

Noble Ruler 931

Chapter 931: My Soul

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Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in and started reading this book from the first page.

As she flipped through page by page, she became increasingly shocked and confused.

The things written in the book seemed messy and incoherent, but they had a tinge of regularity to them. It was like some sort of secret code.

Tuan Zi also seemed to notice that something was wrong as it obediently squatted by the side and looked between her and that book from time to time. Its eyes kept turning.

Chu Liuyue stood there and spent a long while finishing the book.

When she flipped to the last page, there was finally a footer that she could understand: "Xin Dynasty Year 3572. Come back in spring."

Chu Liuyue stared at that line of words and read it for a very long time. Xin Dynasty... There is no such year in the Tianling Dynasty's thousand-year history. And according to my understanding, some of the surrounding dynasties don't even have a 3,000-year-long history. Then, what year does this record refer to? Come back in spring... Does it mean that the generation left in spring? But this is my handwriting, so where do I have to return to?

There seemed to be a layer of mist before Chu Liuyue's eyes, and she couldn't see clearly.

She had a feeling that this book could be a diary of some sort, but she had actually completely forgotten when she wrote these things, and she didn't know the content.

But does the sentence on the last page represent some sort of end? Chu Liuyue couldn't understand at all. She kept flipping through the book back and forth, but she had no clue at all. I'm the one who wrote the book, and I should be the one who left it here. However, I have no impression of it at all.

"Perhaps... it's related to that memory too..." Chu Liuyue muttered to herself.

At this moment, a ripple was felt from her body.

The ripple came from the black pyramid! The seal on it was undamaged, but something inside seemed like it wanted to break through!

Chu Liuyue was shocked. This commotion... seems to be because of the book in my hands?!

But the ripple was appeased after a moment, and peace resumed.

Chu Liuyue stood quietly and thought for a long while.

"Ancestor," she suddenly called out.

“Girl, what’s wrong?” Shangguan Jing’s voice clearly landed in her ears.

Chu Liuyue nodded. “There’s something I want to ask you about. You previously said that this black pyramid seals a soul from the Shangguan family, right?”

“That’s right! What’s the matter?”

“I want to ask: you should know whose soul it belongs to, right?”

Shangguan Jing suddenly fell silent.

Something heavy seemed to hammer Chu Liuyue’s heart. Her lips moved, and she lightly said, “The thing inside... is my soul, right?”

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The study was dead silent.

After Chu Liuyue finished her sentence, Shangguan Jing didn’t respond for a long time.

The night sky fell, and the bright moon hung high as the moonlight relaxingly shone in through the windows and cast a long shadow of the girl’s tall and skinny figure.

The moonlight shone on her porcelain-like face, causing half of it to be in the light and the other half to be in the dark.

She looked down, and her eyes were dark like a lake that was so deep one couldn't see the bottom of it. They were mysterious.

The night wind gently came in and curled up her sleeves.

After some time, Shangguan Jing finally sighed deeply. "Actually... I can't confirm it either, but I faintly feel that it is similar..."

Chu Liuyue was the descendant of his bloodline, so he was naturally most familiar with this.

When he first saw her back then, he knew that this black pyramid had sealed a soul from the Shangguan family. If not, she wouldn't have been able to avoid the Long Yuan Sword's attacks and go underground.

In the beginning, he just thought it was some descendant's soul and didn't pay much attention to it. But later on, he gradually discovered that it seemed to be related to Chu Liuyue. However, he never told her about this as he didn't have much evidence.

He didn't expect her to bring it up herself.

"Did you discover something?" asked the Tianling Dynasty's ancestor.

“Just the tip of an iceberg.” Chu Liuyue nodded and shook her head. If I didn’t flip through this book and incur the movement of the black pyramid, I wouldn’t have thought of this. To think that I thought it was some ancestor’s...

“It’s a pity that the seal is too strong, and I can’t open it for now.” Chu Liuyue felt slightly regretful as indignation and confusion attacked her. If my guess is true, then who exactly stored it specifically in this pyramid and even hid it in Country Yao Chen’s Imperial Mausoleum!? Also, that Master once said that this item was related to his wife and that he would temporarily leave it with me. Therefore, what is going on? Since it is related to his wife, he should know what’s inside, right?

Chu Liuyue suddenly wanted to meet that Master anxiously! She wanted to question him personally to find out what was going on!

“The person who left this seal is extremely strong. Unless you break through to become a stage-nine warrior, you won’t be able to open it...” Shangguan Jing also felt his head ache.

Chu Liuyue was his most loved descendant. If he could help, he would definitely do it without hesitation.

Chu Liuyue paused for a moment and kept the book. I must solve these mysteries one by one!

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Knock knock.

Knocks were heard from outside.

Chu Liuyue was awakened from her deep thoughts as she walked to open the door.

The person outside was Rong Xiu.

It was late at night.

He wore a white gown, and the cold moonlight came in from behind him.

He looked at her with a deep gaze as if it contained the beautiful galaxy.

Chu Liuyue blinked before reacting and pulling him in. "Rong Xiu, why are you here?"

He left after I received that invitation in the afternoon. I didn't expect him to come back at this hour.

Rong Xiu held her hand and walked into the study. He then simply and directly said, "I came here to bid farewell to you."

Chu Liuyue asked in shock, "Now? Where are you going?"

Rong Xiu smiled slightly and said nonchalantly, "Something suddenly cropped up in my clan, and I need to go back to handle it."

He is indeed going back to his mother's clan... A portion of Chu Liuyue's heart seemed to be dug away, and it felt empty.

The two of them were separated more often than they gathered. They finally spent time together for a month with much difficulty, and now they had to part again.

Perhaps it was because the disappointment in her eyes was too obvious, but Rong Xiu noticed it. He pushed Chu Liuyue's loose strands of hair behind her ear as he held her face and landed a kiss on it. "Don't worry. I'll go to the Beiming Dynasty to look for you very soon."

Chu Liuyue hugged his thin waist, and her voice was unclear. "Really?"

Rong Xiu squeezed her white and thin earlobe as he chuckled lowly, his voice filled with gentleness and love. "Of course, it's true."

Someone is so arrogant in front of my face. How can I ignore it?

"At that time, I'll give you a big gift."

Chapter 932: I'm Counting on You!

Three days later, Chu Liuyue picked her accompaniments, and they left from Ping Liang Square.

This time, there were a total of ten people following her. Five of them were young talents, who were respectively Jian Fengchi, Yuwen Jinghong, Mu Hongyu, Qiang Wanzhou, and Tian Ji Residence's Wu Ming.

The other five were top warriors in Xi Ling: Elder Xia Yi, Sheng Yan Harem's Elder Xiao Ran, Qin Yi, and two royal family elders—Chen Ke and Su Jin. Of course, Qin Yi had already recovered his original name: Cen Yi.

“Commander Meng, I'll leave it to you to guard Xi Ling after I leave,” said Chu Liuyue to Meng Jingzhi solemnly.

Meng Jingzhi cupped his fists. “Don't worry, Your Majesty!”

He swore to be loyal to the Tianling Dynasty and would naturally do his best to enforce safety in the area.

Chu Liuyue nodded and felt more at ease. She trusted Meng Jingzhi's character.

Ever since the major cleansing, many positions in Xi Ling City were left empty. For example, the Black Guards lost their Lieutenant Mu Qinghe and had no leader.

Many other areas were also lacking in one way or another.

Among the people she was bringing to the Beiming Dynasty this time included Elder Chen Ke and the rest, so it undoubtedly would cause Xi Ling's defenses to be lowered. At this time, Meng Jingzhi was the best choice to stabilize the situation.

Someone that could suppress Xi Jiang for many years wouldn't have a problem dealing with these matters. The key point was that he was indeed loyal to the Tianling Dynasty.

"Yue'er, don't worry. I'm here, and I'll definitely help you take care of this place," said Shangguan You calmly.

Chu Liuyue nodded. *Even though Father has already become the supreme emperor, he held the throne for many years and was more proficient than me at handling these things. I really have nothing to worry about.*

"Father, please take care of yourself. I'll be leaving now." Then, Chu Liuyue nodded to the people at the side.

The transportation formation gradually spun.

Shangguan You took a step forward. "Yue'er, be careful! I'll wait for you to come back safely!"

Chu Liuyue nodded at Shangguan You with strength.

An intense light flashed across, and the group's figures instantly disappeared from the spot.

Shangguan You looked at the empty square, his expression stern. *I hope everything goes smoothly for this trip!*

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After entering the transportation formation, the surroundings were pitch black. Elder Chen Ke took out a water pearl and illuminated the space.

“I wonder how long it’ll take for us to go on this trip...” muttered Mu Hongyu curiously.

“The journey will take about five days. We have to pass through four transportation formations in between,” explained Chu Liuyue.

Si!

“Isn’t it further than us going to Dahuang Swamp?”

Chu Liuyue smiled and nodded. “The Tianling Dynasty is originally very far from there. Besides, the Beiming Dynasty’s land is about twice that of the Tianling Dynasty’s. Even if we reach their area, we’ll spend quite some time before we get to Lin Zhou.”

“I see... In other words, this Beiming Dynasty is very powerful?” Mu Hongyu originally wasn’t from the Tianling Dynasty, and she didn’t even understand the Tianling Dynasty much, let alone the Beiming Dynasty.

She only knew some relevant information after she found out that she was going on the trip.

Before Chu Liuyue said anything, Jian Fengchi laughed lightly and lazily said, "They have an ancestor that entered the Apotheosis realm before them. Of course, they'll think highly of themselves."

Chu Liuyue touched her brows and smiled. "This is a fact. Out of all the surrounding dynasties, there aren't many who have warriors that entered the Apotheosis realm. The Beiming Dynasty is considered one of the top few elites, and they're very strong. Nobody can deny this. This time, I wonder how many people will want to join in on the fun of Ancient Phoenix Mountain's eruption."

It was really surprising for the Tianling Dynasty to be invited over. Not to mention the Beiming Dynasty, even the other three dynasties that were invited over weren't weak on their own.

If it were in the past, they might be able to compete with them. But the current Tianling Dynasty had just experienced a drastic change, and countless people were implicated. Their core was severely affected.

Hence, Tianling Dynasty was predicted to be the one at the bottom out of these five dynasties.

However, Chu Liuyue didn't really care about this. She went on this trip mainly to save Chu Ning and also to see what Jun Jiuqing had up his sleeves!

"Your Majesty, you're right. That Ancient Phoenix Mountain is the place where the Beiming Dynasty's ancestor once broke through as a ninth-grade warrior. They now treat it as a holy mountain because it contains quite a few treasures, and the force within is immense. If one can enter it and roam around, it will definitely be very beneficial to their cultivation. This chance is rare. You must cherish it," Elder Chen Ke said kindly to Jian Fengchi and the rest.

Even though they didn't know why the Beiming Dynasty suddenly invited them, it was still a rare opportunity!

Chu Liuyue nodded, smiled, and teased, “Even when I was the Princess for 20 years, I didn’t meet with such a chance before.”

Mu Hongyu asked curiously, “Liu—Your Majesty, will you also be going with us this time?”

Chu Liuyue knocked on her forehead. “You can just directly call me by my previous name. Calling me ‘Your Majesty, Your Majesty’ sounds very awkward.”

Mu Hongyu’s eyes lit up.

Actually, she took quite some time to accept Chu Liuyue’s true identity. Previously, she was still upset for a few days because she thought that the two of them had different statuses and couldn’t have the same relationship as before.

Hearing her friend say this now, she instantly became elated. “T-then, I’ll call you that in private, okay?”

Liuyue says she doesn’t mind, but I have to think for her. She is the Tianling Dynasty’s emperor after all, so I naturally can’t do the same as before.

“Okay.” Chu Liuyue smiled and nodded. “As for whether I’ll be going with you... It’s not too late to decide when we get there!”

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After the few of them used three transportation formations, they finally arrived at the Beiming Dynasty's border.

A gigantic transparent curtain dropped down from the sky.

"Why do they still have a Heaven's Canopy here?" muttered Mu Hongyu.

"That's not Heaven's Canopy. It's the barrier formed by a Xuan formation," said Elder Chen Ke lowly.

Mu Hongyu widened her almond-like eyes in shock. *I've never seen such a huge barrier before!*

"This is a suppression that only a ninth-grade Xuan formation can have... Besides, it's not only one. A few formations were joined together to form this..." Elder Su Jin was the only female amongst the royal family elders. She looked like she was in her thirties and was very pretty, but her personality was a little cold. But at this point, even she couldn't help but look surprised.

"The Beiming Dynasty... really lives up to its name!" Su Jin didn't have much interest in anything else, but she was crazy about Xuan formations. When it came to a high-level Xuan formation, she would regularly be very invested in studying it and wouldn't rest for many days.

Upon seeing such a formation suddenly, Su Jin couldn't hide her excitement and hurriedly patted Chu Liuyue's elbow. "Yue'er, it's rare to see ninth-grade Xuan formations. You must look at it more now! When we get back, I'm counting on you to draw it out again for me to study!"

Chapter 933: I'm the Emperor!

Chu Liuyue coughed. "Mentor Su Jin, c-control yourself..."

Elder Su Jin used to be one of her Xuan Master mentors. She was already crazy about Xuan formations back then, but she was even more so now.

“Hey, haven’t you always had a photographic memory? Just take it as me begging you, okay?” Elder Su Jin clasped her hands together and smiled at Chu Liuyue in a flattering manner, without showing her previous distant and cold aura.

“Uh...”

“Su Jin, if you really want to look at it, I can help you too. We’ll each remember a portion, okay?”

Xiao Ran—who had been very quiet at the side—couldn’t help but speak up. His eyes were filled with desire as he looked at Elder Su Jin with a very gentle gaze.

Elder Su Hui waved her hands to reject him without even turning around. “No way! How will you remember it more clearly than Yue’er?”

Disappointment flashed across Xiao Ran’s eyes. But the next moment, he still turned to look at the barrier and tried his best to memorize it. *Even if I can only help a little, it’s good enough...*

Chu Liuyue laughed in her heart. *Xiao Ran was Sheng Yan Harem’s first elder and the strongest in their clan. His identity is even higher than Sheng Yan Harem’s Master. He has chased Elder Su Jin for 20 years but has never succeeded. I didn’t expect him to not give up even now.*

“Master Su Jin, don’t worry. I’ll memorize it, but if you want to study it properly, you might need Elder Xiao Ran’s help from time to time.”

Xiao Ran glanced at Chu Liuyue gratefully.

Why would Elder Su Jin not know Chu Liuyue’s intentions?

She tapped on her former student’s nose. “Sneaky! You were an eighth-grade Xuan Master yourself! Why do you not understand it?”

Chu Liuyue shrugged. “It’s a pity I’m not one now.”

Jian Fengchi finally couldn’t help but glance at her. “You have nothing to do with the word ‘humble.’ Please wake up.”

Even though she no longer had her Tianjing Yuan meridian, this wouldn’t affect her talent as a Xuan Master at all!

All these years, the most talented Xuan Master he had seen was Chu Liuyue. If not, Elder Su Jin wouldn’t seek her help.

Chu Liuyue was stumped for once and raised her hand to surrender. “Okay, okay, okay. Give me 15 minutes.”

Then, she looked up at the intersecting Xuan formation.

The others at the side immediately fell silent as they watched and waited with her.

“Pfft.” A sneer filled with contempt was heard from behind. “There are really all sorts of arrogant people at this age! This barrier was made by many ninth-grade Xuan Masters in the Beiming Dynasty for over a year. Normal people will get dizzy by taking a few more glances at it, yet these people are delusional enough to think that they can memorize it... Haha, what a joke!”

Elder Su Jin and the rest turned around and saw a group of people arriving behind them.

The other party also had 11 people.

The person talking was a young woman in her twenties. She had a cute appearance and was wearing lavish attire. However, arrogance filled her eyes.

Elder Chen Ke glanced at her, and his gaze landed on the middle-aged man at the front.

This man’s appearance was ordinary, and he looked rather stern with a long beard. There were dragon patterns on his sleeves and collars, which revealed his identity.

“Ruoli, don’t be rude,” said the middle-aged man. It seemed like a scolding, but his tone was very gentle and clearly pampered this woman.

That woman lightly grunted. “I’m just speaking the truth, and I can’t stand that some people are acting like they’re a big shot! If not, will there really be people that can memorize this ninth-grade Xuan formation at one glance?”

The middle-aged man didn't reprimand her anymore, clearly sharing the same thoughts as her. He helplessly smiled and shook his head. "When can you change your direct nature?"

"Your Majesty, Eldest Princess is right. They're already behaving in this manner when they just reached the Beiming Dynasty's border. Who knows how overboard they'll be when they reach Lin Zhou?" A young man wearing a purple robe helped to chip in.

The middle-aged man shook his head. "That is true, but we're in the Beiming Dynasty now. It's other people's territory, so you need to hold yourself back. No matter what, the other party was also invited over like us. Why must you make the situation tense?"

Then, he looked at Chu Liuyue and the rest again.

Elder Chen Ke took a step forward. "I am Tianling Dynasty's Chen Ke. Greetings, Taiyu Dynasty's Emperor Huai Ren."

Dantai Chen glanced at him strangely and smiled politely. "So you're Tianling Dynasty's Elder Chen Ke. You... know me?"

Elder Chen Ke's expression was calm. "You once came to Tianling 43 years ago, and I had a chance to meet you then."

Dantai Chen's face suddenly froze. *I went to the Tianling Dynasty at that time for a marriage alliance. At the time, the Taiyu Dynasty was a notch weaker than the Tianling Dynasty, so we had the plan of getting close to them. But it was a pity I was rejected in the end.*

Ever since then, he felt humiliated and had never gone to Tianling again.

Decades had passed, and the Taiyu Dynasty had now exceeded the Tianling Dynasty in regards to overall capabilities. With all the situations that cropped up previously, they naturally couldn't be compared.

"I see. That happened so long ago. I don't really remember it clearly." Emperor Huai Ren didn't even care about Elder Chen Ke back then, so he naturally couldn't remember the latter after so many years. "However, I didn't know that the Tianling Dynasty was also coming for Ancient Phoenix Mountain's eruption..."

Dantai Chen smiled, but his smiling intent didn't reach his eyes. "I thought you would be quite busy recently..."

His words had a mocking tone to them.

Elder Chen Ke's brows knitted undetectably, and he smiled. "That's right. We have been quite busy lately, but since the Beiming Dynasty sent us an invitation, we must give them face. How can we not come?"

His words meant that they were also invited—like the Taiyu Dynasty—by the Beiming Dynasty. Since they were all the same, there was no sense of superiority between them.

Dantai Chen was stumped, and his face turned dark. *I really didn't know beforehand that the Tianling Dynasty was invited! No matter logically or personally, the Tianling Dynasty doesn't seem to have the right now! However, only the Beiming Dynasty knows the answer to this.*

“Tianling Dynasty? It’s the one where the Heavenly Princess caused a huge commotion?” asked Dantai Ruoli. She specifically emphasized the words ‘Heavenly Princess.’

Back then, the news of the Tianling Dynasty having a Tianjing Yuan meridian cultivator was spread far and wide. It was as if it was incredible to have such a talent.

In the end, they also heard quite a few incidents about that Princess. Most of them mentioned how outstanding she was.

Who knew she would be set up by her own fiancé and sister in the end?

What kind of ‘Heavenly Princess’ is this? It’s just a joke!

Elder Chen Ke could hear her mockery, and his expression changed.

Just as he was about to retaliate, Chu Liuyue retracted her gaze, turned to look at them, smiled, and said, “Thank you for your concern, but I’m no longer the Princess now. I’m Tianling’s Emperor with the year Yuan Xi. Eldest Princess Dantai, please address me as Emperor Yuan Xi.”

Chapter 934: Finally Here

Even though she was smiling, her black, gem-like eyes were cold and harsh, causing one’s heart to chill!

Dantai Ruoli only exchanged a glance with Chu Liuyue, and her heart felt cold! It was as if her entire person had been seen through at that moment!

The other party's vague suppression terrified her! This was a true emperor's suppression!

Even though the Tianling Dynasty couldn't beat the Taiyu Dynasty now, Chu Liuyue was still the emperor after all. In contrast, Dantai Ruoli was only a princess.

The duo had a huge disparity in their statuses.

"According to the rules, I have the same standing as Emperor Huai Ren. When you see me, you should greet me. But seeing that the Tianling Dynasty and the Taiyu Dynasty have interacted before and that we all came to the Beiming Dynasty this time around, you don't have to bother with the greetings," Chu Liuyue said nonchalantly.

However, her every word was using her status to suppress Dantai Ruoli!

"But when you enter the Beiming Dynasty and see the others... Eldest Princess Dantai, I hope you'll remember your status clearly. If not, you might cause trouble for yourself if such a joke happens again."

Dantai Ruoli opened her mouth and wanted to retort, but her throat tightened. She couldn't say a single word as she felt very suffocated.

Compared to the other party, she did have a lower status!

"Father!" She stomped her feet and looked at Dantai Chen for help with a face filled with grievance.

Dantai Chen knitted his brows slightly and glanced at her. "That's enough, Ruoli."

Usually, he could allow her to do whatever she wanted, but she couldn't be this unreasonable in other people's territory.

Even though Chu Liuyue's words were mean, they made sense.

Seeing that her own father—who always doted on her—didn't speak up for her, Dantai Ruoli could only keep quiet obediently. However, she held a grudge against Chu Liuyue in her heart. Aren't you just Tianling's Emperor? What's there to be happy about?! In what aspect can Tianling compare with us now? I'll show her who's boss when we reach Lin Zhou!

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Chu Liuyue looked at the few people beside her. "Let's go."

Elder Su Jin's eyes lit up. Since she said that, it means that she has finished looking at those Xuan formations. Even though her physical body has changed, her talent wasn't reduced a single bit and even became stronger?

"Okay, let's go! Let's not be delayed by irrelevant people!"

Dantai Chen and the rest's expressions changed slightly and didn't look too good.

That last sentence was clearly referring to them, but Chu Liuyue clearly didn't care about their reactions as she didn't even give them an extra glance.

The few of them continued walking further.

The soldiers guarding the Xuan formations stood within and boomed, "Please show your invitation card!"

Chu Liuyue produced the invitation, and her fingertips moved slightly as the invitation flew out and landed on the barrier formed by the Xuan formations.

Whir!

With that invitation as the center, a wave started spreading in all directions! The next moment, the barrier opened from the middle!

Inside, a transportation formation gradually spun!

"Let's go!" hollered Chu Liuyue, and their figures instantly disappeared.

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"That Shangguan Yue is so arrogant!" Seeing that they left, Dantai Ruoli couldn't help but speak and smiled coldly. "All the rumors about her in the past painted her in such a legendary picture. If she's really that amazing, why would she be set up? I don't even know what method she used to come back and ascend the throne, but it made her so arrogant! Does she really think that she's invincible?"

“Yeah! She even said that she was going to memorize the ninth-grade Xuan formation on that barrier in 15 minutes. How laughable! Even if one has a photographic memory in terms of reading books, the higher the Xuan formation grade, the more complicated it is. How could she remember them all?” The young man at the side hurriedly agreed.

“Ruoli, it’s not worth getting angry at a person like this! When we reach Lin Zhou, we can expose her in front of the rest. Let’s see how arrogant she can get then!”

Dantai Ruoli’s eyes turned, and she smiled. “That’s a good idea! All those who came to Lin Zhou are big shots in their dynasties. By then, she will definitely be utterly humiliated!”

Dantai Chen didn’t object. In actual fact, he also couldn’t stand that Shangguan Yue’s speech and behavior.

Additionally, he already had some grudges against the Tianling Dynasty previously, so he naturally didn’t want to maintain a good relationship with the other party now.

He turned around and looked at the few people before saying lightly, “All of these things are small matters. You need to watch your limits. Don’t forget—the most important thing about this journey is to wait until Ancient Phoenix Mountain erupts! This is especially so for you, Ruoli. You’re only a step away from becoming an eighth-grade warrior, so you must take this chance and break through! If you can meet with some fate, you’ll be able to improve further... Then, you’ll have a bright future!”

Dantai Ruoli patted her chest with much confidence. “Don’t worry, Father. I’ll definitely do you proud this round! I’ll show them who the top talent is!”

Dantai Chen nodded in satisfaction. “Let’s go too!”

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After entering via the barrier at the border, this was the last transportation formation. They could directly reach Lin Zhou from here.

After another period of waiting, a ray of light finally came from the dark front!

Elder Chen Ke boomed, "We're reaching soon!"

Once he said this, the atmosphere had a strange change.

There were hints of nervousness and expectancy. After all, none of them had come to the Beiming Dynasty or Lin Zhou before.

Thinking that they were going to meet people from other dynasties and compete with them, ardor and zeal coursed through their blood.

The light in front became increasingly brighter until a strong squeezing force came from the surroundings!

A group of people rushed out of the transportation formation one after another.

Light flashed across their eyes, and they finally stepped onto some actual ground.

Chu Liuyue stood still and took a closer look in front.

A well-structured city stood in front! Then, there were endless mountains lying on the ground like gigantic beasts.

It was intimidating!

Even though they stood so far away, they could still clearly feel the terrifying suppression!

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath. "That is... Ancient Phoenix Mountain!"

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At the same time, in Beiming's palace.

A tiny boat floated on the sapphire lake. On it, someone lay on his side and looked very carefree.

The gentle breeze came over.

He smiled slightly with a hint of drunken intent, and his voice was hoarse as though it had a hook that scratched at one's heart. "...Finally here..."

Chapter 935: Differential Treatment

The moment he said this, he held the boat, and his figure rose up!

His green robe drew an outline in midair.

From afar, it was like an elegant calligraphy painting as the sky and the water reflected the same color. However, the tail end of it had a hint of demonic red like an intense and bright stroke that wanted to break free from this calm and peaceful painting!

Gugu—

A strange bird call came as a white bird flew over rapidly in the sky.

That bird wasn't big, and it was totally white. Only its claws and top of the head were entirely in black.

Originally, it should've looked quite cute and obedient. But with its sharp and red beak, together with its harsh and cold eyes, it looked even fiercer and harsher.

Its wings flapped until it landed on Jun Jiuqing's right shoulder.

"You're a step too late. I already know." He chuckled lowly. Of course, I'll know the earliest about her arrival. The moment she walked out of the transportation formation and arrived at Lin Zhou, I already knew.

This sentence seemed to disappoint the bird as the harshness in its eyes burned even more.

“Okay. I’m in a good mood today, so I won’t give you any lesser rewards.”

Hearing this, that bird was excited again as it anxiously flapped its wings. It looked as though it couldn’t wait any longer.

Jun Jiuqing tilted his head slightly and lazily said, “Bring the beginner stage-seven one for him.”

A guard quickly appeared by the lake and respectfully kneeled on one knee. “Yes!”

“Oh right, throw away the ones from before. Kill a fresh one for it today.”

That guard was a little surprised, but it seemed like it wasn’t the first time he had experienced this, so he immediately reacted. “Yes, Master.”

Gugu—

That bird then chirped in a flattering manner.

Jun Jiuqing extended his arm, and it flew up.

Very quickly, the guard and the fiend's figure disappeared without a trace.

Jun Jiuqing quietly stood with one hand behind his back on the boat for a moment. "Anyone there!?"

Two guards rushed out together. "Your Highness, is there anything you want us to do?"

"How are the things I told you to do earlier coming along?"

"Crown Prince, don't worry. We're all prepared!"

"That's great. We must treat our very important guests well," said Jun Jiuqing as he slightly tilted his head and looked in a certain direction. "You really... let me wait for too long..."

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After Chu Liuyue came out, the other few people gradually walked out.

They surveyed their surroundings and saw a team of armored soldiers strictly guarding around this vast transportation formation square.

Two men stood in front of the transportation formation. One of them was tall and burly, while the other one looked skinny.

The two of them stood beside each other, but one of their auras was strong, and the other was weak.

Clearly, both wore an official's attire, but the skinny man obviously looked much shorter than the muscular man beside him. It seemed like they were waiting for someone.

After Chu Liuyue and the rest came out, the two of them looked over in unison.

When they first saw Chu Liuyue at the front, amazement flashed across the duo's eyes. Even the guards in charge of guarding the transportation formation couldn't help but take a few more glances at her.

There were many beautiful women in this world, but there were very few women who were as breathtaking and elegant as this one. Not to mention her perfect features, the most charming thing about her was the intent in her eyes that was cold and bright and the outstanding aura that made one unable to reach her level.

At first glance, she was as passionate as the hot sun. With another glance, she was as cold and charming as the bright moon.

She truly took one's breath away!

The burly man was then the first to react as he smiled in a flattering manner. But before his lips could curve up properly, he suddenly thought of something, and his expression froze.

His expression changed extremely quickly, but Chu Liuyue still saw it clearly.

She squinted her eyes slightly.

That man spoke hesitantly, "I am Yin Hao and was ordered to wait here. May I know if you are from the Tianling Dynasty?"

Chu Liuyue nodded. "I am Tianling's Shangguan Yue."

A look of 'I knew it' flashed across that man's face. He then smiled again, but it was more polite and distant as his smiling intent didn't reach his eyes. "Guests, you've come a long way, and I'm sorry we didn't welcome you properly. Wen Fan, why are you still in a daze? Invite them to the city quickly!"

The skinny man at the side glanced at his colleague and was about to say something, but he swallowed his remaining words. Then, he stepped forward and respectfully greeted Chu Liuyue and the rest. "I am Wen Fan, and I'll be responsible for your housing, food, and everything else in Lin Zhou. If you have any tasks, just let me know."

So they are in charge of welcoming us. Chu Liuyue nodded in understanding. They shouldn't have a low status in the Beiming Dynasty if they were sent to do such a thing, but considering the previous scene... That Yin Hao seems much better than Wen Fan.

Chu Liuyue smiled slightly. "Okay, then we're sorry for the trouble during this period, Officer Wen."

Wen Fan didn't expect Chu Liuyue to be this polite and was instantly shocked as he hurriedly shook his hands. "I wouldn't dare, I wouldn't dare! This is what I have to do! The Crown Prince has already arranged your residence earlier on. Please follow me into the city!"

Chu Liuyue looked nonchalant and nodded slightly. *The other party targeted me from the beginning, so it isn't surprising that they've prepared all of this in advance.*

She didn't speak further as she called Elder Chen Ke and the rest. The few of them then followed Wen Fan to walk into the city.

But the moment the few of them got off the transportation formation, they heard some noises behind.

Chu Liuyue turned and glanced.

Dantai Chen and the rest had indeed arrived.

Upon seeing them, Yin Hao immediately welcomed them elatedly. "Emperor Huai Ren, you're finally here! I've been waiting for you for hours!"

Dantai Chen glanced at him. "You are..."

Yin Hao respectfully bowed and greeted, his face eager. "I am Yin Hao, and I'm in charge of your everything in Lin Zhou City. His Majesty said that you've not come in a while and that he misses you so. He even wants to have a game of chess with you!"

Dantai Chen then understood and laughed out loud. "The same goes for me! Since I'm here, we must play our hearts out!"

Yin Hao raised his arm. "Everyone, please—"

Then, he bent his back and led the road.

“Pfft, I thought he was some amazing character, but he’s just a slave that cares about one’s status!” said Mu Hongyu with a face full of contempt.

When this Yin Hao saw them, he was very cold and didn’t even smile. However, he completely changed when he saw Dantai Chen and the rest.

“He’s not even scared that his smile will crack!”

Chu Liuyue smiled nonchalantly. “This is nothing weird. Our Tianling is indeed weaker than their Taiyu now. It’s naturally more beneficial for him if he can suck up to them.”

Her gaze turned, and she glanced at Wen Fan. *This person seems to be used to the bullying.*

Chapter 936: Go and Meet!

“Just ignore them. We’ll go first.” Chu Liuyue retracted her gaze, lifted her leg, and went forward.

When Wen Fan heard this, he hurriedly reacted and led the front. “Please, walk here.”

In the square, teams were waiting to be deployed on both sides as if they specifically came to pick people up.

There were quite a few horse carriages in every team.

The carriage at the front was more extravagant, and the one behind paled in comparison. But compared to normal horse carriages, it was also very elegant.

All these horse carriages were carved with a pattern. They were obviously prepared by the Beiming Royal Family.

The two top horse carriages at the front were led by eight blue-scaled horses.

Blue-scaled horses were seventh-grade fiends, and they were considered superior fiends and very precious. It just showed how formidable the Beiming Dynasty was to be able to send out so many of such horses at once to pull these carriages!

The slight difference was that one of the eight blue-scaled horses on the left had an extremely pure color, and it dazzled like the sapphire sea under the sunlight.

At first glance, this was the one that was about to break through, so it was naturally more elegant than the rest.

Wen Fan was about to walk to the group of horses on the left when Yin Hao's voice suddenly sounded from the back. "Wen Fan, you're going to the one on the right, correct?"

Even though this was a question, his tone was clearly a command!

Wen Fan knitted his brows and turned around to glance at him. He said, "According to the order, the one on the left is number three, and the one on the right is number four. Hence, we should take the third one."

Yin Hao laughed out loud. "Aren't they all in a row? The first two teams have already left, and only these two groups remain, so why is there an order? Let us take the one on the left!"

Wen Fan was a little angry. *It's fine that I had to tolerate him and give in previously, but he now wants to snatch this horse carriage as well! I don't care about it if I'm bullied, but won't I implicate these people from the Tianling Dynasty and cause them to be despised as well if I give in now?*

His voice turned cold. "Yin Hao, everyone knows the logic of 'first come, first serve.' Besides, the guests from the Tianling Dynasty came first, so they should take the left one."

Yin Hao was talked back to in public and instantly felt that he was humiliated. His face turned ugly. "Did you not hear what I said earlier? His Majesty is waiting to reminisce with Emperor Huai Ren over chess. If you delay it, can you be responsible for this?"

Wen Fan sneered in his heart. *Today, our mission is just to receive the guests and arrange their lodgings. We have to wait for the next day to see His Majesty! Now that he used this as an excuse, he clearly wants to snatch my things!*

"No—"

"It's just a horse carriage. What's there to fight about? Since Emperor Huai Ren is in a hurry to use it, I'll give in." Before Wen Fan could finish his sentence, Chu Liuyue smiled and spoke from the side.

The originally harsh and intense atmosphere cracked because of this sentence.

The crowd gradually looked over. *Who can't tell that this fight for the horse carriage is a fight for status? Is she really going to back away so easily?*

Wen Fan couldn't help but softly remind, "Do you really want to do this... But..."

Chu Liuyue didn't really care about the surrounding gazes as she smiled brightly. "Yeah! Since we don't have anything urgent today, why can't we just give in? Everyone came here by invite, so why don't we do it happily? Why must we be so upset over such a small thing?"

Once she said this, the crowd increasingly felt that Chu Liuyue was so afraid of the Taiyu Dynasty that she gave in.

At that moment, quite a few people had a disdainful look. *We've long heard that the Tianling Dynasty was severely impacted, and it really does look like that's the case. They haven't even officially entered Lin Zhou yet, but they were already bullied into this state. In the future, won't other people step all over them? This Shangguan Yue is also so-so...*

Dantai Chen smiled and cupped his fists. "Then, I'll thank you here."

Chu Liuyue smiled and nodded as if she really didn't care about it.

Dantai Chen then brought his men and walked toward the horses on the left.

Dantai Ruoli sneered and glanced at Chu Liuyue in contempt when she brushed past the latter's shoulders. "Pfft, it seems like some people are really ignorant. Even if they're both emperors, there are still more superior ones..."

Shangguan Yue isn't even fit to be compared to us!

Qiang Wanzhou's wrist moved as if he was going to hit her!

Chu Liuyue glanced at the few of them, telling them to calm down.

The suppression of the silent atmosphere made one even more suffocated.

Wen Fan's face was filled with apologies as he softly said, "Sorry, it's all because I'm too useless..."

Chu Liuyue shook her head and walked toward the horse carriage on the right. "Let's go too."

Dantai Chen and the rest quickly reached the most elegant horse carriage at the side. Just as he was about to board it, he heard a clear voice again.

"Emperor Huai Ren, please wait."

Dantai Chen turned around. He saw Chu Liuyue standing beside the horse carriage and looking over with a smile plastered on her face.

“I’ve never come to Lin Zhou before, nor have I seen anyone from the Beiming royal family. Since you’re going to see the Emperor of Beiming this time and talk to him over chess, I hope you’ll put in a good word for me in consideration of this horse carriage. Then, I’ll be able to talk to him more on the day we meet, right?”

Dantai Chen was dazed. *I didn’t say I was going into the palace today! After all, the Emperor of Beiming has a slightly higher status than me. I can’t see him as and when I want to. Now that Shangguan Yue said this, won’t it be very inappropriate if I don’t go over today?! However... we’ve already snatched the horse carriage!*

He vaguely felt that he had jumped into a trap the other party had set up, but he couldn’t jump in nor not jump.

Chapter 937: Not For You

Dantai Chen was secretly frustrated. *This Shangguan Yue looks harmless on the surface, but she has a stomach filled with dirty water. Once she said this, she didn’t even leave me any space to back down.*

The meaning was clear: When she saw the Emperor of Beiming, she would mention what happened today.

Even though it felt good to snatch the horse carriage, it wasn’t pleasant for the public to know about it.

Dantai Chen clenched his teeth.

Seeing that he didn't say a word, Chu Liuyue blinked and teased in a seemingly smiling manner. "What? Emperor Huai Ren, are you not willing to do me this small favor?"

Dantai Chen could only say, "Why wouldn't I be willing? I can still help you with this simple matter, but I'm not feeling very well today. Hence, I need to take a rain check to see if I'll be going into the palace."

At the side, Yin Hao hurriedly said, "Emperor Huai Ren, you must be tired from the journey, right? Why don't I bring you to your lodging first?"

With this sentence, Dantai Chen looked better as he nodded and boarded the carriage.

The curtain fell and blocked Chu Liuyue and the rest's vision.

Dantai Chen then heaved a sigh of relief as he leaned against the carriage and knitted his brows in frustration. *This Shangguan Yue... doesn't seem as easy to handle as she looks... After these two encounters, our two parties have formed a grudge. Today, she made an issue out of the horse carriage. In the future, she might do something else. I should be more guarded!*

After Dantai Chen got onto the horse carriage, Dantai Ruoli and the rest gradually boarded the ones at the back.

"Let's go!" hollered Yin Hao as the horses began going toward the city.

But no matter how one looked at it, they looked like they were escaping from humiliation.

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Wen Fan glanced at Chu Liuyue strangely. *Even though the Tianling Dynasty's new emperor looks like she's in her teens... She has her own methods and mindset! Normal people simply aren't capable of silently dragging the sly old fox—Dantai Chen—down to a stage where he couldn't say anything in front of so many people.*

His impression of Chu Liuyue changed greatly, and his attitude was even more polite as he wanted to apologize. "This is all because I'm useless..."

"It's not your fault." Chu Liuyue glanced at the distant horse carriage as she smiled slightly. "They just wanted to show me who's boss."

Without Dantai Chen allowing it, a person like Yin Hao wouldn't openly steal my things no matter how arrogant he was.

"It's a pity I don't buy that."

This time, I retorted a little. If Dantai Chen knows what is best and toes the line, I will also let the matter rest. But if the other party is relentless... By that time, they won't be able to blame me for being harsh!

"Alright, let's go too," said Chu Liuyue as she boarded the horse carriage.

Elder Chen Ke and the rest then boarded the carriages behind respectively.

Chu Liuyue then pushed apart the curtain and glanced at Wen Fan. “Oh, right. Since you’re in charge of all our lodgings while we’re in Lin Zhou, then I have a request.”

Wen Fan instinctively straightened his back and respectfully said, “Please let me know. I’ll definitely do my best!”

Chu Liuyue’s red lips curled up slightly. “It’s not anything difficult, but if the same thing happens again, you don’t have to care about anything and just fight back as much as you want! I’ll bear all the consequences!”

I came to Lin Zhou and entered the lion’s den to save my father, not to get bullied!

Wen Fan was shocked by the coldness in the other party’s eyes, and it was as if he took a calming pill as he determinedly said, “Yes!”

Chu Liuyue smiled and looked up slightly to glance at the tall city gate. “Let’s go!”

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Passing the city gate, the horses continued on.

Dantai Chen sat in the horse carriage and closed his eyes to think.

Gradually, all sorts of noises could be heard from the surroundings, sounding very crowded. They should've entered the bustling streets, but these sounds made Dantai Chen even more frustrated and upset.

He originally wanted to stay in the horse carriage to relax and rest, but the previous scene kept flashing across his mind. *I actually lost to a mere Shangguan Yue... I feel wronged no matter how much I think about it! Originally, I just wanted to teach them a lesson to let them know who they could offend and who they couldn't offend. However, I didn't expect this Shangguan Yue to expand on this topic! Before I even boarded the horse carriage, she had already thought of how she was going to complain about me to the Emperor of Beiming in front of the public! If I had known about this earlier, I wouldn't have snatched this horse carriage! I caused trouble for myself for nothing!*

At this point, the horse carriage finally stopped.

Yin Hao's voice came from outside. "Your Majesty, we're here. You can get off."

Dantai Chen shook his head and threw away all his messy thoughts as he pushed the curtains away and got off the horse carriage.

After standing still, he looked up.

When he clearly saw the scene, surprise flashed across his eyes. "This is..."

"Hehe. Your Highness, the Crown Prince specifically made the order to prepare this as your housing!" Yin Hao was eager to please him. "We prepared four villas in the palace this time, and each dynasty will live in one. However, this is the biggest and most extravagant one! In the beginning, quite a few ancestors lived in this place before—not to mention that the Crown Prince personally commanded people to renovate this place a few years ago! This lodging can be said to be the best!"

When Dantai Chen saw the elegant and extraordinary entrance, he already knew that this villa was special. Now that he heard this, he couldn't conceal his excitement. "Did... the Crown Prince specifically leave this place for me?"

"Of course!" Yin Hao wanted to flatter him. If this wasn't specifically left for them, the ones who came earlier would've directly entered! Isn't it clearly left for the Taiyu Dynasty? The other two dynasties in front are only stronger and not weaker than them. It's a pity I couldn't win against the other two and could only fight with Wen Fan in the end. However, I didn't expect that the Crown Prince would specifically leave this place for them! I really am too fortunate!

Even though he didn't know why the Crown Prince did this, Yin Hao was still elated. *As long as I can serve them well, I will have a bright future ahead of me!*

"Please, go ahead—" said Yin Hao eagerly.

Dantai Chen looked calm on the surface, but his lips that curved up slightly and his expectant gaze had already exposed his excitement and happiness regarding this matter.

Normally speaking, as an emperor, he wouldn't be too interested in places that other emperors had stayed in before. But this place was different.

This was the villa that the Beiming Dynasty's emperors had stayed in before!

To him, this was undoubtedly an invisible honor. To be able to live in this place, he would definitely have face in front of all the other dynasties.

He tidied his clothes and walked forward confidently.

But the moment he reached the door, he was stopped.

Tsing!

Two longswords crossed each other.

The guard in charge coldly said, "Sorry, this place is not reserved for you."

Chapter 938: Come Often when You're Free!

"How dare you!" hollered Yin Hao, his face immediately changing when he saw this scene. "Do you know who the person standing here is?!"

The two guards' expressions didn't change, and they looked emotionless. "The Taiyu Dynasty's residence is on the neighboring street, not here."

Yin Hao was stumped. *This means that they know Dantai Chen's identity, but they actually still insisted. Could it be...*

"Impossible! You must be mistaken!" Yin Hao took a step forward and tried to use logic to fight them. *There are a total of four villas, and the first two are already occupied, leaving two more. Out of the remaining two, it's obvious that this place is better. Currently, only people from the Taiyu Dynasty and the Tianling Dynasty haven't moved in. Isn't it obvious who should stay in the better one?*

But the two guards in charge of this place weren't weak, and they weren't scared of Yin Hao at all. "Officer Yin, we're just carrying out orders. Please don't make it difficult for us."

"You—"

Yin Hao wanted to continue when Dantai Chen couldn't help but chuckle at the side. He said, "You said this place isn't for my Taiyu Dynasty. Then, could it be left for the Tianling Dynasty?"

Once he said this, the two guards nodded in unison. "That's right!"

Dantai Chen's remaining words were instantly stuck in his throat.

Even Yin Hao widened his mouth in shock as if he swallowed an egg whole. "W-what?"

"Hm? It seems like this place is left for me?" Just when the two parties were deadly silent, a familiar voice sounded from behind.

The few of them turned around and saw Chu Liuyue lightly jumping down from the horse carriage.

As this street was very spacious, it could hold two horse carriages moving at the same time. Hence, their horse carriage was parked beside those of Dantai Chen and the others.

And Chu Liuyue and her entourage heard their conversation very clearly.

She leaned sideways against the horse carriage, crossed her arms, and smiled with much interest.

She was already born a beauty, and this smile made her look even more beautiful and charming.

“What nonsense are you saying?!” At this point, Dantai Ruoli also heard those words and found Chu Liuyue’s smile very irritating. She immediately went forward and yelled at the two guards, “Carrying out orders? Whose orders are you carrying out?!”

The two guards knitted their brows and glanced at her. “Of course, it’s the Crown Prince’s orders!”

The Crown Prince was in charge of Ancient Phoenix Mountain’s eruption and inviting the few dynasties over, so their residential arrangement wouldn’t be an exception as well.

The Crown Prince specifically instructed that this should be left for the Tianling Dynasty! The two guards then bowed toward Chu Liuyue in a more respectful and polite tone. “His Highness said to rest assured and stay here. If you need anything, just instruct us.”

This attitude was miles apart from the previous one.

Chu Liuyue stroked her chin and smiled with deep meaning as she walked forward.

When her intricately crafted boots landed on the floor and let out a rhythmic sound, it was like a heavy hammer hitting Dantai Chen and the others’ hearts, slam by slam.

She walked to the door and stood still beside the few of them. Then, she blinked her eyes as if she was shy. "So it's really left for me? I thought you were kidding just now. Look at how this situation turned out... How embarrassing. Emperor Huai Ren, it's not that I want to fight with you. Please don't misunderstand!"

Then, she glanced at Dantai Chen. "Sigh, it's not easy to get here, yet you need to retreat to another street... How troublesome! Everyone, I'm really sorry. If we reached first, such a joke might not even happen."

Dantai Chen's face felt as if it was slapped harshly! *We were the ones who snatched the horse carriage first, and it was clear that we shot ourselves in the foot and humiliated ourselves. If we had known about this earlier, we wouldn't have made this extra move back then.*

Dantai Ruoli couldn't continue listening as she sneered and looked at the two guards. "You said that this is the Crown Prince's order, but do you have any evidence? Or perhaps the two of you secretly made this decision on your own and put us in a difficult spot?!"

Once she said this, the two guards' aura instantly became dangerous.

Even Yin Hao couldn't help but grumble in his heart. *Does this Dantai Ruoli not have a brain?! Not to mention Lin Zhou, even in the entire Beiming Dynasty, nobody will dare to fake the Crown Prince's edict, let alone do things against his will! That is unless they are tired of living and want to bring their whole family clan down with them! Her saying this isn't caring about the Crown Prince at all.*

"Eldest Princess Dantai, please mind your words!" warned one of the guards harshly.

Dantai Ruoli was frightened by this scene. Her initial arrogant and impudent expression immediately disappeared without a trace as she instinctively took a step back.

“I-I was just casually asking...” Her face turned white. *These people are really scary! I just said one sentence—*

“Eldest Princess, please don’t comment further on this issue! If not, it will just make things worse!” Even Yin Hao couldn’t help but say this. *It’s fine if you want to court death, but don’t drag other people down with you!*

Seeing that this incident was really related to the Crown Prince, Yin Hao didn’t dare to ask further as he kept begging for mercy. “Don’t misunderstand. It’s all because I didn’t properly find out in advance that this misunderstanding arose. We’ll leave now, we’ll leave now! But please don’t report to the Crown Prince about this as it will just frustrate him. Tomorrow—tomorrow, I’ll definitely treat the two of you to drinks! How about that?”

Now that he flattered and pleased them in all manners, the two guards finally nodded.

Yin Hao heaved a sigh of relief as he leaned in toward Dantai Chen and softly said, “Uh... L-let’s leave... I’ll bring you to the other villa. It’s not far away...”

Dantai Chen was the emperor his entire life and hadn’t met such an incident where he was rejected at the door and needed all sorts of excuses to successfully leave!

Even if the one begging for mercy wasn’t him, he was completely humiliated!

His face burned, and he wanted to find a hole to bury himself!

He took a deep breath in. “Let’s go!”

The moment he turned around, Chu Liuyue asked with a smile, "Hey, do you want to go in and sit?"

Dantai Chen was stumped, and his expression was incredulous.

He clenched his fists tightly, and they made a cracking sound before he finally suppressed the fire in his heart. He then threw a sentence back without turning around. "No need!"

After that, he quickly boarded the horse carriage and left this street.

Chu Liuyue waved her hands and smiled delightfully. "Come often when you're free!"

Dantai Chen almost spat out blood!

Chapter 939: I Dare!

The people from the Taiyu Dynasty didn't even say an extra word as they left very quickly and looked miserable.

When the horses' figures completely disappeared, Chu Liuyue then smiled slightly, retracted her gaze, and looked at the two guards. "Go ahead."

The guards moved a step back each and respectfully invited them in.

Chu Liuyue's gaze turned slightly deep. *Who knows what that Jun Jiuqing is thinking to purposely leave the best villa for me. It looks like he is taking care of us on the surface, but he is actually digging a hole for me. The incident today will definitely spread very quickly. It won't only be the Taiyu Dynasty; the other two dynasties will definitely be upset when they hear about this.*

The weakest people actually got the best residence. No matter what place this occurred in, it would definitely spark a fight. Besides, this is related to each dynasty's reputation! Who knows what trouble it will bring?

He is purposely pushing me to the front of the crowd... But... Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes. Since the other party is blatantly teasing us, then I'll just take it as it is!

She extended her long legs and walked through the door.

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"Liuyue, do you know Beiming's Crown Prince? Why did he do this?" After entering the villa and seeing how exquisite the surroundings looked, Mu Hongyu couldn't help but lean in closer and ask softly.

Chu Liuyue shook her head. "I don't know him. I've never seen him before."

"Then, why did he do this?" Mu Hongyu surveyed her surroundings and faintly felt worried. "This place is good, but won't doing this openly be putting us on the chopping board?"

Chu Liuyue smiled. *Even someone with a direct personality like Mu Hongyu could see through the other party's intention, which proves how direct his plan is.*

“It’s a waste to refuse the advantages brought to your door.” As Chu Liuyue walked, she lifted her fingers. “Quite a few Beiming emperors have stayed here before, and this is truly a place where the dragons convened. Since so many of them liked this place so much, it proves that this place is different. Not to mention the others, this villa alone has a ninth-grade Xuan formation, and we’re already benefiting from it. If we cultivate here, our cultivation speed will definitely be elevated.”

“That’s right! Since the others have already stepped all over us, why must we take it lying down? Yue’er is right. We’ll just stay here!” Elder Su Jin’s eyes shone brightly as she spoke and quickly walked inside. “I’ll go see how the Xuan formation is. Yue’er, remember to copy down the previous few Xuan formations for me!”

Once she said this, her figure disappeared.

“Hey...” Xiao Ran wanted to call her but glanced at Chu Liuyue hesitantly.

The latter couldn’t help but smile. “Mentor Su Jin has always been addicted to Xuan formations and won’t care about anything else once she starts looking at them. Elder Xiao Ran, please help look after her.”

Embarrassment flashed across Xiao Ran’s face, but he still glanced at Chu Liuyue gratefully before chasing after his crush.

Shua!

Jian Fengchi shook his fan and looked very carefree. His icy eyes were filled with curiosity and nosiness as he looked at Chu Liuyue. “Hey, do you really have nothing to do with Jun Jiuqing?”

Chu Liuyue glanced at him coldly. "I can allow you to have something to do with him."

Jian Fengchi felt a chill run down his spine as he immediately retreated. "Haha! I was just making a joke—a joke! Actually, Jinghong was the one who asked me to ask."

Yuwen Jinghong: ??

Just as he was about to defend himself, Jian Fengchi covered his mouth. "Go, go! Let's go and cultivate! It won't be good if we humiliate ourselves when we compete with the talents from the other dynasties!"

He then dragged Yuwen Jinghong along and rapidly left.

"Your Majesty, I'll take my leave too," said Wu Ming respectfully.

Even though he wasn't the weakest among the few people that came, he vaguely felt that they had a lot of potential. Just by staying together for a few days, he could already feel an obvious improvement in their auras.

This made him nervous and secretly determined to cultivate even more!

Chu Liuyue smiled and nodded. *Wu Ming is a Tian Ji Residence disciple and is an outstanding talent. The more important thing is that he's stable and serious. This was one of the reasons why I brought him over. Seeing his behavior, he clearly felt a sense of danger, so he planned to cultivate properly and strengthen himself. This is definitely something I'm pleased to see. Being able to stay here is more beneficial for cultivation. Perhaps we can gain an advantage in future battles.*

Wu Ming acknowledged her and left.

Mu Hongyu then followed Jian Fengchi and the others, planning to duel with them. She had recently learned a new move from her mentor, and her hands were itchy.

After the few of them left, Elder Chen Ke asked rather hesitantly, “Your Majesty, are... you really not worried? There are benefits to living here, but...”

He felt that this journey seemed to be unsettling... It vaguely seemed like someone had arranged everything in advance.

Chu Liuyue raised her brows slightly, and her eyes were filled with cunningness as they dazzled with a harsh gleam. “What’s there to worry about? I dare to come to Lin Zhou, and I also dare to live in this villa!”

She walked forward with her back straight and her aura formidable! “No matter what kind of demon or fiend it is, I’ll be able to stop it! I’m bent on taking the benefits of living here!”

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Beiming Palace, hunting ground.

Average palaces didn’t have hunting grounds, and they were mostly situated outside. However, the Beiming Dynasty’s palace had a huge hunting ground.

This hunting ground was very spacious, and its periphery was surrounded by a tall barrier made from superior metal. Every barrier was the size of an adult's thigh, and they were neatly arranged with a hook above. If one wasn't careful, a large piece of their flesh would be hooked out.

Upon closer look, one could still see spots of blood on the barrier. It had already been a whole day, and the blood spots had started to dry.

Some seemed to be newly left behind and were very red.

The entire hunting ground exuded an intense bloody aura.

Other than this, there was a barrier above the hunting ground that covered everything within. Flying creatures or fiends wouldn't be able to escape at all!

At this moment, someone was lying in the center of the hunting ground.

Fresh blood spewed out of his neck and drenched the entire floor as he lay there motionless. He hung onto his last breath, looking as if he was going to die soon.

If not for his chest that was still heaving slightly, one really would've thought that he was dead. But in actual fact, the current him was better dead than alive.

This was because a black and white bird was using its claws to rip open his chest and swallow his heart!

At the side, the few fiends gathered and greedily watched this scene. Even though they kept salivating, they didn't dare to take a step forward.

This was because a man was standing outside the barrier!

"Your Highness, the Tianling Dynasty's people have already moved into that villa," said the guard that quickly went forward and went down on one knee respectfully.

Chapter 940: Impudent!

"Is she satisfied?" Jun Jiuqing stood with his hands behind his back, and his words seemed to have a hint of lazy smiling intent.

"I... think so," said the guard rather hesitantly.

"Hm?" Jun Jiuqing turned his head slightly, revealing a perfectly carved side profile

His brows were sharp, his nose was high, and his lips were curled up in an enticing smile that made him look more demonic and charming. His long lashes that covered half his eyes revealed a demonic-red color vaguely.

Even if it was only half his face, it wasn't hard to imagine how handsome this man was.

His soft voice and the extended syllable made him more dangerous.

The guard immediately looked down and hurriedly explained, "The people from the Taiyu Dynasty had a misunderstanding with them..."

Then, he narrated the entire incident once.

After Jun Jiuqing heard it, he kept silent for a moment and laughed lightly. "I didn't expect Dantai Chen to be so agitated. I really overestimated him before."

"Your Highness, you've always done everything smoothly, and everything is in Your Highness's control." The guard hurriedly said, "Do you want me to send someone—"

"No need." Jun Jiuqing raised his hand and interrupted the guard's words.

Thinking of something, he then smiled with deeper meaning. "She really didn't change her temper at all..."

The guard was shocked.

He was His Highness's confidant and could see through His Highness's temper and thoughts a little. But this time, he couldn't guess what the latter wanted to do at all. *His Highness seems to be different toward Shangguan Yue, the one who just ascended the Tianling Dynasty's throne recently. If I were to say that His Highness didn't treat her well, why did he give her that villa to live in so openly? If I were to say that His Highness didn't treat her well, then why does his tone have a few hints of interest every time he talks about her? Which person could receive such treatment from the Crown Prince in the past?*

I cannot tell and dare not think further. I will only do whatever His Highness instructs me to do. However, I can confirm one thing—that Shangguan Yue isn't someone that we can easily offend!

“You’re dismissed. Just quietly observe the situation,” said Jun Jiuqing lazily.

“Yes!” The guard quickly went down.

Jun Jiuqing looked up.

Within the hunting ground, that person’s heart seemed to be swallowed clean, and his entire person lost his breath.

That black and white bird suddenly shrieked!

That stage-seven warrior had connected his five organs, and his heart was the place that gathered most of the force. So after swallowing this heart, the bird’s aura naturally strengthened.

Jun Jiuqing’s tone became light as if it was tainted with drunken intent. “Okay, let’s go.”

Following this, that bird flew up!

At that moment, the fiends that had already waited for a long time in the surroundings pounced forward in unison.

Blood spurted everywhere! Not long later, they started to kill each other!

That black-white bird perched at the top of the barrier and watched this scene with a harsh expression, being high and mighty.

The scene was very bloody and violent, but Jun Jiuqing seemed to be used to it. He lightly touched the corner of his eyes, seemingly revealing a satisfied expression, before turning around to leave.

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Yin Hao brought the Taiyu Dynasty people to the villa on the neighboring street. The entire way, he was very cautious and didn't dare to speak much.

It was only when he reached the door that he then braved himself to invite Dantai Chen and the rest down. Your Majesty, we're here."

Dantai Chen and the others got off the carriage and rapidly surveyed the surroundings, their expressions turning increasingly dark afterward.

At first glance, they could tell that this villa was much worse than the other one, be it in terms of scale or something else!

"What kind of stupid place is this?!" Dantai Ruoli couldn't help but scold. We're from the Taiyu royal family after all. Even if we aren't as distinguished as the Beiming royal family, it's beneath us to stay in such a place!

“They don’t even care about us!”

It would be fine if everyone stayed in such a place, but the residence of those people from the Tianling Dynasty is clearly much better than ours! How can we calmly accept such differential treatment?!

Yin Hao broke out into a cold sweat. “Eldest Princess Dantai, the Crown Prince personally arranged the villas, and they’re all from the Beiming royal family. How can you call it a ‘stupid place?’ Please don’t say such words in the future!”

Then, he couldn’t help but say to Dantai Chen, “Your Majesty, you must advise her!”

If she always lets her mouth run, she will get into trouble sooner or later! Do they still remember that this is the Beiming Dynasty’s territory?!

Even though Dantai Chen also felt very aggrieved, he had been the emperor for many years and knew what he should say and should not.

He shot Dantai Ruoli a look of warning, and his tone was cold. “Ruoli, did you forget what I told you before?”

I told you that you need to control yourself! Be low-key! If the Beiming Crown Prince heard this, it wouldn’t be good for us at all!

Dantai Ruoli shut her mouth indignantly.

The other people also felt complicated after experiencing that series of events, and all kept quiet.

It was already very humiliating to end up in this state. If they were still relentless about it, they would just be seen as a joke.

Seeing that they all stopped, Yin Hao then brought them in.

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After arranging all of them, Yin Hao dismissed himself first and went back to report.

The moment he left, Dantai Ruoli couldn't help but yell, "I'm so angry! This is killing me!"

Her eyes burned with an intense fire, and her face flushed red due to her frustration. "Father, we can't just let this incident go!"

Dantai Chen sat on the chair, his face as calm as water. "Then, what do you want to do? They already clearly said that the Beiming Crown Prince arranged all of this. Do you want to cause trouble for the Beiming Crown Prince?"

Dantai Ruoli was stumped.

She naturally knew that the Beiming Crown Prince was someone she couldn't afford to offend. Now, more than half of the Beiming Dynasty's power was in his hands! It wasn't an understatement to say that he could cover the sky with one hand!

“Didn’t they say that the Beiming Dynasty’s Crown Prince has always been heartless and harsh? With this arrangement, could it be that the Tianling Dynasty is related to him?”

If not, she really couldn’t understand why the weakest Tianling had the right to enjoy the best treatment!

“Logically speaking, Tianling shouldn’t even have the right to be invited to Ancient Phoenix Mountain’s eruption!”

“They still came without a right.”

Dantai Chen’s expression was solemn. “If that Shangguan Yue really knows the Beiming Crown Prince... It won’t be easy to handle this.”

The room fell into a dead silence.

Then, a young man’s voice sounded. “Your Majesty, just let them be delighted for now. When Ancient Phoenix Mountain erupts, won’t we know who is strong and weak? They live in the best place, but won’t it be even more humiliating for them if they become last place at that time?”

Dantai Chen’s expression changed slightly.

Dantai Ruoli’s eyes immediately lit up. “Yeah! Father, Zefeng is right! We’ll let them be arrogant first, and then we’ll slap them with our capabilities later! Let’s see how that Shangguan Yue can continue to be impudent!”

