

## Noble Ruler 1341

### [Chapter 1341](#)

Elder Hua Feng sighed. "Rui'er, I know that you've never really liked her, but she's still a student of the academy after all. And out of the 300-plus people that came to the Flood-Desert Northern Region, she is the only one we've met. We can't just leave her here."

"Elder Hua Feng, I'm disagreeing with bringing her along, not because of personal reasons, but..." Shi Rui'er paused. "You also said that a total of 300-plus people came from the academy. Why is she the only one who appeared here? Not to mention the elders, there are also many students who are stronger than her, right? In my opinion, it's very suspicious that she appeared alone."

Elder Hua Feng stroked his beard. "Rui'er, your worries are justified, but I'm afraid we don't have any other choice, right? If she's really problematic, do you think it's safer to let her go or to put her right in front of us?"

With so many people around, it couldn't be that they could not handle one Jiang Zhiyuan, right?

Upon hearing this, Shi Rui'er thought for a moment and nodded. "You're right. I'll listen to you then, but if we realize that she has some problems, I won't show any mercy."

Elder Hua Feng heaved a sigh of relief in his heart, smiled, and said, "Okay! You've always been sensible, so I trust you!"

Shi Rui'er also smiled.

"But... there's something I never really understood. Why do you dislike Jiang Zhiyuan so much? I recall that you had returned to Flying Star Sect a few months after she came to the academy, right?"

These two people basically didn't have much interaction, so he didn't know where the unhappiness came from.

Shi Rui'er pushed her loose strands of hair behind her ears, faintly smiled, and said, "Actually, it's nothing much. She just did some things that I don't really like, so... But don't worry. As long as she behaves herself during this journey, I won't do anything to her."

It'd be a waste of my time. Not to mention Jiang Zhiyuan, I don't really care about the entire Fairy Water Mound.

Elder Hua Feng looked at her genuine expression and knew that she was speaking the truth, so he felt more at ease. "That's great, that's great."

...

After the two finished talking, they quickly went back.

At this point, the wounds on Jiang Zhiyuan's body had basically been treated. After taking one pill, her face finally had some color to it.

She obediently stood behind the crowd and tried to lower her existence to the minimum.

All of those people started walking in the direction she talked about previously.

...

"Chu Yue, I heard that you have a red-tailed phoenix?" Shi Rui'er seemed to like Chu Liuyue very much and was very curious about her. After walking for a distance, she started talking to Chu Liuyue again.

Chu Liuyue smiled and nodded. "Yeah."

Elder Hua Feng—who was standing in front—rubbed his nose.

"That's great. Why don't we exchange some blows some time?" Shi Rui'er's eyes lit up. "Ever since I had this one, I didn't really duel with anyone."

It must be very interesting to watch a legendary three-eyed eagle and a red-tailed phoenix fight.

Chu Liuyue thought for a moment before saying, "Tuan Zi has been very lazy lately, and it keeps sleeping. It's not energized at all. Why don't we talk about such things at a later date?"

Shi Rui'er felt slightly regretful, but such things really couldn't be forced, so she said, "Okay then. I just feel that it's pretty lonely. From a thousand years ago, legendary three-eyed eagles haven't appeared in the God Residence Realm again. My father found this one in some twist of fate. I don't know when I can find another one..."

"Legendary three-eyed eagle?" Upon hearing this, Jiang Zhiyuan—who was quiet all along—couldn't help but say, "There's one in the Sky-Cloud Empire. Senior Sister Shi Rui'er. Why don't you go over there and exchange blows with that person?"

#### [Chapter 1342](#)

Shi Rui'er glanced at her strangely. "Sky-Cloud Empire?"

Jiang Zhiyuan tugged at her lips, but there was no smile in her eyes. "Yeah, don't you know? The princess consort of the Sky-Cloud Empire coincidentally has a legendary three-eyed eagle. She also has a red-tailed phoenix at the same time."

"She has an agreement with two fiends, and they're both legendary fiends? How is that possible?" Shi Rui'er's first reaction was to shake her head.

Fiends were very prideful; it was impossible for them to choose to serve the same master at the same time, let alone two legendary fiends.

"I wouldn't dare to lie in front of you, Senior Sister. You can go and ask around to know if it's true or false." Talking about this, Jiang Zhiyuan's blood boiled. If it weren't because Shangguan Yue had two legendary fiends, how could I possibly lose? Even now, I still don't know how exactly Shangguan Yue did that.

Hearing Jiang Zhiyuan say this, Shi Rui'er was rather surprised. Jiang Zhiyuan really has no need to lie about such things. After all, I can easily know about it if I ask the Sky-Cloud Empire. So that means... it is actually true?

"If it's true, then I really have to go there when I have the chance in the future." Shi Rui'er thought for a moment and suddenly laughed. "She's really worthy of being the princess consort that Rong Xiu chose. It seems like she isn't as unworthy as the rumors in school say, right? Jiang Zhiyuan, what do you think?"

Jiang Zhiyuan's expression froze.

Shi Rui'er was clearly mocking her! That was because all the rumors that were spreading about the Sky-Cloud Empire's Princess Consort basically came from her back then.

Of course, she wouldn't say anything good about the other party. After much spreading, it became even worse.

Jiang Zhiyuan forced a smile. "...Senior Sister, you're right."

"I'm not sure what's wrong with the academy these few years as there are always people causing trouble out of nowhere. Some people aren't as capable as others, yet they aren't thinking of how to diligently cultivate and be better. Instead, they keep thinking of ways to spread false rumors about other people and even ruin their reputation to drag them down..." Shi Rui'er coldly snorted. "Sometimes, they really deserve to be taught a lesson."

Jiang Zhiyuan was so angered that she couldn't speak as her face flashed white and red.

Chu Liuyue watched on from the side and raised her brows slightly. Tsk. I really rarely see Jiang Zhiyuan being stumped in front of one person. Even in the Sky-Cloud Empire back then, she acted as if she was half the master. But in front of Shi Rui'er, she has to act gingerly, terrified that Shi Rui'er will do something to her. If it weren't because the time isn't right, I really want to go up and ask what happened.

"Oh right! Jiang Zhiyuan, you previously said that they were ambushed again when you guys escaped, and that's also the reason you separated from the rest, right?"

Jiang Zhiyuan nodded rather nervously, as if she still had lingering fear about the previous incident.

"Well, why don't you tell us what exactly happened back then?"

Jiang Zhiyuan muttered, "...I was too nervous at that time, so I only focused on escaping. I don't remember the things that happened clearly..."

"Then, just tell us in detail about how you fled." Shi Rui'er emphasized the word 'fled' in a seemingly laughing manner. "The more detailed your description, the more useful it is to us. It can't be that... you're not willing to say this either, right?"

Jiang Zhiyuan felt guilty, and her mind quickly spun. This Shi Rui'er is very sharp and critical! I did meet with two attacks, and I did escape in the middle of the chaos, but the truth is very different from what I had told Elder Hua Feng and the rest at the start. If I say it...

No! I definitely can't say it! I can't let them find out what happened back then! If I do—

"Senior Sister, you've misunderstood. Why wouldn't I talk about it? M-my mind is still quite messy now. Let me think about it carefully..."

"You should think about it." Shi Rui'er laughed lightly. "When you're done tidying up your thoughts and have figured out what you're going to say, it's not too late to tell us then."

This sentence sounded weird somehow, but Jiang Zhiyuan couldn't find a way to retaliate. Thus, she could only suppress the anger.

She looked down, and her light gaze seemed frail and pitiful.

Nobody saw the grievances that flashed across her eyes.

It wasn't the first or second time that Shi Rui'er had targeted her, and it wasn't like Jiang Zhiyuan didn't hate her. However, Shi Rui'er was the legitimate Second Miss of the Flying Star Sect, and she was nurtured as the next successor from a young age. She had a distinguished status, and she was more talented and capable than her.

The two were worlds apart, so she could only hold it back. Luckily, Shi Rui'er left after a few months.

Jiang Zhiyuan didn't expect to meet her a few years down the road!

"Yeah, Rui'er is right. Rest properly and tidy up your thoughts. Then, you can try your best to recount the entire incident clearly. That way, perhaps we might be able to get clues to find Bo Yan and the rest," Elder Hua Feng agreed with Shi Rui'er's words and added.

Jiang Zhiyuan could only smile forcefully. "Yes, I understand."

...

The crowd walked for a distance, and the sky completely turned black.

The temperature at night was extremely low. If they stayed at the same spot, they had to waste a large amount of force to maintain their body temperature. And if they weren't careful, they might just sleep forever.

Hence, the crowd chose to continue going forward.

In the dark sky, the moon wasn't to be seen, and there were only a few stars shining.

The crowd silently walked forward.

Suddenly, Shangguan Jing's voice sounded in Chu Liuyue's ears. "Yue'er."

Chu Liuyue was quite surprised. "Ancestor? What's the matter?"

Shangguan Jing paused and said, "I feel that... this place is very familiar."

His voice was very light, but it sounded like thunder to Chu Liuyue's ears. She knew very clearly that if there wasn't something important, her ancestor wouldn't randomly say this.

"Did you recall something?" Chu Liuyue asked in her heart lightly.

"Not yet, but... I should've been here before." In actual fact, he had this feeling ever since they reached the Flood-Desert Northern Region and got out of the transportation formation. As they kept going

forward, the feeling became increasingly stronger. It was only now that he could finally say it with certainty.

Chu Liuyue found it weird. "Are you sure?"

Shangguan Jing simply replied, "I think I know... where to walk from here."

Chu Liuyue suddenly stopped in her tracks.

"Chu Yue, what's the matter?" Elder Hua Feng was walking beside Chu Liuyue the whole time. Seeing that the latter suddenly stopped, he couldn't help but turn around and glance at her curiously.

Chu Liuyue recovered her senses and smiled to hide her thoughts. "It's nothing, but I feel a little tired."

Elder Hua Feng sighed, and white mist escaped from his mouth.

It was indeed too cold here, and it was very effortful to walk.

"I think everyone is also tired too. Why don't we all sit down and rest for an hour?"

This suggestion gained everyone's agreement. In actual fact, after traveling for a day, they couldn't hang on for much longer.

Everyone cleared an empty spot on the snowy ground and sat down cross-legged as they recuperated respectively.

The only benefit here was that the force was still quite rich.

Chu Liuyue also sat down and closed her eyes. "Ancestor, please continue."

### [Chapter 1343](#)

"This place... didn't look like it currently does." Shangguan Jing's tone was rather uncertain. "I know which direction to head toward that is safer, but as to what exactly that place has, I don't remember at all. And... I can only sense things that are within around a ten-yard radius. Things beyond that... I have to go there to know about it."

"Perhaps too long has passed, or my soul isn't complete, so the things that I can recall are really not much." Shangguan Jing hesitated for a moment and still said, "Also, you can just listen to it. You mustn't completely believe it. If I have remembered it wrongly... Besides, even if I really came here before, it was 1,000 years ago. The world is ever-changing, and we can't say anything for sure."

Chu Liuyue said, "Thank you for your guidance, Ancestor. I understand. Then, where do you think we should head toward now?"

Shangguan Jing pointed out a direction.

Chu Liuyue slowly opened her eyes, and deep thoughts flashed across her mind. There must be a certain logic to Ancestor's words. Since he has said so much... What's the harm of trying? After all, even Elder Hua Feng and the rest have no other methods in such a hellish place.

...

An hour quickly passed.

The group of them stood up and prepared to leave.

Elder Hua Feng looked at Jiang Zhiyuan. "Where should we go next?"

Jiang Zhiyuan took a look and pointed in a direction. "I think... it's there."

The sky was dark. Luckily, the accumulated snow above the ground reflected a faint light, so one could forcefully see the direction clearly.

"Let's go!" With Elder Hua Feng's command, the crowd started walking in that direction.

"Hold on," said Chu Liuyue suddenly.

Elder Hua Feng glanced at her. "Chu Yue, what's the matter?"

Chu Liuyue hugged her arm with one hand, and the other held her chin. She thought for a moment before saying, "I don't think it's that direction. Let's go there instead."

As she spoke, she pointed in another direction.

The crowd was stunned in unison and exchanged glances. W-what's going on?

Only Jiang Zhiyuan's expression changed slightly after she saw this scene.

"Chu Yue, what are you talking about?" Elder Hua Feng couldn't help but laugh, "Do you want to walk there?"

Chu Liuyue blinked. "Yeah. For some reason, I just feel that that place might be safer."

Seeing that Chu Liuyue didn't seem like she was kidding, Elder Hua Feng's expression froze for a moment. "Uh... but Jiang Zhiyuan said there—"

"Jiang Zhiyuan's words might not be right either. Didn't she say that she doesn't remember anything clearly just now? Who knows if she coincidentally remembered the opposite direction?" At the side, Shi Rui'er suddenly spoke and raised her chin toward Chu Liuyue. "Chu Yue, tell us—why do you want to change direction?"

Chu Liuyue paused. "No reason. It's just my instincts."

Shi Rui'er stared into her eyes for some time and nodded. "Okay, then we'll go according to your direction."

"No!" Jiang Zhiyuan suddenly raised her voice. It was so shrill that it was slightly piercing.

Seeing the crowd all look over toward her, she then realized that she had lost her composure. She lowered her voice again. "I-I remember it very clearly that it's there. The Flood-Desert Northern Region is very dangerous. If we go the wrong way, the consequences are unimaginable."

"Senior Sister Jiang, I'm just saying that we can walk there too. Why are you so agitated?" Chu Liuyue raised her brows.

Jiang Zhiyuan's back was filled with cold sweat as she forced a smile. "Nothing. I was just worried about everyone's safety. After all, there's so many of us. If something happens, who is going to bear the responsibility?"

Hearing her say this, the other elders all believed it.

"Chu Yue, Jiang Zhiyuan is right. We really can't randomly walk anywhere in this place. No matter what, she still escaped alone, so her route should be right. Let's walk there."

"Yeah! In this land filled with snow, who knows what traps are hidden underneath? Let's not risk it, okay?"

Hearing this, Chu Liuyue wasn't angry either as she smiled faintly. I can naturally understand why they would think this way and say such things. If it weren't for Ancestor, I wouldn't jump up and say such words. However, it is useless to tell them about this.

Chu Liuyue's gaze turned, and she looked at Elder Hua Feng. "Elder, do you trust me?"

Elder Hua Feng was dazed. "Of course, I believe you—"

Suddenly, his voice trailed off, and he squinted his eyes. Chu Yue is so persistent, so he clearly isn't doing this on impulse. Could it be... that he knows something? He has the red-gold heavenly phoenix with him. Perhaps... this is the red-gold heavenly phoenix's advice?

Elder Hua Feng thought for a while and finally said, "We'll listen to you this time. Let's try walking over there!"

"Elder Hua Feng?!" Jiang Zhiyuan looked at him in disbelief. "You really decided that?"

This is a major issue that concerns everyone's lives! He actually believed Chu Yue so easily? This is too immature!

The other elders were also surprised.

Elder Hua Feng laughed and said, "There's nothing serious about going over to take a look. If something happens, we can just come back again!"

The crowd fell into a momentary silence. Listen to what he's saying... What if we don't have the time and strength to run back? Then, won't we all die there?

But although Elder Hua Feng seemed like he was smiling and harmonious, those who understood him knew that he had already made up his mind.

Seeing that Elder Hua Feng and Shi Rui'er had agreed to walk in Chu Liuyue's direction, even if the rest had opinions, there was no use. Hence, they swiftly agreed.

The most anxious one was Jiang Zhiyuan. However, her previous reaction was too big and had already aroused suspicions from Shi Rui'er and the rest. If she forcefully objected again, perhaps...

2

Helpless, she could only choose to keep quiet and follow the crowd from behind.

The group of them rapidly went in the direction Chu Liuyue pointed.

The further they walked, the more anxious Jiang Zhiyuan was as she kept thinking of how to convince everyone to go back. However, everyone didn't really talk, and nothing much happened on the way, so she couldn't say anything.

Hence, after walking a while, the horizon appeared in the skies.

Shi Rui'er couldn't help but smile and say, "Chu Yue, it seems like the direction you picked is indeed pretty good—"

Hula!

Before she could finish her sentence, something suddenly rushed out of the snowy ground in front of her. It caused a huge commotion and ran straight toward the crowd!

#### [Chapter 1344](#)

"Nine-tailed green crow!" The elder with white brows, who was standing beside Shi Rui'er, immediately gasped in shock. "Quickly disperse!"

Upon hearing this, the crowd was stunned and rapidly moved backward!

Nine-tailed green crows were legendary fiends! They were very ferocious and had strong combat skills! The most important thing was that they always traveled in groups!

Once one was surrounded by nine-tailed green crows, it wouldn't be so easy to escape!

Following this, the crowd saw a patch of black rapidly flying toward them! In the blink of an eye, it was already before their eyes.

Every one of them couldn't be considered big, but they were entirely a dark grayish-green color. Their pairs of black eyes were cold and sharp, and their sharp white beaks seemed like they could bite off a piece of meat at any point in time!

At their behinds, they had nine long and hard tails that usually gathered together and drooped down slightly. But when they were going to attack, all those tails would immediately expand and reflect rainbow light under the sun. It was very pretty but very dangerous.

In the vast white snowy field, their appearance was very eye-catching.

The crowd retreated.

They were fast, but the nine-tailed green crows were even faster! As their wings flapped, the nine-tailed green crows had already brushed past the snowy ground and quickly flew up!

Elder Hua Feng and the rest were originally standing at the front, so they were implicated in the situation.

Elder Hua Feng's gaze turned harsh, and he rapidly set up a barrier before him!

Bang bang!



The few nine-tailed green crows slammed into that barrier harshly!

Hearing this noise, Chu Liuyue couldn't help but turn around as shock flashed across her eyes.

Those nine-tailed green crows actually seemed like they didn't want their lives. After they moved back slightly, they rushed straight up with even greater force!

Thump!

Kacha!

A crack appeared on Elder Hua Feng's barrier!

Thump!

Another nine-tailed green crow hit against it as if it didn't want to live. This time, the crack started rapidly spreading in all directions!

These nine-tailed green crows were indeed ferocious! They clearly could turn in from another direction and attack him, but they refused and stubbornly kept hitting the barrier that stopped them.

As legendary fiends, their intelligence could be compared to humans or even better than humans. It was impossible that they didn't know there was another easier way out, but they still chose to face it head-on!

This was the ferocious temper that was built in their bones! Of course, the more important thing was that they had the ability to go against the barrier head-on.

The barrier broke, and Elder Hua Feng felt stifled. He chose to leave rapidly.

"Although nine-tailed green crows have great explosive power, their stamina isn't great. After about 15 minutes, they will leave if they can't get to anyone!" As Elder Hua Feng ran forward, he hurriedly reminded everyone, "Remember—you must not take their lives!"

The long walk through the snowy field had already exhausted quite a bit of everyone's force. Thus, their speed slowly started decreasing.

The nine-tailed green crows kept catching up from behind, and they rushed to them in no time!

Jiang Zhiyuan—who was originally standing at the back—became the safest person when escaping. But before she could feel lucky about it, a rush of air went by her ear. Then, a nine-tailed green crow flew before her and stopped her path!

The nine-tailed green crow stared at her nonchalantly as if it wanted to skin her alive!

Jiang Zhiyuan's heart skipped a beat.

Whoosh!

The nine-tailed green crow rushed straight toward her.

Almost instinctively, Jiang Zhiyuan whipped out her sword and slashed down harshly. However, the nine-tailed green crow was faster as it easily used its claws to stop the sword.

Jiang Zhiyuan's heart sank!

Right at this moment, the nine-tailed green crow took the longsword in her hands and threw it out!

Jiang Zhiyuan immediately ran in another direction! But at this point, she had long lost her physical strength, so how could she be the nine-tailed green crow's opponent?

Putong!

Jiang Zhiyuan fell to the ground, and more than half her body sunk into the thick snow.

An ear-piercing sound was heard.

Jiang Zhiyuan looked back in horror.

That nine-tailed green crow was already very near, and it was right about to rip her face!

Everyone else had also seen this, but as they were quite far apart and Jiang Zhiyuan kept running to the side anxiously to avoid the nine-tailed green crow, their distance between each other grew increasingly bigger.

Shi Rui'er knitted her brows.

The next moment, a gigantic black figure appeared above her head! It was the fiend she had an agreement with—a legendary three-eyed eagle that had just reached maturity!

"Go!" Shi Rui'er commanded!

The next moment, the legendary three-eyed eagle's figure instantly disappeared before their eyes. At the same time, a shrill shriek rapidly spread!

The shriek that was filled with suppression caused all the nine-tailed green crows present to be dazed for a moment.

In comparison, the legendary three-eyed eagle was more distinguished than nine-tailed green crows. The strong bloodline power in its bones made these nine-tailed green crows have a sense of fear, respect, and hesitation—including the one in front of Jiang Zhiyuan.

Hearing this noise, their movements finally had a moment of hesitation.

Seeing this scene, Jiang Zhiyuan was elated and rapidly took action! She flung something out.

It was a golden metal container, and it looked ordinary.

Whoosh!

Flying dagger leaves, which were as thin as cicada wings, suddenly flew out from within!

These flying daggers were extremely quick, and she chose the most crucial moment. The nine-tailed green crow before her wanted to avoid them, but it was too late.

Countless flying daggers had pierced through its body!

The incredibly sharp weapons had cut its feathers and muscles, making an extremely soft sound that made one's hair stand on end.

Spurt!

An immeasurable amount of fresh blood spurted out and landed on Jiang Zhiyuan's face!

Thump!

The nine-tailed green crow fell to the ground. The crystal-white snow beneath rapidly melted due to the blood, dyeing everything red.

And its body was already cut into many pieces. It lost its breathing in the blink of an eye.

The surroundings suddenly fell into silence.

Everyone dazedly stared at this scene, shocked.

Even the nine-tailed green crows were stunned to the ground.

Only Jiang Zhiyuan—who was half-lying on the snow ground—pushed against the ground with one hand and held the golden metal container tightly with another. She clenched her teeth tightly and breathed heavily.

Her chest heaved up and down violently, and she widened her eyes as she stared at the deceased nine-tailed green crow before her harshly. Happiness from the success flashed across her eyes.

Her originally pale face had blood on it now, causing her to look ominous for some reason, and people feared her.

After some time, as if detecting everyone's gazes, she then looked up slowly.

Not waiting for her to announce her victory, the elder with white brows angrily scolded, "Are you crazy?"

Jiang Zhiyuan was slightly dazed. This shout was like a bat to her head, causing her to be dizzy.

She raised her brows in disbelief. "It wanted to kill me! If I didn't retaliate, am I supposed to just sit here and watch?!"

As she spoke, she looked at Elder Hua Feng to ask for help. "Elder, I know that Senior Sister Shi Rui'er doesn't like me. But no matter what, she can't disregard my safety, right?"

However, Elder Hua Feng's expression was extremely ugly. "Didn't I say just now that you're not allowed to take their lives?!"

#### [Chapter 1345](#)

His every word and sentence was cold to the extreme.

Jiang Zhiyuan was confused. W-what's going on? Even Elder Hua Feng is standing on Shi Rui'er's side? Hah, that's right. After all, she is the Flying Star Sect's Second Miss, a successor that has a bright future.

Compared to me, she is much more outstanding. Even the academy elders are humans, so they will praise the high and mighty and trample on the low and weak, right?

Jiang Zhiyuan sneered in her heart and couldn't help but say, "Elder Hua Feng, do you mean that I can't retaliate even if this nine-tailed green crow is about to kill me? I can only let it kill me?"

"Stupid!" At the side, the elder with white brows couldn't help but scold her. "Do you know that nine-tailed green crows live and die as a group!? Once you kill one of them, the other members will chase you till the end! They won't stop until you die!"

Jiang Zhiyuan's expression instantly froze.

"Why do you think we just ran away and didn't fight them directly? Do you think that you're the only one here who has the ability to kill them? Now that you've killed one of them, what are we supposed to do with so many of them left?!"

Huge trouble was caused.

"We just had to survive for 15 minutes to avoid this disaster! Great, how are we supposed to handle the situation now? Depend on your sneaky weapon?" The elder with white brows was enraged, so his words were very direct.

Nervousness and terror finally surfaced on Jiang Zhiyuan's face. "I... But I didn't have a choice either... It wanted to kill me just now..."

"I had already summoned the legendary three-eyed eagle. With its suppression... Although it can't make the nine-tailed green crows run away, it can at least make them fearful." Shi Rui'er had a cold and harsh expression as she stared at Jiang Zhiyuan with a dagger-like gaze. "If I haven't recalled wrongly, after the legendary three-eyed eagle came out, the nine-tailed green crow had already stopped its attack in front of you. Yet, you took the opportunity to kill it! Jiang Zhiyuan, do you have no brains, or do you want to drive all of us to our deaths?!"

Shi Rui'er really hated Jiang Zhiyuan to the core. This woman is incredibly stupid! We had clearly stated everything openly, and everyone else was doing fine. We just had to wait for a while and pass that time, yet Jiang Zhiyuan came out and caused a huge commotion!

Jiang Zhiyuan was scolded until she couldn't speak, and her face started to burn.

Shi Rui'er's words were as if slapping her in public as she didn't leave her any face at all. Yet, she didn't have any reason to retort.

Helpless, she could only look at Elder Hua Feng and cry in desperation. "Elder... Elder, I really didn't do it on purpose! I was too nervous and scared just now, so I... I-I didn't know that Senior Sister was saving me just now. I..."

In that situation back then, I had already disregarded everything. Why would I think so much? Besides, Shi Rui'er has always had an opinion about me. Nobody knows if her intent of saving me is real or fake! If she had acted sooner and summoned the legendary three-eyed eagle from the beginning, why would we end up in such a state? I wouldn't have had to kill the nine-tailed green crow out of helplessness.

Shi Rui'er was very smart and immediately guessed what Jiang Zhiyuan meant as she laughed in mockery. "What, do you mean that you think I acted too late?"

Jiang Zhiyuan immediately said, "Senior Sister, you've misunderstood! I definitely didn't mean that—really!"

"You know yourself if it's true or false." Shi Rui'er's lips curled up slightly, and contempt flashed across her eyes. "I do dislike you, but it's not to the point where I would cause myself so much trouble just to teach you a lesson."

Her sentence was plain and light, yet it was high and mighty.

Jiang Zhiyuan's heart felt like it was stifled. Her entire person was extremely uncomfortable as her tears kept falling. As they touched her bloodstained face, two streaks of tears came down.

Her miserable appearance seemed like she had suffered a huge grievance.

Hearing that Jiang Zhiyuan had no intentions of admitting her mistakes, Elder Hua Feng was extremely disappointed. Jiang Zhiyuan is clearly the one who has caused trouble for us, yet she still acts as if she is the victim. Who is she putting on a pretense for?

"Rui'er had already helped you. Not only do you not appreciate it, but you're even doubting her... Jiang Zhiyuan, you're too disappointing!"

Jiang Zhiyuan hurriedly defended herself. "No! Elder, I was just—"

"Ah!!!" A hoarse and ear-piercing shriek suddenly sounded!

The crowd looked over and saw the nine-tailed green crows quickly flying toward Jiang Zhiyuan.

Jiang Zhiyuan was petrified as she hurriedly moved back.

Those nine-tailed green crows stopped not far in front of her. With the dead crow in the center, they formed a circle and kept circling back and forth in the air.

Soft whimpers could be heard.

"Elder, we must leave immediately!" Chu Liuyue knitted her brows slightly. These nine-tailed green crows are summoning their other clansmen! If we are any later...

"Go!" Elder Hua Feng decided immediately!

Even if Shi Rui'er summoned her legendary three-eyed eagle now, it was useless.

The legendary three-eyed eagle could cause them to be momentarily stunned, but now that a nine-tailed green crow was dead, they definitely wouldn't let this slide!

Seeing that the crowd was about to leave, Jiang Zhiyuan's heart skipped a beat as she hurriedly got up. "Elder!"

I have to be with them and cannot be left behind! How can I deal with the nine-tailed green crows alone?

The elder with white brows coldly scolded, "Nine-tailed green crows bear grudges very well. I'm afraid this won't be the end of this incident! Jiang Zhiyuan killed that one, and her body still has its blood; she can't escape at all. If we want to continue going with her, we won't be able to escape them either!"

He gazed at Shi Rui'er. "Second Miss, we don't have to pay for this, right?"

His meaning was very obvious—they had to abandon Jiang Zhiyuan!

Shi Rui'er thought for a moment and glanced at Elder Hua Feng. "Elder, what do you think?"

Elder Hua Feng felt very conflicted. On the one hand, Jiang Zhiyuan did cause this incident herself, so she should be the one bearing the responsibility. On the other hand, she was a student from the academy. If they just abandoned her here... he would feel very guilty.

"Rui'er, you're all students of the academy, and we wouldn't want to abandon any of you, so... Why don't we do this? You can leave first, and we'll be at the back. After settling these issues, we can gather again when we have the chance, okay?"

Helplessness flashed across Shi Rui'er's eyes.

Elder Hua Feng's suggestion didn't seem problematic on the surface, but was this not pushing them toward the most dangerous situation? And this was all because of Jiang Zhiyuan.

"Elder, we can't leave alone. Since you have decided to bring her along, then we shall. We have so many people, perhaps we can handle—" Once she said this, roars could be heard from far away!

A patch of dark grayish-green color was swarming toward them from the place where the sky and ground connected!

#### [Chapter 1346](#)

With a rough estimate, there were at least more than a hundred of them!

"Why are there so many nine-tailed green crows here?" the elder with white brows yelled in shock. Then, he immediately looked at Shi Rui'er. "Second Miss—"

It was fine if there were only a few as they could still handle them, but... So many of them came now!

One had to know that they were all legendary fiends! They were afraid they wouldn't even be able to handle half of them!

When Jiang Zhiyuan saw this scene, she was so stunned that she forgot to even cry. She hurriedly yelled at Elder Hua Feng in panic, "Elder, save me!"

I survived with much difficulty. How can I just die here?! She almost rolled and crawled as she ran over and hurriedly knelt on the ground to beg them.

"Shut up!" Shi Rui'er felt disgusted. All she knows how to do is cause trouble. It's as if she is afraid that the world will be at peace. At crucial moments, she becomes the most cowardly one! Jiang Zhiyuan is the one who caused all this trouble. Why should we pay with our lives as well!? She isn't worth it!

Jiang Zhiyuan's entire body trembled due to this scream, but she didn't dare to say anything else. She could only hopelessly stare at Elder Hua Feng and the rest and beg them.

Now, she could only depend on them.

Elder Hua Feng clenched his fists tightly. Even if we leave Jiang Zhiyuan here now, we might not even be able to get rid of these nine-tailed green crows...

"Elder." When the crowd was in a state of panic, a clear voice sounded. This voice was clean like mountain water flowing down, instantly breaking the fiery and stiff atmosphere.

"Chu Yue?" Elder Hua Feng glanced at Chu Liuyue strangely.

Chu Liuyue lifted her chin. "If you trust me, follow me."

Her tone was very calm, which made Elder Hua Feng determined.

For some reason, although it was just a short sentence, his uneasy emotions were instantly comforted.

Looking at that pair of dark and clear eyes, many thoughts flashed across his mind, and he finally nodded with determination. "Okay!"

Chu Liuyue's lips curled up slightly, and she smiled. Although Elder Hua Feng is usually indecisive, he trusts me very much. This point alone is enough.

Chu Liuyue walked forward.

Elder Hua Feng followed closely after. "Everyone, follow us!"

Hearing this command, the other academy elders exchanged glances. But thinking about the series of incidents that happened along the way, they hurriedly followed. Not to mention others, but Chu Yue is indeed a lucky star! If we follow him, we might actually be able to avoid this disaster.

Shi Rui'er knitted her brows and planned to follow them, but the elder with white brows stopped her from the side. His old face was filled with disapproval. "Second Miss, this is an important matter. You must think about it carefully!"

In the beginning, I agreed when Second Miss said that she wanted to go with the people from Ling Xiao Academy. Then, when Second Miss agreed to journey in Chu Yue's direction, I also agreed. But now? The people from Ling Xiao Academy have caused such a huge mess, yet we have to deal with it?

We are on good terms, but it isn't good to that extent! The clan leader sent us over to find the Heavenly Square Cauldron. Why are we doing all of this?! There can be a first time or a second but never a third! We have to separate from Ling Xiao Academy to have a chance of survival!

"Sixth Uncle, I know what you're considering, but I have to go with them," said Shi Rui'er with a light yet determined tone.

The elder with white brows was hesitant with his words. "But..."

"Even if we go our separate ways, it's already too late. When that nine-tailed green crow died just now, all of us were present. Our auras are mixed. The remaining ones... won't let us off so easily." As Shi Rui'er spoke, she revealed a faint smile. "Also, I trust the academy elders and... Chu Yue."

Seeing her persistent attitude, the elder with white brows could only nod helplessly. "Then... I'll listen to you!"

If we are really driven to the corner, we can only—

Shi Rui'er turned around and followed them.

The people from the Flying Star Sect hurriedly followed.

Right at this moment, Jiang Zhiyuan suddenly rushed to Elder Hua Feng's side and said anxiously, "Elder, you're really planning on trusting Chu Yue's so-called instincts?"

Elder Hua Feng paused in his tracks.

Chu Liuyue raised her brows and glanced at Jiang Zhiyuan in a seemingly smiling manner.

"Just now, we followed the direction she chose and walked over. In the end, we met with these nine-tailed green crows. Life and death are at stake. If we follow him again..."

"Senior Sister Jiang," said Chu Liuyue lazily. "If you didn't kill that one nine-tailed green crow, we would've already been out of danger. Why would we be chased by so many nine-tailed green crows?"

Jiang Zhiyuan was stumped.

"Besides, if you really think that it's dangerous to follow us, we won't force you either. You can go whichever side you think is safer, okay?"

Chu Liuyue's short few sentences caused Jiang Zhiyuan to be unable to speak further.

Jiang Zhiyuan clenched her teeth and still looked down. The current me indeed has no right to continue bargaining with these people. Forget it! As long as I'm alive, we can talk about the rest later!

Chu Liuyue retracted her gaze and sneered in her heart. Even now, Jiang Zhiyuan doesn't seem like she can read the situation clearly. All the people present have grudges against her. Even Elder Hua Feng probably doesn't have the initial pity and sympathy he had for her. If it weren't because he wanted to find the whereabouts of Elder Bo Yan and the rest, why would he still tolerate Jiang Zhiyuan?

The sound of wings flapping could be heard in the air. That was the sound of nine-tailed green crows rapidly approaching!

Chu Liuyue didn't even turn around as if she didn't care about those nine-tailed green crows. She walked forward step by step. "Ancestor, where should we go next?"

#### [Chapter 1347](#)

Chu Liuyue followed Shangguan Jing's instructions and walked forward. She wasn't fast.

In actual fact, everyone had basically exhausted quite a bit of their force by this moment, so they couldn't be any faster. The nine-tailed green crows would be able to catch up with them sooner or later.



Hearing the noise of the flapping wings rapidly approaching, Elder Hua Feng couldn't help but glance at Chu Liuyue from the corner of his eyes. Yet, he saw that the latter was exceptionally nonchalant and calm.

Such a stable mentality didn't seem like a young man in his teens at all. It wasn't that he wasn't curious. Instead, he instinctively chose to trust Chu Liuyue because he knew about the red-gold heavenly phoenix's existence.

The crowd silently walked forward.

Whoosh!

A terrifying aura attacked from behind!

Jiang Zhiyuan was stunned and immediately dodged to the side! A green fire then rapidly brushed past the side of her body!

Her sleeves started burning instantly!

"Ah!" Jiang Zhiyuan yelled out in pain and hurriedly extinguished the fire!

That fire was quickly put out, but more than half her sleeves were burned. Her shoulders were also burned, resulting in a scorched and distorted wound.

The intense pain spread everywhere!

Jiang Zhiyuan's lips turned white in a flash. In this cold and icy place, the harsh winds attacked her bones, and her forehead broke out into a cold sweat.

She turned around and looked back weakly. The nine-tailed green crow flying at the front launched an attack toward her!

Their target was indeed her!

At this point, Jiang Zhiyuan didn't care about the pain as she started running forward at full speed. As she ran, she kept thinking of ways to survive in her head.

Some of the people in front turned around and saw the scene, but they didn't help. At such times, they had to leave some strength for themselves to escape. How could they have any energy left to help others, not to mention that this 'other person' was still the culprit who brought them into this mess?

...

Jiang Zhiyuan was tortured on this side, yet she couldn't voice her sufferings. She ran crazily, but Chu Liuyue didn't even give her an additional gaze.

The further they walked, the clearer Shangguan Jing's memory seemed to be.

To Chu Liuyue, this was clearly a boundless snowy field. But to Shangguan Jing, he seemed to clearly know all the trees and plants that had once been here.

At this point, Chu Liuyue could confirm that her ancestor had come here before.

"Ancestor, will your remaining soul be here?" Chu Liuyue couldn't help but ask.

Shangguan Jing fell silent for a moment before sighing lightly. "Maybe..."

In actual fact, he did feel that something was summoning him. This feeling was very familiar.

As time passed, the feeling became increasingly strong.

At this moment, those nine-tailed green crows had already caught up with them! A portion of them even went straight ahead and directly blocked Chu Liuyue and the rest.

Whoosh!

Countless green fires flew out and formed a barrier in front of them!

The temperature of the fire wasn't high, and there was even cold intent. It burned crazily on the snowy ground, yet the snow had no signs of melting at all.

Chu Liuyue's eyes turned cold.

"Chu Yue, move back. Let me—" Before Elder Hua Feng could finish his sentence, he saw Chu Liuyue directly stepping over it!

The green fire seemed to have met something terrifying as it retreated quickly!

Everything happened within a moment. If it weren't for Elder Hua Feng standing beside Chu Liuyue and staring at her the whole time, he wouldn't have seen such a small scene.

He was dazed for a moment and immediately understood as he hurled out a wave of force.

The fires started extinguishing.

The crowd hurriedly forward.

Shi Rui'er saw all of this and planned on going up to ask when she saw Chu Liuyue suddenly stopping in her tracks.

Elder Hua Feng also hurriedly stopped.

"Why—" The moment she spoke, her voice trailed off. That was because she had also seen the scene before her.

A gully was right in front of them! It was as if the ground was suddenly split open by a gigantic axe, and a narrow gully—which one couldn't see the end of—spread across.

They couldn't see where this gully started or where it ended. They only knew that this break in the ground stopped them.

Both sides had black rocks that seemed to have experienced all sorts of weather from the past thousands of years.

Thick, ancient, spacious.

The ground below them had red sand accumulating there.

The wind blew past, and the layer of thin sand on the surface rose with the wind.

The sand was rough, and the aura was humid.

Nobody knew where exactly this path led.

"Why... is there such a gully here..." muttered Shi Rui'er softly in shock.

She surveyed her surroundings, and it was filled with white snow. It was as if no matter where they walked, they could never reach the end. Yet, there was actually such a special scene in such a place...

All the snow and wind seemed to avoid this area automatically.

The air that came up from below was dry and hot. It was like a completely different world.

At this point, the crowd behind had walked over. After seeing everything before them, the crowd fell silent. This... How should we choose?

At this point, the nine-tailed green crows were already right behind them. However, they seemed to be fearing something as they flew back and forth on the spot and refused to take another step forward.

"They don't seem like they dare to approach the gully." A soft voice came from the crowd.

"But we're also on the brink of death... Even these nine-tailed green crows are behaving like this. Who knows what's hidden below this gully?"

"But we don't have any other choice now.. There are so many nine-tailed green crows; we're not their match at all."

...

Clearly, quite a few people were hesitant about this gully that suddenly appeared.

At this point, Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in and jumped!

"Chu Yue!" Elder Hua Feng gasped in shock.

After a moment of hesitation, he immediately flew up and jumped in! At this point, we can only continue going forward! Even if there are dangers lying there, are we considered safe now?

Seeing Elder Hua Feng and Chu Liuyue going down, Shi Rui'er knitted her brows slightly and flew down as well.

In this situation, everyone chose to follow them.

From afar, the figures in the snowy field rapidly disappeared.

Those nine-tailed green crows let out shrieks of anger, but they didn't dare to go close. After circling in mid-air for a long time, they finally left.

#### [Chapter 1348](#)

Chu Liuyue went toward the bottom of the gully. The nearer she got, the more she could feel the humid and warm aura coming from it.

Different from the bone-chilling snowy field, the temperature was much higher here, similar to the warmth of spring.

When Chu Liuyue's feet finally landed on the red sand, she even faintly felt that it was a little hot.

She looked down and took a glance. The sand that flowed with the wind and brushed past her face was hot.

Luckily, these sand clumps were slightly larger and rougher, so walking on the sand wasn't like walking in a desert, where one would sink in every step. Just with this alone, it was already much better than treading on the thick snow outside.

She looked at both sides.

The red sand covered the land, and one couldn't see the end.

Elder Hua Feng landed beside Chu Liuyue and followed her gaze to take a look. Then, he couldn't conceal the shock in his eyes. If I didn't see it personally, I wouldn't believe that there was actually such a gully below. Also... this gully seems rather strange.

"This is..." Elder Hua Feng originally wanted to ask Chu Liuyue where they were, but after speaking halfway, he then realized that she probably didn't know. But no matter what, this place seems much safer than the outside. At the very least, we have gotten rid of the nine-tailed green crows.

"Chu Yue, you're really capable! You could even find such a place?" Shi Rui'er's face had a surprised smile as she walked toward Chu Liuyue.

Chu Liuyue smiled. "Senior Sister, you're too kind. I just happened to find it. I didn't know... this place looked like this either."

Shi Rui'er's brows moved slightly, showing that she didn't completely believe in her words. If she really didn't know, why would she head in this direction without stopping...

Seeing Chu Yue's expression just now, she really did seem surprised. It shouldn't be a pretense. She suppressed her thoughts. No matter what, Chu Yue did help us solve a problem.

"I owe you a favor," said Shi Rui'er with a smile. "If it weren't for you, I don't know how we would end up today."

Chu Liuyue thought about it and didn't reject it.

Shi Rui'er had intentions of making friends with her, and coincidentally, she admired Shi Rui'er quite a bit as well. It was quite nice to have another friend. Besides, the other party had such a high status.

At this point, a soft gasp of pain could be heard.

Jiang Zhiyuan had fallen down from the stone walls, and her face and head were covered in blood. She looked like she was in a sorry state.

Initially, she had flown down like the crowd, but in the end, her physical strength couldn't support her. She had also suffered quite a few injuries, so when she didn't control herself properly, she ended up in this state.

An elder from the academy shook his head and sighed as he walked over and passed her a jade bottle. This was the elder who previously attended to Jiang Zhiyuan's wounds.

Without a doubt, the bottle contained pills.

But this time, the elder had left after giving the medicine and didn't intend to help her treat her new wounds.

Even though everyone had already gotten out of danger, they still couldn't immediately forgive Jiang Zhiyuan for her mistakes.

Lives had been at stake. How could they let it go so easily?

Jiang Zhiyuan knew that she was in the wrong and didn't dare to speak as she silently hid in a corner.

"There are two paths—left and right. Which one should we take?" asked Elder Hua Feng. After experiencing these incidents, he had already unwittingly started asking Chu Liuyue for her opinion.

Chu Liuyue hugged her arm with one hand and fell into deep thought. After a moment, she pointed toward the right. "There."

#### [Chapter 1349](#)

"This used to be a river." Shangguan Jing's voice sounded softly.

Chu Liuyue's gaze flickered, and she walked forward with a normal expression. It seems like this place looked completely different when Ancestor came to this place a thousand years ago. However, the world is ever-changing, and everything has changed.

"The sand contains rich force, but it's too sparse, and it's hard to absorb properly." Shangguan Jing said rather regretfully, "If not, you could've continued cultivating here."

Chu Liuyue smiled in her heart. "Ancestor, even I'm not anxious. Why are you in a hurry?"

"It's not that I'm anxious, but... This is the only way you won't let down your current achievements." Shangguan Jing sighed lightly. "You're already broken through to become a King Xuan Master. If I haven't guessed wrongly, you should be able to break through to the ultimate point very soon and become a Physician. As for the warrior aspect... Logically speaking, even if you don't break through to the Apotheosis Realm, you should be a stage-nine warrior at the very least with the amount of Heaven and Earth force you have absorbed."

However, this wasn't the case.

Without a doubt, Chu Liuyue had the same outstanding talent in all three aspects. Whichever talent she showed, she would be an elite at it.

Chu Liuyue had always been very successful in her cultivation as a Xuan Master and heavenly doctor. Only the warrior aspect... Her breakthrough speed was so slow to the point where it was infuriating.

Even to this day, she was just a stage-eight warrior.

The others didn't know, but she knew it the best—she had already recovered her Tianjing Yuan meridian. When she broke through to become a stage-seven warrior and went through the God Foreseeing Tribulation, the phenomena were extraordinary.

Shangguan Jing had never seen it before in his life.

With such talent, it was really strange that she could only forcefully break through to become a stage-eight warrior.

A very faint smile quickly flashed across Chu Liuyue's lips. I've long been used to this. After I was reborn and got this water droplet, I realized that my cultivation as a warrior seemed to be intentionally restricted by this item.

"Even though I'm a stage-eight warrior... I might be able to fight a stage-nine warrior," Chu Liuyue teased in her heart.

However, Shangguan Jing had a different opinion on this. "It's still different. Yue'er, I know that you're strong and that the difference in cultivation levels doesn't seem to be very obvious here. However, it's only for the time being. The difference between a stage-eight warrior and a stage-nine warrior can be closed with all sorts of methods you have now. But when you go higher, the difference between cultivation levels will only be greater. At that time, it won't be so easy if you want to challenge those with a higher cultivation level."

"For example, if you're a stage-nine warrior and the other party is a demigod, what are you supposed to do? If the other party is a true god, they can unleash their God Realm and easily suppress you. Have you... thought about all of these problems?"

The current Chu Liuyue could use the holy force to forcefully fight a demigod with a move or two. With the Chi Xiao Sword, she might even be able to tie with the other party.

But all of this was still external support. As long as she was strong and capable, she could then be considered as a true warrior!

Chu Liuyue lowered her head and thought deeply for a moment. "Ancestor, you're right."

Actually, she had been very curious about this. This was because from the Qing Yun Ranking's situation, it seemed like the previous her had broken through to become a legendary warrior. However, this part of her memory was missing, so she couldn't investigate it.

I wonder... What will it look like when I break through to the Apotheosis Realm now?

...

Time seemed to pass especially slowly.

The crowd silently walked forward, not knowing when they would reach the end. This feeling where they couldn't see hope was the most torturous.

The further they went, the hotter the surroundings seemed to be.

"Do you feel that something is wrong?" Finally, an academy elder couldn't help but ask this and wipe the sweat on his forehead.

"I also feel that the temperature here is indeed abnormal." Another elder nodded.

With their abilities, even if they walked such a distance underneath the burning sun, they wouldn't feel this hot.

This type of feeling seemed like... it had come from the inside of their bodies.

"Look, the surrounding scenery seems rather different."

Chu Liuyue recovered her senses, instinctively looked up, and surveyed her surroundings.

Now, it seemed like there was a problem. On the mountain rocks on both sides of the gully were many holes and cracks. It was as if it had some rhythm or was contorted to this state by some special force. After all, it seemed rather strange.

Chu Liuyue couldn't say clearly where this feeling came from, but something seemed to be weighing down on her heart.

Suddenly, she focused her gaze and walked a few steps to the right.

"Chu Yue, what's the matter?" Elder Hua Feng followed her curiously.

Chu Liuyue stopped one step before the mountain rocks.

Looking up, it was a steep cliff that was almost perpendicular. One could even see the thick piles of snow above it.

"What are you looking at?" Elder Hua Feng followed her gaze and looked, but he didn't discover anything wrong.

Chu Liuyue took a step forward and swiped away the red sand below her feet.

Half a white bone was suddenly revealed.

Elder Hua Feng was dazed.

That seemed to be a bone that had been buried here for a long time. As only a part of it was exposed, one couldn't guess what shape it was or even find out the owner's identity. However, the crucial point was that the bone shone like a crystal and faintly gave out some light.

Upon a closer look, one could still see rays of light slowly moving in it.

This was definitely not an ordinary bone.

Chu Liuyue raised her hand and grabbed the bone, wanting to pick it up. However, the bottom portion was buried within extremely hard rock.

Chu Liuyue tried a few times but couldn't succeed. In the end, she could only give up.

"This should've been completely buried underneath," said Chu Liuyue lightly as she grabbed a handful of sand.

This sand should've been formed from these mountain rocks. That is why it reveals this half of the bone. I just don't know what kind of human bone would be buried under such a hard mountain rock.

"This isn't a human's bone," said the three-eyed legendary eagle suddenly.

Chu Liuyue was dazed. "Not a human bone? Then, this..."

"This is the bone from a dragon clan member!"

#### [Chapter 1350](#)

Chu Liuyue felt a pang in her heart. "Dragon bones?!"

"That's right, and it seems like the owner of the bones had quite the high status in the dragon clan when it was alive. It's very likely to either be the bones of an azure dragon or a black dragon."

Perhaps it was because he had merged two skeletons from the dragon clan, but the current legendary three-eyed eagle was very sensitive to this. If not, it wouldn't be able to identify the other party's rough identity just through this half-exposed bone.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows in confusion. There shouldn't only be one bone buried here. It's very likely... that an entire dragon had met its demise here!

"Chu Yue? Chu Yue?" Elder Hua Feng called Chu Liuyue twice before she recovered her senses. "Did you think of something?"

Elder Hua Feng carefully sized her expression up.

Chu Liuyue shook her head rather regretfully, and her thin lips curled up slightly. "No. I just feel that it's rather strange that such a white bone appeared here."

"Perhaps a cultivator had died here before?" An elder guessed from behind. "Judging by this bone... he should at least be a demigod."

But this was nothing surprising. This was the Flood-Desert Northern Region, and quite a few strong warriors had died here, so a skeleton was nothing.

Chu Liuyue nodded.

"Probably." The few of them continued walking forward.

The bone incident didn't attract anyone's attention.

But after walking for a distance, Chu Liuyue discovered more similar bones. They were mostly buried underground. With the red sand covering them, if one didn't take a close look, it would be very hard to detect them.

"Would these bones be related to that Heavenly Square Cauldron..." an elder couldn't help but ask softly.

The crowd fell silent for a moment and exchanged glances. Actually, they all had such a suspicion in their hearts, but they didn't bring it up the whole time.



It was fine if they saw one or two pieces from time to time, but one would appear every few steps during this entire journey.

And these bones were exactly the same as the first one. They glowed like crystals, and they seemed like white jade at first glance.

Thump!

At this point, a shocking sound was suddenly heard from the front!

Chu Liuyue's heart tightened as she rapidly looked up! She saw a rock suddenly collapsing in front and dropping down rapidly!

It fell onto the ground harshly! At that moment, the ground vibrated, and sand flew everywhere!

The gully that was originally considered rather spacious became compact because of the presence of this gigantic rock, which almost blocked their paths.

Then, countless figures came out from behind the rock.

Chu Liuyue looked up.

There were about ten people, and one of the men was surrounded. Two fists were hard to fight with four hands, and the man kept failing.

Yet, those people that surrounded him all delivered lethal blows, so that man was beaten to the ground in no time.

"Die!"

The man—who was about to be killed—got up with much difficulty and wanted to escape. However, one of his legs was broken, and he was hanging onto his last breath, so how could he run?

Seeing that the longsword was about to pierce through his skull, he suddenly looked up and saw Chu Liuyue and the rest, almost using up all of his strength. "Save me! I'm begging you—save me!"

He struggled to climb over here. His face was filled with blood, and he panicked. "I'm the Liang family's third young master, Liang Shaokang! As long as you save me, my Liang family will definitely repay you in the future!"

Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes slightly. Liang family... It sounds rather familiar.

Shi Rui'er recognized his identity. "That's Liang Xiaoxiao's elder brother."

Chu Liuyue instantly understood. Liang Shaokang, Liang Xiaoxiao... It's no wonder I feel like I had heard his name before. In the entire God Residence Realm, there is only that one Liang family.

The people who wanted to kill Liang Shaokang heard him report his identity, and their expressions instantly turned ugly. "You—"

The first person directly looked at Elder Hua Feng and the rest. Initially, he wanted to scold Liang Shaokang directly, but after seeing Elder Hua Feng and the rest, he instantly realized that these people were strong and weren't to be trifled with.

He swallowed his remaining words with much difficulty, and his gaze swept across the crowd in shock.

The few people that followed behind him had already taken the opportunity to hold Liang Shaokang captive. His life and death would be determined by a sentence.

"May I ask... where you are from?" Elder Hua Feng took a step forward. "I'm Ling Xiao Academy's Hua Feng."

Once he said this, those few people opposite had their expressions change.

That man standing at the front immediately cupped his fists politely. "So you're Elder Hua Feng. Sorry for not recognizing you. We come from Lingyun Mountain's Su family."

Lingyun Mountain's Su family was always on bad terms with the Liang family, and it was normal for them to fight. But Liang Shaokang was the eldest descendant of the Liang family, so it was rather strange that they drove him into a corner.

"Elder Hua Feng, you must save me! Take it as helping my sister!" His younger sister was naturally Liang Xiaoxiao.

"I've already been chased by these people for a day and a night, and they're bent on killing me. Elder, please save me! My Liang family will definitely be very grateful!" At this point, Liang Shaokang was like a drowning person, trying his best to clutch the last straw.

"Elder Hua Feng, this is a private grudge between Liang Shaokang and us. I hope you won't intervene," said the man at the front, who came from Lingyun Mountain.

They and Ling Xiao Academy essentially didn't have much interaction, so they wouldn't be on good terms as compared to the Liang family.

If Ling Xiao academy was bent on standing up for Liang Shaokang, then they might really be unable to do anything to him today.

Elder Hua Feng couldn't help but ask, "What exactly is going on?"

"Hmph, you have to ask Liang Shaokang about this. If he didn't set us up in the first place, why would we chase after him and kill him!?"

"He fabricated a huge lie and lured us over before taking the chance to harm us. He has already killed more than 20 people from Lingyun Mountain!"

"How could we not take revenge for this!?"

Upon hearing this, the crowd present was taken aback. If this is true, then it is understandable why they are insistent on killing Liang Shaokang.

"It's not like that! Elder Hua Feng, don't listen to his one-sided story! I was lied to as well!" Liang Shaokang swallowed a mouthful of saliva with much difficulty. "Previously, we discovered traces of the Heavenly Square Cauldron descending and planned on going over to take a look when we met the people from Lingyun Mountain."

"They initially wanted to cause trouble for us, but we didn't want to waste time on this, so we just told them about the news. We even discussed properly and agreed that we would fight for the Heavenly Square Cauldron with our own abilities. After everything ended, we would then settle our grudges." When Liang Shaokang thought of this, his body shuddered as if he had recalled something terrifying. "We set off on a journey to find it, but who knew it had nothing to do with the Heavenly Square Cauldron. And..."

Roar!

A low and distant dragon roar came from afar!