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The guards remained frozen in place, immobilized by the weight of the order they had just heard. Even without their master's command, they wouldn't dare to budge. Instead, their attention shifted towards the Second Prince.

Among the princes, the Second Prince was notorious for his lack of progress in cultivation. He had schemed and plotted extensively against Yan Wuji, and now he stood at the dragon's vein, desperate to claim its inheritance. The consequences of his failure were uncertain, leaving the guards hesitant to make a move for fear of provoking the Second Prince and meeting a grim fate.

Yuan Xiangchen refrained from issuing any further instructions to the guards. As the Second Prince, he couldn't rely solely on arrogance and ignorance. He possessed his own intellect, which guided him in this critical moment. Within this secluded location, they were the sole occupants, surrounded by an assortment of complex array formations.

Whether it was an array that nullified spiritual energy or one that prohibited access to the dragon's vein, these intricate arrays were beyond his reach. The mastermind behind these formations must be someone of higher stature, someone linked to the guardians of the dragon's vein. Moreover, the voice he had heard had undeniably emanated from the depths of the dragon's vein itself.

It was common knowledge that the dragon's vein held great legacies. Even as the Second Prince of the Shenyong Dynasty, he wouldn't dare to act recklessly within this sacred space. Recognizing the gravity of the situation, he gestured for his guards to withdraw and cease their movements, understanding the need for utmost caution.

Soon after he gave the signal, a multitude of individuals began converging at the entrance. They arrived one after another, their expressions filled with anticipation as they glanced at the feast that lay before them. Just as the Second Prince dismissed his guards, these people entered, their smirks aimed directly at him. Yuan Xiangchen realized they had likely been waiting outside, eagerly anticipating his exploration of the dragon's vein.

Yuan Xiangchen's displeasure was evident, his countenance contorted with a menacing expression. He had always been the one orchestrating schemes, never allowing himself to be ensnared in the plans of others. However...

The dragon's vein had issued a stern warning, compelling him to exercise caution and refrain from taking any rash actions within its sacred grounds. He had to bear that in mind.

"Second Brother, let's not start any conflicts here. Fighting is strictly forbidden within the dragon's vein. Stay calm," the Fourth Prince interjected with a smile.

Having observed Yan Xiangchen's arrival and requesting him to lead the way, the Fourth Prince exhibited no fear towards him. Despite being older, the Second Prince possessed the lowest cultivation level, making him less favored by their father. Hence, the Fourth Prince harbored no apprehensions.

Upon hearing the Fourth Prince's words, a sneer escaped the lips of those present.

No matter how incensed Yuan Xiangchen felt, he had to restrain his anger.

Finally, he grasped the situation.

They should have arrived long before him.

Yet, they had cowered in fear of the potential perils and tasked him with leading the way.

"Why is the dragon's vein restricted to a 500-meter radius? And why is spiritual energy unusable within its boundaries? It's rather peculiar," someone inquired, clearly unaware of the reasons behind these limitations. They had likely obtained the information from their family and hastened to this location.

In response to the query, the Fourth Prince saw no harm in elucidating.

"The dragon's vein is formed from the resting place of fallen dragons. As for the prohibition on fighting, it stems from the peaceful nature of this particular dragon. Furthermore, there is only one inheritance here because this dragon arrived on our Shenyou Continent seeking refuge. Unfortunately, its injuries proved too severe, leading to its demise."

"..."

"After its demise, the residual spiritual power naturally converged to create the dragon's veins in this location."

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"Moreover, due to its preference for peace and tranquility, the dragon took measures to conceal the aura of the dragon race, employing an array formation that rendered the existence of the dragon's vein unknown to others. However, as time elapses, the effectiveness of the array formation wanes, with the dwindling spiritual energy no longer able to sustain it."

"..."

"But what surprises me is that the dying dragon possessed the foresight to anticipate its demise and the duration for which its spiritual power could uphold the array formation. It even left behind an additional array formation within the dragon's vein."

"...."

"The Dragon Tribe must be trying to pick their own successor for this array."

"...."

"So it won't be passed on to anyone who has strong spiritual power." Yan Zhengchu revealed everything about the dragon vein directly.

Well...

That was because he was very sure that it would not affect his interests to know about this.

Then she started to tell the story naturally.

He was the Prince of the Shenyao Dynasty, but he was still a Prince, and he was friends with the aristocratic families. So if they did not counter each other, he would have a way out.

What a pity.

His clueless brother never knew about this.

"When can we go into the dragon vein?" Someone asked Dao Seeking.

"Just wait and see." Yan Zhengchu said.

He had no idea when it was.

However, according to his Elder, today was the designated day for the opening of the Dragon's Vein. They simply had to wait patiently within its confines.

When the newcomer spoke, their words resonated with the group, reassuring them to remain calm and composed while awaiting the unfolding events.

Engaging in combat within the dragon's vein was strictly forbidden, and they understood the importance of leaving a positive impression within this sacred space. Their duty now was to exhibit patience and restraint.

Gradually, the murmurs died down, replaced by an air of quiet anticipation.

Gu Chaoyan sat and observed her surroundings, keeping a watchful eye on the individuals present.

The impolite and unreasonable person who had engaged in a minor argument with her earlier hailed from the Shenyong Dynasty. Aside from their conversation, their attire unmistakably revealed their affiliation.

Those from the dynasty bore the symbol of the royal family on their robes.

The Zhuo Family and the Wu Family, among others, had their distinct markings, enabling easy identification.

In addition to these aristocratic families, several independent cultivators had also gathered, filling the space.

To her surprise, another princess from the Shenyoun Dynasty had arrived.

Having heard from the Yan Family that the princes of the dynasty possessed commendable skills, Gu Chaoyan noted that the princesses seemed to exhibit rather ordinary cultivation levels.

As Gu Chaoyan assessed the individuals before her, an idea began to form in her mind.

Just as she was about to withdraw her gaze and enter a state of meditation, a woman draped in a regal purple robe entered through the dragon's vein entrance. Accompanied by a retinue of maids, she exuded an imposing aura. Gu Chaoyan could instinctively discern that this woman did not belong to the royal family of the Shenyoun Continent or any prominent noble lineage.

Evidently, the others shared her bewilderment, for they too were clueless about the woman's identity.

Yet, the woman's cultivation was so profound that even her maids emanated a palpable pressure, leaving the onlookers taken aback.

To everyone's surprise, individuals of diverse backgrounds emerged from the depths of the Shenyoun Continent's dragon's vein.

As they entered, the atmosphere of pressure dissipated, leaving a sense of relief in its wake.

Yan Zhengchu couldn't help but whisper in astonishment, "Why are members of the Grand Unity Sect present here?"

His shock mirrored that of the others.

"The Grand Unity Sect!"

The mention of the renowned sect silenced the gathering, rendering them speechless.

In addition to the enigmatic woman, a steady stream of people continued to enter the space, comprising both elderly and youthful individuals, and even...

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Gu Chaoyan recognized them as members of the Wushang Sect, identifiable by the symbol of the Supreme Sect on their Golden Rolls. It was clear that they hailed from the Supreme Sect.

Surprisingly, even the members of the Supreme Sect appeared taken aback by their own presence. It seemed that obtaining the inheritance held little appeal for them, as they were usually the last to seek it out. The fact that the Supreme Sect had sent representatives indicated that the inheritance held greater power than anticipated.

This revelation only fueled the anticipation and desire in the eyes of those present. The prospect of attaining the inheritance held the promise of not only gaining entry into the Supreme Sect but potentially even securing a position within its inner sect. Such enticements filled them with exhilaration.

As for their preference for the Supreme Sect over the Grand Unity Sect...

The Supreme Sect exclusively accepted disciples from the Shenyong Continent, while the Grand Unity Sect recruited disciples from other continents. This was why they harbored aspirations solely for the Supreme Sect.

Gu Chaoyan felt a hint of pressure herself. She had initially intended to consult Huang Fu, but her attempts to communicate with him went unanswered. Realizing that her plan was futile, she relinquished the idea and resumed her meditation.

Three days had elapsed, yet certain array formations remained impenetrable. Some individuals contemplated approaching the ancient voice for answers, but it became apparent that there would be no response forthcoming.

Despite not requiring sustenance for three days, their hunger and impatience grew insurmountable. They yearned to consume something, unable to endure the prolonged wait for an answer.

Some people decided to go out for food and walk around, before coming back to wait.

But those who went out could not come in any more. They were isolated by the array formation.

Those people were annoyed, but they left just like that.

They could not go into the dragon vein, and there were people from the Supreme Sect and the Grand Unity Sect inside. They did not have much hope of getting it.

Few people went out after that, but there were still some who could not stand it any more.

The people from the Supreme Sect and the Grand Unity Sect were too high in cultivation. They did not eat or drink, but meditated quietly.

The others were all very hungry.

The princes of the Shenyong Dynasty were not as calm as before.

Gu Chaoyan was very calm.

When they had nothing to do, they would bubble tea and take out some pastries to eat when they were hungry.

It was as if nothing had happened.

The others got so shocked seeing Gu Chaoyan.

They all had interspatial rings, and the interspatial ring could store some basic things.

But...

Which martial artist would store food in their interspatial ring?

Only Gu Chaoyan could do that.

Many people saw her drinking tea and eating pastry leisurely, and they all looked at her with hatred in their eyes. If they could not do anything about it, they would have robbed her already.

But no one would dare to rob them here.

Not at all.

They could only get angry.

The most annoyed one was Yan Xiangchen

Yan Zhengchu could not stand it any more, after holding on for so long. He could get hungry, but he was starving.

Also...

They were going into the dragon vein later, and how could they make the best use of their hunger?

He thought for a while and asked Gu Chaoyan with a smile. "Girl, can I buy your snacks?"

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at Yan Zhengchu, and then at the others. Yan Zhengchu was quite smart, unlike them, who were straightforward.

She was about to think about it.

Suddenly...

The formation at the entrance of the dragon vein disappeared.

They could go into the dragon vein.

Chapter 2034 Test 1

Gu Chaoyan, originally driven by the prospect of acquiring wealth, grew pale and lost her appetite when the gates of the dragon's vein opened. She couldn't muster any enthusiasm for indulging in snacks.

However, the others were brimming with excitement, eagerly rushing into the newly opened passage.

Yan Zhengchu, too, abandoned any thoughts of snacking and proceeded directly inside.

Upon entering, they were greeted by an environment vastly different from the outside. It was akin to stepping into a grand palace banquet, with opulence exuding from every corner. Numerous small tables adorned with delectable dishes awaited them. The aroma of the food tantalized their senses, and each table bore an identical feast, clearly prepared for their arrival.

Having endured hunger for an extended period, their eyes widened with delight at the sight of such abundance.

Without delay, they commenced their feast, savoring every morsel. Zhuo Yuanming from the Zhuo Family, in particular, who was rather corpulent and had refrained from venturing out, had been famished for days. He couldn't resist any longer, exclaiming with a mouthful of food, "This is incredibly delicious! It seems as though it was arranged to celebrate our entry into the Dragon's Vein."

"..."

"In fact, it's the dragon's vein we're talking about. Even the spaces where the dragon clan would feast exude such luxury."

In high spirits and satiated, Zhuo Yuanming continued to chatter happily.

The others, focused on enjoying their meal, contemplated the need to work harder once their hunger was satisfied and refrained from further conversation.

However...

There were a few individuals who abstained from eating altogether.

For example, Gu Chaoyan.

She was not hungry at all, and even if she was, she would not eat anything here.

The dragon vein was formed after the dragon died, and there was no one living here all these years. If there was no one living here, where did the fresh food come from?

That was definitely not normal.

Of course they would not want to eat them.

Apart from her, the people from Supreme Sect and Grand Unity Sect did not eat any either.

They could stay away from food for a few days, and they were from the sect, so they would not touch them.

Yan Zhengchu and another member of the royal family had no food to eat either.

And the one who did not touch the chopsticks in the corner was the Young Master of the Wu Family and Zhuo Yuanming's brother, Zhuo Yuanbai.

Zhuo Yuanbai gave Zhuo Yuanming a few reminders, but he did not want to listen, so he dropped the idea.

And the other princess of the royal family was eating too.

She was not wolfing down the food, but she looked very hungry.

Gu Chaoyan waited patiently here.

Yan Zhengchu was not in a good mood.

He did not dare to eat the food here. If the door of the dragon vein could be opened later, he could eat some pastries to fill his stomach. But now, he could not eat either side.

She had to bear with it.

When those who ate were enjoying the food, and those who did not eat were suffering.

Suddenly...

An old laugh came from the dragon vein.

Then...

Those who were eating were all transported out of the dragon vein in the next second, leaving only a few who did not eat.

Those who stayed inside knew very well that those people would never have the chance to get the inheritance.

The moment they stepped out of the place, the test of the dragon vein had already begun.

"But after a few days of starvation, he has lost his brain and patience. Such a person has no right to get the inheritance of the Dragon Tribe!"

Chapter 2035 Test 2

The aged laughter within the dragon's vein abruptly ceased, replaced by a stern proclamation. It was evident that they were greatly displeased with certain individuals, considering them a potential threat to the sanctity of the dragon's vein, an outcome that would not be tolerated.

Zhuo Yuanbai and Yan Zhengchu heaved a sigh of relief, aware that they had successfully overcome the initial trial. The significance of obtaining the inheritance weighed heavily upon them.

However, the disciples from the Supreme Sect and the Grand Unity Sect appeared unfazed by the pressure. Having experienced numerous examinations within their respective sects, these tests seemed rather trivial to them.

Within the dragon's vein, everything remained unchanged except for the absence of the aged laughter. The sumptuous feast still lay before them, as if they truly existed within this realm.

Yet, Gu Chaoyan harbored no doubt that this environment was but an illusion, skillfully crafted by a master of Dharma spells to appear strikingly real.

"Feeling fatigued? Take a rest. The second test will commence tomorrow morning," the old voice announced.

Gu Chaoyan felt a sense of confusion clouding her thoughts.

A group of maids entered and escorted them to their respective rooms for rest. Gu Chaoyan and Zhou Huaijin were separated, further fueling her unease. She couldn't shake the feeling that even during their break, they were still undergoing a test of sorts.

She said a few words to Zhou Huaijin and gave him the teleportation talismans from Huang Fu, so she felt slightly assured.

Then she went into her own room to rest.

She had just laid down when there was a knock on the door.

Gu Chaoyan opened the door and saw Zhou Huaijin. He was at the door, saying with a doting look. "Chaoyan, I will take a break with you."

Having said that, he hugged her and tried to kiss her gently.

But Gu Chaoyan frowned and felt confused.

When they were taking a break, the maids did not allow them to be in the same room. Why was Huaijin here again?

"How did you get out?"

"..."

"Aren't we supposed to be in separate rooms?"

"...."

"Just go home and take a rest." Gu Chaoyan said. She felt that Zhou Huaijin was behaving strangely tonight.

She had the same look and movement, but she felt that something was wrong.

She was about to say something more when Zhou Huaijin left.

She went back to take a break, and when she turned around, she saw Huang Fu sitting at the table, looking at her with a heretic, heretical, evil, sinister smile.

"What are you doing here? Where have you been these days?" Gu Chaoyan asked.

Huang Fu did not answer her.

She approached her as if she were frivolous at the first meeting. "Feng Le."

Gu Chaoyan slapped him away. "If you continue like this, I will never see you again, and you will no longer be my Master!"

Only now did Huang Fu disappear.

When Huang Fu disappeared, Gu Chaoyan suddenly understood something.

Well...

All was real...

It was the test, and there was no need to wait until the next morning.

The moment she thought it through, she suddenly came to the door of a yard.

The yard was in a patch of green.

She looked around but saw no one else. She was alone.

"Congratulations, you are the first one to pass the test." The old voice sounded.

Sure enough...

When Gu Chaoyan was confirmed, the others came out one after another.

Chapter 2036 Test 3

Among the attendees, the disciples from the Supreme Sect, the Grand Unity Sect, and Yan Zhengchu, along with the exceptionally cautious Bai, had all departed. Wu Yuehe was absent as well. However, Zhuo Yuanbai, a member of the Zhuo Family, was nowhere to be found. The room appeared vacant, devoid of any other individuals.

In the meanwhile...

Gu Chaoyan did not see Huaijin coming out either.

It was him?

"You have all passed the test, and the others have been transported out of the dragon vein." The old voice sounded.

Huaijin?

He failed the test?

Gu Chaoyan was surprised.

It was Huaijin and Huang Fu who appeared in her illusion, and it should be her who appeared in his environment.

She could not tell if it was her or not.

Gu Chaoyan was annoyed, but she was worried that he might be there.

But she gave him the teleportation talismans before he left, so he could go back to the Yan Family directly.

As she thought of this, Gu Chaoyan felt slightly assured.

"You can go in. You have passed two tests. Here are some things from the dragon vein, go and pick them." The old voice continued.

They went inside.

Inside.

It was comparable to the weapon pavilion of the sect. It was filled with magical weapons and pills.

They were all supreme-grade ones.

Seeing these things, even the disciples from the Supreme Sect were excited.

Obviously, these things were all very precious to the Supreme Sect.

"You can each pick one you like." The voice sounded. "But after you pick one, you have to give up the inheritance."

Upon hearing that, most people came to a halt. It seemed that their desire for supreme-grade Dharma artifacts, enchanted armaments, and pills was not their true motive. Their ultimate goal was to secure the inheritance.

Wu Yuehe of the Wu Family paused briefly upon hearing this revelation, but soon resumed his search for what he sought. He was merely at the 6th Heaven of the Martial King Realm, a considerable distance behind the imperial family. Additionally, with members from both the Supreme Sect and the Grand Unity Sect present, his chances of obtaining the inheritance were slim. Failure to secure it would leave him with nothing.

If he had the opportunity to choose a single mystical weapon, he could claim it for himself without delay. The sea-snake magic stone that caught his attention surpassed Spirit Stones by a significant margin in terms of power.

Unlike Spirit Stones, this extraordinary artifact was not a one-time-use item. As long as he possessed it, he could utilize its power indefinitely.

With this remarkable tool aiding his cultivation, he could aspire to become an exceptional Martial King by the time he faced the Supreme Sect's examination. If circumstances aligned favorably, he might even achieve a breakthrough.

Furthermore, upon passing the examination, there awaited another competition in three months. Those who emerged triumphant would earn the privilege to enter the inner sanctum.

If they could become an inner disciple, the Wu Family would not have to worry for a hundred years.

That was the safest way, without any risk.

Therefore...

But after thinking for a while, he decided to choose magical weapons...

However....

Apart from him, no one else asked for those things.

"I have already made my choice. I want this one." Wu Yuehe said.

"Okay, since you have given up the inheritance, I will give this to you. Now, you can leave." The moment the old voice fell, Wu Yuehe left.

After sending him out.

The old voice smiled. "He is out, and you should be out too. Do you really think that you are qualified to get the inheritance? Even these magical weapons and pills are not enough for you."

He glanced around and everyone left.

Chapter 2037 - Test 4

The next second...

She materialized on the bustling main street of the Shenyong Continent, a place she vaguely remembered from a previous encounter. It happened to be in close proximity to Yan Manor. The street teemed with activity as small vendors peddled their wares, including Spirit Stones and pills. The scene mirrored the past, with no apparent changes.

Was she transported here by the dragon vein?

Did this mean that the opportunity to inherit the legacy had vanished?

If that were the case, it meant that none of the individuals within the dragon vein would have a chance to carry on the knowledge.

Such a notion seemed implausible!

Gu Chaoyan aimlessly strolled along the street, her thoughts in disarray.

But then, a sudden realization struck her.

She grew increasingly convinced that ever since they entered the dragon vein, they had become ensnared in a profound illusion. The creator of this illusion possessed remarkable skills, rendering the illusion indistinguishable from reality. Consequently, no one could discern that they were, in fact, trapped within this illusion.

Then...

So...

They were also in the illusion.

The test was not over yet.

It was still going on.

But why was she here?

What was so special about it?

Gu Chaoyan could not make it through.

And she did not see anyone else who was taking the test in the dragon vein.

They should be in the same illusion, and everyone's environment should be different.

As she thought of it through...

Gu Chaoyan said calmly.

She wanted to see what she was going to be tested by this stage.

After a while, an elderly man passed out right in front of Gu Chaoyan's eyes.

Gu Chaoyan frowned subconsciously.

Then she headed towards the elderly man.

The others all left, except for Gu Chaoyan.

She took a look at the elderly man. He was not a big problem, but he had not eaten for a long time and passed out from hunger.

Gu Chaoyan first transferred some spiritual energy to him.

Then she asked passers-by to buy a bowl of porridge.

Those who passed out from starvation had not eaten for a long time. So they had been starving for a long time.

It was not a good time to eat anything else.

They ate some porridge to nourish the stomach.

Then they could eat something else.

The elderly man woke up after she used her spiritual energy, and the porridge arrived. Gu Chaoyan fed him the porridge.

When the elderly man woke up, he thanked her and left.

Gu Chaoyan had intended to give him some things to buy food, but dropped the idea.
She continued to walk about.

Honestly...

She was very impressed.

She admired the person who set up the illusion. It was so real.

She even believed that it was not an illusion, but that she had been transported here. But the test was not over yet.

She could not tell what was going on.

And what did the person who tested them want to do?

Gu Chaoyan had no idea what was going on.

She continued to walk about.

When she walked into one store.

Suddenly...

She was not in the store. She was still in the cave.

She was back again?

“What is going on?” Gu Chaoyan asked curiously.

Was that an illusion?

She never left?

“You have passed the test.” The old voice continued.

“Where are the others?” Gu Chaoyan looked around and saw no one else.

“There is no one else.”

"Those individuals, either persistently denied the existence of the Dragon Vein Inheritance or abruptly retreated. Naturally, there were a few composed ones, such as yourself, who speculated that they were still trapped within the illusory realm. Regrettably..."

"..."

"They possess intelligence akin to yours, yet they callously disregarded the feeble old man succumbing to hunger and the injured man before them. Their lack of compassion is evident."

"..."

"In any case, they are unworthy of attaining the dragon vein's inheritance."

"..."

"Therefore, the responsibility falls upon you," the aged voice declared.

Gu Chaoyan was taken aback to discover that the elderly man was the guardian of the dragon vein's trial. Upon hearing the voice's words, a mixture of emotions played across her face.

So it meant that the dragon vein was not very satisfied with her.

But there was no one else around, so she gave it to her?

But for some reason, Gu Chaoyan was not very happy about the inheritance.

The elderly voice laughed when she saw what she looked like. It seemed that she was very glad that Gu Chaoyan was not happy.

If it had been anything else, Gu Chaoyan would have done so already.

But she was going to get the inheritance, so she had to bear with it.

"Girl, don't be unhappy. You can find many powerful people to get the inheritance of the Dragon Tribe. Your cultivation level is not high, and you don't even have spiritual roots, right?" The old voice said seriously.

"...."

"But only you have kindness in your heart."

"...."

"I was seriously injured, but if I had met some kind-hearted cultivators, I would not have died so early." The old voice said with a look of pity.

Gu Chaoyan agreed with what he said.

After all, it was the inheritance of the Dragon Race. Even people from the Supreme Sect and the Grand Unity Sect were here. She could feel how powerful those people were.

But like most cultivators, they were too cold, so he had no choice.

And it was indeed a little difficult for him to get the inheritance with his cultivation.

Gu Chaoyan already understood what she meant.

Because she could understand that.

However....

But what the Dragon Tribe said made her confused.

They would not have died so early.

That meant that it was definitely going to die?

So why was it still a pity after so long?

"Alright, since you are the heir chosen by me, I will give you all the power of the Dragon Tribe. But..."

"...."

"Those who get the inheritance must do one thing for me." The old voice said seriously.

"What?!" Gu Chaoyan asked

Gu Chaoyan would not do anything that crossed her bottom line.

"After inheriting my fortune, it will be your lifelong responsibility to protect my child," the aged voice declared. "The intricate formation I once established has vanished, and those individuals will inevitably detect the presence of the dragon vein, drawing them to this location. The current arrivals hail from the Shenyong Continent, where the dragon vein resides. In due time, people from other continents shall arrive as well."

"...."

"The array formation within the dragon vein is rapidly weakening, necessitating a swift transmission of both the inheritance and my desires to you," the voice continued.

"...."

"Once my spiritual energy dissipates completely, these people will undoubtedly sense the presence of my children."

"...."

"I refuse to allow it to fall into someone else's possession."

Chapter 2039 - Inheritance 2

Its child was also a dragon, a small one.

According to what it said, the Dragon Clan should not have fallen for too long. Its children were still young, so it was not assured to pass them on to the inheritor.

That was because the more they got, the more responsibility they would have to bear.

That startled Gu Chaoyan.

She was not sure if she could protect this little dragon.

After thinking for a while, Gu Chaoyan nodded seriously.

The Dragon Tribe was very satisfied.

Honestly...

Besides their limited cultivation level, all of the chosen successors were exceptionally suitable, the voice acknowledged. If someone with malicious intent were to acquire his child, they would not hesitate, solely driven by their desire to possess it.

“In this manner, I shall bestow upon you my inheritance and belongings, and then I will have it sign a contract with you,” the elderly voice explained. “Although your current cultivation may not suffice to adequately protect it, once you obtain my inheritance, this concern will no longer trouble you.”

Meanwhile, as they conversed...

An immense surge of energy surged into Gu Chaoyan's body.

She felt herself on the verge of arrogance, but just as the discomfort peaked, the sensation abruptly dissipated.

At that very moment...

She perceived an immense amount of spiritual energy coursing within her, continuously breaking through its limits.

Martial King, Third Heaven of the Martial King Realm, Sixth Heaven of the Martial King Realm, Top-level Martial King Realm, Third Heaven of the Martial Emperor Realm, Martial Saint Realm!

In an instant, she ascended to the rank of Martial Saint!

Gu Chaoyan couldn't contain her elation.

The elderly voice also expressed surprise. "I never expected you to be a prodigious cultivator. By assimilating my inheritance power into your spiritual energy, you swiftly reached the level of a Martial Saint."

"..."

"The spiritual energy in the Shenyong Continent is incredibly scarce. Here, those who attain the Martial Saint rank are likely on par with the Elders of the Supreme Sect." The elderly voice no longer carried its former strength, but it brimmed with more delight than before.

"..."

"Very well, I shall bestow it upon you now, and both of you must swear a blood alliance," the aged voice instructed.

Gu Chaoyan was on the verge of inquiring about the dragon's whereabouts.

Suddenly, a diminutive dragon-like figure materialized before them. This creature possessed dragon horns atop its head, a dragon tail, yet its face resembled that of a human.

Huh...

That was the little dragon?

As Gu Chaoyan pondered, she felt a sharp pain in her hand. Her blood dripped directly onto the dragon's forehead, prompting a nod from the creature.

It signified the blood oath.

However, to be precise, only young dragons bore such a mark on their foreheads, whereas she did not. It appeared more like a sign that the spirit pet had acknowledged its master.

Just as Gu Chaoyan was about to inquire further...

The elderly voice faded away. "Take good care of it."

Then, silence enveloped them.

"Father!" the young dragon cried out.

Gu Chaoyan fell into silence as well. This dragon had long since passed away, yet its residual energy lingered, allowing its presence to persist even after its departure.

But now...

The spirit energy had dissipated, along with its breath.

For this young dragon, the loss of its father was now a harsh reality.

Gu Chaoyan felt a profound sadness as well.

They were in mourning.

"Hand it over to me," the voice of the little dragon spoke up at that moment.

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Things?

'What is it?'

"Give me the gold, silver, jewelry and Spirit Stones left by my father!" The little dragon said domineeringly.

Only now did Gu Chaoyan recall.

When she received the inheritance, her interspatial ring had indeed been filled with gold, silver, jewelry, and Spirit Stones. The abundance of Spirit Stones almost overwhelmed the storage capacity of her ring.

Initially, Gu Chaoyan had been on the verge of complaining about a dragon possessing such vast quantities of gold, silver, and jewelry.

But now, she felt an even deeper sense of gratitude.

However...

These treasures were bestowed upon her by the Dragon Tribe.

What did the dragon man seek from her?

He appeared so reasonable, almost like a mischievous child!

Gu Chaoyan had no intention of surrendering anything. Moreover, she was determined to educate this dragon man.

"Your father entrusted them to me, so they are rightfully mine. I cannot simply hand them over to you at my whim. Furthermore... you are merely a dragon man, and a small one at that. How dare you display such rudeness towards me? Your father entrusted you to my care, and if you behave this

way again, I won't hesitate to give you a slap on the behind!" Gu Chaoyan asserted, withholding the items.

"Those possessions belong to my father. If you refuse to return them to me, how shameless of you to claim them as your own!" the dragon man retorted with a stern gaze.

Gu Chaoyan finally comprehended the entire situation.

And she had inherited such a mischievous child.

She firmly grasped Little Dragon and delivered a swift smack on his rear. "Are you even listening to me? You're so young, yet you claim to be the mature one? You're even more shameless than I am!"

Little Dragon felt utterly humiliated after being spanked. He struggled fiercely. "How dare you strike my behind! I'll teach you a lesson!"

Despite the little dragon's struggles, it couldn't free itself from Gu Chaoyan's grip.

Even though it had been called by its original body, it appeared devoid of any spiritual energy.

No wonder the Dragon Tribe had hesitated to trust it and entrusted it to her care.

Gu Chaoyan paid no heed to its protests. She scooped it up, resolved to take it away. The dragon had warned that more individuals would sense the dragon vein. Hence, she needed to remove the dragon man from this place swiftly to avoid potential dangers.

Dragons were the best among the spirit pets, and everyone wanted them.

Dragonman was still cursing.

Gu Chaoyan ignored it.

She made her way back towards the exit of the dragon vein, where Huaijin, from the Yan Family, awaited her.

Just as she prepared to depart, a sudden sensation gripped her senses. There was a battle unfolding nearby. But before she could alert the Dragonman, he transformed into a small dragon and sought refuge in Gu Chaoyan's embrace.

It was not stupid. If there was spiritual energy nearby, it meant that there was someone else.

This stupid woman would never be able to protect it well. It was going to hide itself well.

Gu Chaoyan walked forward and saw the woman from the Supreme Sect.

She was about to leave when she saw someone familiar.

Huaijin?

She was attacking Huaijin?

Gu Chaoyan was about to stop her, when the woman used her spiritual energy to push Zhou Huaijin away.

"You are not him?" The woman was shocked.

Then she left.

Gu Chaoyan was about to give chase, when she arrived in front of Zhou Huaijin.

He had already closed his eyes.

When she tried to sense it...

She found that he was not breathing....