

So it was because of this. Jiang Zhiyuan sneered in her heart and looked very nonchalant. "Junior Brother Lin, you just got onto the Qing Yun Ranking, and it's inevitable that you're ambitious. It's natural that you want to challenge people, but you must pick the target carefully. There are many Xuan Masters present that can duel with you. You... don't have to waste your time with me."

These words sounded polite on the surface, but in actual fact, she was mocking Lin Zhifei for being incapable and not knowing his limits.

Anyone who had a temper would inevitably be angered. But after hearing it, Lin Zhifei had a normal expression as if he didn't care about it. "Senior Sister Jiang Zhiyuan, you're right. Those who are incapable definitely shouldn't think of challenging those who are way stronger than themselves. If not, they'll be the ones who will be humiliated in the end."

Jiang Zhiyuan's expression changed.

He was clearly scolding her in public! Even if one thought with their toes, they would know that Lin Zhifei was referring to what happened at Sky-Cloud Empire that day!

She had lost to Chu Liuyue consecutively!

"What exactly do you want to say?" Jiang Zhiyuan had lost her patience.

Lin Zhifei smiled. "What I meant to say are those previous words. Senior Sister Jiang Zhiyuan, did you not hear me clearly?"

He raised his chin slightly, and his gaze gradually became cold and harsh. "I originally wanted to ask you to duel with me, Senior Sister Jiang Zhiyuan, yet you're reluctant to agree. But... I don't think that the difference between you and me is that huge, Senior Sister Jiang."

"What did you say?" Jiang Zhiyuan was so furious that she laughed. Does this mean that I'm arrogant?!

"Junior Brother Lin, do you really think that you're invincible after getting onto the Qing Yun Ranking? Don't forget that there are a few dozen people in between you and me."

At this point, this commotion had already attracted quite a few people's attention.

Most of them felt that Lin Zhifei was arrogant. He was very outstanding, but Jiang Zhiyuan had been in the academy for a few years and was publicly recognized as one of the top warriors. She also held quite a high position on the Qing Yun Ranking.

Yet, he dared to say this... He thought too highly of himself.

But Lin Zhifei seemed to completely disregard the surrounding people's opinions. He looked at Jiang Zhiyuan and said, "Senior Sister Jiang, if you don't believe me, you can try."

This was a very direct challenge—or perhaps, an instigation!

"Are you sure?" Jiang Zhiyuan sized Lin Zhifei up and squinted slightly. "Junior Brother Lin, it's good that you're bold, but sometimes... If you don't know how to restrain yourself, you'll cause trouble for yourself. Lastly, let me advise you: know your own limits!"

Lin Zhifei glanced at her and smiled without much smiling intent. "Thank you for your teachings, Senior Sister Jiang Zhiyuan. My courage is nothing much compared to yours."

He said every word slowly. "After all, you can even say words to twist the truth even in front of so many people... Why wouldn't I dare to do it?"

Jiang Zhiyuan's heart suddenly sank. She tried her best to restrain her urge to be violent as she forcefully smiled and said, "Junior Brother Lin, I don't really understand what you're—"

"The Princess Consort was chosen based on a few selections in a contest. That day, you clearly lost from start to end, so I really don't know how you could say the words 'the Princess Consort loses to me in all aspects,' Senior Sister Jiang Zhiyuan."

Every word that Lin Zhifei said caused Jiang Zhiyuan's face to turn a shade lighter. At the very end, her face was completely pale, and her entire body was trembling slightly.

"Y-you!" She opened her mouth but couldn't say anything to retort him. That was because everything that Lin Zhifei said was true!

She had lost to Chu Liuyue—in more than one aspect too!

Seeing that Jiang Zhiyuan didn't argue, the surrounding spectators gradually realized something, and they exchanged glances. This...

Most of them weren't very clear about what happened at the Sky-Cloud Empire. When they occasionally heard some news, most of it came from Jiang Zhiyuan and the rest.

Why does Lin Zhifei's narrative sound completely different from that of Jiang Zhiyuan?

"Senior Sister Jiang Zhiyuan, since you've lost and can say that you've won, then... Even if I lose, there won't be much of a problem, right?" asked Lin Zhifei. "Why don't we compete first and see who will win?"

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Fiend Park.

The entire place was peaceful.

Elder Shu Yu looked in a certain direction and knitted his brows in confusion. "It has already been a few days. Why hasn't there been any commotion on Chu Yue's side?"

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Originally, he thought that it was good if Chu Yue could even make it through one night. Who would've expected that Chu Yue still hadn't sent out any signal for help even at this moment?

Judging by the situation of Fiend Park's Xuan formation, he really didn't get into trouble and has indeed stayed at one place throughout, Elder Shu Yu thought to himself. "Did he really find an ultimate hiding spot?"

The fiends in Fiend Park don't have such good tempers... For some reason, no fiends have acted up even now... Elder Shu Yu thought for a while and planned on waiting a little while longer. If Chu Yue can really last a month here on his own, I will be viewing him in a different light!

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In the cave, Chu Liuyue had already forgotten how time had passed.

The surrounding Heaven and Earth Force entered her body and passed through her bones and limbs before finally gathering within her dantian!

As the surrounding force increased, the seven lines on the water droplet started glowing more brightly. However, Chu Liuyue couldn't relax when she detected this commotion. Because... According to her original calculations, she should've broken through a few days ago.

But for some reason, all the force within her dantian kept circulating back and forth. She actually dragged on to this day, and nothing happened.

Chu Liuyue was confused. Breaking through to become a peak stage-seven warrior isn't very difficult for me. According to my past experience, I can successfully break through in less than a day or so. However, the current situation is progressing in an unknown direction.

After much thinking, Chu Liuyue still decided to wait patiently and absorbed the surrounding Heaven and Earth Force continuously.

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After some time, a tiny ripple finally came from her dantian! Then, a tremendous force surged out from within!

This force had a rather familiar aura.

Chu Liuyue was stunned for a moment and later realized that it was force that came from the Beiming Ancestor!

After she absorbed all that force and it silently entered her water droplet, they stopped making any more commotion. Chu Liuyue had never expected that the force would suddenly surge out at this time!

As it had been refined in the water droplet for a long time, this force had become very pure. It instantly rushed toward Chu Liuyue!

Chu Liuyue was dazed and felt pricks all around her body!

She was taken aback and instantly knew what had happened—this force was going to help her directly break through to become a stage-eight warrior!

After reacting, Chu Liuyue swiftly guided the force immediately. Even though I don't know why such a situation would happen, the opportunity is rare. Since I can directly break through to become a stage-eight warrior, then... Why don't I give it a try!?

With Chu Liuyue's intentional control, the force—which was originally flowing around chaotically—started entering her Yuan meridian in an orderly manner.

A Tianjing Yuan meridian's tolerance was much higher than that of a Dijing Yuan meridian, so after the initial pain, Chu Liuyue quickly got used to the impact of such strong force.

During this process, some of the force silently entered her blood and veins.

The force in the water droplet kept flowing out. After all, the force left behind by a legendary warrior couldn't be underestimated!

Chu Liuyue had never paid much attention to this force when it was previously stored in the water droplet. It was only when she tried to absorb this force that she realized it was absolutely terrifying!

As she kept merging the force with her body, her aura kept strengthening rapidly!

If anyone else were here at this point, they would definitely be shocked by this scene! This was because Chu Liuyue's force absorption speed was way too shocking at this moment!

Normal cultivators had to make sufficient preparations before they tried to break through to become stage-eight warriors. Strictly speaking, they had to gather sufficient force to break through the stage-eight warrior barrier.

For warriors, the higher the realm they broke through to, the more experience they needed.

In actual fact, the amount of force Chu Liuyue had circulated far exceeded average cultivators!

Chu Liuyue realized this point herself, so she could only urge the force to flow around!

She had long known that the water droplet in her body had to use up more force when it wanted to break through. From the beginner stage to the intermediate stage, and then the intermediate stage to the peak stage... It was at least in the same cultivation realm, and it wasn't that difficult.

But every time she had to break through to the next cultivation realm, the situation would become very troublesome. Not to mention anything else, but just breaking through to become a stage-seven warrior... She had spent quite a lot of effort.

She didn't expect the endless force she absorbed at that time would be put to use when she broke through at this moment!

Ka!

A tiny sound was heard.

The seventh line on the water droplet finally became as bright as the other lines! However, this was only the beginning.

Chu Liuyue held her breath and didn't dare to relax at all as she kept increasing her strength and urging the force to move around!

Boom!

A loud sound suddenly could be heard coming from the sky.

Dark clouds gathered, and the winds howled! The sky rapidly turned dark!

Ah Qiong—who was standing guard at the cave entrance—looked up and turned around as if it felt something. Is she... continuously breaking through?!

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At the same time, Elder Shu Yu had heard this commotion from a few mountain peaks away and was extremely shocked.

He knitted his brows slightly. "Why did the sky darken so quickly... No!"

Suddenly, his expression changed. "That kid is about to break through?!"

He went on his toes and immediately flew over to that side! Breaking through in Fiend Park... Is this kid courting death?!

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The world was completely dark. The wind howled as it blew past.

These circumstances caused the fiends in Fiend Park to be restless. Some of them even started going toward the mountain peak Chu Liuyue was.

The winds howled relentlessly, and the cold air was harsh. However, Chu Liuyue—who was preparing to break through in the cave—was ignorant of all of this.

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After breaking through to become a peak stage-seven warrior, Chu Liuyue didn't pause as she continued to absorb the surrounding Heaven and Earth Force and merge it with the force coming out of the water droplet. Finally, she infused the force into her body's every inch of muscle and blood!

Her body was like a black hole. No matter how much force she absorbed, she could accept it easily.

Of course, she also had benefits after breaking through to become a peak stage-seven warrior—she could circulate the force at a higher speed.

Chu Liuyue had her eyes closed tightly, and her mind was clear. She only had one thought—break through to become a stage-eight warrior!

Outside the cave, Ah Qiong—who was standing guard—uneasily scratched the ground twice as it surveyed the surroundings.

It was originally evening time, and with Chu Liuyue about to break through, dark clouds gathered. This made the light even dimmer.

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One couldn't see many things clearly. Looking out, one could only see the dark and rising mountains.

Some tiny sounds came from all directions.

A sense of alert flashed across Ah Qiong's eyes.

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When Elder Shu Yu rushed over, he first saw such a scene: A gigantic, adult steel-ridged fiend was standing before the cave in a stern and alert manner!

Its reaction was very sharp. Once Elder Shu Yu arrived, it detected his aura and looked over.

Elder Shu Yu's heart skipped a beat. This steel-ridged fiend looked at me with a gaze filled with enmity and warning! It's as if it will fight me to death if I take another step forward!

Elder Shu Yu furrowed his brows tightly. What's with... this steel-ridged fiend? I've been in Fiend Park for a while, and I'm rather familiar with most of the fiends here. Normally, we are quite courteous when we meet each other and won't cause a commotion. But this time, it's strange that this steel-ridged fiend went into such a pose once it saw me. It looks like it is protecting its cub...

But the noise came from the cave. Logically speaking, the person inside at this time should be Chu Yue! Elder Shu Yu was extremely confused, but he didn't dare to act recklessly.

Normally, the fiends in Fiend Park were considered quite restrained, but they still didn't have agreements. The pride and wildness in their bones proved that they weren't easy to handle!

At this point, strange sounds came from the surroundings. The unique bloody aura that belonged to fiends gradually approached.

Elder Shu Yu surveyed his surroundings and looked stern. There are quite a few fiends gradually coming in this direction from the forest! Their target is obviously that cave!

This increasingly confirmed his guess that Chu Yue had to be preparing to break through in the cave!

Ordinary people didn't know that this was a major taboo in Fiend Park! When a cultivator broke through, they would trigger Heaven and Earth Force. The higher the realm one had to break through to, the bigger the commotion—just like now, the weather had strange phenomena as a thunderstorm brewed.

But within Fiend park were many high-level fiends and legendary fiends. They had a natural desire for force.

Normally, they would be more restrained, but cultivators that were preparing to break through could trigger a large amount of force. Yet, they were very weak at this time! Hence, such cultivators became a piece of fat meat to many fiends!

At this time, many fiends would engage in intense combat for this 'fat piece of meat.'

Chu Yue choosing this place and time to break through has driven himself to the brink of death! Elder Shu Yu became anxious.

At the same time, the steel-ridged fiend's reaction made him confused. Is it... standing guard for Chu Yue?

Once this thought flashed across his head, Elder Shu Yu instinctively denied it. How is that possible?! An adult steel-ridged fiend is a legendary fiend with a violent, cold, and heartless nature. It is extremely alert toward humans. I have been in Fiend Park for so long, but it is hard for me to even approach them, let alone Chu Yue—a kid who came just a few days ago.

But seeing the steel-ridged fiend's appearance... Other than this explanation, he really couldn't think of another reason.

After much thinking, Elder Shu Yu decided to observe the changes silently. If something really happened, it wasn't too late for him to take action.

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Outsiders didn't know about the chaos within Fiend Park.

In the middle of the mountain, Lin Zhifei's words caused Jiang Zhiyuan to be unable to back down.

Countless people in the surroundings looked over with varying expressions and gazes.

Jiang Zhiyuan hated Lin Zhifei to the core. He's doing it on purpose!

"Okay, I promise you!" Jiang Zhiyuan raised her voice.

Lin Zhifei smiled. "Do guide me then, Senior Sister Jiang Zhiyuan."

Then, the two of them prepared themselves for battle.

The spectators exchanged glances and couldn't conceal their excitement and curiosity.

Elder Hua Feng and the rest had noticed the situation on this side, and they all looked over.

"Shu Feng, your newly accepted disciple is pretty prideful," said Elder Dan Qing nonchalantly. "He came to the academy less than three months ago, yet he already has this courage. It's truly commendable."

Elder Shu Feng could hear the sarcasm and mockery in his voice, but he wasn't angry at all and laughed out loud. "Haha! Even though Zhifei doesn't talk much normally, he's someone with a temper and perseverance. If one wants to become a strong warrior, they need to have the confidence to challenge the strong ones, right?! But actually, this kid has always been stable and mature. Normally, he won't do something he has no confidence in. This match... Haha, I'm actually rather curious who will win!"

Elder Dan Qing's face darkened, and he coldly snorted in his heart. Lin Zhifei is arrogant, and Shu Feng is like that too. How can a kid that just got onto the Qing Yun Ranking be Jiang Zhiyuan's match?

He flung his sleeves and coldly said, "It's beneficial for young people to suffer some setbacks and hardships."

Elder Shu Feng raised his brows and pretended like he didn't hear it as he directly changed the topic. "Actually, all of this isn't important. After all, it's just a small competition, and they're just dueling and interacting. The most important thing is to improve one's skills. As for Jiang Zhiyuan... Dan Qing, she seems rather distracted today. Her condition doesn't seem very good, hm?"

Elder Dan Qing knitted his brows.

He had also realized this. With my understanding of Jiang Zhiyuan, she should've met with some trouble. Additionally, after Lin Zhifei said those words earlier, her expression turned even uglier.

"Actually, everyone has their own frail and weak times. This is very normal, but no matter when, some words... can't be casually said!"

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Elder Dan Qing's heart instantly tightened. He suddenly turned around, furrowed his brows, and looked at Elder Shu Feng. "You—"

"Rong Xiu isn't around, but it doesn't mean that he won't hear those words."

As if not seeing the other party's look of warning, Elder Shu Feng said relaxingly, "Rong Xiu personally chose his princess consort, which shows that it was done according to his wishes. Besides, when Rong Xiu came back to the academy, he once honestly said that the princess consort was the one he really liked. If he finds out that Jiang Zhiyuan has ridiculed his princess consort in front of so many people and even expressed that she should be the princess consort... With his personality, he won't let this incident slide so easily. Dan Qing, what do you think?"

Elder Dan Qing's expression changed slightly. Rong Xiu has harsh methods and is ruthless. If not, it would be impossible for him to become His Grace and control the Sky-Cloud Empire in a mere few years! If he really wants to pursue the matter... Jiang Zhiyuan won't have a good ending.

Actually, all these years, it wasn't the first or second time that Jiang Zhiyuan had purposely made her relationship with Rong Xiu sound ambiguous and caused other people to misunderstand.

Rong Xiu was no longer in the academy at that time, so he naturally wouldn't care. However, it was different now—Rong Xiu was right here. Besides, if he wanted to know something, he would definitely know the details of the matter.

Elder Dan Qing's heart gradually sank. Others might not know, but as Jiang Zhiyuan's mentor, he knew clearly what kind of attitude Rong Xiu had toward her. What childhood sweethearts? What seniors' agreement... They are all Jiang Zhiyuan's wishful thinking! The legitimate princess consort is in the Sky-Cloud Empire now. How could Rong Xiu allow other people to ridicule her as they wished?

"I'll settle this myself," boomed Elder Dan Qing. "I don't need other people to teach my students!"

Elder Shu Feng knew that he had heeded the advice, so he smiled and didn't speak further. Although Dan Qing is stubborn, he is very experienced, and his mind is clear. However, it's a pity that Jiang Zhiyuan doesn't have such brains. Rong Xiu is in the academy, yet she still dares to say such words in front of so many people!

Elder Shu Feng stroked his beard. Jiang Zhiyuan's future days won't be easy...

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Lin Zhifei and Jiang Zhiyuan stood opposite each other. There was a chessboard quietly floating in between them.

The two of them took turns to attack.

In the beginning, Jiang Zhiyuan didn't care about Lin Zhifei at all. However, she gradually realized that something was amiss.

Every time she made a move, Lin Zhifei could follow her quickly, and the positioning of his pieces was very precise! It was as if he didn't need any reaction time, and his movements were rapid and precise!

At the start, Jiang Zhiyuan could lie to herself and comfort herself that it was just the start and that nothing complicated had taken place. Lin Zhifei could make many moves, so he did it so naturally and easily.

But as time passed, the number of pieces on the chessboard increased, and the situation became increasingly complicated. Even Jiang Zhiyuan had to think repeatedly before she made a move, yet Lin Zhifei didn't seem to be affected at all. He still made moves as sharply and sensitively as before!

At this moment, Jiang Zhiyuan finally felt that she wasn't doing as well as she had hoped. She quickly looked up and saw that Lin Zhifei was still calm.

Detecting her gaze, Lin Zhifei still smiled lightly and nodded toward her.

Jiang Zhiyuan clenched her silver teeth. In her eyes, Lin Zhifei's reaction was clearly an insult!

But no matter how infuriated she was, she couldn't save the losing situation.

She became increasingly anxious and broke out into a cold sweat.

The spectators had already detected something amiss as they secretly exchanged meaningful gazes.

They were all Xuan Masters, so they could naturally tell what was happening. With the current situation, Jiang Zhiyuan was clearly on the losing end!

"I didn't expect Lin Zhifei to be so strong... Did he hide his abilities before?"

"Most likely! You need to know that Jiang Zhiyuan is ranked much higher than him on the Qing Yun Ranking, but judging by the current situation... Lin Zhifei is much better than her!"

"If Jiang Zhiyuan really loses this, won't she be humiliated?"

"The strong will be respected. If she's incapable, someone will replace her sooner or later! I think that... she hasn't spent much effort on cultivation recently, so it's normal that people can catch up with her."

"I think so too... Didn't Lin Zhifei say that the Sky-Cloud Empire's Princess Consort had actually beaten her legitimately? That wasn't what she said previously..."

"Would you be able to proudly talk to everyone about your loss? Actually, I already felt that something was amiss from the beginning. Rong Xiu is the Sky-Cloud Empire's His Grace, and his status is very distinguished. How can he casually marry an ordinary woman as his princess consort? I don't know how much of what Jiang Zhiyuan said is true!"

Although the person talking had already tried his best to lower his volume, everyone present was quite strong, so they could roughly hear it.

This included Jiang Zhiyuan.

She felt increasingly aggrieved, yet she couldn't righteously say anything in retaliation. This was because whatever they said was the truth!

When everybody didn't know the truth, perhaps she could still lie her way through. But once they had some form of understanding, she couldn't do so anymore. This was because when the truth was out, the liar would always be in the most difficult position!

Slap!

A shocking sound came from the chessboard.

Jiang Zhiyuan recovered her senses and looked forward. She then shockingly realized that the move Lin Zhifei just made had cut all her paths!

Lin Zhifei calmly said, "Senior Sister Jiang Zhiyuan, you've lost."

Those nonchalant words were like heavy rocks that harshly slammed Jiang Zhiyuan's heart!

She was dazed for a moment and didn't dare to believe whatever happened in front of her. I was only distracted for a moment. How did it become like this? However, I'm indeed in a dead corner on the chessboard—I have really lost!

This realization made Jiang Zhiyuan's legs go weak, and she almost collapsed onto the floor.

The young man who previously wanted to challenge her hurriedly went forward to help her up.
"Zhiyuan, are you okay—"

Jiang Zhiyuan pushed him away as if she were scared that she would be tainted by something dirty.

That young man's face darkened, and he silently moved back.

Lin Zhifei raised his brows slightly. "Senior Sister Jiang Zhiyuan, it seems like your abilities... haven't improved since you came back from the Sky-Cloud Empire."

These words were like a harsh slap to Jiang Zhiyuan's face!

She stared at the chessboard intently, took a deep breath in, and suppressed her rage with much difficulty. "I've neglected my cultivation lately. Thank you for correcting me, Junior Brother Lin."

Then, she turned around and walked toward the few elders.

Elder Dan Qing took a step forward worriedly. "Zhiyuan—"

"Mentor, I would like to take leave."

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Without waiting for Elder Dan Qing to finish, Jiang Zhiyuan spoke first. "Junior Brother Lin is right. Recently, my condition hasn't been good, so... I want to go home for a while and come back after I've readjusted my thoughts."

Elder Dan Qing didn't expect her to have such a plan and was slightly stunned. "Zhiyuan, if you have any difficulties, you can just let me know. I'll definitely do my best to help you in anything I can."

Although Jiang Zhiyuan had a temper, she was still the best student Elder Dan Qing had taught for many years, so he wasn't willing to scold her much.

These few years, he had spent quite a lot of effort on Jiang Zhiyuan as he had hopes of her being more outstanding than most people—even if she couldn't become a top existence like Rong Xiu.

But seeing her current appearance, his heart ached as well.

"Thank you for your kind intentions, Mentor, but this time... I have disappointed you. It's all my fault, but don't worry. After I have readjusted my thoughts, I'll come back as soon as possible."

Seeing that she had already made up her mind, Elder Dan Qing knew that there wasn't much use in convincing her. Thus, he could only nod his head in agreement. "Okay, come back whenever you want. I'll wait for you anytime."

Today, she had misspoken in front of the crowd and even lost to Lin Zhifei. It would be better if she left for a while. After the matter had calmed down, it wouldn't be too late for her to return.

Jiang Zhiyuan smiled in gratitude. "Thank you, Mentor. I'll take my leave today then."

Elder Dan Qing sighed in his heart and nodded.

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Jiang Zhiyuan then turned around and left.

The crowd exchanged glances. "She just... left? We haven't even finished the lesson—"

"She has already lost to Lin Zhifei, so who cares if she's still going to attend the lesson? If I were her, I would've left as well!"

"It can't be that she's a sore loser, right... It's good to have a backer. You can leave and come back whenever you want, as and when you please!"

Some awful words entered Jiang Zhiyuan's ears.

Jiang Zhiyuan clenched her hands within her sleeves tightly and managed to control her expression with much difficulty. She then walked to Lin Zhifei and stopped before him.

Lin Zhifei felt something and looked up.

Suddenly, Jiang Zhiyuan smiled, but her eyes were still cold as ice. "Junior Brother Lin, I didn't know you're so protective of her and that you're even willing to stand up for her... If she knew about it, she'd definitely be very grateful, right?"

Her tone was sincere as if she were just praising Lin Zhifei. But if one thought about it even slightly, they would feel that something was amiss. Her words had some elements of ambiguity to them.

Lin Zhifei looked up slightly, and his clear eyes glowed with some mockery and smiling intent. "As one of Sky-Cloud Empire's 28 divisions, people of Grotto-Heaven Cliff have the duty to protect our Princess Consort. Yet... If Senior Brother Rong Xiu knew what you were doing today, Senior Sister Jiang Zhiyuan, I wonder how he would react?"

Jiang Zhiyuan's expression changed. "You!"

"This is Ling Xiao Academy, not Fairy Water Mound. Senior Sister Jiang Zhiyuan, it's better if you're more careful with your words in the future."

Jiang Zhiyuan was so furious that she laughed. "Okay! Junior Brother Lin, I'll challenge you another day!"

Then, she quickly left. I can't do anything to Lin Zhifei in the academy, but after I leave, Grotto-Heaven Cliff is under Fairy Water Mound's disposal. When I get back, I will definitely give them a hard time!

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After Jiang Zhiyuan left, the crowd fell silent for a while before quickly returning to normal.

A Jiang Zhiyuan wasn't worth wasting so much time and energy. The students of Ling Xiao Academy knew very clearly that the most important thing was to be capable, no matter when.

The duels continued, but this time, there were clearly a lot fewer people who wanted to challenge Lin Zhifei.

They originally thought that he was a newbie who had just come to this world, but he actually hid his skills! This time, anyone who wanted to challenge him had to think about it carefully.

After some contemplation, the person who eventually dueled with Lin Zhifei became Luo Yanming.

Without surprise, Luo Yanming also lost after some struggle.

At this time, everyone realized that Lin Zhifei was much stronger than they had expected!

Elder Hua Feng couldn't help but smack his lips. "This Lin Zhifei wasn't too obvious in the past, but I didn't expect him to be so outstanding... Shu Feng, you've really earned it this time!"

Elder Shu Feng was also elated as he smiled until his wrinkles jiggled. "Hehe, of course! Amongst all the new students these few months... If he's second in terms of Xuan Master talent, nobody will dare to be first!"

The key is that he is very mature, and I don't need to worry much about him.

Elder Hua Feng raised his brows. "That might not be—"

Before he could finish his sentence, he thought for a while and still swallowed his remaining words.

Elder Shu Feng continued asking, "What did you say?"

Elder Hua Feng smiled and shook his head. "Nothing! Teach this kid properly! Don't let him go astray!"

Elder Shu Feng laughed out loud. "How can all of them be so playful? Don't worry! My disciple is very obedient, and he has been very interested in transportation formations, so he has been studying them lately. Oh right, aren't you very good at that too? When you have the time, could you go and guide him?"

Elder Hua Feng laughed out loud and naturally agreed.

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Fiend Park.

The night sky fell. The clouds rushed up, and the winds howled.

Elder Shu Yu stood in mid-air and stared at the mountain peak below him tightly, waiting to strike anytime!

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Suddenly, a sharp and painful shrill reverberated throughout the forest!

Elder Shu Yu looked down and faintly saw that a steel-ridged fiend cub— at the foot of the mountain— was struggling on its way back. With just one glance, he recognized that it was the cub the adult steel-ridged fiend gave birth to not long ago!

It seemed to be injured. When it ran, it limped, and there was a faint trail of blood behind it.

Elder Shu Yu went in closer and took a more careful look. Then, he saw that there was a wound on the cub's hind limb.

It seemed like some fierce fiend had forcefully ripped off a large piece of meat, and one could see its white bones.

Elder Shu Yu was shocked. Steel-ridged fiends have thick skin, and their physical strength can definitely be considered one of the top three amongst the fiends in Fiend Park. It definitely isn't an ordinary fiend that wounded the cub to this state!

It most likely seems like it... However, the fiends usually stay in their own lanes. Why would they suddenly fight? Not to mention that it is just a cub—hurting the cub will undoubtedly harm the adult steel-ridged fiend completely! This way, they would have an intense fight!

Just when Elder Shu Yu was thinking about these problems, that steel-ridged fiend cub started running toward the mountain peak. As it ran, it kept crying out for help.

Ah Qiong—who was standing guard outside the cave—heard this familiar voice and immediately looked down.

Its vision was very sharp. Even if the whole place was dark, Ah Qiong still could quickly see the scene below.

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An intense bloody aura attacked them.

Ah Qiong's expression changed when it saw the wound on its cub!

Whoosh!

All the steel needles on its back immediately stood on end, and harsh murderous intent flashed across its eyes!

"Roar!" It looked up in anger and let out a furious roar.

This roar was thick and powerful as it reverberated throughout the forest! All the fiends knew that this was a warning!

Hearing its own mother's voice, the steel-ridged fiend cub felt more at ease. But very quickly, it shockingly discovered that the fiend chasing after it didn't stop!

Said fiend even increased its speed!

Whoosh!

The one behind suddenly pounced forward!

The steel-ridged fiend cub quickly dodged it, almost staggering and collapsing onto the ground. During the process, its body fell onto a piece of broken wood, and a thick branch that extended out from it stabbed into its wound harshly!

"Roar!"

The steel-ridged fiend cub let out a painful cry. But at this moment, it couldn't care about all of this as it struggled to stand up and ran toward the mountain.

Go home! As long as I'm by Mother's side, I'll be safe! With this belief, it tried its best to rush back.

Ah Qiong took in all of this. Its eyes seemed to be burning with two balls of fire as if it wanted to burn everything before it!

It raised its leg and wanted to rush over, but it suddenly recalled that Chu Liuyue was still cultivating within the cave and was preparing to break through. If it left now, Chu Liuyue would be completely exposed to danger!

Ah Qiong knew too clearly what kind of trouble a human breaking through in Fiend Park would have!

The mature steel-ridged fiend struggled internally. Its only bloodline was in front, and behind was the benefactor that had saved its life.

Ah Qiong couldn't decide.

Roar!

Below the mountain, another painful shrill could be heard. However, this sound was clearly much weaker than the initial shrill.

Without looking, Ah Qiong knew that its kid was definitely in a perilous situation. Its natural mother instincts made it want to throw everything down and immediately rush over, but the bit of stubbornness in the depths of its heart caused it to stay rooted to the ground.

Finally, it raised its leg and harshly stomped down!

Hong long!

With this step, almost the entire mountain started vibrating! Cracks spread from the bottom of its feet!

The terrifying suppression was like howling winds moving below!

Before Chu Liuyue broke through, it still couldn't leave this place!

Normally, all the fiends would stay in their own territory and not intervene with one another. Once there was any breach, they would receive warnings and threats.

Under most circumstances, such warnings were effective. This was because there wasn't one fiend that could solely dominate Fiend Park.

Every fiend was interconnected, which formed a peculiar balance. But now, this balance was broken.

The other party had already ignored Ah Qiong's continuous warnings and wanted to attack no matter what! Other than facing the fight, it had no other choice! However... the current Ah Qiong couldn't even leave. How could it fight?

The cub's shouts gradually became weaker.

Ah Qiong looked over and could clearly see that its cub's speed had decreased greatly and that its body was covered with fresh blood. It clearly couldn't carry on any longer.

There seemed to be fire burning in Ah Qiong's eyes as they turned bloodshot!

Roar!

This roar was painful and miserable, on the verge of craziness! However, the adult steel-ridged fiend still continued to guard the cave and didn't leave at all!

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"How can this be..." When Elder Shu Yu saw this scene not far away, he was stunned. What exactly is that adult steel-ridged fiend thinking? The one on the brink of death below the mountain is its cub! At this time, shouldn't it rush over immediately and try its best to protect it? Why hasn't it moved even at this moment and keeps on guarding the cave? Is the person in the cave... really Chu Yue?!

Elder Shu Yu was very confused. Could it be that Chu Yue is even more important than its own bloodline?

If he didn't see it personally, he definitely wouldn't believe that such a thing happened. If he told other people about this, they would probably think that he was joking.

He furrowed his brows tightly and suddenly thought of all the rumors related to Chu Yue. Every single one of them was incredulous.

Originally, he didn't really care about Chu Yue. He just felt that the latter was a kid who liked to cause trouble. At the end of the day, he was just a little more talented and luckier. But now, he realized that he had thought wrongly.

To get an adult steel-ridged fiend to willingly sacrifice its bloodline's life... What exactly has Chu Yue been doing in Fiend Park these few days?

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Actually, Chu Liuyue didn't do anything. She was just cultivating and planned to break through to become a stage-eight warrior!

A few days had passed, yet she still maintained the same posture.

As she absorbed the surrounding Heaven and Earth Force, she kept merging it with the force contained inside her water droplet.

Even she was taken aback by the amount of resources needed for this breakthrough. This was because it had long exceeded the amount she needed when she broke through to become a stage-eight warrior in her previous life.

But from start to end, she still did her best.

Vaguely, she could feel an invisible barrier. She knew that it was the barrier to becoming a stage-eight warrior!

She took a deep breath in, gathered her forces, and slammed against that barrier!

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Boom!

A gigantic force wave suddenly came out of the cave!

Elder Shu Yu's heart suddenly skipped a beat. This commotion... Is Chu Yue really only breaking through to become a stage-eight warrior? I have cultivated for many years and have seen many cultivators try to break through this barrier, and some of them were outstanding talents. However, none of them caused so much commotion!

Some cultivators might not even have such a huge commotion when they break through to become stage-nine warriors! Elder Shu Yu clenched his fists tightly and had the urge to even scold people! Before he entered, I had clearly told Chu Yue to honestly tell me about his abilities! Back then, I thought that he had said everything, but I didn't expect him to still hide it in the end! When this incident is over, I definitely have to teach Chu Yue a lesson!

Roar!

An excited, high-pitched screech came from another mountain peak not far away! This sound felt like it had instantly opened a mysterious passage.

The unknown and frightening water rushed out before everyone else could react!

Caw!

Another sharp shrill came from another direction! Following this, all sorts of noises came from all directions!

The fiends—that had silently arrived previously and were hiding quietly—finally couldn't hold themselves back and flashed their sharp teeth!

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Their screams were filled with endless greed and desire! Even if the murder hadn't officially begun, the air was already filled with a thick bloody aura!

Elder Shu Yu's back suddenly broke out into a cold sweat.

The fiends that rushed over due to the temptation were even more than he had previously predicted!

Under the dark sky, the figures filled with murderous intent came out from the mountains and went toward the one in the middle!

Elder Shu Yu lowered his head to take a look, and all his hair stood on end! There are too many fiends! Chu Yue has caused too big a commotion while breaking through. Other than the nearby fiends, even some distant fiends have detected the commotion and came over respectively. If one doesn't think of a solution in time, the number of fiends gathered around will only increase!

Elder Shu Yu's entire body tensed up, and his mind whirled crazily in hopes of finding a solution.

But... How could it be that easy?

Strictly speaking, there were only two methods. One was to forcefully interrupt Chu Yue's breakthrough and quickly bring him to leave the place. The other was to chase all the fiends away and rescue Chu Yue.

But whichever method it was, it didn't sound like it was possible.

When cultivators broke through, they had to do it in an extremely stable environment. Any disturbance could cause them to fail, and in more serious circumstances, one might not even be able to step past this barrier again.

If he did this, what would happen if he destroyed Chu Yue? Not to mention that there was an adult steel-ridged fiend guarding Chu Yue by his side.

A steel-ridged fiend that was willing to give up on its cub to protect him—once it detected someone approaching, the thought of the force that would explode out was horrifying.

As for the second method... Elder Shu Yu admitted that he didn't have such abilities. Even if he regularly patrolled and guarded this place, he wasn't the match for so many fiends!

In his panic, Elder Shu Yu finally retrieved his green jade plaque and sent out a signal for help: Chu Yue is in danger. Quickly come and rescue him!

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It was already night. Elder Bo Yan and the rest arrived at Million Wine Mountain, and they planned on continuing the repairs.

But once Elder Bo Yan stood still, he suddenly noticed something, and his expression changed.

Elder Ouyang and Shang Yulin glanced at him weirdly and asked, "What's the matter?"

Elder Bo Yan didn't speak as he directly took out his green jade plaque.

A string of words gradually appeared, and Elder Bo Yan's eyes shrunk!

Detecting the change in his surrounding aura, Elder Ouyang and Shang Yulin exchanged glances and felt uneasy.

"I have something on. I need to go first." Elder Bo Yan said this and quickly turned around to leave.

"Hey, what exactly is going on?" Elder Ouyang couldn't help but ask.

They rarely saw Elder Bo Yan display such an expression.

Elder Bo Yan paused and said, "There's a problem with Fiend Park. I'll go over there to take a look."

"Fiend Park?" Doesn't that mean that Chu Yue is in trouble?

"But haven't Shu Yu and the rest always been there..." Before Elder Ouyang could finish speaking, he suddenly fell silent.

This message was clearly sent by the few of them. It showed that the incident had already gone out of those few people's control!

"Let's go together!" Shang Yulin was swift.

Elder Bo Yan shook his head. "You can just continue staying here. After all, Fiend Park has a huge Xuan formation, Shu Yu, and the rest. Nothing major will happen in such a short amount of time, but... If you go with us, we'll draw too much attention."

The incident of Chu Yue being locked in Fiend Park was only known to the few of them. Once this news went out, it would waste their previous efforts.

The Elder Ouyang-Shang Yulin duo exchanged glances and could only agree. "If anything happens, we'll also rush over immediately."

Elder Bo Yan nodded, went on his toes, and rapidly left.

Clang!

A water sound suddenly came from the fountain.

Elder Ouyang immediately became alert. "What's happening?!"

Shang Yulin quickly went up, checked it carefully, and heaved half a sigh of relief. "Nothing much. I think a rock dropped in from the side."

Elder Ouyang was still suspicious and only relaxed after he went over and looked at it personally. "Good that there's nothing. It's already at such a crucial moment; nothing can go wrong now."

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At the same time, Elder Wan Zheng—who was tidying up his herbs in his own residence—also received Elder Shu Yu's message.

Seeing the line of words on the green jade plaque, he was so shocked that he suddenly stood up and flipped the table.

Tens of tidily placed precious herbs all dropped to the ground and were mixed together. However, Elder Wan Zheng couldn't care about this as he left immediately.

"I should've stayed there to guard him and not leave!" At that moment, his figure disappeared into the night sky outside the door.

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Rumble!

Another ripple came from within the cave. At this point, the Xuan formation in the sky suddenly glowed.

Elder Shu Yu quickly flew forward and whipped his sleeves, and an opening was made in the Xuan formation.

A figure rapidly rushed in—it was Elder Bo Yan.

Once he saw Elder Shu Yu, Elder Bo Yan asked anxiously, "How's Chu Yue?"

Before Elder Shu Yu could reply, another person swiftly flew in.

"Disciple! Disciple!" yelled Elder Wan Zheng in panic.

After he came in, he saw Elder Shu Yu and immediately went up to grab his wrist. "My disciple! How is he now?!"

Elder Shu Yu swallowed a mouthful of saliva with much difficulty and pointed below. "There