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### Chapter 1551

That purple scale was palm-sized, and it seemed extremely unassuming under this ink-black sky. It seemed even more negligible when compared to that gigantic black hand.

However, this small scale flew to Chu Liuyue and directly scraped the black hand!

Whoosh!

With a sharp shrill, more than half of the thumb on the black palm was shaven!

The suffocating and sinister aura covering Chu Liuyue was instantly cut!

Chu Liuyue loosened up. Then, she took a deep breath in.

The fresh air that entered her lungs finally allowed her to recover her senses.

At that moment, I almost thought I—

She immediately looked forward! When she saw the purple scale floating in front of her, she widened her eyes slightly.

After a moment, she suddenly recalled something. This is... Big Baby?!

She almost instinctively turned around, but she could not see Big Baby's figure. However, this scale... is indeed his. We've been interacting every day and night, and I definitely wouldn't be mistaken!

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The sudden change caused everyone to be stunned.

They looked at the purple scale that suddenly appeared in a confused and dazed manner, and they couldn't recover their senses for a time.

"What's... that?"

"It seems rather similar to the great phoenix dragon clan's scale, but it's also different upon closer inspection..."

"Didn't you see? Once it appeared, a piece of meat was shaved off that black hand! You need to know that when the director and the rest worked together, they couldn't even harm that hand! What exactly... is that thing? It's too powerful!"

"Anyway, I think it's to help Shangguan Yue. Perhaps today's situation... can be salvaged!"

The crowd discussed softly, and they were clearly filled with curiosity about this item.

When Nan Suhuai saw the purple scale, he was shocked, and confusion flashed across his eyes quickly. Why... Did that person come back?

Similar to Chu Liuyue, he also surveyed his surroundings and looked far away as he continuously searched for something. But different from Chu Liuyue, his actions were very meticulous and not that big.

If one didn't look carefully, they wouldn't notice that he was searching for someone.

Other than them, there was also someone who was shocked after seeing the purple scale—Elder Bo Yan. He knitted his brows and looked confused.

When he first saw that item, he thought that he was hallucinating. Hence, he instinctively looked at Nan Suhuai.

When he saw Nan Suhuai's expression, his heart seemed to be heavily suppressed as he increasingly confirmed his guess. At that moment, he felt overwhelmed and conflicted.

Doubt, surprise, expectation, horror...

He still clearly remembered the faint purple scale glowing on the top of the academy booklet.

Only the directors could touch this booklet, but his situation was rather special the past few years, so he temporarily guarded it. Hence, he knew a thing or two about it.

However, he didn't expect to have the chance to see this scale when he was alive!

Doesn't this mean that person—

"Bo Yan? Bo Yan, what's wrong?" From the corner of his eyes, Elder Hua Feng saw that Elder Bo Yan's expression was rather strange, so he couldn't help but ask softly.

He knitted his brows suspiciously. "You know that thing?"

Elder Bo Yan's heart skipped a beat as he shook his head reflexively. "I-I don't! I-I was just wondering where that thing came from, and it's actually so... strong."

Elder Hua Feng didn't doubt him. That was because he was also thinking about this problem at this point.

"It's just a tiny scale, but it has such power. You can tell how extraordinary it is." Elder Hua Feng squinted his eyes and stared at it for quite a while. "Did a master appear?"

Elder Bo Yan's lips moved, but he didn't speak further. If that person can just be described with the word 'master,' but... Tens of thousands of years have passed. Could he still be alive in this world? Besides, if he really has come back, why... did we not see him?

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After the purple scale appeared, that black hand suddenly stopped in its actions. It seemed to be fearful.

The two of them fell into a stalemate.

Chu Liuyue took out a red pill and ingested it.

The pill melted in her mouth, and warm energy spread across all her limbs. The originally cold body recovered quite a bit.

Chu Liuyue exhaled deeply.

She tried to produce this fire spirit pill when she was free and flipped through the Physician Medicinal Guide Elder Wan Zheng gave her. Originally, she planned to show him this pill when she had the time, to let him know that she had already broken through to become a Physician.

Yet, she took the pill at this moment to nourish and rejuvenate her body.

She had stayed in the fountain for too long previously, and her entire body was cold. Thus, her blood and force was frozen.

Although she had Rong Xiu's help later on and most of the frost on her had melted, she still had a hint of coldness in her body.

The longer this coldness stayed in her body, the worse her situation would be.

Now, she finally had the time to dispel it and settle one of her worries.

She closed her eyes.

The water droplet in her dantian seemed to have broken free from the black hand's control and recovered its normal circulation. Force kept spreading from within and healed her injuries.

Perhaps because she had become a true god again, but her recovery speed was much higher. In no time, her wounds had already formed scabs.

However, she still stared at the front closely and didn't dare to let her guard down.

She suddenly recalled that when Big Baby accompanied her to the God Residence Realm, he didn't seem to like taking action. It was as if something was holding him back, but she didn't know the reason—even when she had recovered her memories.

In actual fact, she did know Big Baby and the rest in the Red Moon Desert.

Before that, they had never left the Red Moon Desert. Thus, she naturally didn't know Big Baby had such troubles.

However, she didn't know how Big Baby planned to deal with the current situation...

Whoosh!

Suddenly, countless rays of purple light flew out from the scale! In the blink of an eye, they pounced forward!

Chu Liuyue immediately looked over.

Countless rays of light intersected and flew down. Then, the Heaven-Locking Formation—which the black hand had forcefully torn open—reformed again.

The broken places were reconnected again by the purple light, and the contorted places were fixed bit by bit.

Chu Liuyue suddenly realized something. Big Baby is actually... repairing the Heaven-Locking Formation?!

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It was hard to imagine how much manpower and resources were needed to rebuild a Heaven-Locking Formation.

Even if it were back then, the crowd had to work together to build Ling Xiao Academy. Now, it was even harder to rebuild it efficiently and quickly with only Big Baby's strength. Besides, he was holding himself back and couldn't casually take action.

Repairing the Heaven-Locking Formation was undoubtedly the best choice.

Very quickly, the broken Heaven-Locking Formation started recovering its initial appearance. The purple light and silver light intertwined brightly.

That black hand reacted and immediately took action again, wanting to destroy the Heaven-Locking Formation! But before it could get near, a layer of invisible suppression blocked it outside—it was the shocking strength that came from the purple scale!

The black hand tried several times, but it couldn't do anything.

Its aura started becoming agitated.

The Heaven-Locking Formation had suppressed it for thousands of years, and it had finally found an opportunity to break free! How could it possibly go back again?

However, things had started developing in an uncontrollable direction. It never expected that the Heaven-Locking Formation's original owner would come back!

In the past, the Heaven-Locking Formation's strength alone couldn't completely suppress it. Hence, Ling Xiao Academy insisted on guiding lightning to the fountain all these years so as to increase the strength of the Heaven-Locking Formation.

The black hand finally waited until most of the lightning strength was depleted, and it finally got a chance to struggle free. It didn't expect that he would come back again!

The most important thing was that he seemed much stronger than he was back then! Thus, even if he didn't appear and unleash his full strength, he could still easily repair the Heaven-Locking Formation and make it become even stronger!

Whoosh! Whoosh!

The blood totem on the black hand overturned, accompanied by shrill and miserable whimpers, causing one's heart to tremble.

Seeing that it couldn't stop the Heaven-Locking Formation, the black hand swiftly changed direction and targeted Chu Liuyue!

It went forward without hesitation and grabbed Chu Liuyue!

But at this moment, a ray of purple light flew over and grabbed Chu Liuyue's waist. With a light pull, Chu Liuyue's figure floated with the wind and landed in the middle of the Heaven-Locking Formation in the blink of an eye!

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Chu Liuyue looked down.

The giant Heaven-Locking Formation was now underneath her feet.

The rays of light intersected, slowly recovering its initial appearance.

Chu Liuyue hadn't seen the Heaven-Locking Formation before. She only recalled that she had once suffered many attacks from the Heaven-Locking Formation when she was below it.

Rong Xiu was also injured as a result.

However, she didn't expect to stand in the middle of the Heaven-Locking Formation not long later.

Her two feet felt like they were standing on real ground, feeling secure. The more reassuring thing was that this Heaven-Locking Formation vaguely had Big Baby's aura.

She knew that he would never harm her.

After landing on the Heaven-Locking Formation, that black hand finally couldn't approach Chu Liuyue.

Right at this point, a familiar voice landed in her ears. "Yue'er, look at the formation!"

Even though he had tried his best to sound harsh and cold, Dugu Mobao still couldn't hide his soft and milky aura.

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat! Big Baby!

Her lips moved slightly, and she almost screamed directly! However, she still held it in. Big Baby clearly has his own considerations for not appearing. The academy is in great danger, and he should be the one that is most worried. But even in such circumstances, he still hasn't come out personally, which shows that there is another matter hidden within.

Chu Liuyue suppressed her tumultuous emotions and silently nodded. Then, she looked down and stared at the Heaven-Locking Formation beneath her feet closely.

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"The Heaven-Locking Formation has such a high level. It's not convenient for me to appear, so I can't help you much. If you want to completely repair the Heaven-Locking Formation, you need to do it yourself."

Big Baby had always been a man of few words, but every time he talked, it was filled with power. It was even more so this time.

The simple sentence seemed to explode in Chu Liuyue's mind like lightning!

"What?! Me?" Chu Liuyue almost thought that she had misheard him at one moment. I just recalled my God Realm and broke through to become a true god. Besides, I was even injured in the earlier ordeals. In such a situation, how can I repair the Heaven-Locking Formation?!

"Since you've already become a true god again, you should've recovered your previous memories. You didn't forget whatever I taught you before, right?" Big Baby's voice was extremely calm as if he didn't find anything wrong with it.

Chu Liuyue was stumped. "You're saying..."

"The Heaven Scroll." Big Baby was succinct. "Didn't I ask you to memorize all of it back then?"

Chu Liuyue's vision turned black. She felt her head ache when he mentioned it.

Back then, she was still in the Red Moon Desert. Not long after she got to know Big Baby, he threw a bunch of Xuan formations for her to memorize.

At that time, she just felt that each Xuan formation was more complicated than the other. With her photographic memory, she still had to study them for some time before she could forcefully memorize them.

Who knew that those were actually his prized possessions?!

It was only later that she entered Ling Xiao Academy and found out what they were when she chanced upon the elders carefully treasuring the precious scrolls.

Those kept in the library weren't even as numerous as those she memorized in the Red Moon Desert! After all, Big Baby was the true owner of those Xuan formations. No matter how many the library had, how could it be compared to himself?!

"Even though the Heaven-Locking Formation's level has exceeded your current abilities, it has the same mechanisms as quite a few Xuan formations in the Heaven Scroll. You can do it as long as you divide the Heaven-Locking Formation into small portions and treat them as individual Heaven Scrolls."

This is asking me to break through them individually?! Chu Liuyue knitted her brows hesitantly. "Can this... really do?"

"Of course, you can't do it alone. Every single force circulation in the Heaven-Locking Formation is extremely precise, and you can't make a single mistake. Even if you solve them one by one, you have to merge them. I naturally will teach you this later."

"The fate of yourself and the entire Ling Xiao Academy is in your hands today!"

Chu Liuyue's heart jumped. She looked up, glanced at that black hand, and clenched her teeth harshly. "Okay!"

## Chapter 1553

Outside the Heaven-Locking Formation, there was an invisible suppression that blocked all the threats.

Big Baby did this to give Chu Liuyue sufficient time.

He could not appear and publicly take action, but Chu Liuyue and Ling Xiao Academy were in trouble. He couldn't just sit and watch, so on the way here, he thought of this method.

As for whether it would work, it all depended on Chu Liuyue!

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To the spectating crowd, the current Chu Liuyue was rather weird.

She was standing in the center of the Heaven-Locking Formation and had her head lowered while in deep thought.

Her expression was serious, and her attitude was solemn. It was as if... she were looking at the Heaven-Locking Formation.

But what was so nice to see about the Heaven-Locking Formation?

Not to mention others, even the low-level Xuan Masters didn't dare to stare at the Heaven-Locking Formation. The suppression was too heavy. If they looked at it for extended periods of time, not only would they not understand it, it might even affect their consciousness and recognition.

Only Elder Hua Feng and the rest could forcefully stare at it for a while, but not for long.

However, the crowd quickly realized that something was amiss. That was because Chu Liuyue had been staring at the Heaven-Locking Formation for a rather long time!

"What exactly is Yue'er doing?" Elder Bo Yan couldn't help but ask softly.

Ever since he knew that it was quite possible that that person returned, he felt much more secure. However, he didn't look too different from the others on the surface.

Elder Hua Feng knitted his brows. "She's looking at the Heaven-Locking Formation, but... I recall that she was a King Xuan Master when she left the academy back then, right? Did she improve again?"

If not, how could she inspect the Heaven-Locking Formation for so long without any abnormalities?

King Xuan Masters were comparable to true gods amongst warriors. In the talented Ling Xiao Academy, this wasn't considered top.

The reason why Chu Liuyue could get a good ranking on the Xuan Master ranking list was just that she knew many Xuan formations and had strong combat power, so she was stably better than the other Xuan Masters in the same level.

But even so, her level was right there. There was quite a bit of distance from a Great King Xuan Master.

"She has just come back. After summoning her God Realm, she broke through to become a true god. As for the other aspects... She doesn't seem to have broken through and is the same as before," said Elder Bo Yan with some uncertainty.

Elder Hua Feng was dazed. "T-then, how can she..."

Before he finished his sentence, Elder Hua Feng's expression suddenly changed!

Seeing his expression, Elder Bo Yan looked over strangely.

With this look, he was also stunned. That was because Chu Liuyue, who was standing in the middle of the Heaven-Locking Formation, suddenly took action!

A bright ray of light flew out from her thin fingers and floated in the wind. The next moment, that ray of light actually connected two broken lines in the Heaven-Locking Formation!

It merged perfectly!

This scene was taken in by the surrounding elders.

The surroundings were completely silent!

Even if many of them weren't Xuan Masters, they had some understanding of Xuan formations.

What level is the Heaven-Locking Formation, and what standard is she as a Xuan Master?

What is she doing now?

She's using her own strength to repair the Heaven-Locking Formation?!

Chu Liuyue didn't notice the surrounding people's reactions.

This matter was extremely hard to complete for her, so she had to gather all her focus and couldn't be careless.

When she saw that force successfully merging into the Heaven-Locking Formation, Chu Liuyue heaved a sigh of relief.

Even though it had been a few years, she luckily still remembered the Xuan formation drawings in the heavenly scroll.

Following this, the second ray of light flew out from her fingers.

Elder Hua Feng finally gasped in shock. "She's... using her own force to repair the Heaven-Locking Formation?!"

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Even though Chu Liuyue was injured, her energy wasn't affected. Hence, it wasn't too hard for her to gather her force at this point and repair the Heaven-Locking Formation bit by bit.

In her mind, she had already divided the large Heaven-Locking Formation into many small Xuan formations.

This Heaven-Locking Formation and those Xuan formations in the Heaven Scrolls were all created by Big Baby, so they naturally had the same mechanisms. This point alone made it convenient for Chu Liuyue.

While she recalled the Heaven Scroll she had memorized, she carefully sent out force to repair the incomplete Heaven-Locking Formation bit by bit!

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The crowd had their eyes open and mouths agape. W-what situation is this? Fifteen minutes ago, Chu Liuyue was still on the brink of death. She was like a piece of meat on the chopping board, letting anyone butcher her. In such a short time, how did the whole situation overturn?

She stood on the Heaven-Locking Formation, and the black hand could no longer easily approach her. It would be hard if it even wanted to pluck out another strand of her hair, let alone kill her!

The key was that Chu Liuyue herself started repairing the Heaven-Locking Formation without saying anything...

Elder Hua Feng couldn't hold himself back and rubbed his eyes. "How exactly... did Yue'er do it....?"

After a temporary shock, Elder Hua Feng was even more confused and curious.

He was also a Xuan Master. Amongst all the elders in Ling Xiao Academy, he was considered one of the top. However, even he didn't dare to guarantee that he had the skills to repair the Heaven-Locking Formation.

But not only did Chu Liuyue do it... she even did it stably!

Elder Bo Yan didn't speak.

He faintly guessed something in his heart, but he wasn't certain.

The other elders fell silent gradually.

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Shangguan Jing wiped away the bloodstains from the corner of his mouth as he stared at Chu Liuyue on the gigantic broken Xuan formation with furrowed brows.

He wasn't a Xuan Master but an armory refinement master. He knew a little about how difficult it was to repair the Heaven-Locking Formation, but this scene looked too strange.

"Senior Shangguan, how are you?" A voice came from the side.

Shangguan Jing turned around to take a look. "Director Nan, you're too kind. I'm fine."

Nan Suhuai heaved a sigh of relief. "That's great."

Not to mention others, but Shangguan Jing's seniority was higher than everyone here. Additionally, he was Chu Liuyue's ancestor, so he naturally had to be more polite.

"But Yue'er..." Shangguan Jing was hesitant in his words.

How could Nan Suhuai not know what he was worried about? He immediately comforted, "Senior Shangguan, don't worry. Yue'er has always known what she's doing. Since she has chosen to do this, let's quietly observe the changes. Perhaps... she can really solve the problem?"

When Shangguan Jing heard this, his expression changed slightly as he paused on Nan Suhuai's face for a while longer.

Nan Suhuai's expression was sincere, and he allowed him to size him up.

Compared to him being filled with worry and nervousness previously, he was... indeed different.

A thought popped up in Shangguan Jing's mind. He suppressed his uneasiness and nodded. "I hope so."

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Not long after talking to Nan Suhuai, his figure moved and went toward Rong Xiu.

At this point, Rong Xiu was looking at Chu Liuyue solemnly. His eyes were deep, and one couldn't understand him.

Detecting Nan Suhuai's arrival, Rong Xiu's gaze moved slightly, and he looked at the director. "Greetings, Director."

Nan Suhuai raised his hand, indicating that Rong Xiu didn't have to stand on ceremony.

"How... are you?" As he spoke, Nan Suhuai had already quickly sized Rong Xiu up.

He had always worn pure white robes. At this point, they were already torn, tattered, and covered with bloodstains.

Anybody who saw it would know that he had previously experienced a tough battle.

Nan Suhuai sighed silently in his heart again. Truly only Yue'er can cause him to be in this state...

"Director, don't worry. I am fine," Rong Xiu lightly said.

Nan Suhuai nodded. He knew that his thoughts were all on Chu Liuyue, so he didn't ask further. "Yue'er can definitely turn the situation around. As for you, your injuries aren't minor..."

Rong Xiu paused and then nodded lightly. "Thank you, Director. I know what I'm doing."

Some people in the surroundings had already started looking over.

Nan Suhuai's lips moved as he turned to look at Chu Liuyue.

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Time slowly trickled past.

That black hand gradually became restless. In the middle, it had tried to attack Chu Liuyue several times, but it was of no use.

Even if there were some small energy ripples, Chu Liuyue ignored them totally. At this point, all her focus was on repairing the Heaven-Locking Formation.

She was originally quite familiar with the Xuan formations within the Heaven Scrolls, so the Heaven-Locking Formation wasn't considered too hard for her. And with Big Baby's help, everything progressed even more smoothly.

In the beginning, the crowd was still worried that Chu Liuyue's force couldn't persist for long. But very quickly, they realized that this was unnecessary.

Even after a long time had passed, Chu Liuyue's expression didn't really change.

She just had to raise her hand to have unconditional strength. Of course, this was mainly because she was absorbing the surrounding Heaven and Earth Force at an even faster speed.

The water droplet in Chu Liuyue's dantian originally hid tremendous force. As it turned into her own strength at an extreme efficiency and speed, Chu Liuyue naturally didn't have to worry about exhausting her force.

With Big Baby's help, the black hand's strange force was now blocked outside. The feeling of the water droplet being stolen didn't appear again.

Chu Liuyue entered her optimum state as she slowly and precisely repaired the Heaven-Locking Formation.

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A white horizon appeared in the skies.

The sun rose and shone brightly.

A new day came just like this.

Quite a few people looked at the slowly rising sun and were filled with emotions.

On this night, nobody in Ling Xiao Academy had a good sleep. Everyone was awake as they waited and suffered. Even at this point, they still persisted and didn't dare to take it easy.

Million Wine Mountain had already become a barren piece of land.

In midair, a gigantic Xuan formation floated quietly.

The purple light and silver light intersected and glowed brightly—it was the Heaven-Locking Formation!

A night had passed. The originally incomplete Heaven-Locking Formation had already been restored by more than half.

The crowd gradually accepted it from their initial shock. Even if this incident seemed too incredulous... the truth was right in front of them!

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Chu Liuyue's eyes were bloodshot, and her face was pale.

If one stood nearby, they could see her slightly trembling body. However, her gaze was very determined and solemn.

In actual fact, she had long exhausted all her energy and force. Now, she was just forcefully holding on through her water droplet.

Only a small damaged part of the Heaven-Locking Formation had to be fixed now. Once it was complete, it could suppress that hand again!

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in, clenched her teeth, and whipped out the last ray of light!

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That black hand felt that something was amiss, and it suddenly tore the space and wanted to escape!

Nan Suhuai's expression turned harsh as he abruptly whipped his sleeves!

The torn space was sealed up again!

Nan Suhuai's abilities weren't comparable to the other party, but this was Ling Xiao Academy, and it had always been heavily guarded in the past thousands of years.

Other than the barrier outside the academy, there were also quite a few safeguards in the academy for emergencies. It wasn't that simple for one to leave or enter Ling Xiao Academy casually.

Right at this moment, a loud sound suddenly reverberated!

The crowd looked over in unison. They saw that the purple-silver Heaven-Locking Formation had already completed its repair in midair!

There were many intersections that glowed with a faint red-golden light. One could tell that this Xuan formation had quite a bit of Chu Liuyue's force.

Compared to the previous Heaven-Locking Formation, the aura of this one was clearly better!

Chu Liuyue held her breath in, and her ears were silent. She could only hear the sound of her own heart beating wildly.

Bang bang!

Bang bang!

Her heart was about to jump out of her chest!

At this point, she was already exhausted. But looking at the Heaven-Locking Formation that had completed its repair beneath her feet, the immense happiness and excitement caused her to feel much better.

Her eyes were bloodshot but abnormally bright like the sun.

Not to mention others, even she was filled with uneasiness and anxiety before this. However, everything was still completed successfully in the end.

To others, this might be an extremely incredulous matter. However, only Chu Liuyue herself knew that doing this didn't mean that she had broken through as a Xuan Master or that her abilities had strengthened.

Everything was all because fate allowed for it.

Other than Big Baby, nobody else in the world was more familiar with the Xuan formations in the Heaven Scrolls than her. Additionally, her body had that heaven-defying water droplet!

Furthermore, with Big Baby's guidance...

It was too much of a coincidence!

"Girlie, it hasn't ended yet." Big Baby's voice landed in her ears.

The soft milky voice had a hint of hoarseness. Although Big Baby didn't appear this time, he was clearly quite worried.

The most tortured person during this night wasn't Chu Liuyue but him.

"I know." Chu Liuyue nodded determinedly, and her eyes became more serious.

She had just repaired those broken portions. However, she would only know if the Heaven-Locking Formation could function as normal after trying it.

"You've already exhausted the force in your body, so you can't activate the Heaven-Locking Formation again. You have to think of another way."

Big Baby's words worried Chu Liuyue.

"Then..."

"Produce the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed."

Chu Liuyue was dazed and then summoned the Heavenly Square Cauldron.

A tiny transparent square cauldron quietly landed in her palms.

On the surface, it was crystallized and transparent as a colorless karmic fire burned inside. However, only Chu Liuyue knew what was hidden inside.

"Remember, you can only take one out."

Chu Liuyue followed his instructions.

A thought popped up in her mind, and a nail-sized Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed floated out of it.

That item was like a bullet with two sharp ends and a tiny circular belly in the middle. At first glance, it was extremely ordinary.

As if detecting that this Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed was being summoned, the other one in the cauldron became uneasy as it moved around in agitation.

Chu Liuyue directly put away her Heavenly Square Cauldron as she held the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed in her hands.

Chu Liuyue's slight movement was completely seen by the surrounding audience.

The crowd exchanged glances and was filled with confusion.

"What did she take out from the Heavenly Square Cauldron?"

"I couldn't see it clearly. I think it's something small."

"Tsk, it's no ordinary object if it can be hidden in the Heavenly Square Cauldron, right? Perhaps it's some rare treasure?"

"That makes sense. Sigh, speaking of which... If this is true, Shangguan Yue has too many trump cards, right?"

"Hmph, she has even repaired the Heaven-Locking Formation. What's so weird about having many treasures in her hand? Don't forget that she's not Chu Yue now, but Shangguan Yue! The director's disciple, the Sky-Cloud Empire's Princess Consort, Shangguan Jing's descendant... Any identity is highly enviable!"

The large gap caused people to feel too tired to be jealous.

The chaotic discussions in the surroundings were all ignored by Chu Liuyue.

She held the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed tightly and looked at that black hand calmly. The next moment, she inserted her last bit of force into it!

Whoosh!

The hand suddenly felt sharp pain!

Chu Liuyue spread her hands.

One side of the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed had scratched her hand. Blood spread everywhere.

The Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed quickly absorbed the blood and totally turned red, looking like a translucent ruby. Suddenly, that Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed started trembling lightly.

Chu Liuyue felt something, and her lips curled up slightly.

In the past, she had only heard her ancestor mention this Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed and knew that it was an extremely precious object. However, she wasn't clear about the specifics.

With a rough calculation, she had obtained this Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed for quite some time. But since the start, the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed was suppressed within the Heavenly Square Cauldron and didn't make much noise.

If it were not for Big Baby's reminder, Chu Liuyue would've forgotten she had such a thing with her.

Peng!

A small opening broke open on the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed. A soft green leaf slowly grew from it.

The Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed was extremely small, so the leaf was naturally even tinier. It looked the size of a yellow bean, but its color was light, green, and extremely full, with tiny lines on it.

It looked lively.

Chu Liuyue looked at it curiously. So... the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed can still grow?

She couldn't help but reach out toward that leaf.

At this moment, the tiny intricate leaf swayed lightly.

Whoosh-

Chu Liuyue suddenly heard a voice sounding in her ears. She turned around, and shock flashed across her eyes!

She saw that a wave suddenly appeared in the clear skies behind her!

It was like the waves caused by the giant ocean. The waves were white in color as they moved and rolled over!

This is... It was a tidal wave formed by Heaven and Earth Force!

Normally speaking, Heaven and Earth Force would only become white mist when it was pure to a certain extent. If one wanted to form a water-like state, the requirements were even stricter and weren't easy to achieve.

However, this tidal wave appeared so easily?!

Suddenly, a ridiculous yet bold thought flashed across Chu Liuyue's mind. She instinctively turned around, looked down, and stared at the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed in her hands. Could it be...

The crystallized and soft leaf swayed lightly.

Huala!

The tidal wave composed of Heaven and Earth Force started rushing over at high speed!

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The white wave crashed in the sky!

Upon seeing this commotion, the entire spectating crowd in Ling Xiao Academy had their eyes wide open in shock. That's...

"Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed?!" Nan Suhuai first reacted and then looked at Chu Liuyue's palm.

From here, they could forcefully see that it was a tiny object.

At this point, a small plant had sprouted, looking cute and small. However, it was this seemingly cute and harmless item that easily gathered the Heaven and Earth Force to form a tidal wave that overwhelmed the sky!

Huala!

Following this, that white wave directly drowned the gigantic Heaven-Locking Formation!

Chu Liuyue took a step out and wanted to retreat. Suddenly, she saw the terrifying force attacking her side and splitting into two again.

The white waves passed by her side. They were clearly extremely strong with a harsh aura, but it felt like a light wind had brushed past her legs without any sense of ferociousness.

Chu Liuyue paused in her actions and blinked. She instinctively looked at the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed in her hands. It indeed caused the tidal waves of force!

At that moment, the Heaven-Locking Formation had a rich amount of force seeping in!

The white tidal waves formed by the Heaven and Earth Force rapidly collapsed in the Heaven-Locking Formation!

At that moment, the Heaven-Locking Formation glowed brightly!

Ka!

With a tiny sound spreading, the Heaven-Locking Formation actually spun slowly!

Chu Liuyue gasped. I-it's activated just like that?

Even though she hadn't seen the previous scene, she could roughly guess that quite a few elders had worked together to activate the Heaven-Locking Formation.

The crowd had to work together to summon the Heaven-Locking Formation and activate it. However, the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed just waved its small leaf, and it...

It wasn't just Chu Liuyue—the people present were all taken back and shocked speechless by the scene before them.

It wasn't that they hadn't heard of the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed before.

As a rumored precious item, Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds were very mysterious. Very few people had seen one. Normally, an average person would only hear some relevant rumors and know very little.

They never expected that not only did they see it, but they even witnessed its power!

The Heaven-Locking Formation spun and glowed brightly!

Whoosh! Whoosh!

A sharp cry came from that black hand again!

Chu Liuyue looked up, and her eyes shrunk slightly.

The bloody veins on that hand protruded in a contorted and terrifying manner, as if... it wanted to escape!

Suddenly, that black hand harshly slapped at Chu Liuyue! This time, the suppression and strength were scarier than all the previous times!

"Girlie! Retreat!" Big Baby immediately hollered.

Chu Liuyue was long prepared. She went on her toes and rapidly retreated.

The sharp nails on the black fingers scarcely swiped across her face!

Sharp pain came from Chu Liuyue's face as wounds instantly appeared! However, she had no time to care about this as she tried her best to unleash her greatest speed and continuously moved back!

Pilihuala!

She heard a crisp shatter, and the Heaven-Locking Formation collapsed in the air!

The invisible barrier of suppression that protected Chu Liuyue shattered as well! Then, that black hand landed on the Heaven-Locking Formation heavily!

The two forces crazily collided with each other and caused the ground to shake! After a temporary silence, the terrifying forces hurled toward the surroundings!

Chu Liuyue was the first to take the hit! Her chest vibrated, and her body seemed to be harshly hit by something as she flew backward uncontrollably!

Suddenly, a warm force held her waist.

Chu Liuyue's heart relaxed as she let herself fall back into the familiar embrace.

A familiar cold fragrance attacked her and instantly comforted her intense heartbeat.

Nan Suhuai's expression became sharp. "Everyone, listen to my orders! Form a barrier!"

Once he said this, his figure moved as he ran over first! At the same time, thick and vigorous force rapidly surged out of his palm!

The elders were the first to react as they took action one after another!

The many forces intertwined. In the blink of an eye, it formed a gigantic barrier in midair!

Hong hong hong!

The two forces fought intensely, and the ripples spread, harshly hitting the surrounding barrier!

The barrier immediately started shaking violently, and even a few nearby mountains were implicated. At that moment, the mountain bodies shook, and rocks fell.

Shangguan Jing and Elder Meng took action quickly!

The forces inside barged everywhere as they kept swallowing each other and caused repulsions. But with the elders' help, the barrier—which was about to break—was finally stabilized forcefully.

Right at this moment, the Heaven-Locking Formation started spinning at greater speeds.

Countless rays of light shot to the sky as they restricted that black hand tightly! Then, they crazily attacked it!

The hand also started struggling violently, but it still couldn't break free.

Scars appeared on that hand. Slowly, bright red blood flowed out.

The sharp and miserable cries almost pierced one's eardrums! This time, even the many students spectating from far away heard this strange sound.

The expression on the crowd's faces changed.

This item was indeed extremely weird! But luckily, the Heaven-Locking Formation was much stronger this time. Not only did it survive, but it even took the upper hand slowly and started to retaliate!

At this moment, every second became harder to endure than ever.

After some time—

Peng!

A loud sound was heard!

That black hand was finally crushed!

The purple light and silver light of the Heaven-Locking Formation wrapped around it. Following this, the crowd saw that the gigantic black hand had split into many parts!

The strange thing was that no fresh red blood spurted out.

The black pieces of meat rapidly burned and finally turned into black fumes that disappeared! Only a fishy scent spread throughout the air and didn't go away for a long time.

Chu Liuyue turned around and looked at Rong Xiu.

She was disheveled at this point, and there was even a wound on her face, looking very fragile. However, her eyes—which were as dark as black gems—were bright like the stars.

"Rong Xiu." Her pale lips curled up slightly at a faint angle.

Rong Xiu's heart tingled as he gazed at her deeply.

"I didn't lie to you this time. I came back in one piece."

Rong Xiu's hand suddenly tightened, but he restrained himself, terrified that he would touch her wound.

She reached out, hugged his thin waist, and leaned against his chest. In her ears, she could clearly hear his heart beating.

Only a few layers of clothes were in between the two of them.

His warmth quickly transferred to her body. Her ice-cold body seemed to warm up.

After one moment, a low voice sounded above her head. "Yue'er, be good. In the future... stay beside me forever."

She closed her eyes lightly, and the corner of her lips curled up. "Okay."

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It was permission and also a promise.

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After Chu Liuyue said this, she fainted in Rong Xiu's arms.

She was already exhausted and was just forcefully relying on her last bit of willpower to support herself. Seeing that the Heaven-Locking Formation trouble was settled, Chu Liuyue relaxed. Finally, she couldn't hold on and fainted.

This sleep lasted for a month.

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Jiuheng Peak.

In the room, the few of them sat on both sides.

"Yue'er has been in a coma for so long. Why hasn't she woken up?" Nan Suhuai couldn't help but sigh with eyes filled with worry.

Shangguan Jing paused and said, "Too many things have happened recently, so she has used up all her energy both mentally and physically. Now that she can finally rest, it's normal that she's asleep for a little longer."

Among all these people present, he knew the clearest about how much she had suffered.

Perhaps others would think that Chu Liuyue had heaven-defying luck to be able to break through from an intermediate stage-eight warrior continuously to become a legendary warrior. However, who knew what exactly she had gone through in between?!

Especially when she summoned her God Realm and forcefully became a true god... Normal people might not even be able to do this in decades, yet she completed all of it in a mere few months. How could she not be tired?

Let's not mention that she even repaired the Heaven-Locking Formation at the end and used up all her force. it used up everything she had.

Upon hearing this, Nan Suhuai's expression became warmer. "That's true. These few years... that girl must've suffered quite a bit. Anyway, they can deal with all the matters in the academy, so we can just let Yue'er rest."

However, it was rather worrying that she didn't wake up.

During this month, they would come over and sit for a while every day. However, they had used many pills and tried all sorts of methods, yet she still showed no signs of waking up.

They didn't know how long she would sleep, which caused them to be uneasy.

Elder Bo Yan stood at the side, looked at Shangguan Jing and Nan Suhuai, and silently sighed.

Actually, he wanted to ask about too many things, yet Yue'er had been in a coma during this period of time. These big bosses had also placed all their focus on her, so he couldn't ask further.

And these people clearly had an unspoken mutual understanding and didn't talk much about that girl. For example, the reason for her leaving her God Realm in Fengmin Mountain and the reason she suddenly left and disappeared without a trace.

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When she appeared again, she had a completely different identity, and she was even missing a part of her memory.

After the eruption in Million Wine Mountain, she said she wanted to go down no matter what. Was it really just because she wanted to make up for her mistake of the red-gold heavenly phoenix swallowing the lightning force?

Besides, the director's whereabouts in the past few years... Where exactly did he go? How did he come back at such a crucial time?

Finally, the most worrying thing for Elder Bo Yan was: Did that person come back that day?

Ever since the incident ended, there were no additional people in the academy.

The many mysteries caused one to be uneasy and filled with doubts. However, he could only temporarily suppress these curiosities and confusions.

Familiar footsteps sounded from outside the door.

The few of them looked up. The person who came in wasn't anyone else but Rong Xiu, who had been taking close care of Chu Liuyue during this period of time.

Nan Suhuai stood up first. "Rong Xiu, how's Yue'er?"

Rong Xiu looked calm. "She hasn't woken up yet."

Upon hearing this, the few of them looked disappointed. Even though they had already guessed it, they couldn't help but feel empty when they heard this.

"However, her injuries have basically healed."

Even though her wounds were severe, she had become a true god again, so her recovery speed was much better than before. The reason she was in a coma for such a long time was really like Shangguan Jing had said—she was too tired previously and had to rest.

"That's great; that's great..."

The few of them exchanged glances and heaved sighs of relief.

Even though she hadn't woken up, this was considered good news to them.

"Since this is so, we can rest assured. Continue taking good care of her; we'll leave first." With Rong Xiu around, there was basically nothing much to worry about.

Rong Xiu nodded. "I'll send you off."

The few of them stood up and walked outside.

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The moment they walked to the door, they heard a ripple coming from outside.

Rong Xiu's brows moved slightly as he raised his arm.

Jiuheng Peak's barrier silently opened.

A familiar figure quickly flew in.

"Director!" The incoming person was in a hurry and looked rather worried—it was actually Elder Wen Xi.

"Wen Xi, why are you here?" Nan Suhuai walked out and found it strange when he saw him. Calculating the time, Elder Wen Xi should still be cleaning up the mess in the academy.

Elder Wen Xi quickly walked forward and passed over a palm-sized red-golden feather with furrowed brows. "Director, the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan sent a letter."

"Red-gold heavenly phoenix?" Nan Suhuai took the feather.

It was totally red and gold, and it was as hard as metal. It was covered in a layer of faint suppression.

It was indeed a letter from the red-gold heavenly phoenixes.

"Yes, and it states that only you can open the letter," added Elder Wen Xi.

"They barely have any interactions with humans. Why did they suddenly think of writing us a letter?" muttered Elder Bo Yan strangely.

However, Nan Suhuai suddenly thought of something as his expression turned solemn.

He used slight force in his fingertips, and the feather glowed brightly. Then, a few lines of words floated in space.

Nan Suhuai looked over. When he read it halfway, he knitted his brows.

When those few lines of words completely disappeared, his expression totally turned harsh and was covered in a layer of coldness.

Not long later, those few lines of words slowly disappeared.

The red-golden feather silently turned into powder and went with the wind.

"Director, what did they say?" asked Elder Bo Yan rather worriedly.

They stood at the side, so they couldn't see its content.

Nan Suhuai paused for a moment. "This is written personally by the red-gold heavenly phoenix's clan leader."

The few of them were shocked. "Clan leader? Hasn't that person not come out in a few hundred years? Rumors have it that his temper is very arrogant, and he hardly ever interacts with humans."

As an ancient legendary fiend, the red-gold heavenly phoenixes had pride in their bones, especially this clan leader.

They heard that a legendary warrior was once injured and needed a herb that only the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan had in order to treat himself, so he went forward to ask for it. In the end, he waited outside the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan for three days and nights, yet the other party refused to see him.

In the end, this legendary warrior could only leave in disappointment. Later on, his injury became permanent, and he couldn't improve his skills for the rest of his life.

Upon hearing this, the crowd sighed.

They didn't even give face to the legendary warrior, which showed how proud the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan was!

Therefore, why did this person suddenly send a letter now?

Nan Suhuai coldly said, "It wants Yue'er to break her agreement with that red-gold heavenly phoenix and apologize in person!"

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"Dissolve the agreement?! Go up and apologize?!" The few of them were stunned.

The red-gold heavenly phoenix clan had always been arrogant. It was normal for them not to accept Yue'er making an agreement with a red-gold heavenly phoenix. However, such a request was too overboard!

"Is this a joke? Yue'er's fiend has followed her for many years and broke through all the way from a nine-colored heavenly pheasant to the red-gold heavenly phoenix it is today. Now, they have to dissolve the agreement just because they said so?! That's too unreasonable!"

Elder Bo Yan, who had always been gentle, couldn't help but knit his brows.

One could just imagine how much the girl and Tuan Zi had been through to get to where they were today. Now, the red-gold heavenly phoenixes just randomly sent a letter and wanted them to dissolve their agreement. How could there be such logic in the world?!

Elder Wen Xi sighed secretly in his heart. After knowing who sent the letter, he was rather worried and felt that it should be related to Yue'er. However, he also didn't expect the other party to be so rude and domineering.

"They should know about what happened in the academy earlier on. Even though Tuan Zi was born as a nine-colored heavenly pheasant, it's a true red-gold heavenly phoenix now. Therefore, they naturally have to care about it," said Nan Suhuai.

There were no secrets in the world, let alone the academy having such a huge commotion. Even when they had already tried their best to suppress the news, the entire God Residence Realm probably already knew about it.

"They don't have to have such a stiff attitude, right?" Elder Wen Xi couldn't help but ask.

This letter was directly written to the director, but the other party clearly didn't give any face at all. It was no wonder the director's face turned cold once he read the letter.

"Miao Yao previously suffered greatly on our side, so this might be related to him," guessed Elder Bo Yan.

He couldn't be blamed for this scheming. Miao Yao had always been arrogant and petty, so it was impossible for him to let the previous incident go.

Nan Suhuai nodded. "The great phoenix dragons and the red-gold heavenly phoenixes are the two ancient legendary fiend clans, and they have always had a strange relationship. Even though they don't fight on the surface, they have many secret battles. To them, their bloodline having an agreement with humans definitely isn't anything honorable and could even be seen as a flaw."

"The news of Yue'er making an agreement with a red-gold heavenly phoenix must've spread all around by now. The key is that other than the red-gold heavenly phoenix, she even has a legendary three-eyed eagle."

When the average person heard this, their first thought would definitely be shock and curiosity. After all, it was indeed rare to make agreements with two legendary fiends at the same time.

But when the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan heard this, they would definitely be upset.

"The red-gold heavenly phoenix clan might be mocked by the great phoenix dragon clan over this." That was why their attitudes were so stiff.

The few of them fell silent.

Nan Suhuai's words made sense.

"Not to mention Yue'er, even I won't agree to this matter," said Shangguan Jing suddenly. His tone was calm, but his expression was determined. The other party doesn't care about Yue'er at all! This is pure humiliation!

"Senior Shangguan, don't worry. Yue'er is my disciple. I have the same stance as you in regards to this issue." Nan Suhuai's expression returned to normal. "I'll reply to them now and talk it out with them! This matter has no room for negotiation!"

Yue'er was currently unconscious, and the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan just sent this letter over. They were too much of a bully!

"I'll just go." A slightly hoarse voice suddenly came from the side.

The few of them were shocked. Turning around, they saw that the door was open as a slim figure walked out, standing at the door frame.

It was Chu Liuyue.

Rong Xiu's gaze flickered as he walked over first.

His steps were calm, but he moved extremely quickly. In the blink of an eye, he already walked to the door.

"You're awake?" Rong Xiu stretched out his hand and placed it on the back of her forehead.

The palm was thick and warm. That warmth seemed to spread from her forehead and reached her entire body.

Chu Liuyue smiled slightly. "I'm fine."

At this point, she was bare-faced. Perhaps it was because she had slept for too long and just woke up, but her face was slightly rosy.

Her bright black eyes were clear and clean, sparkling like stars. Her hair had messily fallen, and she wore a thin white layer of clothes.

Rong Xiu quickly surveyed her surroundings, and his gaze deepened slightly. Her waist... seems to be slimmer.

Rong Xiu lightly acknowledged it as he took out a black cloak and placed it on her.

Suddenly feeling that her body became heavier, Chu Liuyue blinked. I'm not cold.

However, Rong Xiu didn't stop and even helped her to button it up carefully. After tidying her, he took half a step back and nodded in satisfaction. "It's cold. Don't freeze."

Chu Liuyue was speechless. It's currently in the middle of the day, and the sun is shining right in. With this huge cloak, it would definitely be hot. Why would it be cold?

But facing his deep and nonchalant phoenix-like gaze, Chu Liuyue still nodded obediently as her lips moved.

"Yue'er." Shangguan Jing and the rest walked over, sizing her up happily.

Seeing that she was rather energetic and most of her wounds had healed, the few of them were relieved.

"Originally, we thought that we would have to wait for a while longer for you to wake up. How's your body?"

Chu Liuyue's lips curled up slightly, revealing a smile. "Thank you for your concern, Ancestor, Mentor. I'm much better."

Actually, she had already recovered consciousness a few days ago. However, her physical body was too exhausted, and she couldn't wake up.

She had pretty much recuperated now, so she could get up.

"That's great!" Nan Suhuai sighed lightly and looked at her dotingly. "It has really been hard on you during this time."

Chu Liuyue's heart felt warm as she shook her head. "Actually, I implicated the academy..."

Nan Suhuai's eyes widened. "Stupid girl, what are you talking about?!"

I will never agree if anyone dares to say that this is because my—Nan Suhuai's precious disciple made a mistake!

Chu Liuyue couldn't help but laugh. Knowing that she could not refute this in front of her mentor, she swallowed her remaining words.

Knowing her thoughts, Rong Xiu said lightly, "Everything in the academy is back on track. You don't have to worry."

Chu Liuyue was then really relieved.

She had really tried her best to obtain today's results, so it could be considered that she had no regrets.

Chu Liuyue paused for a moment and glanced at Nan Suhuai again. "Mentor, did that letter state the time?"

Nan Suhuai was dazed for a moment before realizing what she was asking. He couldn't help furrowing his brows tightly.

Originally, he wanted to reject it directly. But seeing Chu Liuyue's expression, he hesitated again. "...You really want to go?"

Chu Liuyue nodded. "Tuan Zi is my fiend, but it's also part of the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan. I have to make this trip."

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Shangguan Jing had a look of disapproval and said curtly, "Yue'er, the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan has always been arrogant. Now that they've sent this letter, they should have malicious intentions. If you go, you will suffer."

In actual fact, judging from the other party's personality and working style... If Chu Liuyue really did what the letter said and went over personally, unimaginable humiliation was probably awaiting her.

He naturally couldn't bear to let her go and suffer this.

Chu Liuyue smiled and said, "Ancestor, although Tuan Zi successfully broke through to become a red-gold heavenly phoenix later on, according to the rules, it has to make a trip back and acknowledge its ancestors since it has inherited this bloodline. We previously had no time, but Tuan Zi and I had already decided to make a trip back when we were free. Since their clan leader has already sent a letter to chase us, we should take this chance to go over."

"I know what you're worried about. Tuan Zi is my fiend, and I naturally won't agree to the other party's request to dissolve our agreement. This trip is to tell them this clearly and legitimately. If I don't go this time, they definitely won't let this slide. Things will only become increasingly troublesome.

Chu Liuyue's words made the few of them fall silent.

Actually, they knew that Chu Liuyue was stating facts. As long as Tuan Zi was still a red-gold heavenly phoenix and followed Chu Liuyue, the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan wouldn't let this slide.

From this letter personally written by the clan leader, they could tell that they minded this matter way more than expected.

Nan Suhuai knitted his brows. "But if you go this time, it will definitely be perilous. Why don't... I reply to them and ask them to meet somewhere else."

Chu Liuyue couldn't help but laugh out loud. "Mentor, how is that considered 'going up and apologizing?'"

However, Nan Suhuai didn't care as he coldly snorted. "The ancient legendary fiends do have a distinguished status, but our Ling Xiao Academy isn't one to be trifled with. How can we allow them to trample all over us!?"

Previously, Miao Yao had directly barged into the academy and caused a huge commotion.

If not for Chu Liuyue retaliating later on and handling everything, Nan Suhuai wouldn't have let this slide. Even now, he still had a grudge against the great phoenix dragon.

Now, it was the red-gold heavenly phoenix's turn!

It was really never-ending! It became increasingly worse!

"You can just stay in the academy. I don't believe they will destroy the entire academy!"

Chu Liuyue knew that Nan Suhuai was thinking about her. However, she really didn't want to give the academy more trouble at this time.

"Mentor." Chu Liuyue paused and then said, "The academy has just experienced quite a big ordeal, and it's a critical moment now. There's really no reason to push the academy to the limelight because of these things."

During this period of time, she had been in an unconscious state and didn't know much about the outside world. But as long as she thought about it, she could roughly guess it.

Million Wine Mountain was destroyed, and quite a few elders in the academy were injured. At this point in time, Ling Xiao Academy couldn't suffer another ordeal.

Shangguan Jing thought for a moment. "I'll accompany you."

In this way, he could be assured to some extent.

Chu Liuyue nodded.

The other party clearly stated that they wanted to see her, but Shangguan Jing had a special identity. Even if he followed her over, the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan couldn't say much. This also wouldn't implicate the academy.

Nan Suhuai wanted to convince her further, but seeing Chu Liuyue's persistent attitude, he couldn't help but sigh.

"Mentor, did they state the date and time?" asked Chu Liuyue.

The red-gold heavenly phoenix clan had always been mysterious. People only knew that they stayed on Godly Phoenix Mountain, but nobody knew the exact location.

Nan Suhuai boomed, "They gave you a month. As for the location... Tuan Zi has the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's bloodline, so it naturally can find it."

Chu Liuyue heaved a slight sigh of relief. "That's great."

Time was rather sufficient.

She paused, and her expression turned solemn. "I wonder... Where is Jun Jiuqing now? I want to see him."

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"That Shangguan Yue really has nine lives," said Yi Wenzhuo coldly as he played with the ashes in the incense pot.

A faint bitter fragrance spread throughout the air.

"Under such circumstances, she could actually survive it." Originally, he thought that she wouldn't survive this.

"She has quite a few trump cards. That Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed helped greatly in her survival."

Jun Jiuqing stood behind Yi Wenzhuo. He didn't have much of an expression and said lightly, "You're right."

Yi Wenzhuo paused and suddenly sneered. "Chi Xiao Sword, Heavenly Square Cauldron, two legendary fiends... Any one of them would cause people to be filled with envy. She alone occupied all of them. Such luck is indeed heaven-defying; it's no wonder she can summon her God Realm again and directly break through to become a true god a few years later."

As he spoke, he turned to glance at Jun Jiuqing. "As for you.... Back then, you originally could break through to become a true god, but you were suddenly delayed for a few years in between and can't succeed to this day. Those people in the clan don't mock you any less in private because of this."

He would never hide these things from Jun Jiuqing. He wanted to let Jun Jiuqing know how cruel the world was!

If you don't become stronger, you will only be slaughtered!

Jun Jiuqing's eyelids drooped slightly. "I know. I've made you worried these few years."

"Luckily, you've already successfully broken through, so those people can't talk much anymore." Yi Wenzhuo placed the items in his hands down. "That Shangguan Yue does have quite a few treasures, but you have some as well. You must carefully study the legendary weapons and techniques I gave you earlier."

"Yes."

Yi Wenzhuo stared at him. "Back then, I was the senior brother and was more experienced and capable than Nan Suhuai. However, he eventually became the director! Now, all my hopes are pinned on you! You must beat Shangguan Yue! I've already lost once, and I don't wish to lose again. Do you understand?"

Jun Jiuqing looked up, and his expression was nonchalant. "I understand."

Yi Wenzhuo gazed deeply at him for quite a while. "Let me warn you—Rong Xiu is already ruined because of Shangguan Yue. You..."

Knock knock!

Before Yi Wenzhuo could finish his sentence, he suddenly heard knocks from outside. At the same time, a cold voice sounded. "Vice-director, Shangguan Yue is here to visit."

"Why did she come here?!" Yi Wenzhuo's expression turned cold. When I was still in the academy a few years ago, Shangguan Yue rarely came over. Now that she has suddenly come, there must be a problem!

However, Jun Jiuqing's gaze flickered. She... woke up?

Yi Wenzhuo squinted his eyes, stood up, and walked outside. I want to see what this Shangguan Yue plans on doing!

Creak...

The door opened, and Yi Wenzhuo saw Chu Liuyue—who was standing in the courtyard—instantly. The strange thing was that there was nobody else around her.

She actually came alone.

Yi Wenzhuo sized her up and looked annoyed. "Shangguan Yue? Why are you here?"

Chu Liuyue smiled slightly, and her gaze landed on the figure behind him. "Vice-director, I came today to find Jun Jiuqing."

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Yi Wenzhuo turned around and glanced at her with a doubtful gaze. Shangguan Yue should've woken up not long ago. Logically speaking, Nan Suhuai that bunch of people should be carefully doting on her. Why would they allow her to come over alone? Besides, she is looking for Jun Jiuqing.

"We previously had some conflicts that we couldn't solve, so I specifically came over, wanting to explain everything that happened." Chu Liuyue was straightforward as the corner of her lips curled up slightly. "This is your place. You won't be worried that I'll do anything here, right?"

Who is this targeting? Yi Wenzhuo's expression turned colder. "You can go ahead and talk to him."

Then, he glanced at Jun Jiuqing with deep meaning. "Don't take too long and come back to cultivate."

Jun Jiuqing nodded. "Yes."

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In the room, Chu Liuyue sat opposite Jun Jiuqing.

The door was open, but there was a barrier inside the room, so the two of them weren't afraid of being overheard.

The atmosphere was cold, and the air was stiff.

Chu Liuyue was straightforward. "Jun Jiuqing, if you return my father unharmed and in one piece, all the grudges between us can be canceled."

Jun Jiuqing knew that she came for this matter. When he heard this, his brows quickly furrowed before returning to normal. "I don't know where he is."

Chu Liuyue's eyes turned slightly cold.

She straightened her body, and her shoulders were upright. Her black gem-like eyes stared straight at Jun Jiuqing. Then, her lips curled up in a cold smile. "It seems like you have no plans to talk to me."

"I really don't know." Jun Jiuqing leaned against the chair as the depths of his narrow and nonchalant eyes were filled with incomprehensible ripples. "Back then, I brought him away because I didn't want you to come back. Since you're already back and have recovered your memories, he is of no more use to me. I don't have to hide these things from you."

When Chu Liuyue saw Jun Jiuqing's expression, her heart sank.

"In the beginning, I commanded people to bring him to the God-Killing Tumulus—"

"Jun Jiuqing!" Chu Liuyue's expression changed drastically. God-Killing Tumulus—that is one of the most dangerous places in the God Residence Realm! With Chu Ning's cultivation level, he will definitely die there!

Jun Jiuqing raised his hand. "Don't worry. It's just at the borders, and it won't be fatal to him. Besides, I've been sending someone to follow him in secret. Why would I want his life?"

Chu Liuyue suppressed her overwhelming rage. Even though she never liked to interact with Jun Jiuqing, she had to admit that he made sense.

From the beginning, he only wanted to use Chu Ning to threaten her. The more he did this, the more he would focus on protecting Chu Ning's life.

"Since you sent someone to bring him to the God-Killing Tumulus, why do you say that you don't know?" questioned Chu Liuyue carefully.

Jun Jiuqing suddenly laughed. "You should ask Chu Ning this, or yourself."

Chu Liuyue was dazed.

Jun Jiuqing continued, "After my people sent him to the God-Killing Tumulus, everything was fine. But a month ago, all my men met their demise overnight, and Chu Ning disappeared. That was also the day you summoned your God Realm and recovered your memories."

Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes. "Really?"

Jun Jiuqing knocked against the handle in a seemingly smiling manner. "I can tell you honestly that among the people I sent over, there's a true god and three demigods. They're all strong warriors under me. This time, I've also suffered a great loss, but I don't even know who did it."

"Not to mention one Chu Ning... Even if it's ten of him, it's not worth me paying such a huge price." Jun Jiuqing's words sounded horrible, but they were direct.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows.

She knew that Jun Jiuqing didn't have a top status in the clan. Now that he had lost four strong warriors, he must've received some pressure.

He really had no need to do this.

"When I received the news, you had already fainted. Rong Xiu has also been standing guard at Jiuheng Peak. Even if I wanted to tell you about it, I didn't have the chance." Jun Jiuqing's brows slightly rose as his lazy and hoarse voice had a few hints of unconcealable mockery.

Chu Liuyue entered deep thought. If it is really so, where is Chu Ning now?

"You shouldn't be able to contact Chu Ning now. Unless you can find him, nobody will know what exactly happened that day. Of course, perhaps you should ask yourself how many people you've offended in total. There should be many people who want to take advantage of this opportunity, right?"

Chu Liuyue's gaze was cold as she looked at Jun Jiuqing. After a moment, she then stood up. "I'll believe your words for now. If I discover that all you said were lies another day, I definitely will return this to you a hundredfold!"

Then, she walked outside. Jun Jiuqing's men are all dead, and he probably won't have many clues. There is no point in continuing to ask.

When she walked to the door, Jun Jiuqing's voice suddenly sounded from behind. "If you didn't insist on coming back and stayed with me in Beiming, none of this would've happened."

Chu Liuyue stopped in her tracks and looked over.

Jun Jiuqing's expression was nonchalant. Even though he was smiling, his expression was extremely cold. Forgetting the past might be a tragedy for others, but it is undoubtedly a relief for her. It is a pity she is too stubborn, and Rong Xiu... He is too lax with her.

The two of them stared at each other.

After a moment, Chu Liuyue suddenly asked, "Not many people know about why I left the academy, and even Rong Xiu only found out later on. How... do you know?"

Inside the room, the coldness overwhelmed, and the atmosphere was stiff.

Jun Jiuqing smiled curtly, and he looked demonic. "I naturally have my own ways."

Chu Liuyue knew that she wouldn't get an answer if she continued asking, so she turned around to leave.

It was only until her figure disappeared behind the door that Jun Jiuqing's smile gradually disappeared.

He closed his eyes, staying in his seat for a while as his surrounding pressure became extremely low. After a moment, he stood up and walked to Yi Wenzhuo's room.

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Chu Liuyue was rather flustered.

Originally, she thought that she could get Jun Jiuqing to return her father after meeting him. She didn't expect something to happen again.

The previous time, all her connections with her father had already been broken. Now, she couldn't get any news at all.

Even if he was still in the God-Killing Tumulus, that place was spacious and wide. Finding a person was undoubtedly like finding a needle in a haystack.

After returning to Jiuheng Peak... Chu Liuyue originally wanted to discuss things with Rong Xiu, but she realized that he wasn't around.

He should be at Dong Huang Clock Tower... Chu Liuyue thought in this manner and returned to her room.

It was already evening.

The evening sunlight shone in from the window, and the room was bright.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows and thought for a long while but still had no idea, so she could only temporarily suppress this matter.

She breathed in and closed her eyes.

Inside her dantian, a brilliant water droplet floated quietly. With a thought, that water droplet changed shape and instantly became a broken page.

It was translucent, crystallized, and iridescent!