

Noble Ruler 831

Chapter 831: What Did I Forget

Once the blood on Chu Liuyue's fingertip touched the emerald stem, it directly broke with the sound. Then, the Dancing Lotus silently flew up and landed in the girl's hands.

Chu Liuyue quietly looked at the Dancing Lotus lying in her palm and was dazed. *W-what's going on... I didn't really move just now. Why did this thing come to me by itself?*

Even though she hadn't personally seen a Dancing Lotus before, she had read its relevant descriptions in ancient books. According to what they said, she needed to use fresh blood to attract it...

Anyway, it was more troublesome.

She had done sufficient preparation earlier and was afraid that something might happen, but it now seemed like... it was all for naught?

Chu Liuyue blinked and realized the blood pearl on her finger had already entered the stem silently.

The five petals naturally curled in and looked very lively and clear, beautiful as always.

It seems like I plucked it rather successfully, though I didn't really do much in actual fact.

From far away, Mu Hongyu and the rest were staring at the situation in the middle of the lake closely. Seeing Chu Liuyue just reach out and take the Dancing Lotus, the few of them were stunned.

Mu Hongyu raised her hand and weirdly asked, “Ranran, didn’t you say that it’s rather troublesome and dangerous to pick the Dancing Lotus? Why does it seem like Liuyue picked it very easily...”

“I-I don’t know either!” Ye Ranran was also shocked. *When Mentor mentioned these herbs in the past, he had even specifically instructed us not to blindly go up when we saw such herbs. If not, we wouldn’t even know how we died. However, it seems like Chu Liuyue did easily pluck the Dancing Lotus...*

The few of them waited nervously for a moment, but nothing strange happened in the surroundings.

Chu Liuyue directly jumped onto Tuan Zi’s back, and the master-servant duo came back in the blink of an eye.

“Liuyue, a-are you okay?” Ye Ranran still found it strange and couldn’t help asking as her gaze landed on the Dancing Lotus in Chu Liuyue’s hands.

It lay there quietly like an ordinary flower.

“I’m fine.” Chu Liuyue was caught between laughter and tears. *To think I still did so much preparation...*

“The Dancing Lotus is a combat-type herb. It turns out it’s so easy to pick?” muttered Ye Ranran quietly as she was confused.

Chu Liuyue was also filled with doubts. *The Dancing Lotus was very gentle toward me, and it even willingly broke itself and landed in my hands. I also... feel a certain intimacy toward it as if it should be mine in the first place.*

This feeling was too strange, to the point that Chu Liuyue didn't even know how to explain it.

Thinking for a moment, she could only say, "Perhaps I'm just luckier."

She then glanced at the Dancing Lotus, took out a jade box, and carefully placed it within.

"Quickly, look! What's that!?" Mu Hongyu suddenly gasped as she stared at the front in shock.

The few of them turned around.

Ye Ranran also gasped and widened her eyes.

Vulgarity burst out of Lei Laosi's mouth. "Damn! What kind of situation is this?!"

Even Qin Yi, who was always calm, squinted his eyes slightly.

Qiang Wanzhou thought of something and knitted his brows.

Chu Liuyue also turned around to take a look. This time, she was directly taken aback.

She saw a Dancing Lotus gradually grow on the vast water surface—it was magnificent and beautiful.

It was already very rare to see one Dancing Lotus. Who would've thought that another one would appear in the Mirror Lake the moment Chu Liuyue plucked one away?

“Wh-what exactly is going on?” Even Chu Liuyue was stunned when she saw this scene. Could it be that there were originally two Dancing Lotuses here, and only one emerged previously? Hence, this one only came out now?

But the moment Chu Liuyue said that, the few of them saw another flower gradually appearing beside that Dancing Lotus.

Including the one that Chu Liuyue had, this was already the third one!

However... this hadn't ended! In a short hour, tens of Dancing Lotuses gradually grew out of the Mirror Lake.

The sun shone down, and the water rippled as the pinkish-white petals flowed with the wind, looking mesmerizing.

Anyone who saw this scene would be amazed, but at this point, the few of them had no mood to admire the scenery as they were left in deep shock.

As the Dancing Lotuses gradually appeared, the few of them slowly fell silent.

The surroundings were quiet.

Chu Liuyue looked at that bunch of Dancing Lotuses moving with the wind, and something flashed across her mind.

She was dazed for a moment. This scene... I seem to have seen it before? And for some reason, I'm not that stunned in the depths of my heart. This is even though I was very shocked at the first look when I saw the Dancing Lotuses appear together. It seems like... I've seen more before?

She closed her eyes and tried to recall the image that appeared in her mind, but she couldn't think of anything. However, that familiar feeling became even stronger!

After some time, Chu Liuyue opened her eyes and stared at the scene in front with a complicated gaze. If this feeling isn't an illusion, then... What exactly did I experience to see so many Dancing Lotuses and even become used to it? They said that I had forgotten some things, then... What exactly did I forget?

Chapter 832: Can't Trust

After all the Dancing Lotuses appeared, many rays of light suddenly dropped down from the sky and formed a faint light curtain.

That light curtain covered both halves of the Mirror Lake. Half of it was as usual—with a calm water surface—but the other half seemed to be covered by a layer of mist as everything became blurry.

Even those Dancing Lotuses seemed to have become even more distant compared to before.

From Chu Liuyue and the others' position, they could only see the blurred figures reflected by that light curtain.

If someone else came now, it would be hard for them to identify that the things behind were Dancing Lotuses.

"What's going on..." Lei Laosi scratched his head in confusion as he instinctively glanced at Qin Yi, only to see that the latter was also knitting his brows.

The two of them had been guarding at the Mystic Forest for close to two years. Other than not really going to the Red Moon Desert, they understood the other places pretty well. They had come to Mirror Lake less than ten times, but they had never seen such a scene before.

Chu Liuyue watched everything seriously. For some reason, her instincts told her that someone was protecting all the Dancing Lotuses. However, she didn't know who had such heaven-defying abilities...

These were very precious Dancing Lotuses! An ordinary person might not even be able to see it once in their lives, yet there were so many here!

She held her breath in and looked at the faint light curtain.

There seemed to be star-like golden spots on it, but in the blink of an eye, she couldn't see it clearly.

If these Dancing Lotus really belong to one person, then... Why did the other party let me take one away? Chu Liuyue suppressed her many doubts. "It seems like we can't casually pick the remaining ones. Let's go first!"

When she said this, the other people expressed their agreement. Even though Dancing Lotus were extremely precious, such a scene was indeed too stunning.

For safety purposes, it was best for them to leave as soon as possible. Anyway, Chu Liuyue had already successfully plucked one flower.

Any more would just be greedy.

Ye Ranran sighed deeply and said, "We can finally go back!"

Chu Liuyue paused for a moment. "Oh yes, there's something I still haven't told you... I might not be able to go back with you guys for now."

Once she said this, everyone was shocked.

"You're not going back with us? Why not? Do you still have something to do, Liuyue?" The excitement and happiness in Ye Ranran's face quickly dissipated and was replaced with a tinge of disappointment. She walked forward, crumpled her round face, and said, "If you still have any problems you haven't solved, let us stay and accompany you, alright?"

She had already imagined the scene of Chu Liuyue returning to Chong Xu Cabinet with them countless times. *Cabinet Master doesn't know our situation here, so they all might think that something has happened to Liuyue. If we can go back together, Cabinet Master and the rest will definitely be very surprised!*

Chu Liuyue hesitated for a moment. *The few of them only said that I should go to the Red Moon Desert after I was done, but they didn't mention if the rest could do so... However, they are connected to the memories I've lost, and the more crucial thing is that it's Shangguan Yue's memory! No matter what, I can't expose this identity now.*

She slightly shook her head. "It's just some minor things that I can settle by myself. So many of us haven't gone back—Master and the rest should definitely be very worried. You should go back first and tell them to not worry. I'll be back really soon."

But this clearly couldn't make the others feel secure.

Qiang Wanzhou—who was silent all the while—suddenly said, "I'll go wherever you go."

His tone was as calm and nonchalant as usual, but it had a few notes of stubbornness.

Mu Hongyu nodded. "Yeah! Liuyue, we've already waited for so many days. We can just wait for the remaining period, right? It'll always be better if we're together and can take care of each other, right?"

They all had lingering fears after what they had experienced previously.

Chu Liuyue could successfully escape an ordeal, but the Dahuang Swamp was filled with all sorts of dangers. Who could guarantee that she could definitely return in one piece at the end?

They would definitely be worried.

Why would Chu Liuyue not understand what they were thinking?

Seeing that she couldn't really convince them, Chu Liuyue thought for a moment. "Since this is so... Follow me then—"

Qin Yi suddenly asked, "To where?"

Chu Liuyue pressed her lips against each other and looked in the direction of Red Moon Desert. "There!"

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Chun Feng Restaurant.

The room was silent.

Qi Han didn't expect Shui Liu'er to be this honest and directly admit that the Nine Clouds Yuan Recovery Pill was with her.

This item was very precious. If anyone in the Tianling Dynasty had it, they would probably not dare to talk about it. However, Shui Liu'er said it directly...

"The person that day was indeed me." Qi Han kept quiet for a moment and finally nodded.

Shui Liu'er's originally tense expression instantly eased up.

Since Qi Han dared to say that, it proved that he had already let his guard down to interact with them. This way, it would naturally be much more convenient.

"Why did you steal that thing?" Qi Han continued asking.

Shui Liu'er laughed. "Actually, this situation is also a coincidence. I already planned to do this long ago, but I didn't expect for you to coincidentally be there that day."

As she spoke, she asked rather curiously, "Oh yes, did you go for that item as well?"

Qi Han shook his head. "No."

He started investigating Xiahou Rong because he was long suspicious of the latter. In actual fact, during this period, he would sneak into the Xiahou Residence once he had the time.

Hard work didn't fail him as he finally heard what he should that day. But as he was too shocked and angry that day, he was negligent for a moment and made that sound.

In the end, he unknowingly helped Shui Liu'er at the right time.

Originally, he wanted to start doing these things after Her Highness came back. After all, his identity was too sensitive, and he had to be very careful in every aspect.

But Her Highness didn't come back for a long time, and the wedding between Shangguan Wan and Jiang Yucheng was slowly approaching! After much thinking, he boldly decided to investigate on his own!

Luckily, he had some results!

Shui Liu'er thought of the words Xiahou Rong had said back then, and the smile on her face faded slightly.

Back then, Xiahou Rong had played a very important role in deploying the Thirteen Yue Guard outside.

"When I went to the Xiahou Residence to investigate, I met you coincidentally. You should've long known that Xiahou Rong had betrayed Her Highness, right?" Qi Han's face turned cold.

"That's right. That old fogey was disloyal and betrayed Her Highness for his own selfish desires. He's definitely guilty!"

"Did you get any evidence?" Shui Liu'er remembered clearly that Xiahou Rong mentioned a forged document back then. "Do you know who the other person is?"

Qi Han opened his mouth but didn't speak a word as he glanced at Jian Fengchi from the corner of his eyes.

Jian Fengchi laughed and leaned against the wall. Then, he shook his fan and lazily smiled. “We’ve already talked so much. Do you still not trust me?”

Chapter 833: His Majesty Said

Qi Han coldly said, “You yourself know why.”

In the past, Jian Fengchi loved to go against Her Highness and would cause trouble for her once every few days. There were even a few times he fought with Her Highness to stand up for Shangguan Wan.

With all those incidents in mind, how was he worthy of trust?

Facing Jian Fengchi’s face, Qi Han really couldn’t set aside all his doubts. He said all of that earlier because Shui Liu’er took the initiative to be honest with him.

Jian Fengchi was stumped and felt guilty as his head hurt. He closed his fan, held the base of the fan to his temple, and sighed deeply. “Sigh... There are always times when people make wrong decisions, right... Besides, even though I always went against the Princess back then, I never actually did anything to let her down. I know how she treats me. Do you really think I’m a traitor?”

Jian Fengchi genuinely meant whatever he said. Not talking about others, but he had always been very grateful to Shangguan Yue for being willing to let him read so many rare books.

One had to know that all those books were priceless treasures for any heavenly doctor.

For an average person, one wouldn't even be willing to share a medical formula of a higher grade with others. Some mentors might even withhold information from their own disciples, afraid that they would be better than them.

But Shangguan Yue never seemed to have such considerations. As long as Jian Fengchi asked, she would basically agree to his requests and generously lend him the rare books.

Even though Jian Fengchi was carefree, he knew how much he owed Shangguan Yue.

There was a long story about why he always had conflicts with Shangguan Yue.

Ever since he was young, Jian Fengchi had shown incredible talent as a heavenly doctor. At that time, many people said that he was the top genius in the entire Xi Ling. He was naturally proud and always thought so as well.

But then, Shangguan Yue was born. Her appearance had a great impact on all the so-called 'geniuses' in Xi Ling—no, the entire Tianling Dynasty.

She was like a bright moon that dazzled. No matter how outstanding the others were, they were like the stars beside the bright moon and paled in comparison to her.

Jian Fengchi was also part of that group. From the top heavenly doctor genius, he became second.

Back then, Jian Fengchi was arrogant and regularly went to the palace to look for Shangguan Yue and compete with her.

If he lost, he would rush back to cultivate and start all over again.

If he won... Mm, he had never won before.

Thinking of this, Jian Fengchi was still filled with vengeance.

Who could stand it? Other people would long resign themselves to their fate, knowing that Shangguan Yue was hard to defeat.

He didn't believe it, but in the end, he lost even more miserably and almost shut himself up.

In the end, Shangguan Yue took the initiative to say that she was more advantaged because she read more books. With that, she willingly chose a few ancient books to lend to Jian Fengchi and let him read.

At the start, Jian Fengchi refused to accept it. However, he was affected in the end and finally decided to endure the humiliation and admit his defeat.

He started to read the books she gave him. After he read them, he would compete with her again.

After this, the situation became much better—he could finally tie with Shangguan Yue on several occasions.

Hence, Jian Fengchi gradually formed this habit.

Even if he had never said it before, he was indeed very grateful to Shangguan Yue in his heart.

Who knew all of that would happen later...

“If I really wanted to target you, I could’ve just directly told Jiang Yucheng about this. Why would I waste my effort to bring you over?” Jian Fengchi felt very wronged. *After much thinking, it should probably be because I owed her in the past and that it’s now time to return the favor.*

Shui Liu’er also helped to chip in from the side. “Qi Han, to be honest, Jian Fengchi found me first and recruited my help to investigate the reason behind the Princess’s death after the Princess got into trouble back then.”

Hearing this, Qi Han finally glanced at Jian Fengchi strangely. He didn’t expect the latter to do such a thing.

Shui Liu’er continued, “You might not trust us much now, and we understand that. But whatever we said today is true. The Princess died an unjust death, and we must dig up the truth for her! If you don’t mind, then... Let’s join hands from today onward. What do you think?”

Qi Han knitted his brows and seemed to be in a difficult position. *They clearly don’t know that Her Highness is still alive. But without a doubt, many things will be much more convenient if I have their help.*

Shui Liu’er was working in Chun Feng Restaurant and had seen all sorts of characters, especially those rich people in Xi Ling City. As long as they went there, she would definitely be able to get some information out of them.

Who would guard against such a weak woman with a lowly background?

The same could be said for Jian Fengchi—to a greater extent even. He had a distinguished status and was very arrogant; he did whatever he wanted in Xi Ling City. Nobody cared much about whatever he wanted to do.

The room had a temporary silence.

Then, Jian Fengchi finally said, “If I say that I’ve already found out who poisoned His Majesty back then, will you agree to our cooperation?”

Qi Han suddenly looked up. “What did you say?”

Jian Fengchi laughed, extended his hand, and used some of the water in the teacup by the side to write a name on the table.

Qi Han saw it clearly!

A fire burned in Jian Fengchi’s hand, and the marks of water immediately became dry! “Oh, right. I forgot to tell you that this person should’ve been the one who took action on the Princess’s side.”

Qi Han clenched his teeth and looked tense. “H-how are you so sure? Do you have evidence?”

Jian Fengchi blinked and smiled with even deeper meaning. “Of course... It was His Majesty who told me himself.”

Chapter 834: Yue'er Girlie is Back!

Night, Palace.

A black figure that looked like a shadow quickly disappeared within Huayang Palace. This figure's movements were silent and quiet, not causing a single wave of force to spread. Due to this, the figure didn't attract the guards' attention.

The moon hung brightly and shone down. The night was cooling like water, and the surroundings were quiet—so quiet that Shangguan Wan could clearly hear her heart beating wildly.

She held her chest and closely leaned against the door as all the blood in her body seemed to have frozen with a harsh icy aura that stiffened her limbs.

Not daring to breathe loudly, she widened her eyes as blood filled them. Her forehead was clearly covered with tiny beads of sweat, and her lips were pale.

If someone came in now and saw her in this state, they would definitely think that she had seen a ghost.

Also, her mind was blank. *Just now... Just now...*

“Just look at you.” A hoarse, icy voice sounded beside her ear and had a tinge of high and mighty mockery and contempt. “You just absorbed someone's Yuan meridian. Is there a need to behave like this? Useless!”

Shangguan Wan swallowed a mouthful of saliva with much difficulty, wanting to suppress her horror but couldn't.

Everything that previously happened replayed clearly in her mind over and over again. She considered herself a ruthless person, and she had used all sorts of methods to arrive at this point today.

Even when she settled all of those people at the Mystic Forest back then, her expression didn't even change.

But... Even when such a her recalled what happened previously, immense fear still overwhelmed her.

"I, I can't—urgh!" Shangguan Wan still wanted to defend herself. But the moment she opened her mouth, the intense bloody aura surged up from her stomach and made her almost vomit.

She bent down and gagged for a while until her face flushed red and tears filled her eyes. It was only then that she got a little better.

But with such a struggle, her entire body seemed to be disjointed as she collapsed on the floor slowly and weakly.

If it weren't because a barrier was already set up in this house in advance, her movements would definitely attract people....

A chuckle sounded beside her ear. "This is just the first day, but you've already become like this. I think there's no need to continue, right?"

“No! No!” Shangguan Wan immediately reacted and hurriedly yelled, “I’m fine! I can do it! I’ll definitely do whatever you want me to do!”

“You know what you need to do.” After leaving this sentence behind, that voice disappeared.

Shangguan Wan took a few deep breaths and calmed down with much difficulty. The horror in her eyes gradually dissipated, leaving behind harshness and determination that slowly appeared. *I came to this step with much difficulty. Nobody can stop me!*

She endured the disgust in her stomach and swiftly sat down cross-legged. After that, she placed her hands on her knees, closed her eyes to focus, and started to absorb the Yuan meridian she had swallowed today.

The faint moonlight shone down.

The bloodstains on her hands were almost dry, but there seemed to be meat stuck in between her nails, looking terrifying.

A black symbol gradually appeared on her glabella.

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The next morning, the Sky-Soaring Clan said that one of their disciples was missing. The key point was that this disciple was a talent with a Dijing Yuan meridian that they had just accepted this year.

The Sky-Soaring Clan couldn't compare to top clans like Dragon Tooth Mountain, so they didn't have many talents with a Dijing Yuan meridian. Therefore, when one suddenly disappeared, it immediately caused quite a huge commotion.

But Xi Ling City had many clans, and the Sky-Soaring Clan was one of the very unassuming ones. So even if they lost a person, it didn't attract much attention from the rest.

Perhaps they ran away themselves, or they were delayed by something last minute?

Even the people from the Sky-Soaring Clan had more positive attitudes and thought that they could quickly find the person.

But after a day and a night, they still didn't find any traces of the disciple. The people from the Sky-Soaring Clan then realized that something was amiss, so they gathered their strength and started looking for the missing disciple thoroughly.

However, it was to no avail. That disciple seemed to have disappeared into thin air!

But the more shocking thing was that another disciple from the Sky-Soaring Clan went missing the next day! And... That disciple also had a Dijing Yuan meridian!

One time might be an accident, but two times was definitely done on purpose.

Everyone in Xi Ling City partook in heated discussions. They all suspected that the Sky-Soaring Clan had offended someone, so the other party took revenge against them in such a manner.

Also, the other party even specifically targeted their most outstanding talents!

This undoubtedly had a huge impact on the Sky-Soaring Clan!

After this, the entire Sky-Soaring Clan became even more guarded. But two days later, the same thing happened again! The most infuriating thing was that they had set up all sorts of barriers, but the other party seemed to have completely disregarded them as they very easily broke through.

They didn't even know who the culprit was!

After losing so many talented disciples continuously, the Sky-Soaring Clan's master finally couldn't take it and entered the palace to ask for help.

The Third Princess sent a team of Black Guards over.

Speaking of which, it was quite weird. This was because the matter really stopped happening in the Sky-Soaring Clan after the Black Guards went over.

In no time, the Sky-Soaring Clan was very grateful toward the Third Princess.

When the crowd in Xi Ling City heard about this, they all praised her.

As Shangguan Wan didn't successfully retrieve the herbs His Majesty needed, she was criticized quite a fair bit previously.

When the Princess was around, she could calm Dahuang Swamp down. However, the Third Princess could not even get a few plants back.

In comparison, they were worlds apart! As a result, Shangguan Wan's reputation had been implicated to a large extent.

With the Sky-Soaring Clan's incident, her reputation had now gotten slightly better. However, there were still some people silently thinking that she was still different from the Princess back then.

No matter from what aspect, the current Third Princess couldn't compare to the Princess. However, there was only this one suitable choice to ascend the throne in the Tianling royal family now.

There was nobody else to choose. If His Majesty was still in a coma, it would be like this in the future...

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As all sorts of things happened in Xi Ling, Chu Liuyue and the rest were busy heading toward the Red Moon Desert miles away.

After a period of traveling, the few of them finally arrived at the intersection between the three areas.

Looking over, the golden desert was endless. The light it reflected when the sun shone down was bright and painful.

The heatwaves boiled, and it almost distorted the area.

Just by standing at the edge, the heat was already unbearable. If they went in, it would be even scarier.

“All sorts of forces are messily mixed in the Red Moon Desert, and the suppression is extremely strong. If we travel through the air, it will exhaust our bodies. Therefore, it’s better to just walk.” Qin Yi looked at the desert ahead, and a hint of caution could be seen in his eyes.

Tuan Zi had already become palm-sized as it squatted on Chu Liuyue’s shoulders obediently.

Chu Liuyue nodded. “It’s quite dangerous inside. Everyone, you must be careful.”

Then, she lifted her legs and walked forward first.

The moment her feet touched the yellow sand, a surprised voice sounded beside her ear. “Yue’er Girlie is back! Hurry up and come out to welcome her!”

Sha sha!

Shoo shoo!

A series of weird noises could be heard coming from all directions in the vast Red Moon Desert!

Chapter 835: Vent Anger

Below the desert, something seemed to be moving as it went toward Chu Liuyue.

Chu Liuyue was dazed for a moment and felt that something beneath her feet was suddenly moving. She lowered her head to take a look and realized that the sand beneath her feet was actually moving rapidly!

It was as if an invisible hand was pulling her forward!

“Liuyue!” The few of them yelled from behind.

Chu Liuyue hurriedly turned around to look but shockingly discovered that their figures had completely disappeared!

“Hahaha! They’ve already been sent to different places. If it weren’t for you, it wouldn’t be so easy for them to come into this place!” This was Diwu Zhangze’s voice.

A thought popped up in Chu Liuyue’s mind. The moment she was about to speak, she heard him continue, “Girlie, don’t worry. Since they’re your friends, we naturally won’t hurt them.”

Chu Liuyue then relaxed and let the yellow sand beneath her feet send her to the depths of the Red Moon Desert.

The further inside she went, the clearer the messy noises.

“Yue’er Girlie is back!”

“Move aside, move aside! Don’t block me!”

“Pfft! Why are you so anxious?”

“If you’re not anxious, I am! Move aside! Let me see what Girlie looks like now!”

Listening to the bustling commotion about herself, Chu Liuyue felt incredulous. *Why does it seem like... I’m very welcome here?*

It wasn’t exaggerating to say that she had a feeling of returning home. However, she looked up and didn’t see a single figure.

Only the yellow sand beneath her feet kept moving continuously, and those voices seemed to be coming from below. *That’s weird... I also came to the Red Moon Desert in the past, but I didn’t see such a scene back then. But it now seems like those few people weren’t lying when they said I liked coming here the most. And it seems like... I have a lot of history in this place...*

When other people came to the Red Moon Desert, it was very hard for them to proceed forward. On the contrary, it was very easy for Chu Liuyue. She didn’t even need to walk herself as the yellow sand beneath her feet instinctively and rapidly brought her forward.

After advancing in this manner for a while, she finally stopped before an oasis.

This was a clear and clean oasis, and it was the most cooling and comfortable place in this boiling hot desert.

She walked two steps forward, stood beside the lake, and looked at her own reflection.

The chatters beside her ears instantly disappeared as they sank into a strange silence.

A moment later, a slightly high voice gasped. "Why does Yue'er Girlie seem different from before?"

Upon hearing this, Chu Liuyue immediately squinted.

"Ah, it's her! Those brows and eyes are hers!" yelled another excited voice.

"And the aura on this body is unique in this world! It is Yue'er Girlie!"

"It's her, it's her!"

"Let me see! Aiya, let me see!" The commotion resumed.

Chu Liuyue was caught between laughter and tears. Even though the voices were very noisy, she didn't feel frustrated when she heard them and was even used to it.

Chu Liuyue took a closer look at the lake.

The lake was a faint blue color, and it glistened with the light. At first glance, it seemed like a gigantic sapphire.

The wind coming from the water surface had a tinge of coolness and sweetness to it.

“Okay, we’ve seen what we need to see. Let’s disperse. Yue’er Girlie came here to do proper things!” Diwu Zhangze’s voice had a tinge of solemnity.

Ripples suddenly appeared on the water surface as the talking voices gradually faded away with reluctance.

Very quickly, the lake surface recovered its calmness.

Chu Liuyue was surprised as she tried to ask the lake surface, “Senior Diwu? Are you below here?”

Diwu Zhangze laughed. “It’s a yes and a no. The entire Red Moon Desert is our territory, and we can go wherever we want! But this place used to be the area you liked the most in the past, so we directly brought you over.”

Other than not being able to leave the Red Moon Desert at will, they seemed capable of doing and saying whatever they wanted here.

Chu Liuyue nodded thoughtfully. *According to their capabilities, it’s normal to be able to do all of this...*

“... Girlie, do you recall anything when you see all of these things?” asked Diwu Zhangze meticulously.

Chu Liuyue was dazed and shook her head.

Diwu Zhangze paused and laughed. "It's fine! You just came here, so it's okay if you can't recall anything. If you stay here for a long time, you might just remember everything!"

Chu Liuyue smiled lightly. "Thank you, Senior Diwu. Actually, I really want to know what exactly I've forgotten."

She vaguely felt that it was very important content, but she didn't know how to start. If she could recall it here, it would be for the best.

"Why did you thank him? He hasn't even done anything." Lan Xiao grunted lightly and asked in a rather disdainful tone, "Girlie, it's been so long. Why are you only a peak stage-five warrior?"

Chu Liuyue was speechless.

When Mu Hongyu and the rest saw that she had broken through to this stage, they were all shocked. Even Chu Liuyue herself felt that her speed of breaking through was already very fast, but she didn't expect someone to pick on her one day.

Hearing this tone, it was as if she was unsalvageable garbage.

"Actually, I already can break through—"

“Sigh, you’re just as worrying as before... Stay here first. When you break through and become a stage-six warrior, we can start training.”

“Training? What training?” asked Chu Liuyue back with doubts.

“Of course, it’s the training you experienced here before!” Lan Xiao sighed. “You must’ve forgotten all about it. We’ll start from the beginning!”

Chu Liuyue: “...”

Why do I suddenly have a bad feeling?

Chu Liuyue didn’t know how to react, but since Lan Xiao had already said this, she could only obediently sit down cross-legged and start to break through.

Breaking through to become a stage-six warrior didn’t pose much difficulty to her now, and she could do it easily.

However... A stage-six warrior that might seem outstanding to others might not even be satisfactory for the few of them here.

Tianjing Yuan meridian... Chu Liuyue pressed her lips against each other. I’ll tell everyone that even if I don’t have my Tianjing Yuan meridian, I won’t be any weaker than before!

“Seniors, please treat my friends nicely.” Chu Liuyue didn’t worry about anything else but was afraid that her friends would get into trouble.

A cold voice sounded. “It’s already their great fortune to be able to enter here. If you have this energy, you should think about how to strengthen yourself.” This was Dugu Mobao’s voice.

Chu Liuyue immediately focused. “Thank you for the guidance, Senior!”

Then, she immediately breathed and focused, preparing to break through.

Lan Xiao said softly in dissatisfaction, “Why are you so fierce to her? It’s just because Rong Xiu broke your Xuan formation again, right? If you’re angry, you can vent it on him!”

Chapter 836: Her Yuan meridian

Dugu Mobao knitted his brows and retorted, “Rong Xiu is Rong Xiu. Chu Liuyue is Chu Liuyue. I’m not venting my anger by treating her in this manner. I just want to make sure that she cultivates. Don’t forget that she no longer has a Tianjing Yuan meridian. She must put in over ten-fold more effort than before if she wants to be as capable as she used to be!”

Hearing this, Lan Xiao and Diwu Zhangze fell silent together.

How would they not know this?

In actual fact, Dugu Mobao’s words were still more conservative. The difference between a Dijing Yuan meridian and a Tianjing Yuan meridian was more than ten times.

It was indeed hard to start all over again from the beginning.

“Even if so, don’t you think that Girlie’s body has an extraordinary existence?” Diwu Zhangze thought for a moment and couldn’t help but ask softly, “Didn’t any of you think about how exactly she made that Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed concede?”

Back then, they didn’t directly dig out the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed for her because they felt that the time wasn’t right.

One had to know that the her back then was much stronger than she was now. But now, she forcefully used her capabilities as a stage-five warrior to overpower that item!

It was incredulous.

“After hearing you say so, it’s really... Even though her cultivation level isn’t high now, she doesn’t seem to be weak. She even has quite a few formidable trump cards...” Lan Xiao expressed his agreement. “Something that can deal with the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed... mustn’t be something ordinary. There might not even be one in the entire Tianling Dynasty, right? In this case, even though she doesn’t have the Tianjing Yuan meridian, it seems like she has many other benefits...”

Dugu Mobao coldly said, “No matter what treasures she has, her capabilities mustn’t be any weaker than before! Diwu, I’ll hand the few of them to you, and you must teach them well! I don’t want them all to be Girlie’s burdens.”

Diwu Zhangze chuckled. “Of course! I roughly checked their conditions previously. Tsk, they’re all quite decent! There’s even one with a Faint Yuan Body!”

If they taught them properly, the few of them would have a bright future ahead.

“The friends that Girlie likes are naturally decent,” said Lan Xiao lazily. “Other than her poor eyesight in choosing men, everything else is good. Ah, right. Big Baby, I fully support you if you still want to continue training Rong Xiu, but I think Little Xue Hua is very pitiful. Why don’t we let it off? When it made an agreement with Rong Xiu back then, it was young and naive...”

Dugu Mobao coldly snorted and didn’t reply.

The Red Moon Desert finally calmed down again gradually.

Chu Liuyue sat cross-legged by the lake, and her surrounding aura soared.

Very quickly, the Heaven and Earth Force started coming toward her, directly forming an energy spiral above her head.

Chu Liuyue’s eyes were tightly shut, and all the force within her body started moving!

The waves of force all gathered together and finally formed a terrifying power!

At this moment, Chu Liuyue gathered all her attention! She could even clearly feel that the invisible barrier of a stage-six warrior was within reach!

Then, she calmed her thoughts down and controlled that force to harshly hit against the water droplet in her dantian.

Hua!

Like a wave crashing against a stone, water spilled everywhere!

The five lines on the water droplet seemed to be affected as they moved!

After not succeeding once, Chu Liuyue didn't give up and tried again.

Hua!

This time, the attack was even stronger than before!

The water droplet let out a whirring sound, and the patterns on the surface rippled even more!

The clouds in the sky quickly gathered, and the sky started darkening at an observable speed! With that, silver snake-like lightning bolts swam in the thick layer of clouds.

“Hm? Girlie is just breaking through to become a stage-six warrior. Why did she cause such a big commotion?” Lan Xiao—who was leisurely waiting in silence—was immediately shocked when he detected this change.

Such a change in weather would only occur when a normal cultivator was breaking through to become a stage-seven warrior. Even if it was an outstanding warrior with a Dijing Yuan meridian, they could rarely achieve this.

If it were the past Yue'er Girlie, this wouldn't be surprising. But the key point was—she no longer had a Tianjing Yuan meridian!

“There's indeed something wrong with her Yuan meridian,” said Dugu Mobao suddenly.

“What's wrong?” Lan Xiao was dazed. “She indeed only has a Dijing Yuan meridian...”

We definitely wouldn't judge these things wrongly!

“I didn't say that she doesn't have a Dijing Yuan meridian now. I meant that her Yuan meridian is different from other cultivators with a Dijing Yuan meridian.” Dugu Mobao paused for a moment and lowered his voice. “If I haven't guessed wrongly, this body of hers... The Yuan meridian's grade has been improved at least twice!”

“What?” This time, even Lan Xiao was stunned for quite some time.

For all the cultivators in the world, they had their respective talents from birth. The difference in their Yuan meridians would determine the difference in their talents.

Of course, the Yuan meridian standard could be changed. However, the requirements were very harsh, and it was extremely difficult. And normally, one could only improve it once.

But Big Baby actually said... Girlie's Yuan meridian standard was actually elevated at least twice?

“How is this possible? The Yuan meridian of a cultivator can't withstand such torture!”

“It's naturally impossible for an average person, but... she's different. Perhaps the Yuan meridian in her current body won't be worse than a Tianjing Yuan meridian in the future...”

Lan Xiao suddenly thought of something and gasped. “You're saying...”

At this point, Chu Liuyue had no knowledge of the duo's reactions. She didn't dare to relax at all.

After a momentary pause, she proceeded with her third try. This time, when the force harshly slammed against the water droplet, Chu Liuyue heard a crisp breaking sound.

Boom!

She finally broke the barrier to become a stage-six warrior! Then, the surrounding Heaven and Earth Force started entering her limbs at an even higher speed.

The force all surged into that water droplet in the end, and the sixth line pattern gradually appeared!

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When Chu Liuyue was just about to break through to become a stage-six warrior, Mu Hongyu and the rest—who came together with her—were all separated.

Diwu Zhangze purposely didn't put them together. These few people each had their own specialties after all, and it was best to train them on their own.

The Red Moon Desert was huge and vast, so there was no need to worry about them bumping into each other.

As for Rong Xiu... Diwu Zhangze didn't need to worry about him even more.

Dugu Mobao was watching him!

But after these few years, Rong Xiu's strength increased quickly. Even Big Baby had to spend a lot more effort to deal with him now.

I really don't know how he cultivated...

Hence, the crowd was separated in Red Moon Desert, and everyone faced their own challenges respectively.

And each person's combat power silently and rapidly increased in this process!

Chapter 837: Are You Crazy?

In the blink of an eye, a month passed. There were only five days left until the wedding between the Third Princess—Shangguan Wan—and Jiang Yucheng.

Logically speaking, everyone should be in a celebratory mood for such a happy event. However, the atmosphere in Xi Ling City was suppressed and dark for some reason. Even the usually noisy streets had become much quieter.

This was all because a series of strange events kept happening in Xi Ling City—many disciples suddenly disappeared for no reason.

The key point was that they were all cultivators with a Dijing Yuan meridian!

At the start, the Sky-Soaring Clan lost three such disciples. Even though the crowd was shocked, they just thought that the Sky-Soaring Clan had offended some people they shouldn't have, so they caused so much trouble for themselves.

Additionally, such a thing no longer happened to the Sky-Soaring Clan after the Third Princess sent Black Guards to help them. Hence, everyone didn't take this incident to heart.

However, such peaceful days didn't last for long. This was because the same thing had started happening to the other clans!

And those in trouble were basically clans that were slightly better than average in Xi Ling City, clans that had few capable talents but weren't considered as elites. Clans like Dragon Teeth Mountain had been safe all the while.

On the other hand, clans close to the Sky-Soaring Clan's standard started to meet with all sorts of mishaps.

When more than five talents with a Dijing Yuan meridian went missing in Xi Ling City, the crowd finally realized that the situation was much worse than they had thought. The other party was clearly targeting such people!

Even if those clans had already strengthened their defenses and searched everywhere, it was to no avail. Besides, after having one or two people missing, the other party would target another clan. Their traces also couldn't be followed.

How powerful must that person be to be able to do all of these things quietly? Just thinking of it sent chills down one's spine!

In no time, everyone in Xi Ling City feared for their own safety. Nobody knew if they would end up being the next person!

The young cultivators with a Dijing Yuan meridian were usually uneasy. Even if their talents were outstanding, their capabilities were still limited now. If they hadn't truly become strong warriors, how could they deal with all of these matters?

Even if the Third Princess had already sent Mu Qinghe and the rest to investigate this issue, they hadn't found the culprit, and there seemed to be no progress.

Therefore, even if the wedding between Shangguan Wan and Jiang Yucheng was nearing, the skies in Xi Ling City seemed to be covered by a layer of dark shadows.

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At the royal palace.

Jiang Yucheng walked all the way to Huayang Palace. He had no expression on his face, and his surrounding aura was sinisterly cold, causing many palace maids to fear in their hearts and hurriedly bow to him.

Jiang Yucheng didn't care about them as he went straight to the main hall.

Chan Yi was standing at the door and bent her knees to bow when she saw Jiang Yucheng coming.
“Greetings, Eldest Young Master.”

Jiang Yucheng asked coldly, “Where's Her Highness now?”

Chan Yi said, “Her Highness came back to rest after her morning activities, and she's resting now.”

Without saying anything else, Jiang Yucheng lifted his legs and was about to walk in.

Chan Yi immediately went forward and stopped him. Her tone was polite, but her gaze was determined.
“Eldest Young Master, Her Highness has been busy with everything regarding the wedding and needs to handle all the matters in the imperial court, so she hasn't been getting proper rest. Now that she has finally managed to fall asleep, can you let her rest? If there's anything you want to tell her, is it okay if I tell her later instead?”

“Is she really that tired? Why don’t I know about it?” Jiang Yucheng sneered. Everything about the wedding was given to the Ceremonial Department, with Yuwen Wei leading them. She only has to say a few sentences at the most and give her own opinions. As for the many things in the imperial court... I’m dealing with most of them. Shangguan Wan seems to be busy, but she hasn’t really done anything in reality. Why would she be tired?

Hearing Jiang Yucheng’s bad tone, Chan Yi knitted her brows in her heart. *There are only a few days left until the wedding. Why did Jiang Yucheng suddenly come to cause trouble for Her Highness now?*

“Eldest Young Master, it’s really inconvenient for Her Highness to see you now. You should—”

“Outrageous!” hollered Jiang Yucheng angrily. “You’re just a slave, yet you dare to stop me repeatedly? Chan Yi, although you’ve been beside the Third Princess for a long time and she thinks very highly of you, do you really think that you’re also a master because of that?!”

Panic flashed across Chan Yi’s face as she immediately kneeled down. “I wouldn’t dare! I’m just helping Her Highness—”

“Chan Yi.” At this moment, Shangguan Wan’s voice came from the room. “Let Yucheng in.”

Chan Yi instantly heaved a sigh of relief in her heart and hurriedly said, “Yes!”

Then, she lowered her head. “I know I’m wrong, Eldest Young Master. Please—”

Jiang Yucheng squinted his eyes, walked past her, and pushed open the door to go in. “Chan Yi, go and receive your punishment.”

“Yes!” Chan Yi then stood up and carefully closed the door before kneeling again in the yard.

When the other palace maids saw this scene in Huayang Palace, they didn’t dare to go near her and partook in hushed discussions. “What’s with Eldest Young Master? Why is he so angry today?”

“Who knows... But it surely isn’t a small matter! When Eldest Young Master came in the past, since when was he ever so rude to Chan Yi? It looks like he’s punishing Chan Yi on the surface, but he’s actually slapping Her Highness’s face!”

“That’s right! Who doesn’t know that Chan Yi is Her Highness’s most trusted confidant... The wedding is approaching. Why did this suddenly happen?”

“Shh—stop talking! Be careful of getting into trouble because of your mouth! Let’s go! Disperse!”

Every person serving in Huayang Palace was a smart person, and they knew what they could say and could not.

Due to this, Jiang Yucheng didn’t care if his doings would be spread to outsiders.

Also, he already couldn’t hold it in now!

As he walked into the room, Shangguan Wan was sitting in front of the dressing table.

After she came back, she originally decided to take off her mask. However, she heard that Jiang Yucheng was here and could only paste half of her mask back on again.

When Jiang Yucheng came in, he coincidentally saw the half of her face with the frightening wound.

It has already been so long, but Shangguan Wan's face didn't get better. Some places will even rot from time to time, looking very contorted. Jiang Yucheng unwittingly knitted his brows.

The next moment, Shangguan Wan had already pasted on the mask properly and turned around. With this look, her face was as smooth as before and was no different.

However, Jiang Yucheng knew what her true face looked like beneath the mask, so she looked even more awkward.

But Shangguan Wan didn't seem to detect it as she knitted her brows at the anger in Jiang Yucheng's eyes that hadn't dissipated. While doing this, she asked rather exhaustedly, "Why did you come so fiercely? Let me tell you first—I'm very tired now, and I don't have much energy to deal with you. If it's something unimportant, let's talk about it another day."

Jiang Yucheng sneered. "Don't you clearly know why you're tired?"

Shangguan Wan paused in her actions.

"I've already warned you once before—stop while you can! What are you doing now? Are you crazy?!"

Chapter 838: Easily Solved

Shangguan Wan's face instantly turned cold. "I'm not crazy. I know what I'm doing. I don't need you to teach me!"

"Do you think that you have the right to control me just because our wedding is coming? Jiang Yucheng, don't forget your status!" She glared at Jiang Yucheng coldly. *No matter what, he is just a child from an aristocratic family. If it weren't because of the marriage agreement with me, how would he have everything he has today? One has to know that in a few days' time, I'm going to ascend the throne officially. By then, Jiang Yucheng will be lower than me! How dare he be arrogant in front of me?*

Jiang Yucheng was so angry that he laughed. *It seems like Shangguan Wan has really been too delusional with her status and power that hasn't even come. The military power isn't in her hands. Even if she holds the imperial power, she's just a puppet. Besides, her foundation isn't good. It's hard to say if she can even protect this position. Without me, how could she be where she is today?*

Originally, he was too lazy to argue with her about this. After all, it wasn't the first day he knew that Shangguan Wan was brainless.

Back then, he chose her because he felt that she was easy to control. However, he didn't expect her to become so crazy now!

Jiang Yucheng's gaze was dark. "There are enough people missing in Xi Ling City. At this crucial point, I don't want to hear such news again. Do you understand?"

But facing Jiang Yucheng's repeated warnings, Shangguan Wan didn't care about them at all. She chuckled and turned around as she leisurely removed her intricate accessory from her head. "I knew you came for this, but there's no need for it. Only a few disciples went missing, and nobody has found any clues even until now. In the future, nobody will know who did it. What are you worried about?"

She wasn't afraid that Jiang Yucheng could guess that she did it. Anyway, the two of them had done too many unspeakable things and had each other's evidence. Unless Jiang Yucheng really wanted to sink their boat, he would definitely stand at her side!

Seeing Shangguan Wan's fearless expression, Jiang Yucheng tightly knitted his brows, and his blood boiled even more. *Shangguan Wan indeed went crazy to recover her abilities! She doesn't even care about how much trouble the incident will cause for us at this point in time! Now, her entire mind is filled with herself!*

"Besides, I did this for our good. You also don't wish to see me being unable to lift that staff on the day of our wedding, right?" Shangguan Wan glanced at him.

That was the symbol of the Tianling Dynasty's emperor!

If she failed in front of all the officers and commoners, she would be thoroughly finished!

Even Jiang Yucheng would be the same! He couldn't find a third princess to get married to!

Jiang Yucheng clenched his teeth tightly and spat out a sentence: "Remember to clean your mouth!"

Then, he walked away with big strides.

Shangguan Wan nonchalantly chuckled and turned around to tidy herself up in front of the mirror.

In the depths of her eyes, a tinge of blood gradually spread around sinisterly and evilly, but it disappeared the next moment.

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After Jiang Yucheng left Huayang Palace, he couldn't vent his anger and wanted to leave the place directly. But thinking that His Majesty hadn't awakened, he suppressed his anger and went to Qingfeng Palace.

In the end, he coincidentally saw Zuo Mingxi coming out of the room.

Jiang Yucheng found it strange. *Counting the days, it doesn't seem to be Zuo Mingxi's turn today, right?*

He walked forward. "Physician Zuo."

Zuo Mingxi looked up and was dazed for a moment when he saw that it was Jiang Yucheng before he smiled and bowed. "Eldest Young Master."

Jiang Yucheng glanced at the tightly shut door and asked, "Physician Zuo, shouldn't you be resting at home today? Why did you come to the palace? Also, where's your accompaniment?"

Zuo Mingxi rarely came here alone.

The heavenly doctor smiled and cupped his fists. "It indeed isn't my duty to come here today, but I suddenly discovered a method in an ancient book the day before. Therefore, I wanted to see if it works

on His Majesty and came here to take a look. Eldest Young Master, I hope you won't find my actions outrageous."

Jiang Yucheng nodded in understanding. "Why would I? You've spent a lot of effort on His Majesty, and I should praise you. Why would I blame you? Then... Did His Majesty's condition take a turn for the better?"

Zuo Mingxi paused for a moment. "Actually, the poison in His Majesty's body has mostly been cleared. Logically speaking, he will wake up soon. But—"

"But what?" Hearing that there was a chance His Majesty would wake up, Jiang Yucheng's eyes lit up as he hurriedly asked.

"But... His Majesty seemed to have been agitated earlier and didn't seem to want to wake up, so the entire incident dragged on until now with not much progress. If we can invite people close to His Majesty and let them talk to him, perhaps we might be able to wake him up..."

Jiang Yucheng's expression changed slightly. "Oh? Physician Zuo, who do you think we should invite over then?"

Zuo Mingxi looked like he was put in a difficult spot. "T-this... It's..."

Outsiders might not know, but people in the palace knew very clearly.

Qingfeng Palace had been guarded very strictly, and nobody could get near it at will. Even the younger princes were never allowed to enter the place, let alone the others.

After talking so much, only the Third Princess—Shangguan Wan—was the most suitable for this.

Why would Jiang Yucheng not know that?

He retracted his expression slightly. “So it means that if we invite the Third Princess over, there’s a chance His Majesty will wake up?”

Zuo Mingxi hurriedly lowered his head. “Your wedding with Her Highness is around the corner, I’m afraid—”

“I’ll tell her about this myself. Physician Zuo, you just need to care about treating His Majesty. If His Majesty can really wake up, it’ll be all your work.”

Zuo Mingxi thanked him continuously and said, “Eldest Young Master, His Majesty’s body condition kept fluctuating previously. The Third Princess keeps doubting the people who take care of His Majesty, including those two... So for this...”

“Don’t worry—I have my own plans. Before His Majesty wakes up, I’ll try not to spread this matter around,” said Jiang Yucheng lightly.

Zuo Mingxi then heaved a sigh of relief. “That’s good then. That’s good... As long as His Majesty can wake up, we can rest assured about the rest... Then, I’ll take my leave first if there’s nothing else.”

Jiang Yucheng nodded and let Zuo Mingxi leave.

After the latter left, Jiang Yucheng personally entered the house to check.

Everything was indeed similar to what Zuo Mingxi said.

He calculated in his heart and finally returned to Huayang Palace to tell Shangguan Wan about this.

Actually, Shangguan Wan didn't care about this issue. But after repeated persuasion from Jiang Yucheng, she could only agree perfunctorily.

Anyway, she felt that her father waking up wouldn't have much impact on her. This was because she would become the one standing at the top no matter what!

Jiang Yucheng knew what Shangguan Wan was thinking and wanted to say more, but he didn't do so in the end. *There are some things that she doesn't need to know. As long as His Majesty wakes up, then... Everything else can be solved easily!*

Chapter 839: Extreme Training!

Chaos was ensuing secretly in Xi Ling City, but the people in Chong Xu Cabinet didn't care about this at all. This was because their thoughts were all longing for Chu Liuyue and the rest.

Previously, they were already very worried when the main team returned from Dahuang Swamp, but their junior brother and sisters didn't come back.

Even though Jian Fengchi quickly came to explain the whole situation, such a long time had passed. Yet, there were no signs of any of them returning, which made them anxious and worried.

If it weren't because they saw the Cabinet Master peacefully staying on the mountain as if he were fishing stably, they would've long gone to Dahuang Swamp to look for them themselves.

Inside an ordinary room on the mountain, Qi Dahe lay on the bed as Weichi Song read his pulse at the side.

Two disciples looked on from the side and seemed rather nervous and curious at the same time.

After a moment, Weichi Song nodded and looked at the two of them. "That's right—his body is getting much better. Even though half of his Yuan meridian has been damaged, it's still lucky that we saved it. It's all thanks to the two of you meticulously taking care of him during this period."

The duo hurriedly said, "It's all because your medicine works, Cabinet Master. We just did a small matter, and it's not worth a mention!"

Weichi Song smiled and shook his head. "I know very clearly what his body condition was like. It's indeed not easy for him to make it through. It has been hard on you."

As he spoke, he took out two wooden boxes and gave them to the duo. "These are two sixth-grade medicinal formulas. Take it and study it in detail so that you can successfully produce it sooner."

The two of them were shocked and glanced at each other.

One of them hurriedly said, "Cabinet Master, t-this is too precious..."

We just took care of Qi Dahe for a period of time and didn't do much. This reward is too much...

"Just take it."

Seeing that Weichi Song insisted, the two of them could only take it in shock and surprise.

The other person couldn't help but ask, "Cabinet Master, is it worth it for you to spend so much effort to save his life? His mind isn't very stable. Even if you can save him, I'm afraid..."

Why would Cabinet Master care so much about a mute person that is severely injured and intellectually damaged?

"I have my own plans." Weichi Song glanced at Qi Dahe. *This person is very important. Jiang Yucheng willingly sent me a piece of evidence, so why shouldn't I take good care of it?*

The two disciples glanced at each other in confusion, but they felt that Qi Dahe indeed had his use since the Cabinet Master had said so.

After a momentary hesitation, one of them asked, "Uh... Cabinet Master, Little Junior Sister and the rest... haven't come back yet. Do you think..."

Weichi Song paused and gently shook his head. "Don't worry. They'll come back safely."

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Red Moon Desert.

Under the bright sun, a figure was running quickly in the endless, golden desert.

A fist-sized ball of yellow sand kept chasing the figure from behind relentlessly.

“Stop chasing! Stop chasing!” yelled Mu Hongyu as she continued running. In her panic, an idea popped up in her mind, and she instantly disappeared from the spot.

The next moment, she appeared at another location!

She hurriedly turned around to take a look but saw nothing. But the moment she heaved a sigh of relief, she saw another ball of yellow sand quickly forming nearby and going toward her.

Whoosh!

That ball of yellow sand directly hit her face.

Instantly, Mu Hongyu’s head and face were all covered by sand.

She dazedly stood rooted at the ground. After a temporary daze, she started scratching her head crazily and yelling at the verge of breaking down. “Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Is there any end to this?!”

Ever since she somehow came into this Red Moon Desert, she was directly separated from the rest. However, this ball of yellow sand kept following her.

Initially, she didn't realize that anything was amiss. But after she entered a sorry state from being attacked a few times, she then knew that this thing was targeting her.

Just like what Qin Yi said before, it was very hard for cultivators to move in this desert. Every step would exhaust a large amount of their strength.

Mu Hongyu originally thought that it would be easier for her with her Faint Yuan Body, but after this thing caught onto her, she started her endless journey of running.

During this period of time, wherever she ran to, a ball of yellow sand would always come for her.

She wasn't exactly severely injured, but which girl could tolerate being dirtied by sand every day?

Mu Hongyu felt that she was going crazy. "I'm begging you. Please stop following me—ahh!! I really don't know how I offended you! I can't take it anymore..."

She was exhausted and had almost used up all of her force. She really couldn't continue...

Then, she lay directly on the ground.

“Ow!” The moment she touched the ground, she was burned and jumped up like an eel. *It’s too hot! I actually forgot this was the Red Moon Desert!*

Just as she was breaking down, she saw another ball of yellow sand gathering. The key was that it was twice the size compared to before!

Mu Hongyu silently cursed in her heart as she resigned herself to her fate and turned around to run!

“That’s the way... If you can’t even travel hundreds of miles with a Faint Yuan Body, why would you even have it?” In the dark, Diwu Zhangze—who was controlling all of this—couldn’t help but mutter. *Rumors have it that people who master the Faint Yuan Body can instantly travel thousands of miles... What does this little bit count for?*

“The rest didn’t even complain that much...” Diwu Zhangze looked at the other few people’s conditions.

Qin Yi and Lei Laosi need not be mentioned as their cultivation levels were higher and had a high tolerance.

As for the lady with the chubby face, her face was flushed as she crazily practiced producing her pills.

But that golden-haired youngster though...

“Pfft, he really can take it... With such a cold, harsh air in his body, it’s enviable when he cultivates...” Diwu Zhangze—who was very picky—couldn’t help but praise Qiang Wanzhou.

“Sigh, I wonder how Yue’er Girlie is now... Big Baby is personally training her... Si.” Thinking of Dugu Mobao’s methods, Diwu Zhangze’s eyelids twitched harshly. *The few of them added up won’t even be suffering more than that Girlie alone! Even though Dugu Mobao dotes on Girlie, he is really inhumane when he trains her!*

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“Ah-choo!” Chu Liuyue suddenly sneezed beside the sapphire-like lake in the center of Red Moon Desert and rubbed her nose. *I wonder who is talking about me...*

However, she didn’t have any time or energy to think about that.

“You must be fast! Quick!” Dugu Mobao’s voice coldly sounded.

Chu Liuyue turned her palm into a fist, and she hurled it out again.

The figure in front of her flashed, avoiding it again as it kicked its leg toward Chu Liuyue!

Chu Liuyue clenched her teeth and turned her waist to barely avoid it. But her shin was still scratched, and it instantly burned!

She immediately squatted down and pounced toward the other party like a nimble fox.

The other party went for her neck.

Chu Liuyue avoided it and counter-attacked by clutching the other party's wrist and attacking it!

Boom!

The two of them fell harshly on the floor.

Lan Xiao went for a leisure walk and was shocked when he saw this scene. "Hm? Big Baby, this doesn't seem to be the previous peak stage-six puppet that you used earlier?"

Dugu Mobao coldly said, "This is peak stage-seven."

Chapter 840: She's No Longer the Princess

Lan Xiao's lips twitched. "Peak stage-seven? Girlie has just broken through to become a beginner stage-six warrior not long ago, yet you're treating her so harshly? It's inappropriate, don't you think?"

Seeing Girlie filled with injuries makes my heart ache. Sigh...

"I only have that one stage-six puppet, and she damaged it. Therefore, I can only change to this one," said Dugu Mobao without a change in expression or the quickening of his heartbeat.

Lan Xiao was stumped and was speechless. *You clearly produced this puppet on your own. How can you not have the standard that you want? What do you mean you don't have... It's just an excuse!*

Lan Xiao couldn't help but feel emotional. "Every time Girlie is here, I get to see your shameless appearance. I really miss it..."

"If you don't have anything to do, I can help you find some 'joy.'" Dugu Mobao's voice was filled with murderous intent.

"...Ahem. I still have something on, so I'll take my leave first! I'll hand Girlie to you!" Lan Xiao then swiftly disappeared as if he were afraid that Dugu Mobao would do something to him.

What a joke! It's fine if he tortures Girlie Yue'er on her own because Big Baby wants to strengthen her abilities. Due to this, he will know his limits. But if it were me... Big Baby will definitely push me to my grave! My body is very petite and precious! Especially this face—it can't be hit again!

Lan Xiao swiftly left, and Dugu Mobao was quickly left alone in this place again. His attention was naturally all on Chu Liuyue.

When Chu Liuyue broke through to become a stage-six warrior, the change in weather that she triggered surprised Dugu Mobao.

Originally, after he knew that Girlie had changed her body and had a Dijing Yuan meridian instead, he already planned to train her using the standard of an average Dijing Yuan meridian cultivator.

However, he didn't expect her to be much more outstanding than they had predicted!

Dugu Mobao always had high hopes for her, so he swiftly gave up on the previous plan as he clenched his teeth and directly increased the difficulty of the training to the same as her previous one.

Firstly, he threw out a peak stage-six warrior to test the waters and shockingly discovered that Girlie's adaptation skills seemed to be much stronger than before! Therefore, when Girlie could tie with that peak stage-six puppet, he immediately changed it to the current peak stage-seven one.

And in actual fact, she didn't disappoint him as she quickly grew after each battle!

At first, she couldn't even retaliate when she fought against this peak stage-seven warrior and could only get beaten up. But now, she could already try her best to avoid its attacks and even counterattack from time to time.

Even though her current cultivation level wasn't high, her abilities had long exceeded what she presented on the surface.

And the current Chu Liuyue placed all her focus on the puppet in front of her.

The longer the two of them fought, the fiercer the battle, and the more injured she was.

At this point, there wasn't a single good spot in her entire body. But for some reason, the willpower in her heart grew even stronger!

And gradually, her retaliation and attacks became much sharper and scarier! Sometimes, even she didn't know how her moves came about. It was as if... it was her instinct.

She gradually realized that inside her body, there was another her that had been hibernating this whole while. And now, that 'her' was gradually awakening!

Shua!

That puppet bent its arm and hit its wrist against Chu Liuyue's chest.

Chu Liuyue's body shook, and a sweet, fishy smell swarmed up her mouth.

The next moment, her gaze became cold and focused as she didn't retreat and went forward. At the same time, she clutched the puppet's elbow tightly and flung it forward.

Boom!

The puppet harshly fell to the floor.

Chu Liuyue seized the opportunity and stepped on the back of the puppet's head!

Crack!

A crisp sound was heard! The puppet's metal-like body had a dent from Chu Liuyue's stomp!

Chu Liuyue spat out bloody saliva and roughly wiped away the bloodstains from the corner of her mouth as she looked at the sapphire lake.

Her eyes were dazed for a moment, and she vaguely heard her own voice. “Big Baby, again!”

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Chu Liuyue progressed very rapidly, even faster than Dugu Mobao had expected. There seemed to be endless potential lurking around inside her body as she became stronger with every stronger opponent she met.

As long as she was agitated to a certain extent, she could rapidly unleash the energy within her body and become stronger!

Could this be related to the strange Yuan meridian in her body? Dugu Mobao thought to himself.

Shua!

The puppet beneath her feet instantly disappeared, and another puppet—exactly the same—appeared in front of her.

“This is the same as the one before. As long as you can settle it within 15 minutes this time, you pass!”

If someone were here, they would definitely be shocked until their jaws dropped if they heard this. Not only did he demand Chu Liuyue—a beginner stage-six warrior—to win against a peak stage-seven warrior, but he even wanted her to do so within 15 minutes!

This was nuts!

However, Chu Liuyue seemed to be used to it already as she lightly nodded in agreement.

These puppets were meticulously produced. They were very strong and attacked very precisely.

Her advantage was that she could circulate her force to fight against the puppet. After all, the puppet only had pure physical strength.

However, there was one aspect she couldn't compare with the puppet—it didn't know pain or exhaustion!

When Chu Liuyue previously fought with it for so long, she would've long collapsed if it weren't for the rich force within her body.

It wasn't easy for her to shorten the time to 15 minutes.

"If I do it this time, can I make a request?" asked Chu Liuyue suddenly.

"What do you want?" replied Dugu Mobao.

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath and said, “I want to make a trip back to Xi Ling.”

Counting the time, it should be the sixth of July soon. I don't want to miss the wedding between Shangguan Wan and Jiang Yucheng.

Upon hearing this, Dugu Mobao agreed rather quickly. “No problem.”

That place was originally her territory, so it's naturally fine for her to go back.

Chu Liuyue then relaxed and looked at the puppet in front of her as a harsh glow flashed in her eyes. Then, she took action first!

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Chu Liuyue and the rest were training harshly at different parts of the Red Moon Desert.

Only one person was having it rather easy—Rong Xiu!

Without asking, he also knew that Dugu Mobao and the rest definitely brought Chu Liuyue to the Red Moon Desert's center.

The center had the only lake in the vast desert, and it was their biggest gathering spot. Of course, it was the place she loved to stay at previously.

He moved forward all the way in that direction. However, Lan Xiao and the rest didn't seem to want to let him over as they kept stopping him.

Luckily, Rong Xiu's capabilities had greatly improved, so it wasn't too hard for him to deal with all of this.

When he broke through the challenge Lan Xiao set once again, he finally angered Lan Xiao successfully. "I'm not playing anymore! I'm not playing anymore! Anyway, Yue'er Girlie is going back to Xi Ling soon, and there's not much meaning in doing this. Sigh, she'll definitely be busy with the stupid things in the Tianling Imperial Court after she goes back. I really don't know why she wants to be the Princess! I long said to let her go with us—"

Rong Xiu raised his brows slightly and nonchalantly said, "Oh right, there's something I forgot to tell you. Yue'er is no longer the Princess now."