

Noble Ruler 991

Chapter 991: God Foreseeing Stage

“Ridiculous!” Dantai Chen immediately sneered. Is Shangguan Yue crazy? She actually wants to try breaking through now?! She must be dreaming! With the Three Yuan Convention, the endless force accumulated in Ancient Phoenix Mountain will ferociously rush out! Why would it let her slowly break through?! Besides, she is just a peak stage-six warrior. Now, she is going to step over the barrier to become a stage-seven warrior!

Average cultivators have to prepare for a long time in advance if they want to break through to this stage successfully. They would ensure that everything was perfect before they dared to try. Yet, that Shangguan Yue actually wants to break through that barrier in such a situation?! It’s asking for death!

“Dream on! Does she really think that she can defy the heavens?! Just based on that endless force, it can take this chance to destroy her totally!” Dantai Chen coldly scolded as he was filled with contempt toward this. This entire process requires a large amount of concentration, and one has to clear their mind of any messy thoughts. Currently, Shangguan Yue is in the midst of being attacked by the surrounding force and the holy force, so how can she calm herself down? Not long later, she’ll be destroyed by that horrifying suppression!

The venue fell silent for a moment.

Ning Yuan gradually straightened his body and stared at that thin woman’s figure atop the mountain peak. He said undeniably, “With her current capabilities as a peak stage-six warrior, she was already challenging her limit to last until now. If she wants to continue on and snatch the endless force from the Three Yuan Convention, this is her only way.”

As long as she broke through to become a stage-seven warrior, she would be greatly strengthened! One had to know that there was a very big difference between a stage-six warrior and a stage-seven warrior! Countless cultivators were stuck at this stage and couldn't break through for many years, even dying with this regret in the end. This was because this barrier was too hard to overcome!

The warrior cultivation path had a total of nine stages, and every three stages were a group. Out of which, the breakthroughs from a stage-three warrior and a stage-six warrior were extremely important!

Not to mention others, even Heaven's Canopy required warriors to be at the seventh stage if they wanted to enter and leave as they wished. With this, it could be shown how important this stage was!

"It's not just that..." Gongsun Xiao squinted his eyes and had a complicated expression. "When cultivators are breaking through, they can usually absorb large amounts of strength. It is even more so when one is trying to break through to become a stage-seven warrior..."

He took a deep breath in and stared at the golden force in the sky. After some time, he boomed, "This breakthrough is also known as the God Foreseeing Stage, and it is related to one's future potential... To a large extent, it determines the final stage that the cultivator can reach in the end..."

The so-called 'God Foreseeing Stage' meant that one could foresee themselves entering the Apotheosis realm after overcoming this hurdle. Of course, this was just an exaggeration.

But undeniably, the success or failure of this breakthrough held great meaning for any cultivator. If one could successfully breakthrough, it meant that they were a step closer to the Apotheosis Realm and that they had hopes of being the top warrior in this mainland!

If one failed... They might never improve in their entire lives!

Shangguan Yue actually dared to complete such a breakthrough in this manner, which showed how gutsy she was! Even if Gongsun Xiao had always looked down on her from the start, he admired her a little at this moment.

However, Dantai Chen just felt that Shangguan Yue was arrogant! “Since forever, greed has never led to a good outcome! She should’ve known this once she went in! Now, she chose to break through at this point... Hmph! I think she’s just ruining her own future!”

“What a pity...” Jun Qizhi shook his head, and his gaze was nonchalant. It’s a pity that such an outstanding talent might just be destroyed here. This Ancient Phoenix Mountain is our Beiming’s territory. How can she possibly beat Jiuqing? Even if she tries, she won’t get much help...

Many people outside the barrier clearly didn’t think well of this decision, and some were even waiting to see her become a laughingstock.

“This... Her Majesty is too impulsive!” Elder Chen Ke looked up and seemed anxious. If she can’t snatch it, she can just stop! Anyway, she has already endured through eight waves of force. Other than Jun Jiuqing, she has already beaten everyone else on Ancient Phoenix Mountain! It’s enough to irk them to death! Why is she so stubborn and purposely wants to take this risk at this point?

Cen Yi’s nonchalant eyes looked deep, and he lightly said, “She’ll be fine.”

Upon hearing this, Elder Chen Ke turned around to glance at Cen Yi and saw that the latter was very calm and composed as if he didn’t take this incident to heart. Elder Chen Ke’s throat went dry as he asked, “H-how are you so sure?”

“Elder Chen Ke, you can just watch on if you don’t believe me.” Cen Yi smiled. Her abilities don’t just stop here.

Hearing him say this, Elder Su Jin and the rest—who were originally very nervous—all felt more at ease.

Actually, they weren't very familiar with this Cen Yi either. They only knew that he had followed Her Majesty since the early years. After that, he was the leader, and they built the Thirteen Yue Guard.

As for his background, nobody knew about it. Even his capabilities were a mystery.

But like Her Majesty, he always made people feel calm and secure.

Perhaps... Her Majesty can indeed safely cross this stage..

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Chu Liuyue sat down cross-legged with her eyes tightly shut. Her body was like a black hole that kept crazily absorbing the surrounding golden force!

Very quickly, her entire body was wrapped in dazzling golden light!

The immense pain gradually numbed her. Only one thought was left in her mind—to absorb the force!

Endless force entered through her limbs and bones as it crazily circulated in her Yuan meridian, even wanting to explode it faintly. But every time it reached this point, the water droplet in her dantian would quickly absorb this force!

Endless and immense force entered, but it didn't cause a single ripple to arise in the water droplet.

With this continuous cycle, the potential of Chu Liuyue's Yuan meridian was also totally showcased during this process!

The water droplet started spinning faster, absorbing even more force crazily!

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This commotion stunned everyone. Originally, they thought that Chu Liuyue wouldn't last for long before she exploded from this force!

But as time trickled past, she was still safe and sound! Furthermore, the vast golden force seemed to tilt toward her side!

From afar, there seemed to be an invisible balance on the mountain peak. Chu Liuyue and Jun Jiuqing each took one end of the balance respectively.

At first, Jun Jiuqing had the advantage. But now, the balance was tilting toward the other side!

It seemed like Chu Liuyue was about to replace Jun Jiuqing and become the new center of the energy vortex!

Jun Jiuqing wanted to snatch this force back again, but he shockingly discovered that he seemed to have lost control over it!

The dark clouds gathered in the sky, and it was completely dark! Right at this moment, a silver snake-like bolt of lightning appeared in the middle of the black clouds!

Hong long long!

At that moment, it lit up half the sky!

Dantai Chen—who was outside the barrier—suddenly stood up and yelled, “God Foreseeing Tribulation?!”

Chapter 992: Tribulation Transcendence!

Like its name, the God Foreseeing Tribulation was the lightning incurred when a cultivator was about to cross the God Foreseeing Stage. Not every cultivator who tried to break through to become a stage-seven warrior could successfully summon this lightning. Normally speaking, only talents with superb potential could do this.

Even if so, most people only managed to summon it right before or after they broke through as a stage-seven warrior. It was extremely rare to see people summoning the lightning not long after they started to break through like her!

“Why did it appear so quickly?!” Dantai Chen was very shocked, and his expression was dazed.

It was within his expectations that Shangguan Yue could summon the God Foreseeing Tribulation. After all, she was also a talent with a Dijing Yuan meridian, and she had a legendary fiend. Hence, she could be considered one of the elites amongst the younger generation.

However, this God Foreseeing Tribulation appeared too early!

“The earlier the God Foreseeing Tribulation appears, the stronger the suppression it contains, and the larger the obstacle a cultivator has to face.” Ning Yuan spoke slowly, his voice low and powerful. “Of course, this also means that a cultivator can reach a higher realm in the future.”

In other words, only talents could summon the God Foreseeing Tribulation. The earlier the God Foreseeing Tribulation appeared, the more potential the talent had!

Dantai Chen’s face was so dark that it could squeeze out ink.

Ning Yuan didn’t need to say this since everyone already knew! This was precisely the reason why he was so stunned that he lost control of himself. This meant that Shangguan Yue’s talent was much stronger than they had predicted!

Gongsun Xiao suddenly said, “This is indeed the earliest God Foreseeing Tribulation appearance that I have seen in my entire life.”

The previous nonchalance and superficialness were gone from his voice as he straightened his body with a tense expression. Compared to before, his attitude had changed greatly.

Obviously, he finally realized at this moment that Shangguan Yue's talent and potential were much greater than what she had showcased previously!

"It's no wonder she can slash open Ancient Phoenix Mountain's barrier..."

Even if she had help from the Tianling Ancestor, she personally swung that sword down! If she didn't have the capabilities, how could she rush to the mountain peak and even fight with Jun Jiuqing in the end!?

Ning Yuan suddenly thought of something as he turned back to glance at Jun Qizhi. "I wonder how long the Beiming Crown Prince took to summon the God Foreseeing Tribulation when he broke through to become a stage-seven warrior?"

Jun Qizhi didn't speak, but his expression was way more solemn than before. It could be seen that this scene had a huge impact on him. "It seems like Tianling's new emperor indeed has extraordinary talent... Just based on this point alone, she can indeed compare with Jiuqing. If we give her a few more years... Perhaps she can even battle with Jiuqing!"

Once he said this, the crowd exchanged glances.

Jun Qizhi's words were already very polite. It wasn't hard to tell that Shangguan Yue's talents could be compared to Jun Jiuqing! He also said that the two of them could probably battle a few years later! One had to know that Jun Jiuqing was currently already a stage-nine warrior, while Shangguan Yue was only a peak stage-six warrior now! His comments about Shangguan Yue actually praised her so much...

"However, she must first have the ability to transcend this tribulation today!" Dantai Chen clenched his fists tightly, and his gaze had a hint of craziness. "From ancient times till now, only two or three people out of ten can successfully transcend the God Foreseeing Tribulation! No matter how strong this tribulation is, she first needs to have the ability to cross it!"

If she failed and was hurt by the lightning's backlash, it wouldn't be good for her!

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Seeing the lightning appearing in the sky, Jun Jiuqing furrowed his brows slightly. It's logical for her to be able to summon the God Foreseeing Tribulation, but it isn't good to do so at this moment! The endless force and the holy force are threatening her at all times, and ordinary people already can't care for themselves if this happens. Yet, she still dares to try to break through?! Does she think that she isn't in enough trouble?

Jun Jiuqing's gaze darkened, and his aura strengthened again! He then whipped his sleeves, wanting to take back the force!

But how could it be that easy?

If Chu Liuyue wanted to break through, she had to absorb Heaven and Earth Force! This process was determined by heaven, and no cultivator could stop or change this! This was also an important reason as to why Chu Liuyue wanted to break through at this point!

No matter how powerful Jun Jiuqing was, he couldn't be stronger than heaven!

Seeing the lightning crazily swimming around in the clouds as it expanded and strengthened at an observable speed, Jun Jiuqing's gaze gradually turned cold. He clearly realized that nobody could stop her when things were at this stage.

The eventual outcome all depends on her!

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Compared to the others' reactions, Chu Liuyue was the calmest one. Even though her eyes were shut, she could feel the lightning in the sky.

Thanks to living a previous life, she had already experienced this tribulation once. Hence, she was more adept at handling this. However, she had a faint doubt in her heart. This God Foreseeing Tribulation did appear a little early... No, perhaps I should say that it appeared unusually early. This is because it appeared even quicker than when I tried to break through as a stage-seven warrior in my previous life! One has to know that I had a Tianjing Yuan meridian back then! It's logical that I can summon a strong God Foreseeing Tribulation, but now... I have a Dijing Yuan meridian! Why did it appear faster than that time?

Chu Liuyue didn't understand, but it was fine if she did not. The most important thing for her was to be adequately prepared to transcend the tribulation successfully.

Increasingly more blood flowed out of her body, and her clothes were already drenched. The intense scent of blood permeated her nose.

The winds howled by her ears as the ferocious golden force kept rushing into her body at an increasing speed! Finally, a ripple appeared on that water droplet.

Whir!

As if sensing this ripple, the lightning in the sky suddenly struck!

Rumble!

Chu Liuyue's eyes flew open!

The first bolt!

"Long Yuan Sword!" she yelled loudly!

The Long Yuan Sword instantly flew out and met that lightning.

Rays of light flashed across the sword body—they contained the strength from lightning!

Hong long long!

When the two forces harshly slammed against each other, a silver light dazzled! Even the golden force in the sky was affected by this collision!

When the surrounding peaks were affected by this main mountain's commotion, they started collapsing one by one. It showed how formidable this strength was!

Gradually, the bright light subsided.

Countless pairs of eyes hurriedly looked over.

Chu Liuyue still quietly sat cross-legged at the mountain peak as the Long Yuan Sword floated above her head!

The Long Yuan Sword actually stopped the first lightning bolt!

But at this moment, the second silver snake appeared in the sky! It was extremely loud and formidable, and it was much stronger than the previous bolt!

Dantai Chen sneered and sat down.. “Hmph, this God Foreseeing Tribulation never stops until the actual person stops it! One can never transcend it if one uses other methods to stop it. If she avoids it once, this God Foreseeing Tribulation will appear again and even stronger than before! I want to see what exactly she can do at this point!”

Chapter 993: Who Could Stop It?

One had to transcend the God Foreseeing Tribulation themselves, and Chu Liuyue naturally knew this.

The more one stopped and avoided it, the stronger its suppression would be. She knew this point very clearly in her heart, but she had no other methods now! This was because she knew that she wasn't adequately prepared.

On the one hand, she barely took the upper hand by force in her battle with Jun Jiuqing. She hadn't absorbed much of the golden force, so she couldn't take out time and energy to meet that God Foreseeing Tribulation on her own.

On the other hand, this God Foreseeing Tribulation appeared too early and quickly, so she was still a distance away from the barrier of a stage-seven warrior. She didn't have a high chance of succeeding if she suddenly transcended the tribulation at this point.

So in such a situation, she could only choose to let the Long Yuan Sword block for her first.

Actually, Chu Liuyue wasn't the only one who would make such a choice. Many cultivators would make similar decisions when they were transcending this tribulation.

This was also why the God Foreseeing Tribulation's suppression would be stronger the earlier it appeared. It purposely left a lot of time to attack the cultivator repeatedly!

If the tribulation appeared too early and the cultivator wasn't sufficiently prepared to deal with it, they would definitely fail when they met it. Hence, they could only choose to delay it.

During this delaying process, the God Foreseeing Tribulation's strength would also increase after each bolt! This cycle would continue until the very end—when the cultivator was sufficiently prepared to meet and battle it personally!

If the cultivator won, it would then be considered as them successfully transcending the God Foreseeing Tribulation! But if something went wrong in the middle, all their efforts would go to waste.

As a result, many cultivators would make many preparations and think of many methods to deal with such situations before they broke through to become stage-seven warriors. This was why everyone was so shocked and even thought that Chu Liuyue was crazy when they saw her suddenly trying to break through without preparing at all.

How could she not be crazy if she was betting on her life and future?

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After experiencing the previous fight, a portion of the Long Yuan Sword's strength was used.

Chu Liuyue knew that she had to act fast!

As if sensing her thoughts, the rippling of the water droplet in her dantian suddenly increased! This allowed Chu Liuyue to absorb the force at a higher speed!

The crowd watched from afar and could only see the endless golden force crazily surging toward the thin and straight figure!

The countless people below the main mountain and by the edges were all shocked when they saw this scene.

"Crazy... She's really crazy!"

"With so much force suddenly entering her body... Even a stage-seven warrior might not be able to endure it! What is she doing? Does she not want to live?!"

"It's no wonder she dares to fight with Jun Jiuqing... With such guts, what can she not do?"

“But... Don’t you already think it’s weird that she can last until now...? She’s only a peak stage-six warrior! Even if she has a Dijing Yuan meridian, it should’ve exploded long ago! However, why does she still seem fine now?”

“It’s really strange... Do you remember the rumors that mentioned how she had a Tianjing Yuan meridian last time? Could it be that... she still has it now?”

“How is that impossible? It’s not that easy to get a Tianjing Yuan meridian.”

“Then, how do you explain her current situation? I clearly saw that Jun Jiuqing wanted to snatch the endless force, but he failed! If she doesn’t have a Tianjing Yuan meridian, how can she defy the heavens?”

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The crowd partook in heated discussions, but Jian Fengchi and the rest fell into an eerie silence.

Yuwen Jinghong used his elbow to nudge Jian Fengchi and lowered his voice, “Hey. Fengchi, don’t you find this scene a little familiar...”

Jian Fengchi had no expression as if he were too lazy to reply.

On the other hand, Mu Hongyu couldn't help but glance at them and question them curiously when she heard this. "Familiar? Have you guys seen such a scene before? Oh, right! Liuyue seems to have also broken through and become a stage-seven warrior last time, right... Did you see it then?"

When Chu Liuyue was previously Shangguan Yue, they said that her cultivation level was much higher than her current cultivation... Therefore, she should've been a stage-seven warrior at least.

As if he remembered something, Yuwen Jinghong's eyelids twitched harshly. "I knew it was familiar!"

When Her Majesty broke through to become a stage-seven warrior, Jian Fengchi and I were coincidentally around. Hence, we indeed saw the scene clearly! Thinking back, the scene before our eyes is extremely similar to that scene!

"Though it's not exactly the same in terms of the details, Her Majesty also coincidentally broke through to become a stage-seven warrior when she was fighting someone..."

At that time, she also summoned the God Foreseeing Tribulation early! It went back and forth quite a few times in between before she personally met it!

Mu Hongyu instantly became interested. "I knew it! She must've been formidable back then, right?"

However, Yuwen Jinghong looked away. "Uh... Y-yeah..."

Seeing that he didn't wish to speak further, Mu Hongyu lightly grunted and looked at Jian Fengchi. "Young Master, you've seen it too, right? Tell me about it! Tell me about it!"

Jian Fengchi glanced at her, his expression extremely cold. “Did you see Jun Jiuqing?”

Mu Hongyu glanced at him. “Yeah!”

“I was him back then.”

“...” A chill ran down Mu Hongyu’s spine as she shivered while asking, “T-then... What happened to you after that?”

Jian Fengchi laughed.

His laughter was extremely flippant, but there wasn’t much smiling intent in his eyes. “What do you think?”

This Jun Jiuqing will probably end up the same way as me back then! If that maniac wants to break through, who can stop her?!

The moment this thought surfaced, the second lightning bolt harshly struck!

Hong!

Chapter 994: Teasing!

This time, it was still the Long Yuan Sword that battled! But compared to the previous time when it stably took the upper hand, the situation clearly changed this round.

The second bolt of lightning was much stronger than before, but the Long Yuan Sword's strength was gradually diminishing.

With one strengthened and the other weakened, it forcefully caused a tied fight.

Below it, Chu Liuyue could still feel the aftermath going toward her! Even though a large portion of the Long Yuan Sword's strength was diminished, it didn't threaten her much. However, Chu Liuyue knew that the situation would only worsen.

I have to break through as soon as possible and step through the barrier of a stage-seven warrior! Thinking of this, she took a deep breath in and quickly urged the water droplet in her body to absorb the surrounding golden force.

After this force was transformed by the water droplet to become her force, it gradually seeped into her limbs and bones.

Chu Liuyue could feel all the veins and muscles in her body being forcefully torn apart and even her Yuan meridian slowly reaching its limit! But the most shocking thing was that she hadn't reached the time to break through even at this stage.

Breaking through to become a stage-seven warrior meant that she had to pass the God Foreseeing Stage and directly go against the God Foreseeing Tribulation.

Normally, cultivators would absorb a portion of the Heaven and Earth Force to increase their capabilities before they broke through. The more they absorbed, the stronger they would become, and the higher their success rate of becoming a stage-seven warrior. Correspondingly, the stronger the God Foreseeing Tribulation they had to face.

But as long as one could succeed, their abilities after breaking through would be much stronger than other cultivators of the same level. Their cultivation potential and cultivation speed would be greatly improved as well. Hence, most people were still willing to take the risk.

Chu Liuyue originally calculated her breakthrough time and felt that she was about to reach it. But after much waiting, the water droplet in her dantian just kept turning around to absorb the force—it had no intention of breaking through.

Previously, she had already faintly felt that she had reached the barrier of a stage-seven warrior. She originally felt that she would successfully break through, but she didn't expect this one step to be so large!

Chu Liuyue inspected herself and saw that there were ripples on the water droplet. The six brilliant lines were extremely clear, but the seventh line simply didn't appear.

She had long known that it was extremely difficult for this water droplet to break through, but she didn't expect it to remain motionless after she had absorbed so much force!

And at this moment, the third bolt of lightning had started gathering in the sky.

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Chu Liuyue's weirdness had naturally attracted everyone else's attention. It has already been some time since she started to break through. Logically speaking, she should've long reached the breakthrough threshold since she has been rapidly absorbing the endless golden force surrounding her. But time has trickled past, yet she is still maintaining the same posture.

If the golden force didn't continue flowing around with her in the center, others might've already thought that she had fainted.

Yuwen Jinghong couldn't help but lean toward Jian Fengchi and carefully asked, "Fengchi, I remember that Her Majesty didn't take such a long time when she broke through to become a stage-seven warrior... Didn't she quickly break through and then beat you?"

Jian Fengchi glanced at him. "I have a very good memory. You don't have to remind me."

Yuwen Jinghong shrunk his neck and awkwardly scratched his head. "Hehe, don't misunderstand! I-I'm just curious... After all, Her Majesty doesn't have the Tianjing Yuan meridian anymore, so I thought it might be faster than before..."

Others also wanted to know the reason behind what he asked.

Jian Fengchi chuckled and lightly fanned his bone fan. "Just wait and see."

He hadn't realized it previously, but he recently noticed that other than Chu Liuyue not having her previous Tianjing Yuan meridian, she was much better than her previous self in every other aspect.

This feeling was strange and hard to explain. This was because the current Chu Liuyue couldn't be compared to Shangguan Yue at her peak, no matter if it were her Yuan meridian level or personal capabilities.

Most people felt that even though she could restart, she was still weaker compared to before. If she didn't have a legendary fiend, the Tianling Power Staff's recognition, and even Shangguan Jing's bias... She definitely couldn't sit stably on her throne.

But to Jian Fengchi, being able to rapidly grow to her current cultivation level as someone naturally born as a good-for-nothing with a lack of a Yuan meridian in less than two years was even more shocking!

These people were either only familiar with Shangguan Yue or knew Chu Liuyue on a superficial level.

Only he had a deep understanding of both her identities. Hence, he was sure that she would definitely win the match today!

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Chu Liuyue was completely focused on preparing to break through, so this made her directly forget about the passing of time.

But it was extremely torturous for the people waiting.

"Have you noticed that the golden force seems to be lesser than what she first started with... I think it has been reduced by at least half!"

“Other than the force that was initially absorbed by Jun Jiuqing, most of the remaining force entered Shangguan Yue’s body, right? Did she really occupy all of that force for herself?”

“Hah, I think it’s not that easy! Can’t you see that the holy force Ancestor left behind is still chasing after her? Thinking about it, this also belongs to the Beiming royal family, so it is quite inappropriate if she just snatches it away like that...”

“You can’t say that. This time, the people from the Beiming royal family invited all of us over. Since they dared to invite us, they should be adequately prepared...”

Hong long long!

A frightening sound was heard as the third bolt of lightning quickly rushed down!

Quite a few of the people still by the side of the main mountain felt the suppression, and they couldn’t help but retreat!

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This time, the Long Yuan Sword used up its remaining strength to stop the lightning bolt forcefully. The light then disappeared, and it directly landed on the floor.

If not for the black shield and the pure gold armor protecting Chu Liuyue, her physical body would’ve been crushed by the spreading aftermath!

Suffering from the retaliation of this terrifying force, blood oozed out from the corner of her mouth.

Shangguan Jing's voice sounded quite anxious. "Girlie, the Long Yuan Sword can't fight anymore! Are you not prepared yet?"

Chu Liuyue looked at the quiet water droplet in her dantian and clenched her fists tightly.

"If you don't break through, the fourth bolt of lightning will strike very soon! By then, I'm afraid you'll—"

If she doesn't break through to become a stage-seven warrior, she will only end up defeated!

Rumble!

As if confirming Shangguan Jing's words, the fourth bolt of lightning appeared in the clouds in the blink of an eye! Its suppression was clearly even greater than before!

At this moment, her water droplet finally whirred.

Chu Liuyue was elated.

But the moment her lips curled up, she heard Shangguan Jing yell in shock, "W-why is this happening?!"

Chu Liuyue detected something wrong and looked up! She saw a silver snake-like bolt of lightning rapidly swimming amidst the dark clouds in the sky, and beside it, another bolt of lightning was gathering!

Chapter 995: I Just Want to Snatch!

After the fourth bolt of lightning appeared, the fifth lightning bolt quickly gathered right after!

Chu Liuyue saw this scene and widened her eyes in shock and confusion. W-what is going on?!

Whir!

Another whir came from the water droplet. Its surface rippled, and the six lines started shaking intensely.

The fifth bolt of lightning in the sky seemed to sense it, and it rapidly gathered!

A bad feeling surfaced in Chu Liuyue's heart. "Y-you can't be—"

Whir!

Another whirl came from the water droplet, and a loud sound was heard in the clouds!

Rumble!

Silver light flashed as the sixth bolt of lightning poked out of the dark clouds!

Chu Liuyue narrowed her eyes, and her heart sank. I guessed correctly—this commotion was indeed caused by that water droplet. It is actually teasing the lightning!

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After recovering from her utterly shocked state, Chu Liuyue couldn't describe how she felt. She never thought that the person who caused the most danger wasn't anyone else but herself.

The lightning bolts should strike one by one, and I can just face it whenever I'm ready. Since when did the lightning bolts strike all at once?! Chu Liuyue's eyelids twitched, and she clenched her teeth. "D-do you think that I'm not dying fast enough?"

That water droplet ignored Chu Liuyue's interrogation as it kept whirring. Following this, bolts of lightning continuously appeared.

The sixth bolt!

The seventh bolt!

The eighth bolt!

In the blink of an eye, five bolts of lightning appeared in the sky!

Shangguan Jing didn't speak for a long time.

When the ninth bolt of lightning gradually appeared, he finally couldn't take it and asked, "...Girlie, tell me honestly—what sin did you commit?"

His tone was sincere and serious. This was because it was a genuine question.

Other than this reason, he really couldn't understand how Chu Liuyue directly summoned so many bolts of lightning at once!

One had to know that these lightning bolts were different from those summoned when one was refining legendary weapons! The former had a much stronger suppression!

With my help, we barely managed to stop the three initial bolts of lightning! Now that so many have appeared... The entire Ancient Phoenix Mountain will be exploded into debris. How can Chu Liuyue's petite figure handle this?

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Chu Liuyue had no words to answer Shangguan Jing's question. She had long known that this water droplet was especially arrogant and prideful—not obedient at all.

Normally, it wouldn't make much noise under most circumstances. But once it moved, it wasn't to be underestimated. This was also the main reason why Chu Liuyue didn't use it regularly—it had great strength and could easily cause trouble.

I didn't expect myself to fall this time! I just want to break through to become a stage-seven warrior and not be struck by these bolts of lightning in front of the crowd!

Facing Chu Liuyue's interrogation, the water droplet didn't seem to care much as it still rapidly absorbed the surrounding golden force. At the same time, it let out a final whirl!

Chu Liuyue closed her eyes and looked up hopelessly.

The ninth bolt of lightning had almost finished gathering!

There were... six bolts of lightning!

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Long Yuan Sword? Ancestor? Pure gold armor? Before these six bolts of lightning, they are all irrelevant. Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in as her mind crazily turned, wanting to find a way to solve her current problem.

But after much thinking, she realized that she was wasting her energy.

This kind of situation couldn't be resolved at all!

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The spectators were also stunned by this scene.

It wasn't like they hadn't seen cultivators breaking through to become a stage-seven warrior or the God Foreseeing Tribulation. Those who managed to come here were all top warriors; they were either top talents or extremely strong warriors! All of them had distinguished statuses with extreme power! What kind of storms had these people not experienced? However, this scene indeed stunned them.

"T-the God Foreseeing Tribulation can actually have so many bolts of lightning appearing at once?" Gongsun Xiao's face turned white as he widened his eyes and stared at the scene on the main mountain peak, his lips trembling slightly.

The lightning during the God Foreseeing Tribulation always came out bolt by bolt. Once the cultivator successfully met it, the process would directly stop.

They had never heard of so many bolts of lightning appearing at once!

"There are six bolts here. With the previous three bolts... There are nine bolts of lightning in total!" Ning Yuan had long stood up as he closely stared at the scene with a solemn expression. "Rumors have it that those who can summon seven bolts during the God Foreseeing Tribulation will definitely be able to become a peak stage-nine warrior! If there are eight bolts, one can enter the Apotheosis Realm! And now..."

And now, Shangguan Yue had directly summoned nine bolts!

Without question, everyone knew what this meant! At the same time, this shocked everyone.

Even though Jun Qizhi looked calm on the surface, he had long clenched his fists tightly. Back then, even Jiuqing had only summoned eight bolts of lightning! Does this not mean that Shangguan Yue's future talent and potential will be higher than those of Jiuqing?

Dantai Chen's gaze was dazed, and all the energy in his body seemed to be sucked away as his limbs gave way, and his breathing became rushed. He moved back two steps and forcefully held the handle to sit back on the chair, but his heart was in a mess.

Nine bolts... Nine bolts of lightning! If she really can survive them—impossible! Dantai Chen harshly shook his head. With six bolts of lightning gathering at once, Shangguan Yue is bound to die!

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It was dead silent between heaven and earth.

Everyone spectating around Ancient Phoenix Mountain looked at the few bolts of lightning that almost lit up the entire sky, and they all lost their voices.

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Chu Liuyue dazedly looked up at the sky; the light was so bright that she couldn't even open her eyes.

I recall that I summoned eight bolts of lightning when I was previously Shangguan Yue. It's nine bolts this time, and six of them have even appeared at the same time!

"Girlie, what should we do?" asked Shangguan Jing with a low voice. If Girlie is destined to cross this, I must save her even if I have to risk my soul!

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in, and her lips curled up. "I... naturally need to do what I need to do. No matter what method I use, I just need to survive this!"

The moment she said this, she heard an old and hoarse voice. "Hah, young and indeed naive!"

Chu Liuyue's expression turned slightly solemn, and her gaze turned to look at the arrow not far away!

Ever since she summoned the God Foreseeing Tribulation earlier, the item stopped at the side and didn't try to attack her again.

"...Beiming Ancestor?" Chu Liuyue narrowed her eyes. Other than this person, there is nobody else.

"You are a rare talent, but it's a pity that you came to the wrong place! This endless force is what I left behind for the Beiming bloodline. You should be punished for wanting to snatch it! Without me taking action, this God Foreseeing Tribulation can directly take your life now!"

Chu Liuyue's lips curled up into an extremely cold smile. "Really? Originally, I wasn't too interested in this, but since you said so... I'll snatch your holy force first!"

Chapter 996: Retaliation

Once she said it, Chu Liuyue waved her bare hands.

A red fire rapidly appeared in her palm! Then, she flicked her wrist lightly!

Piak!

An ear-piercing sound reverberated throughout the mountains as a red fire whip instantly flew out toward that arrow!

"Hah, you don't know what's good for you!" The Beiming Ancestor kept sneering. With six bolts of lightning above her, Chu Liuyue is already in great trouble and can't save herself. In such a situation, she is still thinking of snatching the holy force I left behind? Dream on!

Whoosh!

The brilliant arrow rapidly gave way and went for Chu Liuyue from another direction!

After experiencing the torture from the first three bolts of lightning, the Long Yuan Sword's strength was already exhausted. Hence, it couldn't continue battling.

To the Beiming Ancestor, this was undoubtedly a great opportunity for him to take action! Originally, I still wanted to watch on from the side and let the lightning settle her. I didn't expect her to be so arrogant! Since this is so, I will teach her a lesson first!

Piak!

The arrow containing the holy force traveled very rapidly, but Chu Liuyue's red fire whip seemed to have eyes as it rapidly wrapped around the arrow!

Rumble!

A scorching fire started burning crazily!

"You do have some skills, but it's a pity these are all small tricks in front of the holy force!" That hoarse and old voice was very cold.

The next moment, the rainbow color on the arrow rapidly flew up and formed countless flying daggers, directly piercing through the space!

A black crack rapidly appeared, and the red fire whip was directly slashed!

Whish!

That arrow broke free and went toward Chu Liuyue again!

Intense battle intent flashed across Chu Liuyue's eyes as she lightly waved her other hand! Then, a transparent fire silently flew out of her palm like a water current!

It formed a gigantic net in midair and directly landed in the direction the arrow was coming up from!

"Do you think you can stop me by using the same trick twice?" The Beiming Ancestor clearly despised Chu Liuyue's actions.

That arrow didn't slow down the slightest bit as it started rushing forward rapidly!

The surrounding rainbow light daggers were extremely sharp, and they were about to directly rip apart the gigantic net formed by the transparent fire!

But when the sharp end of that arrow touched it, the gigantic transparent web started expanding rapidly, exuding a shocking strength! Not only did this move avoid the intense clash between the two forces, but it even caused the flying rainbow daggers to lose their advantage!

This time, it was like punching a marshmallow, which felt very infuriating!

"You're young, but you're very cunning!" The Beiming Ancestor grunted lightly, and the aura on the arrow instantly strengthened. However, the sound of the force and the space ripping each other apart was extremely piercing!

Countless black space cracks appeared beside the arrow tip, but the transparent fire didn't show any signs of being ripped apart as it stopped the arrow completely and stubbornly.

The Beiming Ancestor then realized that something was amiss. There is something wrong with that transparent fire!

However, it was already too late when he realized this!

The transparent and gigantic fire net rapidly shrunk and trapped the arrow within! At the same time, that red fire whip surged up and wrapped another layer around it.

The two layers instantly formed a cage!

The Beiming Ancestor didn't take these two fireballs to heart at first, but he quickly discovered that he couldn't get out of this cage!

The brilliant and sharp long arrow kept trying repeatedly, but it was stopped again and again.

At this point, the Beiming Ancestor then realized that he had underestimated Chu Liuyue's capabilities.

"What is this?!" His tone started to become exasperated with a hint of rage.

Chu Liuyue slowly wiped away the bloodstains from the corner of her mouth as she coldly smiled but didn't explain.

This red fire was formed by the water droplet in her dantian, and that transparent fire was the fire that had been burning in the Heavenly Square Cauldron for thousands of years. Its power could even suppress a legendary fiend like the legendary three-eyed eagle for thousands of years, and it could even destroy it!

Neither of these things was an ordinary item. Either one was enough to knock him out, let alone the two of them added together.

At the same time, Chu Liuyue kept absorbing the surrounding golden force continuously!

Two-thirds of the endless force that came down due to the Three Yuan Convention seemed to be absorbed by Chu Liuyue!

This speed wasn't considered slow. When one recalled that she was still a stage-six warrior, it made one's heart shudder!

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Jun Jiuqing's gaze was cold as the depths of his eyes flashed with a faint blood color. That arrow has the Beiming Ancestor's holy force. I can feel Ancestor's enmity toward Chu Liuyue. If not, he wouldn't have taken the initiative to attack her. I planned to stop him at that time, but I didn't expect this situation to happen in the blink of an eye.

Chu Liuyue is actually the one who took the upper hand?! Her two fires are extraordinary. If not, they definitely couldn't trap the holy force!

He watched on as the fire burned intensely, and the originally brilliant light on that arrow turned dark slowly.

Jun Jiuqing felt uneasy for once.

He circulated the force in his body and moved his robe! Then, he suddenly raised his hand, and an icy-green chain was flung out from his sleeves as it flew forward!

“Jade Bone Chain!”

That chain entirely exuded a cold color. At first glance, it seemed as though it was engraved superior jade and looked like it would break very easily. But wherever it went, space directly collapsed!

This showed how powerful the chain was!

In the blink of an eye, that chain flew to the fire!

Whoosh!

The two forces slammed against each other—one hot and one cold! When they touched, an ear-piercing sizzling sound was heard.

Jun Jiuqing squinted his eyes slightly and exerted more strength with his hands.

The coldness on the Jade Bone Chain instantly exploded—it directly pierced forward!

That arrow noticed Jun Jiuqing's strength and instantly rushed forward!

The two forces—one within and one outside—gathered together, and the result finally tore a hole in the barrier formed by the fire!

Taking this chance, the Jade Bone Chain rapidly surrounded that arrow!

“Get back!” Jun Jiuqing retracted his wrist and smoothly brought the arrow back!

Chu Liuyue seemed to have felt the retaliation from this force since her body shuddered, and she spat out a mouthful of blood!

Jun Jiuqing averted his gaze, and it landed on her pale face for a moment. He then knitted his brows slightly.

“Hah... You do treat her differently...” He heard the hoarse and old voice.

Jun Jiuqing's eyes slightly shrunk as he looked at that arrow. “Ancestor, you've misunderstood—”

“Kid, who do you think I did this for?” interrupted the Beiming Ancestor as he coldly sneered.

“The endless force accumulated within Ancient Phoenix Mountain over thousands of years and this holy force left behind are all for my Beiming royal family descendants to succeed me. Yet, you so willingly left it for someone else... You’ve really disappointed me!”

Jun Jiuqing’s eyes were dark, and he was about to explain when he saw that the arrow suddenly changed direction and went for Chu Liuyue!

The girl seemed to have sensed something as she turned around, and shock flashed across her eyes! She immediately raised her hand to stop it, but it was already too late!

Whoosh!

The brilliant long arrow directly pierced Chu Liuyue’s chest!

Chapter 997: I’ll Keep It!

At that moment, blood spurted everywhere! The warm and metallic blood landed on her face, causing her to look more miserable!

The instant the arrow pierced her body, Chu Liuyue grabbed the end of the arrow! However, that arrow had already pierced her chest and was only half an inch away from her heart!

The fresh red blood oozed out of her wound!

As she was wearing red clothes, it wasn't very obvious when the blood flowed out. Additionally, as she kept absorbing the force earlier, it had already left quite a few wounds and bloodstains on her body. Hence, it was even harder to identify the blood in such a situation!

But that extremely brilliant arrow was very conspicuous as it dazzled so brightly that everyone could see it clearly!

“Liuyue!”

“Your Majesty!” When Yuwen Jinghong and the rest saw this scene, they all gasped in unison!

Out of impulse, Mu Hongyu wanted to run over directly, but she was stopped by Jian Fengchi! “What are you doing?”

“Saving Liuyue!” Mu Hongyu was very anxious and forcefully shook his hand off. “Why are you holding me back!? It's too late if we don't go now!”

“You're still injured now. Are you courting death?” The usual flippant smile on Jian Fengchi's face disappeared and was replaced with cold nonchalance. Given her current state, she won't be able to help even if she goes over!

Mu Hongyu was so anxious that tears welled up in her eyes. “How do you know I can't?! I have the Faint Yuan Body! I just need to go over and bring Liuyue back first—”

Jian Fengchi held her hand tightly and locked her beside him. He looked up and met her slightly red almond-like eyes.

His stern words were instantly stuck in his throat. He paused for a moment, and the harsh and cold aura around his body was gradually appeased. "That arrow isn't enough to take her life."

"Why do you—"

"If she didn't want it to, that arrow wouldn't even have a chance to hit her," Jian Fengchi rapidly explained, but this instantly stunned Mu Hongyu and the rest.

"You're saying..." Mu Hongyu suddenly thought of something as she turned around and checked Chu Liuyue's condition without blinking. "Then... she did it on purpose?"

Because she couldn't believe it, Mu Hongyu's voice was extremely light and barely audible. However, she was calmer than before.

Jian Fengchi heaved a sigh of relief in his heart as he looked up, his icy peach blossom eyes conflicted. I'm definitely one of the people who understood Shangguan Yue the most in this world, especially when she is battling... She never suffers a loss for no reason.

Mu Hongyu clenched her teeth and calmed down quite a bit. Jun Jiuqing is extremely strong. If I went alone, it would be very hard to bring Chu Liuyue back safe and sound, let alone when I'm also injured. Now, Liuyue can only depend on herself...

Yuwen Jinghong glanced at Jian Fengchi strangely. Why... was he so nervous about Mu Hongyu just now? He almost never shows such coldness to a woman... At that moment, did he really... panic?

As if sensing his gaze, Jian Fengchi's expression changed slightly as he glanced at Yuwen Jinghong from the corner of his eyes. His eyes were filled with an unconcealable warning.

Yuwen Jinghong immediately stretched out his hand obediently and zipped his lips up.

Jian Fengchi then retracted his gaze in satisfaction as he loosened his grip on Mu Hongyu's hand. However, he didn't completely let go of it and just held it loosely.

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"Ancestor?!" When that arrow suddenly flew back, Jun Jiuqing knew that something was amiss and immediately went forward to stop it! It was a pity that he was a step too late.

In the blink of an eye, that arrow had already pierced Chu Liuyue's chest!

When he saw fresh blood continuously oozing out of her chest, Jun Jiuqing's eyes were immediately drowned by blood.

He exuded a sinister, bone-chilling coldness—the surrounding air seemed to freeze!

Sinister! Harsh! Wrathful!

However, such emotions only lasted for a moment. This was because he saw Chu Liuyue holding the end of the arrow and burning it with fire.

The fire enveloped that arrow once again, but this time, the fire seemed much stronger than before!

In the blink of an eye, the color on the arrow rapidly faded away!

Jun Jiuqing only heard his ancestor's hurried and rushed shouts before he fell silent.

As if detecting his gaze, Chu Liuyue looked up. Her lips that were dyed with fresh red blood curled up slightly into a cunning and arrogant smile!

Jun Jiuqing instantly understood, and the blood color in his eyes rapidly faded away like a ripple being quickly appeased.

When he looked again, he was completely calm. It was as if that momentary loss of control was just an illusion.

His expression recovered too quickly, causing nobody to notice the quick change.

"...You did it on purpose?" said Jun Jiuqing gradually.

Even though it was a question, it had an affirmative tone to it.

Chu Liuyue raised her eyebrows and smiled with slightly deeper meaning. "Ah... It seems like my acting skills still aren't up to par, but it's enough if I can use them, right?"

She admitted to it! Jun Jiuqing's expression became cold. When she took action, Chu Liuyue intentionally showed her weakness and attracted the arrow to fly out. She knew that Ancestor had already wanted to kill her and wouldn't stop trying, so she purposely allowed this to happen. She was waiting for Ancestor's retaliation!

"There's no use even if you snatch this holy force. If you can't remove Ancestor's consciousness, this holy force will never belong to you!" Jun Jiuqing raised his hand. "Return it to me, and I'll give you something in return. I can help you—"

"Thank you for your kind intentions, but there's no need." Chu Liuyue smiled brightly and directly plucked the arrow out.

Two balls of fire rapidly spread from her palms and enveloped the arrow completely. Then, it flashed and disappeared before the crowd's eyes!

Jun Jiuqing furrowed his brows tightly, his aura vague. "What are you doing?"

"It's not what I want to do, but you're forcing me to do something." Chu Liuyue talked as she used the surrounding fire to set up a translucent barrier. At the same time, that arrow was rapidly being sucked into the Heavenly Square Cauldron in her dantian.

Detecting the overwhelming and heavy suppression, the Beiming Ancestor finally realized that something was wrong. Hence, the arrow crazily flew around, wanting to escape!

But the Heavenly Square Cauldron could even suppress the legendary three-eyed eagle at its peak back then, let alone this scarce holy force.

No matter how much that arrow struggled within, the Heavenly Square Cauldron wouldn't budge.

"W-what's going on?!" The Beiming Ancestor's voice had a hint of panic. How can a mere stage-six warrior suppress my holy force?!

An idea surfaced in Chu Liuyue's mind, and the transparent fire started burning crazily!

Short and rushed shouts were heard, but that arrow actually started melting at an observable speed!

"I'll keep this force!"

Chapter 998: Crazy Demon!

Very quickly, that arrow formed a fist-sized ball of light in the Heavenly Square Cauldron. It was entirely rainbow and looked very brilliant.

The suppression of the holy force that gradually exuded from it made one's heart shudder. But within this Heavenly Square Cauldron, this bit of strength didn't pose any threat.

Other than the crazily burning transparent fire, there were still two Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds. One of them was slowly approaching the ball of holy force.

When the two objects were extremely close to each other, that ball of light seemed to be threatened as its light dimmed by quite a bit.

With the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed watching it, this holy force was more obedient.

“Refine his scarce consciousness,” instructed Chu Liuyue in her heart.

Once she said this, even more fire instantly appeared within the Heavenly Square Cauldron! The heat seemed to be much higher than before!

As if sensing danger, that ball of light kept moving and rushed upward!

Whish!

The Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed suddenly flew over quickly and directly passed through the ball of light in the middle!

Spurt!

Hearing the sound, that ball of light immediately dispersed!

When the light gathered once again, it was smaller than before but looked very pure and clean.

The Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed probably liked such a 'game' as it kept passing through the ball of light happily! Every time it did so, the holy force would become even purer!

The Beiming Ancestor's scarce consciousness within also gradually dispersed with the continuous impacts. This made Chu Liuyue heave a sigh of relief as she turned her attention to the surrounding golden force.

At this point, she seemed to have already absorbed four-fifths of this. Of course, her body was already filled with injuries, and she was covered in blood as the price.

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Everything happened rapidly.

When everyone thought that Chu Liuyue was bound to die or get injured at the very least, they saw her retaliate and pluck out that arrow. The arrow then disappeared, but Chu Liuyue was still fine!

"She seems to be absorbing the force even more quickly!" someone suddenly yelled and was filled with shock and disbelief.

The crowd looked over.

The overwhelming golden force seemed to have subsided by quite a bit compared to the start. Without a doubt, all of it had already been absorbed by Chu Liuyue!

Logically speaking, her physical body shouldn't be able to tolerate so much force and should've long exploded! However—

Nothing!

Jun Jiuqing felt that something was amiss. Even though I have no intentions of killing Chu Liuyue, this holy force still has Ancestor's consciousness. If it is stolen just like that—

He knitted his sharp brows and was about to take action! But at this moment, a loud sound was heard from the skies!

Rumble!

He suddenly looked up and saw the six bolts of lightning crazily swimming around in the clouds, right about to come down!

Kaca!

A crack appeared beneath his feet!

Jun Jiuqing narrowed his eyes! Ancient Phoenix Mountain's main mountain peak was the place where Ancestor broke through back then, so it has always been very hard. It has experienced all sorts of impact from the forces before, but it remained unharmed! But now, it suddenly broke... That holy force must've been absorbed by Chu Liuyue!

As these thoughts surfaced, the cracks on the gigantic mountain started spreading around like a spiderweb!

Chu Liuyue looked up. I don't have much time left!

Craziness flashed across her eyes. Then, she closed her eyes, and her surrounding aura suddenly exploded!

The surrounding golden force abruptly quickened itself as it entirely surged into her body!

Whoosh!

As too much force suddenly surged in, a bloody hole exploded on Chu Liuyue's wrist.

However, this was only the beginning. Very quickly, the same situation happened everywhere on her!

She previously also had external injuries due to similar reasons, so she lost a lot of blood, but all of this was still under her control. She knew the extent of her tolerance, so she could handle it well. But this time—she completely didn't care about it!

The remaining one-fifth of the golden force entered Chu Liuyue's body at an unimaginable speed!

Bam!

A crisp sound was heard from her body! That was the sound of her Yuan meridian exploding as it couldn't tolerate this terrifying strength!

"Girlie! You're crazy!" hollered Shangguan Jing. One can still recuperate if the physical body is damaged, but the impact of a broken Yuan meridian is huge! Besides, the Yuan meridian is very important at this important stage of breaking through! By doing this, she has undoubtedly ruined her future.

Due to the excruciating pain, Chu Liuyue's eyes were completely red. Only the hint of determination in the depths of her eyes let people know that she made this decision herself.

"I'm not crazy." Chu Liuyue's voice was very light but had deep stubbornness. "This is my only way."

The lightning is just about to strike. I had to break through immediately to become a stage-seven warrior!

As she spoke, she took in all the surrounding golden force and absorbed the longan-sized holy force that had shrunk within the Heavenly Square Cauldron.

All the strength crazily entered the small water droplet floating in her dantian!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Absorbing the ferocious strength that rushed in was like opening the floodgates!

Chu Liuyue's entire Yuan meridian within her body continuously exploded! Her vision turned black, and her clothes were torn and tattered. She had badly mangled injuries everywhere, and she became a blood person.

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The last bit of golden spark disappeared, and all the brilliant light rapidly subsided.

The world was completely dark. Only the lightning bolts in the skies lit up half the sky as they quickly swam around with stunning suppression. It seemed as though they were going to strike at any moment, ruining the ground.

"S-she actually forcefully a-absorbed all of the force..."

"Quickly, look! She seems to be bleeding!"

"Crazy... She really is courting death!"

At this time, the crowd finally looked at the mountain peak forcefully.

That red woman sat quietly as she held up the black shield. Beside her was the Long Yuan Sword.

Her loose hair fell down, and it was very quiet, but the blood pool kept expanding beneath her feet.

One look at this scene made everyone else feel that she had no chance of living!

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Chu Liuyue's eyes were tightly shut as the water droplet in her dantian rapidly spun! It absorbed all the golden force and that holy force before converting everything into her own strength!

Chu Liuyue's surrounding Yuan meridian kept breaking! All the crystallized and hard Yuan meridian channels kept collapsing under the impact of this terrifying force.

But at this point, Chu Liuyue couldn't care less about those!

She tried her best to gather all of the force! Then, it all rushed to that water droplet!

Hua!

It was like tidal waves harshly hitting against a rock, causing endless ripples!

The few lines on the water droplet also started to shake intensely!

Rumble!

At this point, the lightning in the sky finally struck!

Chu Liuyue's figure was instantly covered!

Chapter 999: Retreat!

The six bolts of lightning struck at the same time!

The impact was astounding, and the presence was stunning!

The moment the bright light swallowed Chu Liuyue, a loud sound was suddenly heard from the main mountain! Then, under the crowd's shocked eyes, the main peak was actually slashed right in the middle!

Half of the mountain instantly collapsed!

Rumble—

The sound shocked the world, and dust flew everywhere!

“Quickly, retreat!”

The crowd—who had been standing nearby and spectating—immediately retreated!

The six lightning bolts' strength couldn't be estimated, and ordinary people had no way of resisting it. Hence, the only way was to retreat!

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Jun Jiuqing wanted to take action, but he was still a step too late.

The lightning bolts struck, and an immense strength rushed out!

His chest felt stuffy when he saw the cracks on the mountain peak rapidly expanding!

The moment the mountain collapsed, he went on his toes and rapidly flew up! But just as he was about to go up, the terrifying impact of the lightning bolt came over!

His eyes narrowed, and he immediately retreated! But even though he was extremely fast, he was still impacted by the force as his body vibrated, and he vomited blood out.

After flying a distance away, he then forcefully stabilized his figure! Following that, he looked up and saw that the remaining half of the mountain had been completely covered by the bolts of silver lightning!

That skinny figure had already completely disappeared, and nobody could see her!

"Jiuqing!" A shout was suddenly heard!

Jun Jiuqing's expression changed! This voice is Father's!

He instantly turned around and saw Jun Qizhi floating in midair outside the distant barrier. His expression was stern.

"The bolts of lightning have struck. Immediately bring everyone out of Ancient Phoenix Mountain! Seal the barrier!"

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Jun Qizhi didn't make this decision out of willfulness. In actual fact, he already felt uneasy the moment he saw six bolts of lightning appearing at the same time.

But he still had one last bit of hope at that time, thinking that it wasn't too late to say it after Jun Jiuqing managed to snatch back the endless force and that holy force. However, who would've thought that Shangguan Yue would be so crazy as to absorb all the force directly?!

Such ways were maniacal!

She wanted to die, but Jun Qizhi didn't want her to drag everyone down with her! So seeing that the lightning had struck and started to swim around crazily, Jun Qizhi immediately decided to order Jun Jiuqing and the rest to leave Ancient Phoenix Mountain!

Hearing this command, Jun Jiuqing instinctively knitted his brows and wanted to reject. "Father, it seems rather inappropriate if we leave Ancient Phoenix Mountain—"

Rumble!

Before he could finish his sentence, the lightning bolts' impact rushed out in all directions!

The surrounding mountains were all slashed, and the mountain body started collapsing! Countless rocks rolled down!

Amidst all this were people's miserable cries.

Obviously, the striking lightning bolts' suppression had spread everywhere! Even the people who had retreated earlier were all affected!

Ancient Phoenix Mountain was in a miserable state of debris!

Jun Qizhi glanced at him and coldly said, "It has already ended up in this state, yet you don't want to retreat. Do you want everyone to stay here forever?"

Jun Jiuqing was a stage-nine warrior, so he might be able to forcefully withstand for a period of time. However, the others didn't have such abilities. If they continued staying around, they would be taking a bigger risk!

"That's right! Ancient Phoenix Mountain is in a state of debris! They can't stay there any longer!" Gongsun Xiao had also flown up and stood beside Jun Qizhi with a tense expression. He didn't want all of his dynasty's people to die in such an unknown manner! The endless force and the holy force that came from the Three Yuan Convention were all taken by Shanguan Yue! What is the meaning of the others staying here? They would just be forced to experience the catastrophe!

Jun Qizhi stood with one hand behind his back as he looked at Jun Jiuqing with a dark expression. "Jiuqing, other than you guys, the other top talents from the few dynasties are still inside. If anything happens, can you be responsible for it?!"

Even if the Beiming Dynasty had the highest status here, they couldn't afford to bear such responsibility! This was the only way, as well as the best way!

Jun Jiuqing gradually clenched his fists in his sleeves tightly, and his eyes were dark and bitter. If we leave now, and she's left alone...

"Jiuqing, why are you still hesitating?" Jun Qizhi stared at his son as if he had seen through everything, and his voice was harsh and filled with warning. "Don't forget your status!"

Previously, I had already vaguely guessed that Jiuqing had some interest in that Shangguan Yue. But it now seems like this interest is much deeper than I had predicted... This made Jun Qizhi become alert. Jun Jiuqing is the Beiming Crown Prince and the only future emperor of Beiming. It's fine if he likes a woman, but it will spell doom if this like crosses a certain boundary.

In the beginning, Jun Jiuqing could've directly attacked so as to not leave any chance for Shangguan Yue. But he didn't do so and kept giving in to her step by step, causing Shangguan Yue to end up in such a state! The endless force accumulated over thousands of years and the important holy force that Ancestor specifically left behind were all supposed to be his! But now, they've been taken away by someone else!

This made Jun Qizhi very uneasy. He averted his gaze, but he could no longer see that figure on the damaged mountain peak. Perhaps her demise will be the best ending!

At this moment, a figure quickly ran over—it was Qing Dai. She had obviously suffered quite a few injuries as she was covered in blood.

She bit her lips and bowed to Jun Jiuqing. “Your Highness, many people below can’t take it anymore.”

Jun Jiuqing squinted his eyes as he looked down and rapidly scanned his surroundings.

Actually, even if Qing Dai didn’t come to say this, he already knew the rough situation.

The strength within the lightning bolts was too terrifying. Not only the main mountain—even the surrounding mountains were implicated as well!

However, her standing out like this had undoubtedly pushed him again.

As expected, Jun Qizhi urged him once again. “Jiuqing.”

The Beiming Emperor didn’t need to say much as this tone filled with warning and coldness had explained everything.

Jun Jiuqing glanced at Qing Dai with deep meaning.

The latter suddenly felt guilty as she hurriedly looked down and didn’t dare to glance at him again. His Highness’s previous gaze... I have never seen His Highness look at me like that before!

Qing Dai was anxious and afraid, even feeling a hint of indignation. His Majesty and the rest have already requested for us to retreat, so we naturally have to act immediately! If not, does he really want all of us to be dragged down just because of a Shangguan Yue?

“I know.” After a temporary stalemate, Jun Jiuqing finally spoke. “Everyone, leave Ancient Phoenix Mountain! Fifteen minutes later, Ancient Phoenix Mountain’s barrier will officially be closed!”

His hoarse and low voice quickly traveled to everyone’s ears!

Jun Jiuqing then whipped his sleeves, and a green bridge appeared in midair!

The end of the long bridge was directly connected to the barrier’s exit!

Very quickly, figures appeared from everywhere as they stepped onto the bridge and ran outside!

Chapter 1000: Sky-Breaking!

Facing such a perilous situation, how could the crowd care about the rest? They had to leave this place first to protect their own lives!

Hence, everyone within Ancient Phoenix Mountain’s barrier rapidly left continuously with no hesitation!

The group of elders in charge of guarding the barrier outside clearly realized that something was amiss, and they ripped open a hole in the barrier!

Perhaps because of the commotion within, but the rainbow barrier's strength seemed to be reduced. This unquestionably allowed the elders to have an easier time.

But in such a situation, nobody dared to relax. Who would know how terrifying the strength of the lightning bolts would be? After all, nobody had seen someone summoning a nine-bolt God Foreseeing Tribulation! Besides, there were six bolts coming down together!

Elder Hua Qian looked at the maniacal and torturous lightning strength and the continuously collapsing mountain bodies with a solemn expression. "I'm afraid... Ancient Phoenix Mountain will be ruined..."

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Elder Chen Ke and the rest didn't even care if Ancient Phoenix Mountain would be ruined! They cared about Chu Liuyue and the others' safety! Perhaps Jian Fengchi and the rest still have a chance to come back, but Her Majesty... She is already enveloped by the lightning bolts now. I'm afraid—

"I'll go in to bring her out!" Elder Su Jin couldn't hold herself back and was about to take action! But the moment she reached the area where a hole was ripped apart in the barrier, a violent force rushed out!

Elder Su Jin wasn't prepared, so she directly staggered a few steps backward!

Xiao Ran immediately came up to help her up and had a worried expression. "Ah Jin, are you okay?"

However, Elder Su Jin couldn't care about this as she pointed inside. "Yue'er! Yue'er is still inside!"

What should we do?!

Xiao Ran pressed his lips against each other. "You're a Xuan Master; you will be disadvantaged if you go in. You should just stay here. I'm a warrior—I'll go in!"

Then, he moved his feet and was about to go in.

"Nobody needs to go in," said Cen Yi suddenly.

Everyone looked at him and saw that he still looked very calm. He wasn't nervous at all.

"This is her God Foreseeing Tribulation. She can only pass it herself. Even if you go over, nobody else can help her."

Cen Yi's words made sense. Even if the rest went over and helped her stop part of the strength, she still had to win this battle herself.

"T-then, are we just going to watch on like this?" Elder Su Jin paced back and forth nervously. "If it were her in her peak, she might be able to endure it. But now—"

On the one hand, Chu Liuyue was currently just a peak stage-six warrior. On the other hand, she had already been harmed by the endless force and the holy force to the point where she had no patch of skin left unscathed.

In such a situation, it would be courting death if she withstood six bolts of lightning!

Cen Yi looked up and squinted his narrow eyes. After a slight pause, he said, "As long as she can break through to become a stage-seven warrior, she might be able to do it."

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More and more people left.

In the end, only Mu Hongyu and the rest were left at their spot.

"What should we do? Liuyue hasn't moved yet..." Mu Hongyu's heart hung high, and she felt very uneasy.

If it weren't for Tuan Zi properly staying by their sides, they would really think that something had happened to Chu Liuyue. But even if so, they could not completely dispel their worries.

Even Jun Jiuqing couldn't endure that force, let alone her!

The few of them felt very conflicted as they all looked at Jian Fengchi, wanting him to make the decision.

Jian Fengchi was also very hesitant. If we don't wait, we won't feel good about it. If we do wait, we might die here if we aren't careful.

Rumble!

A silver lightning bolt struck here, and the mountain peak that they were on started to collapse!

Caw!

Tuan Zi let out a shriek—it was chasing them to leave!

Jian Fengchi knitted his brows and turned around to take a look, but Chu Liuyue's figure still couldn't be seen.

He clenched his teeth. "Let's go!"

Mu Hongyu originally didn't agree, but she was worried she would become Chu Liuyue's burden if she stayed here. Seeing that Tuan Zi had already decided to send them out, she took a few deep breaths and finally got on the fiend's back.

The few of them went up one after another.

Tuan Zi's wings vibrated, and it rapidly flew up toward the exit!

Mu Hongyu looked back reluctantly.

Jian Fengchi also followed her line of sight and took a glance before looking down to see the latter's tightly clenched fists and her knuckles turning white. His heart tingled, and he held her hand. "Don't worry. Since Tuan Zi wants us to leave, it proves that she's fine."

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Mu Hongyu forcefully nodded.

The few of them quickly flew out.

Jun Jiuqing followed closely after them and was the last to leave.

Elder Hua Qian commanded, "Close Ancient Phoenix Mountain!"

The brilliant rainbow barrier was suddenly closed!

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Other than Chu Liuyue, everyone had come out from inside. Most of them were injured, and they all looked at the forcefully remaining half-mountain with lingering fear.

Dantai Chen surveyed the surroundings, and his heart sank. None—nobody is left. Like I had predicted previously, the five people from the Taiyu Dynasty have all died!

All the blood in his body seemed to have frozen as his entire body was cold, and his mind was blank.

Even if he had already predicted it before, the moment he personally verified it, he still staggered backward and almost fell.

He slowly looked up at the bright light. Shangguan Yue... She deserves to die! After experiencing that battle, her soul must've dispersed! Even though I couldn't avenge them personally, such a result is also comforting...

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But at this moment, gasps could be heard from the crowd. "What's that?!"

Dantai Chen's heart skipped a beat as he hurriedly looked up.

A thin and tall figure suddenly appeared in the bright light—it was Chu Liuyue!

"She broke through and became a stage-seven warrior!"