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Chapter 1681 Trouble

It was a very strange feeling that couldn't be described in words, but as long as one looked up and saw the intense black, they would unwittingly feel this way.

Gradually, Chu Liuyue's originally worried heart calmed down and became at peace. Faintly, there was an invisible strength that caused her to feel safe.

Detecting this, Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes slightly. That's weird... This type of feeling is indeed strange. Originally, I didn't like that wall and felt uneasy, but the nearer I go now, the calmer I become.

I even had a faint sense of familiarity. I also don't know where this feeling is coming from, but I don't hate it. Could it be... because of the stones I collected earlier? After all, they have existed here for thousands of years and should be very familiar with everything here.

However...

Chu Liuyue felt that something was amiss. She felt that she had neglected something important, yet she couldn't recall it.

These messy thoughts kept flashing across Chu Liuyue's mind, but she didn't stop in her tracks.

At some moment, Chu Liuyue finally realized that the air before her had changed slightly.

She paused in her tracks and reached out. Many ripples extended toward the surroundings, with her fingers in the middle.

"This is a barrier," said Chu Liuyue affirmatively. Additionally, its suppression doesn't seem weak.

As it was transparent and nighttime, it was hard to detect. She only realized that something was wrong when she reached it.

But... this barrier doesn't seem like it has any threat?

Rong Xiu pulled her hand. At the same time, he whipped his sleeves, and the barrier instantly disappeared.

He walked to the front, raised his brows slightly, and nonchalantly smiled as he said, "Perhaps it's an accidental barrier that was formed due to turbulence and the intersection of the many forces left behind in the God-Killing Tumulus. There's nothing to worry about."

Chu Liuyue nodded in acknowledgment. Wasn't Ancestor previously taken away by the turbulence? In this place, all sorts of intertwining forces have accumulated for countless years, so it's normal for such a situation to happen. Besides, I really didn't detect much threat from that barrier.

She very quickly forgot about this incident and continued walking forward.

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After they left, about an hour later, a few figures appeared here—it was Nan Yuxing's group.

Their faces weren't great, especially Elder Bai Tong, whose face was especially pale.

His shin was cut short, and he could only rely on one leg to walk.

During this entire journey, he was undoubtedly the one who suffered the most. Even if he had used superior pills, his injury was too serious. Besides, he couldn't grow another shin in such a short amount of time.

It was inevitable that he would suffer.

Elder Wu Peng glanced at him and said, "Why don't we rest for a while?"

"No!" Elder Bai Tong hurriedly rejected this suggestion and looked guilty. "They're not slow in walking, and we've already lagged behind by quite a bit because of me. If we rest again, we'll be delayed even more."

Elder Wu Peng knitted his brows, but he couldn't deny that it was the truth.

"What are they planning to do? Are they not resting at night and walking all the way?"

Nan Yuxing was also dissatisfied.

Even though his injury was lighter than Elder Bai Tong, with so much walking, he couldn't handle it either.

Originally, they were worried that Rong Xiu and the rest would discover them if they were too close. However, they later realized that they were thinking too much. That was because it was already very forceful if they didn't lose them with their current speed!

How could they care about anything else?

The more hateful thing was that those few people didn't even stop at such a time! If this continued, who could tolerate it?

Elder Wu Peng looked at Nan Yiyi. "Second Missy, what are the results of your checks?"

Nan Yiyi pressed her lips against each other tightly. "That item... has indeed been walking with them."

At this stage, she could almost ascertain that the item was with them! Even though it sounded incredulous...

Nan Yiyi had followed them for a distance and wouldn't be mistaken. This also meant that they had to follow Rong Xiu and the rest to find a chance to get the item back!

If it were them in their prime, perhaps it might not be too much of a problem. But now... Even if they worked together, they probably wouldn't be their match...

Nan Yiyi stomped her feet in frustration. "If we knew this earlier, we should've asked Father to bring more people over... Ah!"

Before she could finish her sentence, she suddenly felt a weight on her body as if a ton of items were pressing down on her shoulders!

Her groan instantly alerted the other people.

"Yiyi!"

"Second Missy!"

Nan Yiyi clenched her teeth and forcefully tried to stand up as she anxiously looked at her surroundings.

The countless ripples moved as if it formed a gigantic cage that trapped her—no, not only her! Elder Wu Peng and the rest were also in the region!

"This is-"

"Barrier!" Elder Wu Peng hollered. At the same time, he whipped his sleeves, wanting to bring Nan Yiyi out.

However, the surrounding space became heavy and stiff, and every action was much harder than before.

The moment he moved, there seemed to be countless pairs of hands in the surroundings crazily pulling and trapping him to the spot.

Elder Wu Peng felt amiss as he hurriedly circulated his force. However, it was to no avail.

Nan Yuxing and Elder Bai Tong also quickly sank into it.

The few of them were restrained by the strange barrier! Every step they took was much more agonizing than before.

"What's going on?!" Nan Yuxing was in a panic and anxious. Previously, Rong Xiu and the rest walked through this place normally, and this situation didn't happen at all!

Elder Wu Peng clenched his teeth and said, "The nearby Heaven and Earth Force is in a mess, so this situation happened. It would be hard to get rid of it in a short amount of time."

Even he can't do it? Nan Yuxing's heart sank. "Then, why did it seem like nothing happened to Rong Xiu and the rest?"

We watched the few of them walk across this area!

Elder Wu Peng's face was stern, and he knitted his brows tightly.

He also wanted to know the reason.

During the entire journey, he had been walking at the front and saw the clearest. But from start to end, he didn't notice anything amiss.

Who knew that there was such trouble here?

He looked up and secretly clenched his teeth. "This situation won't be dangerous, but it will greatly slow our progress. This time... I'm afraid we won't be able to catch up with them."

"How can this do?" Nan Yuxing was instantly anxious. "Don't forget that the item is very likely with them!"

Chapter 1682 Music

Nan Yiyi suddenly said, "Why don't we invite Uncle Luo Yan over?"

As soon as she finished speaking, everyone fell silent.

Nan Yuxing said hesitantly, "This... I'm afraid it's not appropriate, right? Uncle Luo Yan has always been focused on cultivation and has never interfered in the family's matters. Besides, Father's intention this time is to train you more. Only when you personally take that thing back can you obtain the recognition of the family. If you invite Uncle Luo Yan... When we go back, there will definitely be some people secretly muttering..."

"Then, do we have any other ideas now?" Nan Yiyi was also filled with anger, and her attitude became increasingly impatient. I didn't want to come on this trip in the first place. Now, I have suffered so much! Actually, it's just a matter that my father can resolve by sending a few more people over. Why did he have to go through so much trouble?

"Do we have to wait for something to happen before we stop?"

"Second Missy, these words are inauspicious! You can't say them casually." Elder Bai Tong hurriedly said, "Everything will definitely go smoothly with you and the Eldest Young Master."

Nan Yiyi turned her face away and sneered in her heart. Now that things have come to this, how could he say that it has gone smoothly? Whether we can return safely is a big problem!

Nan Yuxing's expression was tense as he hesitated for a long time.

Actually, he also knew that the current situation was almost a dead end. If they didn't find someone, they would probably not be able to complete the mission and return.

However, inviting Uncle Luo Yan over... was a little inappropriate...

"Big Brother, Uncle Luo Yan has always doted on me the most. I'm inviting him to save me, not to help find that thing. Can't I do that?"

Nan Yiyi's words finally made Nan Yuxing relax. "Okay!"

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It was already late at night.

In the wilderness, it was dark and terrifyingly quiet. Only the wind kept blowing past her ears, bringing a hint of coolness.

Chu Liuyue finally stopped. She glanced back first.

It was quiet and uninhabited.

Those annoying shadows were finally gone.

I don't know what Nan Yuxing and the others are thinking. They seem to be stuck to us along the way. At first, Chu Liuyue thought she was imagining things. Then, she realized that the quartet was indeed tailing them.

Even though they were already very careful, with so many stones on her, Chu Liuyue could sense her surroundings very well. How could she not notice? However, she wanted to find her ancestor first, so she couldn't be bothered with them.

Fortunately, the time and place were right. With some tricks, she successfully shook them off.

Finally, there is peace in my ears. She gently exhaled, retracted her gaze, and looked ahead.

At this moment, they were only a thousand feet away from the wall.

Standing here, she could already see the rough appearance of the wall—it was serious, dignified, ancient, and bloody!

After taking a look, these words instantly appeared in her mind.

Huge black stone bricks were piled up neatly. Although the wall had been eroded by time and was mottled, it was still not difficult to see the grandeur of the past.

The wall was so high that Chu Liuyue could barely see the top when she looked up. At a glance, she almost had the illusion that it was connected to the sky.

Moreover, the wall spread left and right—it was also a long road with no end in sight.

Standing there, Chu Liuyue was as insignificant as an ant.

"Why is there such a wall in this God-Killing Tumulus?" Chu Liuyue muttered softly and frowned. "Besides, this place is filled with such a rich murderous aura..."

It was almost the most terrifying place since she entered the God-Killing Tumulus!

Standing so far away, she could feel the shocking murderous aura coming at her, almost cutting her apart!

"This wall was left behind during that shocking battle back then." Rong Xiu suddenly spoke. His voice was cold and calm as if he were telling a distant story from a yellowed ancient book, with a hint of emptiness.

Chu Liuyue turned around. "You mean... this wall has existed since then?"

Rong Xiu nodded. Seeing that her eyes were filled with curiosity, a faint smile appeared on his thin lips. "It's rumored that back then, both sides didn't want to fight to the death, so they agreed to use this as a boundary to divide and rule. Unfortunately, a battle still broke out later on. The location of this wall became an extremely famous place for fighting to the death back then."

"I see..." Chu Liuyue nodded in understanding. No wonder this wall looks so imposing and is filled with an extremely strong murderous aura. So it really is related to the battle back then.

Speaking of this, she was even more curious. "To be able to attract so many experts to gather here and die consecutively... Is it really because of a book?"

Rong Xiu looked down slightly. "It's normal for humans to die for money and birds to die for food."

Chu Liuyue stroked her chin. "Then, who won in the end? Who got the book?"

Rong Xiu shook his head. "I heard that during the event, both sides suffered shocking casualties, but it became an eternal secret who obtained that thing in the end."

Chu Liuyue felt a little regretful. However, this happened tens of thousands of years ago after all. It is indeed impossible for future generations to know.

She gathered her thoughts and flipped her wrist to take out the Long Yuan Sword.

Although she no longer used the Long Yuan Sword much, her ancestor's soul had been stored here for a thousand years and had long left his aura. Now, it was convenient for her to use it for tracking.

She held her breath and focused as she carefully observed her surroundings.

Nothing.

She was not discouraged. As she walked forward, she kept trying to find traces of Shangguan Jing.

The God-Killing Tumulus was so big that it was indeed not easy to find someone. Even if Shangguan Jing had seen this wall and was walking over, he might not be able to rush to the same place at the same time as them.

A moment later, Chu Liuyue released the stones from her Cosmic Ring.

The stones rolled around.

They were, after all, things that had existed here for tens of thousands of years. With them, she could undoubtedly expand her perception range again.

After a while, a low string sound suddenly entered his ears!

Shocked, she instinctively looked up. This sound seems to be coming from that wall!

Chapter 1683 The Music Of The Zither!

Chu Liuyue took a few steps forward, but the voice was still very distant as if it were coming from extremely far away.

Like a feather, it brushed gently across her heart, tickling her.

She walked forward again and stared intently at the black wall.

Seeing her actions and expression, Chu Ning suddenly asked, "Yue'er, what are you doing?"

Stunned, Chu Liuyue came back to her senses.

Meeting her father's expression, she suddenly realized something. "Father, didn't you hear anything?"

Chu Ning looked confused. "I don't hear anything."

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows. "Come closer and listen carefully."

Chu Ning walked over and stood beside her, listening intently. After a moment, he still shook his head. "Nothing."

He didn't hear anything.

A subtle feeling surged in Chu Liuyue's heart. Could it be that my father can't hear it because he is only a stage-one warrior, and his hearing isn't as good as mine?

She glanced at Rong Xiu.

The two of them stared at each other.

Rong Xiu asked, "Yue'er, what did you hear?"

Chu Liuyue's heart sank slightly. "You can't hear it either?"

Rong Xiu nodded.

Chu Liuyue pursed her lips tightly. It would've been fine if Father alone couldn't hear it, but now, even the stronger Rong Xiu didn't hear it. This... Could I really be the only one who can hear this sound?

She closed her eyes, making sure she wasn't hearing things.

Although the voice was low and indistinct, it was real.

She paused before saying, "...It sounds like someone is playing the zither."

The sound was pleasant and moving. The rhythm was light, but it was very gripping.

"That sound came from inside the wall." As Chu Liuyue spoke, she walked forward again.

The closer she got to the wall, the more terrifying, the more intense, and the crazier the murderous aura became. But perhaps because of the rocks, she didn't feel too uncomfortable.

She quickly adapted to the environment.

Chu Ning and Rong Xiu followed.

Rong Xiu was fine, but Chu Ning's face quickly turned pale.

Although he now had the Indestructible Holy Body, he indeed still only had stage-one warrior cultivation—this was irrefutable. Apart from having an advantage in terms of Holy Body, he was still far from ordinary true gods in other aspects.

Chu Liuyue said, "Father, you don't have to come over. I'll go back after I figure out what's going on with this thing. Tuan Zi, go accompany them first."

Tuan Zi nodded obediently and skipped to Chu Ning's side, pulling his hand. "Grandpa Chu, I'm here!"

Chu Ning already knew Tuan Zi's true identity, but every time he saw her cute appearance, he forgot about this matter. All that was left was love and doting.

He said quickly, "Yes, good! Good! Tuan Zi is the most obedient!"

He patted Tuan Zi's head gently, loving it.

But upon second thought, he said, "Grandpa Chu is fine. Tuan Zi, you should go to Yue'er—"

He had a feeling that the closer he got to the wall, the more dangerous it was. Moreover, now that Yue'er said that she had heard something... He couldn't help but feel worried.

Tuan Zi grinned brightly. "It's fine! A'Yue has His Highness!"

Rong Xiu stopped in his tracks, and a satisfied smile appeared on his thin lips. She is worth teaching.

When Chu Ning heard this, he felt that it made sense. He nodded and held Tuan Zi's hand as they waited.

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When Chu Liuyue reached the wall, she finally stood still.

Standing close, all the marks on the wall could be seen clearly.

Countless sword marks had gradually blurred over the years, leaving only deep and shallow marks that were mottled and intertwined.

She could even smell a faint scent of blood. Mixed with the wind, frost, and dust, there was an inexplicable sense of desolation and tragedy.

Chu Liuyue's heart sank. She stared ahead in a daze as if countless emotions were surging in her heart, but the details could not be said.

She could only let these complicated emotions surge in her chest.

She reached out and slowly placed her hand on the wall. It was cold to the touch, rough, and heavy.

And the sound of the zither suddenly became clear. One note after another fell into her ears and smashed into her heart.

Unknowingly, Chu Liuyue seemed to see a figure standing alone in the lonely and cold wilderness. She couldn't see that person's figure and appearance clearly; she didn't even know if it was a man or a woman. She only saw the person holding the zither in their arms, plucking the strings.

The sound of the zither flew out from under that person's hand.

The sound of the zither, which should've been light and happy, sounded strangely desolate.

The world darkened, and the wind blew. In the emptiness, there was only one person accompanying the zither.

Time slowly trickled past.

That person's hand gradually plucked the strings faster. The originally distant music was suddenly tainted with a hint of killing intent!

The sound of the zither rang out! In an instant, it was as if the world had changed color!

Chu Liuyue's heart seemed to be gripped tightly by something!

The sound of the zither became more and more hurried! In an instant, it was as if saber lights and sword shadows could be seen as blood splattered everywhere!

A sweet yet fishy taste suddenly surged into her mouth!

"Yue'er!" Rong Xiu's clear and low voice suddenly echoed in her ears!

Chu Liuyue abruptly came back to her senses!

Rong Xiu had already grabbed her hand and retreated from the wall!

Shing!

The sound of the zither stopped!

Everything disappeared without a trace!

Chu Liuyue's body trembled, and she suddenly spat out a mouthful of blood.

Chapter 1684 So Near, Yet So Far

"Yue'er!"

"A'Yue!"

Chu Ning and Tuan Zi were shocked.

Previously, she didn't look any different, and nobody expected her to vomit blood suddenly.

Chu Liuyue shook her head. "I'm fine."

Rong Xiu took out a snow-white handkerchief and wiped the blood from her lips bit by bit. At the same time, he injected his force into her body to help her sort out the violent power.

It was only when her breathing gradually calmed down that Rong Xiu withdrew his strength, but he didn't let go of her hand.

Chu Liuyue held his hand and gave him a reassuring look. "I'm really fine. It's just that I wasn't paying attention just now, so I was taken advantage of, causing the origin power in my body to riot..."

Fortunately, Rong Xiu made a move in time. Before the commotion could start, it was forcefully stopped.

Although she had vomited blood, her body was fortunately not too affected.

Rong Xiu had personally checked her condition and knew that she was telling the truth. He heaved a sigh of relief, but there was still a hint of coldness in those deep phoenix eyes.

"What... happened just now?"

This was what Chu Ning and Tuan Zi wanted to know the most.

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath. Although she felt that the encounter just now was a little strange and illusory, she ultimately decided to tell the truth. "...I heard someone playing the zither just now."

Then, she told them everything she had just felt.

Chu Ning's brows knitted tightly.

Tuan Zi's face was full of worry.

Rong Xiu narrowed his eyes and seemed to be deep in thought.

"...The sound of the zither seems to have magical power, making people involuntarily sink into it. Moreover, as time passed, the sound of the zither became more and more urgent, and killing intent gradually rose. I was careless just now, so—" At this point, Chu Liuyue suddenly paused. "Father, Rong Xiu, did you really not hear anything?"

Rong Xiu looked up slightly and said firmly, "Nothing."

At this moment, a figure flashed in her peripheral vision. It was Chu Ning, who was quickly walking over.

The murderous aura here was thick, and it was very difficult for him to walk. After a few steps, his forehead was covered in sweat, and his lips gradually turned pale.

"Father?" Chu Liuyue was a little surprised and was about to stop him when Chu Ning gritted his teeth and walked to her side.

He let out a long breath, then reached out without hesitation toward the wall.

"Father—" Shocked, Chu Liuyue immediately reached out to stop him.

Chu Ning shook his head. "Yue'er, don't worry. Daddy is just here to see what's strange about this."

He felt uneasy just watching from the side, especially when he saw that she was injured.

"In any case, I have a Holy Body now. I'm not afraid of getting injured."

Chu Liuyue's heart warmed, and she did not say anything else.

Chu Ning placed his hand on the black wall.

After a long while, he let go, disappointment in his eyes. Clearly, he still hadn't heard anything.

Chu Liuyue was actually not surprised by this result.

She was puzzled as to why she was the only one present who could hear the sound of the zither. Moreover, when she placed her hand on the wall, the sound of the zither immediately became clear as if it were echoing in her ears.

When she stopped making contact, the feeling faded quickly.

Holding her breath and focusing, she could still hear the faint sound in her ear. However, the tune became soothing and low again, no longer showing any killing intent.

If not for the lingering smell of blood between her teeth, she would've thought that everything had just been an illusion.

"Yue'er, this wall is very strange. Let's be careful." Chu Ning frowned.

Chu Liuyue's lips moved, but seeing his worried expression, she nodded in the end. "I know. When we find Ancestor, we'll leave immediately."

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The few of them began to wait where they were.

Chu Liuyue sent out all the stones. If there was any movement within a radius of dozens of kilometers, she would immediately sense it.

The night was thick and silent.

Rong Xiu set up a barrier around them to block the terrifying murderous aura.

Chu Liuyue sat cross-legged and began to regulate her breathing.

Chu Ning sat beside her and also began to focus on cultivation.

Tuan Zi opened her big eyes and crossed her arms. She glared angrily at the wall as if she wanted to pierce it with her eyes. What the hell is this? It actually made A'Yue vomit blood! If A'Yue hadn't stopped me, I would've gone up and smashed this wall!

Time slowly trickled past.

In the dark night, this wall stood between heaven and earth in silence.

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However, Chu Liuyue couldn't completely calm down because she could still hear the sound of the zither. It was illusory and indistinct.

She tried to shut off her hearing for a while, but it was useless. The sound of the zither lingered in her mind, refusing to go away.

Suddenly, a stone rolled to her feet.

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat as she opened her eyes and looked ahead. A familiar aura is gradually approaching! That is... Ancestor?!

Shocked and delighted, she immediately stood up.

Sensing her movements, the rest of the group looked over.

Suppressing her excitement, Chu Liuyue said, "Ancestor should be nearby!"

Chu Ning stood up and asked happily, "Really? Then, we might be able to find the exact location?"

Knowing that she was very concerned about this matter, Chu Ning was very happy to see that there was progress.

Chu Liuyue's lips curved up slightly. "I only sensed Ancestor's aura, so I have to investigate more. However, it shouldn't be far."

As she spoke, she closed her eyes gently and waved her hands in front of her.

Whoosh—

The scattered stones around her began to gather toward her quickly! Their movements also brought about subtle flows and changes in the surrounding spatial power.

Chu Liuyue's divine sense began to spread into the distance. Even with her eyes closed, she could still clearly 'see' her surroundings.

Shangguan Jing's aura was also getting closer!

At some point, she finally got a bearing and opened her eyes again. But at this moment, her expression became much more complicated.

Rong Xiu narrowed his eyes as if he had guessed something.

Chu Ning was still puzzled. "Yue'er... what's wrong? Did you find anything?"

Chu Liuyue nodded and frowned slightly.

Why does she look so worried now that she has found him? Chu Ning was even more confused. "Then... where is Senior Shangguan now? Shall we go over directly?"

Chu Liuyue's lips curved up slightly. After a while, she let out a soft breath. "I'm afraid... it's a little difficult."

She raised her hand and said word by word, "Ancestor... seems to be behind that wall."

Chapter 1685 Dawn

This was going to be difficult—it didn't take a genius to figure out that getting over the wall would be too difficult. On the one hand, this wall was too high, and cultivators couldn't fly here. Moreover, even if they could fly with the help of Yuan instruments, they might not succeed.

She didn't forget that Rong Xiu had already mentioned that this wall was here to separate them. How could a wall that could last for tens of thousands of years be so easily crossed?

On the other hand, the wall stretched on and on. There was no end to it on both sides, making it impossible for anyone to even think of going around it.

Even if they were really only one wall away from Shangguan Jing, it wouldn't be so easy for them to meet.

"Then, this..." Chu Ning instantly understood her concerns and frowned. "What this means is that we have to find a way to get there?"

Chu Liuyue pondered for a moment. "If Ancestor can come over, it'll be the same. The key is—"

Most importantly, this is easy to say but difficult to do. Even if Ancestor is a legendary warrior, I can't guarantee that he can deal with this wall.

The land under our feet once buried countless legendary warriors and true gods. In that shocking battle, the gods had fallen, but this wall has endured tens of thousands of years of hardship. This alone reveals too many problems.

We're probably just as insignificant as ants here. Chu Liuyue rubbed her brows painfully. How did that void turbulence bring Ancestor to the other side...

"Forget it. Let's contact Ancestor first." As she spoke, Chu Liuyue walked to the wall again.

"Ancestor?" She called out twice but received no response.

She could actually clearly sense that the distance between them was still shrinking. If I haven't guessed wrongly, Ancestor should be advancing toward this wall now. However, I don't know if Ancestor can hear me through this wall.

Chu Liuyue paused for a moment and raised her voice again. "Ancestor?"

After shouting this time, she took out the Long Yuan Sword and knocked on the wall rhythmically with the hilt.

Just as she thought that this method wouldn't work, a familiar voice finally sounded from the other end. "Yue'er?"

It is Ancestor! Her eyes instantly lit up. "Ancestor! It's me!"

I can hear you! We can actually hear each other!

"Yue'er!" Shangguan Jing put one hand on the wall.

Even though he was exhausted from the journey, and even his legs were trembling slightly, he couldn't suppress his joy. Yue'er is really here! Initially, I had only held onto a trace of hope. I didn't expect—

"Yue'er, are you alright?" Shangguan Jing hurriedly asked.

They hadn't been separated for long, but the God-Killing Tumulus was filled with danger. If they weren't careful, they would fall into a predicament.

All this time, he had been on tenterhooks, afraid that something had happened to them.

"I'm fine. Rong Xiu has always been with me. Moreover, I've already found Father and brought him back safely." Knowing that he was worried, Chu Liuyue immediately summarized everything. "Also, that person has already been dealt with by us."

Although the process was a little complicated, the outcome was still good.

Only then did Shangguan Jing heave a sigh of relief. He leaned against the wall and slowly sat down. "That's good... that's good..."

At this moment, Chu Liuyue could tell that his voice was tired and weak as if... he wasn't in good condition.

She frowned. "Ancestor, how are you?"

Shangguan Jing exhaled silently and perked up. "I'm fine; I've just walked for a while. I'll be fine after resting for a while."

Chu Liuyue was still very worried. Ever since Ancestor woke up, he has never been in such a weak state. In addition, I can't see him with my own eyes now, which makes me even more worried.

"Ancestor, do you know any way to cross this wall?"

As long as they could successfully meet up, they could leave this place first and slowly recuperate when they returned.

Shangguan Jing paused for a moment before smiling bitterly. "I... don't know either..."

Although he had been here before and seen this wall, he really didn't know how to deal with it.

Along the way, he was worried that he would be separated from them, but in the end—

Chu Liuyue's heart sank when she heard the helplessness in his voice. If even Ancestor can't do anything... things will be even more troublesome.

"...Rest well first; we'll accompany you here. As for the method... there will definitely be one." Chu Liuyue comforted him.

Shangguan Jing's lips moved, but he ultimately swallowed his words. "...Okay."

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A wall separated people on both sides.

They fell into a cold silence.

Chu Liuyue crossed her arms and started thinking hard. I have a feeling that there should be a way to resolve this problem...

"I've seen this wall from afar before. It always appears in the evening and disappears at dawn." Chu Ning suddenly spoke. "Perhaps we don't have to do anything but wait here for dawn?"

Chu Liuyue was dazed. Yeah! How had I forgotten about this?

Father has indeed said this before, but at that time, I didn't take it to heart. Now that I think about it, if this wall really disappears after dawn, won't we successfully meet up with Ancestor without any effort? She glanced up at the sky.

The night was dark. However, there didn't seem to be much time left until dawn.

She nodded. "Then, let's wait and see."

When Rong Xiu heard this, his eyes flickered as he stared meaningfully at the wall. However, he quickly looked away as if nothing had happened.

Since Chu Liuyue had already confirmed that her ancestor was opposite her, it was obvious that she couldn't rest.

The few of them began to wait in silence.

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Waiting time was always especially torturous. This was especially so for Chu Liuyue because she realized that as time passed, the sound of the zither—which kept echoing in her ears—seemed to become clearer gradually.

Even though all her attention was on Shangguan Jing, she still couldn't make the sound of the zither disappear from her ears. Fortunately, that biting cold killing intent did not appear again.

Afraid that Chu Ning and Rong Xiu would be worried, she did not mention this matter again and waited for dawn with them as usual.

Finally, the thick, dark sky gradually faded from that thick layer of black to a deep blue.

A streak of white appeared on the horizon. After that, the bright light of the morning sun dyed half the sky a different warm color.

Chu Liuyue slowly clenched her fists and looked at the wall again.

The morning light shone down, emitting a heavy and ancient aura.

Her heart gradually sank to the bottom.

It didn't disappear.

It didn't move.

Chapter 1686 If I Say No

A chill suddenly ran from the bottom of her feet to the top of her head! Cold air enveloped her, and her entire body turned cold.

The mottled black walls became clearer under the sunlight.

"How did that happen?" Chu Ning was also stunned. It's obvious that this wall disappears after dawn, but today—

"It looks like we have to think of another way." Chu Liuyue thought for a moment and finally chose to accept reality.

Although she didn't know why the wall had not disappeared, she vaguely felt that it had something to do with the sound of the zither she had heard. But now that she didn't have any evidence, it was naturally hard to say.

Chu Liuyue stepped forward. "Ancestor, are you alright?"

Shangguan Jing didn't sleep the entire night, but after a night's rest, his body had mostly recovered, and his voice sounded much stronger. "I'm fine. Yue'er, don't worry."

Chu Liuyue thought for a moment and asked, "Ancestor, what if we go out separately and meet outside the God-Killing Tumulus?"

Shangguan Jing sighed. How could he not know what Chu Liuyuehe meant?

It was too difficult to go over this wall. It would be good if they could successfully meet up outside. But the key was...

"Yue'er, there are countless entrances to the God-Killing Tumulus and countless exits at the same time. Moreover, there are countless instances of spatial turbulence in the middle. If you're not careful, you'll

lose your way. Back then, I went straight to the Flood-Desert Northern Region. If we go out separately and want to meet again, I'm afraid—"

It would take a lot of effort.

Chu Liuyue's head hurt even more. What Shangguan Jing said was what she was most worried about.

The God-Killing Tumulus was too big, and it was impossible to fly in the vast wilderness. Once they were separated, it would take a lot of time and effort to find each other again.

The sound of the zither in her mind seemed to get closer and lingered, making her even more anxious.

Thump!

Gritting her teeth, she slammed her fist into the wall.

What the hell—

Whir!

A subtle fluctuation suddenly came from her dantian! Stunned, Chu Liuyue immediately perked up! This commotion is... that water droplet!

Sensing the change in her expression, Rong Xiu narrowed his eyes. "Yue'er, what's wrong?"

Chu Liuyue shook her head gently and tried to punch the wall again.

Whir!

Another wave of commotion came over.

The most subtle thing was that she used a little more strength this time, and the commotion caused by the water droplet seemed to be stronger than the first time.

This... Chu Liuyue looked at the wall curiously, and her gaze was completely different from before. She finally knew where that faint sense of familiarity came from! Isn't that solemn, dignified, and high-and-mighty aura extremely similar to the water droplet in my dantian?! But after I broke through to become a true god, the water droplet has kept a much lower profile and is staying quietly in my body.

That is why I didn't think of it for a moment, but thinking back... I have been picked on by that water droplet a lot!

Chu Liuyue's eyes were filled with suspicion. Could it be that... the water droplet in my body could still be related to this wall? If that is the case, does that mean I can find a way to cross this wall and successfully meet up with Ancestor?

Just as this thought flashed through her mind, a harsh voice suddenly came from behind her. "Uncle Luo Yan, it's them!"

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She is really persistent... Rubbing her brows, Chu Liuyue slowly turned around and saw a few familiar faces.

The person who had spoken just now was Nan Yiyi. Unlike her previous timid and aggrieved appearance, the current Nan Yiyi had arrogant eyes and an arrogant expression.

From top to bottom, there was no fear.

At this moment, she was standing beside a middle-aged man and pointing at Chu Liuyue. "It's her—she caused us to fall to this state! Uncle Luo Yan, you must avenge Yiyi!"

Chu Liuyue raised her eyebrows and smiled. It's no wonder she has suddenly become so impudent; she has invited reinforcements.

She turned her gaze and looked at the man whom Nan Yiyi called 'Uncle Luo Yan.'

The man looked to be in his thirties and was quite handsome. He was tall and burly, and he had wheat-colored skin, sharp eyebrows, and bright eyes.

However, what attracted more attention was his shocking aura! Although the other party had yet to attack, Chu Liuyue had already quickly determined his realm—he was definitely a legendary warrior! Moreover... it was the kind with extremely high combat strength!

She could actually count on one hand the number of legendary warriors she had seen in her life, but she had a deep impression of every one of them.

This kind of person had a completely different aura than that of a supreme Armory Refinement Master or a supreme Physician.

As long as he stood there and did nothing, he was enough of a deterrent!

No wonder Nan Yiyi is suddenly so confident...

As Chu Liuyue sized up Luo Yan, the latter was also doing the same. After looking up and down, surprise flashed across his eyes because—he was actually unable to detect this woman's true realm.

The other party's strength is obviously inferior to mine. I'm a legendary warrior and am famous for my good eyesight. Generally speaking, I can easily figure out the other party's cultivation realm with just a glance. But this woman... I can't figure her out.

The only explanation is that she carries an extraordinary Yuan instrument that is specially used to hide her aura... Even I can't see through it. It seems that I can't underestimate them... Luo Yan's mind raced, but his expression was very calm.

He put one hand behind his back and took a step forward. "Did you cause Yiyi's injuries?"

His tone was calm, but he wasn't angry, and he carried a sense of superiority.

It was a simple question coming from him.

Before Chu Liuyue could speak, Rong Xiu had already walked up to her. "You haven't even introduced yourself, and you're questioning me like this. Is this the rule of the Nan family?"

Luo Yan frowned. "You're the Sky-Cloud Empire's His Grace, Rong Xiu?"

Rong Xiu's thin lips curled into a faint smile. "Before we came, they should've said a lot about us. Don't you think it's unnecessary to ask this question now?"

Luo Yan slowly clenched his fists. On the way here, I have indeed heard them roughly tell me what happened. At first, I thought that it was an exaggeration. Now, it seems that Rong Xiu is indeed as arrogant as they said! He clearly knows that I'm here to take revenge, but he is still so self-righteous and even going tit-for-tat!

Luo Yan smiled, but it was obvious that he did not take Rong Xiu seriously. "Rong Xiu, I can understand that you're young and frivolous, but being too arrogant isn't a good thing. Today, I'm here to seek an explanation for Yiyi. This matter has nothing to do with you. I advise you to move aside."

What he meant was that he was here to find trouble with Chu Liuyue!

Rong Xiu also smiled, but there was a layer of frost between his eyebrows! "What if I say no?"

Chapter 1687 Apologize

As soon as he finished speaking, the atmosphere froze!

The smile on Luo Yan's face faded. "Rong Xiu, I know that you've been quite famous in the God Residence Realm all these years, but there's always someone better, right? I'm giving you face because you're indeed someone. Don't go overboard."

Rong Xiu seemed to have heard a joke, and the smile on his lips deepened. "You want to touch my consort and even ask me not to interfere... Luo Yan, don't you think it's ridiculous?"

These words made the last trace of a smile on Luo Yan's face completely disappear. His expression turned cold and solemn, and a heavy pressure spread from his body. "Do you really want to be my enemy?"

Rong Xiu smiled without saying anything, as if he couldn't be bothered to answer this question.

This attitude was undoubtedly the most direct provocation to Luo Yan! "You—"

"Uncle Luo Yan!" Seeing that he was about to fly into a rage, Nan Yiyi hurriedly grabbed his arm. "Uncle Luo Yan, aren't you here to avenge me? Don't target the wrong person!"

Didn't we already say that all the conflicts and questions were caused by Shangguan Yue?

Luo Yan gazed at her thoughtfully.

Nan Yiyi looked away guiltily.

Nan Yuxing and the others—who were standing at the back—couldn't help but look at each other with complicated expressions.

Actually, Rong Xiu was clearly the one who should be punished. But after Nan Yiyi invited Luo Yan over, she pushed most of the blame to Shangguan Yue.

At this point, how could they not understand Nan Yiyi's thoughts? However, it wasn't appropriate to say anything.

Luo Yan had always doted on Nan Yiyi and believed almost everything she said. Wouldn't they be causing trouble if they went up and said this now? Hence, they could only choose to remain silent.

Seeing their reaction, Luo Yan could guess what was going on. Although he doted on Nan Yiyi, it did not mean that he had lost his brain.

Even though he was a little surprised, he had never seen Nan Yiyi so protective of anyone.

Her thoughts were obvious.

Luo Yan frowned. Nan Yiyi has long reached the age of marriage, but she has never been interested in these things. It is rare for her to like someone, but the other party is Rong Xiu. This identity is fine, but... Who in the God Residence Realm doesn't know that Rong Xiu has personally chosen a consort and set up an engagement? If word gets out, her reputation...

Luo Yan originally wanted to reprimand her, but when he saw Nan Yiyi's guilty expression, his heart ached. The words that were about to come out of his mouth were stuck in his throat.

No matter what, the child has grown up, and I have to save some face outside. These words... It won't be too late to say them when we return! But now, I have to solve the problem at hand. Thinking of this, his gaze darkened as he stared at Chu Liuyue.

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Danger!

The moment his gaze swept over, Chu Liuyue immediately became alert and tensed up!

Even if the other party didn't say anything, she could still keenly sense his killing intent! This was an extremely sensitive sixth sense that she had trained after experiencing countless life-and-death situations!

Countless guesses and thoughts flashed across her mind. Luo Yan... seems to be very against her? Just because I had 'bullied' Nan Yiyi? I heard his words clearly. He seems to have come only for Nan Yiyi and doesn't care about the others. From beginning to end, he seems to only have Nan Yiyi in his eyes and heart. That's weird...

There is no need to mention the two elders, but isn't Nan Yuxing the Nan family's eldest young master, Nan Yiyi's biological brother? His injuries are even worse than Nan Yiyi's. Why does it seem like Luo Yan doesn't care at all? Isn't such favoritism... a little too much?

Actually, she didn't know that Luo Yan was famous for doting on Nan Yiyi.

Everyone in the Nan family knew that offending Nan Yiyi was equivalent to offending Luo Yan.

Although Nan Yifan also doted on her very much, there were still times when he was strict. However, this wasn't the case for Luo Yan.

Since Nan Yiyi was young, Luo Yan would try to satisfy any request of Nan Yiyi as long as she asked. Even though Nan Yiyi was arrogant, willful, and had caused many troubles, he had never said anything harsh to her.

However, Luo Yan was powerful and had a very noble status in the Nan family. Most people couldn't do anything to him.

Speaking of which, a large part of the reason why Nan Yiyi developed her current personality was because of Luo Yan. However, Luo Yan never felt that it was inappropriate and still agreed to Nan Yiyi's requests.

Even though Nan Yifan had already told him in advance that he couldn't come to help privately this time... After receiving the news from Nan Yiyi, he immediately rushed over.

But considering that he had to give Nan Yifan some face, Luo Yan indeed only planned to help Nan Yiyi vent her anger. It was better to leave the rest to them.

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"Yiyi's request is very simple. As long as you come out, experience all the pain she went through previously, and apologize to her, this matter will be over," Luo Yan said indifferently.

Upon hearing this, Chu Liuyue almost thought that she had heard wrongly. She blinked and laughed out loud. "What?"

Luo Yan's eyes were cold. "Since you heard me, do as I say. My time is limited."

Chu Liuyue had always felt that she was quite arrogant, but today, she had learned something new. Along the way, it was clearly these people who kept pestering us and taking the initiative to find trouble with us. At this point, they actually seem to feel quite aggrieved?

She was already impatient with them to begin with. Coupled with her ancestor's situation, she was still uneasy. Hearing this now was undoubtedly adding fuel to the fire.

But the angrier she was, the more rational she became.

She took a step forward and walked to Rong Xiu's side. Then, she reached out and hugged his arm.

Rong Xiu immediately held her hand and intertwined his fingers.

The corners of Chu Liuyue's lips curled up slightly as she said, "I admit that some of her injuries are indeed related to me. However... are you not curious as to why I would do this to her?"

Luo Yan frowned.

Chu Liuyue blinked and said slowly, "She snatched my man in front of me. She can even do such a shameless thing, so why can't I hit her?"

Nan Yiyi's face instantly turned pale and red. "Shangguan Yue—you!"

I really didn't expect her words to be so straightforward and unpleasant! I have never been humiliated like this in my life!

Luo Yan's expression also changed.

Nan Yiyi hurriedly glanced at him and swiftly explained, "Uncle Luo Yan, don't listen to her nonsense! She's slandering me!"

"It's not impossible for me to apologize. But before that, please apologize to me first, Second Missy Nan. How about that?"

Chapter 1688 Dream On!

Nan Yiyi's face turned red and white. "You! What nonsense are you talking about!?"

Chu Liuyue raised her eyebrows in surprise. "Did I say something wrong? Didn't you say that as long as my husband divorced me, you would—could it be that I heard wrongly?"

"You! You!" Nan Yiyi was so angry that she almost fainted. How can I let Uncle Luo Yan know about this?

In front of him, she had always been obedient. Even though she liked to be willful and coquettish sometimes, she had never said anything inappropriate in front of him, let alone done anything overboard.

She knew that although her uncle looked young, he was actually old-fashioned. He was very conservative about many things.

Now that Shangguan Yue has exposed this matter in front of him, what should I do in the future?!

Sure enough, Luo Yan looked at her with a much colder gaze. "Yiyi, did you really say such a thing?"

Nan Yiyi's heart trembled.

She rarely heard Uncle Luo Yan speak to her in such a tone. For a moment, she was worried and afraid, and her heart was really a mess.

"I-I didn't!" Nan Yiyi's eyes turned red, and she looked aggrieved. "Uncle Luo Yan, you watched me grow up. How could I say such things and do such a thing? Do you want to believe in an outsider instead of me?"

Luo Yan's eyes wavered. What Nan Yiyi said isn't unreasonable. If the other party really said that on purpose to slander her...

He glanced at the people opposite him.

Nan Yuxing hurriedly said, "That's right! Uncle Luo Yan, Yiyi was really wronged! Although she's usually a little willful, she's still very principled in many things! She didn't say those words at all. It's all fabricated by Shangguan Yue!"

Luo Yan looked at Elder Wu Peng and the other elder.

From their attitude, it seemed that they had tacitly agreed.

The anger in Luo Yan's heart subsided a little.

From the corner of his eyes, he saw Nan Yiyi's red eyes and nose. His heart ached, and his tone finally softened. "Alright, how can Uncle not believe you? Don't cry."

Nan Yiyi immediately heaved a sigh of relief, but she still looked aggrieved. "Mother has taught me these principles in the past. Why would I do that? Uncle Luo Yan, you've really wronged me."

When Luo Yan heard Nan Yiyi mention her mother, his expression darkened, and he looked at her with more pity.

He rubbed Nan Yiyi's head. "Alright, I've wronged you. I'll definitely stand up for you this time and not let you suffer, okay?"

Only then did Nan Yiyi smile through her tears. "I knew Uncle treated me the best!"

After saying that, she glanced at Chu Liuyue in a mocking manner. Uncle Luo Yan has doted on her for so many years. How could he side with someone else? Today, I must make Shangguan Yue pay ten times or a hundred times the price!

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Stunned, Chu Liuyue almost couldn't help but applaud. I have never seen anyone dote on a child to this extent. It's no wonder I keep feeling that Nan Yiyi's brain is abnormal—the entire Nan family is the same.

She instantly lost interest in arguing with them. They are clearly here to cause trouble for me. Whatever the truth is, they obviously don't care.

Sure enough, Luo Yan then said, "Shangguan Yue, no matter what you say now, you can't change the outcome. If you don't agree to my suggestion, don't blame me for being rude!"

Is this a direct change of threat?

Force surged in Rong Xiu's palm, and the temperature around him quickly turned cold!

Chu Liuyue gently scratched his palm. This isn't a good time to make a move. Although I'm not afraid, Ancestor is still on the other side of the wall. We still have to focus on more important things.

Rong Xiu glanced at her.

Chu Liuyue shot him a look.

Rong Xiu's eyes flickered, but in the end, he lowered his eyes to hide the waves in them.

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"It's not impossible for me to agree to this suggestion, but I have my conditions. If you're willing to agree, everything on my side can be discussed." Chu Liuyue smiled as she spoke.

Luo Yan had thought that she would explode in anger, but he didn't expect the latter to say such a thing. Shangguan Yue... seems to be different from what I had expected...

Luo Yan's expression turned cold. "Do you think you have the right to say this now?"

"Don't you know best if I'm qualified?" Chu Liuyue chuckled and swept her gaze across Nan Yuxing and the others. It seems that they haven't told Luo Yan about me killing the black-robed man.

Chu Liuyue's words made the few of them feel inexplicably guilty.

Although they didn't want to admit it, they had to admit that Rong Xiu and Shangguan Yue seemed to really have extraordinary trump cards. If the two sides really fought... the outcome was really unknown, especially since the little girl was behind her.

Elder Wu Peng paused and finally took the initiative to speak. "What is your condition?"

Luo Yan was even more surprised. Elder Wu Peng has always been arrogant. At this moment, he is actually willing to accept Shangguan Yue's suggestion? What the hell is—

"It's simple." Chu Liuyue's eyes curved into crescents as she smiled sincerely. "As long as you find the thing you're looking for and hand it to me, I can agree to your request. Everyone will be fair—"

"You're dreaming!" Before she could finish, Nan Yiyi suddenly interrupted her. She really dares to think of asking us to exchange that thing!

The smile on Chu Liuyue's face did not change, but her voice turned cold. "I'll return the same words to you. You want to force me to apologize and beg for mercy—I think you're dreaming too!"

Chapter 1689 Attack!

Dead silence.

Chu Liuyue's words stunned the people opposite her, including Luo Yan. None of them expected Chu Liuyue to really have the guts to say such things!

Her attitude was too unyielding, and her eyes were cold and piercing. Although her lips were curled up slightly, they were like sharp blades with a sharp killing intent that seemed to be able to cut through everything!

Nan Yiyi's heart suddenly trembled! An indescribable fear quickly surged from the depths of her heart!

This wasn't the first time she had felt such fear when facing Shangguan Yue. However, it had never been so clear and intense before.

Looking into those eyes, a clear thought flashed through her mind: If I anger Shangguan Yue, she will really kill me!

Nan Yiyi originally wanted to mock and retaliate, but at this moment, she lost all words.

Her legs were a little weak. If not for Luo Yan standing beside her, she would've retreated uncontrollably.

Luo Yan watched all of this and frowned even more. "How does she know about this?"

These words were clearly questioning Nan Yiyi and the others. Not many people know that we have come to find that thing. Why does even Shangguan Yue, who has nothing to do with it—no, it should be said that she is an enemy—know now!?

Nan Yuxing immediately broke out in cold sweat. He said quickly, "Uncle Luo Yan, this... We didn't deliberately reveal it. They overheard us discussing this matter in private..."

Luo Yan's gaze turned even colder. This mistake is even more ridiculous! They were overheard? Then, they were too careless! This is a serious matter, but they weren't vigilant at all?!

Elder Bai Tong came out to smooth things over. "Luo Yan, actually... Actually, this isn't the fault of Eldest Young Master and Second Missy. It's all my and Wu Peng's negligence..."

There was really no way to say this.

They had actually been very vigilant, but when Rong Xiu appeared not far from them that day, there was no fluctuation at all!

They really couldn't be completely blamed for this, but it was too embarrassing to say. Besides, what was the point of saying this now?

Elder Wu Peng stared at Chu Liuyue intently. "You do know what we're looking for."

Previously, it was only a guess, but it is definitely confirmed now.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows. I was just trying to trick them because I could see that what they were looking for meant a lot to them. However, I don't know what it is. I'm too busy with my own matters to care about them.

Hearing this, Nan Yiyi instantly perked up and suddenly raised her hand to point at Chu Liuyue. "More than that, that thing is on her!"

Her voice was sharp and made one's ears hurt.

This sentence made the atmosphere even tenser!

Chu Liuyue could clearly feel that the auras of the few people opposite her had changed drastically at this moment!

An extremely dangerous aura enveloped them!

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"Believe it or not, I don't know what you're looking for. As for what you say, it's even more nonsensical that I have it." Chu Liuyue laughed and pointed at the rocks scattered around her. "To be honest, after I came to this God-Killing Tumulus, the only thing I've obtained from here are these stones. Could these be what you're looking for?"

"How dare you argue!?" At this moment, Nan Yiyi was full of confidence, and her voice rose a few degrees. "I can't be wrong about the aura of that thing! It's on you! At this point, you still refuse to admit it!? I was wondering why it was so coincidental that I kept bumping into you along the way. It turns out... you've been determined to snatch this thing from the beginning!"

The more Chu Liuyue listened, the more frustrated she became. I don't look for trouble, but trouble always comes knocking on my door time and time again. It is really annoying!

However, Nan Yiyi didn't notice the change in Chu Liuyue's aura and continued to talk to herself. "Uncle Luo Yan, not only did she hurt me, but she also snatched my things! This time, you must help me. You can't let her off easily—"

Shing!

A zither sound filled with killing intent suddenly came from the black wall! The scattered stones on the ground also became restless!

The surrounding natural energy began to circulate rapidly!

Everyone was shocked.

Nan Yiyi's voice also stopped abruptly. She looked at everything that had suddenly happened in front of her in shock!

Chu Liuyue looked up slightly, her eyes cold like ice that hadn't melted for a thousand years! She said word by word, "Have you said enough?"

When Nan Yiyi met her gaze, her throat suddenly felt as if it was being strangled by an invisible hand!

At this moment, it seemed to be difficult to even breathe! The blood in her body also froze!

She had never felt the threat of death so clearly!

Luo Yan pulled Nan Yiyi behind him and took a step forward, force surging around him! Something is off! Something is wrong with Shangguan Yue, and the black wall behind her—something is wrong too! Why is there suddenly a strange zither sound coming from inside?!

Chu Ning and Rong Xiu immediately looked at each other. Is this the sound of the zither she had mentioned earlier?

"Yue'er." Rong Xiu held her hand tightly.

A cold and low voice echoed in Chu Liuyue's ears, instantly snapping her back to her senses.

The coldness in her eyes quietly dissipated. When she looked up again, it was back to normal.

She hid all these emotional changes perfectly. Only Rong Xiu, who was beside her, saw it clearly.

At the same time, the sound of the zither quietly stopped, and the surrounding stones returned to calm. Even the surge of surrounding energy gradually subsided. It was as if the commotion just now was just everyone's imagination.

Rong Xiu's expression changed.

Just as he was about to speak, a majestic pressure suddenly descended! At the same time, a whistling sound tore through the air!

Rong Xiu looked up, but Luo Yan took the opportunity to attack!

His eyes turned cold! With a wave of his sleeve, a golden flame quickly flew out and set up a barrier in front of the two of them!

However, Luo Yan was a legendary warrior and had extremely rich combat experience! He had expected Rong Xiu to make a move. Therefore, he had not held back from the beginning!

Whoosh!

Luo Yan's force transformed into an arrow that pierced through Rong Xiu's barrier! Then, it headed straight for Chu Liuyue's glabella!

The killing intent was biting cold!

At this moment, Rong Xiu directly took action and grabbed the arrow tightly!

But before they could heave a sigh of relief, Chu Liuyue suddenly felt something wrap around her ankle.

She looked down. A transparent thumb-thick rope had appeared at her feet and bound her ankles tightly!

Her heart sank.

Luo Yan had already pulled!

Chu Liuyue's body was immediately dragged out uncontrollably!

Chapter 1690 Victory

"Yue'er!"

"A'Yue!"

The sudden change shocked Chu Ning and Tuan Zi, and they got prepared to go forward.

However, Chu Liuyue's reaction was extremely fast! A cold light quickly flashed across her hand!

"Chi Xiao Sword!" She flipped her wrist and slashed at the transparent rope!

Clang!

The crisp sound of jade hitting each other could be heard!

Sparks flew!

Chu Liuyue's heart sank. The Chi Xiao Sword is a supreme Yuan instrument; it has always cut iron like mud and is extremely sharp. The transparent rope looks clear and soft, but it is actually extremely flexible and hard! The sword only left a faint white mark on it!

Luo Yan snorted. Shangguan Yue is indeed capable; she can even use a supreme Yuan instrument so smoothly. Unfortunately, a true god is still a true god. This bit of strength is really not enough in front of me.

Thinking of this, he tightened his grip on the other end of the rope and tugged again! "Endless Binding Vine—Retract!"

The transparent rope instantly tightened, leaving a bright red wound on Chu Liuyue's ankle!

Her body was pulled by this force, and she lost her balance again!

Rong Xiu moved and was about to attack when a black shadow suddenly flashed past his eyes—it was Elder Wu Peng!

"Rong Xiu, we're just going to seek justice for Second Missy from Shangguan Yue today. After this matter is over, we'll naturally let her go. Why do you have to do this and make things worse?"

Rong Xiu seemed to have heard a joke, and his thin lips curled up coldly. "That's my princess consort. Do you want me to pretend not to see you doing this in front of me? It seems that you ignored what I said to you previously."

His voice was as cold as ice!

Elder Wu Peng paused and suddenly recalled Rong Xiu's disapproving and half-smile when he mentioned the family head.

This was actually what he had been secretly worried about. But at this point, it was obvious that they couldn't back down.

"We don't want to be enemies with the Sky-Cloud Empire; this won't do anyone any good. As long as Shangguan Yue is willing to apologize, this matter can be resolved. You—"

Before Elder Wu Peng could finish her sentence, Rong Xiu had already raised his hand! A cluster of golden flames surged from his eyes!

"You're wrong about one thing."

Force surged in Rong Xiu's body, and the terrifying pressure kept rising!

"From the moment you touched her, you were the Sky-Cloud Empire's mortal enemy!"

Rumble!

A powerful force headed straight for Elder Wu Peng's face!

"Rong Xiu! You—" Elder Wu Peng didn't expect Rong Xiu to really attack. He was caught off-guard and barely avoided it, but there was still a long burn mark on his shoulder!

The scorching pain made Elder Wu Peng furious. Does Rong Xiu know what it means by doing this? Does he really want to go against us for Shangguan Yue? We don't want Shangguan Yue's life!

Countless thoughts flashed through Elder Wu Peng's mind, but he didn't dare to slack off anymore. He hurriedly mobilized the force in his body and braced himself to fight Rong Xiu!

But soon, he sensed that something was wrong. Why does Rong Xiu's combat strength seem to be greater than before?!

The two of them had only exchanged a few moves, but Elder Wu Peng already felt that he couldn't withstand it. Could Rong Xiu have hidden his true strength previously? This aura is clearly much stronger than ordinary true gods! Most importantly, Rong Xiu is ruthless, and every move is fatal. He doesn't do anything unnecessary and doesn't leave any leeway for me.

This is the battle intent and blood energy that can only be obtained after experiencing countless lifeand-death battles! Elder Wu Peng had seen many storms and wasn't weak, but he had spent most of his time and energy on weapon refinement. Due to this, he hadn't focused much on warrior cultivation. Therefore, at this moment, he quickly fell into a disadvantage when facing Rong Xiu.

On the other side, Chu Ning couldn't help but rush forward!

"Stage-one warrior?" When Elder Bai Tong saw this, he could not help but sneer. Am I seeing things?! An existence worse than an ant actually has such guts? He is really tired of living.

Elder Bai Tong waved his sleeve!

A ball of fire suddenly appeared in his palm! Then, it quickly flew out!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

When the ball of flames was only a step away from Chu Ning, it suddenly exploded! It turned into countless fine sparks!

"You overestimate yourself... It's your honor to die in my hands—what!" Elder Bai Tong's words stopped abruptly! His eyes widened in shock, and he could hardly believe what he was seeing.

Countless burning sparks suddenly scattered as if pushed by a force!

As for Chu Ning—who should have been dead—he stood in place unharmed! A blue stream of light was gently surging around him.

That's...

"God Realm?!" Due to shock, Elder Bai Tong's voice became sharp.

Nan Yuxing and the others sensed the commotion, and their expressions changed slightly.

"How can a stage-one warrior have a God Realm!?"

Nan Yuxing was originally happy to watch the commotion and planned to take this opportunity to vent his anger. Unexpectedly, things began to develop in an unexpected direction.

They had actually expected Rong Xiu to be able to compete with Elder Wu Peng. After all, he was the one who had caused Elder Bai Tong's injuries.

However, this middle-aged man was dressed in rags and was covered in blood. He clearly looked ordinary. How could he unleash a God Realm?!

The aura on his body—he is indeed a stage-one warrior!

"This is... the Indestructible Holy Body!?" Luo Yan's eyes darted around, and he observed Chu Ning meaningfully. Then, he quickly had a guess. In this world, only this unique Holy Body can unleash a God Realm with a stage-one warrior cultivation realm. Although there is nothing to fear, the few of them are indeed capable. No wonder they can last until now in the God-Killing Tumulus and make Wu Peng and the others suffer so much.

Clang!

Another violent crash sounded.

Luo Yan retracted his gaze and saw that Chu Liuyue was still trying to cut off the Endless Binding Vine with the Chi Xiao Sword.

He laughed carelessly and looked at her with undisguised contempt and indifference. "Childish."

To him, Chu Liuyue's actions were clearly useless struggles.

With a wave of his wrist, the Endless Binding Vine quickly retracted and spread upwards!

Half of Chu Liuyue's body, including her sword-wielding hand, was locked by the transparent Endless Binding Vine.

Chu Liuyue's frown deepened. This thing is indeed extraordinary.

At this moment, she almost felt that the force around her seemed to be trapped by the Endless Binding Vine!

Luo Yan raised his hand and clenched it in the air.

The vine tightened around Chu Liuyue's neck!