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Once this was said, the venue fell silent for a moment.

Elder Wen Xi sized Chu Liuyue up in shock and realized that her surrounding aura was indeed much stronger than before!

"You... broke through?!" he muttered in disbelief. Didn't this kid say that he wasn't feeling well a few days ago? At that time, Elder Meng also looked very worried, which caused me to feel uneasy for a few days. But not only did his injuries recover, he even broke through in the blink of an eye!

As Chu Liuyue had the Yuan instrument given by Dugu Mobao that specifically hid one's aura, Elder Wen Xi and the rest couldn't detect her current cultivation level even when standing near her.

Chu Liuyue said rather embarrassedly, "I just broke through to become an intermediate stage-nine warrior."

Actually, she could continue breaking through. In the pagoda, she seemed to have entered a mysterious and peculiar state.

The surrounding Heaven and Earth Force kept entering her body, and it merged with her veins and bones at an extraordinary speed.

The entire process was natural and smooth. Chu Liuyue was determined and didn't allow any accidents to happen this time.

She smoothly broke through to an intermediate stage-nine warrior. After that, her body didn't stop absorbing that force.

Chu Liuyue knew very clearly that if she continued cultivating, she could basically successfully break through to become a peak stage-nine warrior.

On the one hand, she already had a Tianjing Yuan meridian now and had outstanding talent. On the other hand, she originally had memories and experience in this aspect, so she could directly break through on her own without any guidance from others.

But after some thought, she still decided to pause.

Any cultivator had the wish to become stronger, and Chu Liuyue wasn't an exception. However, she had always been very meticulous in this aspect.

She felt that her recent speed of breaking through was a little too fast. Even if it was mainly because she encountered some unexpected events in between, she was still very careful.

"But..." The corner of Elder Wen Xi's lips twitched. Is this phrasing really suitable?!

But looking at Chu Liuyue's genuine appearance, he couldn't say anything to retort her. This kid... This kid is essentially a maniac! Didn't I already know it since the first day he entered the academy?!

On the other hand, Elder Wan Zheng quickly accepted this fact. "Hahaha! You are indeed my—Wan Zheng's disciple!"

Very outstanding!

Elder Wen Xi glanced at him deeply. Can you not be so quick to accept it? Even if stranger things happen to your disciple, you will feel that it's normal, right!?

The calmest one was Rong Xiu.

Chu Liuyue had stayed at Fengmin Mountain these few days, so he knew that she wanted to try to break through again. This wasn't a difficult task for her, but what surprised him was that she didn't even break through to become a peak stage-nine warrior and even...

She probably didn't have enough time... Rong Xiu's expression changed.

"Forget it, forget it. Let's not talk about this first. It's getting late, and those people are already waiting outside. Let's quickly go over!" Elder Wen Xi reacted and hurriedly urged them.

Chu Liuyue slightly nodded, and the corner of her lips curled up. "Okay."

Her eyes dazzled like the stars, and she looked relaxed and leisurely as if she didn't realize what kind of trouble was waiting for her.

Elder Wen Xi sighed in his heart. No matter what, we have to protect this kid!

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"Chu Yue!" Just when the few people were rushing toward the outside of the academy, a familiar voice sounded.

Chu Liuyue stopped in her tracks and looked over.

Those few people were rushing over from the opposite mountain.

Luo Shishi, Luo Yanming, and Zhuo Sheng were all familiar people. The most important thing was that there was a face she hadn't seen in a long time.

Chu Liuyue's heart tingled, and the corner of her lips curled up. "Hongyu, why are you here?"

Even though she did come out a few days ago, she went directly to Dong Huang Clock Tower. After discussing with Elder Bo Yan and the others, she directly returned to Fengmin Mountain, so nobody told her about Mu Hongyu coming to the academy.

Now that Chu Liuyue suddenly saw her, she was very surprised.

Mu Hongyu's almond-like eyes lit up, and she hurriedly rushed over.

She originally wanted to go over and give Chu Liuyue a huge hug, but when she reached the latter, she suddenly recalled that Chu Liuyue had come here with another identity. Hence, she hurriedly stopped in her tracks. However, her happily dancing manner was clearly seen by the surrounding crowd.

"I've been here for a few days! However, you've been staying at Fengmin Mountain the whole time, so we didn't meet." Mu Hongyu spoke emotionally as she sized Chu Liuyue up. "How have you been these few months in the academy?"

She had mostly heard about those incidents and couldn't help but be worried.

Chu Liuyue couldn't help but lightly knock against her forehead. "Do I look like I'm not okay?"

Anyone could tell that these two people were very close.

Luo Shishi pressed her lips together and felt an ache in her heart. I have never seen Chu Yue this comfortable and casual with any woman. Is Mu Hongyu... indeed different? Such a Chu Yue is quite different from the polite and well-mannered one I know.

Luo Yanming glanced at his own relative from the corner of his eyes and sighed in his heart. However, he also heaved a sigh of relief. Outsiders can see it the clearest. Chu Yue clearly doesn't like Luo Shishi and only treats her as a friend. Now that things haven't gone south, it is best for her to give up.

Seeing that Chu Liuyue could still joke, Mu Hongyu felt much more secure. "I knew you could definitely do it!"

Chu Liuyue looked at her and suddenly asked strangely, "You broke through to become a stage-nine warrior?"

"Yeah! Before I came here, I broke through at the Red—home." Mu Hongyu stuck her tongue out. "Mentor and the rest sent me here."

Chu Liuyue instantly understood. It seems like Diwu Zhangze and the rest helped her.

While she was surprised, Chu Liuyue couldn't help but sigh emotionally. With such a physique and talent, others can't be envious of Mu Hongyu. I managed to break through to become a peak stage-nine warrior in such a short time because of all sorts of fateful twists. However, Mu Hongyu just cultivated with Diwu Zhangze and the rest at the Red Moon Desert for a few months to successfully break through and become a stage-nine warrior. If word got out, many people would be envious.

"Chu Yue, Hongyu, if you want to catch up, why don't you do it later?" Elder Wen Xi couldn't help but interrupt. "The time..."

Chu Liuyue smiled and nodded. Although she wasn't worried that she would be late, she didn't want to put Elder Wen Xi in a difficult spot. "You're right. Hongyu, I'll go first then. You can wait for me in the academy."

However, Mu Hongyu suddenly took a step forward. "Chu Yue, I want... to go with you!"

She faintly knew what was going on outside and was very worried. At this point, she didn't want to let Liuyue face it alone.

It was fine even if she just stood beside her.

Elder Wen Xi knitted his brows. "This isn't—"

"Okay." Chu Liuyue nodded lightly and agreed to Mu Hongyu's request.

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Chu Liuyue's reply was unexpected.

The people present were all dazed for a moment and almost thought that they had misheard. One just has to think to know how dangerous it is at such a place! He still wants to bring someone along?

However, Mu Hongyu was elated and hurriedly nodded. No matter what, I definitely can't watch Liuyue get bullied!

Seeing that Chu Liuyue had a determined attitude, Elder Wen Xi thought for a while and didn't object to it. It is just one more student after all, and it doesn't affect much.

"You can go if you want. But Hongyu, you can't randomly talk when you get there. Do you understand?"

Mu Hongyu covered her mouth and hurriedly nodded.

"Let's go then!"

Once Elder Wen Xi said this, he heard Luo Shishi's voice from behind. "Mentor, I want to go too!"

"Shishi?" Luo Yanming and Zhuo Sheng looked at her strangely. Previously, Fourth Brother had already instructed us to stay in the academy and try not to interfere in this matter because the Luo family wasn't on the invitation list. Now, Luo Shishi actually wants to follow them? Is she joking?

However, Luo Shishi was very insistent. She looked at Elder Wen Xi in a begging manner. "Mentor, I guarantee you that I'll be obedient when I'm there, and I won't utter a single word."

Why do all of them want to go?! Elder Wen Xi felt his head ache. If we continue arguing, we really won't get there in time!

He made up his mind. "Let's go together!"

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Inside Fangzhou City, it was peaceful on the wide and straight square.

The crowd sat together in groups.

In the beginning, everyone could still exchange pleasantries. But as time passed, the atmosphere slowly became colder and stiffer.

From time to time, some people looked toward Ling Xiao Academy's people. Some even revealed frustrated expressions.

If it weren't for Elder Bo Yan and the others there, they wouldn't have held themselves back.

"I couldn't tell, but this Chu Yue is such a diva." A voice that was neither loud nor soft sounded in the crowd with a few hints of mockery.

"The only person who could obtain a fateful encounter in the Flood-Desert Northern Region is naturally different." Someone chuckled, but the laughter was piercing.

Elder Bo Yan pretended that he didn't hear it.

Didn't they just say some mean words? What was there to care about it? As long as these people didn't truly fight, everything could be discussed.

At the side, Jin Di stroked his stubble and couldn't help but sneer. "I heard that Chu Yue is just a stage-nine warrior, but he already thinks so highly of himself. If he breaks through and reaches the Apotheosis Realm in the future, won't he be even more amazing? At that time, it'll be hard if we want to meet him once! Hah!"

Quite a few of their faces started turning ugly. He is just a junior, but he actually caused so many of us to wait here and didn't show his face at all. He is indeed arrogant!

"Senior Jin Di, that's not quite right." A clear voice—which was like the spring water in the mountains that flowed down—broke the stiff atmosphere.

Upon hearing this, the crowd immediately looked toward Ling Xiao Academy's side.

A few figures were slowly flying out from within—the person talking was indeed Chu Yue!

They were very fast, and they reached the square in no time.

Countless gazes swept across them one by one. When they looked at Rong Xiu and Chu Liuyue later, their gazes stopped there longer.

They had an unknown meaning.

Only Elder Bo Yan and the others were stunned when they saw Mu Hongyu and others following behind. But in front of so many people, they couldn't ask in detail.

They were just a few students and didn't affect the big picture.

Chu Liuyue still smiled and said, "Compared to everyone, my status is low, and I really don't dare to be unruly. However, I was indeed delayed by some matters earlier, so I was late. I, Chu Yue, will apologize to everyone here."

As she spoke, she really bent slightly and bowed toward them. Then, she smiled and looked at Jin Di. "With what you said just now, you might've... underestimated everyone's statuses too much, right?"

Is he saying that I purposely looked down on the people present?! Jin Di's expression changed. "You—"

"I know that all the seniors came a long way here because some matters caused a misunderstanding and that you would like me to give an explanation for it." The topic changed, and Chu Liuyue had already passed the previous topic.

Jin Di felt stifled, and his anger was stuck in his throat, neither going up nor down. It made him feel very uncomfortable! This Chu Yue... He's really cunning to the maximum!

He scoffed coldly. Escape? Can he escape? Today, I must skin Chu Yue alive!

The others had already shifted their attention because Chu Liuyue had changed the topic.

"That's right. Since you're straightforward, we won't talk nonsense anymore. Chu Yue, regarding those rumors related to you recently, what do you have to say about them?" On the other side, an elder in a black robe stroked his beard and questioned Chu Liuyue with a low voice.

He had to give Chu Yue a chance to explain. If not, they would seem to be unreasonable and domineering.

Chu Liuyue nodded lightly. "I'll give everyone a clear and logical explanation."

"Chu Yue, come here." Elder Bo Yan suddenly spoke, waved to Chu Liuyue, and pointed at the seat next to him.

Even though this meeting was an interrogation targeted at Chu Yue, he didn't want Chu Yue to seem like he was a criminal and be bullied and ridiculed by the others.

Chu Liuyue felt a slight warmth in her heart.

Not any ordinary person could sit beside Elder Bo Yan. This represented Elder Bo Yan and the entire Ling Xiao Academy's support for her!

She hesitated for a moment and walked over.

On the other side, Baili Chun already looked toward Rong Xiu. His expression was slightly dark. "Your Grace, we haven't seen each other in a while, yet you forgot to even greet me?"

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Rong Xiu smiled slightly, and his thin lips curled up into an extremely faint smile, yet the depths of his phoenix eyes were nonchalant. "Greetings, Clan Leader."

He lightly nodded, but even though he was greeting, his entire aura wasn't reduced at all. This made his elegant, distinguished, and peerless manner even more obvious.

In front of Baili Chun, he didn't lose out at all.

Baili Chun's heart sank. After not seeing him for a few years, the current Rong Xiu is even harder to handle than back then. I can even recall Rong Xiu's youthful appearance when I chose to go into seclusion back then. In the blink of an eye, that young man actually turned into another person and became a huge power holder today! I still underestimated Rong Xiu!

"Clan Leader, I didn't know you came out of seclusion. I didn't hear the news." Rong Xiu chuckled. "If I knew, I would definitely come forward to welcome you personally."

Baili Chun suppressed the overwhelming emotions in his heart. "It just happened two days ago. I originally wanted to send you a message to tell you, but I later heard about the incident here, so I decided to come forward personally. I thought we'd meet eventually, so I didn't trouble them any longer."

"I see. Clan Leader seems to have broken through again after coming out of seclusion this time? I really have to congratulate you."

This sentence finally made Baili Chun's expression loosen up. He grunted and pulled at the corner of his lips. "This can't compare to the sudden improvements you made the past few years, Your Grace."

However, this wasn't him being polite.

After exiting seclusion, he specifically asked Yu Jing and the rest a few questions. Among them included questions about Rong Xiu's current ability.

But in actual fact, Yu Jing and the rest didn't have much understanding of this. That was because Rong Xiu didn't spend a lot of time in the Sky-Cloud Empire in the last few years.

And every time he came back, it was basically in a hurry. So how would they know?

It was just an occasional and rough guess. But even so, it wasn't hard to guess Rong Xiu's basic abilities.

After being taken aback, although Baili Chun was unhappy, he could only accept it.

Rong Xiu was originally a genius that appeared only once in a thousand years, so it was normal for him to have such a cultivation speed. Others couldn't be envious at all, including him.

Rong Xiu's gaze lightly swept past the young man at the side, but it was cold and as harsh as a blade.

Jiang Zhiyuan's heart tightened. Without raising her head, she could already feel Rong Xiu's gaze wrapping her as if he could directly see through her.

She guiltily hung her head even lower. My face is disguised. My figure and even my aura were hidden by Baili Chun specifically as well. Logically speaking, there shouldn't be any loopholes...

"Who is this? Why haven't I seen him before?" Rong Xiu spoke up and asked slowly.

Baili Chun knitted his brows. "Xiao Liu—I just promoted him from below. I saw that he had quite a lot of potential, so I decided to bring him around. There are so many people in the Sky-Cloud Empire, Your Grace. You might not have seen every single one of them, right?"

Rong Xiu suddenly laughed. "You're right. It's definitely not an ordinary person that can gain your liking. My eyesight is probably bad, and I actually didn't realize such a person existed in the past."

As long as he had seen them before, he recognized every single person in the entire Sky-Cloud Empire—even if it was a humble servant.

And this person... Rong Xiu smiled and retracted his gaze.

Without that oppressive gaze, Jiang Zhiyuan instantly heaved a sigh of relief in her heart.

A gush of coldness attacked her. Then, she realized that her back was drenched in cold sweat.

She secretly gritted her teeth. Rong Xiu just looked at me twice. Why am I so useless... I just hope that he can't see anything!

Originally, Jiang Zhiyuan wanted to take the chance to look at the charming face. After all, they hadn't seen each other in a long time.

But at this point, Rong Xiu's sentences made her feel very guilty, and she naturally didn't dare to move around casually. She simply looked down, stood at the side, and didn't dare say another word.

Baili Chun smiled in a fake manner. "Your Grace is busy, so you naturally don't have time to care about this."

There were secret ripples between the duo.

Quite a few people looked over with complicated gazes, and their minds were active. It seems like... the two people with the most power and status in the Sky-Cloud Empire aren't on good terms?

They heard that back when Rong Xiu was found and returned to the Sky-Cloud Empire, this Clan Leader Baili was very against him entering the clan. He even suggested punishing Rong Xiu in the harshest manner on several occasions.

Those punishments would be hard to tolerate even for decent cultivators, let alone Rong Xiu, who was still a child back then.

If it weren't because Rong Xiu took the initiative to summon the Extreme God Sundial and his shocking talent was tested out, he would've really died there. This was also the reason why Rong Xiu and Baili Chun's relationship wasn't good.

This was especially so now, when Rong Xiu held great power, and his one sentence could summon the entire Sky-Cloud Empire.

Baili Chun had no more power in his hands and was only a 'clan leader' in name. How could the two of them stand each other?

"Please rest first. I'll go over." Rong Xiu seemed to ignore Baili Chun's clear and secretive mockery. After politely bowing to him, he turned around to leave.

From start to end, he had a distinguished pride that one couldn't pick out a flaw.

Seeing the tall and fit figure leave, Baili Chun was stifled.

Thinking back, they wanted to settle Rong Xiu directly. But as he displayed outstanding talent, they still chose to let him stay after much discussion.

At that point, he actually didn't really care about Rong Xiu. Even if his mother was the eldest daughter of the Sky-Cloud Empire, his father's background was lowly. With this background, he was destined to be unable to raise his head in the Sky-Cloud Empire in his entire life.

But later on, things started progressing out of his control. It was only until Rong Xiu fought with his life and ascended the position of His Grace that he shockingly realized that he had completely underestimated this young man!

But at that time, everything was too late. Hence, he could only accept the fact that Rong Xiu became His Grace.

However, he still misjudged Rong Xiu's ambitions and capabilities. It was only until he exited seclusion that he realized he had never seen Rong Xiu clearly before.

All the previous matters were small tricks from Rong Xiu! Knowing this earlier, I should've just killed him back then! But what is the use of regretting now? Baili Chun clenched his teeth and had a harsh expression.

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On the other end, Rong Xiu seemed to be completely unaffected and directly sat beside Chu Liuyue.

"Hey, Rong Xiu, your seat is here—" Elder Bo Yan glanced at Rong Xiu from the corner of his eyes and pointed at the seat next to him, reminding the latter.

Rong Xiu leaned back and smiled slightly. "It's the same no matter where I sit."

An idea popped up in Elder Bo Yan's mind, and he didn't continue insisting. Rong Xiu really... spends a lot of effort on Chu Yue.

Chu Liuyue also turned around.

Their eyes met.

She blinked lightly. Originally, Rong Xiu and I should respectively sit on each side of Elder Bo Yan. But now, it became me sitting in the middle of Elder Bo Yan and him. Invisibly, the two powers surrounded me in the middle. This is... clearly showing their support for me?!

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The surroundings fell silent.

Chu Liuyue curved her eyes, retracted her gaze, and looked at the crowd. "Everyone, you've waited long enough. Whatever you want to ask, do ask. I'll definitely answer honestly and tell you everything I know."

Her straightforward and honest manner caused the crowd to be dazed for a moment. She's really direct...

Quite a few people secretly exchanged glances. There are so many questions. Which one should we ask first, and... who should ask?

Chu Liuyue was still smiling as if she were very patient. She didn't plan on wasting her time with these people.

The hesitation at this moment was just because they had their own plans. But in actual fact, their targeting and doubts toward her wouldn't lessen because of this.

"Chu Yue, I have something to ask you!" The first person to stand up was actually Liang Xiaoxiao.

Liang Yiye was also taken aback and hurriedly gave his daughter a look. However, Liang Xiaoxiao seemed to have spoken determinedly, and nobody could stop her.

Chu Liuyue nodded lightly. "Senior Sister Liang, please ask."

Liang Xiaoxiao stared at Chu Liuyue closely as if she wanted to dissect her from inside to out. "Let me ask you this—in the Flood-Desert Northern Region, how did my Third Brother die!?"

"Xiaoxiao!" Liang Yiye couldn't help but yell at her. She could ask such a question privately. Why must you ask it in public? There are people from Ling Xiao Academy present! Isn't this purposely putting them in a spot?

Everyone knows that Ling Xiao Academy has a neutral stance toward such matters. They definitely won't reveal a single word about this! If the people from Ling Xiao Academy misunderstand—

Chu Liuyue shrugged her shoulders and looked helpless. "Sorry, Senior Sister Liang. You should know the academy's rules."

"Of course, I know them!" However, Liang Xiaoxiao didn't look disappointed as she took half a step forward and continued questioning her fellow schoolmate. "I received news that my Third Brother asked you for help back then. The elders originally planned on helping, but you stopped it! Is this matter... true or false?!"

Once she said this, the crowd was stunned, and they all looked at Chu Liuyue in unison. If this is true, then... Chu Yue has an undeniable responsibility for Liang Shaokang's death.

Even Liang Yiye had a look of suspicion. This news... Where did Xiaoxiao hear it from? Why didn't I know about it? But since she has already asked, then... There might be such a possibility!

Jiang Zhiyuan—who was standing behind Baili Chun—still hung her head low, but she was very energized. She heard every single word clearly.

She pressed her lips against each other and squeezed the corner of her clothes with her hands, twisting them unintentionally. She asked... Liang Xiaoxiao really asked! It seems like it wasn't useless to ask Father to send a secret message over! I knew that Liang Shaokang and Liang Xiaoxiao had a good relationship. Additionally, Liang Xiaoxiao is impulsive. Once she is agitated, she can do anything. Now, this cannon is finally pointed toward Chu Yue!

Chu Liuyue smiled and had a calm expression, with no ripples in her eyes. "Senior Sister Liang, I'm just an ordinary student. What right do you have to command an elder? Isn't this too much of an overestimation? Besides, I don't know your Third Brother. Why would I do this?"

"Ordinary student?" Liang Xiaoxiao chuckled in disdain as if she had heard some joke. "You actually have the cheek to say that you're an ordinary student? After entering the Flood-Desert Northern Region, you were trapped again and again. Didn't you all manage to escape successfully because you helped to plan and strategize? Back then, even a few elders seemed rather dependent on you, and they listened to your plans, right?"

Quite a few people looked shocked. Even though they knew that Chu Liuyue received an opportunity in the Flood-Desert Northern Region, they didn't know anything about what Liang Xiaoxiao said.

Now that they suddenly heard it, they were taken aback. The elders... all listened to a teen? This seems ridiculous! However, Liang Xiaoxiao's strong questioning doesn't seem like she is lying.

As if detecting the doubts in the surroundings, Liang Xiaoxiao coldly grunted and said, "Everyone, you might not know, but Jiang Zhiyuan accidentally killed a nine-tailed green crow back then and caused the whole group of nine-tailed green crows to pursue them! In their panic, they had no other choice and no

way to escape. Finally, they followed Chu Yue's escape route. In the end, they successfully reached that gully and thus escaped safely!"

"And my Third Brother might've been killed in that gully!"

"Under such circumstances back then, Chu Yue, your opinion was definitely important and could even affect the elders' decision! Do you dare to admit it?!" Liang Xiaoxiao was agitated, and her face was red. There seemed to be an angry fire burning intensely in her eyes.

However, the crowd was taken aback by her cannonball-like questioning and couldn't recover their senses for a long time.

"Liang Xiaoxiao, you mean... Chu Yue brought them to the gully back then?" asked a middle-aged man suddenly.

Everyone's hearts rose. If this is true, does that not mean that... Chu Yue knew the gully's location from the start?! This involves too many matters!

Instantly, countless questioning gazes landed on Chu Liuyue!

Elder Hua Feng and the others looked tense.

In actual fact, they had been very curious about this. At that time, Chu Yue's performance did seem like... she was very familiar with the Flood-Desert Northern Region. But as Chu Yue didn't say much, they didn't ask further.

Who knew that Liang Xiaoxiao would actually bring this up and point the arrow at Chu Yue!?

How would she know so much in detail?! Someone must have told her about it!

Chu Liuyue was also thinking of this question.

Facing Liang Xiaoxiao's furious interrogation, Chu Liuyue's reaction was much calmer. She tilted her head and knitted her brows slightly as if she were in deep thought.

Liang Xiaoxiao sneered. "What? Are you guilty? You can't make things up?"

Chu Liuyue shook her head and smiled. "No, I was just wondering—weren't you chasing after Jiang Zhiyuan previously? Why do you believe in her words so much now?"

"W-what?" Liang Xiaoxiao's expression froze, and she didn't react in time.

Chu Liuyue blinked and smiled as she patiently explained, "Only a few people know about that situation, and even fewer would be willing to tell you about this. Senior Sister Liang, you might not know, but we were following what Jiang Zhiyuan said back at the Flood-Desert Northern Region."

"We had just arrived at the Flood-Desert Northern Region back then, but we met trouble again and again. After much struggle, we had nowhere to go. Luckily, we met Jiang Zhiyuan later on. She had coincidentally just escaped from a perilous situation and had run for a very long time, so she knew which way was the safest. Hence, we directly chose to follow the path that she led."

As she spoke, Chu Liuyue looked at Shi Rui'er. "Senior Sister Rui'er, what do you think?"

Shi Rui'er's lips curled up. "That's right. Even though I don't like Jiang Zhiyuan normally, she was the most experienced one then, so we all chose to listen to her so that we could escape from the Flood-Desert Northern Region. Jiang Zhiyuan was basically the one who led us all the way. I don't know how... the leader actually became Junior Brother Chu Yue?"

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Shi Rui'er's smile turned slightly cold, and her tone was filled with mockery. "I'm afraid someone is trying their best to push the responsibility to someone else!"

Even though Shi Rui'er didn't report the person's name, who couldn't tell that they were talking about Jiang Zhiyuan?!

Liang Xiaoxiao was also dazed.

She coincidentally received this information a few days ago, but she didn't know who sent it. Originally, she wanted to investigate, but the other party was very discreet. After not being able to find out anything after much work for a few days, she could only set it aside temporarily.

However, she believed in this information in her heart. That was because it was too detailed!

She knew that it was most likely someone traveling with them that revealed this information. However, she never expected it to be Jiang Zhiyuan!

After all, not long ago, she and her father had pursued Jiang Zhiyuan for thousands of miles and caused Jiang Zhiyuan to be like a homeless dog. Jiang Zhiyuan eventually took shelter in the Sky-Cloud Empire and didn't dare to come out.

Jiang Zhiyuan must hate us, so why would she take the initiative to tell us this? But after listening to Shi Rui'er's words, Liang Xiaoxiao then realized that she had thought wrongly! Not only does Jiang Zhiyuan hate us, but she also hates Chu Yue and the academy even more! If she could take this chance to harshly attack her own enemy, why not?! In the end, Jiang Zhiyuan just has to sit aside and enjoy the results!

After recovering her senses, Liang Xiaoxiao's face flashed white and green as she couldn't help but scold angrily, "This b*tch!"

Most of the people present weren't related to Jiang Zhiyuan, so they didn't care when they heard this.

As for Rong Xiu, he always treated Jiang Zhiyuan nonchalantly and coldly, so he naturally wouldn't take it to heart.

The only person who would feel upset upon hearing this was Baili Chun.

But at this point, Liang Xiaoxiao was about to explode out of anger. How could she still care about Baili Chun?

Besides, Jiang Zhiyuan was wrong at first. Even if Baili Chun was unhappy, he had no right to cause a scene!

She didn't know that Jiang Zhiyuan, who was ridiculed by her, was present and heard everything clearly!

Jiang Zhiyuan's heart beat crazily, and her blood seemed to want to rush out as her temples throbbed violently. If she didn't have her last bit of rationality, she wouldn't have held herself back and would've torn Liang Xiaoxiao's mouth!

She clenched her fists tightly, and her knuckles turned white. She suppressed her emotions with much difficulty. Just wait for it... All these people, just wait for it!

"So this means that my Third Brother's death back then—" Liang Xiaoxiao grinded her teeth. "Is it indeed related to her?!"

That b*tch was the one who told the elders not to save him?! Right! Didn't Jiang Zhiyuan personally say that Third Brother had once begged her and that she ignored it?! At that time, Jiang Zhiyuan said that she couldn't argue against the academy elders, so she was helpless. However, it seems like she was clearly the person who initiated this matter!

Chu Liuyue opened her mouth.

Before she could speak, Shi Rui'er said, "Actually, you can't completely blame Jiang Zhiyuan for this. After all, at that time, we couldn't even protect ourselves, so how would we have the energy to help others?"

Jiang Zhiyuan almost dug a hole in her palm!

Shi Rui'er seemed to be speaking for her, but in actual fact, she harshly pushed her! Shi Rui'er was determined to push Jiang Zhiyuan to death!

But even if Jiang Zhiyuan had many things to say in retaliation, she—who was using another face—couldn't speak no matter what.

A gust of bloody aura surged up. Jiang Zhiyuan swallowed it whole!

Hearing Shi Rui'er say this, quite a few people were convinced. Even though the Flying Star Sect and Ling Xiao Academy were on good terms, they weren't so close that they would spend so much effort on a student.

Although Shi Rui'er was young, she was very experienced in her way of dealing with things and was very charming. Now that she said this, it should be true.

Chu Liuyue glanced at Shi Rui'er, and the corner of her lips curled up slightly. The feeling of someone helping... is really not bad... It was worth convincing Zi Chen to release that legendary three-eyed eagle.

"That gully is very dangerous, and anyone who goes in might not come out alive. When we went over then, we had suffered quite a bit." Shi Rui'er pushed her loose strands of hair behind her ears, smiled, and said, "I hear that quite a few people present suspect that Chu Yue had a very good understanding of the Flood-Desert Northern Region beforehand, so he could gain a precious twist of fate whilst everyone else survived with much difficulty. However, may I know if anyone has any evidence to say this? We, the Flying Star Sect, including myself, were basically with them the entire journey. If Chu Yue was really problematic, would we not know about it at all?"

"Everyone... you underestimate my Flying Star Sect too much, am I right?" Nearing the end, Shi Rui'er's words had a hint of displeasure and pride.

Liang Xiaoxiao's arrogant anger was suppressed, and her expression became hesitant. Is this... true or fake?

Liang Yiye took the chance to pull her. "Quickly sit down! How can you casually talk about something with no evidence?!"

Liang Xiaoxiao could only clench her teeth and sit back down. After one big round, the person in question is back to Jiang Zhiyuan! If I have the chance to see her, I will definitely show her who's boss!

"I'm afraid we won't be able to conclude this in a short while. I think we should change the topic." A man who seemed to be in his thirties suddenly spoke.

He was wearing a purple robe, and his cheeks were slim. His five features were ordinary, and only his pair of eyes seemed to have blades that were especially sharp and deep.

Chu Liuyue glanced at him and realized that she didn't know him.

Rong Xiu's voice coincidentally sounded. "Purple Light Prefecture Lord Yao Bin, more than 50 of them died or had severe injuries in the Flood-Desert Northern Region."

He was originally close to Chu Liuyue. This low and deep voice was especially charming.

Chu Liuyue's ears heated up slightly.

"Also, they have a deep grudge against Black Demon Hole."

Chu Liuyue was immediately alerted as her fingers knocked against the chair armrest.

As expected, the other party directly went for the kill the next moment. He asked in a straightforward manner, "Chu Yue, there are rumors outside that you have a close relationship with Black Demon Hole. How do you explain this?"

Chu Liuyue straightened her body. Compared to her previous nonchalance and calmness, her expression became much more serious and solemn as she said carefully, "I have nothing to do with Black Demon Hole."

However, Yao Bin knitted his brows, and his expression became dangerous. "If this is so, then why is there Black Demon Hole's aura on you?!"

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Everyone looked over with intense scrutiny and doubts in their eyes.

In comparison to Liang Shaokang's death, they cared about this more. Black Demon Hole had a bad reputation in the God Residence Realm. Even though they became more discreet these few years, it didn't change most people's impression of them. Hence, once they heard that Chu Liuyue was related to Black Demon Hole, the string in their brains instantly became tense.

Elder Bo Yan and the others looked over as well. They didn't know what exactly was going on.

If Chu Liuyue couldn't clarify this, she would be surrounded and attacked!

Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes slightly. My body has Black Demon Hole's aura? I only fought with the other party the previous few times, and I didn't do anything else. Could that... be the reason why the so-called aura was left behind? It shouldn't be! I've never heard of another party's aura being left behind when fighting!

She lightly said, "Lord Yao, please forgive me for not knowing what you mean. I previously did have some conflict with people from Black Demon Hole, but that's it. I don't know what the situation is for anything else."

Elder Wan Zheng's expression changed slightly. He couldn't help but ask softly, "Chu Yue, you once dealt with people from Black Demon Hole?!"

Those people are all ferocious individuals. If Chu Yue met with them, then—luckily, he is fine!

It wasn't only Elder Wan Zheng. Upon hearing Chu Liuyue say this, quite a few people in the surroundings were curious.

"People from Black Demon Hole haven't come out in recent years. Why did you, of all people, meet them?" Yao Bin leaned his body forward, and his eyes were glued to Chu Liuyue with an extremely strong suppression. "Do you have any witnesses or evidence for saying this?!"

Witness? Evidence? Upon hearing this, Chu Liuyue couldn't help but chuckle. "Lord Yao, is there a need for me to lie about this?"

Am I supposed to revive Shangguan Wan?

"Besides, them not appearing in public doesn't mean that they have never taken a single step out of their door, right? From what I know, Black Demon Hole is formidable, and the entire clan is of decent scale. Would they really obediently stay in their territory and not do anything for the past few years?"

That was impossible!

Yao Bin was stumped.

"Oh right, there's one thing I have to make clear to everyone—the person I dealt with is no longer part of Black Demon Hole. As for who he exactly is, I have no idea."

No longer from Black Demon Hole? Then, how are we supposed to investigate it?!

Yao Bin suddenly said, "Chu Yue, my Purple Light Prefecture has fought with Black Demon Hole for many years, and we're considered experienced. I can confirm that you do have Black Demon Hole's aura! If your conscience is really clear, do you dare to let me check?!"

Chu Liuyue's brows moved slightly.

Before she could speak, she heard Rong Xiu nonchalantly asking from the side, "Lord Yao, may I know how you plan on checking?"

Yao Bin glanced at Rong Xiu and knew that he had the intention to stand up for Chu Yue. But if we don't investigate this matter clearly, I won't let it rest! Our Purple Light Prefecture won't easily let go of anyone who has relations to Black Demon Hole!

Yao Bin retrieved something from his hand—it was a thumb ring that was entirely carved from purple jade.

It was crystal-like and iridescent. When rays of light flowed through it, one could faintly see something slowly flowing inside.

An unignorable suppression exuded from it!

"This thumb ring can sharply detect Black Demon Hole's aura. If Chu Yue's body has anything related to Black Demon Hole, it will definitely be forced out. If he doesn't have it, then everything will be as per normal." As Yao Bin spoke, he looked at Chu Liuyue. "Chu Yue, do you dare to do this?"

Even though accepting such a check in public was rather humiliating, this was, without a doubt, the sharpest and swiftest clarification method.

Speaking so much was no better than checking his body and proving it himself.

Chu Liuyue paused for a moment and nodded in agreement. "Okay!"

Anyway, my conscience is clear, so what is there to be afraid of?

Rong Xiu looked at her. Seeing her determined expression, his thin lips moved slightly, but he didn't say anything in the end.

Yao Bin stood up and walked to the middle. He said to Chu Liuyue, "Please come up."

Chu Liuyue walked over.

The two of them stood about ten steps apart.

Yao Bin's expression became much more serious. He raised his hand and immediately closed his eyes.

That thumb ring flew out from his hand and went straight for Chu Liuyue. Very quickly, it stopped above Chu Liuyue's head.

Whir!

A whirring sound was heard!

Purple light instantly shone down like a waterfall, enveloping Chu Liuyue.

Chu Liuyue's body was instantly completely covered by the purple light curtain! Instantly, there seemed to be countless sharp and cold blades scraping past her body!

Chu Liuyue furrowed her brows slightly. But luckily, this pain wasn't very strong, so she endured it.

Everyone waited with bated breath.

Yao Bin stared at her closely without blinking.

Time seemed to pass extremely slowly. Suddenly, a strange ripple came from the Cosmic Ring on Chu Liuyue's hand!

Wu!

That purple jade thumb ring spun rapidly, and the surrounding light seemed to be like water currents, forming a vortex around Chu Liuyue and letting out a sharp whirl!

Yao Bin's expression became harsh! There indeed is something wrong!

Seeing this scene, the crowd was taken aback.

Some already couldn't hold themselves back and leaned forward, terrified that they would miss something. We wouldn't know if we didn't investigate, but once we did... This Chu Yue is indeed problematic!

Elder Bo Yan and the rest exchanged a glance and saw the shock and strangeness in each other's eyes. Didn't Chu Yue previously say that he had nothing to do with Black Demon Hole? Now this...

Chu Liuyue looked down. A ray of white light suddenly flashed across her mind!

Right! How did I forget about that wooden plaque?

Previously, she had walked around leisurely with Luo Yanming and Zhuo Sheng in Fangzhou City. At that time, she met a middle-aged man at a ground stall in the city.

That man was the soul that pursued her relentlessly! And that incident was when she obtained a wooden plaque from the other party—that was Black Demon Hole's wooden plaque!

Black Demon Hole's totem was clearly imprinted on it!

After forcing the other party to retreat, she had once thought of destroying that wooden plaque. But after much thinking, she still put it aside.

She didn't expect it to give her such trouble today!

Whoosh! Whoosh!

The whirring sound became even more shrill!

There seemed to be an invisible force digging toward that Cosmic Ring, wanting to force the wooden plaque out! But after some time, there were no signs of breaking open that Cosmic Ring.

Yao Bin knitted his brows tightly. Why is this Cosmic Ring's defense so high?!

Chu Liuyue also suddenly thought of this, and her heart skipped a beat. This is Rong Xiu's Cosmic Ring; it's also the symbol of His Grace's status! It is normal that it can defend against Yao Bin's strength, but to others, it might—

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Anyone with a brain would guess that this Cosmic Ring was problematic!

A thought popped up in Chu Liuyue's mind. Ever since I left the Sky-Cloud Empire, I've used this Cosmic Ring to disguise myself outside. On the surface, it looks like an ordinary, dusty Cosmic Ring. As long as one doesn't inspect it closely, they won't think that I'm wearing the Sky-Cloud Empire's most distinguished ring. But now, this Cosmic Ring easily blocked Yao Bin's force...

At this point, Yao Bin also detected something amiss as he directed a gaze filled with much suspicion at Chu Liuyue... Chu Yue's Cosmic Ring doesn't seem normal...

He was furious. Suddenly, he raised his hand and flung out holy force!

That holy force was rapidly inserted into the purple jade thumb ring! At the same time, his aura strengthened!

The winds howled!

Chu Liuyue stood in the center of the vortex. Her clothes flowed with the wind, and she felt as if her entire body was going to be strangled by that violent force!

She acted swiftly!

Slap!

A crisp sound was heard!

She silently lowered the Cosmic Ring's defensive power and released the wooden plaque at the same time.

Whoosh!

The crowd only saw something fly out suddenly!

Chu Liuyue staggered backward and silently escaped that energy vortex. At the same time, she locked the Cosmic Ring again!

It contained too many items that couldn't be publicized...

Yao Bin's figure moved. He rapidly went forward and held the wooden plaque tightly in his hands! Then, he waved his wrist lightly and recollected the purple jade thumb ring.

When the suppressive force disappeared, Chu Liuyue finally heaved a sigh of relief.

Everything happened in the blink of an eye.

To the surrounding spectators, that item was forced out as it couldn't withstand the purple jade thumb ring's suppression.

Didn't they see that Chu Yue's face had become much paler? Nobody doubted it much—except for Yao Bin.

He glanced at Chu Liuyue doubtfully. At that moment, my feelings shouldn't be wrong. The thumb ring on Chu Yue's hand is indeed different... However, that happened only for one moment. Now, it doesn't really seem like it considering Chu Yue's current state... Did I really think wrongly?

Yao Bin was uncertain.

"Lord Yao, what are you holding?" A question interrupted Yao Bin's thoughts.

Yao Bin returned to his senses, planning on suppressing these matters first and then asking later. Now, the most important thing was still Black Demon Hole!

He glanced at the item in his hand, and his gaze instantly turned sinister and cold.

Even if he had already guessed what this was previously... When he saw the disgusting and heartbreaking totem on the wooden plaque, endless vengeance and anger overwhelmed his heart.

He clutched the wooden plaque tightly and suddenly looked at Chu Liuyue. "Chu Yue, this is Black Demon Hole's wooden plaque, and it's of a very high level! If you really have nothing to do with Black Demon Hole, why would you have this with you?!"

Once he said this, the crowd burst into an uproar! Black Demon Hole's wooden plaque? That's something ordinary people can't get their hands on, right? Doesn't this prove the previous suspicions we had toward Chu Yue?

Everyone looked at Chu Liuyue with a harsher and colder gaze than before. "Only the people from Black Demon Hole have this kind of wooden plaque, right?"

"That's right! A few years ago, we once fought with Black Demon Hole and saw their people take out this wooden plaque. It's definitely correct."

"This wooden plaque is made from sea-buckthorn wood, and it has Black Demon Hole's totem printed on it. I heard that every plaque uses the owner's own fresh blood as a guide to finish the entire engraving process—others can't replicate it at all. And this wooden plaque is very important to them. Normally, it definitely won't land in the hands of outsiders."

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The crowd partook in heated discussions, and they clearly started suspecting Chu Liuyue. It was as if they had already confirmed Chu Liuyue was in unspeakable cahoots with Black Demon Hole.

Elder Bo Yan and the rest were also dazed. Black Demon Hole's wooden plaque? Why does the kid have such a thing?

"This..." Elder Bo Yan was dazed for a moment and looked at Rong Xiu. Does Rong Xiu know that the two parties have this special relationship?

It was a pity that Rong Xiu was as calm and nonchalant as usual, so one couldn't see anything.

As if detecting Elder Bo Yan's gaze, Rong Xiu looked at him from the corner of his eyes, and his lips curled up undetectably before he gave Elder Bo Yan a reassuring gaze.

Elder Bo Yan was a little relieved.

Seeing that Rong Xiu was confident, he wasn't that worried.

He didn't believe that Chu Yue was related to Black Demon Hole in the first place. Who didn't know that Rong Xiu had deep grudges against Black Demon Hole? If Chu Yue was really related to Black Demon Hole, why would Rong Xiu protect him like this?

Speaking of this, Rong Xiu had a part to play in Black Demon Hole's sudden lack of appearances in the last few years. However, not many people knew about this. Hence, everyone was filled with suspicions about Chu Yue once this wooden plaque appeared.

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Chu Liuyue coughed.

Without the external suppression, her face looked much better. However, her lips—which were still slightly white—allowed one to realize how much pain she had just suffered.

Chu Liuyue looked at that wooden plaque and smiled helplessly. "So you're talking about this..."

She rubbed her brows. "Did you forget? I previously said that I had dealt with them before. I got this wooden plaque from that time."

However, Yao Bin didn't believe her. "Is it that simple? I'm afraid not, right? Every single person from Black Demon Hole has such a wooden plaque. In other words, this is a symbol of their identity. The stronger one is, the higher its level, and the wooden plaque will be even more important to them. For the one in my hands... The owner must be an existence that can hold their name up high in Black Demon Hole. To be more direct, they'd at least be a true god warrior!"

"For such a person... As long as they still have one last breath, they won't let this wooden plaque go to someone else, especially their enemies! You said that you obtained this item then... Doesn't it mean that you killed a true god from the other party?!" Yao Bin tugged at the corner of his lips, and the lines on his slim face became cold and stiff. "Who would believe this?"

Dead silence.

It wasn't hard to guess that Chu Yue should've gotten this wooden plaque before he went to the Flood-Desert Northern Region. That was because he stayed at Ling Xiao Academy the entire time after he came back, and it was impossible for him to obtain this item.

And when he entered the Flood-Desert Northern Region, he seemed to be a stage-eight warrior. Killing a true god with such a cultivation level... Wasn't this daydreaming?!

But facing Yao Bin's repeated questioning, Chu Liuyue didn't panic at all. She laughed, and her tone was still peaceful. "Lord Yao, you seem to have forgotten something. Just now, I said that the person who had a conflict with me has already left Black Demon Hole. Hence, this item... shouldn't be important to him, right?"

Yao Bin was dazed, and the remaining words were stuck in his throat.

Yes, Chu Yue did say this. However, he didn't pay attention to it at that time.

If that person really was no longer part of Black Demon hole, this wooden plaque naturally became trash and worthless!

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Yao Bin stared at Chu Liuyue closely as if he wanted to see through all the thoughts in her heart. Currently, there are two possibilities. One, Chu Yue has long known about this wooden plaque's significance to the people in Black Demon Hole, so he purposely said those words previously to pave the way for himself.

Two, Chu Yue really doesn't know all of this. He just coincidentally met someone who left Black Demon Hole and obtained this wooden plaque under some twist of fate.

But in such a short time, I can't ascertain which situation it is.

"We can't believe your words based on you alone. Do you have any evidence, or was there anyone who fought with you then?"

Chu Liuyue honestly said, "Back then, there were only the two of us and nobody else present."

Quite a few people glanced at each other awkwardly. Alone? That's even more ridiculous! If someone helped, it would be possible for Chu Yue to win this battle. But he has now admitted it himself that he was the only one... It is really hard to convince others!

Yao Bin's expression turned colder, and he clutched the wooden plaque tightly. "Since this is so, I'm afraid we have to investigate this properly!"

"Hold on." Chu Liuyue spoke and interrupted his words. The corner of her lips curled up slightly as she smiled slightly and said, "Even though I fought alone back then, I have witnesses for this issue."

"Witnesses?"

Including Yao Bin, everyone present was stunned. He clearly battled alone, so why would there be witnesses?

Just when everyone was filled with doubts, Chu Liuyue half-turned her body and waved her hands toward Luo Yanming and Zhuo Sheng, who were standing behind Elder Wen Xi. "Yanming, Zhuo Sheng, could I trouble you two to be my witnesses?"

The two that were suddenly called were dazed.

Zhuo Sheng directly pointed at himself and asked in much disbelief, "Us?"

Why didn't I know that this was related to us?

At the side, Luo Yanming stared at that wooden plaque and suddenly thought of something. He made up his mind and walked forward.

"Hey, wait for me!" Zhuo Sheng saw that Luo Yanming went forward and hurriedly chased after the latter.

No matter what, if Chu Yue needed their help, they had to go up.

They quickly stood beside Chu Liuyue.

Countless gazes landed on the duo, causing them to be unwittingly nervous. Even though both of them were disciples brought up by aristocratic families and were considered experienced, they hadn't experienced being stared at by so many big shots in the God Residence Realm.

Those gazes seemed to materialize as they landed on them and caused their bodies to stiffen.

Even Zhuo Sheng—who was usually loud and active—became much more obedient.

Luo Yanming's heart beat rather quickly, and he tightly clenched his hands in his sleeves. He then instinctively glanced at Chu Liuyue and saw that the young man at the side was calm and carefree, with a smile on his lips.

It was as if he wasn't affected by this invisible suppression.

This kid... has such a strong mentality... Luo Yanming silently thought to himself. He is actually so calm and composed in such a situation! However... I heard that this meeting was originally suggested by him. Someone who can do such a thing naturally has to be very gutsy!

"We can testify for Chu Yue," said Luo Yanming carefully after taking a deep breath.

He raised his hand and pointed at the wooden plaque in Yao Bin's hands. "On the day he got this wooden plaque, we were accompanying him, and we know very clearly how he got it. All in all, what he said earlier is true."

Once he said this, Zhuo Sheng finally reacted and hurriedly nodded. "That's right, that's right! We can testify! This wooden plaque was bought from a businessman when we were leisurely walking in Fangzhou City! We even asked for a 50 percent discount!"

The corner of Yao Bin's eyes twitched.

Chu Liuyue felt grateful and amused.

In such circumstances, anyone standing up for her had to take a huge risk. Yet, they still did it.

Seeing that the crowd still seemed confused, Luo Yanming recounted that day's entire incident. Of course, he directly skipped the part where Chu Liuyue chased the person out of the city to kill them. This was because he and Zhuo Sheng didn't participate in it. But overall, it did coincide with what Chu Liuyue said previously.

At the side, Zhuo Sheng added in from time to time.

"...That was what happened." Luo Yanming sighed deeply.

"Everyone, if you don't believe us, there are also a few elders and students who followed us to look for Chu Yue. They can testify as well."

They were all real events, so it was especially convincing when they talked about them.

The crowd was silent.

After a while, Yao Bin knitted his brows and looked at Chu Liuyue. "So that means that guy purposely used this wooden plaque to lure you out of the city. Then, you fought?"

Chu Liuyue nodded. "To be honest, I had a grudge against that person previously, and I knew that he was from Black Demon Hole. Hence, after seeing his wooden plaque, I chased after him without hesitation. But after fighting, I found out that he had long left Black Demon Hole."

"Actually, it's not accurate to say that I killed him. That's because he's only a soul without a physical body. Based on the ones I know, he has already stolen two people's bodies. That day, I just attacked him

until he retreated and didn't completely kill him. This is also the reason why I kept the wooden plaque as I wanted to investigate him when I had the chance in the future."

Yao Bin's expression changed slightly. This series of explanations is too perfect!

He kept quiet for a moment. "Since this is so, I still have one last question. If you can answer it, I'll believe what you said today and totally dispel all doubts I have toward you."

Chu Liuyue nodded. "Go ahead."

Yao Bin stared at her deeply. "If that person only has a soul, his abilities would be greatly reduced. But even so, if he could steal someone else's body, he would at least be a demigod. According to what you said, you should've been only a stage-eight warrior back then, right? How did you win?"

Even if the situation didn't really match what he predicted earlier, there was still a huge difference between a stage-eight warrior and a demigod! Their combat skills were worlds apart, and one couldn't even close the gap.

Chu Yue fought alone and even won. How exactly did he do it?!

In actual fact, this was what everyone present was curious about.

During this period of time, Chu Yue's name had spread far and wide in the God Residence Realm. Quite a few of the rumors were guesses about his talent and skills. The one thing they could confirm was that Chu Yue was indeed a genius, and he seemed to be talented as a Xuan Master and a heavenly doctor.

But a genius was a genius, and it didn't mean that he was a strong warrior!

That battle was impossible to imagine!

Upon hearing this, the corner of Chu Liuyue's lips curled up, and she smiled. Her eyes also curved up, and they were like stars.

Her appearance—which could initially only be considered decent—became charming with this smile.

She said very seriously and sincerely, "That's because... I have a trump card!"

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The crowd was confused. What kind of answer is this?!

They had seen arrogant people, but not to this extent!

Yao Bin couldn't help but laugh and was rather nonchalant. "Trump card? May I know what kind of trump card can allow a stage-eight warrior to defeat a demigod?"

Ever since ancient times, such incidents have been very rare! This Chu Yue actually gave such an answer. Nobody knows what he is thinking. Even if he has a trump card... When the other party is extremely strong, the weak ones won't even have a chance to retaliate, let alone win!

Chu Liuyue crossed her arms, held her chin with one hand, and looked like she was in a difficult spot. Trump card... Back then, I whipped out the Chi Xiao Sword and directly killed the other party. If I say it out loud, the crowd can definitely guess that I have a supreme Yuan instrument! At that time, I

would attract another series of troubles again... But if I don't say it, it's clear that I won't be able to solve the current situation.

Chu Liuyue's hesitant look was undoubtedly guilty in the crowd's eyes. "What trump card! I think he just randomly made up an excuse!"

"That's right. A stage-eight warrior fighting a demigod—isn't this courting death? It's already very hard to be able to escape alive. He actually said that he won... He really doesn't know what's good for him!"

"I think that either this wooden plaque has an amiss background, or... he used extraordinary methods!"

"Actually, nobody saw that person from Black Demon Hole. Who knows if they really fought, or..."

All sorts of discussions entered their ears.

Zhuo Sheng was anxious when he heard this, and he couldn't help but yell, "What we said just now was all true! When Chu Yue came back that day, he was even injured—"

"Being injured doesn't represent anything!" Yao Bin glanced at Zhuo Sheng coldly. A tremendous suppression instantly suffocated the latter, causing him to be unable to talk!

Zhuo Sheng's face rapidly flushed red!

"Yao Bin!" Elder Bo Yan suddenly hollered!

Invisible force flew out!

Thump!

A tiny impact sound was heard again!

Zhuo Sheng instantly felt the suppressive force on his body suddenly disappear!

He finally could relax, and he breathed heavily. However, his heart kept beating wildly, and he couldn't appease it for a long time.

He knew that as long as the other party wanted, his life would be taken at any time! If it weren't for Elder Bo Yan intervening—

"Yao Bin, don't be too outrageous!" Elder Bo Yan's face seemed to be covered in a layer of frost, and the coldness was oppressive. Zhuo Sheng is just standing here as a witness. What right does Yao Bin have to take action? The people from Ling Xiao Academy are still watching here!

Yao Bin also felt that he had lost his composure. He knitted his brows, and his voice became much more polite and gentler. "I just feel that he's a little noisy. After all, I was asking Chu Yue."

"I know that Purple Light Prefecture and Black Demon Hole can't stand each other and that it's normal for you to lose your composure, Lord Yao. However, all of us are gathered here today to solve problems, not create them. Lord Yao, do watch yourself in the future."

Ling Xiao Academy and Purple Light Prefecture had no grudges against each other, and Yao Bin didn't have many problems as a person. Since the other party had lowered his attitude, Elder Bo Yan didn't plan on being too pressurizing.

It was enough if he just warned him slightly.

Elder Bo Yan raised his chin toward Luo Yanming and Zhuo Sheng. "Both of you, come back."

The duo looked at Chu Liuyue.

Chu Liuyue knew that they were worried for her, and her heart felt slightly warm. "Don't worry. I'm fine."

The two people then left.

"Lord Yao." Chu Liuyue looked at Yao Bin. "If we continue debating on this, I believe everyone won't completely trust in what I say no matter how much I say. Why don't we change to another method and settle this as soon as possible?"

Yao Bin knitted his brows slightly. "What do you want to do?"

Chu Liuyue's lips curled up slightly, and she surveyed her surroundings. "Everyone should be thinking the same thing as Lord Yao, and you think that I'm just making things up. Since this is so... why don't we have a match?"

"Every person here is a famous strong warrior in the God Residence Realm. Why don't we all choose a demigod to fight against me!? We'll see if I, Chu Yue, can win this match!"

After a temporary silence, the entire venue broke into an uproar! Does this Chu Yue know what he's saying?! He's fighting a demigod in public?! Isn't this causing trouble for himself?!

Chu Liuyue had long expected their reactions, so she didn't mind this either. She raised her chin slightly and smiled with slightly deeper meaning. "To reenact what happened that day, I will also lower my abilities to that of a peak stage-eight warrior."

In this way, even if these people wanted to pick out a flaw after the match, they couldn't!

Yao Bin looked at Chu Liuyue in shock. Crazy! He's really crazy! If Chu Yue uses his current cultivation level to fight, he might not lose so miserably. Yet, he wants to restrict his cultivation level to that of a stage-eight warrior? He's tired of living!

Elder Bo Yan was anxious and wanted to open his mouth to object to it.

But before he could say anything, a low and melodious voice sounded by his ears. "Elder, let her go first."

Elder Bo Yan turned his head strangely. "Rong Xiu, you—"

Rong Xiu's thin lips curled up slightly, and he revealed an extremely faint smile. "Since he dares to say so, he must be well-prepared."

He understood her too well.

She wasn't someone who liked to be taken advantage of. If someone stepped over her head, how could she just let it slide? Even if the other party wanted to let it go now, she wouldn't agree to it.

Hearing him say this, Elder Bo Yan felt more secure. After some thinking, he could only nod. Oh well! If Chu Yue really can't win against the other party, it won't be too late for me to take action! Anyway, he's from our Ling Xiao Academy, so nobody can bully him!

Chu Liuyue had already taken the initiative to say this. How could the others disagree?

"Great! I like your courage!" Yao Bin took a deep breath in. An average person wouldn't have such courage! I don't know if Chu Yue is just a youth that knows no fear, or... whether he really has an ace in the hole!

Chu Liuyue smiled and nodded. "Thank you for the compliment. Then, who do you want to send up here?"

The crowd surveyed the surroundings.

There were quite a few true gods here but not many demigods.

A slightly hoarse voice suddenly sounded. "I'll do it."

"...Xiao Liu, you—" Baili Chun turned around strangely. Her body hasn't completely recovered yet!

However, Jiang Zhiyuan was very determined. There aren't many chances to beat Chu Yue up in public!

Chu Liuyue looked at the young man that stood up and squinted her eyes dangerously. After a moment, she smiled brightly. "Okay! I welcome you!"

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The crowd looked over in unison and shot Jiang Zhiyuan—who had disguised herself meticulously—all sorts of gazes.

On the surface, he looked like an ordinary young man, and his aura was indeed that of a demigod.

Originally, everyone was still rather hesitant about this candidate choice. Now that they saw someone stand up, they didn't have to worry about it.

Besides, Baili Chun brought this person over, so they had to give him some face to a certain extent.

To some people, perhaps Baili Chun wanted to support the young man he had his eyes on. After all, if he could perform well in front of so many mighty figures in the God Residence Realm, it would definitely boost his reputation!

Nobody objected to it, so this matter was naturally completed.

Jiang Zhiyuan took a deep breath in and walked forward.

When she passed by Baili Chun, Baili Chun didn't forget to remind softly, "Xiao Liu, be... careful."

Jiang Zhiyuan smiled and nodded. "Thank you, Clan Leader."

As she spoke, she continued walking forward and reached a spot on the square, where she stared into Chu Liuyue's eyes.

Yao Bin glanced at the duo. I don't know the person called Xiao Liu, but since Baili Chun thinks highly of him, he must be rather capable.

An idea popped up in his mind, and he said, "This competition is important. I hope you two can do your best and not have any reservations. As long as you don't harm the other party's life... you can do anything!"

Quite a few people were stunned! They all understood that this would be a fierce battle!

Baili Chun stared at the square, and there was no expression on his old face. Only his pair of slightly murky yet very intelligent eyes revealed that he wasn't as nonchalant as he seemed.

In actual fact, he had his own plans for agreeing to Jiang Zhiyuan's request.

Jiang Zhiyuan was previously expelled by Ling Xiao Academy, and her reputation was tarnished. In the God Residence Realm, she couldn't even lift her head up again. If she could win this match beautifully, the people present would definitely have another impression of her.

At that time, he could naturally reveal her identity as Jiang Zhiyuan.

By that time, Elder Bo Yan and the rest would realize it was a pity to give Jiang Zhiyuan up and that it was a grave mistake to fully support Chu Yue!

Baili Chun had a very sound plan, so he directly ignored the fact that Jiang Zhiyuan was going against a stage-eight warrior with her demigod cultivation level in this battle.

This was originally an unfair competition.

Jiang Zhiyuan should win, and it would be normal for her to win!

If she lost, she would really lose everything!

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Chu Liuyue looked at the young man before her and raised her brows slightly. "Brother, may I know your name?"

Jiang Zhiyuan lightly said, "I'm just here to fight against you. You don't have to know my name."

Her identity was originally fake. It was fine if they said a vague name, but the more detailed it was, the easier it was for other people to figure out who she was.

Rong Xiu was still here. If he wanted to check, she didn't feel that she could hide from it.

Chu Liuyue shrugged her shoulders and smiled slightly. "Don't misunderstand. I just feel that... you look rather similar to someone I know."

Jiang Zhiyuan's heart skipped a beat, and annoyance appeared on her face. "Time is tight. Let's quickly end this!"

Chu Liuyue smiled and acknowledged it. "Okay."

Before Chu Liuyue could finish, Jiang Zhiyuan had already taken action on the other end! Her feet crossed each other, and her kneecaps sank slightly as she gathered the force around her body!

Her aura was ferocious!

Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes slightly. This aura... It is rather different from what I expected. Every cultivator has a special aura. Once they take action, those familiar with the aura would directly be able to guess the person's identity. Originally, I thought—

Seeing Chu Liuyue's expression, Jiang Zhiyuan sneered in her heart. Since I decided to come, I naturally have to make full preparations.

Before she came, Baili Chun had already used a Yuan instrument to hide and change her aura. Even if she circulated her force and took action, she needn't worry that others would detect anything.

Besides, with the Yuan instrument helping her, her combat skills were much stronger than before.

Anyway, I'm bound to win today's match!

The emerald-green force surged out of her palm and rapidly formed a gigantic wheel in front of her body. Jiang Zhiyuan then flicked her other finger, and a bright pearl flew out!

Thump!

A crisp sound was heard. The white pearl—the size of a dragon eye—coincidentally bumped into the middle of the emerald-green wheel.

The sound of the objects hitting each other was very crisp.

The next moment, that pearl seemed to be ink that landed in water as it rapidly spread across.

Very quickly, that ball of bright light rapidly expanded, almost taking over half of that emerald wheel and forming a small wheel.

The emerald green and the bright white intertwined in a shining manner.

The suppression was formidable!

When the crowd saw this, they were slightly shocked. "Two holy forces?! This Xiao Liu has such terrifying capabilities?"

"No way! A cultivator can only have one holy force in their body. Didn't you see that he took out a pearl and threw it out just now? That bright white force should've long been hidden inside, right? As long as it's activated, the holy force can be used on its own!"

"It's very convenient to use this pearl, but the production process is very complicated and messy. Many people might not even be able to produce a holy pearl of their own even if they break through to become a legendary warrior. I wonder how this Xiao Liu got it..."

"Are you stupid!? Baili Chun thinks so highly of him. What does this pearl count for?"

"Hey, now that you've said it, Baili Chun's force seems to be bright white, right? Could this holy pearl be—"

This was naturally Baili Chun's holy pearl.

This time, he thought long and hard and felt that bringing Jiang Zhiyuan over was very unsafe. Just in case, he gave Jiang Zhiyuan quite a few things to defend herself. In comparison, such a pearl wasn't worth a mention.

However, other people already felt that this was outrageous.

"This isn't fair!"

Low discussions could be heard from the crowd.

"What standard does Baili Chun have? The holy pearl he produced with his own force is much stronger than ordinary legendary warriors! That Xiao Liu took out this kind of thing at the very start. Isn't he bullying Chu Yue?"

"That's right! This is already a fight between a demigod and a stage-eight warrior. Now, he even used external forces... Hah, is he afraid he can't win?"

"Actually, this isn't as severe as what you mentioned, right... This is a match on its own, and nobody said they couldn't do this, right?"

"That is true, but I want my face! Fighting with a stage-eight warrior using his demigod cultivation level isn't enough, and he even wants more advantages... Hah."

Even though the crowd present was here to cause trouble for Chu Liuyue, they all had distinguished statuses.

People who were high and mighty wanted their face the most. When they worked together to interrogate a teen, it could be seen as them finding out the truth.

But the match in front of their eyes? Wasn't this bullying?

Bits and pieces of conversations entered Jiang Zhiyuan's ears, causing her to feel very irritated. She made up her mind and urged the force in her body at a higher speed! "Green Sky Hot Sun Wheels!"