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Elder Wan Zheng and Elder Bo Yan were aghast when they looked in the direction Elder Shu Yu was pointing.

One mountain peak stood tall and majestically among the undulating mountains. It wasn't any different from any other peak, but it stood out at this moment with the dark clouds gathered above to form a large vortex that almost seemed connected to it. Not to mention that the howling winds seemed capable of destroying the peak at any moment.

Fiends could be seen everywhere further down the peak. Some were creeping on the side of the rocks, some were standing atop the tree branches, and some were hiding in the ravines. In short, the peak was surrounded by fiends of all sorts.

At a glance, the fiends at the outermost ring were of the ninth grade, which was the lowest grade there. The ones at the innermost ring, on the other hand, were all legendary fiends. The power of one legendary fiend was extraordinary enough, what more a group of them. And they were all looking at the mountain in the middle with cold, greedy, and murderous eyes.

The air seemed to be frozen, and the sight of the numerous fiends could make one's hair stand on end. In fact, just one glance from afar was stifling enough.

Both Elder Wan Zheng and Elder Bo Yan were appalled, having never expected to see such a scene.

"T-this..." Elder Wan Zheng's lips grew pale. "Where's Chu Yue?"

Elder Shu Yu gulped with much difficulty as he pointed in a certain direction. "H-He's inside that mountain cave..."

Actually, it was easy for anyone to guess Chu Yue's location based on this situation, let alone the two elders with vast experience. But they simply refused to believe the truth, for it was far too alarming and worrying.

"Why is he there? No, that's not right... Is he doing okay?" Elder Wan Zheng unconsciously tightened his grip on Elder Shu Yu's wrist.

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Knowing that the former was worried, Elder Shu Yu hurriedly assured him. "Don't worry. He's fine for now!"

His words, however, weren't able to put Elder Wan Zheng's mind at ease. Even if he's fine for now, there's no telling what might happen next since he's surrounded by formidable enemies.

Elder Bo Yan was a bit calmer in comparison. A flicker of doubt appeared in his eyes after he carefully scanned the surroundings. "Is Chu Yue preparing for a breakthrough?"

There was only one situation that could trigger the current situation.

Elder Shu Yu nodded.

"Isn't he just an intermediate stage-seven warrior? Even if he's going to break through, there shouldn't be so much commotion..."

"No, it's not so simple." Elder Shu Yu took a deep breath. "He's going to break through to the eighth stage in one go!"

Elder Wan Zheng instinctively looked at him with a frown. "How's that possible?!"

Elder Shu Yu kept quiet and looked at him helplessly. Do I have to lie about this?

"Shu Yu is right. Based on the amount of Heaven and Earth Force here, it's true that he's not trying to make it to the advanced stage. In my opinion, this situation will only occur when one is trying to break through to become a stage-nine warrior." Elder Bo Yan was filled with remorse as he looked at the numerous fiends surrounding the mountain. "It's my fault. This is happening because I failed to make things clear to Chu Yue..."

"No, I'm the one who failed my duties." Elder Wan Zheng rubbed his face hard. I told him a lot of things while we were on the way here that day, but I forgot to tell him about this. How could I have forgotten to mention the most important point when I knew that he was a gifted child?!

Elder Bo Yan patted his shoulder in consolation. "Since things have already happened, let's not blame ourselves for now. Our priority should be rescuing Chu Yue."

As it hadn't been long since Chu Yue became an intermediate stage-seven warrior, nobody expected him to break through so soon again. And the thing was that he was aiming to reach the eighth stage. Everything happened so suddenly that it caught the elders off-guard.

"Rescue him? How are we going to do that?" Elder Wan Zheng looked worried. Although those fiends are usually reasonable, the situation is unique now. They won't listen to us since they're currently blinded by impulse and greed. It's also impossible for us to use force. Even if we joined forces, we might not be able to beat them.

When Elder Shu Yu noticed the worried looks on the other two, he added, "Things may still turn around. Chu Yue isn't alone right now. Can you see what's in the middle of the mountain?"

The two looked in the direction he was referring to.

"Is that... a steel-ridged fiend?" The corners of Elder Wan Zheng's eyes twitched.

"That's right, but that steel-ridged fiend isn't trying to attack Chu Yue. On the contrary... it's guarding him."

As soon as Elder Shu Yu said that, Elder Bo Yan and Elder Wan Zheng looked at him weirdly.

Elder Shu Yu laughed wryly at that. "It's true..."

Just then, a roar filled with grief and despair could be heard coming from nearby.

Everyone looked over, only to see two fiends fighting at the top of the mountain. No, to be precise, it was actually a one-sided fight.

A golden-cloud leopard with a brown body and golden spots was currently madly attacking a dying steel-ridged fiend lying in a pool of blood. Most of the steel needles on its back had been broken, and it was injured almost everywhere with the majority of its wounds caused by the golden-cloud leopard.

"That's the steel-ridged fiend's cub," Elder Shu Yu said with a resigned sigh. "The mother chose to remain in front of the cave to save Chu Yue instead of going down to save its cub."

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"Unbelievable, right? But it's true. I saw it myself, and now, you too." Elder Shu Yu shook his head. "I don't know what Chu Yue has done to make that adult steel-ridged fiend behave this way. It would rather give up its own child and protect him to the end."

Elder Bo Yan and Elder Wan Zheng fell silent out of shock.

"Still, even with that steel-ridged fiend around, things might not last long. It usually takes very long to break through to the eighth stage, and I can't be certain when Chu Yue will break through. But once those fiends band together to attack him, I'm afraid that..." Elder Shu Yu looked up at the sky. Worse still, there's a chance that Chu Yue's breakthrough might end in failure.

Elder Bo Yan suddenly said, "If we can lure them away..."

"This method won't work. With Chu Yue on the verge of breaking through and mobilizing a large amount of Heaven and Earth Force, nothing is more attractive to those fiends." Having watched over Fiend Park for years, Elder Shu Yu naturally had more experience than the others. And if he was saying this, it meant that that method really wasn't viable. "Besides, it's basically impossible for us to get close to that mountain to take him away."

"It's obvious that the adult steel-ridged fiend will fight to its death to stop the approaching enemies—we included. Also, if we suddenly break in, we might not be of any help and might even rile those fiends up, forcing them to attack."

"This won't work, and that won't work either! Then, what the hell should we do?!" Elder Wan Zheng couldn't help lashing out at Elder Bo Yan. "See? I told you not to send him in here! It's dangerous, but you didn't listen! If anything happens to my student, you'll get it from me, Bo Yan!"

Elder Bo Yan didn't get angry over Elder Wan Zheng's outburst. He remained as calm as ever. "This is Ling Xiao Academy. I'm responsible for everything here when the director isn't around. I won't let anything happen to Chu Yue as long as I'm around!"

His firm tone made Elder Wan Zheng gradually calm down. He closed his eyes. "I'm sorry for losing my temper at you, Bo Yan..."

"Let's not talk about that now. What we should be doing is find a way to bring Chu Yue out—"

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Boom!

Another startling wave of force came out from the cave.

Elder Bo Yan clenched his fists. After much internal conflict, he said with gritted teeth, "Let's wait for him to break through first!"

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Meanwhile, the golden-cloud leopard stared coldly at the steel-ridged fiend cub in front of itself.

There was a thick metallic blood scent in the air.

Being a legendary fiend, it was naturally easy for it to deal with a ninth-grade cub. Besides, its only protector was standing guard in front of the cave instead of coming down to protect it.

The golden-cloud leopard looked up and licked its claw provocatively.

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Ah Qiong could, of course, see everything clearly from where it was. From the way its eyes were all scarlet and filled with rage and hatred, there was no doubt that it would rip the golden-cloud leopard to pieces if it had the chance.

However, it didn't move. Like a fortress, it stood in front of the cave and carefully protected Chu Liuyue. Its eyes were glued on the golden-cloud leopard though, and it could clearly remember all the wounds the former left on its child's body. I just have to... I just have to wait until C-Chu Liuyue breaks through, and I can make that golden-cloud leopard pay for what it's doing to my child!

A hint of satisfaction could be seen on the golden-cloud leopard when it saw the resentment in Ah Qiong's eyes. It wanted the latter to feel anguish and to watch it kill its own child with its own eyes.

It was extremely difficult for steel-ridged fiends to give birth, with some only giving birth to only one cub in their lifetime. And that was the reason why they were extremely doting on their cubs and why they valued them so much. Some adult steel-ridged fiends would even die of depression because of the loss of their children, so the golden-cloud leopard believed that this particular steel-ridged fiend wouldn't be an exception.

At the thought of that, the golden-cloud leopard became more arrogant and smug. It tilted its head and looked at the dying cub on the ground.

The cub was actually numb to the pain now, and it didn't have the strength to even stand up. Using all its might, all it could do was turn its head with much difficulty to look up the mountain.

The mother and child looked at each other from a distance.

The cub's eyes were filled with longing, desire, and also desperation. It looked like it wanted to cry out, but its voice was no longer working. It could only gasp. After several failed attempts, it finally gave up and slowly closed its eyes with two streams of tears flowing out of them.

The golden-cloud leopard leaped onto the cub's body and opened its mouth wide to bite the cub's throat.

That bite would surely kill the cub.

A violent shiver ran through Ah Qiong's body. It instinctively wanted to close its eyes, but it didn't. It wanted to see how the leopard was going to kill its child. Although it held back its cries, two streams of tears flowed down its eyes.

The golden-cloud leopard's sharp fangs glinted coldly as it leaned down to take a bite.

Whoosh!

A sharp air-cutting sound was heard.

Startled, the golden-cloud leopard immediately dodged toward the side, but the cold wind was even faster. Before it could even jump away from the cub's body, a sharp sword stabbed through its head and pinned it to the ground.

Blood splattered everywhere.

It had died a horrifying death with its body all stiffened, its eyeballs bulging, and its head deformed.

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The sudden strike took everyone aback, and the entire mountain peak was surrounded by an eerie silence.

Ah Qiong, however, instantly jerked its head to the back.

A long, slender figure was currently walking out of the deep cave—it was Chu Liuyue. Her steps landed quietly in a smooth and natural manner, and each of her moves seemed to exude some kind of indescribable grace and ease. Even when the wind passed by her, it seemed to become extra gentle and light.

The sky was quite dark at this hour, but the surroundings seemed to light up when she appeared. She still looked the same as before, but something seemed a little different about her at the same time.

This change only happened when one became stronger.

"Why are you still standing there, Ah Qiong? Go and fetch your child." Chu Liuyue stood still and flashed a smile at Ah Qiong.

It was only then that Ah Qiong snapped back to its senses. After nodding its head vigorously at her, it started to run down the mountain.

Thump!

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Due to its massive size, the steel-ridged fiend looked like it was going to crush the mountain under its feet when it ran.

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It didn't take long for the fiend to reach its child since it was incredibly fast and the distance was quite short.

Ah Qiong carefully lowered its head and nudged the cub's head before going closer to touch the cub's horn with its own glowing silver horn.

Warm energy flowed into the cub's body.

When the cub—who was waiting for its death in despair—felt a familiar scent instead of the fatal blow, it slowly opened its eyes. From how it blankly stared at its mother, it was clear that it didn't understand what was going on.

Ah Qiong carefully carried it up and walked back to the cave.

With its mother's energy flowing within it, the dying cub regained a bit of its strength. It only had a vague understanding of what had happened when it was placed at the entrance of their cave.

"It's pretty badly injured. I'll give it some medicine to stabilize the condition first. After that, it needs proper treatment and recuperation." While speaking, Chu Liuyue took out a bottle and poured out five pills to feed to the cub.

Just one pill would be enough for a person, but due to the steel-ridged fiend's massive size, five pills were needed.

The cub obediently swallowed the pills.

Ah Qiong pressed its face against the cub. Although its eyes were still red, the resentment and despair in them had faded and were replaced by endless joy and gratefulness.

The mother and child quietly huddled together as if nothing could separate them.

Moved by the sight, Chu Liuyue solemnly said to Ah Qiong, "Thank you, Ah Qiong..."

Feelings of gratitude, guilt, and comfort were condensed in those few words.

Although Chu Liuyue had been in the cave the entire time and wasn't able to see what was going on outside for herself, she had a rough idea about the situation outside as she had been paying attention. However, she didn't expect that Ah Qiong would be willing to give up its child for her. She was deeply shocked and moved by that, but she also felt bad and remorseful at the same time.

"I'll help treat your child properly." Chu Liuyue paused before adding, "Also, don't do that next time..."

Ah Qiong shook its head. It would still make the same choice all over again. It could always give up its life and exact revenge for its child, but it wanted Chu Liuyue to live.

Chu Liuyue choked up, and her eyes became moist. She took a deep breath and then flashed a bright and proud smile at the fiend. "My bad. There won't be any next time!"

I won't let this happen again!

"Stay here and take care of your child. Just leave the rest to me." Chu Liuyue then stepped forward and raised her hand.

Whoosh!

The sharp, cold, and majestic Chi Xiao Sword that killed the golden-cloud leopard swiftly flew back.

As Chu Liuyue gripped the sword hilt, which felt slightly cool to the touch, she was burning on the inside. Even though she had already expected the Chi Xiao Sword to be far more powerful than all the Yuan instruments she had owned before. Its terrifying power still left her amazed when she brandished the sword.

She didn't actually use her force when she threw the sword out earlier. In fact, she just randomly threw it out and controlled it with her mind due to the urgency of the situation, but she still managed to kill the golden-cloud leopard in a single strike.

This showed how powerful the Chi Xiao Sword was, considering that the golden-cloud leopard was a legendary fiend. The supreme Yuan instrument was indeed worthy of its name.

Chu Liuyue looked at the sword, which still appeared clean and shiny even after killing a legendary fiend. There weren't any bloodstains on it.

It was quiet all around, with all hissing sounds ceasing the instant the golden-cloud leopard was killed.

The lowest ranked among the fiends present were ninth-grade ones, so they weren't stupid. At the very least, they no longer thought Chu Liuyue was easy prey after what they had seen.

Chu Liuyue looked up and swept a cold gaze at the fiends around her while smirking. "Who's up next?!"

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Silence ensued, and all that could be heard was the evening breeze blowing through the mountain and making her sleeves flutter.

The slender young man standing on the mountain suddenly straightened his back and confronted the fiends. The key was that he didn't lose to the fiends in terms of presence.

When the three elders saw this from mid-air, they were shocked.

"I-is this... really my student, Chu Yue?" stammered Elder Wan Zheng while feeling his throat go dry. However, he wanted to give himself a slap on the mouth as soon as he said that. What nonsensical question is that?! Who else can he be but my precious student?! Just look at that face, body, and presence! And that Chi Xiao Sword! That's my precious student!

"Eighth stage... He really broke through to become a stage-eight warrior!" Elder Bo Yan muttered under his breath, his eyes filled with shock.

It wasn't an easy feat. Many cultivators did everything they could and even made lots of preparations in advance, but only a few managed to break through successfully. Most importantly, the more talent and potential cultivators had, the harder it would be for them to break through because every step beyond the seventh stage would have a tremendous impact on their subsequent development. Every step was akin to walking on thin ice—no mistakes could be made.

Chu Yue has absolute talent in this aspect, so how did he manage to break through just like that? Elder Bo Yan could still remember the terrifying scene he saw when they arrived here. The commotion proved that Chu Yue had extraordinary talent in the warrior path, but that also made the elders all the more worried.

Elder Bo Yan thought that there was no way Chu Yue could succeed, but the latter actually proved him wrong a while later. Chu Yue even killed a legendary fiend in a single strike. Had it been someone else, they might not be able to do it even if they were a ninth-grade warrior.

Elder Shu Yu was considered the calmest of the three. As he had been here the entire time to witness almost the entire incident, he had mentally prepared himself a long time ago. Thus, his receptivity was much higher than the other two.

After taking a deep breath, he said comfortingly, "Bo Yan, Wan Zheng, you can put your mind at ease now. Usually, times like these are the most dangerous because the cultivator who has just made a successful breakthrough is overflowing with force. This holds a fatal attraction to the fiends. Normally, they would strike by now, but they're currently feeling a bit apprehensive because Chu Yue made the first move and killed a golden-cloud leopard. If they choose to leave after weighing their pros and cons, that will mark the end of this matter!"

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Elder Shu Yu's words lifted the spirits of the other two elders as they prayed for the matter to resolve in a peaceful manner. A fight between the two parties would ultimately result in casualties. If the fiends were smart and wise enough to give up, it would save everyone a great deal of trouble.

"This is a critical period for both sides. If the fiends spot the slightest bit of cowardice and fear in Chu Yue, they'll surely attack him! Success or failure—it all depends on Chu Yue now!" said Elder Shu Yu in a grave tone.

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Not a single fiend stepped forward during the silent confrontation, but they didn't retreat either. All they did was just keep staring at Chu Liuyue with their aggressive and greedy eyes. Of course, there were also hints of apprehension in them now.

The fiends had only come over because they could sense a great temptation, but they now realized how dangerous this temptation was. That arrogant golden-cloud leopard was an example.

"Those who want to fight, step forward. Those who want to give up, move back!" Chu Liuyue shouted impatiently. "On the count of three, those who don't move back will be viewed as my opponent!"

She then raised her other hand and pointed a slender finger in the air. "One!"

A small number of fiends began to stir.

"Two!"

The fiends standing in the innermost circle started to look at each other as they tried to figure out each other's thoughts.

The ones in the outermost circle, however, were quietly starting to leave. Even though the human in front of them was indeed tempting, they needed to make sure that they were alive in order to get what they wanted. With a group of legendary fiends ahead of them, it was unlikely that there would be anything left for them, so they chose to leave.

Chu Liuyue narrowed her eyes and shouted the last number: "Three!"

About half of the fiends in the middle circle began to retreat.

The ones in the innermost circle didn't move though—oh, not exactly. One of them took a step forward; it was a wolf with shiny black fur and a touch of gold on its forehead. It had a pair of wings on its back. Its eyes were very special—they were all white with no pupils in them, and they emitted an eerie white light. It looked very bizarre at a glance.

"A black-gold werewolf?" Chu Liuyue raised her eyebrows slightly.

It was also a legendary fiend, and it had tremendous force and combat power. It was a notch stronger than the golden-cloud leopard. Of course, it wouldn't have dared to step forward if it weren't capable.

Upon hearing what Chu Liuyue said, the black-gold werewolf crouched down slightly and bared its sharp fangs while growling. It was clear that it was preparing to attack.

"Good, it seems to me that you want to fight," said Chu Liuyue with a laugh. She then shifted her gaze to the other fiends around her before looking back at her opponent. With a flick of her wrist, the Chi Xiao Sword—which was as light as a feather—cut an arc in mid-air and was aimed at the black-gold werewolf. "Bring it on!"

With that, Chu Liuyue leaped into the air on pointed toes.

At the same time, the black-gold werewolf spread its wings and flew straight toward Chu Liuyue.

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A hint of worry appeared on the three elders' faces as they watched this fight from a short distance away.

"A black-gold werewolf? That's one of the strongest fiends in Fiend Park. It's incredibly hard to deal with because of its cunning nature! Will Chu Yue be able to deal with it... alone?" Elder Wan Zheng asked.

Elder Shu Yu let out a wry laugh. "It's hard to say... Seeing how she unexpectedly managed to kill the golden-cloud leopard in one strike, I say that she's probably much stronger than the average beginner stage-eight warrior. I really can't tell who will emerge as the winner of this fight..."

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Of course, Elder Shu Yu hoped that Chu Yue would win. With the death of the golden-cloud leopard, he was certain that Chu Yue was capable of defeating one-fifth of the legendary beasts in Fiend Park at his current stage.

Although the golden-cloud leopard was considered pretty strong among the fiends in Fiend Park, it must've lost some of its strength after its fight with the steel-ridged fiend. And that was why Elder Shu Yu lowered Chu Yue's winning rate.

That said, one in five was still pretty impressive, considering that some of the stage-nine warriors in the academy might not even be able to defeat one legendary fiend. Even if most of the credit belonged to the Chi Xiao Sword, it was considered part of her strength since the sword was hers.

He paused and then said in a lower tone, "This black-gold werewolf has a high status in Fiend Park. If Chu Yue is able to defeat it, she'll be able to deter the rest of the fiends."

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Chu Liuyue and the black-gold werewolf were facing each other from a distance in the air. After sizing it up, she shook her head, lamenting, "Tsk, what a pity."

A hint of confusion showed in the black-gold werewolf's eyes. Clearly, it couldn't understand what Chu Liuyue was talking about.

She then explained with a smile, "I wanted to help you find an owner, but I doubt you'd submit to anyone with that temper of yours."

The fur on the black-gold werewolf instantly stood up as it emanated a murderous aura. It was clear that it was offended by Chu Liuyue's words.

Gripping the Chi Xiao Sword in her hand, Chu Liuyue swung it in the air. There was something else she didn't say earlier—she planned to kill the black-gold werewolf as a warning to others. Thus, it had to die.

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"Awoo!" The black-gold werewolf raised its head and howled into the air. The next second, it started moving and flew toward Chu Liuyue at rapid speed. With a flap of its wings, two black-gold werewolves suddenly appeared in front of her and surrounded her from both sides.

Elder Shu Yu frowned. "The black-gold werewolf is extremely fast, and it's able to split itself into two. Its clone is almost as powerful as its own self. Chu Yue will have to kill both at the same time to truly end its life, or it'll be able to revive itself as long as it still has a breath. I wonder if he's able to deal with it this time..."

Elder Bo Yan suddenly said, "Doesn't he have a contracted legendary fiend? How come he didn't summon it out? He might stand a chance to win if he's fighting with his fiend."

Meanwhile, Elder Wan Zheng was too nervous to even speak. His fists were clenched, and his palms were all sweaty.

Knowing that he was worried, Elder Shu Yu said, "If Chu Yue really can't handle the fight, let's find an opportunity to—"

Whoosh!

The sound of two sharp objects piercing through flesh was heard almost at the same time.

Elder Shu Yu felt as if someone was grabbing his throat and forcing him to swallow the rest of his words. His eyes widened in shock, and he was momentarily at a loss for words. This was because both the black-gold werewolf and its clone were pierced through their glabellas right in front of them.

The fiend died just like that before it could even have the chance to cry for help. The right one was pierced through by the Chi Xiao Sword, while the left one...

Elder Shu Yu couldn't help but gasp in surprise when he got a clear look at what object it was.

It turned out to be an ordinary-looking sheath that was round and blunt. By right, it shouldn't be able to pierce through the flesh of the black-gold werewolf, but it did.

On top of that, Chu Liuyue had only executed a single strike in the fight.

Chu Liuyue lifted her hand and summoned the Chi Xiao Sword back.

The moment the sword and its sheath were pulled out, the black-gold werewolf on the left instantly disappeared. The one on the right, on the other hand, fell to the ground and landed with a plop.

Shing!

The Chi Xiao Sword entered the sheath.

What made Chu Liuyue rather satisfied was that both the Chi Xiao Sword and its sheath weren't stained with a single drop of blood. Other than the hint of a metallic smell, one couldn't tell that it had just killed a legendary fiend.

Everything was done so smoothly and at such ease that it left the other fiends and even the three elders in shock. W-what's going on? D-did he just kill a legendary fiend with a sword sheath...?! And its main body at that?!

They didn't even notice when the sheath had appeared. Before they knew it, the sheath was already stuck in the black-gold werewolf's head.

It was such a sick move.

Numerous eyes fell on Chu Liuyue, who calmly adjusted her breathing and looked down with a smirk. "Anyone else?"

Actually, she wasn't feeling as good as she appeared. The reason was that the usage of the Chi Xiao Sword twice had a huge toll on her. It wasn't obvious the first time as she had just broken through and was so highly concentrated because the steel-ridged fiend cub's life was in danger. This time, she could distinctively feel a portion of her energy and spirit being sapped from her the moment she took out the sword.

A rich internal force wasn't the only thing that was needed to maintain the best combat state. There were many other factors, including mental state and willpower. Like now, even though Chu Liuyue didn't inject any force into the Chi Xiao Sword and was able to pick it up easily, she had to pay quite a high price for using it.

After a brief silence, some of the fiends started leaving, which made some of the legendary fiends in the innermost circle waver as well.

Chu Liuyue raised her sword and pointed it downwards, but before she could say or do anything, she heard a familiar voice saying, "Wait!"

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Chu Liuyue turned around to look.

The person talking was Elder Shu Yu. His figure moved, and he rapidly came over.

Seeing him move, Elder Wan Zheng and Elder Bo Yan immediately followed him.

Probably because Chu Liuyue had settled the black-gold werewolf too swiftly, but many fiends were fearful. Hence, when they saw the three elders move, they didn't react extremely and just looked above alertly.

"Chu Yue." Elder Shu Yu came to Chu Liuyue, sized her up, and finally heaved a sigh of relief in his heart. But when he looked into Chu Liuyue's eyes, his gaze was extremely complicated. "Don't... fight anymore."

Chu Liuyue was dazed. Then, she saw that Elder Shu Yu was embarrassed.

"Um... The academy has spent quite a lot of effort nurturing the legendary fiends in Fiend Park... It's fine if you kill two and warn them, but if you really kill them all... This Fiend Park..."

Chu Liuyue suddenly realized what happened—he came to make peace.

Upon further thought, it was understandable. Not counting the ninth-grade ones, there were quite a few legendary fiends amongst the fiends in Fiend Park. Some of them seemed to have been raised here for a long time, while others were brought back from the wild through all kinds of methods by the elders and students.

The fiends' existences were meaningful. Some students who had outstanding performance would sometimes have the opportunity to enter Fiend Park and pick their favorite fiend to make an agreement with it.

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Of course, the condition was that they had to be capable enough. This was a huge wealth for the academy.

"Shu Yu, you rushed over so quickly just to say this?" Elder Wan Zheng looked at him in disbelief. What's wrong with him!? My precious disciple almost died here! The first thing this fellow thought of was to ask Chu Yue not to continue killing?

Elder Shu Yu's face flushed red as he coughed and glanced at Elder Bo Yan. "Wan Zheng, I don't have a choice either, okay?! Our academy has had a hard time raising these fiends. Although they threatened Chu Yue just now, they didn't really do anything. Besides, with the black-gold werewolf as a warning, they definitely won't fight with Chu Yue any longer. It's best to make peace now. Bo Yan, do you agree?"

Elder Bo Yan thought for a moment and lightly nodded. "Shu Yu is right."

"This..."

"Wan Zheng, I know your heart aches for Chu Yue, but if you allow him to continue fighting, fiends driven to the extreme might retaliate. If they're out of their wits..." Elder Bo Yan slapped his shoulders. "For Chu Yue's safety, it's better to stop now!"

Even though Elder Wan Zheng was angry, he still could be reasoned with. Seeing that Bo Yan and Shu Yu had the same attitude, he felt conflicted for a while and finally agreed reluctantly.

He flicked his sleeves and grunted. "Then, you must compensate our Chu Yue properly! If he wasn't capable enough today, he might've just—"

Elder Wan Zheng couldn't bear to finish his sentence, but everyone present understood what he meant.

Elder Bo Yan also laughed. "Don't worry about that! Chu Yue has suffered quite a lot today. Even if you didn't say it, I wouldn't treat him badly!"

As he spoke, he glanced at Chu Yue. "Chu Yue, this was indeed caused because I didn't consider it properly. If you want anything, you can just say it. I'll definitely do my best to satisfy you."

Chu Liuyue blinked. "I don't have anything I particularly want right now... May I know if I can leave it for later and let you know later on?"

Elder Bo Yan naturally agreed. "It's all up to you."

Chu Liuyue's lips curled up, and she smiled. "Thank you, Elder Bo Yan."

"Why are you thanking him!?" Elder Wan Zheng jumped forward and pulled Chu Liuyue's wrist. "If it weren't for him, how would you have suffered so much?"

I was really almost scared to death just now!

Chu Liuyue patted his hands in comfort, smiled, and said, "Mentor, don't worry. Am I not doing fine? Besides, if I didn't come here... I might not have broken through so quickly."

When she mentioned this, Elder Wan Zheng finally forgot all of his previous grievances and felt excited. Stage-eight warrior! In Ling Xiao Academy, this level isn't considered high, especially on the warrior side. It isn't even enough to meet the academy's entry requirement, but Chu Yue is only 16 years old this year! His main specialization is also the heavenly doctor path! Under such circumstances, he can still successfully break through and become a stage-eight warrior. How would one not be proud of him?

Not to mention that this kid has already silently broken through to become a ninth-grade Xuan Master. Previously, Elder Wan Zheng was still worried that someone would steal his disciple and cared about his disciple's main specialization very much. But now, he suddenly thought it through.

What was there to care about? His disciple was excellent in all aspects, and as his mentor, he could only bask in his disciple's glory!

Anyway, Chu Yue was his disciple. Not only could he flaunt in front of heavenly doctors, but he might even be able to do so on the Xuan Master side and warrior side in the future!

Elder Wan Zheng felt that it was very worthwhile. "It's all because you're competent!"

Seeing that she had finally appeased Elder Wan Zheng, Chu Liuyue turned around and asked, "Elder Shu Yu, even if I'm willing to make peace, these legendary fiends below don't seem like they want to leave—"

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"I'll talk to them about it." Elder Shu Yu heaved a long sigh of relief. As long as Chu Yue agrees, the remaining things are easy to handle. The remaining legendary fiends might not really want to fight with

Chu Yue, but as legendary fiends, they are very prideful. She is already right in front of them. If they just leave in this manner, they would look too cowardly.

Strictly speaking, if they really wanted to kill Chu Yue as much as they did at the start, they would've gathered in groups and attacked. They wouldn't have waited until now, not to mention that they directly allowed the three of us to come over.

Elder Shu Yu had stayed in Fiend Park for a while and was still quite clear about this. Hence, he took a step forward and looked down at the legendary fiends that had yet to leave with a stern gaze. He boomed, "You were the ones who instigated today's incident. Chu Yue killed the golden cloud leopard and the black-gold werewolf in self-defense!"

His deep voice reverberated throughout the area!

"Chu Yue came here to be punished, and he has no other intentions! He has no intention of killing you! As long as both parties stay low and do not cause trouble in the remaining period, he'll leave once the time is up! In consideration of my face, why don't both parties each take a step back and let this incident go?!"

Elder Shu Yu said the last sentence very sincerely. He admired Chu Yue very much, and he had feelings toward Fiend Park. Thus, he naturally didn't wish to see both parties go at each other's throats.

It would be best if they could make peace.

After a temporary silence, a legendary fiend slowly moved back.

Once one started, the remaining ones followed suit.

The second one.

The third.

Very quickly, all the fiends in the surroundings retreated! Their figures were hidden in the mountains!

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The sky was dark, and the mountain wind blew over.

As the fiends left, the intense bloody smell and harsh murderous intent that filled the air seemed to disappear silently. The surroundings quietened down and gradually regained their initial appearance.

Elder Shu Yu's uneasy heart finally settled down. This is the best ending.

Chu Liuyue's gaze swept across the dark forest, and the still waters rippled slightly.

"Wait. Shu Yu, what did you mean by that just now?" Elder Wan Zheng suddenly reacted. "You said 'remaining time.' You mean that... Chu Yue still needs to continue staying here?"

"Huh?" Elder Shu Yu was also dazed and instinctively looked at Elder Bo Yan. "But we previously said it would be a month. It has only been less than ten days, so I thought..."

Nobody said Chu Yue was allowed to go back today! He naturally thought that it would continue, so he said that.

"Bo Yan, you tell me! Does this punishment need to continue?" asked Elder Wan Zheng with widened eyes. Ever since his precious disciple almost died here, he didn't believe that Bo Yan would have the cheek to ask Chu Yue to continue staying here!

Elder Bo Yan felt his head ache. I sent Chu Yue over to teach him a lesson and refine his character. If not, he will always boldly cause trouble and not think of the severity of the situation. However, I didn't expect this to happen.

He had also seen the previous situation clearly, and Chu Yue really was on the brink of death. If it weren't because Chu Yue was too outstanding on his own, I really might not have been able to save him. If the lesson and warnings are sufficient for Chu Yue after this ordeal, it is fine if he just leaves. However... Every time this kid causes trouble, and we give him all sorts of punishments, it doesn't seem to work.

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Elder Bo Yan felt aggrieved for some reason. After some slight hesitation, he finally said, "Since he's experienced this ordeal here, then... He can directly go..."

"I want to continue staying here," said Chu Liuyue suddenly and interrupted Elder Bo Yan's words.

The three elders looked at him in shock.

"Disciple, what are you talking about?" Elder Wan Zheng was stunned and hurriedly winked at his disciple. It's such a good chance to leave this place legitimately! Does this kid have a nut loose? What's so good about staying here?

"You! Do you think that today's situation isn't dangerous enough?"

Chu Liuyue smiled. "Mentor, today was a special situation, and it's all because I was negligent. I forgot that I couldn't break through in Fiend Park, so I caused all this trouble. I came here to be punished. If I leave after staying here for a few days... It doesn't seem very appropriate. Hence, I'm willing to continue staying here until the last day of the one-month deadline."

Chu Liuyue's words were very sincere.

Originally, Elder Wan Zheng wanted to convince his disciple further. But after seeing that young man's determined expression, he swallowed his words in the end.

He waved his hands and turned around. "Up to you! No matter what, you must come out in one piece—do you understand?!"

Chu Liuyue knew that his bark was worse than his bite, so she smiled brightly. "Don't worry, Mentor. I'll definitely do as you say!"

Chu Liuyue's words caused Elder Bo Yan to have a better impression of his disciple. At first, he also thought that Chu Yue would take this chance to leave directly.

Fiend park is dangerous, and after today's incident, Chu Yue should understand it even more. Under such circumstances, he still chose to stay behind, which is very rare. I should re-evaluate this young man... Elder Bo Yan thought to himself. "Okay! Since you've said so, Chu Yue, we'll continue with the

initial agreement then. As long as you stay put during the remaining time, these fiends shouldn't put you in a difficult spot."

After all, with this incident happening at the beginning, anybody who wanted to deal with Chu Yue had to think carefully about it.

Chu Liuyue nodded. "Thank you, Elder Bo Yan."

At the side, Elder Shu Yu suddenly thought of something, and his expression changed slightly. He looked at Chu Liuyue closely, and his gaze was filled with questions. "Wait. Chu Yue, how did you know that you can't break through in Fiend Park?"

Once he asked this, the few of them fell silent.

When the three elders met, they had already expressed that they didn't tell Chu Yue about this. However, the latter said that he forgot about it just now...

"Other than the elders in charge of patrolling here, almost nobody knows... You knew about it long ago?" Elder Shu Yu couldn't be blamed for being suspicious as this incident indeed had doubts.

This was because very few people knew about this. At the same time, even fewer people knew about Chu Yue being locked up here.

How did Chu Yue know?

Under the three elders' supervising gazes, Chu Liuyue's expression didn't change as she smiled lightly. "Senior Brother Rong Xiu was the one who told me."

Elder Bo Yan's brows moved slightly. "He doesn't know that you were locked up here."

In actual fact, this was decided by him and Elder Wan Zheng together. Before that, Rong Xiu had already gone somewhere else and directly accepted his punishment.

Ouyang and Shang Yulin would know because he had mentioned it at Million Wine Mountain before. However, Rong Xiu definitely didn't know.

Chu Liuyue undetectably paused before she smiled more deeply and said, "Senior Brother Rong Xiu specifically told me about these things before I came to the academy."

The three of them looked at each other. This explanation... seems rather logical. After all, Rong Xiu has even told him how to open the academy barrier. What else would he not say? In this way, it seems rather normal for Chu Yue to know about this.

"Hmph, he keeps teaching you all sorts of nonsense." Elder Wan Zheng grunted. Rong Xiu didn't teach him good things but all the bad rules. Normal students wouldn't even be able to come to Fiend Park, yet Rong Xiu even talked to him about this. Could it be that he had long expected Chu Yue to come here?

"Forget it—it's good that you know. You mustn't make such a huge blunder again in the future," reminded Elder Bo Yan. "It's getting late. We should go back first."

Chu Liuyue respectfully bowed. "Elders, Mentor, be safe on your way back."

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After handling these items, Chu Liuyue returned to the mountain peak she was at previously.

In the middle of the mountain, Ah Qiong was still standing guard there. Seeing Chu Liuyue come back, the last bit of worry in its eyes finally disappeared.

Chu Liuyue walked over. "Okay, all those troubles have been settled. Let's go back, and I'll check on it properly."

Ah Qiong nodded and caressed the steel-ridged fiend cub lying on the floor in a heartbreaking manner. Then, it brought its cub into the cave.

After it entered, Chu Liuyue gave it a meticulous check. "Don't worry. Its injuries are mostly superficial; it'll get better after resting for a while."

Chu Liuyue felt lucky that steel-ridged fiends were physically strong. It was injured to this extent, yet it was still hanging onto its last breath.

She touched the steel-ridged fiend's head. "This time, I owe you mother and son. I'll definitely repay you a hundred-fold. I'll give you a name! You'll be called... Tao Tao! I hope you can be as playful as you are now. You'll be healthy and without worries."

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Tao Tao's big eyes turned, and it seemed to be rather satisfied with this name.

Actually, it was jealous and hated Chu Liuyue in the beginning. This was especially so when its mother didn't respond when it was on the brink of death and kept sending out help signals to its mother.

Tao Tao and its mother depended on each other. Ever since it had memories, its mother was very good to it. It was normally playful outside and caused frequent trouble. Ah Qiong always protected it and didn't let any fiends bully it.

But from the moment this person came, everything had changed. Tao Tao then realized that this person's status was more important than it in its mother's heart. When it thought that it was going to die, its feelings reached its peak.

However... She saved it, and her gaze was filled with guilt and apologies.

Tao Tao suddenly felt that it couldn't be angry any longer—especially because her aura was fragrant, which unwittingly caused it to want to get close to her. Yes, it was going for that at the very beginning.

It was a pity that she seemed to misunderstand. Ah Qiong also kicked it a few times because of this.

Tao Tao looked at its own mother. Thinking of its desperation and sorrow when it ran toward the latter, Tao Tao suddenly felt better.

It closed its eyes and rubbed against Chu Liuyue's palm.

Chu Liuyue's heart felt warm. She walked to the side, took out her cauldron and herbs, and started producing pills.

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Rumble!

A red fire burned brightly in the cauldron! The huge cave lit up.

Chu Liuyue threw the herbs into the cauldron in an orderly manner. Then, an intense herbal fragrance with a few bitter notes gradually permeated through the air.

Chu Liuyue stared at the fire rising in the cauldron and the medicinal soup slowly forming as she sighed lightly. I have to admit... It feels good to break through to become a stage-eight warrior! I'm more sensitive to my surroundings, and my entire body feels rejuvenated, free, and relaxed.

When I produce pills, it feels much easier. This breakthrough finally digested all the force I snatched from Beiming Ancestor. But other than this, the water droplet still contains more force. That force will only come out during my future breakthroughs.

Chu Liuyue actually felt even luckier that she broke through in Fiend Park. Even though she had caused quite a few fiends to attack her, she didn't come into actual harm. The important thing was that only those few elders personally witnessed her breakthrough.

Normal cultivators wouldn't cause such a huge commotion when they broke through to become stage-eight warriors. If more people knew about it, it would be harder to hide her identity.

She didn't worry about those few people, but when she broke through in the future... She probably had to prepare in advance.

After her abilities were strengthened, Chu Liuyue produced the pills at a faster speed. In no time, she fed Tao Tao the medicine.

She then handled some herbs and covered its wound with them. Luckily, she had quite a few herbs, so they were enough to use.

Chu Liuyue decided that she would claim them from Elder Wan Zheng after she went out.

By the time she finished handling Tao Tao's injuries, an hour had passed.

Chu Liuyue helped Ah Qiong produce some pills to regulate its circulation.

Even though it didn't have many superficial injuries, seeing its own child get brutally beaten up and almost get killed... its mental health had sustained quite a bit of trauma.

After handling these things, Ah Qiong turned around and saw that Tao Tao had fallen asleep. Ah Qiong watched it dotingly with much love.

Chu Liuyue patted Ah Qiong. "Rest well today. We can talk about the rest tomorrow."

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Without a doubt, this night passed precariously.

On the way back, Elder Bo Yan and Elder Wan Zheng didn't speak much.

It was only when they were about to separate that Elder Bo Yan then called the other person. "Wan Zheng."

Elder Wan Zheng turned around.

Elder Bo Yan kept silent for a moment as if he were hesitating. "Did you know of Chu Yue's condition before?"

Elder Wan Zheng naturally understood what he was asking and shook his head. "I didn't."

"He just broke through to become a stage-eight warrior and caused so much commotion..." Elder Bo Yan took a deep breath. "When you have the time, you should ask him how many lightning tribulations he summoned when he broke through to become a stage-seven warrior."

Elder Wan Zheng nodded in agreement. When Chu Yue first entered the academy, he only said that he was a stage-seven warrior. Back then, quite a few people looked down on him. Even we thought that Chu Yue specialized as a heavenly doctor and did not focus much on the other aspects. However, it seems like that isn't the case!

"His talent in these few aspects seems exceptional. Wan Zheng, you have a good disciple!" Even Elder Bo Yan couldn't help but be envious.

Accepting one such student was enough!

Elder Wan Zheng felt elated, and his entire face lit up. "Of course. I have always had good eyesight!"

After all these years in the academy, he had taught quite a few students but accepted very few as his disciples. He didn't even accept one in recent years.

"Honestly, other than that girl, Chu Yue is the only one I've fancied. Originally, I just thought that he was talented as a heavenly doctor, but I didn't expect..." Elder Wan Zheng seemed reminiscent. "Thinking about it, those two kids are rather alike! They both have unknown backgrounds!"

Elder Bo Yan smiled. "Let's not talk about the past. If you want to know about his background, won't you know when you ask Rong Xiu?"

Elder Wan Zheng chuckled and turned around to leave. "That's not necessary. The kid will say it when he's willing to. And if he's not, I'll still dote on him!"

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The night passed quickly.

When the morning sunlight shone into the cave, Chu Liuyue opened her eyes.

After a night of recovery, her body had basically recovered to its best state.

She stood up and stretched. She could clearly feel that her body was much stronger than before as the dense force circulated through her bones and limbs even more smoothly!

This is... the feeling of being stronger! Chu Liuyue smiled and was in a very good mood. I wonder how it'll feel when I become a stage-nine warrior again...

A soft sound came from the side.

Chu Liuyue turned around and saw that Tao Tao was already awake.

The latter was looking at her with wide eyes as it lay on the floor. It was wrapped tightly, looking like a large circular pudding.

Chu Liuyue winked at it.

Tao Tao instantly acted as if it was caught red-handed and hurriedly shut its eyes in guilt.

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Chu Liuyue almost burst out laughing.

At this point, Ah Qiong had already woken up. It nudged against Tao Tao's forehead in a doting and helpless manner.

"Ah Qiong, Tao Tao, I'll go out for a while," said Chu Liuyue.

Ah Qiong looked up, and Tao Tao opened one eye. It was a pity that its eye was as big as a lantern. Even though it had already tried hard to squint, it was still very obvious.

Chu Liuyue could only pretend that she didn't see it as she explained to Ah Qiong. "I didn't have the time to tell you earlier, but I came in because I did something wrong. This is my punishment for a month. Since I'm here, it's not good for me to stay here all the time. I have to go out, right?"

Actually, Ah Qiong didn't agree to it and looked worried.

After the battle that night, Chu Liuyue had entered a strange balance with those fiends in Fiend Park. If she went over there now, it was still slightly dangerous for her.

Ah Qiong stood up and seemed to want to go with her.

Chu Liuyue shook her head. "Ah Qiong, I can just go on my own. Stay here and take good care of Tao Tao. After I'm done patrolling, I'll come back."

Seeing that it was still worried, Chu Liuyue raised her Chi Xiao Sword, smiled, and said, "They couldn't do anything to me yesterday, and they definitely can't today."

Seeing the Chi Xiao Sword, Ah Qiong instinctively took half a step back and seemed rather fearful. It then relaxed and nodded toward Chu Liuyue.

Chu Liuyue put away the Chi Xiao Sword and walked outside.

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Fiend Park was huge, and it had many mountains and peaks.

The forest was lush with greenery, and the leaves rustled as the light breeze came by. It was in the morning, and the white mist around the middle of the mountain hadn't disappeared as it swayed with the wind.

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in, and the slightly cold air was rejuvenating, causing her entire person to feel much more refreshed.

She looked over and surveyed the surroundings. Following that, she asked in her heart, "Where's the black-gold werewolf's cave?"

The legendary three-eyed eagle's voice sounded. "Behind three mountains in the southeastern direction."

Chu Liuyue went in the direction it stated and saw a mountain peak sticking out. She stood on her toes and immediately jumped in the air, flying in that direction!

The legendary three-eyed eagle finally couldn't help but ask, "What are you going there for?"

Before Chu Liuyue rested yesterday, she specially asked if it could find a fiend's position through its respective aura. After it gave an affirmative reply, Chu Liuyue didn't speak further. In the end, she wanted to go over right in the morning.

"There's only one black-gold werewolf in the entire Fiend Park, and you killed it yesterday. Why are you going to the cave?"

Chu Liuyue's thin lips curled up slightly. "The black-gold werewolf is a legendary fiend, so there are many valuable items in the cave. If I don't go and take them, won't it benefit others?"

Of course, in Fiend Park, it would benefit other fiends.

The legendary three-eyed eagle couldn't rebut this reason and sensibly shut its mouth.

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After Chu Liuyue broke through to become a stage-eight warrior, her speed almost improved two-fold. This allowed her to reach the peak where the black-gold werewolf's cave was located in 15 minutes.

Standing in mid-air, she saw the cave in the middle of the mountain at first glance.

Compared to Ah Qiong's cave, this was around 1.5 times the size of it. But as a black-gold werewolf with top skills and cultivation level here, Chu Liuyue could think with her toes to know that there had to be quite a few good items here!

But just when she was about to go over, she suddenly heard the legendary three-eyed eagle whisper, "Wait! There is another fiend around!"

Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes and suddenly laughed. "It seems like I'm not the only one eyeing the treasures..."

She crossed her arms and stared forward lazily. In a seemingly smiling manner, she muttered, "Can you figure out what fiend it is?"

The legendary three-eyed eagle paused. "Silver-eared flower-pattern fiend. It's also a legendary fiend, and it is very cunning. Yet, it's cowardly and scared of trouble. Normally, it likes to pilfer. It doesn't have a good reputation among legendary fiends, and it is much weaker compared to the black-gold werewolf."

"Hah, I think it's very brave to dare to take my things," Chu Liuyue said slowly.

In Fiend Park, there was an unspoken rule: When one party was killed by another, everything that belonged to the deceased party—including its territory—would belong to the killer.

Chu Liuyue had killed the black-gold werewolf the day before, so everything in the cave should belong to her. Besides, she had done it in front of many fiends.

The news should've spread far and wide here. All fiends would know about this.

This was also the reason why she didn't immediately rush over after the matter ended yesterday.

"It seems like this place has gotten more chaotic these few years..." Chu Liuyue pushed her loose strands of hair behind her ear and smiled slightly as she spoke. If it were in the past, everyone would obey the rules. Why would they do such a thing?

"What do you plan to do?" asked the legendary three-eyed eagle. For some reason, it vaguely detected unclear impulsiveness in Chu Liuyue's words.

It was as if she had made up her mind about something.

Chu Liuyue lazily smiled and said, "What else can I do? Of course, I need to teach them to obey the rules."

At this point, a figure came out from the cave.

The fiend looked like a lion and a tiger, with pointy silver ears and a body that was adorned by flower-shaped patterns. It was biting something in its mouth as it stuck its head out to survey its surroundings, planning to leave rapidly.

"How many trips have you made?" A clear and nonchalant voice sounded.

The silver-eared flower-pattern fiend was instantly taken aback and hurriedly looked up. When it saw that the person was Chu Liuyue, it was so stunned that it moved a few steps back.

Chu Liuyue tilted her head, and her gaze swept across the thing it was biting—it was a fist-sized black-gold rock, and it reflected a faint light under the sun.

Black-gold crystal—this was a treasure that could only be found in places where black-gold werewolves lived. It was very hard and contained a rich amount of force. It was also very precious.

The silver-eared flower-pattern fiend only hesitated for a moment before it spat out the black-gold crystal in its mouth.

Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes and laughed. "Isn't it too late to regret now?"

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Panic flashed across the silver-eared flower-pattern fiend's eyes. It naturally knew that it had committed a huge mistake, and it was natural for the other party to be angry. But... it had waited here for the entire night and didn't see Chu Liuyue come over.

It thought that she didn't know Fiend Park's rules and felt lucky. Thus, it wanted to pick some treasures. Who would've expected that she would come the moment it started?

The silver-eared flower-pattern fiend whimpered softly, and a few small items dropped from its body.

After it removed all of the loot from its body, the fiend took a few steps back and looked up—it was begging for mercy.

It was a pity that this move had no use on Chu Liuyue. "If you had this realization, then what did you do earlier?"

Chu Liuyue's words made the silver-eared flower-pattern fiend increasingly nervous.

Yesterday, it was also there when the black-gold werewolf was killed. It saw the scene back then very clearly. I'm not as good as the black-gold werewolf. If the other party is set on attacking me, I will be dead!

The silver-eared flower-pattern fiend took another step back, wagged its tail, and looked very anxious and terrified. Only its pair of eyes kept turning around as if it were planning something.

Whoosh!

Just then, Chu Liuyue suddenly moved! She was very quick and flew to the silver-eared flower-pattern fiend in the blink of an eye!

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The silver-eared flower-pattern fiend was a legendary fiend after all. It reacted very swiftly as it turned around and wanted to escape immediately!

"If you don't want your heart to be pierced, stay here obediently!" Chu Liuyue hollered, causing the silver-eared flower-pattern fiend to stop its actions suddenly.

The fiend hurriedly took a glance and saw that Chu Liuyue was holding the Chi Xiao Sword as if she was going to strike at any time.

Whir!

The sword whirred!

The silver-eared flower-pattern fiend was frightened, but it didn't run out and instead obediently lay on the floor.

Chu Liuyue landed and walked toward it.

Da.

Da.

The rhythmic footsteps seemed to step on its heart.

The sharp tip of the sword gleamed coldly.

Shing!

Chu Liuyue raised her hands, and the sword tip directly pointed at the silver-eared flower-pattern fiend.

It was only an inch away!

If she moved any closer, she could easily kill it!

"If you don't follow the rules, you don't belong here. You have been in Fiend Park for so long—do you need me to tell you this?"

Chu Liuyue spoke nonchalantly, but the silver-eared flower-pattern fiend was petrified. It looked at Chu Liuyue with wide eyes as if it were begging.

Chu Liuyue stared at it calmly and attacked without hesitation!

Whoosh!

The silver-eared flower-pattern fiend's two ears were cut off!

"Wu—"

The sudden sharp pain made the silver-eared flower-pattern fiend cry out sorrowfully.

For silver-eared flower-pattern fiends, their ears held great importance and meaning to them. After they were cut off, its hearing would be largely affected, and its combat power would also decrease.

Having their ears removed was an extremely serious and harsh punishment or even an insult to them. But at this point, the silver-eared flower-pattern fiend—which barely managed to keep its life—didn't have the mood to think about this.

"Seeing that this is your first offense, I'll let you off lightly. If there's a next time..." Chu Liuyue glanced at it coldly.

The silver-eared flower-pattern fiend didn't care about its ears that kept bleeding as it hurriedly shook its head. No! There won't be a next time!

Chu Liuyue then put away her sword. "Get lost!"

With this command, the silver-eared flower-pattern fiend hurriedly left and disappeared without a trace in no time.

"You actually didn't kill it." The legendary three-eyed eagle's voice had a hint of shock.

Chu Liuyue sheathed her longsword. "It isn't worth me using the Chi Xiao Sword."

Using it once required an extremely large amount of effort and force. It wasn't worth it for a silver-eared flower-pattern fiend.

From the very beginning, she just wanted to use the Chi Xiao Sword to put on an act.

"Besides, it can spread the news if it goes back alive, right?" Chu Liuyue stroked her chin. "Kill two birds with one stone. Why not?"

Killing two was originally enough. As for the rest, she just had to put in a little bit more effort to threaten them.

Chu Liuyue then walked over and put away the black-gold crystal before walking into the cave.

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The cave was of ordinary width, but it was very long.

Chu Liuyue walked for quite a distance before she finally saw the end.

A complete black-gold crystal sat quietly in the deepest part of the cave!

Chu Liuyue's eyes brightened up. This is even more than I imagined!

She rapidly walked over and saw that a portion of the crystal edge was bitten off. But luckily, it didn't sustain much damage overall.

"This black-gold crystal is at least a hundred years old and contains very rich force. It's rather suitable for that steel-ridged fiend cub," said the legendary three-eyed eagle.

Chu Liuyue nodded. Actually, she thought so too.

With such a large piece, it should be enough for Tao Tao to recover its strength quickly. If Tao Tao is successful, it might even be able to break through and become a legendary fiend in advance. Without speaking, Chu Liuyue put away the black-gold crystal. Then, she searched around the cave interior and found some items here and there.

Most of them were items obtained by the black-gold werewolf when it was alive. Some things were legendary fiend bones, while others things were herbs and some messy pieces of jade.

Chu Liuyue searched through most of the area before she finally stopped, turned around, and left.

After walking out of the cave, Chu Liuyue paused for a moment and then flew in another direction.

After a while, the legendary three-eyed eagle realized that she didn't seem to be going back. "Where are you going?"

Actually, the legendary three-eyed eagle already had an answer.

"Don't forget—I also killed a golden cloud leopard yesterday." Chu Liuyue raised her brows. I naturally have to take the items there.

As expected. The legendary three-eyed eagle instantly understood. Then, it asked, "You know where the golden cloud leopard's home is?"

I don't think she asked me just now...

"Of course." Chu Liuyue's red lips curled up slightly. I went there more than one time.