

## Immortal 1381

### Chapter 1381: Trap

The three women were shocked and furious, exclaiming, "What are you doing?!"

"Do not be so nervous; I am just having him scout out the situation," the Fiend Emperor said indifferently. That kind of spatial passage, especially one that was related to an Unknown Region, was too dangerous. Not even an earth immortal like him would dare to take the risk himself. He didn't dare to let someone just go inside and explore first either. Since this was an Unknown Region, if anyone else obtained an item of immortality, his losses would be too great! That was why he had tied a rope around Zu An. That way, he could pull him back at any time.

The three women also understood the risk. They clenched their teeth. They wanted to go in as well, since either way, they had come to explore an Unknown Region. Even if they died with Zu An inside, it was a risk they were willing to take. That would still be better than being the Fiend Emperor's captives.

However, they were stopped by the Fiend Emperor. He looked at them with a strange expression, saying, "I really did not expect the three of you to actually be so loyal to that brat."

Yu Yanluo wasn't too affected, but Yan Xuehen felt incredibly guilty. Yun Jianyue directly shot back, "What kind of nonsense is that? We're just friends, so I don't want him to face danger alone. Do you think everyone is like you fiend races, ready to fight and betray each other at a moment's notice?"

The Fiend Emperor sneered. "If we were to talk about violence and internal strife, your human race would be much worse."

Yun Jianyue stared at the deep vortex. She wasn't in the mood to discuss such things with him and replied, "Rather than worrying about us, maybe you should think about what would happen if you were to die, if that beautiful Second Empress of yours would follow in your footsteps."

The Fiend Emperor's smile instantly froze on his face, as if he had suffered a serious blow. He was no longer in the mood to talk. With a harrumph, he pulled back on the rope. Soon afterward, Zu An reappeared in front of everyone.

When they saw that he was fine, the three women immediately sighed in relief. They quickly moved over to ask if he had suffered any internal injuries.

Wu Liang was incredibly jealous. What's up with this guy? He has the Medusa Queen, the Devil Sect Master, and a leader of the orthodox sects! I can't even get a normal girlfriend, and yet this guy already has three, and they're even all on such good terms with each other!

The Golden Crow Crown Prince's expression grew overcast. He was about to go crazy from jealousy. Why did all of the world's beauties seem to have some kind of relationship with this guy? That had been the case with the Elf Race's Princess Snow, and now it included the Medusa Queen too. Even the Devil Sect Master and White Jade Sect Master seemed to be unusually close to him.

He felt more and more certain that once he ascended to the throne, he had to properly defile Zu An's women in front of him. Only then would he be able to fully vent out all of his resentment. Otherwise, he would feel like a loser for the rest of his life in front of Zu An.



The Fiend Emperor wasn't in the mood to watch their affection for each other. He stared at Zu An and asked, "What is the inside like?"

Zu An replied, "Even though the passage isn't that stable, there aren't too many dangers. On the other side of the tunnel, there's also a lake. I couldn't go too far because I was tied up by the rope, though."

"Wonderful, wonderful!" Wu Liang said in praise. "This side is a lake, while the other side is also a lake. One yin, one yang. It's almost like a mirror image. This kind of design is simply exquisite!" He had robbed tombs his entire life, and yet this was the first time he had ever seen such an incredible design.

The Fiend Emperor didn't feel like paying him any attention. Instead, he gave Zu An a strange look, saying, "You don't seem to be scared at all, nor can I sense any resentment toward my actions from you."

"Why do I need to be scared?" Zu An replied calmly. "Furthermore, if I'm weaker than another and taken captive as a result, I should act accordingly."

The three women exchanged a look. While they saw the admiration in each other's eyes, they all felt a bit strange. With their understanding of Zu An, there was no way this guy would be so honest. He was definitely plotting something.

The Fiend Emperor said with a smile, "Kid, you are quite something, as expected. No wonder you were so useful in the human world. Even I am starting to take a liking to you."

Zu An cursed inwardly, I'd be much happier if your wife Second Empress liked me. What use is there in an old bastard like you liking me?

Since they had already established that there was no danger, the Fiend Emperor waved his sleeves and sucked the others in. Then, he walked straight toward the vortex, quickly disappearing inside.

Inside the sleeve, the others looked at each other in dismay. They felt as if they were in an expanse of primal chaos. Everything around them was misty. There was no sky or earth. They seemed as if they were stepping on clouds.

Yun Jianyue said with a sigh, "This World Sleeve skill really makes one gasp in amazement. I used to think my cultivation wasn't too far off from the earth immortal level, but only now do I realize that I was actually way too arrogant."

Yan Xuehen rolled her eyes, saying, "Zhao Han beat you without even showing himself last time in the capital, but you did not even wake up then. You only realized that now?"

"Stone cold woman, were you born to argue with me?" Yun Jianyue snapped, glaring at her.

When he saw that the two women were about to start arguing again, only then did Wu Liang feel relieved. He thought, This is more like it. How could a harem be that easily enjoyed?

The Golden Crow Crown Prince watched them all coldly. A sinister smile appeared on his face.

Yu Yanluo moved over to Zu An's side, asking, "Ah Zu, what do we do now?"

"Don't worry, I've experienced something similar before," Zu An said in consolation.



The Fiend Emperor could never have imagined in his wildest dreams that Zhao Han had forced Zu An into a secret dungeon too, and yet in the end, he was able to turn the tables. If the Fiend Emperor knew about that, he wouldn't dare to leave Zu An with his life.

The biggest annoyance was still the Puppet Curse that the Fiend Emperor had left him with. Even though it hadn't activated, the massive eyes still remained in his mind, constantly reminding him that he couldn't go against the Fiend Emperor's orders.

Normally, Mo Xi's 'Farewell Nanchao' shears would be a perfect counter for that kind of contract, but her cultivation was way too weak to be used on such a high-level technique.

Yan Xuehen's thoughts were similar. A resolute expression suddenly appeared on her face. After what had happened with him in Great Snowy Mountain, she had been at a loss with how she would face her disciple. This was the perfect chance to settle things. This time, she had to save him no matter what. That way, he and her disciple could live together in bliss, and it would be fine even if he were laid to rest here forever.

Yun Jianyue's gaze was exceptionally cold. She remembered that Zu An had saved her life several times, and the entire Holy Sect owed him a huge favor. This time, she had to pay back the debt no matter what. Even if she had to sacrifice herself, that didn't matter. She was someone who separated gritudes and grudges clearly and never owed another.

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While they were each caught up in their own thoughts, suddenly, the world began to shake intensely. They couldn't stand still anymore, and all of them were alarmed. After all, they were inside the Fiend Emperor's sleeves. If such a place had become so unsteady, it meant the Fiend Emperor had encountered tremendous danger, and not even he could keep his sleeves steady. Just what was happening outside?!

The Golden Crow Crown Prince glared at Zu An and yelled, "You damn brat, did you bait my father into a trap on purpose?"

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Zu An sneered. "It would be great if that kind of trap actually existed."

While the two argued with each other, the world above them suddenly brightened. They soon discovered that they had been thrown out onto solid ground.

Meanwhile, the Fiend Emperor was standing to one side, seemingly in a bit of a sorry state. His entire body was drenched, and his hair had stuck together. Even some bald spots were faintly discernible on his head. He soon seemed to realize that his appearance was a bit inappropriate. Golden flames surged around his entire body, instantly drying him off and letting him recover his dignified state.

Zu An took the chance to look around. There weren't any terrifying enemies, only a lake that stretched as far as the eye could see. It was just like an ocean. They were on the edge of the lake, next to a towering mountain. In the distance was a mountain range that extended endlessly into the distance.



“Father emperor, did this person bait you into a trap just now?” the Golden Crow Crown Prince asked, quickly moving over to the Fiend Emperor’s side.

The Fiend Emperor shook his head slightly, saying, “It is not his fault. There was something wrong with the water.”

#### Chapter 1382: Feather Abyss

“There’s something wrong with this water?” Zu An asked, stunned. He had tested it out before and hadn’t noticed anything strange with it.

The Fiend Emperor didn’t say anything. He simply removed a feather from his clothes and tossed it in.

To a certain degree, the Golden Crow race were still birds. That was why they liked to use feather decorations for their clothes. The kinds of feathers that could be used for the Fiend Emperor’s clothes were naturally of the highest quality. They were incredibly light, and such clothes were warm during the winter and cool during the summer.

And yet, when the feather landed on the water’s surface, it didn’t even flutter and just sank like a rock.

“What is going on?” the others cried in horror.

The Fiend Emperor said, “Not even a goose feather can float in this water. That is more than enough to prove how dangerous it is.”

The Golden Crow Crown Prince immediately began flattering him, saying, “Fortunately, father emperor’s skills are so extraordinary that you were able to get through it completely unharmed! Otherwise, if it were the rest of us, we would have already drowned to death.”

The Fiend Emperor stroked his beard, clearly enjoying the praise. In truth, he had actually been in quite a bit of danger and almost paid a severe price. The lake water was too special. If he had been trapped inside, there really was a chance that he would have lost his life. Still, the same way eighty-year-old men still liked eighteen-year-old girls, no matter how old he was, he still couldn’t resist the great feeling of showing off.

He felt incredibly refreshed when he saw the two grandmasters Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue, and even that acquaintance Yu Yanluo, looking at him with praise. Wu Liang’s expression was too exaggerated and his praise seemed fake in comparison, so he ignored him.

That Zu An... Huh? What is he looking at?

Zu An was looking at the lake in front of him. He thought to himself that the words ‘Not even a goose feather shall float, none shall pass’ described the legendary Weak River. Was the water in front of him the Weak River?[1]

However, this looked more like a lake! It didn’t seem like a river.

“What are you looking at?” the Fiend Emperor asked, wondering whether Zu An had picked up on some clues. Unknown Regions were just too mysterious, and he was experiencing heaven and man deterioration. The expedition this time was related to whether or not he could continue existing in this world, so he naturally didn’t dare to relax in the slightest.



"It's nothing, it's just that I was wondering how this lake water was created," Zu An replied nonchalantly.

"Did you figure out anything else?" the Fiend Emperor asked.

"If even you couldn't figure anything out, why in the world would I be able to?" Zu An spread his arms and shrugged, as if the Fiend Emperor had asked a really dumb question.

The Fiend Emperor was speechless. He said with a snort, "Stop wasting time and lead the way."

He wouldn't go so far as to get angry over something like that. Instead, his attention shifted to the great mountains off to the side. If there really was a method of immortality in the Unknown Region, that was where it would be.

Zu An shrugged and didn't refuse. He walked ahead of the party and scouted the way.

The three women subconsciously moved a bit closer to him. Yu Yanluo asked through ki, "Should we look for a chance to run later?"

Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue opened their mouths and were about to say something, but Zu An shook his head and said, "It's meaningless. An earth immortal wouldn't let us escape at all. Furthermore, even though we're communicating through ki, considering how close we are, I reckon that it hasn't escaped the Fiend Emperor's ears either."

Yu Yanluo jumped in alarm and reflexively looked at the Fiend Emperor.

The Fiend Emperor said indifferently, "You are still quite young, but your knowledge does not seem to match your age." It seemed he had indeed perceived their conversation.

Yu Yanluo's face turned a bit white. Zu An patted her hand, consoling her. However, the real reason he knew that was because previously, the Second Empress hadn't dared to talk to him when she was on the elevated platform. That had been precisely out of the fear that the Fiend Emperor would pick up on it.

Sigh, if the Fiend Emperor knew about my relationship with the Second Empress, I would be dead for sure.

"Father emperor, please allow your son to put a seal on their bodies. That way, they will not start anything," said the Golden Crow Crown Prince. He had fought against them before and knew that their cultivation ranks were all very high. Furthermore, now that he knew about the two grandmasters' real identities, he suddenly felt a strong sense of danger.

"There is no need because I am here," the Fiend Emperor said indifferently. All those beneath the earth immortal rank were ants, let alone the fact that Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue, the two with the highest cultivation, were both heavily wounded; that meant there was even less of a need.

"Understood..." the Golden Crow Crown Prince replied. He didn't really agree, but he was worried that he would be perceived as looking down on his father's cultivation if he pushed the issue further.

Zu An suddenly stopped and said, "I just noticed something."



There was a giant tortoise-shaped boulder in front of him. In front of its head was a stone tablet. Both the tortoise and the tablet were completely overgrown with weeds, and even some thick vines. The group could vaguely make out some words written on them.

When the Golden Crow Crown Prince saw that, he quickly sent some Golden Crow flames over, burning away all of the weeds and vines to reveal the stone tablet underneath. They didn't know what the material of the stone tablet was made of, but it remained completely fine beneath the Golden Crow Sacred Fire.

There were two characters carved vertically on the tablet. However, they resembled some kind of decorative design. Even after looking for a long time, the group couldn't figure anything out. They looked at each other in dismay.

The Fiend Emperor pondered the situation, concluding that they seemed to be characters from ancient times. He had seen them once by coincidence. Unfortunately, he didn't understand them either. He looked at Wu Liang, asking, "Do you know these characters?"

Wu Liang moved over and studied the tablet closely before saying, "These seem to be some characters from ancient times, but they've already become a lost language. I've only seen them before in some ancient tombs..."

The Fiend Emperor impatiently cut him off, saying, "Stop wasting my time."

Wu Liang shivered and quickly said, "I only recognize a single character. This one seems to be 'feather'. The other character is too complicated. I've never seen it before."

"Feather?" The Fiend Emperor's brows furrowed slightly. What did that mean?

The others all began to make their own guesses. Only Zu An had a strange expression on his face. The characters were oracle bone inscriptions, an early form of Chinese script. Because he had already visited several secret dungeons, even though he didn't dare to claim that he knew them all, he recognized about seventy to eighty percent of them.

What was carved on the stone tablet were the two characters 'feather abyss'.

It seemed that the massive lake was none other than the so-called Feather Abyss.

"Feather Abyss..." Zu An silently mouthed the two words. He felt that the two words were somehow familiar, but he couldn't think of where he had heard them, no matter how he tried.

The Fiend Emperor asked Wu Liang, "Are there any mechanisms here?"

Wu Liang looked around. He shook his head and said, "There aren't. This is just an ordinary stone tablet and statue. There aren't any secret paths or rooms."

"Ordinary?" The Fiend Emperor sneered. Not even the Golden Crow Sacred Fire could leave behind any traces on the stones' surface, so how could they be called ordinary?

He then looked toward Yan Xuehen, who shook her head. There weren't any signs of rune formations there.



"Let's continue then," the Fiend Emperor said with a frown.

The Golden Crow Crown Prince opened his mouth, as if he had some thoughts, yet didn't dare to speak.

"When did you become so fearful and cowardly?" the Fiend Emperor asked, feeling a bit dissatisfied.

The crown prince then replied in a strange tone, "That stone tortoise seems to be looking at me."

The others were surprised. They turned around to look at the stone tortoise and saw that its eyes were shining a bit. It seemed to be turning around and looking at them. They immediately felt a chill run down their backs.

The Fiend Emperor said coldly, "It is nothing more than the angle we are looking at it from and how the sun is hitting it. I am certain that the stone tortoise is an inanimate object."

At the same time, he inwardly marveled at the mystical nature of Unknown Regions. There was actually something like a sun inside.

"If father emperor says that it is not alive, then there should be no mistake," the Golden Crow Crown Prince said, sighing in relief.

The Fiend Emperor gave the stone tortoise a look. Even though it was an inanimate object, it indeed gave him an indescribable feeling. Suddenly, he raised his hand, unleashing a streak of golden light. A crack opened up on the giant stone tortoise's back.

"Hm?" the Fiend Emperor exclaimed in surprise. Even though the stone tortoise was large, normally, with his cultivation, he could easily cleave open a mountain peak with a single attack. And yet, he had actually only left behind a single crack on its back!

He harrumphed and waved his hand again. This time, the golden light was even more dazzling.

How powerful was the full-strength attack of an earth immortal? The crack in the stone tortoise's body began to grow larger and larger. With a loud crash, the tortoise broke in half, and the two halves fell to the ground.

Soon afterward, the group saw what was inside. Their expressions changed.

"Bones! There are so many bones!"

#### Chapter 1383: Legend

As the giant tortoise cracked open, it revealed rows of bones inside. Every single one was incredibly large. There was also a bone running along its back that was several dozen meters long; a good portion of it was buried in the dirt.

"This is..." The party was shocked. The object had turned out not to be a stone tortoise statue, but rather a great beast that had turned to stone beneath the ravages of time.

The Fiend Emperor gave it a look and said, "This is not some giant tortoise. If I am not mistaken, this is more like the remains of one of the Ocean races' Great Whales. Of course, there seem to be some differences from the Great Whales." As the Fiend Emperor, and moreover one who had lived for so long, his knowledge and experiences were naturally extraordinary.



Off to the side, the Golden Crow Crown Prince attentively showered his father in praise. Then, he said, "If the bones are so big, the creature itself must have been a powerful expert. I wonder why it is lying here."

The Fiend Emperor's gaze landed on the bones. When he saw the sparkling radiance on their surface, he was inwardly shocked. This thing seemed to be even stronger than the Ocean races' Great Whale race's clan leader. As expected of a creature from the Unknown Regions.

He became excited again when he thought of that, as it raised his expectations for the exploration.

Just then, a wave of strange noises came from the distant mountaintop. They could vaguely make out some dark figures moving around. Because it was too far away, however, there seemed to be some kind of mist blocking their vision. It was too hard to see what those things were. Despite that, the sounds were quite clear.

Yu Yanluo said in surprise, "These seem to be bird cries."

Zu An nodded and said, "You're right. These sounds are a bit strange, though. They're kinda creepy."

At the same time, he thought to himself that it had been peaceful mere moments before, and yet when the Fiend Emperor blasted open the stone tortoise, new activity had started up. Could the two events be connected?

The Fiend Emperor gave the mountain a look and said, "Continue leading the way."

Zu An shrugged, then began leading the way again.

Yan Xuehen's pretty brows drew together into a frown. She said in dissatisfaction, "With the Fiend Emperor's strength, as long as your primordial spirit left your body, you could instantly travel ten thousand miles. Why do you need Zu An to scout the way?"

The Fiend Emperor replied indifferently, "Does this emperor need other people's comments when I do things?"

He had actually already tried it when he first arrived in the Unknown Region. He had then noticed that the speed and distance his primordial spirit was limited to were much lower than in the outside world. Furthermore, he had sensed threats from several directions. As such, he was unwilling to scout the way with his primordial spirit. Of course, there was no reason for him to explain those things to them, or else they could start thinking strange thoughts.

Yan Xuehen was speechless. However, Zu An stopped her from continuing, saying, "It's fine. I'm pretty thick-skinned. Even if there are any dangers, I should be able to deal with them."

Thus, Yan Xuehen finally dropped the matter. Yun Jianyue found a chance to move next to her and secretly nudged the other woman with her shoulder, remarking, "You're normally all cold and aloof. I didn't expect you to care about his safety so much."

Yan Xuehen rolled her eyes and retorted, "Do you know what kind of situation we are in right now? And yet, you are still in the mood to pick a fight with me?" Then, she picked up her pace. She didn't want to stand next to Yun Jianyue.



Yun Jianyue didn't really suspect their relationship, however. She actually just felt a lot of pent-up frustration and wanted to tease Yan Xuehen a bit.

Soon afterward, the group arrived in front of a towering mountain peak. The vegetation on the mountain peak was lush and flourishing, but the mountain itself was extremely steep. Much of the rock face was made up of ninety-degree cliffs. Forget about an ordinary person, the mountain was not something normal cultivators could climb. Fortunately, all of them were quite skilled.

Zu An began walking forward. Suddenly, the Golden Crow Crown Prince cried out in alarm, his voice shaking a bit.

"What is it?" the Fiend Emperor asked, looking at him with a frown.

Even the bootlicking Wu Liang felt a bit of disdain. He had once thought that the Golden Crow Crown Prince was someone special, but now, he seemed like nothing more than an idiot.

The Golden Crow Crown Prince pointed at the mountain in front of him in fright. Even though he was trying to suppress it, his voice still shook a bit as he said, "I do not know why, but I feel very uncomfortable when I look at this mountain. I feel a kind of... a kind of fear."

The others' expressions grew strange. They didn't really feel anything. This mountain was just a bit steeper than normal mountains. The supposedly glorious Golden Crow Crown Prince shouldn't have been acting like this, right?

They waited, expecting to hear the Fiend Emperor lecture him. However, to their surprise, the Fiend Emperor didn't say anything. Instead, he stared at the distant mountain in absentminded silence.

In truth, he also felt a kind of palpitation inside when they approached the mountain. He had thought that it was just the danger he sensed when his primordial spirit left his body before, but when he heard what his son said, he realized that it was related to the mountain.

What was going on? Ever since he had reached the earth immortal level, there was practically nothing left that could threaten him. Today was the first time such a thing had happened. Most importantly, he noticed that no one else shared that feeling. He didn't want them to notice, however, so he said indifferently, "Continue forward."

Anyone who could cultivate up to the earth immortal rank not only needed exceptional bloodline talent, but also had to have an unshakable and resolute temperament. He had never been the cowardly type. Such strangeness only spurred his desire for exploration. In all his years, across the entire world, only the human emperor alone could be considered his rival. He already bore the pride of an unrivaled being, so he naturally refused to believe that there was anything that could truly injure him.

Off to the side, the Golden Crow Crown Prince was about to say something, but he felt a wave of warmth enter his body. He understood that his father was helping him calm his chaotic energies and felt moved.

The group continued up the mountain. Suddenly, they discovered a stone tablet in the weeds. There were also two characters written on it.



This time, even Wu Liang was able to recognize them. He said, "Feather Mountain! This mountain is called Feather Mountain."

"Feather Mountain?" The Fiend Emperor's brow furrowed tightly. He began to think back to see whether there were any such mountains in his memory. The others were also puzzled. They had seen some mountains that bore such a name before, but the mountain in front of them was clearly something entirely different.

Only Zu An was shocked. He had felt that the phrase 'Feather Abyss' was a bit familiar. When he saw the words 'Feather Mountain', he finally remembered where he had heard that before.

In the world he had transmigrated from, all kinds of ancient civilizations had records of a great flood. The West had Noah's Ark, while the East had Yu the Great, who had tamed the floods.

Before Yu the Great, his father Gun had kept the waters in check. Unfortunately, all of his work had been for naught. Emperor Yao had sent Zhu Rong to kill him, and Yu the Great had needed to take up. That was how the story of Yu the Great taming the floods had come to be.

Meanwhile, the place Gun had been killed at was none other than the Feather Mountain. His corpse had then been tossed into the Feather Abyss next to it. Could it be that this was where Gun had been buried back then?

Zu An was shocked. If that kind of ancient figure was involved, could it be that this secret dungeon was related to the Xia Dynasty? At the same time, he found it extremely strange. After all, apart from Gun being killed at the Feather Mountain, there was actually an even more famous legend.

In ancient Chinese mythology, there was the legend of Great Yi, who had shot down the sun. It was said that the sun in the sky was a Golden Crow; Golden Crows were the Celestial Emperor's sons, and there were once ten brothers who normally liked to play together. That made it so that there were ten suns in the sky, so the earth was arid and the people suffered unbearably.

At some point, a great hero named Yi had appeared, who had been bestowed with a red bow and white arrows by the Celestial Emperor. He had picked up his bow and nocked his arrows, then shot down nine of the Golden Crows in the sky, only leaving a single one behind.

Afterward, the feathers of the Golden Crows that had been shot fell down, in the end piling up like a mountain. They had thus formed Feather Mountain.

Zu An didn't know what kind of relationship the Golden Crow race of this world had with the mythological Golden Crows of his previous world, but since they had come to Feather Mountain, and with the Sun Slaying Bow no less, it was hard not to connect the two together.

He took the chance to ask, "Right, where did you guys get the Sun Slaying Bow from?"

The Golden Crow Crown Prince was quite annoyed. He harrumphed, "What does that have to do with you?"

However, he Fiend Emperor replied, "The Sun Slaying Bow is a divine weapon passed down from the Golden Crow race's ancestors. Ever since the earliest records, it has belonged to the Golden Crow royal family. However, that is not what you should be concerned with. You should properly lead the way. I



seem to have sensed some kind of life on this mountain. Be careful not to be ambushed and killed. It will not be so easy for me to find another pathfinder.”

#### Chapter 1384: Resentment

When the three women heard what the Fiend Emperor said, they all told Zu An to be careful. After all, the Fiend Emperor’s senses were much sharper than theirs in their current state. If he said there were mysterious creatures present, they were definitely there, and they were sure to be dangerous.

Meanwhile, Zu An was thinking about the reply the emperor had just given him. The Sun Slaying Bow had always been in the Golden Crow race’s hands, so it didn’t seem to be the Red Bow White Arrows that the legendary archer Yi had used. Still, it was hard to say; after all, Yi’s bow was said to have been granted by the Celestial Emperor, while the Golden Crows’ father was also said to be the Celestial Emperor. From that perspective, it did make some sense for the Sun Slaying Bow to have always been with the Golden Crow Race...

Countless possibilities appeared in his mind, and his thoughts only grew messier and messier. As such, he decided not to think about it anymore and just deal with new situations as they came up.

The group moved along a ‘mountain path’. However, rather than being a proper path, it was just a route that had fewer plants along the way. Even so, they were all powerful cultivators. Clearing the way while walking didn’t take up too much energy.

They tried to fly, but they saw that they couldn’t go more than a few meters above the ground. The Fiend Emperor explained that it was either caused by the laws of the Unknown Region, or by some kind of unique treasure. As he spoke the words ‘unique treasure’, his eyes began to burn with desire.

Zu An, who had been walking at the forefront, suddenly stopped. He looked at a nearby mountain peak absentmindedly.

That mountain peak was entirely different from the surrounding mountains. It looked more like a single large chunk of rock that towered overhead. The most eye-catching thing about it was that there were three narrow grooves that ran from the peak all the way to the base, practically dividing the entire mountain into four parts.

The group could sense an aura of chilliness and concentrated killing intent even from far away.

These were hacked open by someone through sword ki. They were all powerful cultivators, so they quickly reached that unanimous conclusion.

Wu Liang clicked his tongue and said, “Judging from how the cuts look, they seem to have taken form at least ten thousand years ago, and yet the sword ki and killing intent has managed to last until now. The reason why no life grows on this mountain should be because of this killing intent.” He often went into tombs to uncover their secrets, so he was highly skilled in determining how old something was.

The Fiend Emperor said seriously, “The weapon used by that person was likely a divine weapon, and their cultivation would not be beneath mine.”

The others’ expressions changed greatly when they heard that. The one responsible actually wasn’t any weaker than the Fiend Emperor? Just what kind of being was that?



Zu An was inwardly shaken. In the legends of his previous world, after Emperor Yao sent Zhu Rong to kill Gun, Zhu Rong had stopped at the foot of a mountain for some rest. Along the way, he had done some sword exercises to prepare himself. Could it be that this mountain was none other than the rock he had used to test his sword?

In the past, his thoughts wouldn't have gone in that direction. However, after arriving in this world, too many things he once thought were just myths had appeared in the real world. This world seemed to be linked to Earth in countless ways.

Suddenly, a voice in his mind exclaimed in surprise, "Why is there such a powerful aura of sword ki here?"

Zu An was overjoyed, exclaiming, "Big sis empress, you're awake?" For some reason, he always felt much more relieved whenever he heard her voice. He thought, Sigh, no wonder so many people like to mooch. This feeling really isn't bad!

"Damn brat, call me master! Seeing as something so big happened on your end, how could I still remain asleep? Sigh, there really aren't many days of peace around you," Mi Li said, sounding a bit resentful.

Zu An stirred, asking, "Then you are saying you were awake when the Fiend Emperor appeared?"

"Of course. How could I not wake up in the face of such powerful pressure?" Mi Li replied, clicking her tongue. "Back then, I wanted to warn you to evade, but I hadn't expected The Book to have already warned you ahead of time. I didn't think that stupid book Lu Sheng found would really be of use."

"Then why didn't you say anything?" Zu An asked, sneaking the Fiend Emperor a look. He didn't dare to reveal the slightest bit of happiness.

"Why would I have to say anything to you? You have three pretty women to keep you company, so why would I stick my nose in that?" Mi Li retorted coldly.

Zu An thought, No wonder. But why does she sound bitter?

Just then, Mi Li quickly said, "Oh, and I was looking at that Puppet Curse placed on you earlier."

Zu An cried in elation, "It's still master who cares the most about me!"

"It's too early for you to feel happy," Mi Li said, instantly pouring cold water on his excitement. She continued, "I can't get rid of this Puppet Curse."

Zu An was speechless.

"It was placed by an earth immortal, after all. I'm unable to get rid of it in my current state," Mi Li explained. However, she added, "By borrowing this special world's influence, though, we can temporarily block its influence."

"Please say that earlier! I almost shat my pants just now..." Zu An said, sighing in relief.

"What are you getting so excited for? It's only because this world's laws are more chaotic than usual that I can use this chance to help you block its effects. Once you return to the normal world, I won't be able to do anything," Mi Li warned him. "Furthermore, if I block it, the Fiend Emperor will definitely



sense something. That's why you need to first break free from his range of control before I can help you block its effects. Otherwise, it's still going to be useless."

"That's already enough," Zu An said, feeling relieved. In the outside world, he really wasn't confident he could escape from the Fiend Emperor, but there were endless possibilities in an Unknown Region.

Normally, the mountain would have been too precipitous for them to cross, but the sword scars just happened to leave enough space for them to move through the gaps. Each one seemed to be able to allow several people to pass through, allowing them to pass. However, the closer they got to the sword testing stone, the more they began to feel a stinging pain from their skin, as if they were facing sharp sword ki.

The Fiend Emperor harrumphed. With a wave of his hand, a barrier of light appeared around them, blocking the sword ki. The pressure bearing down on them immediately weakened. Even though they were enemies, Zu An's side still felt admiration for the Fiend Emperor's cultivation.

When they passed the sword testing stone, their expressions changed. The path along the way had been lush and verdant, lined abundantly with flowers and plants. Now, however, what stretched out before them looked like an entirely different world. It was completely bleak and desolate, making it seem like a land of death. There were even wisps of black energy hanging in the air.

"Could all of this have also been created by the sword ki and killing intent on the mountain?" the Golden Crow Crown Prince speculated.

The Fiend Emperor shook his head and said, "No, what has gathered here is not sword ki or killing intent, but rather strong... resentment."

"Resentment?" Forget about the Golden Crow Crown Prince, the others were also a bit puzzled. Was the power of resentment really so great?

The Fiend Emperor gave Zu An a look, saying, "Continue leading the way for now."

Zu An had been looking for a chance to break free from his control anyway. When he heard that, he was actually eager to do it. He gave the women a look, then advanced with large steps.

The three women were quick-witted and tried to follow him, saying, "We'll go with you."

However, the Fiend Emperor stopped them, saying, "You are not allowed to go."

There was nothing the three women could do. They could only look at Zu An worriedly.

Zu An frowned. It seemed he had to look for another opportunity. He began walking about a hundred meters ahead, but suddenly stopped. He sensed that something wasn't right.

Normally, considering the strength of his body, he was always filled with ki and radiated health. And yet, he actually felt a bit out of breath after walking such a short distance, as if he had carried a bucket of water up many flights of stairs.

"Master empress, what's going on?" Zu An secretly asked.



"How would I know when it's your body? Do you think I'm some omnipotent god?" Mi Li snapped impatiently.

Zu An was speechless. For some reason, big sis empress seems to be in quite an easily annoyed mood today. Is it her time of the month? But she's already in a soul form, so does she still have a period?

Zu An unwittingly took another few dozen steps. He suddenly couldn't help but stagger as a wave of weakness swept over him. He almost fell to the ground, and began to feel a bit muddle-headed.

He suddenly felt that his arms and legs were a bit itchy. When he subconsciously reached out to scratch them, he discovered that some black scales had appeared around his wrist. He quickly checked his ankles, and they were the same. He was horrified, exclaiming, "What in the world?!"

Mi Li's voice said in his mind, "It looks as if the resentment has seeped into your body. This resentment around us is extremely strange; it can affect the bodies and souls of the cultivators within it. If I'm not mistaken, these scales will continue to grow."

Sure enough, Zu An saw that the scales around his wrist were spreading to his elbow.

Mi Li said seriously, "If these scales reach your head, you'll completely lose consciousness and become a monster from head to toe."

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Zu An was speechless.

In truth, after all his experiences, he wasn't all that scared of death. However, the thought of getting transformed into some disgusting half-human half-monster thing and being covered all over in those disgusting scales... He would rather die. When he looked at the scales on his wrist, he felt as if he were looking at the barnacles on the bodies of whales and sea turtles in his previous world; they were absolutely disgusting.

Suddenly, he cried out miserably and fell to the ground.

"Ah Zu!" Yu Yanluo quickly rushed forward when she saw that. Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue also followed her.

This time, the Fiend Emperor didn't stop them. He could tell that there was something wrong with the resentment and didn't mind having a few more people test it out.

Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue immediately sensed that something wasn't right when they entered the region. However, they were too worried about Zu An to give into their reservations.

Yu Yanluo arrived at Zu An's side and rested his body against hers, asking, "Ah Zu, what's wrong?"

"Don't come in here... There's poison," Zu An said weakly.

Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue staggered and almost fell as well. Their bodies weren't as tough as Zu An's, and with their injuries, their resistance had become weaker than usual.



“What is this?” the two women cried out in alarm with trembling voices. They noticed what was happening to their wrists and frantically rubbed the scales to try to get rid of them. They were still women, after all. How could they stand having that kind of stuff on them?

Yu Yanluo asked in surprise, “What happened to you two?”

Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue were also confused. Yu Yanluo’s cultivation was even weaker than theirs, so how was she fine?

Zu An quickly checked Yu Yanluo’s wrist. He saw that even though there were some faint black marks on her, there weren’t any black scales growing. He thought, Does this have something to do with the Medusa’s bloodline?

However, there was no time to think about that, so he shot her a meaningful glance. The two of them had already spent a long time around each other, so Yu Yanluo knew what he was thinking. With a cry, she copied the others and pretended to faint.

“What is going on?” the Fiend Emperor called out.

Zu An explained, “The resentment is too strong. If a person enters this region, it seems to strip them of their life force, and scales begin to grow on their body. Their consciousness grows weak too. We can’t stay here! We have to go back...”

“Continue forward!” the Fiend Emperor said coldly. He was alarmed when he heard that the resentment drained life force. After all, he didn’t have much of his lifespan left. Every bit he lost would hurt him tremendously.

“Are you trying to kill me?!” Zu An exclaimed, pretending to be furious. In response, the Fiend Emperor didn’t say anything and just activated the Puppet Curse.

Zu An felt as if the Golden Crow eyes in his mind had suddenly opened. Then, they released an irresistible will that couldn’t be guarded against at all.

This Puppet Curse is actually so terrifying?! Zu An thought. He felt as if he had lost control of his entire body. He automatically walked forward.

The Golden Crow Crown Prince was delighted to see that. He had never liked how smug Zu An always was. Unfortunately, his father had always protected Zu An before. Now, he could finally watch his enemy die.

However, Yu Yanluo and the other women also chased after Zu An in shock. The crown prince began to panic when he saw that, asking, “Father emperor, how about we let them come back?”

Those were top-tier beauties! If they perished along with Zu An, that would just be too much of a waste.

The Fiend Emperor said indifferently, “We do not know what the situation is like up ahead, so we just happen to need more people to look around. They all have different kinds of constitutions, so it should serve as a perfect comparison.”



He didn't dare to carry a shred of carelessness now that the situation was related to his life. Even though it was a bit of a pity to lose several incredible talents, compared to his life, they weren't worth much at all.

Wu Liang shuddered in fear when he heard their conversation. He felt a pang of sympathy as he watched Zu An's party head deep into the black smoke.

The women then picked up Zu An and stuck together. Zu An took the chance to give them a few looks. Then, he quickly drew on their hands, telling them that they should take the chance to leave the area.

Yan Xuehen looked at him with her beautiful eyes, as if she could speak through them. She communicated, "What about your Puppet Curse?"

"I have a way, but I have to leave the Fiend Emperor's range of control first," Zu An quickly wrote on her fair, small, jade-like hand. However, his wrist was already covered in a ring of glaring black scales.

Yan Xuehen had clearly noticed that as well. She instinctively wanted to pull her hand back, but Zu An grabbed it firmly. She knew that the Fiend Emperor was staring at them. If they moved too quickly, he would easily notice that something was off. She could only pull down her sleeves a bit to cover her wrist.

Yun Jianyue rolled her eyes. Do they not understand the situation they're in right now? And yet they're still flirting over there. She shot Yan Xuehen a look. This woman wasn't someone who normally cared that much about her appearance...

Still, they were facing a disaster, so none of them thought too much of it.

The other three felt their bodies grow heavier and heavier. Their minds were starting to falter, too. They couldn't help but look toward Yu Yanluo, asking, "How are you still fine?"

Apart from there being some black energy around her wrist, there wasn't anything wrong with her at all. On the surface, they were supporting each other, but in reality, she was the one carrying the most weight and supporting the others.

Yu Yanluo shook her head. She clearly didn't know what was happening either. They weren't in any state to figure it out right on the spot either. Their only thought was to leave the region as quickly as possible.

"It should be safe once we reach the mountaintop," Zu An quickly wrote.

"How do you know?" Yun Jianyue replied, looking at him in confusion.

"I don't have time to explain. Let's hurry," Zu An said. He couldn't just say that it was Mi Li who told him, right?

Suddenly, he felt a sense of danger. He quickly sent a palm strike to one side. As a black creature leaped out, Zu An's palm slammed into its head. The black creature became indistinct for a moment. However, the surrounding black energy entered its body and it returned to normal. It bared its fangs viciously.

In the distance, Wu Liang cried out, "What kind of monster is that?!"



Black energy emanated from the monster's entire body. It was neither a human or a dog, but resembled both in some ways. Its entire body was covered in scales. The long tail behind it also made it resemble a lizard.

"Is that a person who lost himself in the mist before?" the Golden Crow Crown Prince exclaimed, suddenly feeling a bit frightened. He had seen similar scales grow on Zu An's arm before. The only pity was that the three beauties were going to become that kind of monster too.

"That creature is in a semi-tangible form. It seems to be something created out of resentment," the Fiend Emperor explained, his expression turning grave. After all, he had never seen that kind of creature before either. After growing old, one would subconsciously become increasingly less fond of the unknown.

Zu An and the others attacked. They were being corroded by the strange resentment, so they didn't dare to waste a moment.

Even though the monster was strange, how could it withstand the joint attacks of several powerful cultivators? It screamed, then completely scattered into black energy.

"This thing doesn't seem as if it can die. From the looks of it, it'll probably revive after some time," Yun Jianyue said, looking at the black energy that was all around them and recalled how the black smoke had entered its body.

"I'm not scared of more of them coming, I'm actually scared that there's not enough of them," Zu An sneered. He used the Lion's Roar skill, releasing a great roar. His bold and powerful voice reverberated through the entire valley. Rustling trees and trembling ground followed in its wake.

"What are you doing?!" the Fiend Emperor exclaimed, his expression changing. He hadn't expected Zu An to make such a choice. He immediately ordered, "Shut your mouth!"

Zu An was affected by the Puppet Curse and had no choice but to close his mouth. However, he had already achieved his objective. Countless specks of red light appeared in the distance. They were the eyes of creatures similar to the monster he had just faced. They had clearly been alerted by his roar.

The red eyes surrounded them from all directions. A great pressure immediately filled the place.

Even Yun Jianyue, with her dauntless nature, was starting to feel scared. In their current state, they wouldn't necessarily be able to deal with so many monsters. There seemed to be no end to the monsters, and they were being corroded by the resentment present. As time went on, they wouldn't be able to withstand it!

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Soon afterward, the man-dog-lizard creatures emerged from several different directions, baring their fangs as they pressed in on the group.

The monsters seemed to have suddenly appeared out of nothing. There had clearly been nothing there a moment before, and yet now, there were monsters everywhere. It really could make one's scalp go numb.



Yun Jianyue swallowed with difficulty, cursing, "Damn brat, if I end up getting eaten by these creatures, I won't let you go even if I have to turn into a ghost."

Yan Xuehen's face paled as well. She instinctively leaned toward Zu An, as if only then would she feel a bit more at ease.

Meanwhile, Yu Yanluo was calmer than the others, because she was the least affected by the resentment energy around them. She thought to herself that she had to protect the rest of the group properly.

Just then, the black monsters noticed them. They pounced toward the group with a roar.

However, Zu An brought out the Yin Yang Swords, slicing up the black monsters charging at them. He didn't use the Tai'e Sword because it had been damaged by the Sun Slaying Bow, and he was worried that it would become more damaged if he used it in a fight. Furthermore, he was worried that the Fiend Emperor would become interested in it, as it was something that could fend off a divine weapon. It would be really troublesome if it got stolen. Furthermore, Mi Li was residing inside it too.

Sure enough, the Fiend Emperor's attention was drawn to the weapons Zu An used. Aren't those the Ocean races' Yin Yang Swords? Looks like this kid's relationship with the Ocean races runs quite deep.

As the glorious Fiend Emperor, however, a heaven-grade weapon wasn't enough to make him feel anything. What he paid more attention to were the weapons of the other women.

Sect Master Yun's Crescent Ring was as domineering as expected, and its movements were unpredictable and difficult to defend against.

Sect Master Yan's Flying Snow Sword engulfed the world in an icy chill. It matched her Snowflake Sword skill extremely well.

The Medusa Queen's World Painting was something rumored to have been made by the human world's Royal Academy's libationer. Even though it was less powerful than the other two, it wasn't outclassed in any other way. It was rumored that the libationer was incredibly profound, and that his cultivation even approached Zhao Han's. The Fiend Emperor had previously felt some disdain toward him, but now, it seemed that such a thing could actually be true.

Two earth immortals in the human world wouldn't be good for our fiend races.

However, he didn't have the luxury to think about those things anymore, because there were just too many of the black monsters. Many of them saw the Fiend Emperor's party of three, and charged at them too.

"You're courting death!" The Fiend Emperor sneered. He didn't move, but a wave of golden flames scattered outward, instantly burning all the approaching black monsters to ashes.

However, the monsters didn't seem to feel fear at all. A new batch charged forth as soon as one went down, their expressions even more malicious than the last. Perhaps because they sensed that the Fiend Emperor's side was stronger, however, many of the creatures went over to Zu An's side.

Zu An took the chance to grab the women's hands, calling out, "Run!"



He grabbed them and ran frantically toward the mountains. However, even though there were fewer black monsters, they still rushed forth endlessly. As such, he took out the Nine Cauldron and let out the White Lotus Flame. That flame was the loot he had picked up from Ban Ka; he hadn't expected it to be of use so quickly.

Inside the Nine Cauldron was a small fire that resembled a cute, lovely budding lotus. However, as soon as it was released, it turned into an overwhelming disaster! Countless lotuses rose and blossomed. The black monsters that approached were instantly burned until there was nothing left.

"So that kid actually had something so excellent," the Fiend Emperor muttered in surprise. At the same time, he recalled the cold case that had recently happened in the capital. The Black Teeth race had been looking for the killer everywhere, and yet this brat was actually the culprit after all!

It's a good thing I placed that Puppet Curse on him. All of these treasures are going to be mine later.

Even though there were many black monsters attacking, it wasn't a big deal for the Fiend Emperor at all, because they were easy to deal with. The only thing he had to worry about was that strange resentment energy. As he didn't have much time left, he didn't want to lose any bit of life force.

The Fiend Emperor's attention was drawn by the dazzling White Lotus Flame, but Zu An noticed an abnormality after he took out the Nine Cauldron. It had begun trembling unnaturally. Zu An seemed to grasp something simple yet profound, but it was too mysterious. He didn't have time to comprehend it at the moment.

Then, the Nine Cauldron shook more and more intensely, making Zu An worry that the White Lotus Flame was too powerful and that the Nine Cauldron wouldn't be able to handle it.

The Fiend Emperor also sensed something. He turned around, looking toward the endless mountain range. Within the depths of the mountain range, far in the distance, an ancient coffin trembled slightly. A pair of eyes seemed to have slowly opened in the sky.

"Father emperor, what's wrong?" the Golden Crow Crown Prince asked after seeing his father become absentminded. The black creatures were rushing at them like an ocean tide, so he had no choice but to guard against them alongside Wu Liang. If they were struck by the monsters in any way, black energy lingered around the wounds. Fortunately, he had the Golden Crow Sacred Fire to protect him; furthermore, they hadn't entered the area, which was why they hadn't gotten infected by the resentment. He had no idea how the fatty was doing so, but Wu Liang was actually able to defend against the corrosion of the black monsters too.

"It's nothing," the Fiend Emperor said, retracting his gaze. However, he was actually trembling a bit inwardly.

What was that feeling just then? Why was there such a powerful being present, one that made even him feel extreme danger? The feeling of danger was even greater than when he faced Zhao Han! He thought, How is that possible?!

The aura had only manifested for an instant before dispersing. Even the Fiend Emperor started to wonder whether it was just an illusion. After all, he was already close to heaven and man deterioration.



It wasn't strange for him to be hallucinating. He shook his head. He felt that the Unknown Region was too strange, and that he had to be careful above all else.

He was about to snatch back Zu An and the others when an earth-shaking roar came from the mountaintop. Then, a massive figure leaped down from above! It arrived in front of Zu An and the others almost instantly. Perhaps because he and the Fiend Emperor had killed too many of the black creatures, the lord of the monsters had appeared.

The monster's body was several dozen zhang long. Its face was like a man's, but also like an ape's. Sinister teeth filled its mouth, and it had two large tusks that resembled a wild boar's. Its body resembled that of a tiger, covered all over with yellow and black stripes. Its face and body were covered in long fur, and the black energy surrounding its entire body was extremely dense.

"The resentment is ridiculously strong!" Yun Jianyue exclaimed, jumping in fright. She had already really been pissed off and ready to unleash a slaughter, but compared to the resentment, it seemed like nothing in comparison.

Yu Yanluo cried out in alarm, "Do... Do you guys feel something weird?" As the monster approached them, even she felt a wave of weakness, as if her life force had begun slipping away. The black scales were starting to appear on her wrist now too!

Yan Xuehen screamed, noticing that the black scales had begun spreading far more quickly. There were even some black scales around her neck. Seeing that Zu An was about to turn around to look at her, she instinctively raised her sleeves to block her neck, crying out, "Don't look!"

Zu An didn't have the time to worry about all of that, because there was a terrifying pressure coming from the giant beast in front of him. He exclaimed, "From its aura, this creature seems to be at the earth immortal rank!"

"Judging from the way this creature looks, it greatly resembles one of the Four Perils from the ancient records, the Taowu[1]," Mi Li said in an extremely grave tone.

"Does it have any weak points?" Zu An quickly asked. His powerful will made him refuse to give up.

However, Mi Li immediately doused him in cold water. "There's too big of a difference in strength between the two of you. On top of that, you've been corroded by the resentment and you're practically half-dead..." After a pause, she continued, "There's nothing you can do. Just accept reality and die."

Zu An was speechless. He had thought that she would have some incredible advice after her pause, but in the end, she had actually said that.

He quickly looked back and shouted, "Fiend Emperor, do you still want us to scout the way? You don't want us to die this early here, right?"

The Fiend Emperor ignored his clear pleas for rescue and said indifferently, "Right, this is a good chance for all of you to test its strength."

The beast that had suddenly appeared was just too strong, to the point that even the Fiend Emperor felt a bit threatened. As such, he planned to use Zu An to test it out first and see if it had any special skills. That way, when he fought it, he could avoid many dangers ahead of time.



## Chapter 1387: Method of Salvation

Zu An hadn't expected the Fiend Emperor to be so lacking in moral principles. He was already one of the world's strongest. Shouldn't he have felt a bit of excitement to find a rare opponent? He thought, What the hell? Those stupid webnovels were lying to me!

Then, the Taowu beast gradually approached. The group all felt their lifespans flowing away and their spirits growing weak, as if their minds were already being infected by the strong resentment.

Yun Jianyue had been preparing to attack with her Crescent Ring, but it began wobbling back and forth, and she lost control of it. It dropped to the ground.

Yan Xuehen's arm also dropped powerlessly as soon as she raised the Snowflake Sword.

Yu Yanluo was surprisingly better off, but her cultivation was the lowest there. With her strength, there was no way she could stop the terrifying monster. She thought about using the Medusa Eye, but the Taowu was an earth immortal, something that was too far above her. Furthermore, there was such strong resentment all around them. The Medusa's Eye wouldn't necessarily be able to even petrify the surface of its skin.

Zu An swallowed his saliva and said, "Big bro Taowu, the one who killed the most of your disciples and children is that one over there. This doesn't have anything to do with us, you know?" He picked up the Nine Cauldron and pointed it in the Fiend Emperor's direction.

"What an idiot!" The Golden Crow Crown Prince burst out laughing. This guy's actually trying to reason with a monster? He's trying to shift that disaster this way?

You look pretty quick normally, so why do you seem kind of mentally deficient now? It would be way weirder if this Taowu or whatever could actually hear you.

The Taowu roared furiously toward the sky when it saw Zu An's movement, as if it were enraged. It suddenly jumped at him.

Zu An was alarmed, but he still frantically used his ki to activate the Star Shattering Imprint. At the same time, he took out the Poisonous Prick to stake it all against the creature. Still, he clearly understood that the Poisonous Prick normally only worked against living things. The Taowu didn't seem to be a living thing at all, so the Poisonous Prick wouldn't necessarily work.

The Taowu was about to reach him when its eyes darted toward the Nine Cauldron in his hands. A confused look flickered through its eyes. Then, it turned on the spot, charging at the Fiend Emperor's group.

The Golden Crow Crown Prince's smile immediately froze on his face. What the hell is wrong with this monster? It really listened to what Zu An said?!

An earth immortal monster had begun charging at him! The tremendous pressure made it a bit hard for him to even breathe. He could only instinctively hide behind his father.

Wu Liang was already curled up in a ball and trembling all over. It was as if he couldn't care less what was happening in the outside world, because it had nothing to do with him.



The Fiend Emperor hadn't expected the Taowu to suddenly charge at him. However, he didn't have time to think about it in more detail. He quickly raised his hand to counterattack. A fight quickly broke out between the two of them.

The terrifying blast waves created were so powerful that the two at his side coughed out blood on the spot. Fortunately, the Fiend Emperor was worried about his son's safety, so he spared a bit of strength to send the Golden Crow Crown Prince several hundred zhang out.

As Wu Liang was rolled up in a ball, the force sent him rolling far away like a bowling ball.

The Fiend Emperor was a bit surprised by the fatty's skills, but he didn't have the luxury to care about someone unimportant like Wu Liang at that moment. Even though the giant monster's strength was beneath his, it wasn't enough for a decisive victory. He didn't dare to be careless.

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Meanwhile, Zu An was also stunned. He had just said what he said for the heck of it. He hadn't expected the Taowu to really go after the Fiend Emperor. When he recovered from his daze, he quickly grabbed the women's hands and yelled, "Run!"

The women reacted quickly too. After all, the Fiend Emperor was fighting against the monster. If they didn't take advantage of that opportunity, what were they waiting for?

When the Fiend Emperor saw that, he wanted to stop them, but the Taowu was too strong. He couldn't afford to be distracted during such an important battle. However, he figured that Zu An had the Puppet Curse on him either way, and the other women seemed to have a special relationship with him, so it wouldn't be too late to look for them after.

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Zu An's group ran up the mountain. Along the way, there were much fewer black monsters. They had clearly been startled by the Fiend Emperor and the Taowu's battle. They all instinctively stayed far away. Even so, those that remained were still hard to deal with in the group's current state.

Fortunately, Yu Yanluo still had some strength left, so she continued to use her World Painting and her Medusa skills. Together with the White Lotus Flame Zu An released from time to time, they were able to just barely keep the path ahead clear.

After they ran for a long, long time, they became slower and slower. They grew weaker and weaker too. Even their minds were becoming muddled. The resentment around the Taowu had taxed their bodies too much.

Even though Zu An's body was extremely tough, the black scales reached all the way to his neck. Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue were in a worse state, however. Even their faces were starting to be covered in black scales. The scales weren't tangible things, and yet they glinted sinisterly.

The two grandmasters were already completely powerless and half-unconscious. The only reason they hadn't collapsed yet was because they were relying completely on Zu An and Yu Yanluo.



Zu An wanted to use Grandgale to quickly accelerate, but for some reason, Grandgale actually didn't respond at all. He didn't know whether it was scared of the Taowu, or simply affected by the resentment around them.

Helpless to do anything else, he tried taking the Wind Fire Wheels to bring them up the mountain. However, this environment seemed to restrict flight, so the Wind Fire Wheels weren't able to rise too high. Furthermore, even if they could fly close to the ground, the black monsters seemed to have gone mad, continuing to rush over from all directions to attack them. That made it so the resentment around them only became stronger and stronger. After trying it a few times, they could only give up and walk on the ground.

Finally, Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue could no longer hold on. Zu An secretly asked Mi Li, "Master empress, is there anything we can do about this?"

"No. With your constitution, if you let them go, there's a small chance that you can reach the mountaintop before the resentment consumes you completely." Mi Li said coldly.

Zu An replied seriously, "Am I someone who's only interested in saving my own neck and would abandon my companions?"

"You sound pretty righteous, but aren't you only doing this because they're pretty?" Mi Li sneered.

Zu An said in an upright manner, "Since we're companions, I can't abandon or give up on them. It has nothing to do with beauty."

"Can someone ugly become your companion?" Mi Li retorted with a sneer.

Zu An was speechless. However, he didn't have the strength to argue with her right now. He quickly asked, "Doesn't the Primordial Origin Sutra have anti-evil effects? Why wasn't it too effective when I used it earlier?"

"Strictly speaking, the Primordial Origin Sutra is more effective against the energy of departed spirits. What's affecting you right now is a kind of resentment energy, and a crazy amount of it. I really don't know just what kind of injustice would create such a terrifying resentment," Mi Li explained.

"Resentment is different from death energy. That's why it isn't too likely that you can save them through primordial ki.

"Still, you should be happy, because true primordial ki has a bit of resistance against this resentment. Otherwise, how could you still remain conscious right now? You would have already become like those two women," Mi Li explained with a harrumph.

Zu An said in surprise, "From the very start, you were still in the mood to joke around with me. That means you definitely have a way, right?"

Mi Li was speechless. This kid really is too smart for his own good.

"Didn't you notice that Medusa is more or less fine? It's probably because of that Lord Sui's Pearl thing you guys got earlier. Share it between yourselves and you should be able to last until the mountaintop," Mi Li said. She couldn't really keep that information hidden when she saw how Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue could be completely swallowed up by this resentment.



Zu An was overjoyed. He was about to suggest that option to Yu Yanluo, but she had already thought of it as well. She directly pressed her lips against Yun Jianyue's. Her tongue gently parted Yun Jianyue's lips, and a bright pearl flew out, entering the other woman's mouth.

As soon as Lord Sui's Pearl entered her mouth, the black scales on Yun Jianyue's face visibly retreated. Meanwhile, the few scales around Yu Yanluo's wrist began to grow at a visible rate.

Yun Jianyue gradually woke up. She vaguely sensed someone kissing her, which left her shocked and furious. She was about to swing her arm, but when she saw who it was, she couldn't help but become stunned. When she sensed what was in her mouth and the endlessly refreshing sensation it brought, with her knowledge and experience, how could she not know what was going on?

Even with her usual domineering nature, she couldn't help but blush. It made her already beautiful face appear even more stunning.

#### Chapter 1388: Stupefied

When their lips separated and she saw Zu An stare at the two of them, completely stupefied, Yu Yanluo's cheeks flushed with warmth. She hadn't realized what was going on when she was trying to save Yun Jianyue, but after seeing his reaction, she felt extremely embarrassed. She thought, Ah... Ah Zu won't dislike that I kissed someone else, right? Even though she's also a woman...

Yun Jianyue's heart was pounding like crazy. However, when she saw Zu An looking at her, with her naturally tough nature, she shot him a glare and said, "What are you staring at? You've never seen women kiss before?"

When she heard the question, Yu Yanluo's cheeks turned even redder. She really wanted to run away and hide on the spot.

"I've never seen two women who were this pretty kiss before," Zu An said with a strange expression. "But now's not the time to talk about that. Yan Xuehen can't hold on for much longer."

"You're surprisingly considerate of her." Yun Jianyue sneered. However, even though that was what she said, her gaze shifted toward Yan Xuehen.

There was black energy swirling around Yan Xuehen's face, as if she could be completely overtaken by the resentment at any time. Yun Jianyue wanted to return Lord Sui's Pearl to Yu Yanluo, but that would take too much time. As such, she just picked up Yan Xuehen and bent down to deliver it to her.

Why are this woman's lips so tight?

Yun Jianyue initially wanted to just get it over with as quickly as possible, but she hadn't expected the unconscious Yan Xuehen to be so uncooperative, so now it almost looked as if she were taking advantage of the other woman or something. She felt ashamed and annoyed when she noticed the scorching gazes on her.

"Use your tongue to open them..." Yu Yanluo said weakly. She seemed to be growing anxious as she reminded Yun Jianyue.

"Do you think I don't know that? Do I need you to teach me?" Yun Jianyue snapped with wide eyes. However, she was actually really embarrassed. That was how she had been saved by Yu Yanluo just



then, and the worst part was that the brat Zu An had seen it happen. She found herself very hard-pressed.

Zu An couldn't help but laugh. Even though this woman always spoke so harshly, it was clear that she had never done such a thing before from her movements. Still, that shouldn't have been the case, right? She was known for her charm skills, so why was she so inexperienced?

Yun Jianyue finally made some progress. Lord Sui's Pearl slowly entered Yan Xuehen's mouth. She could feel the faint radiance coming from Lord Sui's Pearl even through her skin; it had already begun showing its effects. The black scales on Yan Xuehen's face also began to retreat at a visible speed.

Finally, Yan Xuehen slowly woke up with a groan. However, she saw that Yun Jianyue was kissing her as soon as she woke up. She immediately jumped in fright, instinctively pushing her away.

"What are you doing?!" she exclaimed, feeling ashamed and furious. However, the special sensation in her mouth soon left her stunned.

"Woman, do you have no sense of others' good intentions?!" Yun Jianyue exclaimed, staggering and almost falling because she was caught off guard. She just happened to fall on Zu An. For some reason, she felt extremely uncomfortable when Zu An supported her. She moved his hands away and stared at Yan Xuehen, protesting, "I even sacrificed my own purity to save you, but this is how you repay me?"

Zu An and Yu Yanluo were speechless.

What do you mean, sacrifice your purity?!

When he saw that Yan Xuehen was instinctively trying to spit out the item in her mouth, Zu An quickly stopped her, calling out, "Don't spit it out! Keep it inside!"

Yu Yanluo's face immediately turned red. She gave Zu An an annoyed look. Zu An would always say those words when the two of them were playing around!

"What you have in your mouth is Lord Sui's Pearl from Yu Yanluo. It can suppress the resentment in your body to a certain extent. Keep it there for a while to force out some of the resentment first," Zu An explained.

Yan Xuehen quickly rubbed her own cheeks. She sighed in relief when she noticed that the black scales had already withdrawn to her neck. She smiled at Yu Yanluo and bowed slightly, saying, "Thank you, little sister Yu."

"Are you not going to thank me?" Yun Jianyue asked in annoyance.

There was no way Yan Xuehen would be willing to show weakness to her. She retorted, "Should you not be thanking little sister Yu too?"

Yun Jianyue's breath caught in her throat. She didn't retort, and could only thank Yu Yanluo first.

Afterward, she was about to bother Yan Xuehen again, but the other woman had already changed the topic. "Ah Zu, what is at the top of the mountain? Why are we climbing toward the top?"



If they continued to walk toward where the resentment was the strongest, it would only become more and more dangerous.

"I don't know either," Zu An replied. When he saw how confused all three women were, however, he quickly said, "All things in this world have a natural counter. The place where the poison comes from is often where the antidote can be found too. I have a feeling that there's definitely a way to save us up there."

Those were actually things Mi Li had told him, so he couldn't really explain it in detail.

Yun Jianyue nodded and said, "I agree with Little An's plan. We have the Fiend Emperor and that... Taowu or something fighting behind us. We'd be done for regardless of which one we ended up in the hands of. We might as well give this plan a chance."

Yu Yanluo and Yan Xuehen were extraordinary individuals too. They both expressed their agreement.

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Along the way, Yun Jianyue asked Zu An, "Hey, why do you recognize that monster's name?"

Yu Yanluo and Yun Jianyue also looked at him curiously. After all, they were all knowledgeable in their own right, and yet they had never seen that thing before. Not even the Fiend Emperor knew what it was.

"I saw it in an ancient text before," Zu An said. He couldn't just tell them he was a transmigrator, right?

"Which ancient text?"

"The Classic of Mountains and Seas[1]."

"Classic of Mountains and Seas? Why haven't I ever heard of that before?"

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Just like that, the group continued to climb the mountain.

After they traveled for a long time, however, Yu Yanluo's legs suddenly buckled and she fell. Zu An quickly supported her. Only then did they notice that while they were chatting, she had been corroded by the resentment. The black scales were already reaching her face.

"It's all my fault!" Yan Xuehen cried out in regret. She quickly kneeled down and passed Lord Sui's Pearl into Yu Yanluo's mouth.

When she saw Yan Xuehen's tongue proficiently separate Yu Yanluo's lips, Yun Jianyue's eyes widened in disbelief. She thought, This stone cold woman should be even more inexperienced than me, so why is she doing better than me?

After Lord Sui's Pearl returned to her, Yu Yanluo also gradually woke up again. Her eyes met Yan Xuehen's. When they saw how close their faces were to each other, both women quickly backed up.

"Thank you," Yu Yanluo said in embarrassment.

"It should be me thanking you," Yan Xuehen said in praise. "You are our life-saving benefactor."



When he saw the women apologize to each other, Zu An reminded them, "We need to pay more attention from here on out and pass the pearl along ahead of time to prevent accidents from happening. If the resentment passes a certain threshold, not even Lord Sui's Pearl might be able to save us."

He looked toward Yun Jianyue while saying that. She had had Lord Sui's Pearl for the shortest time out of anyone, and the black scales had already crept up to her chin.

"Okay..." The three women's voices all became a bit softer. For some reason, their cheeks reddened.

The group continued forward. After learning their previous lesson, the three of them exchanged the pearl ahead of time. At first, they were still a bit embarrassed, so they didn't use their mouths and instead took out the pearl, upon which the other person swallowed it.

As they continued, however, the resentment grew stronger and stronger, so the black scales grew faster and faster too. There was no time to waste at all, so they just returned to the method they had used in the beginning. They found it awkward at first, but they got more used to it over time.

That process continued for a long time before being interrupted by a sudden thud. Zu An had collapsed onto the ground.

The women were shocked. They quickly went to help him, and only then did they notice that Zu An's face was already covered in many black scales. If not for his constitution and the Primordial Origin Sutra's natural resistance to the resentment, he would have already been a lost cause. The fact that he was able to last so long was already a miracle in itself.

"Hurry and feed him the pearl!" Yu Yanluo exclaimed while carrying Zu An, her expression filled with alarm and confusion. She was even sobbing a bit.

Yun Jianyue's expression was strange, because the pearl was in Yan Xuehen's mouth. With that stone cold woman's nature, how could she be willing? She could end up wasting time, and then Zu An could die at any time.

She thought about how to convince Yan Xuehen as quickly as possible, but she didn't expect that the other woman wouldn't hesitate at all. Yan Xuehen bent down and kissed him immediately.

Yu Yanluo and Yun Jianyue were immediately stupefied.

#### Chapter 1389: Saved

Yan Xuehen proficiently separated his lips, then passed Lord Sui's Pearl to him. Because she was worried that he could choke on the pearl due to being unconscious, she didn't dare to leave him alone. She continued to help him control the pearl.

As the pearl's power spread through Zu An's mouth, he gradually woke up. His eyes met Yan Xuehen's. A warm feeling spread inside him. Looks like she doesn't treat me as coldly as she acts on the outside after all. When he remembered what had happened in the hot springs, he instinctively returned the kiss with his tongue.

Yan Xuehen instantly felt as if a streak of electricity had passed through her entire body. She instinctively pulled back in fright. Her normally snow-white cheeks turned entirely red. The memory of their bodies



wrapped intimately around each other in the Great Snowy Mountains couldn't help but reappear in her mind. Her heart pounded crazily.

"Not bad, stone cold woman. I didn't expect you to actually be so bold!" Yun Jianyue remarked, patting her shoulder. Even though she had a teasing tone in her voice, however, for some reason she just couldn't feel happy. She felt a kind of disappointment, as if her favorite toy had been stolen.

Seeing that Yu Yanluo was also looking at her with a strange expression, Yan Xuehen quickly shot Yun Jianyue a glare and snapped, "Witch, what kind of nonsense are you saying? This is a matter of life and death right now, so saving his life is the most important thing right now. Why would I be so inflexible?"

Yun Jianyue harrumphed. "I refuse to believe that you would do the same for another man."

Unlike Yun Jianyue, who was just instinctively trying to annoy Yan Xuehen with her rough and straightforward nature, Yu Yanluo was more sensitive to certain things. When she put together all of the things that had happened before, she suddenly realized that the relationship between Yan Xuehen and Zu An wasn't necessarily as simple as before. However, since this was a matter related to Zu An's life, she didn't have the luxury of worrying about that.

Meanwhile, Zu An was listening to Mi Li's nagging. "Tsk ts k ts k, you really are a womanizer. All of the pretty women around you seem to have something with you."

Zu An quickly explained, "Of course not."

"What, are you talking about that haughty Devil Sect Master? In my opinion, there's something fishy with the way she looks at you too," Mi Li said with a sneer.

"I was talking about you. The most beautiful woman here is, of course, big sis empress. Aren't we completely innocent?" Zu An replied with an upright expression.

"Hmph, you dare to even flirt with me? Also, call me master!" Mi Li replied. Even though she knew Zu An was praising her on purpose, she still couldn't help but grin. At the same time, however, she remembered what had happened back then in Brightmoon City's secret dungeon. She sighed, thinking, Just who's innocent...

Zu An quickly asked her some questions when he saw that she had suddenly fallen silent. He still had many questions about the Taowu and resentment energy, but there was no response for a long time. However, he didn't have the time to think too much about it. Yu Yanluo couldn't hold on for much longer and he needed to help her quickly.

The mountaintop got closer and closer, and the resentment's corrosive effects became faster to match it. The black scales had begun to reach all their chins. That made it so the amount of time each person could hold onto Lord Sui's Pearl lessened. As such, they could only hold it for three breaths before they had to switch it.

Yu Yanluo and Yun Jianyue were still alright, as they only had to pass it on to women. However, the pearl soon returned to Yan Xuehen again. When she saw Zu An's ambiguous smile, her small face immediately turned completely red. She thought to herself, This guy must be feeling really proud of himself, huh?



However, their lives were hanging by a thread at the moment, so she didn't dare to waste any time and could only kiss him again. This time, Zu An was awake, so she was especially embarrassed. And this bastard stuck out his tongue!

She wanted to move out of the way, but she was no match at all for him. His methods were way too trained. Who knew how many girls he had practiced this stuff on before her?

She strangely felt a bit angry when she thought of that, and immediately pushed him away.

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Zu An was startled. Looks like she's still a bit shy. Doing this to her in front of everyone else really is a bit embarrassing.

Yu Yanluo's expression was strange. She thought to herself, Why do I feel so wronged? She had to watch her man kiss other women in front of her. Even though they were doing this to save each others' lives, why did it feel so weird?

Meanwhile, Yun Jianyue was rejoicing in their misfortune. She asked, "Little An, how does our Goddess Yan taste? Do you know how many men in this world dream of what you're doing, but will never even be able to get close? And yet, you managed to take advantage of it today."

Zu An wanted to say that her lips were really soft and that the fragrance was incredible. But when he considered their situation, he still sensibly shut his mouth.

"Witch, no one will think of you as mute if you do not speak!" Yan Xuehen retorted, feeling ashamed and embarrassed.

"It's my mouth. I can say whatever I want," Yun Jianyue said smugly.

Yan Xuehen was seething with rage. This witch always angered her on purpose! When she saw Yu Yanluo move, she quickly took her spot. That way, the role of saving Zu An would be given to Yun Jianyue.

However, who would have thought that Yun Jianyue had already anticipated that? She quickly hugged Yu Yanluo and cried, "Hurry and save me, I'm about to die!"

Yu Yanluo was speechless. However, even though she knew it wasn't that serious, there was nothing she could do. She could only continue the original sequence.

When she saw Yun Jianyue look at her with an evil smile again, Yan Xuehen turned beet red. When it was her turn to receive Lord Sui's Pearl, she immediately returned it to Yun Jianyue after the resentment in her retreated a tiny bit. She wanted to change the order.

However, Yun Jianyue reacted quickly as well. She didn't hold it for long at all before giving it to Yu Yanluo.

Zu An was speechless. He thought, I'm going to die if you don't freaking pass it to me!



Yu Yanluo hadn't expected that she would one day be tugged back and forth like a treasure by two grandmasters. However, she was more worried about her lover's safety, so she quickly moved over to Zu An's side to pass him the pearl.

Only when the refreshing feeling of Lord Sui's Pearl spread through him did Zu An feel his muddle-headedness disappear a bit. Soon afterward, however, it was his turn to give it out.

Yan Xuehen was stunned. After all of that, the only difference was that rather than her kissing Zu An, he had become the one to kiss her! Ah, I'm so freaking stupid...

Yu Yanluo spoke up just then, saying, "Big sis Yan, we're doing this to survive. We've wronged you."

She didn't want what had happened before to happen again. If they had another accident and Zu An was beyond saving, she would really feel endless regret. As for whether or not there was really something between the two of them, she'd look into it slowly later.

When she heard Yu Yanluo, who actually had a relationship with Zu An, say that, Yan Xuehen knew that what had happened previously really was extremely dangerous. As such, she nodded and said, "Alright."

Then, she closed her eyes and faced Zu An as if she were facing her execution.

Zu An asked gloomily, "Yanluo, why aren't you saying that I'm the one being wronged here?"

Yan Xuehen's eyes suddenly shot open and she stared at him.

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Yu Yanluo was speechless.

This time, not even Yun Jianyue could continue watching. She remarked, "Kid, you're already getting so many free benefits, and yet you actually said something like that? You really need a good beating!"

With that, Zu An finally stopped his mischief and obediently passed the pearl on. This time, however, Yan Xuehen was quite proactive, giving him a fierce bite.

Zu An was in so much pain tears almost came out, but he didn't dare to let the women around him see it. He could only keep all of it as a pent-up grievance.

Yan Xuehen finally felt a bit better when she saw him grimace in pain.

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Just like that, their group eventually arrived at the mountaintop. What they saw there was a clear spring. It wasn't too large; it was more like an ancient well. The water inside was incredibly clear. Most importantly, there was rich ki coming out of it. For the first time, the area around it contained none of the powerful resentment. The party also noticed that the black scales around them no longer continued to grow.

Mi Li said in Zu An's mind, "Hurry and jump into this spring. Otherwise, there won't be any way to get rid of the resentment if it remains in your body for too long."

Zu An trusted her unconditionally. When he heard that, he also repeated it to the three women.



Yu Yanluo was one thing, but Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue were stunned.

It was such a small space, and they were going to all bathe together...

#### Chapter 1390: Power of the Snowflake Sword

Seeing how stunned they were, Zu An was worried that the resentment would cause irreversible effects if the resentment energy remained in their bodies. He directly grabbed Yu Yanluo and Yan Xuehen's hands, since they were closest to him, then jumped into the spring. The ice-cold spring immediately woke them up from their somewhat muddle-headed state.

Zu An waved at Yun Jianyue and called out, "Big sis sect master, hurry up and come in!"

Mi Li said in a cold and indifferent tone, "I'm not interested in watching you womanize, so I'm going into seclusion again. You should use this chance to get all three of them in the bag. Don't lose face for your master." Then, she turned around and left. A door projection opened, then shut with a bang.

Zu An was a bit stunned. Wasn't she in the Tai'e Sword? Why did she open a door in my sea of consciousness? Also, what did she mean with the last part of what she said? Is she trying to encourage me or is she saying the opposite?

For some reason, when she saw him wave toward her, Yun Jianyue recalled the way girls from brothels would wave their handkerchiefs towards their guests while shouting 'come and play, masters'. She suddenly felt a chill run down her spine and said, "You guys can soak in there first. I'll just go once you're done."

She noticed that the spring was quite small. The three others were already quite cramped there, so if she went there too, they'd be even more cramped. At that point, they wouldn't even be able to adjust their positions inside if they wanted to.

Zu An quickly said, "If this resentment stays in our bodies for too long, it might become extremely hard to get rid of in the future. I think it'd be best if you came in earlier."

Yun Jianyue was actually a bit worried, but the scene in front of her made her a bit hesitant. Actually, why was that stone cold woman acting so comfortable in there with Yu Yanluo, as if they were sisters?

Yan Xuehen had known that once they soaked in the spring, her clothes would be completely drenched and stick to her body. At that point, they would practically be transparent. Furthermore, the spring really was too small. She was already practically glued to Zu An. If Yun Jianyue entered, she would even be able to feel the heat coming from his body. It would be just like that night in the Great Snowy Mountains again.

Her entire body unknowingly heated up when she thought of that. She noticed Yun Jianyue's look of confusion, and felt ashamed and hard-pressed. In order to hide her awkwardness, she quickly asked, "Are you staying there and letting the resentment act up on purpose so you can have a proper reason for Ah Zu to kiss you?"

Zu An and Yu Yanluo were lovers, so it was normal for them to be together. It really was too awkward for her to be in there alone. If Yun Jianyue were also there, she figured, it would become much more normal.



Zu An was speechless. Why was he being attacked for no reason?

Yu Yanluo's expression was a bit strange. Was I overthinking it before? Yun Jianyue and Yan Xuehen are enemies. If Yan Xuehen and Ah Zu really had something going on between them, there would be no reason for her to push her lover away...

Yun Jianyue's eyes immediately widened in disbelief. She exclaimed, "Stone cold woman, what kind of nonsense are you speaking?"

She was worried that Yu Yanluo or Zu An would actually misunderstand, so she jumped straight into the pool. However, she pinched Yan Xuehen as soon as she entered. This stone cold woman was just too annoying!

"Ah!" Yan Xuehen exclaimed, naturally trying to avoid it and retaliate. The two immediately ended up being awfully preoccupied in the small spring.

However, that made things hard for Zu An. There hadn't been much room to begin with. Now that they were jerking left and right, their warm and energetic bodies had begun rubbing against him. How could his healthy and vigorous self stand that?

Yan Xuehen suddenly cried out, and her entire body trembled. She had been evenly matched with Yun Jianyue at first, but now, she lost the initiative and was at a disadvantage.

"What's wrong, big sister Yan?" Yu Yanluo asked curiously. She thought that there was something wrong with the other woman's body after suddenly hearing her cry out.

"Big sister Yan, could it be that the resentment energy inside of you is starting to act up?" Zu An asked worriedly.

Yan Xuehen was really embarrassed. This guy really was a freaking acting genius. Just who was the one prodding her at that moment? In the past, she might have been a bit confused. But after the event in the Great Snowy Mountains, how could she not recognize the thing that had gone inside her?

However, she didn't act up and instead said, "Yes, the resentment inside of my body seems a bit strange."

This rascal... Why don't you go and try to prod that witch?!

She really wanted Yun Jianyue to feel that thing too. However, she was worried that her secret would be exposed, so she didn't do anything in the end.

Zu An took the chance to say to Yun Jianyue, "Big sis Yun, let's not do this right now. Just let big sis Yan calm down the resentment energy inside her first."

"You only know how to side with that stone cold woman," Yun Jianyue snapped, pulling her hand back angrily. "Stone cold woman, your cultivation seems to be a bit weaker than mine after all. You're actually this disappointing."

Even though she was a bit unhappy, she didn't take the chance to take advantage of Yan Xuehen's difficulties. They had already gone through so much together that they were already far from being arch-nemeses like before.



"Hmph!" Yan Xuehen couldn't explain it properly either, so she could only pretend to be adjusting her own energies.

"Big sis Yan, should I help you?" Zu An offered, moving a bit closer.

"There's no need," Yan Xuehen said, her ears heating up. Not moving from side to side would be the best help right now! she thought. How could she say that out loud, though?

Zu An saw a faint blush spread across Yan Xuehen's fair neck and felt pleased. Even though they had already shared the most intimate relationship in the Great Snowy Mountains, she had begun treating him more coldly after the matter and always kept her distance. With that, he had felt that the other person was growing further and further apart from him.

Now, though, all of them had needed to rely on each other to get through the resentment curse, barely making it to the spring. They had needed to depend on each other. In the beginning, Yan Xuehen had resisted it, but she had gradually gotten used to it.

Zu An could clearly sense that their relationship was growing a bit closer. In the past, if he had treated her like that, she would have already started a fight. But now, she had tacitly agreed to it...

Suddenly, he sucked in air between clenched teeth. He felt himself freezing.

"Stone cold woman, what the heck are you doing? Why are you using the Snowflake Sword in this spring?" Yun Jianyue shivered and scolded Yan Xuehen.

"Sorry. I did not control my own skills well, so some of my true ki leaked out," Yan Xuehen replied, quietly withdrawing her hand underwater.

At the same time, she was a bit regretful. Just then, she really had been annoyed by Zu An's disrespect, but now that things had calmed down again, she got worried. I didn't freeze it too much, right...

If Zu An were frozen into a eunuch, wouldn't she have ruined Chuyan's lifetime of happiness? On top of that, she would also be letting down her little sister Yu.

Zu An was also scared half to death. He quickly transferred his ki through his body, then sighed in relief when he saw that 'it' was fine. Fortunately, his body was already incredibly tough after being refined several times by primordial ki. Otherwise, it might have really snapped off from the cold.

This woman really wasn't messing around; she had actually used the Snowflake Sword against him! Zu An was so angry he gave her a firm slap underwater. Yan Xuehen was ashamed and annoyed, but her reason won out and she didn't cause a scene.

On the contrary, when she saw the water ripples on the surface, Yu Yanluo's expression was strange. She asked, "What are you two doing?"

Yan Xuehen's heart began to pound. I'm done for, I'm done for! She's seen through me... I can no longer face anyone again...

However, who would have thought that without batting an eyelid, Zu An would say, "There seemed to be some kind of creature approaching underwater, so I waved my hand to force it back."



“What?!” Yun Jianyue and Yu Yanluo both jumped in fright. This was an Unknown Region. They had encountered so many monsters born from resentment along the way, and there was even an earth immortal watching over those monsters. Seeing as the spring was clearly extraordinary, how terrifying would some creature in it be?

Yu Yanluo immediately clung onto Zu An in fear. Yun Jianyue jumped ashore, but because her entire body was drenched, her dress stuck tightly to her body and was almost transparent. She was once again scared and jumped back into the water. She glared at Zu An, exclaiming, “What did you see?!”

Zu An said seriously, “I didn’t see anything. I was paying attention to that thing in the water.”