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Inside Godly Phoenix Hall, the atmosphere became colder and stagnant.

Yi Zhao stared at Chu Liuyue coldly and smiled angrily. "The human race is really treacherous and cunning."

For thousands of years, the nature of the human race has never changed!

Chu Liuyue didn't care about this kind of thing at all. If I didn't scheme, I would've already been stepped all over. How could I be standing here and talking? Therefore, I have the right to assume that the other party is praising my intelligence.

She said with a smile, "You flatter me. In fact, I did this so that I could continue to let Tuan Zi be with me. I know this matter is very difficult for you and the entire red-gold heavenly phoenix clan to accept. Therefore, as long as you're willing not to terminate the contract and let Tuan Zi recognize its ancestors and return to its sect, I'm willing to go through fire and water to do whatever you want."

Chu Liuyue was very sincere. This was originally the main purpose of her trip.

Yi Zhao stared at her for a while, then sneered. "If you really want to do good for it, you should automatically terminate the contract. It's a red-gold heavenly phoenix, a noble and powerful ancient legendary fiend! Don't you know that you'll only drag it down?!"

The strength of a legendary fiend in agreement was closely related to the owner. If the owner was a good-for-nothing, then even if the fiend was an ancient legendary fiend, its combat effectiveness would be greatly limited.

"The red-gold heavenly phoenix clan generally has a lifespan of thousands of years. If the bloodline power is strong and pure, it is even more unpredictable. However, the human race... Even a god can only live for a few hundred years. When you die, do you want it to fall with you?" The look in Yi Zhao's eyes when he gazed at Chu Liuyue was unabashedly sarcastic. "You say that it is for its good, but in fact, it is just for your own selfish desires!"

Every word and sentence was like a heavy stone falling! It was overwhelming and made people breathless!

After listening to him, the smile on Chu Liuyue's face gradually dissipated. She narrowed her eyes slightly, then raised her head and asked, "How can you be sure that I'll only be a burden to Tuan Zi?"

Above the woman's beautiful and refined face was a thin layer of frost, exuding an awe-inspiring cold air.

"It seems that you don't know me very well, so I'm here to formally introduce myself to you. I—Shangguan Yue—am a disciple of Nan Suhuai, who is the dean of Ling Xiao Academy. I am also the descendant of Shangguan Jing—a supreme Armory Refinement Master—and the Sky-Cloud Empire's Princess Consort! Of course, I know that none of these identities can enter your eyes, but you won't know what it means to have these backgrounds."

Chu Liuyue's eyebrows were stained with a bit of coldness and pride. It was the pride in her bones, and it was also based on the confidence of her own strength!

"I've just broken through to become a true god. At the same time, I'm already a King Xuan Master and a Physician. Oh, other than that, I'm also an Armory Refinement Master. The Chi Xiao Sword's sword soul was even refined by me personally." Her tone was calm, and her voice was as clear as jade hitting each other.

Speaking of this, she suddenly smiled. "Most importantly, I'm only 17 years old. Do you really think that I'll only be where I am now for the rest of my life?"

Yi Zhao was dumbfounded for a while, but he didn't know how to refute her.

With the words Shangguan Yue just said... Even if he didn't look up to the human race, he knew that she was definitely already the best among the human race!

After a while, he finally spoke with a deep voice. "Fine! Since you're so confident in yourself, then... I'll give you a chance!"

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Yi Zhao raised his hand and pointed to Tuan Zi. "As long as you can successfully help it turn into human form within a month, then our clan will no longer pursue this matter! From then on, it can vow to follow you to death, and the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan will never ask again!"

His deep and thick voice echoed throughout Godly Phoenix Hall!

Several elders were all taken aback and looked at Yi Zhao in disbelief. Is the clan leader mad? He actually really agreed to Shangguan Yue's request and made such a bet with her!

Chu Liuyue's lips curled, and she smiled. "Okay! It's a deal!"

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Creek!

The doors of Godly Phoenix Hall slowly opened.

Countless people who were waiting outside came to their senses one after another and looked up. They watched as a tall and burly figure slowly walked out of the hall.

His expression was solemn and majestic but not angry—it was the clan leader, Yi Zhao!

Behind him, the five elders also walked out one after another. There was no expression on their faces, and they were indifferent.

This disappointed those who wanted to get an inkling of what had happened from their expressions.

Even Elder Yi Yu—who had always been jolly—was frowning slightly at this time. The emotions in his eyes were complicated and unpredictable.

Yi Zhao stood still in the square in front of the main hall and looked down. His eyes were as majestic as thunder and lightning, making people unconsciously in awe.

The originally noisy crowd suddenly quieted down, and then they all saluted. "Greetings, Clan Leader!"

Yi Zhao nodded, then looked behind him. "Come out."

Hearing this, everyone was confused and looked at each other. The five elders are all here. Who is the clan leader calling?

Suddenly, someone reacted sensitively and couldn't help but widen his eyes slightly. "Shangguan Yue?! Or the red-gold heavenly phoenix?"

"It should be the newcomer, right? As for Shangguan Yue, the clan leader has always hated dealing with humans the most. He's already giving her face by not chasing her out directly. How could he let her appear here?"

"You're right."

"Speaking of which, don't you think it's strange? It's said that the contract was terminated, but why isn't there any movement inside? Although that person broke through halfway, it's considered a pure red-gold heavenly phoenix now. Logically speaking, it shouldn't be so calm, right?"

"With the clan leader and several elders present... Even if there is a big movement, they can press it down. What's so strange about this?"

Low voices of discussion spread in the crowd.

Countless pairs of eyes looked at the doors of Godly Phoenix Hall with curiosity and inquiry.

Others were already unable to restrain their probes and looked around vigorously, for fear of missing something.

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A slender and exquisite figure slowly walked out from behind the heavy and solemn doors.

It was evening. A brilliant afterglow reflected on a body, pulling the figure very long as if to get rid of the cold air that came out of the hall.

The figure belonged to a woman.

She was wearing a simple and neat red skirt with a black jade belt buttoned around her waist, which easily outlined her graceful curves.

The lines of her whole body were straight and restrained, a perfect fit for her aura.

Her hair was tied up simply, held in place by a black wooden peach blossom hairpin. Under the sunlight, the lifelike peach blossoms were crystal clear.

Instantly, the noisy voices from before disappeared.

The air seemed to have solidified, and the scene was frozen in place.

Everyone's expressions stagnated for a moment as if they hadn't reacted yet.

As if perceiving these sights, the woman raised her head.

Her neck was exceptionally slender and fair, and at this time, all her hair was curled up, revealing a beautiful and outstanding shoulder and neckline.

Her skin was clear and white, like a good piece of suet jade. At this time, the sun was setting, reflecting faint golden light on the fine hairs on her cheeks.

Her facial features were perfect, and her beauty was shocking.

Her red lips were slightly hooked, and her cold eyebrows seemed to be stained with a warm smile.

Everyone looked a little dumbfounded for a while.

It took a while before a voice murmured: "That's... a human? Wait! She's Shangguan Yue?!"

Although they also looked like human beings on the outside, this was just a transformation, and their own aura was still undoubtedly that of a red-gold heavenly phoenix. However, this woman who had just come out of Godly Phoenix Hall was obviously a human!

"Someone actually came out of there alive?!" someone couldn't help exclaiming.

They couldn't be blamed for being so shocked. Over the years, there had only been a handful of humans in Godly Phoenix Mountain. There were almost none who were eligible to enter Godly Phoenix Hall.

Not only did Shangguan Yue go in, but she also came out intact. How could it not be shocking?

After all, many people in the clan previously thought that after the contract was terminated... Even if the clan leader didn't take her life on the spot, she should not live long.

The contract with a red-gold heavenly phoenix was a great shame for them!

"I heard that Shangguan Yue's status in the human race isn't low. The clan leader kept her alive to prevent the other humans from causing trouble, right?"

Everyone was speculating in their hearts, and at the same time, they were still looking Chu Liuyue up and down.

Chu Liuyue chose to ignore them all. She walked out magnanimously.

Tuan Zi was squatting on her shoulders with its head buried under its wings. It wanted to express its dissatisfaction with the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan.

Chu Liuyue couldn't hold her laughter and said in a low voice, "Tuan Zi, they're all looking at you. If you keep doing this, they might think you're too cowardly."

Whoosh!

Tuan Zi suddenly became energetic and immediately raised its head. Its eyes were black and bright, and it turned its head with a grunt. Who! Who dares to look down on me?!

After looking around, Tuan Zi restrained itself and raised its wings. But this time, it didn't shrink its head and looked around from time to time instead.

Chu Liuyue's lips curled up slightly.

She and Tuan Zi had a telepathic connection, so how could she not know what it was thinking?

Tuan Zi wanted to come back and have a look, and it also wanted to know what kind of life its own people were living. In any case, they all had the same blood flowing in their bodies. This power from the bloodline, naturally, would make it curious and nostalgic for this place.

For her sake, it pretended not to care about all this and even prepared to sever ties with everything here forever.

However, Chu Liuyue wasn't willing to let it be like this.

At this time, some people finally laid eyes on Tuan Zi's body. "That... Is it the legendary red-gold heavenly phoenix?"

"It looks mediocre and doesn't seem to be anything special, right?"

"Didn't you notice that it's still squatting on the shoulders of that human? Isn't this special?"

Yi Ran put one hand behind him and looked over. With just one glance, he frowned, and a look of disgust quickly flashed across his eyes.

"It's not decent!"

At this moment, Yi Zhao suddenly looked over. "Yi Ran, you will take Shangguan Yue and the others to Phoenix Valley."

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It was a simple sentence, but the amount of information it revealed stunned everyone present. Take them to Phoenix Valley? Phoenix Valley is where all the red-gold heavenly phoenix rest. It is normal for the new red-gold heavenly phoenix to go there. However... how can Shangguan Yue go?!

Yi Ran thought that he had heard wrongly and asked hesitantly, "Them?"

Yi Zhao nodded, his expression indifferent. He didn't seem to realize that his sentence had set off a huge wave.

"Shangguan Yue will also stay there for the month." He paused. "Just arrange a place for them for the time being."

Although he couldn't wait to send Shangguan Yue away immediately, and his eyes hurt when he saw how close she was with Tuan Zi, he naturally couldn't go back on his words now that he had made an agreement.

As far as that matter was concerned, it was obviously the most appropriate for them to live together.

There was dead silence around Godly Phoenix Hall.

They never expected to hear such words from the clan leader's mouth!

Some people subconsciously looked at the people next to them and found that everyone was equally stunned.

Wasn't... Shangguan Yue supposed to terminate the contract?

Wasn't she supposed to be taught a good lesson?

Wasn't the clan leader most disgusted with the human race?

What is happening now?!

Shangguan Yue safely came out of Godly Phoenix Hall and is even going to stay at Phoenix Valley? Is the clan leader mad?!

Of course, nobody dared to ask this sentence. Everyone could only respond with a long silence.

"Yi Ran, what are you doing in a daze?" Elder Yi Yu was the first to speak, breaking the almost suffocating atmosphere. "You can't be more familiar with Phoenix Valley. It's better to arrange a quiet place for them, understand?"

Yi Ran choked on his words and subconsciously looked at Elder Yi Gong next to him.

Elder Yi Gong frowned slightly inexplicably, but soon, his face returned to normal. "Whatever the clan leader asks you to do, just do it well."

Yi Ran opened his mouth and hesitated. "...Yes."

He finally suppressed the surging emotions in his heart, tried to keep himself calm, and looked at Chu Liuyue for the first time. What happened in the Godly Phoenix Hall just now? Elder Yi Gong had mentioned this to me before, and at that time, it was clear that the clan leader planned on making them terminate the contract directly and give them some suffering respectively. But now... Why has the situation suddenly changed?

However, he couldn't ask in front of everyone.

Yi Zhao glanced at Chu Liuyue indifferently. "Yi Ran is an outstanding figure among the younger generation of the clan and handles many things. During this period of time, just look for him if you have any problems."

Yi Ran frowned.

Elder Yi Gong had already taken the lead in refusing. "Clan leader, Yi Ran is only just breaking through. I'm afraid he might not be able to deal with these things in time..."

Several elders had various expressions. What could happen in a month? Besides, during this period of time, Shangguan Yue will be busy thinking up methods to make Tuan Zi break through. How could she have the leisure to stir up trouble?

In the past, when he was helping Yi Ran take over, he didn't say that.

Now, it was troublesome... On the surface, it sounded nice. But in fact, he just didn't want to waste time and energy on these things.

Yi Zhao's expression didn't change.

Elder Yi Yu tentatively said, "The ancestral ceremony is about to take place, and Yi Ran is busy cultivating. If he's delayed by other things, it's indeed not very good. It just so happens that I have nothing to do during this time, so it's better... if I'm responsible for their stay?"

Although he was one of the five elders, all important matters had been divided up by Yi Shang and Yi Gong, leaving some trivial matters for him to deal with.

He was very free.

Elder Yi Gong's expression changed. "Clan leader, Yi Ran and I didn't mean —"

Yi Zhao ignored him and only glanced at Elder Yi Yu before nodding. "Then, you can take them there."

Elder Yi Gong wanted to say something, but he still tactfully kept quiet in the end.

Chu Liuyue turned around and bowed to Elder Yi Yu with a smile. "Then, I'll have to trouble Elder Yi Yu."

Elder Yi Yu actually did not have any ill feelings toward her. In his opinion, she was indeed capable to have brought a Nine-Colored Heavenly Pheasant all the way to this day. Moreover, from what had happened before, she was really good to Tuan Zi.

That was actually quite good.

Elder Yi Yu raised his chin at her. "Follow me!"

With that, his figure moved, and he quickly flew in a certain direction!

Just as Chu Liuyue was about to move, Tuan Zi suddenly flew in front of her.

Laughing, she pulled it back. "It's not like I can't go over myself. Just stay here."

How funny. Wouldn't I be courting death by stepping on Tuan Zi's back and flying in front of so many red-gold heavenly phoenixes?

When Tuan Zi heard this, it obediently went back again.

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath and immediately followed Elder Yi Yu.

Under the watch of countless eyes, they finally disappeared behind the rolling mountains.

It was only when their shadows were really gone that everyone who stayed behind came back to their senses slowly. Shangguan Yue is staying here just like that?! Moreover, it is with the red-gold heavenly phoenix! They haven't terminated the contract at all, right?!

Yi Zhao looked around and said in a low voice.

"What are you all still looking at? The ancestral ceremony is coming up soon. Are you all ready?"

Upon hearing this, the crowd instantly dispersed!

The elders also bade farewell to Yi Zhao and prepared to return to continue preparing for the ancestral ceremony.

Yi Zhao did not say anything else. He turned around and returned to Godly Phoenix Hall alone.

The lively scene quickly quietened down.

Yi Ran couldn't help running toward Elder Yi Gong. "Master, what's going on?"

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Elder Yi Gong had a cold expression. "Follow me."

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The two went all the way back to Elder Yi Gong's residence.

After entering the forests and determining that there were no other people around, Elder Yi Gong gradually slowed down and finally stopped by a lake.

Yi Ran followed closely behind. "Mentor—"

Elder Yi Gong turned around and interrupted him. "How has your practice been recently, and when will you break through?"

Yi Ran was taken aback for a moment, taken aback that the first thing his mentor asked was this question. After thinking for a moment, he replied, "It should be successful in... half a month."

"Should?" Elder Yi Gong narrowed his eyes coldly. "I don't want 'should.' I want 'definitely!' The ancestral ceremony is about to begin, and before that, you must break through as soon as possible!"

Yi Ran was even more puzzled.

His talent had always been at the top of the younger generation, and he had always been the best. As his master, Elder Yi Gong had always been very partial to him; he had never spoken to him in such a stern tone.

Yi Ran thought for a moment. Master was clearly fine yesterday, but today, he only went to Godly Phoenix Hall. When he came out, his attitude changed. Could it be that... something had really happened inside?

"Yes, please rest assured, Master. I'll definitely break through before the ancestral ceremony and will never let you down." Yi Ran lowered his head and responded respectfully.

Elder Yi Gong put his hands behind his back and stared at him solemnly. "Yi Ran, I'm not worried that I'll be disappointed. Instead... This ancestral ceremony is of great importance to you! If you can't take the lead by then, the position of young master will not be yours!

Then, his voice softened. "For this day, you've been cultivating diligently all these years and don't dare to relax at all. I've seen all of this. It's also because of this that I can't let anyone threaten you!"

"Threaten...?" Yi Ran frowned slightly. Currently, the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan isn't considered prosperous. I'm already the top genius of the younger generation and am basically a shoo-in for that position. Who else would be a threat to me?

Suddenly, his expression changed, and he realized something. "Master, are you talking about —"

"That newly arrived red-gold heavenly phoenix will most likely be your rival!" Elder Yi Gong said firmly.

Seeing his affirmative expression, Yi Ran felt that something was wrong. "B-but it's just an unpresentable thing that broke through from a Nine-Colored Heavenly Pheasant... On what basis?"

What right does it have to compete with me?

Elder Yi Gong's expression was ugly, and he snorted coldly. "Its origin is indeed not very good, but it's a pity that its luck is too good, and its bloodline power is extremely pure! If not, do you think that Shangguan Yue can walk out of Godly Phoenix Hall unharmed like that?!"

Wasn't it all because of that red-gold heavenly phoenix?!

Yi Ran held his breath.

He wasn't stupid. He couldn't be clearer about the weight of Elder Yi Gong's words! To be able to make the clan leader relent and keep her...

"Its talent... Is it really that powerful?" Yi Ran couldn't help murmuring to himself.

Elder Yi Gong's lips moved, but he still didn't tell the truth.

Before coming out, the clan leader had repeatedly told him that the news must not be revealed before the ancestral ceremony. Thus, he could only endure it.

"...In short, its bloodline is definitely not inferior to yours. Although it's young now, it can't be underestimated. You just have to remember not to let your guard down!" As he spoke, he paused for a moment and comforted Yi Ran. "Of course, from the looks of it, it has a fatal flaw: its contract with Shangguan Yue has yet to be broken—"

"Really?" Yi Ran looked up in surprise. The clan leader is a man of his word. But this time...

"Things are more complicated here. It's useless for you to know so much now." Elder Yi Gong was unwilling to say anything.

He patted Yi Ran's shoulder and said earnestly, "As long as you can break through as soon as possible and obtain first place in the ancestral ceremony, you don't have to worry about anything else. Leave everything to Master."

Yi Ran was filled with questions, but seeing that his master didn't have the intention to say anything, he suppressed his emotions and nodded seriously. "Yes!"

Elder Yi Gong looked satisfied. "Very good. Have you comprehended everything I taught you recently?"

Yi Ran said, "I have some doubts."

"Start talking."

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The news that Shangguan Yue was going to stay in Phoenix Valley for a month soon spread throughout Godly Phoenix Mountain. For a moment, the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan was almost in an uproar!

All kinds of rumors about this matter quickly spread.

Many people began to ask around about who Shangguan Yue was.

In just half a day, the name 'Shangguan Yue' had already become famous in Godly Phoenix Mountain.

However, she did not care about this at this moment. She was bringing Tuan Zi to the legendary Phoenix Valley with Elder Yi Yu.

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"Here, this is your residence for the time being." Elder Yi Yu stood still in midair and pointed ahead with a smile. "The location here is a bit remote, but when other people come back, most of them won't pass by here. Quietness is the value of this place."

Chu Liuyue looked at the faint red-gold ball of light ten steps ahead and nodded with a smile to thank him. "Thank you so much. Tuan Zi and I like this place very much."

She didn't like noisy places. Besides, this was someone else's territory.

She still hoped to be as undisturbed as possible in the month that she was here.

Elder Yi Yu seemed to be not bad. She had a good impression of him, so her smile naturally became more genuine.

Elder Yi Yu looked at her, then at Tuan Zi, and smiled too.

Even if he didn't consider Shangguan Yue, just for Tuan Zi, he had to find a good place for them to stay. Purest bloodline... How many years has it been since it appeared in the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan?

He had to treasure this.

He took a few steps forward and gently covered the ball of light.

Whir!

A faint vibration sounded. Then, he retracted his hand and smiled at Chu Liuyue. "It's good that you like it. Then... I won't disturb you guys anymore. There's already a trace of my aura left on it. If there's any problem, just place your hand on it. I'll definitely rush over as soon as possible."

Chu Liuyue thanked him again and watched him leave.

It wasn't until his figure completely disappeared that she retracted her gaze and turned to look at the ball of light.

The volume of this sphere of light was actually not large. From the outside, it could only accommodate more than ten people at most. However, Chu Liuyue knew that there should be another space inside.

She raised her eyes.

The peaks and mountains on both sides overlapped, forming a canyon in the middle—it was Phoenix Valley!

And inside, there were several similar light balls floating!

Those must be the resting places of the other red-gold heavenly phoenixes.

Sensing some secretly spying gazes, her lips curled up slightly as she gently patted Tuan Zi. "Tuan Zi, let's go."

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Inside the light ball, there was a small space.

The mountains rose and fell as the stream sparkling with a red-golden light passed through the woods.

There was lush greenery, and the scene was filled with vitality.

The thick Heaven and Earth Force was encompassed within and rejuvenated one's mind.

Chu Liuyue couldn't help but praise, "It's indeed the ancient legendary fiend clan with deep foundations. Just this cultivation environment is much stronger than the outside."

Even Ling Xiao Academy and the Sky-Cloud Empire were weaker compared to this place.

Tuan Zi blinked curiously and looked around.

Chu Liuyue laughed lightly. "This will be your territory from now on. You can look at it however you want."

Tuan Zi turned around and sweetly rubbed against her face.

"Now, the most important thing is to help you gain your human form quickly."

When Tuan Zi heard this, its body stiffened slightly.

Chu Liuyue picked it up. "Oh right, I haven't asked you previously. When the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan wants to have its human form, what age must it be normally?"

Tuan Zi looked conflicted.

Chu Liuyue raised her brows slightly. "Hm?"

After quite a long pause, Tuan Zi's voice sounded in her heart hesitantly. "...A hundred years."

The smile on Chu Liuyue's face suddenly froze.

The surroundings fell into dead silence.

After some time, Chu Liuyue asked with difficulty, "...How old?"

Tuan Zi cried and weakly lowered its small head. Aiya! I disagreed with it at first! Yet, Chu Liuyue didn't even give me a chance to interrupt and directly agreed to Yi Zhao's request. Now... it's hard to settle this problem!

Chu Liuyue's eyelids twitched harshly. It's no wonder Yi Zhao suddenly allowed it. It turned out...

She knew that this matter would be harder, but she didn't expect it to be a huge trench like a bottomless pit.

After a temporary pause, Chu Liuyue then asked, "Why didn't you say it earlier?"

Tuan Zi waved its wings. "You didn't ask..."

When it saw how confident she was back then, it thought that she definitely knew about it and was confident that she could do it. Who knew—

Chu Liuyue rubbed her brows and felt her head ache.

Tuan Zi looked up at her meticulously.

The human and the fiend stared at each other.

"Other than this, is there any other way?" Chu Liuyue thought carefully. Other than this age restriction, the more important factor should be the skill level.

As expected, Tuan Zi nodded obediently upon hearing this. "As long as I can successfully open my third meridian, I can also turn into human form."

Chu Liuyue was confused. "Open the third meridian?"

Tuan Zi explained, "Even though everyone's a red-gold heavenly phoenix, our skills were different. Normally speaking, every breakthrough is opening a meridian."

Chu Liuyue nodded in understanding and sized Tuan Zi up. "Then now..."

"One meridian," replied Tuan Zi honestly.

Chu Liuyue wasn't surprised at this outcome either. After all, Tuan Zi had just broken through a few months ago, and it was normal for it to have only its starting meridian open.

From opening one meridian to three... It shouldn't be too difficult... right? Chu Liuyue asked curiously, "Then, do you know how many meridians your clan leader has open?"

Tuan Zi thought for a while before answering, "I think the clan leader has opened his seventh meridian."

"He's indeed incredible..." Chu Liuyue secretly sighed in astonishment.

Tuan Zi nodded in approval. "Oh right, other than the clan leader who has seven meridians open, the others only have six."

"The others?" Chu Liuyue reacted. "You're talking about... those five elders?"

Tuan Zi flapped its wings and nonchalantly said, "Yeah! Other than them, the remaining ones have lower levels, and there are very few who have five meridians open."

Without thinking, she knew that it was referring to the ones surrounding the outside of Godly Phoenix Hall back then.

A white light flashed across Chu Liuyue's mind. Then, she leaned toward Tuan Zi and looked into its eyes seriously.

Tuan Zi didn't understand why.

Chu Liuyue held her breath in, relaxed her voice, and asked, "Tuan Zi, how do you know their cultivation level?"

Tuan Zi was dazed for a moment before saying, "I... knew at first glance!"

Isn't it very simple?

However, Chu Liuyue was overwhelmed with emotions. For human cultivators, people with lower cultivation levels couldn't see the specific level of those stronger than them.

Tuan Zi only has one meridian open. Logically speaking, Tuan Zi is the weakest existence in the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan. How could it discern so much? Or... is the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan and the humans different? As they have the same bloodline, can they feel such things? Chu Liuyue's heart was filled with suspicions.

It was fine if it were others, but Yi Zhao was the clan leader. Being high, imperious, and able to look down on almost everyone's status, how could it let someone else see through his abilities?

This didn't make sense.

She stared at Tuan Zi calmly.

It blinked and looked at her in a very innocent manner.

Chu Liuyue's thoughts ran wild. After some thinking, she said, "Tuan Zi, we'll basically be here during this period of time. But if we go out later on, you mustn't bring this up in front of the others."

Tuan Zi knew what she was thinking and acknowledged her obediently.

Chu Liuyue looked up and surveyed her surroundings. "Let me think of how to open your remaining two meridians in the next month..."

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The night sky fell, and a gigantic curtain covered the land. Yet, it was bright within Godly Phoenix Hall.

Faint light escaped from the windows in a holy and distinguished manner.

It was silent within the hall.

A figure stood upright—it was Yi Zhao. From evening till now, he had maintained his posture for a long time.

He stared at the wall opposite him. A large watercolor painting was drawn on it.

In the middle of the chaotic times, a red-golden figure spread its wings and flew up, through the clouds and sea.

Its feathers were realistic and seemed real. Just by looking at this, one could feel the strong aura almost breaking out from that wall!

This was the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's ancestor! It was a pity that its eyes were black as if something was dug out.

Without eyes, it seemed to have lost its soul as it was helplessly restrained in the icy cold walls.

"...Ancestor, the purest bloodline appeared again. I wonder if this time, it will..."

Knock, knock.

Someone knocked on the door just then. "Eldest Young Master, Lord Xiahou is here!"

"Clan Leader, Yi Yu wishes to see you."

Yi Zhao recovered his senses. "Come in."

As he spoke, he turned around and looked at the incoming person. At this point, his expression had recovered its usual calmness and nonchalance.

Elder Yi Yu walked over. His gaze instinctively passed the gigantic mural, and he sighed in his heart. "Clan Leader, you're looking at Ancestor again? It's mentally taxing if you keep doing this..."

Yi Zhao's expression was light. "The ancestral ceremony is near, and a new bloodline has come back. I have to come here."

Elder Yi Yu knew that there was no use in convincing him, so he didn't spend much time conflicting on this. "Don't worry. I've already arranged Shangguan Yue and Tuan Zi's side."

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Yi Zhao nodded. "I'm naturally assured regarding the things you do."

Yi Yu smiled. "Actually, I thought you'd directly pass them to me today. I didn't expect you to call on Yi Ran first."

Yi Zhao lightly said, "He wouldn't do it anyway. Passing this to you from there will arouse less suspicion."

Yi Gong had always been suspicious. If he did this directly, he would definitely be suspicious.

This time, he and Yi Ran rejected it themselves, so it was fine.

"Yi Ran has always been smart. It's a pity that he got played in his own game." Elder Yi Yu's smile turned lighter, and he shook his head.

At this point, how would he still be as impulsive and happy as usual? He clearly was also an old fox that thought too much!

"A certain mentor would naturally have a similar disciple." Yi Zhao had long known what kind of people they were, so he naturally knew what methods were the most effective to deal with them.

Elder Yi Yu lowered his head slightly. "You've always let nature take its course. Actually, everything today was under your control."

Yi Zhao raised his hand. "No. I didn't think of leaving that Shangguan Yue behind at the very start."

That was because he really didn't expect this woman to be so gangster-ish!

"Additionally, Tuan Zi's bloodline... is much better than what I expected." When Yi Zhao spoke of this, satisfaction surfaced on his face. "At least you didn't waste your efforts."

When he initially learned that a red-gold heavenly phoenix appeared in Ling Xiao Academy, he didn't pay much attention to it. But when he knew that it had made an agreement with a human, he wanted to call it back as soon as possible.

But after hearing about these things, he faintly figured that this red-gold heavenly phoenix was rather different.

As expected today!

Elder Yi Yu smiled. "Right? The purest bloodline hasn't appeared in our clan for a very long time. It really came in time for us..."

"It's a pity that it's still too young."

Yi Zhao shook his head. "If it can't take human form, it can't join the ancestral ceremony."

Elder Yi Yu was shocked, and he raised his head suddenly. "You want it to participate in this ancestral ceremony?"

With Tuan Zi's age, I thought that the clan leader would wait for the next time...

Suddenly, something flashed across his mind. "T-this is the reason why you agreed to Shangguan Yue?"

Yi Zhao turned around and gazed at the mural. "Since she has the guts to accept this bet, I want to see if she has the ability!"

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The Sky-Cloud Empire.

Over many nights, Rong Xiu swiftly rushed back to the Sky-Cloud Empire without stopping.

The moment he stepped into the barrier, Yan Qing and the rest were waiting for him.

Seeing Rong Xiu, Yan Qing immediately brought them over and bowed. "Greetings, Your Highness!"

Rong Xiu raised his hand, gesturing for them to be at ease.

As he rushed toward Suming Peak, he asked, "How has the Sky-Cloud Empire been recently?"

Yan Qing looked solemn and followed. "Master, all the venerables and the 13 heads of the 28 divisions have now gathered in Tongshen Palace. 36 Respected Elder Ming is controlling the place, but... the situation is not optimistic."

Rong Xiu squinted his phoenix-like eyes, and his thin lips curled up at an ice-cold angle. He seemed to be smiling, but the smile didn't reach the corner of his eyes.

"They came rather quickly. The last time the Sky-Cloud Empire was this crowded, it was on the day of my ascension."

That happened quite a few years ago.

And this time, Baili Chun was unconscious, so these people really couldn't sit still anymore.

The moment he received the news at Ling Xiao Academy, he immediately rushed back. And these people actually acted faster than him.

"How's the clan leader now?" asked Rong Xiu.

Yan Qing's expression was solemn. "Jishen Palace."

After it happened, he knew that something was amiss. Hence, he swiftly brought people to Jishen Palace and set up many guards to strictly control it.

He was afraid that someone would play a trick.

Rong Xiu lightly nodded. "You did well."

As long as the person was still in their hands, the matter would be much easier to solve.

Then, Rong Xiu's figure flashed and rushed to Suming Peak at even greater speeds.

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Within the magnificent and solemn Tongshen Palace, the atmosphere was cold.

The venerables of the Sky-Cloud Empire sat on both sides.

The family heads of the 28 divisions sat in slightly lower positions.

These dozens of people could be considered to be the ones with the highest status in the Sky-Cloud Empire. At this point, they had almost all gathered here, and they clearly came for Baili Chun.

Respected Elder Yu Jing finally couldn't hold himself back in this silent atmosphere and broke the silence first. "It's been so long, and His Grace hasn't come back yet. Did something delay him on the way?"

36 Respected Elder Ming sipped on a mouthful of tea and lightly said, "Ling Xiao Academy is originally far from the Sky-Cloud Empire, so he naturally can't be like everyone and rush over in the blink of an eye once you get the news."

Some people's expressions changed slightly.

Respected Elder Yu Jing laughed. "You're right. The journey is far to come back from there. Besides, Ling Xiao Academy has suffered a series of troubles recently. It's normal for His Grace to be delayed, especially... when our new princess consort is also there!"

This sentence sounded fine, but everyone present was smart. How could they not hear the mockery?

"Speaking of the princess consort, she's amazing. We all thought that she was still in Jishen Palace the entire time. Who knew that she would secretly change her appearance and go to Ling Xiao Academy? Her reputation has been pretty loud recently!"

At the side, Respected Elder Tong Chuan laughed and lightly said, "This princess consort is very capable. No wonder His Grace likes her."

At this point, a cold and low voice suddenly came from outside the hall. "Of course, my princess consort is peerless."

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When everyone in Tongshen Palace heard the sound, they were all taken aback and turned to look.

A towering figure advanced in the backlight.

He was dressed in a black brocade robe, his demonically handsome face half-lit and half-dark. As he walked, the wind rolled up the corners of his clothes, bringing a touch of unattainable cold and noble aura.

A pair of deep phoenix eyes like the cold pool of an ancient well looked calm and collected on the surface, but in fact, a dark tide was surging inside, making him seem unpredictable.

When he stepped into the hall, a faint bloody aura spread silently.

Everyone felt a jolt in their hearts! This man would only have such an aura after he has just killed someone, or before he is about to kill!

36 Respected Elder Ming heaved a sigh of relief and took the lead in getting up to greet him. "Welcome back, Your Grace!"

Of all the people present, he had the highest status.

Seeing him saluting respectfully, everyone finally returned to their senses and followed the salute one after another.

Rong Xiu walked straight forward.

In the quiet hall, only his footsteps were particularly clear. Step by step, it seemed to step on everyone's heart.

He clearly didn't say anything, just walked in front of the crowd, and naturally brought an indescribable heavy pressure.

Rong Xiu walked to the top position, lifted his clothes, and took a seat.

He looked around the hall.

The surroundings grew even quieter.

Without his permission, nobody dared to get up without authorization, so they had to maintain the awkward posture of saluting.

After a while, Rong Xiu said, "At ease."

Only then did everyone sit down again. It was just that the atmosphere in the hall was very different from before.

36 Respected Elder Ming leaned leisurely on the back of the chair, raised his eyelids, and sneered in his heart. They were so arrogant and actually dared to mock His Grace and the princess consort, making me

think that they were going to rebel. But when Rong Xiu came... Before he even said anything, these people started to withdraw from the hall by themselves, and they didn't even dare to make a single noise.

I really overestimated them.

Rong Xiu's gaze finally fell on Respected Elder Tong Chuan and Respected Elder Yu Jing. Their thin crimson lips were slightly raised, and they were seemingly smiling.

"Several respected elders have always had a high vision, but today they are so generous in complimenting Yue'er. Therefore, they must be very satisfied with her."

The faces of Respected Elder Tong Chuan and the other elders suddenly became very ugly. Since when did we compliment her? It was clearly mockery—We were ridiculing her!

But this couldn't be said in front of Rong Xiu.

After a short stalemate, Respected Elder Tong Chuan looked over and said without any emotions, "The princess consort was personally selected by His Grace with great pains, so she's naturally different."

Rong Xiu righteously nodded and smiled. "It's rare for Respected Elder Tong Chuan to share the same opinions as I do."

Respected Elder Tong Chuan choked and didn't want to talk anymore.

36 Respected Elder Ming looked outside the door for a while and asked suspiciously, "Your Highness, the princess consort didn't come back with you?"

Rong Xiu nodded his head, his expression indifferent. "The clan leader of the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan personally wrote a letter asking her to go to Godly Phoenix Mountain, so she did not return with me."

As soon as he finished speaking, everyone gasped uncontrollably. The red-gold heavenly phoenix clan was very noble, and its clan leader is even more notoriously arrogant. He doesn't even respect the legendary warriors. Why is he writing to Shangguan Yue personally now?

Right! She seems to have contracted a red-gold heavenly phoenix...

Respected Elder Tong Chuan suddenly laughed coldly. "The red-gold heavenly phoenix clan has never communicated with the human race and regards a contract with the human race as a major stain. Your Highness, aren't you worried at all about Princess Consort?"

This didn't seem like a good thing.

Rong Xiu raised his sharp brows slightly. "I'm aware of your meaning, Respected Elder Tong Chuan. However, you're thinking too much. If the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan really wanted to find trouble with Yue'er, they could just come to our door as Miao Yao did. Isn't it unnecessary to write a letter to invite her over?"

Respected Elder Tong Chuan was taken aback. He felt that something was amiss, but he couldn't say anything to refute it.

Quite a few people secretly exchanged glances.

Actually, what His Grace said made sense. According to the usual temper of the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan, if they really wanted to trouble Shangguan Yue, they would never do such unnecessary things.

Could it be that... Shangguan Yue is really there as a guest?

"The red-gold heavenly phoenix clan is rarely involved in the affairs of the God Residence Realm. This time, they took the initiative to invite Princess Consort over. Maybe they can still form a good relationship," 36 Respected Elder Ming stroked his beard and remarked slowly.

Everyone was suspicious when they heard it, but they didn't dare to ask more.

If it had been before, they would definitely think this was all fake. However, it was different now.

During this period of time, the affairs of Ling Xiao Academy were in an uproar.

The name 'Shangguan Yue' had also spread almost throughout the God Residence Realm. Not only was she an all-rounder, but she was also young and had already broken through to become a true god!

In addition, her true origin was finally presented to everyone—not only was she the descendant of Shangguan Jing, a supreme Armory Refinement Master, but she was also an apprentice of Nan Suhuai, the dean of Ling Xiao Academy!

A few months ago, everyone was still looking down on her. Now, they only felt their faces hurt.

Who knew what other trump cards and formidable skills Shangguan Yue had?

The red-gold heavenly phoenix clan might really be sucking up to her! It was hard to say!

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Rong Xiu's gaze stayed on the dozen or so heads of the family for a moment, and he said unhurriedly, "Yue'er can handle her own matters herself. On the other hand... After I received the news, I rushed back immediately, but I didn't expect everyone to come earlier than me."

Some people had already begun to break out in sweat.

Respected Elder Yu Jing's eyes flashed, and he tried to explain. "They were also worried about the clan leader, so they hurried here."

"Oh?" Leaning back, Rong Xiu's knuckled fingers tapped lightly on the armrest twice before he smiled faintly. "I thought that you were all waiting for me to come back and give an explanation."

The crowd was stumped.

In fact, they originally planned this! However, Rong Xiu's preemptive attack rendered them unable to say this aloud.

After a while, Respected Elder Tong Chuan spoke up. "How dare I wait for Your Highness to be held accountable? It's just that the clan leader has been unconscious since he returned from Ling Xiao Academy, and the only person who knows more about the events at that time is Your Highness."

Therefore, we just hoped that Your Highness could come back to preside over the overall situation and thoroughly investigate what's going on."

He said this tactfully, but he actually pushed the blame onto Rong Xiu quietly.

Unfortunately, Rong Xiu wasn't someone who could be manipulated.

He seemed to nod in agreement. "What Respected Elder Tong Chuan said is reasonable, and I also rushed back so quickly for this reason. In fact, I have already been to Jishen Palace and visited the clan leader just now. Having seen the clan leader, I did find a little problem."

Rong Xiu paused, and his eyes fell on Respected Elder Yu Jing's body. "Respected Elder Yu Jing, why does the clan leader's body have your scent?"

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Respected Elder Yu Jing was taken aback and suddenly raised his head. I had clearly erased all traces. How could it have been discovered?

Meeting Rong Xiu's cold dagger-like eyes, his back suddenly shuddered as indescribable fear quickly gushed from the depths of his heart! "I... I didn't..."

Rong Xiu raised his eyebrows slightly. "Respected Elder Yu Jing, are you saying that I've wronged you?"

Respected Elder Yu Jing forced himself to be calm. "No, no... Maybe Your Highness mistook it..."

"This isn't the first day I met you. Is it possible that I'd mistake it?" Rong Xiu interrupted him and asked in a low voice.

Respected Elder Yu Jing choked and couldn't speak anymore.

In the hall, nobody spoke, and the air stagnated.

Rong Xiu asked slowly, "Before I came back, the news I received was that the clan leader had come back from Fangzhou City and had gone directly back to his place without seeing anyone. So, where did this breath on his body come from?"

Respected Elder Yu Jing's face gradually paled.

"I came back to investigate this matter. Therefore, let's start with you, Respected Elder Yu Jing!"

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Godly Phoenix Mountain.

Beside the golden stream, Chu Liuyue and Tuan Zi sat facing each other.

A breeze blew the branches and leaves, casting mottled light and shadows on the ground.

"Tuan Zi, you really don't feel the signs of your second meridian opening?" Chu Liuyue stared closely at Tuan Zi and asked cautiously.

Tuan Zi shook its head.

"Sigh! I knew it!" Chu Liuyue gave a long sigh, looking very worriedly at Tuan Zi.

Three days had passed. During this period, she tried all kinds of methods, but Tuan Zi had no intention of continuing to break through.

It didn't even feel anything.

Chu Liuyue asked it countless times, but all she got was the same answer.

Thump!

Chu Liuyue laid back in a daze.

Fluffy leaves flew up.

"I should've realized it a long time ago. It's not that simple..."

It had only been a few months since Tuan Zi broke through from a red-tailed phoenix to become a red-gold heavenly phoenix. It was unrealistic to ask it to break through again in a blink of an eye.

According to Tuan Zi, the average red-gold heavenly phoenix will only have the opportunity to open the third meridian at the age of 100. How old is it now? It is impossible to open three meridians.

Tuan Zi lowered its head, its expression sad. Sure enough. Is it because I'm too useless... If I could directly open the third meridian, she wouldn't need to have such a headache. She also wouldn't have to be locked up here with it, unable to go out.

The more Tuan Zi thought about this, the more it blamed itself, and its head was almost buried in the feathers on its chest.

Perceiving its mood, Chu Liuyue was caught between laughter and tears. She sat up again and pulled Tuan Zi over. "It's not your problem. I was too impulsive before."

I should've understood it before agreeing...

Suddenly, her eyes lit up. "Tuan Zi, would triggering lightning help you to break through?"

On Million Wine Mountain previously, it was because Tuan Zi swallowed the power of the lightning bolts that its bloodline was stimulated, and it broke through to become a red-gold heavenly phoenix.

She wondered if this move was still useful.

Tuan Zi tilted its head, confused.

In fact, it also wasn't very clear...

Chu Liuyue came to a decision. I have to try to know!

She looked up at the sky.

This was a special space within the sphere of light, so the sky was also faintly crimson. Only at the edge of the four fields was there a bright golden light.

The Heaven and Earth Force is so rich. I should be able to trigger the lightning smoothly, right? Thinking of this, Chu Liuyue flew up and reached the top of the mountain.

There were many ways to trigger lightning, but the most convenient and fastest of them was naturally to refine things. It just so happened that after she regained her memory, she had yet to test her current level.

She could take this opportunity to take a look.

Chu Liuyue lowered her eyes and looked at her wrist. With a thought in her heart, a light-pink peach blossom mark slowly appeared.

This thing was originally given to her by 36 Respected Elder Ming, and it could teleport silently without causing any energy fluctuations. Now that she had returned to being a true god, this thing seemed a little useless. But if she could improve it and make it teleport farther, it was just right.

She would do exactly that.

Chu Liuyue took out the star stone, jumped on it, and sat cross-legged.

Tuan Zi squatted next to her, staring blankly.

Chu Liuyue closed her eyes and gathered her focus. The next moment, her wrist turned gently.

The light flashed in an instant!

A bracelet slowly emerged from her wrist. It was a bracelet woven from thick black rattan, with a small light pink peach blossom blooming on it.

The bracelet faded automatically and floated quietly in front of her. There was a faint luster on it, quiet and restrained.

And that peach blossom seemed to be swaying in the wind, vibrant and moving.

I wonder if I can succeed this time... Chu Liuyue thought so in her heart and, at the same time, began to mobilize the vitality in her body!

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Time passed bit by bit.

But above the mountain peak, it was still calm.

Chu Liuyue opened her eyes and glanced up.

The sky was clear and cloudless. There was no movement at all.

Chu Liuyue couldn't help frowning. It really doesn't work well here...

Within this sphere of light was a special realm in Phoenix Valley, and the Heaven and Earth force was very abundant. With just her power alone, it was almost impossible to mobilize the power of this space and trigger lightning—even if she was already a true god.

Compared with ancient legendary fiends like a red-gold heavenly phoenix, it was still not enough.

Chu Liuyue rested her head in one hand and fell into contemplation again. Should I go out? It doesn't seem appropriate. In the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan, I don't know how many pairs of eyes are staring at Tuan Zi and me, waiting to make a joke out of us. Once I leave here, nobody knows what will happen outside.

I don't think they're on my side, but if I continue to stay here, what can I do to mobilize the Heaven and Earth Force...

Suddenly, her eyebrows moved.

Tuan Zi looked blankly at her.

Chu Liuyue's expression was a little strange. She seemed a little excited, a little hesitant, and very tangled.

After a while, as if she had made up her mind, Chu Liuyue shook her fist violently. "Alright!"

Before Tuan Zi could react, it saw Chu Liuyue's palm, and suddenly something appeared.

It was a seed the size of a thumb. Its whole body was crimson and crystal clear.

At this time, a small leaf had already appeared on it, tender and cute.

However, Tuan Zi's eyes widened suddenly, and it stepped back hurriedly! What! Why did she take this thing out?!

At this moment, Chu Liuyue's mind moved.

The tender leaf shook gently—

Huala!

The Heaven and Earth Force swept in instantly! At the same moment, winds suddenly rose in Phoenix Valley!

In Phoenix Valley, Elder Yi Yu—who was resting—rushed out with a shocked expression on his face and saw the tide of Heaven and Earth Force surging in the sky, messy in the wind. "What's going on?!"

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Other people in Phoenix Valley noticed this movement and rushed out one after another.

"What's the matter, what's the matter? Why did the Heaven and Earth Force suddenly riot?!"

Everyone looked confused and finally looked at the sky together. They were all taken aback when they saw the surging tide of energy.

Although the sky and ground were full of energy in Phoenix Valley, it had always been calm, and this had never happened before. Now this—

"Wait, the energy seems to be heading that way!" Suddenly, someone exclaimed in a low voice.

Everyone looked in the direction he pointed out.

"Could it be that something happened over there?"

"I don't know. Isn't it always remote over there? Why did this happen all of a sudden?"

But after seeing the direction the energy tide was surging in, Elder Yi Yu was taken aback. Over there— isn't that where Shangguan Yue and Tuan Zi are?! For various reasons, I deliberately arranged them in a more remote place at the beginning. Over there... There is almost nobody else except them!

"Everyone, stay where you are! Don't move!" Elder Yi Yu gave an order and then quickly ran over there!

Although the rest were full of curiosity, they didn't dare to disobey his orders, so they had to wait obediently.

Elder Yi Yu's figure quickly disappeared. Only then did everyone gradually start talking again.

And the movement in the sky, instead of showing signs of disappearing, became more intense.

The Heaven and Earth Force seemed to be easily manipulated by an invisible hand, rushing from all directions!

Even if they stood below, they could still feel the amazing coercion.

At this moment, another person walked out of the ball of light.

His face was very ugly, and his eyes seemed to be burning with angry flames—it was Yi Ran.

He suppressed the anger in his heart, glanced up, and then asked coldly, "What's going on?"

The person beside him saw that his expression was off and didn't dare to ask further. He only explained, "I'm not sure yet. Something seems to have happened over there. Elder Yi Yu has already gone over."

As he spoke, he raised his finger and pointed.

Yi Ran looked in that direction and immediately sneered. "I've long heard that Shangguan Yue is very good at causing trouble. When she was in Ling Xiao Academy previously, she was very presumptuous and caused a lot of trouble. I didn't expect her to still be so stubborn!"

After he reminded them, everyone remembered that it wasn't anybody else there but Shangguan Yue and Tuan Zi, who had been here for several days.

"If there's any accident, that red-gold heavenly phoenix is also to blame!"

Yi Ran's heart was on fire.

Originally, he was cultivating with peace of mind, and after some guidance from his master, he had finally touched the threshold to break through. But at this moment, there was sudden turmoil in Phoenix Valley, which directly interrupted his cultivation.

How could he not be annoyed?!

It isn't long before the ancestral ceremony. I must seize all the time to break through! With such a fuss today, my previous efforts are in vain again!

Seeing that he was in a bad mood, everyone didn't dare to inquire carefully and only nodded in agreement.

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Elder Yi Yu came to the ball of light where Chu Liuyue and Tuan Zi were. As soon as he got closer, he noticed an amazing coercion!

His pupils shrank slightly. Didn't Shangguan Yue just break through to a true god? It stands to reason that such strength is impossible to cause such terrifying movements, right?

He was about to raise his hand, but the sky suddenly darkened!

He paused and looked up.

In the originally clear and cloudless sky, dark clouds gathered as the wind howled. A silver bolt of lightning was slithering through the clouds like a silver snake!

Heavenly lightning?! Elder Yi Yu suddenly realized something, and his eyes widened slightly.

Realizing the seriousness of the matter, he didn't hesitate in directly pressing one hand on the ball of light, then raising his foot and stepping in!

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As soon as he entered, Elder Yi Yu was almost blown away by the incoming wind.

He quickly stabilized his figure and looked forward hurriedly. Then, he saw Shangguan Yue sitting cross-legged on the mountaintop at a glance.

The little Tuan Zi was squatting beside her.

At this time, an energy vortex had already formed above their heads, directly connected to the golden ball of light!

The movements outside were really caused by them!

"Shangguan—" Elder Yi Yu spoke subconsciously, but he was quickly silenced by the sight of the bracelet hanging in front of Chu Liuyue. Is she... refining weapons?

Although he was a red-gold heavenly phoenix, he still knew some things about the human race quite well. When refining Yuan instruments, the surrounding environment was extremely demanding, and the refiner couldn't be disturbed.

But at this moment, the woman suddenly raised her head and looked over.

Seeing that it was Elder Yi Yu, a bright smile quickly bloomed on her face. "Elder Yi Yu!"

Elder Yi Yu was a little confused. "You... You're not refining Yuan instruments?"

"I am, but it's still in the preparation stage!" Chu Liuyue looked up. "It'll probably take a while."

Although the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed could easily mobilize the Heaven and Earth Force, it would indeed take more time to attract enough lightning.

As she spoke, she smiled at Elder Yi Yu. "Why are you here?"

"..." The corners of Elder Yi Yu's eyes twitched. Why am I here... She actually asked me why I'm here?!

Seeing that she was asking sincerely, Elder Yi Yu calmed himself down and said, "You... you've caused quite a commotion. The natural energy outside is starting to riot."

"I know!" She nodded. Isn't this why I've worked so hard?!

For a moment, Elder Yi Yu didn't know how to respond and fell into a long silence.

Chu Liuyue blinked and finally understood why he was here. "This... Did it affect everyone? I just wanted to trigger lightning. It shouldn't... affect others, right?"

Elder Yi Yu was even more speechless.

Because upon careful thought, although all of this had happened suddenly, it didn't seem to have affected them much. At most, it had shocked everyone.

To say that the damage had hindered anyone... It didn't seem to have happened. In that case, it would be even more difficult for him to reprimand her.

"However, this commotion is indeed not small..." Elder Yi Yu thought for a moment and said hesitantly, "If there's nothing especially important, then—"

"To be honest, I'm not actually doing this to refine Yuan instruments. I'm doing this to help Tuan Zi." Chu Liuyue shrugged and smiled helplessly. "As you know, we only have a month."

Elder Yi Yu instantly understood and glanced at Tuan Zi. I see. They want to summon lightning to try to make Tuan Zi break through?! This isn't a bad idea...

If it were anyone else, he would definitely think that this was wishful thinking. However, Tuan Zi was of the purest bloodline. Perhaps...

Elder Yi Yu opened his mouth. "Then... Go ahead then..."

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When Elder Yi Yu came out of the ball of light, he immediately sensed countless gazes on him.

"Elder Yi Yu." Yi Ran was the first to welcome him. He sized up Yi Yu's expression, but unfortunately, he couldn't see any hints. "Did Shangguan Yue cause trouble again?"

Although the surrounding people did not say anything, they clearly wanted to ask this.

Elder Yi Yu frowned. "No, it's just a small misunderstanding. Everyone, go back and rest in peace."

Yi Ran was stunned. A small misunderstanding? The sky above Phoenix Valley is still gloomy, with wind and lightning! This is called a small misunderstanding?!

Yi Ran couldn't help but raise his voice slightly. "Elder, this has never happened in Phoenix Valley, so everyone is naturally very worried. Aren't you... worried at all?"

Elder Yi Yu suddenly laughed. "Yi Ran, are you questioning me?"

Yi Ran was shocked and hurriedly lowered his head. "I wouldn't dare."

"Shangguan Yue is refining Yuan instruments inside, which caused this commotion. Everyone, don't worry." Elder Yi Yu looked around. "When did our red-gold heavenly phoenix become so timid?"

Although he was smiling, his words instantly changed the expressions of the surrounding people. These words were simply pointing at their noses and cursing them.

After a moment, someone argued, "Elder, you've misunderstood. We're not afraid. We're just... a little surprised by this sudden commotion."

As soon as he said that, everyone agreed.

"Yes, yes. I just didn't expect it."

"No human has been here before, right?"

"That's right! To be honest, other than the loud noise, it doesn't affect us much..."

Only then did Elder Yi Yu nod. "Just don't ruin our reputation. Don't forget—when you look at her, she's also looking at you."

If they lost face in front of the humans, that would be really—

Everyone nodded in agreement.

Only Yi Ran was filled with grievances. No impact? Of course, there is! This time, I will have to spend a lot of effort to find that threshold again!

However, he couldn't say these words in public and could only endure it silently.

"Alright, disperse!" Elder Yi Yu waved his hand.

The crowd quickly dispersed.

Yi Ran had just turned around when he turned back unwillingly. "Elder, you still have to be careful of Shangguan Yue. I've heard that she caused a lot of trouble in the past. If she does anything out of line again... The ancestral ceremony is about to begin; it won't be good."

Elder Yi Yu glanced at him with a faint smile. Those who didn't know better would think that he, Yi Ran, was the elder.

Yi Ran felt a little guilty under his gaze, and his voice gradually softened.

Only then did Elder Yi Yu say indifferently, "The clan leader and the elders will be in charge of these things. You don't have to worry so much. Just cultivate in peace."

Yi Ran knew that he had misspoken. His heart raced, and his face alternated between green and white.

He hurriedly agreed and turned to leave.

Elder Yi Yu stared at his back for a while and shook his head. He was originally a good seedling, but unfortunately, he is narrow-minded and ambitious. Being too shrewd isn't a good thing.

Elder Yi Yu turned around and stared at the ball of light. He retreated a little and began to guard it. It was important and involved Tuan Zi, so they naturally had to be careful.

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The energy tide in Phoenix Valley surged for seven days.

Everyone went from being shocked and surprised at first to gradually learning to accept it. In the end, they were almost used to it.

Just as Elder Yi Yu had said at the beginning, although this commotion wasn't small, it did not cause them much trouble.

After each of them reinforced a light ball barrier, there would basically be no trouble.

Over the past few days, Elder Yi Yu had also pushed away all other matters and had been patiently watching from the side.

Apart from the continuously surging tide, everything seemed to have returned to normal.

But for some people, that wasn't the case.

Thump!

Yi Ran punched the stone wall in front of him!

A crack spread from under his fist.

Pain shot through his hand. However, the current Yi Ran was in no mood to care about this.

He looked up in frustration.

The barrier, which had been glowing with a reddish-gold light, seemed to be covered in a layer of shadows. One could vaguely hear the whistling of the wind.

The commotion outside continued.

It has been so many days, yet it still hasn't stopped! There is simply no end to it!

It was because of this that he had been unable to calm down for the past few days, and his cultivation progress had also been delayed.

He was filled with frustration, and he wished he could rush out and order Shangguan Yue and the red-gold heavenly phoenix to get out!

But he couldn't.

The longer he delayed, the more anxious he became, and the less he was in the mood to cultivate. He fell into a vicious cycle.

Actually, that commotion was basically negligible.

In particular, Yi Ran's status in the clan wasn't low. His ball of light was also of a higher level than many people his age.

In fact, the most important reason why he was like this was still himself.

Cultivation could not be rushed, but he was anxious for quick success and urgently hoped that he would break through immediately. However, this was not good.

Even if he cultivated in a completely sealed and quiet space, this would still be the outcome. Unfortunately, he could not understand these principles and subconsciously blamed others.

Yi Ran closed his eyes and took a deep breath. The words his master had previously told him kept appearing in his mind.

That red-gold heavenly phoenix... Could it really be a threat to me?

Boom!

At this moment, a roar suddenly sounded!

Yi Ran was shocked and immediately stepped out of the light ball barrier!

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Inside Phoenix Valley, the wind was still howling, and dark clouds were surging.

A bright and dazzling light suddenly flashed and descended from the sky! It was the lightning that had been summoned previously!

After seven days of preparation, more than a hundred lightning bolts had accumulated in the sky! At this moment, they finally slashed down!

The target was the ball of light deep in Phoenix Valley!

Apart from Yi Ran, some others walked out when they heard the commotion. At this moment, they were all watching this scene in curiosity and shock.

Coincidentally, a crack suddenly appeared at the top of the ball of light!

Several bolts of lightning struck down!

Hong hong hong!