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Chapter 2451: Mission 131

At the mountain's base,

The atmosphere oscillated between silence and clamor.

Initially, many of the Huang clansmen on duty harbored hope, but in this moment, that hope dwindled.

Monitoring these individuals wasn't a sought-after assignment. If the Elder Miss favored them, life would improve significantly. In the Huang Clan, no one would bother with them, let alone worry about their sustenance.

After some grumbling and a twinge of regret, these individuals resumed their duties.

Adams, standing beside Gu Chaoyan, released a long sigh of relief.

Thankfully, she had departed.

This meant he had avoided detection.

"Now is not the time to relax. If you had come out earlier, it would have been so simple. Just imagine, if the Elder Miss of the Huang Clan finds you again, she'll kill you. Be careful," Gu Chaoyan teased, not missing the chance to gloat.

Adams shot her an irate glare.

Xuelai was truly an enigmatic woman.

Initially naive and willing to undertake anything, she had evolved into a challenging and distant individual. Now...

Adams found it challenging to describe her at the moment. He perpetually wanted to lash out when she spoke, yet he didn't harbor any hatred or dislike towards her. His frustration mounted, and he gritted his teeth, unable to act on his impulses. The sensation was far from pleasant, and Adams detested it.

"If you stay silent, no one will think you're mute," Adams retorted.

Gary stepped forward, shielding his Tribe Chief.

Nonetheless, Gu Chaoyan paid it no mind. She patted him and gestured for him to step aside.

"I'm just stating the truth. Since you haven't been found, steer clear of them. Let's contemplate our next steps," Gu Chaoyan advised.

Discussing future plans made Adams solemn. He didn't want to waste time on such matters, especially when it involved the lives of hundreds from the Thunder Fire Clan and the Five Elements Clan, along with numerous individuals from other clans.

"Tribe Chief, what's happening with the Huang Clan?" Gary inquired, puzzled.

Since their arrival at the Huang Clan, things had been peculiar. The Huang Clan had confined these people without clarity on their activities. There was a looming threat of enslavement.

"I don't know what the Huang Clan is concocting, but they require our blood and bones for sacrifice. With over 10,000 people here, I fear they aim to fill a pool. We need to escape the Huang Clan before that occurs," Gu Chaoyan revealed truthfully to Gary.

Gary was her most trusted assistant, and he needed to be aware of her plans and arrangements for a smooth collaboration.

"What!" A shocking revelation.

In the past, it was already uncommon for significant clans to capture people from smaller clans as slaves. The Tribe Chief's words elevated the horror.

The sorcerer nodded, confirming Gu Chaoyan's statement. If not for this, the sorcerer wouldn't have been alarmed without cause.

Gary was left agape, seeking clarification, "Then what should we do?"

"We must unite with these tribes; otherwise, we won't escape and will meet an earlier demise," Gu Chaoyan truthfully stated, casting a meaningful glance at the sorcerer.

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She stated bluntly, "Gary, didn't you mention that sorcerers are considered gods and are responsible for the lives of your clansmen? Logically speaking, sorcerers should be capable of safeguarding our clansmen from the Huang Clan's actions."

Raising her eyebrows in a nonchalant manner, Gu Chaoyan looked as though it was the most obvious conclusion.

The sorcerer's expression mirrored Adams', his teeth gritted in anger.

This woman was undeniably infuriating.

As a sorcerer, it was true that under normal circumstances, he could single-handedly eliminate the threat posed by the Huang Clan. However, something had occurred before the Huang Clan became a problem, leaving him feeling powerless.

Originally, he should have secluded himself to regain composure. Yet, genuine concern for the Huang Clan had driven him to be present. He had rested for a while, feeling somewhat improved.

"Let's discuss how to proceed together," the sorcerer suggested, projecting an air of indifference.

Instead, he appeared as though letting events unfold naturally was the only logical course of action.

Gary, feeling a bit embarrassed, still spoke up, "I'll discreetly contact the patriarchs of various clans. Tribe Chief, let's determine our next steps."

Gu Chaoyan nodded approvingly.

Then, she outlined her plan, "Currently, our own people are stationed at this corner. Starting tonight, we'll discreetly arrange for the elderly, children, and women to gradually leave. As for the rest, I'll devise a plan to procure more weapons, ensuring every clan has the means to defend themselves."

"We're currently at the mountain's base. Running is relatively easy, but there might be some obstacles. Everyone, prioritize your safety."

"As for the reason, we just need to understand what the Huang Clan intends. Outwardly, we'll convey that the Huang Clan aims to enslave us. We cannot accept slavery; we must resist," Gu Chaoyan declared. "This is the message you need to convey to the clan chiefs."

Gary nodded.

"Giles, you're up for this. Your expertise in crafting bows and arrows will be crucial. When the first group departs, join them to create weapons and bring them up discreetly. Ensure they're well concealed, and don't let anyone spot them," Gu Chaoyan whispered to Dao.

Although Giles' performance in the clan wasn't as stable as Gary's and others, his intelligence made him a valuable asset. Trusting him with the task of crafting weapons felt right; he had the ability to improvise.

Giles nodded.

Both of them set about organizing their tasks.

The sorcerer felt a bit awkward.

Well...

Handling matters related to the Huang Clan should have been his responsibility, but his current lack of cultivation rendered him ineffective. Regarding personnel management, he knew he was inferior to the Patriarch of the Five Elements Clan. Thus, he had to defer to her directives.

Adams found himself in an unprecedented situation and had no choice but to follow the instructions of the Tribe Chief of the Five Elements Clan.

As darkness enveloped the surroundings, their actions proceeded smoothly.

The guards were already fatigued, and their nighttime vision was limited. Many obstacles remained hidden.

Throughout the night, Gary led a deliberate, slow escape, accompanied by children and elderly individuals with limited mobility.

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These individuals, on the contrary, needed to be liberated gradually.

The Huang Clan stationed at the mountain's base hadn't organized any escape routes.

Gu Chaoyan coordinated the departure of the initial group, with Giles accompanying them.

Subsequently, silence settled in.

"It's all confirmed. The Tribe Chiefs have given their approval and will adhere to the plan. After all, no one desires to be enslaved," Gary whispered.

"Take a break, have some water. Aina will handle the rest," Gu Chaoyan instructed Gary.

Gary accepted without hesitation. Given the myriad tasks ahead, a well-deserved rest was necessary for him to address the remaining challenges.

“You should rest too. I’ll keep watch,” Adams awkwardly offered to Gu Chaoyan.

“Alright,” Gu Chaoyan responded with a bright smile, showing no hesitation as she proceeded to rest.

Adams found himself at a loss for words concerning this person.

Continuing his efforts, he arranged for the people.

In a single night, approximately 200 to 300 individuals were organized to depart. Primarily women and children from various clans, with fewer elders due to the challenges of survival to old age.

He saw to their safe departure.

The diverse groups of people ceased their anxious inquiries. Hope had emerged, and the leadership of the Five Elements Clan and the Thunder Fire Clan demonstrated a viable path.

Following them seemed like a reliable way to escape.

In the subsequent days, he adhered to the same approach. Under the cover of darkness, he clandestinely released women and children from the perimeters of the Five Elements Clan and the Thunder Fire Clan. Giles utilized this time to craft a limited number of bows and arrows, which he discreetly brought back.

The quantity of these weapons couldn’t match the abundance in the Five Elements Clan, where every young and robust man possessed them. Instead, only those with skill in archery within each clan could obtain them. These select few individuals were entrusted with the responsibility of safeguarding their entire clan as effectively as possible.

The operations unfolded seamlessly.

Then, an unexpected development occurred.

The Huang Clan suddenly initiated a change in their strategy.

They wanted the group to ascend the mountain rather than remain at its base.

Gu Chaoyan and the others became gravely concerned.

Ascending the mountain implied entering Huang Clan territory. Once inside, resistance would become challenging.

Nobody among them was willing to venture up the mountain.

The Tribe Chiefs from various clans awaited signals from the leaders of the Five Elements Clan and the Thunder Fire Clan.

However, Gu Chaoyan asserted that there was no need to panic at the moment.

Just as they were on the verge of organizing the group to ascend the mountain...

A sudden halt.

Gu Chaoyan noticed that the Elder Miss from the Huang Family had returned, and this time, her gaze was fixed on their side, specifically on Adams.

‘What’s going on?’

Had the Elder Miss noticed Adams?

Gu Chaoyan exchanged a glance with Adams. “You seem to have a way with women.”

“She’s still fixated on you.”

Adams shot her an angry look. How could she joke at a time like this?

“That’s not a good thing. How can you still find it amusing?” Adams replied in a low voice.

Indeed, the Elder Miss of the Huang Clan was there for Adams.

The Huang clan had instructed these clansmen to relinquish their positions.

Adams had no means of evasion.

However, Gu Chaoyan and the sorcerer remained concealed.

Having been present that day, there was no need for them to expose themselves.

“You...”

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The Elder Miss of the Huang Clan, Camilla, appeared to be in a good mood. The intense hatred she once harbored towards Adams seemed to have dissipated.

“You didn’t deceive me. You mentioned it’s at the foot of the mountain, and indeed, it is. It’s just that you’re not a member of the Huang Clan,” she acknowledged, addressing Adams.

Camilla detested dishonesty, and if Adams had lied, no matter how attractive he was, she would have rejected him. However, given the absence of deception, she seemed willing to forgive other details, including his non-membership in the Huang Clan.

“What clan do you belong to?” Camilla inquired.

“Adams is the Tribe Chief of our Thunder Fire Clan,” interjected Percy from the Thunder Fire Clan before Adams could respond.

Adams shot Percy a cold look, feeling that Percy had overstepped his bounds, almost as if betraying the Thunder Fire Clan.

“Tribe Chief, you’re quite remarkable. It’s rare to find someone as brave and resourceful as you in the Huang Clan. I, Camilla, have excellent taste. Consider following me. You don’t need to join them,” Camilla offered graciously.

“No, I’m the Tribe Chief of the Thunder Fire Clan. My duty is to my clan. I won’t abandon my clansmen for anything. If my clansmen are there, so am I,” Adams insisted. How could he abandon them?

Camilla hadn’t anticipated such firm resolve from him.

“Elder Miss, perhaps we should just eliminate him,” suggested the man beside Camilla.

He considered Adams too exceptional, and his presence might disrupt the clan. If he were to stay, it could create complications.

Camilla shook her head.

The situation was becoming rather intriguing.

While the men of the Huang Clan were typically eager to follow Camilla’s lead, the current display of reluctance among them was unusual.

Thunder Fire Clan?

Camilla assumed it was likely just a small clan with a limited number of members. Considering this, she made an offer.

“I, Camilla, will safeguard all the clansmen of your Thunder Fire Clan. Will you follow me now?” she proposed.

Adams wore an unpleasant expression.

As a man and a Tribe Chief, he felt insulted by the Elder Miss of the Huang Clan.

This wasn't what he had intended, and now, he found himself in this predicament because of her.

Adams was displeased.

Remaining unwilling, he had no intention of agreeing.

"You're unwilling?" Despite Camilla's novelty, she lacked patience. Having already conceded on several points, she expected reciprocity. If he continued to resist, it indicated he wasn't taking her seriously.

If he didn't take her seriously, she wouldn't maintain her temper.

Camilla looked at Adams. "If you're unwilling, it's simple. Don't expect any mercy for your clansmen."

"Guards," Camilla called.

Members of the Huang Tribe assembled, ready to subdue the Thunder Fire Clan members.

"Tribe Chief, for our sake, please agree. Consider the situation. If you refuse, we may lose our lives," pleaded Percy, clearly anxious and fearful for his life.

Adams remained unwilling. He glanced at Gu Chaoyan, poised to take action.

Gu Chaoyan exchanged a glance with the sorcerer and then with Gary, deeming it an opportune moment.

The Five Elements Clan and the Thunder Fire Clan could prepare for a decisive move.

When the Elder Miss of the Huang Clan appeared, Gu Chaoyan had playfully teased Adams. That very teasing made her see an advantage in the presence of the Elder Miss.

Now...

Not only could they seize the chance to strike and flee, but they could also take the Elder Miss of the Huang Clan as a hostage.

Gary and the sorcerer affirmed their readiness.

Gu Chaoyan signaled to Adams, and both nodded in agreement.

Taking the initiative, Gu Chaoyan acted first, with Adams following suit. Gu Chaoyan secured Camilla's neck with a tie and positioned an arrowhead against it. "Don't move, or I will kill you."

Camilla, suddenly bound, left the Huang clan members in shock, unsure of how to react.

On the contrary, Camilla remained composed. "Why? Is Tribe Chief Adams your lover?"

"It's commendable to be so daring and decisive. You truly possess courage."

"No," Gu Chaoyan coldly refuted. "I do not have this kind of bad taste."

"You!" Camilla displayed clear anger. She struggled briefly but found it futile, so she ceased resisting. "Tell me, what do you want? I'll meet your demands. The lives of your clansmen? I can release them."

Camilla felt secure. Even within the Huang Clan's domain and in the hands of others, she believed nothing dire would happen to her. The Huang Clan had too much at stake.

"No," Gu Chaoyan firmly rejected.

"Then what are you?" Camilla inquired. "If there's truly no other option, I'll choose a man among my people who suits your preference. I'll hand him over to you."

"I want everyone here to leave the mountain safely," Gu Chaoyan asserted.

"That's impossible," Camilla replied bluntly. "Even as the Elder Miss of the Huang Family, I'm not worth the lives of so many people. If the Huang Family leader desires these individuals, I can release some, but not all of them," she stated directly.

"It won't work," Camilla continued. "Even if you tie me up."

"Really? I disagree." Gu Chaoyan smiled and instructed, "Gary, take action!"

Gary led the Five Elements Clan and the Thunder Fire Clan, armed with bows and arrows, attacking the Huang Clan members. Before they could reach them, they were shot down.

"Descend the mountain!" Gu Chaoyan ordered.

In this critical situation, individuals from all races sprinted downhill with all their might.

Camilla couldn't remain passive either.

Tricking all these people into returning to the Huang Clan was challenging. If they all departed at once, the Huang Clan's elaborate plan would crumble.

Camilla initiated an attack, but Gu Chaoyan managed to fend her off.

Rather than continuing the argument, Camilla released a signal flare to alert the Huang Family.

Then, she fled.

Gary considered chasing her, but Gu Chaoyan halted him. “Stop, it’s futile.”

“She was calm because she’s skilled at escaping danger. Trying to catch her would be in vain. You might even put yourself in jeopardy,” Gu Chaoyan cautioned.

“Let’s run quickly. The Huang Clan is descending. We might not be able to escape.”

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Gary recognized the priority.

He abandoned the pursuit and descended the mountain with Gu Chaoyan.

As everyone fled downhill, the sorcerer hurriedly ascended.

Observing the sorcerer’s unusual behavior, Gu Chaoyan, concerned, trailed him. She instructed Gary to lead the family members away. Adams, accompanying Gu Chaoyan, followed them up the mountain.

The sorcerer ascended rapidly, and Gu Chaoyan, with no other choice, continued following him.

While the others escaped, the three of them moved towards the Huang Clan’s mountain.

Upon reaching a halt, the sorcerer glanced at Gu Chaoyan and asked in a displeased tone, “Why are you here?”

“We are here because you are here,” Gu Chaoyan stated. “Let’s go down the mountain; it’s dangerous here. The man in the black robe is not easy to deal with.”

The sorcerer shook his head.

As a sorcerer, addressing the Huang Clan's issue at its source was imperative. Escaping now would be futile.

"They need a certain amount of bone and blood for their ritual. Even if these people escape, the Huang Clan will still send others to capture them under dire circumstances. Ultimately, their fate will remain the same. If I want these clansmen to be truly safe, I must take the risk and completely eradicate the sorcery of the Huang Clan."

"It's highly perilous. Go and find a hiding place."

Gu Chaoyan didn't leave.

She stood steadfastly before him.

Since arriving in this world, her objective had been to fulfill the mission.

If she aimed to fulfill the mission, retreating in the face of adversity was not an option. Instead, she would have to press forward. Perhaps, these were all tests for her.

She shook her head slightly. "I'm not leaving. I'll stay with you."

"We need to uncover all the malevolent deeds of the Huang Family for the sake of peace," Gu Chaoyan declared.

"Me too," Adams added angrily.

Gu Chaoyan looked surprised. "Since when did you become so righteous?"

Adams frowned, shooting her an angry look.

It seemed as though she could never speak to him properly.

Ignoring her, Adams stood his ground.

Since they expressed their intention to stay, the sorcerer didn't object.

Currently, eliminating the demons of the Brilliant Race was somewhat challenging for him alone. Having their assistance would boost his confidence.

"In that case, let's go together. We'll wait here first. When the leader of the Huang Clan and the man in the black robe emerge, we'll enter and destroy the sacrificial pool," suggested the sorcerer.

The core of the ritual was the pool. Without it, they wouldn't have anything to sacrifice, and the ceremony couldn't continue. As for the malevolent man in the black robe, the sorcerer aimed to eliminate him.

"Alright," Gu Chaoyan agreed and handed them two pills. "Take these."

"What are these?" Adams inquired.

The sorcerer consumed his pill.

Adams followed suit.

Gu Chaoyan provided no explanation.

This was an aura-concealing pill. Explaining such items in this world was too complicated, so he chose to remain silent.

After ingesting the pill, numerous individuals from the Huang Clan emerged. The leader of the Huang Clan also appeared, accompanied by a man in a black robe.

As they passed by, none of them noticed anything amiss and proceeded downhill.

The three of them exchanged glances.

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It was nearly impossible for the panicked Huang clansmen to impede the progress of the three. In the midst of the chaos, the trio went unnoticed, especially with the Huang clan leader and the black-robed man, practicing heretic cultivation, having already left. If they moved swiftly, they were unlikely to be detected.

The execution of their plan proceeded more smoothly than anticipated.

The three of them shared an unspoken agreement.

Gu Chaoyan instructed Adams not to incapacitate the three guards, and she took the attire of the Huang Clan to slip into the compound unnoticed.

With an air of familiarity, they openly entered the Huang Clan's premises.

The sacrificial pool, essential for the ritual, lacked any guards. Perhaps, the Huang Clan's patriarch had concerns about potential infiltrators, making it a convenient entry point.

Standing before the pool, the trio contemplated how to dismantle it.

Adams, robust but lacking experience in such matters, shrugged. His strength could be of use, but problem-solving required a different approach beyond physical prowess.

Therefore, he decided to refrain from overthinking the matter.

Gu Chaoyan, left without other options, turned her gaze to the sorcerer.

The sorcerer had come to the Huang Clan specifically to address their issues, and being a sorcerer meant he held authority over all matters in this world. It was only fitting that he took charge.

“Do as you see fit, sorcerer,” Gu Chaoyan said, spreading out her hands.

The sorcerer examined the pool with a solemn expression.

This sacrificial pool indeed posed a formidable challenge.

The depth of the pool remained unknown, shrouded in an oppressive coldness. An ordinary person would likely vanish within seconds if they fell in.

Before his injuries, the sorcerer might have had the ability to handle the pool. However, now, with severe injuries, dealing with it seemed beyond his capabilities.

Picking up a nearby dead tree, he attempted to gauge the depth of the pool by throwing it ten feet away. The dead tree sank immediately, without even floating.

“The water in this pool is different from ordinary ones. If it were ordinary water, the dead wood would float,” Adams remarked.

Gu Chaoyan rolled her eyes.

“What’s the point of saying that? If it were the same, what would we do?” she retorted.

Adams fell silent.

Meanwhile, the sorcerer used various lengths of wood to measure the depth of the pool.

Eventually, he concluded, “The water here is unfathomable.”

Adams suggested, “What if we fill it with mud?” as if they were addressing a low-lying area filled with water.

“We can resort to the most basic method, but there’s a risk of destroying this place,” Gu Chaoyan replied.

The sorcerer nodded.

The crudest and simplest approach.

“Let’s give it a try first,” Adams suggested, heading to fill the pool.

As the materials entered the water, they seemed to be devoured, disappearing completely.

“Who are you!” Camilla’s harsh voice echoed from behind them.

Startled by the sudden voice, the three turned around.

Upon seeing Adams, Camilla smiled. “You’re much more formidable than I thought.”

“No matter how much I appreciate your ability to discover this place, I can’t afford to let you stay here,” Camilla expressed regretfully.

Then...

In an instant, she launched an attack.

Camilla moved with incredible speed, pushing Adams toward the pool. However, Gu Chaoyan swiftly pulled him back.

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Gu Chaoyan swiftly pulled Adams away from the pool, altering his course. Due to the strength of Gu Chaoyan’s pull, Adams lost his balance and stumbled but managed to avoid falling into the pool.

The sorcerer attempted to assist him, but Camilla seemed determined to prevent Adams from escaping. She moved straight toward him, intent on causing harm.

Gu Chaoyan hurried to intercept Camilla, delivering a powerful kick that caught the Huang Clan's eldest daughter off guard, sending her tumbling down.

In this moment, Camilla realized she had underestimated the woman from an unknown race. Despite being the eldest daughter of the Huang Clan's patriarch and having learned powerful techniques from birth, she had always been unmatched within the clan. Consequently, she initially didn't take the trio seriously, especially not the other two, only desiring to eliminate Adams.

After two unsuccessful attempts, Camilla redirected her focus to Gu Chaoyan.

She glared fiercely and launched another attack.

Camilla closed in on Gu Chaoyan swiftly, attempting to strike her with an iron whip. However, Gu Chaoyan skillfully kicked the weapon away. Following that, she gave Camilla a forceful shove, causing her to stumble towards the edge of the pool.

Camilla's face registered shock, clearly frightened. Witnessing numerous sacrificial items turning into bloodwater and disappearing into the pool had made her aware of its terrifying nature. Despite this, she had never faced the prospect of being sacrificed herself and had never experienced fear.

In that critical moment, Camilla reacted swiftly, quickly getting up and fleeing in a sorry state. Whoever this woman was, she showed no mercy and displayed no intention of holding back.

Life was more crucial than anything, and Camilla was well aware of this, regardless of the significance of cultivation.

With Camilla gone, the three exchanged glances, but there was no sense of relaxation. Her departure signaled that the Huang clan members would soon redirect their attention to the pool, neglecting the escape of their clansmen.

"We need to deal with this pool promptly. Otherwise, it will pose a greater problem later on," the sorcerer advised.

Gu Chaoyan gazed at the deep pool, her eyes filled with contemplation.

Adams, just an ordinary clansman, and the seemingly powerless sorcerer couldn't handle this source of evil swiftly. They would have to rely on her, and dealing with it without utilizing her cultivation seemed almost impossible.

Every time she embarked on a mission, she could employ her cultivation. However, in this world, devoid of civilization, she had never utilized her cultivation before.

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She was using Xuelai's identity and preferred not to expose her cultivation, but at this juncture, she had no other option.

"Step back," Gu Chaoyan commanded with cold authority.

Adams and the sorcerer subconsciously retreated. Though her tone was typically assertive, Adams sensed a different aura about Xuelai at this moment.

Gathering her spiritual energy, Gu Chaoyan struck a small hill not far away. The hill quivered and collapsed after being hit by the spiritual energy. Continuing to use her spiritual energy, she propelled the hill into the pool.

The once-unfathomable pool was finally measured, reaching a depth of at least the height of a small mountain ten feet.

As the water in the pool seeped into the soil, the mountain, previously adorned with large trees, absorbed the water. The verdant trees, once corroded into black trunks, regained their natural color.

While not a perfect solution, this method proved sufficient.

Simultaneously, the black-robed man, having left the mountain, sensed something amiss. Anxious upon learning that over 10,000 people had fled, he rushed back with the Huang Clan's Tribe Chief to intervene. However, the scattered escapees, originally at the mountain's foot, dispersed in all directions, and the Huang Clan, relying on their numbers, refrained from pursuit.

An unease settled upon him something was not right.

The Tribe Chief of the Huang Clan explained that the clansmen subconsciously worshipped and feared the larger clans, and no matter how many clansmen there were, they dared not act rashly in the Huang Clan. However, all the clansmen mentioned by the Tribe Chief had now fled, indicating that someone was controlling them.

"Let's go back," the black-robed man suggested.

"We haven't captured them yet," the anxious Huang Clan leader protested. He hoped the black-robed man would use his cultivation to chase the escapees back.

"Let's go," the black-robed man curtly responded, leaving the Tribe Chief of the Huang Clan with no choice but to follow. Before leaving, he instructed, "We must capture all of them, no matter where they escape to."

Upon their return, the black-robed man headed straight for the pool.

"Tribe Chief, your daughter isn't here. Where is she? If I find out that she went there alone, I won't let her off on your account," the black-robed man questioned.

The secret was known by three people, including his daughter. The black-robed man trusted none of them. Not seeing his daughter Camilla upon his return made him suspicious.

"She wouldn't dare. Don't worry," the Huang Clan leader assured.

"You'd better."

As they hurried over, the surroundings fell silent.

The black-robed man sighed in relief when he saw the destroyed pool. “Who did this?” His anger made his voice hoarse and unpleasant.

Gu Chaoyan, Adams, and the sorcerer remained silent in the tree. Originally intending to leave, they had hidden upon hearing approaching footsteps. Now, they observed the black-robed man’s reactions closely.

And at this moment...

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The small hill buried in the pool suddenly loosened, surprising Adams. Gu Chaoyan glared at him, and he refrained from saying anything.

The unexpected occurrence resulted in the small mountain filling up the pool, causing the cold water to dilute in the soil. Although this was a normal outcome, the sudden loosening of the small mountain left Adams worried. He feared that the water might not engulf the small mountain as expected, a potentially terrifying situation. His surprise and panic were evident.

Given the unforeseen development, there was no need for them to expose themselves and interfere. The black-robed man and the Tribe Chief of the Huang Clan were below, so they decided to observe the situation first.

The loosened area seemed to be continuously unraveling, as if something was about to emerge. This caught the attention of the black-robed man and the Huang clan leader.

“What is happening?”

“Could it be that this small mountain is going to be devoured? Didn’t they say it only needs bones and flesh for sacrifice?” the Tribe Chief of the Huang Clan wondered aloud. He even contemplated that using dead things for sacrifice in the future might be easier than using living creatures.

The black-robed man glared at him and gruffly instructed, “Shut up.”

The Tribe Chief of the Huang Clan fell silent, watching as the area continued to loosen.

Suddenly...

The loosened spot started to crack, and a fissure appeared. A black snake swiftly emerged from the crack, opening its bloody mouth in an extremely aggressive manner and lunging towards the Tribe Chief of the Huang Clan. Overwhelmed with fear, he urinated on himself and hastily retreated.

Even the black-robed man was left stunned.

The black snake showed no mercy; it was clearly enraged and determined to devour anyone in one bite.

The black-robed man desperately shouted, “It’s me!”

However, the snake paid no heed. The black-robed man had no choice but to evade the snake, realizing he was no match for it. With numerous injuries and one arm bitten off, he was clearly in a dire situation.

Seeing the danger, Gu Chaoyan came down from the tree and directed, “That way!”

Recognizing that if the snake escaped, both the Huang Clan and other clansmen would be in grave danger, Gu Chaoyan knew she had to subdue the demonic spirit snake, Fey, now. The snake had grown stronger by devouring more people, becoming a more significant threat.

As Gu Chaoyan descended, the sorcerer and Adams also came down to assist.

The Tribe Chief of the Huang Clan, in his confusion, pointed at the three of them and accused, “You are the people who destroyed this pool!”

Ignoring the accusations, the sorcerer, taking advantage of the black-robed man's inability to escape, drew an arrow from his bow and stabbed the man to death. The black-robed man, already bitten and bleeding profusely, found a premature end.

With the black-robed man's demise, his sinister appearance became evident—a face of green, reflecting his heretical and evil practices. His death did not elicit sympathy.

Meanwhile, Gu Chaoyan continued her fierce battle against the powerful and venomous black snake. This snake, having consumed numerous people, possessed potent venom and formidable strength. Dodging its venomous attacks, Gu Chaoyan, drawing on her training from Supreme Sect, managed to injure the snake.

Adams, watching in fear, kept reminding her, "Be careful!"