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Chapter 2731: Spiritual King

Even Feng Wu was astonished.

“One day and one night? It can’t be!” She stared at Little Phoenix in disbelief. “How can it be so long? It only felt like five minutes to me!”

Little Phoenix sighed. “Because you were in the sword spirit state.”

Feng Wu asked, “The sword spirit state?”

Little Phoenix nodded. “It’s extremely difficult to achieve that state, even for my master. Once you’re in that state, the results are very rewarding.”

Feng Wu said, “I don’t feel all that rewarded...”

She examined herself as she spoke.

Then, she abruptly stopped talking.

That was because —

To her astonishment, she was much closer to reaching the Spiritual King stage now. She had only made 50% progress before, but she was at 99.99% now.

She was so close to making the breakthrough!

Just then, something clicked in Feng Wu’s head.

The Spiritual King stage!

She sat down with her legs crossed and started cultivating in front of the five teenagers.

There was a huge gap between the Spiritual Lord stage and Spiritual King stage.

These five teenagers belonged to the second team of Class A at the Military Academy.

That was to say, they were ranked sixth to tenth in the Military Academy. Lan Xuefeng, the captain, was a peak Level 8 Spiritual Lord, whereas his teammates were advanced Level 8 Spiritual Lords.

Feng Wu had just reached the Spiritual King stage.

The five teenagers weren’t Spiritual Kings, but they had met some before and knew what their energy felt like.

They had always been led by Spiritual Kings in Peace Grassland.

But now...

This girl...

She was a pretty girl who was no more than 14 years old, but she was already a Spiritual King!

OMG!

The five people looked at one another and didn't know what to say.

"She wasn't a Spiritual King at first, was she?"

"I thought that stage was very hard to reach!"

"I heard you need to be at least 20 years old to comprehend the process and make the breakthrough!"

"Can she really be a fairy from another world?"

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Two hours later, Feng Wu finally processed all her spiritual essence.

The Spiritual King stage was as impressive as it was said to be.

Although she was only a junior Spiritual King, she felt full of strength, as if she could punch through rock.

Just then, a giant Spirit Stone Worm charged at her.

"Watch out! It's a Spirit Stone Worm King!"

Lan Xuefeng cried out to warn Feng Wu.

It was the leader of the Spirit Stone Worms. The fleeing worms must have gone back to their leader with the news, which was why the king had appeared.

According to Little Phoenix, Spirit Stone Worms were about the size of fleas when they were born.

After being stuck here in the Secret Essence Mine for so many years, they had grown larger and larger until they were as big as grown men. As for the approaching leader of the worms...

It moved as fast as a cheetah!

Everything happened so fast!

Chapter 2732: Are You Talking about Zuo Qingluan?

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Everything happened so fast!

Feng Wu raised a hand and smacked the giant worm on the head.

Thump!

The worm smashed into the wall.

The impact shattered the wall completely.

"I... I..."

"OMG!"

“Am I seeing things?”

“Isn’t that worm a Spiritual King?”

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What happened astonished all five teenagers, and they stared at Feng Wu in disbelief.

Feng Wu didn’t know what to say.

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She was also pleasantly surprised by this breakthrough.

She had been here for a whole day, and her friends were still at the formation core. They had to be so worried.

She immediately took off.

Lan Xuefeng and the others called after Feng Wu when they saw that she was leaving.

“Miss! Miss! Please let us thank you!”

They all dropped to their knees and prostrated themselves on the ground.

Feng Wu saw their injuries and tattered clothes, which made her wonder. She asked, “Did you just come back from Peace Grassland?”

The teenagers nodded.

Feng Wu said, “You’re all very brave. Good job.”

She then handed a paper crane to Lan Xuefeng. “Follow the bird. It’ll lead you out of this mine.”

Before they knew it, she was out of sight.

It felt great to walk away from doing a good deed and remain anonymous. Feng Wu chuckled to herself.

According to Lin Juncheng, these five people were ranked sixth to tenth in the Military Academy. Imperial College students with the same ranking would be so arrogant, but those five were very well-behaved. She found them adorable.

Lan Xuefeng and his team only realized what had happened after Feng Wu was gone.

“Our fairy is gone...”

“Just like that...”

The thought of not seeing her again made them sad.

“I wonder if we’ll ever see her again. I have such a big crush on her now.”

“She’s a fairy! Of course we won’t see her again!”

“Didn’t you hear what she said? She asked if we had come back from Peace Grassland. The sporadic battles between the empire and the Dongsang Kingdom in Peace Grassland are recent events, and only a few people in the empire know about them.”

“That’s right. Apart from the military, only students from Class B and above in our school and Imperial College are qualified to fight in these battles. That fairy mentioned Peace Grassland, so she has to be human!”

“Not only that, she’s also from one of the two schools!”

“The two schools? Who are you kidding? There’s no one like her in the Military Academy!”

“In that case, is she a senior student from Imperial College?”

“No way! She’s a Spiritual King! Only the tutors who led us in Peace Grassland were Spiritual Kings. How can she be a student?”

“Since when did Imperial College have such a capable member?”

“We’ll ask around once we get back. She’s too impressive to be kept a secret, even if she’s a teacher.”

“Look! There are inscriptions on the paper crane!”

“What level are the inscriptions? The paper crane isn’t just alive, it can show us the way out of here!”

They went back to the Military Academy.

“The most famous tutor in Imperial College recently... Do you mean Miss Zuo Qingluan, the head of the War Academy?”

Chapter 2733: The School’s Reaction

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Things were quite noisy when Feng Wu reached the formation core.

Shao Xiao and the others had waited and waited.

They felt uneasy and looked forward to seeing Feng Wu.

They didn’t have any provisions with them because they had been in Thousand Night Forest. There were magical beasts everywhere in the forest, and they could roast meat over a fire. There was no need to bring their own food.

However...

They had never expected to end up in this Secret Essence Mine.

By then, they hadn’t eaten for days and were starving.

“Do you have any food on you?” Ling Hao asked.

All the other team members shook their heads, smiling bitterly.

They missed the roast chicken which they had carelessly thrown away in the outside world.

They were surrounded by dead Spirit Stone Worms, but no one could bring themselves to eat those things.

They could only stay in the circle, and didn't dare venture out.

They waited and waited.

They thought Feng Wu would come back when they finally saw Ye Hongxue and the others.

After that came more waiting.

But Feng Wu was still nowhere to be seen.

They were patient at first, but gradually, they became anxious.

"Do you think something happened to Feng Wu?" Huo Shan paled.

He alone knew how well-connected Feng Wu was. The crown prince cared for her!

"We shouldn't just wait here. Let's go out and look for her!"

Apart from Shan Jingfei and Ye Han, everyone else went out to look for Feng Wu.

However, as soon as they stepped out of the formation core, they were surrounded by Spirit Stone Worms.

There were so many worms that the tunnels were packed.

They had never seen so many worms before.

"God... Have all the worms in the mine gathered here?"

"They're moving closer..."

"We're their targets!"

"Oh, no! We should go back!"

Shao Xiao led the others back to the circle.

It was big enough for four people to stand inside, but there were over ten people now, and the circle was too small.

"Everybody, get in!"

Shao Xiao shouted, "This is a protective circle. The worms won't attack us when we're inside. Get in!"

Feng Wu's team had survived waves of attacks by hiding in the circle, and they jumped back in without hesitation.

Ye Hongxue and her team had spent time in Peace Grassland and were used to following orders, so they jumped into the circle as well.

Shan Jingfei didn't like the idea at all.

She found the circle too small.

It would never fit all of them.

“You’re counting on this thing to stop the worms. I don’t buy it.” Ye Han shook her head.

Apart from Ye Han, Xin Zhixuan and Shan Jingfei, everyone else went inside the circle.

The circle couldn’t take more people either.

The worms attacked again.

Boom!?

That was going to be their last attack.

The original worm king was dead, and the worms would compete among themselves until they had a new leader.

While the students were trapped in the Secret Essence Mine, the academy was informed of what had happened.

Only a handful of students had fallen into the Secret Essence Mine, while most people were lucky enough to remain on the surface.

The tutors came to their rescue and brought them back to the school.

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Chapter 2734: Chu Tianxiao

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“Mr. Yang, how many of your students are missing?” asked Gongsun Mu.

Mr. Yang was overwhelmed with anxiety.

“Many have come back, but a few students are missing, including Shan Jingfei!”

The other tutors paled when they heard this.

Meanwhile, the school officials held a meeting.

Over ten people attended, including the two deputy chiefs and the tutors of Classes A and B.

“Shan Jingfei is the best student in Class B. That place in the seeded team is meant for her.”

The Class A tutor told the truth.

No one said a word for a while.

“Miss Qingluan, what do you think?” Everybody looked at her.

Zuo Qingluan hadn’t made any achievements ever since she became the deputy chief, nor had she said anything convincing.

Because of her background, people hadn't said anything at first. However, dissatisfaction would accumulate over time.

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Zuo Qingluan raised her eyebrows. "Do we know why this has happened? Why did the Secret Essence Mine appear?"

Gongsun Mu nodded. "We've sent some elders to check the area and found it to be the consequence of the actions of some very capable cultivators. The entire Thousand Night Forest was split in half by a great valley, which was why the Secret Essence Mine surfaced."

"How capable?" Zuo Qingluan asked.

Gongsun Mu smiled bitterly, "Well, I can't say for sure..."

Just then, he suddenly straightened his back.

He rose to his feet and listened carefully.

Everybody was surprised.

What was happening?

Why did he look like his mind was elsewhere?

Zuo Qingluan was alarmed.

Her master had communicated with her several times that way, and she wondered if Gongsun Mu was doing the same thing.

"Yes, Sir!" Gongsun Mu said to someone in a respectful tone, before he turned to the others.

"I know what happened," he said solemnly. "The valley was indeed the result of a battle between two capable cultivators."

"Who were they?" Zuo Qingluan asked curiously.

Could it be someone as capable as her master?

Gongsun Mu said one name: "Chu Tianxiao."

What?!!!

Almost everyone jumped to their feet.

"Chu Tianxiao? How can it be him? I thought he was dead!"

"Chu Tianxiao, as in, the greatest swordsman?"

"Isn't he the disciple of Mu Jiuzhou, who used to rule this continent?"

"Oh my god!" Mr. Yang almost fainted. "He's like a god! Why would he come here?"

In their minds, Chu Tianxiao was as good as a figure from the legends.

He was still alive...

How old would he have to be?

Zuo Qingluan paled.

Chu Tianxiao...

He had once accused Zuo Qingluan's master of being inhuman in front of everyone, and had rendered her master speechless. He had humiliated Firmament Palace! Why was he here?

Chapter 2735: Rescue

Everyone was surprised by that name.

That person was supposed to be a figure from the history books. Why was he here?

"Chief Gongsun, is that true?" Still unconvinced, the others asked Gongsun Mu the question.

Gongsun Mu had never been so serious before. He nodded and said, "The chief told me himself."

Mr. Yang let out a breath of relief. "The Secret Essence Mine disappeared for many years, and Imperial College was never able to locate it. That legendary man is the only person who could have exposed it with a single strike."

It was rather terrifying to think about.

It had only taken that man one strike to expose the Secret Essence Mine which Imperial College hadn't been able to locate for years.

The school knew the area that the Secret Essence Mine was in, but the mine had its own formation, which had been active the whole time. There was nothing the school could do about it.

"What should we do now?" Everyone looked at Gongsun Mu.

Mr. Yang said, "Shan Jingfei and her four teammates are all inside, as well as Shao Xiao's team."

Gongsun Mu asked, "Is Feng Wu missing?"

Feng Wu?

Feng Wu had effortlessly defeated Shan Jingfei, and she was the future of Imperial College.

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Mr. Yang nodded solemnly. "Yes, she's inside, too."

He then handed over the list of names.

The five members of Shan Jingfei's team.

The six members of Shao Xiao's team.

And Ye Han.

There were 12 of them in total.

Just then, Mr. Duan of Class A received a message.

“What?” He looked at Qiu Zeyu and cried out, “Did you say Ye Hongxue’s Xuecheng Team?”

Qiu Zeyu had been scared to deliver the news, but the mission he had handed out was recorded in the system, and he couldn’t keep it a secret.

“There are 17 people inside!” Mr. Duan’s face darkened. “Are we going to lose 17 elite students this time?”

Gongsun Mu’s face was livid.

Of the 17 elite students, Feng Wu was the most important one.

Gongsun Mu gritted his teeth. “We have to find them!”

“But how?” Mr. Yang frowned. “The Secret Essence Mine is protected by a formation. We can’t get close enough, not to mention the 80,000 tunnels. We would be trapped inside forever.”

Zuo Qingluan was the only person who was happy to hear the news.

It had never occurred to her that her archenemy would die so easily.

She had been ready for a battle, but her enemy died before she could do anything. It gave her no sense of achievement at all.

However, Feng Wu was dead, and that was good news.

Despite her joy, Zuo Qingluan put on a sad face. “The 17 students may still be alive. We have to do something! We’ll spare no effort, regardless of whether or not we can save them!”

Mr. Duan glanced at her, amazed by that little speech. He then turned to Gongsun Mu and asked, “Sir, what do you think?”

Gongsun Mu glanced at his subordinate, who quickly walked away.

Chapter 2736: Elder Mei

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Needless to say, the subordinate had gone to get some help.

Gongsun Mu rose to his feet and said, “We can’t delay anymore. Let’s go to the Secret Essence Mine!”

All the tutors went with him.

It was like Mr. Yang had said. Because of the formation, people felt dizzy before they got close to the Secret Essence Mine. They couldn’t even stand still.

They had to stop when they were several hundred meters away.

Things had been calm when Feng Wu and the others were still outside the mine. However, the formation had been activated when they went in.

The Secret Essence Mine was surrounded by a powerful wind that could cut one's skin open.

The area within a hundred meters of the Secret Essence Mine had become a meat grinder.

"Mr. Gongsun, what should we do?" Everyone looked at Gongsun Mu.

Gongsun Mu's face darkened.

They couldn't get close to the mine, let alone enter it.

Mr. Yang volunteered. "Sir, shall I give it a go?"

Gongsun Mu didn't answer.

Mr. Yang said solemnly, "Sir, my students are trapped inside, and they're my responsibility. They may still be alive! I can't just stand here and let them die!"

Gongsun Mu nodded. "Give it a go. Come back here immediately if it doesn't feel right."

Mr. Yang nodded.

He took a deep breath and commanded the wind, "Stop!"

Then, he charged at the Secret Essence Mine like a shooting arrow.

If the wind hadn't been blowing, Mr. Yang could have reached the mine in a split second.

But now...

As he approached the windy zone, he covered his entire body with his spiritual essence.

But!

He backed away before he could reach the mine.

When he returned, the others were shocked to see the state he was in.

How did that happen?

His face was covered with cuts.

So were his hands and his entire body. His clothes were in tatters.

He was covered in blood.

"Mr. Yang, are you alright?" the others asked in concern.

Mr. Yang shook his head. "The wind is too strong. I exerted all my strength, but I still couldn't enter."

Mr. Yang was a Spiritual King. If even he couldn't enter...

"The only way is to stop this wind." Mr. Duan frowned.

"How? This is a Level 8 formation, and we can't stop it once it has been activated. If we could do that, we wouldn't have to wait for so many years." Mr. Yin smiled bitterly.

Gongsun Mu was a capable cultivator, but he knew very little about formations and didn't know what to do.

"Elder Mei is here!" Gongsun Mu's servant arrived with Elder Mei.

Elder Mei?

The name was a pleasant surprise.

Imperial College had more than these tutors and chiefs.

The school was full of culture and history, and the tutors alone wouldn't be able to support such a complicated system.

Imperial College had 36 mysterious elders in total.

Chapter 2737: Elder Mei's Arrival

The elders lived in the deepest corners of the campus and hardly ever came out.

They would only make an appearance when they found a student they were interested in.

Elder Mei was one of the mysterious elders.

The teachers were familiar with him because he was in charge of maintaining Imperial College's formation.

Of course, ordinary students still didn't know who he was.

"Master!" A middle-aged man stepped out from behind Mr. Duan.

He was Mr. Xu, who taught formations and inscriptions in Imperial College. Elder Mei used to be his teacher.

Mr. Xu worked in the War Academy, whereas Mr. Wu, whom Feng Wu had met, taught formations in the junior years.

Mr. Xu had tried to solve the formation in the Secret Essence Mine, 'Search NewNovel- on google'? but he couldn't comprehend any of it and had to ask Elder Mei for help.

If Elder Mei didn't know what to do, no one would.

Although Gongsun Mu was the vice-director of the War Academy, he was only in charge of daily errands.

All of the 36 elders were more senior than him.

Zuo Qingluan had become a vice chief because Zixuan recommended her before her voluntary retirement, and also because people believed her to be Jun Linyuan's future wife.

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However, to become an elder, one had to have adequate capability and seniority. One's connections didn't matter.

Gongsun Mu's career path would lead him toward becoming an elder one day.

Elder Mei walked toward them at an unhurried pace.

Despite his old age and white hair, he had a youthful complexion and seemed to be in high spirits.

“Elder Mei.” Everybody greeted the old man.

They hardly had the chance to meet such a prominent figure.

Elder Mei nodded and waved them off, caring little for formality.

Zuo Qingluan was thrilled to see Elder Mei.

She had learned formations and inscriptions in Firmament Palace. Her tutor had instructed her to become acquainted with Elder Mei when she came to the imperial capital and to learn formations and inscriptions from him.

She had come to the War Academy as a vice chief not only to humiliate Feng Wu, but also to try and meet Elder Mei.

Her eyes lit up when she saw the old man.

She quickly stepped forward and greeted him. “It’s an honor to meet you, Elder Mei.”

All Elder Mei cared about now was solving the formation in the Secret Essence Mine. He frowned a little when a pretty teenage girl suddenly blocked his way.

To someone so obsessed with formations, every face was the same as the next, and Zuo Qingluan’s stunning looks didn’t leave an impression on him.

He only nodded before turning his attention to the Secret Essence Mine.

His top priority was to stop the wind.

He could only reach the entrance after the wind stopped. After that, he would have to face the intricate tunnels in the mine.

Meeting Elder Mei was such a rare chance that Zuo Qingluan desperately wanted to impress him.

She was displeased when Elder Mei ignored her.

She had always been the center of attention. All her seniors appreciated her talent, and no one had ignored her like this before.

Chapter 2738: The Crown Prince’s Fiancee

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Zuo Qingluan took another step forward and beamed at the old man. “I’m Zuo Qingluan...”

However, Elder Mei cut her off impatiently and scolded her. “What’s your problem, young lady? Can’t you see how busy I am? I don’t have time to exchange pleasantries! Out of my way!”

No one had ever spoken to Zuo Qingluan like that before. The old man made her sound like an unruly child when she was, in fact, the sacred lady of Firmament Palace.

Even my master, the head of Firmament Palace, has never talked to me like that, you old fool!?thought Zuo Qingluan, her face twisted with rage.

Ahem...?

The others looked away in embarrassment.

Mr. Wang of Class D had openly opposed Feng Wu, so Zuo Qingluan had contacted him beforehand and paid him to keep slandering Feng Wu.

Seeing what was going on, Mr. Wang stepped out and smiled obsequiously. "Elder Mei, Miss Qingluan is our new vice chief..."

He tried to remind the old man to show the girl some respect.

However, it only made Elder Mei dislike Zuo Qingluan even more.

He didn't pay much attention to her at first, but Mr. Wang mentioned "vice chief."

"What vice chief?" Elder Mei frowned.

Mr. Wang smiled. "Chief Zixuan went to Peace Grassland, so she made Miss Qingluan the acting vice chief. Miss Qingluan is very capable..."

"Nonsense!" Elder Mei cut him off. "If Zixuan is absent, it's the school who decides who will replace her. She's just a vice chief! She has no right to hand out job offers!"

Everyone fell silent, and Zuo Qingluan felt mortified.

Elder Mei turned to Gongsun Mu. "Is this how you've been running the War Academy? Do you think the elders are dead?!"

Gongsun Mu smiled bitterly.

"Miss Zuo is the sacred lady of Firmament Palace. The master of the palace wrote a letter herself..."

Elder Mei's face darkened.

"Is this place Imperial College or Firmament Palace? Since when can her letter guarantee a position in our school?! Are they handing out random job offers now? This is preposterous!" Elder Mei bellowed. "You people are making a mess while the elders are focused on Peace Grassland! Are you trying to give us a heart attack?!"

"No, it's not like that..." Gongsun Mu tried to explain himself...

However, Elder Mei wouldn't let him.

"The chief is cultivating in seclusion, and the 36 elders are either in seclusion or watching Peace Grassland. I thought you could run the school properly, but you've disappointed me!"

Seeing Zuo Qingluan's pale face, Mr. Wang said awkwardly, "It was His Royal Highness, Elder Mei. His Royal Highness gave the order to make Miss Qingluan vice chief."

"What?" Elder Mei frowned.

Jun Linyuan?

Elder Mei might not trust Gongsun Mu, but he had faith in the crown prince.

“Did he say so in person?” Elder Mei wasn’t convinced.

The crown prince had some questionable taste in women...

However, Mr. Wang sounded very convinced when he said, “Yes, Miss Qingluan is His Royal Highness’s fiancée, and they’re going to get married soon.”

Zuo Qingluan’s stomach lurched.

Chapter 2739: Ancient Skills

“Miss Qingluan, isn’t that right?” Mr. Wang smiled at Zuo Qingluan.

Zuo Qingluan didn’t know what to say.

Yes, when she came to the War Academy, she had arranged people to spread rumors about her relationship with the crown prince. However, the rumor was just that they were a couple, and never said anything about them being engaged, let alone getting married.

Mr. Wang’s question put her in a difficult spot.

She could deny the rumors if she was questioned.

She could claim that she was also a victim of the rumors and knew nothing about it.

However, if she said so now, it would be very difficult to deny what she said later.

“Miss Qingluan, isn’t that right?” Mr. Wang repeated his question.

He thought anxiously, *What’s wrong with Zuo Qingluan? She told me she was His Royal Highness’s fiancée when she visited me!*

Despite her frustration, Zuo Qingluan said shyly, “It’s my parents’ decision. I don’t know anything about it...”

The others knew what she was implying.

That was as good as tacit acknowledgement.

Elder Mei studied Zuo Qingluan for a long time, but he looked disappointed in the end.

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“Jun Linyuan is supposed to be a clever man; why did he make such a stupid mistake? He should know better...” Elder Mei mumbled as he went back to studying the formation.

However, what he said was a hard blow to Zuo Qingluan’s ego.

Her face turned livid.

How dare that old fool humiliate me?! When I marry His Royal Highness, I'll kill him!?Zuo Qingluan thought to herself.

Elder Mei seemed to have sensed her resentment, because he suddenly looked up.

It happened so fast that Zuo Qingluan didn't have time to hide the hatred in her eyes.

Elder Mei saw the murderous look in her eyes.

Elder Mei's face darkened.*?What's that boy thinking? Why her? I have to talk to him!*

However, his top priority was the formation.

The wind formation was complicated, but Elder Mei was still able to crack it.

A few hours passed.

Suddenly!

The wind abruptly stopped.

"It's stopped! The wind is gone!"

"Elder Mei is amazing!"

"Elder Mei is the only one who can crack it! He must be a Level 7 formation master!"

Elder Mei rolled his eyes. He had been a Level 8 formation master for a very long time already!

After that little episode, Zuo Qingluan had given up on pleasing Elder Mei. However, when she saw how capable he was, she was intrigued again and wanted to learn formation and inscription skills from him.

She recalled what her master had told her once.

The Junwu Empire was a vast country with so many talented people, but why was it so difficult for it to defeat the tiny Dongsang Kingdom? Why had they been stuck on Peace Grassland for so many years?

Formations and inscriptions. Those were the reasons.

The Dongsang Kingdom was far more advanced than the Junwu Empire in these ancient skills.

Chapter 2740: I Can't

Soldiers of the Dongsang Kingdom all had inscriptions on their weapons and uniforms, which greatly enhanced their capability.

Their power was also enhanced by the formation their troops used.

Because of that, the Junwu Empire couldn't make any advancement in Peace Grassland. If they hadn't continually sent talents to Peace Grassland every year, the Junwu Empire would have lost the battle a long time ago.

Zuo Qingluan's master had asked her once, "Do you know what the Junwu Empire is lacking?"

Zuo Qingluan said affirmatively, "Formation masters and inscription masters."

The head of Firmament Palace nodded. "Yes, they're the most scarce talents in the Junwu Empire. You need to have adequate talent if you want to marry Jun Linyuan, so you have to train yourself in these two aspects. It'll give you much more of an advantage."

Zuo Qingluan had been searching for people with such talents, but had so far come up empty.

She had been researching these fields as well. However, the True Phoenix Blood didn't give her much help on that front, and she wasn't much more efficient than ordinary cultivators.

She stared at Elder Mei and was determined to become his disciple.

Elder Mei didn't know he was being watched. He was standing at the entrance of the Secret Essence Mine, trying to find his way in.

Feng Wu and the others got in so easily because the mine had just been activated and the wind hadn't started up yet.

It was much more difficult to open the entrance now.

Time slowly passed by.

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Meanwhile, in the mine.

The students were under attack.

"Oh my god!"

"What should we do?"

"Have all the Spirit Stone Worms gathered here?"

"Are we going to die?"

They all panicked.

The worms were flooding in, and they were panic-stricken.

Shan Jingfei, Ye Han and Xin Zhixuan wouldn't get into the circle at first.

When Xin Zhixuan saw the endless stream of worms, she paled and jumped into the circle.

The circle wasn't too big, and there were so many students inside already. People pushed up against one another.

They swayed, and some almost fell.

Since they were all classmates, no one tried to push Xin Zhixuan away. Those standing in the center even stood on one foot.

Shan Jingfei smirked. "Do you seriously think that circle will work?"

Shao Xiao frowned. "It has protected us so far. You have to trust Feng Wu! Ye Han, come here!"

Ye Han shook her head. "No!"

She would have joined them if Shao Xiao hadn't mentioned Feng Wu, but he had, and she would never admit defeat.

She refused to step into the circle.

The worms were approaching them at high speed.

They looked like a tidal wave.

Ah!

The first few worms charged at Shan Jingfei and Ye Han.

They finally burst into tears.

"Help us! Help!"

The others would have helped them, but that was before they realized how impossible Shan Jingfei and Ye Han were.

They couldn't save the two girls even if they wanted to.

Cheng Fang asked, "What should we do now? They're surrounded! Should we help them?"

The others all stared at him. "Do you want to go?"

Cheng Fang paled and shook his head. "I can't... I really can't!"

He had learned from his lonely journey with the crane. He knew better now.

Lin Juncheng asked, "Why aren't the worms attacking us? Why them?"