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Chapter 2711: Protective Circle (2)

Feng Wu dashed off immediately after that.

Ling Hao sat on a rock, crestfallen.

Shao Xiao didn't seem very happy either.

Ling Hao said, "She just left us here! Are we not useful at all? Will we just cause her more trouble? I don't believe it!"

Shao Xiao said, "Haven't we been a burden to Feng Wu all along?"

Ling Hao glared at him.

Shao Xiao shrugged. "Can you give me an example when we weren't a burden?"

Ling Hao was speechless.

Just then —

"Watch out!" Huo Shan jumped to his feet when he saw a big, fat Spirit Stone Worm crawl into sight.

They had seen from the big screen how terrifying they were.

The worms might look soft, chubby and harmless, but their teeth were sharp enough to tear one to pieces.

These worms ate spiritual stones. Could they be harmless?

"Let's kill it!" Ling Hao lashed out at the worm. "If I'm correct, it's a Class B magical beast at its peak, right?"

Wang Zhi did some calculations and nodded. "That's right. By the academy's standard, its crystal core is at that level."

Ling Hao was thrilled. "Guys, let's take its crystal core! Doesn't Feng Wu want to be first? Let's give her a hand!"

Wang Zhi found his suggestion idiotic. "How many worms do you think you can kill? Get back here."

Ling Hao shook his head. "That ugly little bird drew a circle and pooped in it. Do you seriously think it can protect us? If that's the case, why do we bother to cultivate at all?"

Huo Shan said, "I have faith in Feng Wu. If she says it'll work, then it'll work. However, that's only the last resort. I'm curious to find out how powerful the Spirit Stone Worms are. Ling Hao, shall we do it together?"

Ling Hao said, "Good idea!"

As it turned out, the Spirit Stone Worm was as formidable as it was said to be.

These magical beasts had lived in these underground tunnels for years and fed on spiritual stones.

Thump!

The two of them couldn't kill that worm. In the end, Shao Xiao and Wang Zhi had to give them a hand. "Phew..." Ling Hao heaved a sigh. "Gosh, it was so hard to kill, and that was only one worm..." Huo Shan said, "There can't be a lot of them. Trust me..." However, he paled before he could finish the sentence. He stared at the opening of the tunnel. What was wrong? The others were scared out of their wits when they looked in that direction. Spirit Stone Worms! There were so many of them! More than they could count! Everywhere they looked, there were big, fat Spirit Stone Worms that were each the size of a grown man! "Holy crap..."

"OMG..."

"No way!"

They were all alarmed.

That was crazy!

How could there be so many of them?

Had they caught the scent of human flesh and followed it here?

"What should we do now?" Ling Hao was as white as a sheet.

Chapter 2712: Protective Circle (3)

There had to be thousands of them.

The four of them had to fight together to defeat one Spirit Stone Worm, and two worms could probably finish them all. There were thousands of worms out there...

Without hesitation, Huo Shan ran toward the circle Little Phoenix had drawn.

Shao Xiao and Wang Zhi looked at each other, both wondering if the circle would stop the worms.

However, they didn't have any other choice.

There was no way they could defeat all the worms.

Those worms didn't even need to do anything. They could easily crush them with their weight alone.

Everyone jumped into the circle except for Ling Hao.

The worms crawled toward them. The antennas on their heads were shaped like bolts, their bulging eyes glinted coldly, and their tongues flicked the way a snake's would. It was a bone-chilling sight.

They moved very fast and reached the team in no time.

The look in their eyes reminded one of hungry wolves.

After being stuck here for so many years, they missed the taste of fresh human flesh.

Seeing that Ling Hao had frozen on the spot, Shao Xiao ran out of the circle and dragged him into it before the worms reached him.

Only then did Ling Hao realize what was going to happen.

"Are we going to die? Are they going to eat us? I don't want to die..." He was so frightened that he was almost in tears.

Shao Xiao was trembling as well, but he forced himself to calm down and fought back his fear. "We have to trust Feng Wu. I'm sure we'll be fine."

Only a moment ago, they had been complaining about Feng Wu, but now, they realized that they really would have been a burden to her.

How humiliating...

The worms soon reached them.

The circle wasn't all that big, and the worms were already two meters long.

They moved closer and closer.

Everyone was frightened out of their wits, when the worms stopped.

The leader of the worms had frightening eyes and was as long as five meters.

It was at least a Spiritual King.

When it stopped, the other worms stopped as well.

It seemed the other worms would follow their leader's order without question.

The leader stretched out its head and sniffed around as if it was perplexed. It seemed to be searching for an old memory. Suddenly, it screeched in fear.

It was an ear-splitting noise.

The sound almost knocked the team out.

Ling Hao burst into tears, thinking that he was going to die for sure.

Just then, the leader of the worms spun around and ran back into the tunnel as fast as it could manage.

The other worms seemed bewildered, because they weren't as sensitive as their leader.

However, it didn't take them long to recover the same memory. The terror of the past haunted them once more.

Chapter 2713: Protective Circle (4)

They all started retreating as if someone was hunting them.

They disappeared as fast as they had arrived.

Ling Hao was still screaming.

Shao Xiao grabbed his shoulder and shook him. "Stop! We're safe! They're gone!"

It took Ling Hao a while to quiet down because he had covered his ears with his hands. He raised his head and looked at Shao Xiao in bewilderment.

Gradually, his hearing recovered.

He could hear what Shao Xiao was saying.

"The worms are all gone! We're safe! We're going to live!" Shao Xiao repeated loudly.

Hearing this, Ling Hao looked around.

He remembered that they had been surrounded by thousands of Spirit Stone Worms.

But they were nowhere to be seen now.

Had it not been for the slime on the ground, he would think he had been dreaming.

Ling Hao asked, "Are they all gone?"

The others nodded. "Yes."

Ling Hao said, "They stopped trying to eat us because we hid in the circle, is that it?"

The others nodded again. "Yes."

Ling Hao said, "What kind of bird was that?"

The others were amazed as well.

Where did that bird come from?

The worms only smelled its poop, and they were scared out of their wits...

"Why do I feel like that bird has dealt with these worms before?" Huo Shan said curiously.

"That's impossible," said Shao Xiao. "This mine has been buried underground for many years, but that bird is about the same age as Feng Wu. How can it have seen the worms before? I think it has something to do with its bloodline."

"We owe her one again." Ling Hao was crestfallen. "Actually, we owe the bird a favor this time..."

Shao Xiao smiled bitterly. "We should be used to it by now. We'll repay her little by little, I guess."

They admired Feng Wu even more.

That bird was definitely one of the legendary divine beasts, but Feng Wu was its master. What did that mean?

A divine beast had recognized Feng Wu's ability!

If that was the case ...

No other student in Imperial College was Feng Wu's match!

Meanwhile ...

Led by Little Phoenix, Feng Wu headed for where Shan Jingfei was.

Shan Jingfei and her friends had run into many difficulties along the way.

They entered the Secret Essence Mine before Feng Wu did, but they soon got lost.

There were countless tunnels underground, and they soon got lost. Moreover, they also ran into the Spirit Stone Worms from the very beginning.

At first, the worms appeared one at a time.

Shan Jingfei was glad.

She thought she would obtain enough crystal cores from these magical beasts.

Xuecheng Team was with her, and they killed those beasts easily.

However, things didn't remain that way.

More and more worms appeared.

At first, they came in threes and fives. Then, there were 10, 20 and even 30 of them.

Xuecheng Team could still handle 30 worms.

However, there were soon hundreds of worms.

Shan Jingfei burst into tears when they were surrounded by countless worms.

Chapter 2714: Critical Moment (1)

"What should we do now?!" Ye Han and her teammates were cornered in a narrow cave.

They were surrounded by Spirit Stone Worms in all directions.

Spirit Stone Worms charged at them like endless waves.

They were gigantic creatures with bulging eyes which glinted coldly as they gnashed their teeth.

They were ready to tear the eleven people to pieces.

After Cheng Fang found them, the group now had eleven members.

Xuecheng Team had the more capable members, so three of them stopped the attack from the front.

Two other members stayed in the rear, fighting back the worms that were following them.

The narrow tunnel was blocked by the dead bodies of the worms, which made them think they were safe.

However, they soon realized that they were too naive.

The worms began to devour the bodies of their own kin.

"Oh my god!" Shan Jingfei was nauseated by the sight. "They're eating their own kind! That's insane!"

They trembled as they watched the worms tear apart the bodies with their sharp teeth. Their stomachs churned.

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"Are we going to die? I don't want to die!" Ye Han was terrified when she was forced to face the possibility of death.

Xuecheng Team went on killing the worms, guarding the others from the front and the back. They had no problem fighting a couple of worms at a time, but they were only human, and would get tired eventually.

They were already covered with worm bites and were getting weaker.

"They're not only disgusting, their bites are venomous as well!" Ye Han panicked. "What should we do now? Xuecheng Team can't hold them back for much longer..."

Shan Jingfei was furious. She glared at Xuecheng Team and complained, "I thought Qiu Zeyu would find me some capable students. They're not that useful, after all!"

Ye Hongxue hadn't been all that keen to help Shan Jingfei in the first place.

They had only accepted the request to obtain a certain number of crystal cores, not protect some girl.

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They were doing these students a favor. They weren't obliged to help them out.

Instead of thanking them for their kindness, Shan Jingfei was complaining. Who the hell did she think she was, a princess?

Ye Hongxue smirked. "Fine. If we're not good enough, do it on your own!"

After that, Ye Hongxue walked back to the team and sat on the ground to recover her strength.

"You!" Shan Jingfei stared at her in disbelief. "How dare you?!"

Ye Hongxue met her eyes. "Watch me! I don't owe you anything!"

Shan Jingfei considered herself the most popular girl in the school, and all boys were supposed to be in love with her. She gritted her teeth and sneered at Ye Hongxue. "Have you forgotten your mission? You accepted the request!"

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She had never seen Ye Hongxue as a senior student.

Ye Hongxue meant nothing to her.

However, Ye Hongxue wasn't threatened. "Have you forgotten what our mission is?"

Chapter 2715: Critical Moment (2)

Shan Jingfei looked at Ye Hongxue in bewilderment.

Ye Hongxue snorted. "Our mission was to help you get 20 Class B crystal cores."

Shan Jingfei wanted to retort, but Ye Hongxue glanced at her. "We've killed way over 20 Spirit Stone Worms for you. Our mission is complete."

Shan Jingfei was embarrassed.

The praise she had received over the years had made her too arrogant. She couldn't believe anyone would dare treat her this way.

Shan Jingfei ground her teeth. "Are you saying you're not going to help us anymore?"

Ye Hongxue smirked. "I don't know about your relationship with Qiu Zeyu, but he didn't hire us to protect you since it would be too expensive."

Shan Jingfei looked like she had been slapped. "He didn't know I would be in danger. Otherwise..."

Ye Hongxue cut her off. "I don't care, and I don't want to know. The bottom line is that Xuecheng Team has completed the mission. Your safety is none of our business!"

Shan Jingfei said, "But you're a Class A student and our senior..."

"As your senior, I'm going to give you a warning." Ye Hongxue rolled her eyes at Shan Jingfei. "I'm doing you a big favor here, and I'm not obliged to help you, so keep your mouth shut! I'll throw you to the worms if you annoy me again!"

"You!"

Shan Jingfei was furious.

Her face had turned scarlet red because she had never been humiliated like this before. However, she didn't dare say a word.

She realized how displeased Ye Hongxue had become.

"Xue Hao..." She changed her approach and turned to Xue Hao instead.

However, Ye Hongxue glared at Xue Hao before Shan Jingfei could finish. "Xue Hao, I'll be our team's acting captain for a while. Agreed?"

In a critical moment like this, no one wanted to deal with Shan Jingfei's whining, so Xue Hao immediately said, "Great! I like that idea!"

Ye Hongxue glanced at Shan Jingfei, who looked like she was about to explode.

Ye Hongxue went on, "Since I'm the captain now, I order you to come back here and take a break!"

Xue Hao said, "Who will fight off the worms?"

Ye Hongxue said, "Don't they have the great captain Shan Jingfei? She's supposed to be the top student in Class B. She shouldn't hide behind us and make us protect her. She'll be going to Peace Grassland soon, and she needs the practice. Go on!"

Xue Hao and his teammates cleared their throats. They came back, sat down next to Ye Hongxue, and started to recover their strength.

Shan Jingfei and her team were under a lot of pressure.

Ye Hongxue was right. Because Xuecheng Team had been protecting the others, Shan Jingfei and her team had the energy to stay at the back and complain.

After Xuecheng Team fell back, Shan Jingfei and the others had to face the worms on their own.

Shan Jingfei was in tears when she saw the drooling worms.

Infuriated, she shouted at Cheng Fang.

"It's all your fault!"

Cheng Fang was dumbfounded. "What?"

He had been worried about them and had come back to help them despite the danger. Was this what he got in return?

Shan Jingfei didn't dare criticize Ye Hongxue, so she lashed out at Cheng Fang.

Chapter 2716: Critical Moment (3)

"If we hadn't followed you, we would never have walked into this tunnel!

"And if we hadn't walked into this tunnel, we would never have run into so many worms!

"It's all your fault! You're going to get us killed!"

Cheng Fang was dumbfounded. "I..."

Shan Jingfei said, "Your paper crane can't be trusted! We shouldn't have followed it!"

Cheng Fang tried to explain. "We can trust it! It knows the way! Feng Wu gave it to me and told me I could lead you out of the cave if I just followed the bird. We can get to the formation core..."

Shan Jingfei smirked and glanced at Ye Han.

Ye Han immediately slapped Cheng Fang.

Cheng Fang was shocked. "Ye Han, you..."

Ye Han was furious. "Cheng Fang, you idiot!"

Cheng Fang didn't know what he had done wrong.

Ye Han said, "Did you say Feng Wu gave you the paper crane? Have you forgotten the grudge she holds against us? How can you trust her?

"Fine, you can trust her if you want to, but why did you bring us into it?

"That paper crane can lead us out of here and take us to the core? Do you even hear yourself?

"Feng Wu hates Shan Jingfei and me. She would kill us at the first opportunity! She wouldn't lead us somewhere safe!

"Plus, she's only human! She can't predict where we are, nor does she know the core!

"If she finds the formation core, she'll let that paper bird take us in the opposite direction! She'll send us to some worm nest!

"She doesn't know where the core is, she's simply making things up!

"In a word, she's evil!

"You didn't tell us in the beginning that the crane came from Feng Wu!"

Cheng Fang was overwhelmed by everything she said. "I wanted to tell you, but you would shout at me as soon as I mentioned her name..."

Ye Han said, "You knew it, then. Cheng Fang, can't you tell that Feng Wu wants to kill us? You're her accomplice!"

Cheng Fang was almost in tears. "No, it's not like that. Feng Wu really can..."

Ye Han wanted to choke him.

Xin Zhixuan frowned. "Stop it! Help us with the worms! We can't hold them back much longer!"

Xuecheng Team was resting, and the remaining six people in the group weren't nearly as capable. They had to work together just to fight off one worm.

Luckily, the tunnel was narrow, and the worms could only come in one at a time. Otherwise, they would have long been dead.

It was easy to fight off the worms at first, but there were so many of them.

Killing one worm didn't make any difference.

When one fell, another would take its place.

The worms learned from their failure.

The worm at the front would push the dead body back so that the other worms could chew on it. It would then have direct access to human flesh.

Yes, in their eyes, humans were no more than lumps of fresh meat.

15 minutes passed in that way.

Ye Han screamed.

A worm had snatched her sword.

Chapter 2717: Critical Moment (4)

The worm's teeth were so sharp that it chewed on the sword and swallowed it.

It ate the sword.

If it could eat metal without difficulty, what about human flesh?

Everyone paled.

Ye Han was still shocked, when a worm bit down on her neck.

"Ah!"

Ye Han reacted quickly enough. The worm missed her neck and bit her on the shoulder.

It buried its teeth in her flesh, and blood gushed out.

Needless to say, it was excruciating. The worse thing was that the worms also fed on rotten meat they found underground, and their saliva was poisonous!

Ye Han was terrified and screamed at the top of her lungs.

Before long, Shan Jingfei was injured as well.

A worm bit her on the calf.

She screamed and kicked the worm away, but it was too late.

Her calf was swollen, and the affected area was expanding.

Shan Jingfei felt dizzy. Was she going to die?

More people were injured and fell.

The situation was becoming more serious.

Just then, they heard a strange chewing sound.

"What's that?" Ye Han was resting, and she cried out when she heard it.

She searched for the source of the noise.

What she saw terrified her.

Because!

It was coming from the walls.

The tunnel was only wide enough for one person to pass through, and it had helped to block the worms out. However, they were gnawing on the stone walls now.

They were creating large holes in the walls now.

To be more precise, they had widened the tunnels.

Multiple tunnels led to the place the students were in, and when the openings were widened, the tunnels combined into one.

The space had opened up.

Shan Jingfei and her friends turned ghastly pale. They trembled from head to toe and thought they were going to die here.

Even members of Xuecheng Team seemed frightened.

The worms made gloating sounds as they crawled toward their meal.

"I don't want to die!" Ye Han screamed.

Shan Jingfei tried to contact Qiu Zeyu, but here in the mine, they were completely cut off from the outside world.

"Can someone help us? I don't want to die! If someone can save us, I promise I'll do whatever I can to repay them!"

However, nobody answered their distress call.

50 worms...

100...

200...

It was as if all the worms in the mine were moving toward them.

Shan Jingfei and the others lost all hope.

They had never been so close to death before.

The inevitable was about to happen.

"Hey!"

They suddenly heard a different sound.

They looked up.

They then saw a colorful bird that was only the size of a fist.

It landed on Shan Jingfei's head.

Chapter 2718: Thief (1)

Everyone stared at the bird on Shan Jingfei's head.

"Isn't that Feng Wu's bird?"

"What's it doing here? Why is it on Shan Jingfei's head?"

"What does it want?"

Shan Jingfei couldn't see it, but she knew something was on her head.

Of course, she wouldn't let a bird stand there. It was so humiliating. She wanted to brush the bird away.

However, she was feverish from the worms' toxin and was too weak to lift a finger.

What kind of bird was that?

Meanwhile, the bird was looking at the worms.

The Spirit Stone Worms weren't intimidated at first. They even glared at Little Phoenix.

However, the bird then did something else.

Everyone heard the sound of flowing water.

What was that?

They looked at one another in bewilderment.

Then it occurred to them.

OMG!

It was that bird!

It had peed on Shan Jingfei's head!

The pee was actually meant for the worms.

But still, it was unbelievable.

Ye Han stared at Shan Jingfei in astonishment.

Shan Jingfei had no idea what had happened, until she picked up the smell.

The stench...

Shan Jingfei was furious, but she felt so weak that she was close to fainting.

"Get it off me! Kill it!" she bellowed.

Cheng Fang said, "No, don't do that! It's Feng Wu's bird!"

Feng Wu! Her again!

That name made Shan Jingfei want to throw up.

What happened next infuriated her further.

Feng Wu showed up.

She effortlessly made her way through the worms, finishing each worm with a single blow.

Little Phoenix flew away from Shan Jingfei and went to help its master.

Soon, Feng Wu killed most of the worms surrounding the team.

They were amazed by her speed and skills.

They were also still amazed by the bird, and by the time they looked around them again, they saw that the ground was covered in dead worms.

Feng Wu turned to Ye Hongxue. "Could you help me pick up the crystal cores, please?"

She had saved Ye Hongxue's life once, and Ye Hongxue was glad to return the favor.

Plus, Feng Wu had just saved them again.

Ye Hongxue summoned her team. Together, they picked up all the crystal cores for Feng Wu.

Feng Wu didn't come here just to save Shan Jingfei. She wasn't that nice.

She realized she hadn't obtained enough crystal cores to make first place or support her future cultivation. Therefore, she had come all the way here to harvest some more.

She drew out her Fallen Star Sword and activated the three stances and Ground Control.

As if they were put under a spell, the worms remained motionless while Feng Wu cut them down one after another.

Their bodies were scattered all over the ground.

It was efficient.

Feng Wu killed over 100 worms in less than five minutes.

The others were amazed. Why did the worms just remain still and let Feng Wu kill them?

Chapter 2719: Thief (2)

"We can't just sit here!"

Shan Jingfei had recovered some strength, and an idea suddenly struck her.

If Feng Wu took all the crystal cores here, she would probably become first in this hunt.

However, Shan Jingfei was supposed to have secured that place.

Therefore, she knew she had to intervene.

If they all started killing the worms, Feng Wu wouldn't be able to claim all the crystal cores, and everyone would take a portion. That was Shan Jingfei's plan.

Despite still feeling weak, Shan Jingfei charged at the worms.

But —

She couldn't even get close enough.

Thump!

She ran into an invisible shield and bounced off of it.

Not only that, she landed on a dead worm that had its mouth open.

"Ouch!"

One couldn't begin to imagine how that would feel.

Ye Han and Xin Zhixuan rushed to her side, and tried to drag her out.

It was probably because they also felt weak, but it took them forever to drag Shan Jingfei from the slimy mouth of that worm.

Xin Zhixuan feigned a cheerful tone. "You were so lucky, Jingfei. The worm was already dead when you fell into its mouth. Otherwise..."

Shan Jingfei shook with rage.

She ignored Xin Zhixuan and just stared at Feng Wu.

Feng Wu was still cutting down Spirit Stone Worms.

The worms didn't even try to dodge, and they let Feng Wu slice them open.

There were so many crystal cores!

"Why couldn't I get to her?" Shan Jingfei wondered.

Ye Hongxue walked past her at that moment and gave her an indescribable look.

Seeing Ye Hongxue, Shan Jingfei shouted, "Hongxue, give me a hand!"

Ye Hongxue was baffled.

Shan Jingfei said, "Come here! I'm going to fall!"

She decided that Ye Hongxue should serve her instead of helping Feng Wu.

She thought Ye Hongxue would come to her as soon as she made the request. However, Ye Hongxue only rolled her eyes at her.

She then ignored Shan Jingfei and walked toward Feng Wu.

She didn't even say a word to Shan Jingfei.

Shan Jingfei had never been so angry in her life.

She stared at Ye Hongxue from behind and said in a threatening tone, "Ye Hongxue, are you going to disobey me?"

Ye Hongxue stopped.

Shan Jingfei laughed inwardly, thinking that Ye Hongxue had to listen to her after all.

She shouted at Ye Hongxue, "Give me all the crystal cores you have!"

Ye Hongxue turned around and looked at her in resignation, wondering when this princess would face reality.

Shan Jingfei took her reaction for fear, so she stared at Ye Hongxue and urged, "Can't you hear me? Give me all your crystal cores!"

She was going to reap what she hadn't sown and steal all the crystal cores Feng Wu had worked so hard to obtain.

The idea soothed Shan Jingfei.

To her surprise, Ye Hongxue said, "You idiot."

What?

Chapter 2720: Thief (3)

Shan Jingfei couldn't believe her ears. "What did you say?"

Xin Zhixuan and Ye Han heard every word.

They were shocked.

Ye Hongxue took a step forward and stared at Shan Jingfei. "I thought that being the top student and class president of Class B, you would be smarter than the others. I see now that calling you a pig is an insult to pigs!"

What? Shan Jingfei pointed at Ye Hongxue, not knowing what to say.

Ye Hongxue could be very mean when she wanted to.

"Pigs at least have eyes. Where are yours? Are you blind?"

Shan Jingfei said, "You..."

Ye Hongxue gave Shan Jingfei one last glance before walking away.

Shan Jingfei screamed.

She was furious.

She decided that things were a wreck now, and these people all wanted to take advantage of the situation. What a snobbish bunch!

"I'll remember this, Ye Hongxue! You won't get away with it!"

Shan Jingfei was so angry that she couldn't think straight.

She jumped to her feet, but no one paid any attention to her.

She forced herself to calm down.

"No, I have to control myself. Screaming like this will only destroy my image. I need to come up with a plan."

She looked at the other members of Xuecheng Team.

Coercion had failed, so she had to change her approach.

Shan Jingfei told Xin Zhixuan, "I need you to do something for me."

Ye Han stared at Shan Jingfei in astonishment.

The girl had been screaming a moment ago, but now, she was perfectly composed.

She could control herself so well.

What a scary woman. Ye Han felt a chill go down her spine.

However, Xin Zhixuan knew Shan Jingfei well enough to see this coming. She didn't seem surprised at all.

"Go ahead." Xin Zhixuan nodded.

Shan Jingfei whispered something in Xin Zhixuan's ear.

Xin Zhixuan hesitated, but her stomach lurched when she saw the warning look in Shan Jingfei's eyes. She immediately nodded. "Yes, of course."

Xin Zhixuan went to talk to Lin Juncheng, who had always been the more friendly one.

Shan Jingfei smirked.

"Feng Wu, you're about 100 years too young to work against me!"

Feng Wu had killed all the Spirit Stone Worms frozen to the spot by Ground Control.

The worms further away had all escaped, frightened either by the Fallen Star Sword or by Little Phoenix.

They were nowhere to be seen.

They had abandoned the bodies of their dead companions.

Ye Hongxue counted the crystal cores she had collected. There were 300 in total.

Someone stopped her when she was about to give the crystal cores to Feng Wu.

Ye Hongxue stared at Shan Jingfei in disbelief. Had she lost her mind? She had told Shan Jingfei that the crystal cores belonged to Feng Wu.

"Thank you for gathering the crystal cores for me. I'll take it from here."

Shan Jingfei smiled.

The smile creeped Ye Hongxue out.

"Shan Jingfei, are you deaf?"