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The lines on the water droplet didn't move, but Chu Liuyue's body shook violently before she spat out a mouthful of blood. Her face then rapidly turned pale, and the force in her dantian seemed to be dissipating.

She forced herself to straighten her body and wiped away the blood from the corner of her eye. After that, she strengthened herself and tried again!

Rumble!

The eight lines on the water droplet seemed increasingly clear and bright, but the ninth line didn't show any signs of appearing.

As Chu Liuyue sorted out the force in her body, she kept absorbing the force outside her body.

Ka!

In the middle of the tombstone, a crack pierced through from top to bottom! Something seemed to flash across it before it rapidly returned to calmness.

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Just as this was happening, Elder Hua Feng and the others who had left were already far away. They were in the gully and were walking in the opposite direction.

The sound of mountain rocks falling kept sounding from behind, forcing them to move forward continuously.

After walking a distance, Elder Hua Feng finally couldn't help but turn around to take a look. Of course, they couldn't see anything at this moment. They could only see that the distant sky seemed to have darkened.

"What's going on there?" Elder Hua Feng knitted his brows and was rather worried.

An elder beside him followed his gaze and guessed, "It should be snowing, right?"

They had been here for so long and had seen it snow several times, and the sky looked like this every single time.

For some reason, Elder Hua Feng felt rather uneasy. He thought for a moment before retracting his gaze and looking at someone else. "Where is Dan Qing now? How far is he from us?"

That elder took out his green jade plaque and glanced at it as he said in surprise, "Dan Qing seems to be rushing over here. In no time, we should be able to meet him."

Elder Hua Feng heaved a sigh of relief in his heart. "That's great."

If they could find another person now, it would be great for them.

"I hope that Dan Qing is with Bo Yan and the others. Even if..."

Even if they only knew a small amount of information.

Jiang Zhiyuan's steps suddenly became stiff. Mentor and the rest... are reaching soon?

She thought deeply for a moment and suddenly turned around, quickly walking to Elder Hua Feng and the rest. "Elder Hua Feng, shall we go up toward that land?"

The others were dazed. "What?"

Jiang Zhiyuan laughed rather nervously. "Do you see that part on the cliff that caves in? I suddenly recalled that I seemed to have walked across the outside. From there on, the entire path should be pretty safe."

"When I asked you just now, didn't you say that your brain was muddled and that you couldn't recall anything?" Shi Rui'er questioned suddenly and shot Jiang Zhiyuan an incredulous gaze. Why did she so coincidentally recall it at this time?

"Just now, you said that you had once walked past the sides of the gully. If you really did walk that way, you should've seen this gully, right?"

Jiang Zhiyuan's breathing stopped, and grievances flashed across her heart. What I hate about Shi Rui'er the most... Other than her imperious pride, I hate how she always likes to get to the bottom of things and always targets me!

"I-I did walk past this place before, but I just cared about escaping. Hence, I didn't see anything else. Thinking about it now, it should be... rather safe if I could go back safely through this road, right?" As Jiang Zhiyuan spoke, she looked at Elder Hua Feng rather uneasily. "Elder, I'm doing this for everybody. I don't have any other motives. Who knows what it's like on the other side of the gully? Are we just going to continue walking down here..."

Shi Rui'er smiled coldly. "Walking straight ahead would be better than going to some other place, right? Who knows if it's really safe or—"

Elder Hua Feng glanced up. "Let's continue walking forward. If—"

Jiang Zhiyuan bit her lips and didn't dare to say anything else. She could only agree forcefully. It seems like I can only think of another way later...

Hong long long!

At this point, the ground of the entire gully suddenly vibrated intensely!

"What's going on?!" The crowd immediately became alert as they looked at the cliffs on both sides, terrified that the gully would collapse.

If everything that previously happened occurred again, they probably couldn't survive the second time...

Suddenly, Shi Rui'er gasped.

Elder Hua Feng heard that something was wrong, and he turned around to look at her. "Rui'er, what's wrong?"

Shi Rui'er didn't speak as she slowly raised her hands in shock and pointed in a direction at the front.

Elder Hua Feng and the rest looked over, and they were instantly taken aback.

A crystal-like bone actually slowly appeared from the bottom. The cracks on the hard ground rapidly spread, and the large and small cracks seemed to be covered by a layer of spiderwebs.

That bone slowly rose from the bottom and formed a small hill.

The shattered rocks kept rolling down toward the surroundings.

The red sand flowed down and made small noises.

"This is..." Elder Hua Feng opened his mouth. At that moment, countless guesses flashed across his mind! It turns out that it isn't a broken piece of bone—it is an entire piece!

Slowly, that bone revealed its original shape. It was a long white bone that was totally crystal-like and exuded a faint light.

Upon closer inspection, there seemed to be transparent liquid slowly flowing inside.

A gush of suppression slowly spread across from above!

"That's not a human bone!" Someone suddenly gasped.

The surroundings fell into dead silence. At this point, they all had naturally realized this!

But if it isn't a human bone, then what could it—

The elder with white brows beside Shi Rui'er stated lowly, "There are more at the back!"

Shi Rui'er and the rest turned around to take a look and indeed saw that there seemed to be bones slowly emerging from the bottom not far behind them.

These bones had exactly the same shape as the one before!

The ground was still shaking, and increasingly more white bones appeared in the gully.

"One, two..." An elder looked over, and his voice slowly became softer. That was because the number of white bones appearing in the entire gully had long exceeded their expectations!

The places the white bones appeared were very peculiar as the distance between each one was exactly the same. Their appearance also seemed exactly the same.

"What exactly... is that?" Elder Hua Feng looked over from afar and almost couldn't believe his own eyes. Who exactly would specifically bury so many bones here and in such an orderly fashion?!

Suddenly, a thought surfaced in his mind. Hang on! If they aren't human bones, then... They are most likely fiend bones. There aren't many fiends with so many gigantic bones. In addition to the dragon roars heard here earlier...

Roar!

Right at this moment, a stunning dragon roar sounded!

The crowd followed the direction of the sound and looked over before they were collectively taken aback.

From afar, a gigantic dragon's white skull suddenly rose! The suppression was tremendous!

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There was actually a dragon skeleton buried in the gully!

Everyone was taken aback by the scene before their eyes!

As the ground continued to shake vehemently, increasingly more bones were revealed. Then, the tremendous suppression came over!

Elder Hua Feng rapidly hollered, "Quickly go up!"

Everyone then recovered their senses and started to run forward rapidly before they all flew up consecutively and jumped out of the gully!

Even though the outside was an ice-cold land and was very dangerous, the gully had now become an obvious land of danger.

Elder Hua Feng was the last to go up. The moment his feet landed on the snowy ground, he hurriedly turned around to take a look and gasped!

Within the long, bright-red gully, a gigantic dragon skeleton slowly rose from the ground. The ground shattered, and mountain rocks fell!

"T-there's actually a dragon skeleton buried underneath here?!" Shi Rui'er's eyes were filled with shock as she muttered softly, "But the dragon clan has always thought very highly of their own member's corpses and never allows them to be left outside. Why would one appear here?"

And it was even a complete skeleton!

"Quickly look!" someone screamed in shock.

The crowd turned around and saw that the white bones of another dragon skeleton suddenly appeared far away!

The second dragon skeleton actually appeared! At the same time, a low and deep dragon roar reverberated throughout the area!

Following this was the third set!

Pak!

The snow ground vibrated, and the dragons roared.

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The dragon's suppression was apparent. All the people walking in the snowland in the entire Flood-Desert Northern Region were taken aback when they heard this commotion!

Countless people started rapidly rushing toward this side!

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At some place in the snowy land, a man quickly rushed forward. Hearing the noise, he was shocked and immediately tilted his head to take a look.

When he saw the white dragon skeletons that continuously appeared, he widened his eyes in shock. Then, he quickly walked a distance and reached some place in an empty piece of land.

A downward-leading staircase appeared above the ground.

His body flashed, and he quickly disappeared from the spot. Following the stairs that led down, he quickly reached an empty hall.

"Master!" He nervously kneeled down on one knee.

A sea of blood color quickly filled the entire copper mirror. A hoarse and low voice then sounded. "Has Mu Qinghe returned?"

The man kneeling on the floor lowered his head. "Master, Mu Qinghe has returned, but his body has been rendered useless. He's locked up in jail, waiting for your instructions. However—"

"But what?"

"However... the cemetery has been moved! All the dragon bones have been awakened one after another! In no time, I think—"

The surroundings fell into dead silence.

The voice within the copper mirror fell silent, but the man kneeling on the ground became increasingly horrified as chills ran down his spine. He almost couldn't breathe.

"...Weren't those bones doing fine the whole time? Why did such a commotion suddenly happen?" That voice became increasingly terrifying and sinister.

"I-I don't know... I just found out about this earlier, so—"

Slap!

A tremendously strong force suddenly rushed out from the copper mirror and harshly slapped the face of the man kneeling on the ground!

The kneeling man didn't dare to dodge it.

He suffered the slap, and his body fell to the side. A bloody palm print could be clearly seen on half his face as blood slowly seeped out from the corner of his mouth.

"If you don't know, go and check!" For the past thousand years, that place has been quiet, and things were considered peaceful between them. But now—

"Yes! Yes! I'll go right away!" That man acknowledged the order in panic and hurriedly stood up to leave.

After his figure disappeared, the blood color overturned in the copper mirror, and it took a long while before it gradually calmed down.

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At this point, Chu Liuyue knew nothing about the outside world. She kept trying to break through, but it still felt like she lacked something in the end and couldn't step past the barrier.

Every time she failed, the force would dissipate within her dantian before rushing toward her limbs and organs, causing them to feel extremely painful. However, she very quickly perked herself up and tried again!

On the tombstone, the cracks intersected. Rich force kept surging out from within.

Chu Liuyue could even feel the surrounding force enveloping her, causing some form of suppression.

Her eyes were tightly shut, and her face gradually turned pale.

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Roar!

Another complete dragon skeleton appeared again.

Elder Hua Feng and the rest were long shocked by the scene before them, to the point they were speechless.

From the time they discovered the first dragon skeleton, more skeletons appeared on the snowy ground during the period of time later.

Now, there were about five complete skeletons!

"Elder, have you realized that these... seem to be surrounding the place we just left as the center..." Shi Rui'er looked at it for a while and couldn't help but ask softly.

Elder Hua Feng knitted his brows tightly. Of course, I can tell. These dragon bones all seemed to have been buried deep underground, and they were all gathered in the surroundings. However, the dragon heads are facing different directions. This is what I'm most worried about! From this situation, it is enough to see that a stunning secret must've been buried behind the door!

Chu Yue is still inside!

"Go back immediately!" commanded Elder Hua Feng.

Everyone was taken aback.

"Hua Feng—" An elder looked at him worriedly. We only walked here after much difficulty, yet we have to go back now?!

Everyone could tell that this place was even more dangerous than before. If they insisted on going back, everyone would be in danger again.

Elder Hua Feng had a serious expression. "Even if we stay here, what do you think we can do?"

That elder was stunned and was suddenly stumped. Yeah! The position we're at is surrounded by these dragon skeletons! If something really happens, we might not be able to avoid it...

Shi Rui'er seemed to have suddenly thought of something as shock flashed across her eyes. Then, she turned around to take a look.

Heaven and earth were completely dark in the snowy land.

Another dragon skeleton appeared again.

The suppression coming from the center became increasingly stronger! It was as if something was about to shoot out from within!

Her heart started beating very quickly. Could it be...

"Elder, we'll go back with you," she said with a determined tone.

"Second Miss?" The elder with white brows glanced at her strangely.

Shi Rui'er paused. "Perhaps the Heavenly Square Cauldron is there?!"

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The crowd fell silent for a moment. They had experienced too many things lately, to the extent that they had forgotten their initial motive in coming here—Heavenly Square Cauldron!

In the beginning, they didn't notice it. Now that Shi Rui'er reminded them, they finally recovered their senses. So many dragon skeletons surround this area. Doesn't this prove that there's a problem?! Other than the Heavenly Square Cauldron, which is one of the top ten holy weapons, what else can have such a phenomenon?

Elder Hua Feng perked up. "You make sense. Besides, with this commotion, everyone in the entire Flood-Desert Northern Region will know about it. Perhaps... Bo Yan and the others will come as well!"

It's fine if we didn't know previously, but now that we've guessed that there is this possibility... We have to go back!

"Go!" Elder Hua Feng was the first to turn around, and he walked forward along the edges of the gully.

The crowd quickly followed from behind.

It was different from the initial nervousness and uneasiness. On this return journey, everyone felt more agitated and hopeful. Heavenly Square Cauldron... Perhaps it will really appear there!

"I really didn't expect things to take such a turn..." The few young people from the Flying Star Sect joined together and whispered softly.

"If the Heavenly Square Cauldron really appears there, won't Chu Yue be in luck?!"

"Yeah! There were so many people present, but only Chu Yue went in. Back then, I still thought that he was pretty unlucky, but it now seems... it might be some sort of good luck!"

"What kind of treasure is the Heavenly Square Cauldron? Countless strong warriors are fighting to chase after it. If it really lands in his hands... He'd be so lucky. Sigh! If only I was the one who went in back then!"

Jiang Zhiyuan walked forward from the side. She heard most of these words and couldn't help but knit her brows.

"Nobody knows what exactly is behind the door. If he didn't meet that so-called fortune and even risked his life, won't everything be over?" Jiang Zhiyuan couldn't hold herself back and directly said this.

Those few people looked at her in unison, and their expressions were incredulous.

One of them said, "Jiang Zhiyuan, why do I feel that... you hope Chu Yue gets into trouble? Isn't he a student from Ling Xiao Academy as well? Speaking of which, it seems like he can be considered to be your junior brother? You..."

Jiang Zhiyuan's heart skipped a beat, and she hurriedly smiled. "Why would I? I'm just worried about him. One can never be too careful. Elder Hua Feng and the rest also think very highly of Chu Yue. I, too, admire him greatly."

As she spoke, she knitted her sharp brows slightly and looked a little worried. "Now, I just hope that everything goes smoothly for him. No matter the Heavenly Square Cauldron, it'll be great if he can come out safely."

If it were in the past, people wouldn't bear to scold her after seeing her pitiful expression and gaze. It was a pity that her face and body were covered by messy bloodstains and dust, causing her entire person to look disheveled. Who would still take pity on her?

Besides, Elder Hua Feng, Shi Rui'er, and the others always had a very clear attitude toward her, and they weren't silly.

Hence, the few of them exchanged glances and smiled with deep meaning. "How would we know what you're thinking?"

They didn't conceal the mockery and ridicule in their eyes at all.

Jiang Zhiyuan couldn't maintain her expression any longer. Originally, she wanted to argue further, but she swallowed her remaining words.

She clenched her teeth and suppressed the anger and frustration in her heart with much difficulty. These people... are just lackeys from the Flying Star Sect. What right do they have to look at me in this way!?

She looked down and hid her emotions, but her feelings were in turmoil. If... If Rong Xiu had chosen me to become the Sky-Cloud Empire's Princess Consort, how would these people dare to look down on me?

Even though Fairy Water Mound was the head of the 28 divisions, that was only limited to the Sky-Cloud Empire. In the outside world, all the top-tier aristocratic families wouldn't take them into consideration at all. She would even be looked down on!

Under such circumstances, she still had to suffer this humiliation!

At the end of the day... It was all because of Shangguan Yue! If there is a chance in the future, I have to check that b*tch's background! I will return everything I suffered these few days by a hundredfold!

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The crowd continued walking forward for a distance.

Dragon roars sounded continuously. The nearer they were, the more shocking they sounded.

When the group was about to return to their previous position, seven or eight dragon skeletons had already appeared! Luckily, although these dragon bones had shocking suppression, they didn't attack people.

However, the crowd knew very clearly that this was just the calm before the storm.

Elder Hua Feng looked forward and suddenly squinted his eyes. "Someone is coming!"

The crowd was dazed and hurriedly looked over. As expected, there was a group of people quickly walking over in the snowy field.

"They look rather familiar..." Shi Rui'er muttered.

At the side, the elder with white brows poked his head out to take a look and reminded, "Second Miss, they seem to be from the Golden Wings Sect!"

Elder Hua Feng's heart tightened! Because of Jin Lei being killed previously, we are on very bad terms with the Golden Wings Sect. I didn't expect us to meet them so quickly.

The people from the Golden Wings Sect had also seen Elder Hua Feng and the others.

The man at the front stopped in his tracks for a moment before he continued walking toward this area. He finally stopped about 30 feet in front of Elder Hua Feng and the others.

It was completely silent. The two parties stared at each other, and there was faintly a strange current flowing around.

"Elder Hua Feng, long time no see. How have you been!?" The middle-aged man at the front wasn't the Golden Wings Sect's sect leader but his younger brother, Jin Di.

As he spoke, he glanced at Shi Rui'er at the side. "Flying Star Sect is here too. Second Miss, you're really brave!"

Elder Hua Feng cupped his fists and faintly said, "We haven't seen each other in a long time. It seems like we're rather fated with the Golden Wings Sect. What, your sect leader didn't come this time?"

If they could take the Heavenly Square Cauldron, it would definitely be a treasure that would secure their positions. Elder Hua Feng never believed that the Golden Wings Sect wasn't interested in this.

Jin Di laughed out loud. "My elder brother is still in seclusion, so naturally, we came instead. Oh? Elder Hua Feng, toward my eldest brother, you seem..."

"Don't misunderstand. I just asked casually." Elder Hua Feng smiled. "After all, the Flood-Desert Northern Region is very spacious. It was indeed very coincidental to meet you."

Jin Di raised his sharp brows slightly. "There's such a huge commotion in this place. Everyone here should've come, right?"

As he spoke, his gaze turned as he looked at the positions of the few dragon skeletons in the middle. "This place... might hide the top treasure in this Flood-Desert Northern Region!"

Elder Hua Feng stood with one hand behind his back and didn't speak.

At this point, some commotion could be heard from afar.

An elder glanced over and yelled in surprise, "Dan Qing and the rest are here!"

Upon hearing this, Jiang Zhiyuan's heart seemed to tightly clench as she looked over!

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Not far away, a few figures were rapidly approaching.

The person in front was Elder Dan Qing, who they hadn't seen in a long time! Behind him were the other elders from the academy.

Elder Hua Feng quickly welcomed him. "Dan Qing!"

He flew forward and quickly arrived in front of them. Before he could finish the words in his throat, he saw that the few of them had messy bloodstains.

One of them even had a broken arm as if it was just chopped off by something!

"You guys... What happened?!" Elder Hua Feng's heart skipped a beat! The Flood-Desert Northern Region is dangerous, but these few people are very capable and strong. How did they end up in this state?

Elder Dan Qing's face flushed white. "I'll tell you about it in detail later. Bring him to a place to rest and heal his wounds."

Elder Hua Feng nodded solemnly before bringing the few people back.

The others hurriedly followed, and all helped him.

The elder with the broken arm lasted until this moment and finally couldn't take it anymore as he fainted.

The others weren't in a better state. Anyone who saw them could guess that they had definitely suffered a terrifying attack.

After Elder Hua Feng and the rest treated their wounds, they finally asked, "Dan Qing, there are only a few of you? Where's Bo Yan and the others?"

Elder Dan Qing took a deep breath in and continuously ate two pills before his face looked slightly better. "It's a long story. We originally came together, but we were later separated... How did you guys come here?"

"Bo Yan sent us news saying that the Heavenly Square Cauldron had appeared, and he told us to get more people..." said Elder Hua Feng. Seeing Elder Dan Qing's sudden change in expression, he instantly realized something. "All of this is fake, right?"

Elder Dan Qing laughed bitterly. "After we came here, we kept getting into trouble, and we were so tired from running for our lives. Since when did we see the Heavenly Square Cauldron..."

Elder Hua Feng's heart sank. Even if he had already guessed this earlier, a strong sense of uneasiness filled his heart after truly confirming it.

"Bo Yan was long separated from us at the start. Why would he send you such a message?" Elder Dan Qing also noticed something wrong and asked in shock.

"...Perhaps we had already been tricked since that time." Elder Hua Feng shook his head. "His green jade plaque was lost. Perhaps everything has been wrong since then..."

Clearly, someone had purposely released the news to lure us over. But... Who exactly is the person behind it, and what do they want? The people who came this time—including me—are only a few elders, and we aren't considered people with power and strength in Ling Xiao Academy. Who would spend so much energy to do such a thing?!

"We've already been here for a few days, and we have been looking for you the whole time. It's a pity that not much progress has been made. You're the first batch of people from the academy we have seen ever since we came here," said Elder Hua Feng.

Then, he suddenly thought of something. "Oh right, Before you guys, there was still someone—Jiang Zhiyuan."

Speaking of this, he turned around and waved toward Jiang Zhiyuan. "Zhiyuan, aren't you going to come and see your mentor?"

When Jiang Zhiyuan heard this, her entire body stiffened as cold sweat kept trickling down her back.

Elder Dan Qing's expression became slightly incredulous. "Zhiyuan... is with you guys?"

Previously, he hadn't noticed. Now that he heard Elder Hua Feng's words, he then realized that there was indeed a very familiar figure behind the crowd.

He naturally wouldn't mistake the talented student he had taught for a few years.

Elder Hua Feng didn't notice that Dan Qing's tone was amiss as he nodded and explained, "Yeah. Not long after we came, we coincidentally met her, and she has been following us ever since."

Seeing that Jiang Zhiyuan didn't move, he raised his voice again. "Zhiyuan?"

She really couldn't avoid it.

Everyone looked over.

Jiang Zhiyuan clenched her fists very tightly until her nails were about to scratch her palm, causing pain.

She stiffly turned around and walked to Elder Hua Feng and the rest step by step, lowering her head so that nobody could see her expression.

Her voice was so soft that it seemed like it could be blown away by the wind. "Mentor..."

Elder Dan Qing looked at her.

Silence.

Elder Hua Feng's gaze darted back and forth between the duo before he realized that Elder Dan Qing's reaction was amiss. Then, he thought for a while before saying, "Dan Qing, I'm really sorry that we couldn't take good care of your disciple. But actually, when we saw her, she was already injured—"

"I know." Elder Dan Qing suddenly spoke and interrupted him, smiling with deep meaning. "Zhiyuan... you're still alive. I'm really surprised."

The atmosphere unknowingly became strange.

Which mentor would say such words?

Jiang Zhiyuan's breathing stopped. "I-I... I was just lucky. In the end, I met Elder Hua Feng and the rest. If not... I definitely would've died..."

"You've always been smart. Why would you get into trouble? You can always get out of danger safely, right?" said Elder Dan Qing faintly.

This time, everyone noticed the problem here.

Elder Hua Feng raised his brows. Interesting... In the past, Dan Qing treasured this disciple greatly. Even if she occasionally did unkind things, he always turned a blind eye to it and protected her very much. This time, he is acting so strange for some reason. Hearing this, could it be that something happened previously?

"Mentor..." After being quiet for some time, Jiang Zhiyuan then looked up, her eyes filled with tears.

Putong!

Jiang Zhiyuan directly kneeled down. "Mentor, I was wrong. Please punish me!"

The sudden scene shocked everybody. What kind of situation is this? Jiang Zhiyuan actually kneeled down and admitted her mistakes directly?

Elder Dan Qing looked down at her from above and did not have any expression on his face. Only his old eyes had deep mockery and criticism.

He was laughing at himself. Why couldn't I tell before that Jiang Zhiyuan was such a person? All the blood, sweat, and tears I put in these past few years are all a joke.

"You... get up." Elder Dan Qing finally spoke.

Jiang Zhiyuan looked at him uneasily and had some hints of hope in her eyes. Actually, I can't be completely blamed for that. Under those circumstances back then, everyone could only care about themselves. How could they think of others? Mentor has always been nice to me, so perhaps this time—

"Mentor, you've forgiven me?"

Elder Dan Qing's expression didn't change. "Just get up. In this snowy land, you're also injured. How could you take this?"

Jiang Zhiyuan was elated. Does this mean that Mentor doesn't plan on holding it against me? I did follow Mentor for a few years, so he definitely can't bear—

She stood up and took two steps forward. "Mentor—"

Elder Dan Qing suddenly said, "From today onward, you can hit your high road, and I'll cross my log bridge. From now on, we will no longer be mentor and disciple!"

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Jiang Zhiyuan instantly felt like she had dropped into an ice hole.

"Mentor?!" She stared at Elder Dan Qing in disbelief as her legs became soft. She couldn't even stand stably. Break the mentor-disciple ties... Then, what should I do in the future?! If this news gets out, how will others look at me? One of the main reasons why I can be where I am today is that I'm a student of Ling Xiao Academy and Elder Dan Qing's favorite top student! If I lose this backer...

"I've already made myself very clear. I can't bear the name of being your mentor. In the future, you should directly have someone else as your mentor." Elder Dan Qing seemed to be unaffected by her reaction and drew the line very clearly. Then, he turned around and planned to rest.

Jiang Zhiyuan hurriedly ran forward and blocked his path. "Mentor, I know that I'm wrong. Please give me another chance!"

Jiang Zhiyuan spoke as two streams of tears flowed down her face. "Just consider what I've done the past few years—"

Elder Dan Qing suddenly looked up and glanced at her coldly. Deep annoyance and warning filled his eyes. It was precisely because I considered our relationship in the past few years that I only broke the ties between us and didn't expose everything that she did! If I had done so... She wouldn't even be able to stay in Ling Xiao Academy!

Jiang Zhiyuan knew Elder Dan Qing too well and immediately realized that if she continued pestering him, he would definitely choose to throw everything out of the window! Thus, she swallowed her remaining words.

Elder Dan Qing passed by her and didn't even glance at her from the corner of his eyes. There was also no form of reluctance or reminiscence on his face.

The surroundings fell into dead silence.

Everyone's gazes landed on Jiang Zhiyuan's face.

Jiang Zhiyuan felt like there were many daggers on her back, and she wanted to dig a hole and bury herself in it! Find someone else... That's easier said than done! Being publicly abandoned by Elder Dan Qing, my reputation in the future will be ruined! In Ling Xiao Academy, no other elders will want to accept me! Staying in Ling Xiao Academy without any mentor... is no different from being expelled! I have to figure out a way...

Elder Hua Feng walked to Elder Dan Qing and wanted to ask him a few questions. But seeing that the latter's expression was ugly, he gave up. It seems like... Jiang Zhiyuan did something she shouldn't have.

However, Dan Qing still left the last bit of face for her, so he didn't say exactly what it was. I really don't know what exactly Jiang Zhiyuan did to cause Dan Qing—who has doted on her all the while—to be so harsh...

Very quickly, quite a few clans rushed over from the surroundings. They all gathered at different places respectively.

At this point, Elder Hua Feng and the others finally saw the situation clearly.

In the middle of this place was a gigantic, circular-shaped mountain with nine gullies that spread in different directions. And all these gullies each buried a dragon skeleton.

If they didn't guess wrongly, there should be a corresponding door in each gully. The door that they saw in the beginning should be one of them.

Everyone used these gullies as a dividing line, and they all stared at each other from afar.

Without a doubt, they were all top-tier aristocratic families and clans in the God Residence Realm. Most of the people were injured.

It was silent.

Nobody wanted to stand up.

The crowd fell into a stalemate.

Many people also looked toward the center of the gully. There was obviously something in that place.

Something landed on their foreheads.

Shi Rui'er raised her hand to touch it, and it felt icy cold. "It's snowing."

Feather-like snow fell down.

Roar!

A low and vigorous dragon roar sounded from all areas!

The nine dragon skeletons shrieked toward the sky, and they looked like they wanted to struggle free from the gullies! However, there seemed to be something tightly wrapping around their bodies tightly, trapping them in a solid manner.

Hence, the crowd could only see these dragon skeletons struggle and move crazily.

The mountain in the gully vibrated, and mountain rocks fell!

It was very chaotic.

"There seems to be something inside controlling these dragon skeletons..." Shi Rui'er said with some uncertainty.

"No. To be more accurate, there's a force that suppressed them here..." Elder Hua Feng had a serious expression. Dragon skeletons are never allowed to be left outside, yet there are nine of them here. I don't believe that the dragon clan has given up on these dragon bones. The greatest possibility is that...

the dragon clan can't do anything about this situation either! To be able to act to this extent... Other than the Heavenly Square Cauldron, what else can it be?

At this point, another group of people rushed up from the sides of the gully.

Everyone looked over alertly.

They were the people from Lingyun Mountain.

"Elder Hua Feng." The man at the front walked over as if he wasn't surprised by them leaving and coming back again.

Elder Hua Feng knitted his brows. "How is the situation?"

The other party shook his head. "Originally, we were waiting outside quietly. Later on, the dragon skeletons moved. We noticed that something was amiss and quickly came up."

It was also why they had long predicted that everybody would come over when they detected the commotion on this side.

"The door hasn't been activated yet. We don't know how Chu Yue is as well. Sorry."

Elder Hua Feng waved his hands. "We really have to thank you."

With the current situation, they couldn't do anything about it even if they were here, right?

Jin Di's gaze darted back and forth between Elder Hua Feng and the others, and he squinted his eyes. "What? It seems like... someone from Ling Xiao Academy is also trapped here?"

Everyone was alerted as they all looked over.

The atmosphere suddenly became tense.

"Previously, we were walking in the gully in the northeastern direction. But before we could reach the front, the shocking change happened. We originally thought that everyone was the same, but I didn't expect... someone actually beat us to it?"

"Hah. We did walk to the door, but all of us were either severely injured or dead, and we couldn't even open a gap in that door. It seems like Ling Xiao Academy is indeed special..."

"Now that everyone is outside, and someone from Ling Xiao Academy is inside... If there really is any twist of fate, I'm afraid that one person will gain it all. How envious..."

Everyone spoke up, and they all had a rude tone.

Elder Hua Feng's expression turned cold. Ever since Chu Yue was dragged behind that door, we were all worried that something would happen to him. Why do these people make it sound like Chu Yue has a head start?

He originally wanted to unleash his anger, but he then surveyed his surroundings. Not counting the Flying Star Sect and Lingyun Mountain, there were already a total of seven family clans.

If they work together... Elder Hua Feng took a deep breath in and tried his best to maintain the calmness in his tone. "Everyone, Chu Yue is trapped in it, and it was purely accidental. We don't know what's happening outside as well. I hope—"

"Since Elder Hua Feng doesn't know either, then we better think of a way to get in as soon as possible, right?" Jin Di interrupted him and spoke lazily. He then glanced at the crowd in the surroundings. "There are a total of nine doors here. It would be quite difficult to break down all of them. In my opinion, why don't we choose a door and work together to break it down?"

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Jin Di's suggestion received everyone's approval. Even though they were competitors and didn't really like each other, someone from Ling Xiao Academy had already gone in and broken the balance, so they had to choose to work together at this moment.

The Heavenly Square Cauldron was very possibly inside. What would they do if it was just stolen like that? They went on this trip just for it!

Elder Hua Feng clenched his fists tightly, and his expression turned grave. However, he knew that this matter couldn't be stopped. I don't know how exactly Bo Yan and the rest are now... With the few of us around, we aren't the opposite few people's match. If Chu Yue can really come out safely and has received some fateful item, these people won't let him off so easily.

"Elder Hua Feng, don't you really want to bring that Chu Yue out as well? Why don't we do it together?" teased Jin Di.

The others might not be very clear with the name 'Chu Yue,' but he knew it very well. There weren't many people who could cause the Golden Wings Sect to suffer and still live properly.

Elder Hua Feng hesitated for a moment before nodding. "Why not?! But which door would you want to break?"

Jin Di laughed and said, "Why don't... we start from the door that Chu Yue previously entered? That's currently the only door that has been opened."

Elder Hua Feng nonchalantly said, "You might not know, but that door... has been blocked by rocks, so it's impossible to go in."

"Haha, you don't have to worry about that! The previous commotion was so huge that... the other doors should be in a similar state, right?" As Jin Di spoke, he looked around the crowd. "Everyone, am I right?"

Nobody retorted.

"Since all the doors have been blocked, then..." Even though Jin Di didn't finish his sentence, everyone understood his meaning.

Elder Hua Feng squinted his eyes. "Please..."

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Chu Liuyue seemed to have entered a special state. Her body kept continuously absorbing the surrounding Heaven and Earth Force, and she could clearly feel that invisible barrier.

It was as if she just had to stretch her hand out to smash it and officially become a stage-nine warrior! However, she was faintly a little short of it.

She didn't know how long had passed, and she couldn't even remember how much force she had absorbed.

The water droplet quietly spun in her dantian. The eight lines were very clear and bright, but the ninth line didn't appear.

Chu Liuyue knew that she had to absorb more force than others every time she tried to break through, so she was long prepared. However, she didn't expect there to be such a shocking gap for a stage-eight warrior to become a stage-nine warrior.

Blood seeped out of the corner of her mouth and flowed down her skin which was as white as jade. It dripped onto her clothes and gradually spread across, forming bright red plums.

Her face was extremely pale, and her thick and long lashes cast two faint shadows.

Suddenly, a loud sound was heard from outside!

The ground shook.

The countless black cracks on the tombstone in front of Chu Liuyue seemed to have rainbow lights flashing across them! It was as if something was gradually awakening!

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Boom!

Another loud sound was heard from the gully. Rocks flew up, and dust flew everywhere.

The originally blocked pathway finally had a path cleared after experiencing such an ordeal. Even though it was narrow, it could contain two people walking forward side-by-side, and this was enough for the crowd.

"Elder Hua Feng, since you said that you came here before, then... Why don't you go first?" Jin Di's suggestion received the crowd's approval once again.

Elder Hua Feng sneered in his heart. It sounds nice, but isn't he just afraid that there will be danger in front?! Wanting the treasure but not willing to take risks... He deserves to get nothing!

Without speaking, Elder Hua Feng went forward.

In the front, the hot door was still exuding a shocking warmth. The nearer they were, the more the force in their bodies boiled.

Elder Hua Feng held his breath in. Now, I just hope that Chu Yue is safe inside...

The crowd cleared out a piece of land.

After Elder Hua Feng stood there, he turned around to look at them. "Previously, we tried all sorts of methods to open it, but they were all to no avail. So... Everyone, you should join hands!"

The crowd gradually walked over and stood still in their positions.

The leader of every family clan exchanged glances and finally expressed their agreement. "Everyone, let's work together to open the door. Later... everything will be done with our own abilities!"

Although everyone had their own malicious thoughts, they would still do some perfunctory work now.

Shua!

Waves of dense force flew out as everyone exerted their strength together and tried to open the door!

A smash landed!

Rumble!

The door didn't move at all.

The crowd's expressions changed. This...

Suddenly, a bolt of lightning quickly flashed in the sky! It was so bright that it illuminated half the sky!

Everyone looked up. They saw that dark clouds gathered above the sky, and it was so gloomy that it looked like night was about to fall.

A storm brewed, and the winds howled.

Countless thunderbolts continuously appeared behind the clouds! From afar, they looked like snakes crazily swimming around!

"Strange weather phenomenon... Is a treasure about to appear?!" Shocked and excited voices could be heard from the crowd.

This is an extraordinary phenomenon... The rumored Heavenly Square Cauldron is truly about to appear!

However, someone very quickly denied this guess. "No! The Heaven and Earth Force has gathered together! Someone is clearly about to break through!"

When precious treasures appeared... Although they would trigger a phenomenon, they wouldn't gather so much Heaven and Earth Force. It could only be that someone was breaking through!

Elder Hua Feng's heart skipped a beat. Could it be...

Rumble!

A bolt of lightning suddenly struck—it went straight to the center of the nine dragon skeletons!

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This is Chu Yue breaking through?! This thought quickly surfaced in Elder Hua Feng's mind, but it was rapidly denied. Chu Yue has just broken through to become a stage-eight warrior. How could he possibly continuously break through in such a short amount of time? Besides, breaking through as a beginner

stage-eight warrior to become an intermediate stage-eight warrior—or even a peak stage-eight warrior—definitely wouldn't cause such a huge commotion. Then... it should be someone else? There must be other incredible characters hidden inside!

Elder Hua Feng couldn't help but be even more worried. The situation was nerve-racking, and he wondered how Chu Yue was inside.

Boom!

Just when he was very worried, the lightning in the sky struck continuously!

The thick snow started to melt, revealing the rocks underneath.

To the surrounding crowd, the middle rock was like an isolated island, and it was only connected to the nine dragon skeletons around it.

Feeling this energy ripple, the people standing at the front took a few steps back instinctively, and their expressions turned ugly. What does this mean? Everyone has worked together, but we still can't go in. Then, do we have to just wait here? Let's not mention that lightning bolts keep striking, almost swallowing the entire place whole!

"This phenomenon... Could it be that someone is breaking through to the Apotheosis Realm..."

At this point, everyone's attention was gathered here.

Elder Dan Qing wasn't an exception. As he was injured, he stood at a position toward the back, and his eyes were tightly glued to the front.

Suddenly, a weak and gentle voice sounded from behind. "...Mentor?"

Elder Dan Qing turned around, and unconcealable disgust flashed across his eyes. "I said that I'm no longer your mentor. You should save this form of address for someone else!"

Jiang Zhiyuan's heart turned ice-cold from his gaze. After so many years in the academy, Mentor has never looked at me with such an expression...

She bit her lips and acted as if she wanted to kneel.

Elder Dan Qing sneered. "You don't have to do such useless things. Even if you destroy your knees, I will never take back what I said earlier!"

Jiang Zhiyuan's movements suddenly froze, and she didn't know what to do. I was born with a distinguished status and have always been doted on. Since when have I suffered such humiliation? Elder Dan Qing broke ties with me in front of so many people and almost nailed me to the pillar of humiliation. How am I supposed to accept it? I have to try my best to salvage it!

"Mentor, I know that... what I previously did disappointed you. I don't want to defend myself; I just hope you'll give me a chance." Tears welled up in Jiang Zhiyuan's eyes. "You've already seen my current state. I'm neither like a human nor a ghost. If you don't help me, how am I supposed to live in the academy—in the God Residence Realm—in the future? You—"

"What has that got to do with me?" Elder Dan Qing's expression turned cold and nonchalant. "Jiang Zhiyuan, Fairy Water Mound wouldn't want the things you've done to spread around the God Residence Realm, right?"

Jiang Zhiyuan seemed to be slapped by someone as her face flashed green and white. Finally, she clenched her teeth and looked down. "I understand."

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Hong hong hong!

As time passed, the number of lightning bolts in the sky kept increasing instead of reducing.

The bright rays of light pierced through the dark clouds, causing one to be unable to look straight at them.

Crack!

A crisp shattering sound was suddenly heard!

"This mountain rock is about to collapse!" Jin Di saw it clearly—a crack pierced through the door from top to bottom!

A tremendous aura seeped out from within!

"Quickly disperse!" Jin Di's expression swiftly changed. We are definitely no match for this force!

Before he could finish his sentence, his figure had already disappeared from the spot.

The others standing in the surroundings slowly reacted. Some people left quickly, while others didn't believe it and wanted to go up to take a look personally.

After a momentary pause, those few people were consecutively enveloped by that shocking force and then flung out!

Roar!

The dragon roar seemed to have a hint of struggle and pain. At first glance, it seemed like it was trying its best to struggle free of the invisible restriction!

Elder Hua Feng quickly retreated as well!

Crack!

Cracks rapidly filled the mountain rock—they were like a spider web! It was as if something was about to break through it!

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Chu Liuyue's eyes flew open! Her pair of eyes were dark yet bright, her aura light yet tremendous!

Countless bolts of lightning swam around her limbs and all around her! Every inch of her muscles and veins was rapidly strengthening!

She gathered all the force in her body and slammed against the water droplet in her dantian!

Rumble!

She heard a shocking sound, and waves of ripples formed on the water droplet.

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat. Then, she saw the ninth line slowly appear!

That line seemed to have gathered all the colors in the world, and it was magnificent! With one glance, it seemed to be able to cause one to fall within it unwittingly!

A holy and strong aura suddenly erupted from within—stage-nine warrior!

Coincidentally, the tombstone in front of Chu Liuyue suddenly broke into pieces at this moment!

Thump!

Countless black shards flew toward the surroundings! At that moment, they filled the entire room!

Chu Liuyue was coincidentally surrounded in the middle.

She focused her gaze and looked forward.

Those black shards were of different sizes. Some were the size of a nail, while others were only as big as a sesame seed.

They floated quietly like stars that kept glowing and extinguishing, shining non-stop. There seemed to be a special and invisible force in between these shards that connected them, forming a gigantic web!

A strong pressure silently spread from it!

A cold glow flashed across Chu Liuyue's eyes. This web has already trapped me within!

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A thought flashed across Chu Liuyue's mind as she immediately summoned the pure gold armor!

A golden light dazzled, causing her skin to look like jade and her eyes to look like stars.

Following this, she took a step forward and held the Chi Xiao Sword in her hands!

These few movements were very simple, but Chu Liuyue still felt a heavy suppression.

She held the Chi Xiao Sword tightly.

I can now confirm that not only is this a certain strong warrior's tomb, but it is also their God Realm! Hence, the flow of time here is vastly different from the outside. After I broke through as a stage-nine warrior, it can still pose a huge threat to me.

The surrounding force was rich, and it kept increasing—this created some threat to the human body. If she couldn't leave here as soon as possible, even Chu Liuyue couldn't guarantee how much longer she could stay here.

She turned and walked toward the door. As she moved, the surrounding air flowed as well, bringing along the floating black shards.

The air seemed to become sticky.

Chu Liuyue didn't stop and walked until she was three steps away from the door. She then took a deep breath in, held the sword with both hands, and raised it up high!

Dense force rapidly surrounded the Chi Xiao Sword!

Without hesitation, she slashed her sword!

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Crack!

A straight opening suddenly appeared on the tightly locked door, and countless cracks spread!

Everyone looked over in shock. They saw a slim and long figure stepping out from within—it was a young man with a clear appearance, and he looked like he was about 16 or 17 years old!

At this moment, he held an extremely sharp longsword and was exuding a stunning aura as harsh combative intent flashed across his eyes. It was as if he wanted to smash everything here!

"Chu Yue?!" Elder Hua Feng said in elation, almost unable to believe his eyes.

Who could that cool young man who had stunned the crowd be if it weren't Chu Yue?!

Hearing this, everyone was taken aback. Chu Yue? The one that previously went in?! He actually came out alive! Besides...

"You broke through?!" As he was too shocked, Elder Hua Feng's voice trembled slightly. If I haven't guessed wrongly, Chu Yue's current cultivation level is clearly... stage-nine warrior?! When he went in, wasn't he just a beginner stage-eight warrior? How has he now—

After Chu Liuyue broke open the door, she noticed that something was amiss and rapidly surveyed the surroundings. After taking a glance, she had basically already guessed what was going on. It seems like the previous commotion summoned all the top-tier families that were journeying in the Flood-Desert Northern Region.

Hearing this voice, she looked at Elder Hua Feng with much focus. Her gaze flickered slightly, and she asked the question in her heart. "Elder, how long has it been?"

Elder Hua Feng immediately answered, "Three days. From when you were locked inside to now, it has been three days."

It has only been three days... Chu Liuyue narrowed her eyes. I had clearly spent a very long time inside. I even felt that a few months or even a year had passed. But as I was focused on breaking through later on, I didn't notice how long it had been. I didn't expect that only a short three days had passed outside after experiencing so many changes inside.

Seeing her expression, Elder Hua Feng immediately realized something. It seems like the flow of time inside was greatly different from the outside world. Thus... Chu Yue directly broke through to become a stage-nine warrior in such a short amount of time! But no matter what, it is for the best that he could come out safely!

He opened his mouth and had a ton of questions to ask, but when it hit his tongue, he didn't know how to express it. In the end, he only waved toward Chu Liuyue. "Naughty kid, come back now!"

Does he know how worried we were during this period!?

Chu Liuyue curved her eyes and moved her figure, about to go over.

"Wait a minute!" At the side, a low and powerful holler suddenly stopped Chu Liuyue.

Chu Liuyue's gaze turned.

The person talking was a muscular middle-aged man. That face was very unfamiliar, but at this point, he clearly looked like he was targeting Chu Liuyue.

The incoming person is an enemy! Chu Liuyue became alert. "May I know who Senior is—"

"Golden Wings Sect's Jin Di!" He was filled with confidence, and his voice even had some faint hints of teasing.

His gaze swept across the Chi Xiao Sword in Chu Liuyue's hands, and he sneered ambiguously. "It seems like you're using this item rather nicely?"

Chu Liuyue held the Chi Xiao Sword tightly, but her gaze was calm. It's normal for the Golden Wings Sect to have enmity against me. Anyway, now that the Chi Xiao Sword is mine, they can't get it back no matter what.

"Kid, you're quite lucky. Not counting the rare treasure you got, but you're even thinking of fighting for others... Chu Yue, on account of Ling Xiao Academy, I'll give you a chance. Immediately hand over all the items you gained inside—they're not things you can take!"

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows slightly and realized that those people at the side didn't retort as if they agreed with his words. However... I only borrowed the tremendous force inside and broke through to become a stage-nine warrior. How am I supposed to return it?

"Senior Jin Di, please forgive me for being stupid, but... What exactly are you referring to?" Even though Chu Liuyue didn't understand it in her heart, she was still very polite on the surface.

In front of so many people, she didn't want to attract trouble out of nowhere.

Jin Di sneered, and his tone became annoyed. "What, you're denying it?"

Chu Liuyue calmly said, "If you don't make yourself clear, I really don't know what you're talking about."

Jin Di laughed. "You're still putting on a pretense... We naturally want the Heavenly Square Cauldron!"

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Chu Liuyue's heart sank.

Someone interrupted from the side, "That's right! As long as you hand the Heavenly Square Cauldron over, everything else can be discussed!"

Chu Liuyue took a glance. She didn't recognize the person talking, but it seemed like he was an important character from some top-tier clan.

Those who could come here weren't ordinary characters, so their words naturally had more weight.

Chu Liuyue silently surveyed her surroundings.

Many people did not speak, but they clearly shared the same stance as Jin Di.

Seeing that Chu Liuyue didn't speak for some time, Jin Di thought that she had obtained some treasure and refused to part with it. He continued, "Chu Yue, you're still young. There are some things that you can't touch. Even if you're lucky for a moment, you might not be able to keep it. It will only become a hot potato in your hands and attract trouble, so... Why don't you just hand the item over? We'll accept this favor of yours. How about that?"

Chu Liuyue suddenly realized what was going on. "Oh, does everyone think that I obtained the Heavenly Square Cauldron inside?"

Nobody answered, but everyone's expressions clearly showed 'obviously.'

Clearly, they all thought in this manner. Not to mention the huge commotion incurred, but all of them worked together and couldn't even open the door previously. Yet, Chu Yue could slash it open with one sword!

How could one not suspect anything?

Seeing everyone's reactions, Chu Liuyue was caught between laughter and tears. They really can imagine... Even though the Heavenly Square Cauldron is indeed with me, I didn't obtain it in this manner. Besides, isn't it quite shameless for them to want my things just because they do? They're even asking for it in such a pompous manner!

Chu Liuyue raised her brows slightly and faintly said, "Everyone, sorry to disappoint, but other than successfully breaking through to become a stage-nine warrior, I didn't obtain anything from inside."

The moment she said that, the surroundings fell silent.

Quite a few people exchanged glances and knitted their brows, clearly in disbelief. What... Nothing? How could this be possible!?

Jin Di's expression became cold as murderous intent quickly flashed across his eyes. "So this means that you're not willing to hand the item over?"

Chu Liuyue laughed. "I didn't get anything, so how am I supposed to give you anything? Everyone, you think that I obtained the Heavenly Square Cauldron inside, but can I ask... What evidence do you have?"

She was inside, but they were outside. During the entire process, the door was tightly shut.

She didn't believe that they had seen anything!

"Perhaps the evidence is with you!" As Jin Di spoke, he suddenly went on his toes and rapidly rushed toward Chu Liuyue! "Since you want to do this the hard way, don't blame me for being rude!"

"Jin Di, how dare you!?" Seeing this, Elder Hua Feng was stunned and immediately flew up!

Chu Liuyue's figure flashed, and she disappeared from the spot.

How is he so fast? When all the spectators saw this, they were taken aback.

"How is this a speed that a stage-nine warrior can have?! This Chu Yue is clearly problematic!"

"That's right! I heard that he was previously a stage-eight warrior. However, he's continuously broken through after a few days of entering the area to become a stage-nine warrior. If the Heavenly Square Cauldron isn't with him, where can it be?"

"Why are you still dreaming? Quickly go up! If we're any later, the people from the Golden Wings Sect will snatch all the treasures!"

Very quickly, everyone rushed out. Everybody was in a mess, and their target was Chu Liuyue!

At this point, a loud sound was suddenly heard from far away.

Chu Liuyue looked up, and shock flashed across her eyes.

The world was completely dark. A transparent fire burned crazily in mid-air!

Within that was a transparent square cauldron, and it floated quietly—it was the Heavenly Square Cauldron!

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All the colors and lights in the world seemed to be occupied by that one square cauldron. A tremendous and holy aura exuded from within, shocking everyone!

"Heavenly Square Cauldron!" Someone suddenly gasped.

People rapidly changed their directions and rushed toward that side!

Jin Di glanced at Chu Liuyue doubtfully. So the large commotion that previously occurred wasn't the Heavenly Square Cauldron appearing?

He sneered, "Chu Yue, we're not over!"

Then, his figure flashed across and followed the crowd to that side!

"Chu Yue, are you okay?" Elder Hua Feng went forward and nervously sized her up.

Chu Liuyue slightly smiled. "Elder, don't worry. I'm doing great."

Elder Hua Feng then heaved a sigh of relief and looked at Chu Liuyue with unconcealable admiration and exclamation. "I didn't expect you... to have such a twist of fate!"

In such a short amount of days, Chu Yue broke through from a stage-eight warrior to become a stage-nine warrior. If word got out, many people would be envious!

Chu Liuyue raised her chin toward that side. "Elder, everyone went to fight for that Heavenly Square Cauldron. Are you... not going?"

"That item is a treasure, but we didn't come for it this time. Besides, so many people have gone to take a first look at it. It won't be easy."

It would be another intense bloodbath again.

Now, he could only try his best to find Bo Yan, the other elders, and the hundreds of students from the academy as soon as possible. As for other things, he wasn't interested in them at all.

Chu Liuyue nodded. "That... Heavenly Square Cauldron's appearance is indeed strange. Let's just silently observe the changes."

Then, she glanced toward the side and realized that the group of people from Lingyun Mountain had gone over.

Yet, Shi Rui'er flew toward her. "It's great that Junior Brother Chu Yue is fine."

Hearing the duo's conversation, she seemed to heave a sigh of relief.

The elder with white brows urged her from behind. "Second Miss, we have to hurry up! If this drags on, the Heavenly Square Cauldron will be snatched by other people!"

Different from Ling Xiao Academy, they came for that treasure this time. Now that it finally appeared before them, how could they not fight for it?

Shi Rui'er nodded toward Elder Hua Feng and Chu Liuyue. "Elder, Chu Yue, we'll go over first—"

"Senior Sister," said Chu Liuyue suddenly as she tried to advise her. "If such a holy weapon wants to appear, it would definitely cause a huge commotion. But that item appeared silently just now, so it's really strange. I think... there's no need to be so anxious first. Perhaps you should watch and examine it more carefully."

Shi Rui'er was dazed. "That makes sense..."

She was born from a distinguished family and had seen a holy weapon before. If one wanted to obtain a treasure of such a level, it normally depended on fate.

Even if one rushed over first, they might not be able to get the treasure's recognition, not to mention that so many people had already rushed forward first.

She hesitated for a moment before nodding. "Then, we'll go over first and see what exactly is going on."

Chu Liuyue's heart tingled, and she nodded lightly. Coincidentally, I also want to go over and see what exactly it is.

"Second Miss—" The elder furrowed his white brows as if he wanted to convince her otherwise.

However, Shi Rui'er lightly shook her head toward him.

The elder with white brows finally swallowed his remaining words and glanced at Chu Liuyue in confusion. This young man comes from an unknown background, and Second Miss seems to think very highly of him. She even chose to listen to his suggestion at such a time. This...

He suppressed his doubts and followed Shi Rui'er and the rest to go forward.

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"There has always been one Heavenly Square Cauldron from last time until now." The legendary three-eyed eagle's voice sounded deeply. "The one in front must be fake."

Chu Liuyue gave an imperceptible nod. "But that aura is indeed rather similar to the real Heavenly Square Cauldron."

If it weren't because the true item was in her hands, she would've also been tricked by the scene before her. Even she could mistake this, let alone the others.

The legendary three-eyed eagle sounded annoyed. "If it's fake, it's fake. It will never be real."

As they spoke, Chu Liuyue and the rest had already reached the area and stopped about 300 feet before the Heavenly Square Cauldron.

The group of people that first arrived was relatively nearer and had already surrounded the gigantic, transparent square cauldron.

Perhaps it was because of the shocking suppression or they were afraid of the other competitors present, but after they came, nobody took action first.

It was silent. Only the pairs of eyes that glowed with excitement and greed revealed their inner thoughts clearly.

Chu Liuyue looked over.

A ball of fire burned in mid-air in a hot and intense manner.

The gigantic transparent square cauldron floated quietly within. From the outside, it seemed exactly the same as the one in her body—even the patterns engraved on it were exactly the same.

Except for one aspect—the aura was different. Previously, she didn't realize it. But now that she was closer, she immediately realized that this item was indeed a fake.

No matter how similar their appearances were, the aura inside was still different, so they couldn't be compared.

It was a pity that these people who hadn't seen the true Heavenly Square Cauldron wouldn't be able to differentiate it.

Chu Liuyue surveyed her surroundings and quickly found a deep trench on the ground below the transparent square cauldron.

The thick ice had already melted, and even the surface of the ground had flown away. The dark edges of the deep trench faintly exuded a scorched smell.

It seemed like it rushed out from underneath. Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes and fell into deep thought. Someone clearly had set this up in advance, but... I wonder why exactly the other party did this?

Suddenly, the transparent square cauldron spun in mid-air!

Everyone waited strictly! Then, the transparent fire suddenly exploded!

Rumble!

The terrifying heat wave spread in all directions!

Chu Liuyue didn't directly face it head-on and chose to move backward directly. But at this moment, a painful groan was heard.

She rapidly turned around and saw that Shi Rui'er's shoulder was harshly whipped by a fire whip! Her muscles and skin flipped!

Whoosh!

A black figure appeared before Shi Rui'er and protected her tightly. It was her fiend—the legendary three-eyed eagle!

However, the legendary three-eyed eagle's appearance didn't allow Shi Rui'er to escape safely. It even attracted even bigger trouble! This was because after it appeared, that transparent square cauldron suddenly rushed toward Shi Rui'er!

The fire burned intensely and brightly as it immediately formed two fire whips and wrapped her from the right and left sides, easily trapping Shi Rui'er within!

Everyone was stunned by this scene. "Did this Heavenly Square Cauldron choose Shi Rui'er?"

But the next moment, their guess was shattered. That was because the surrounding transparent fire had relentlessly attacked Shi Rui'er!