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Chapter 231 Preparing to Go

The Dark Dance in Su Baifeng's hands still had some influence and capabilities. In less than half a day, she found out that a certain item in the Prime Minister's Estate's treasure vault, the Crystal Jade Buddha, had emerged from the Duke of Zhongyi's Estate. The Duke of Zhongyi had ordered someone to secretly take it to the Ghost Market to sell it.

"The Duke of Zhongyi, the Empress, you really have guts..." When Su Baifeng received the news, she was so angry that she knocked over the tea set on the table. She was aware that this matter was strange. With the ability of the Duke of Zhongyi, it was impossible for him to sneak into the Prime Minister's Estate and empty the treasure vault.

There must be someone more powerful involved, but no matter who it was, she would not let go of the Duke of Zhongyi, especially the Empress behind them.

"We'll be heading to the Red Maple Forest a few days later. Let's take care of the Duke of Zhongyi's Estate first. We can't delay the matter of the crystal mine anymore. The longer we put it off, the more disadvantageous it will be for us. Since we can't find any information about Fanjiu, we'll use the Duke of Zhongyi's Estate. Whether the Heavenly Saint Emperor believes me or not, the Empress's days will surely get more difficult."

After the treasure vault robbery, Su Baifeng changed her entire plan. She originally wanted Fanjiu to be the scapegoat, but now, she decided to push out the Duke of Zhongyi and the Empress. Although this would be much more difficult, she was willing.

No matter how Su Baifeng and the Duke of Zhongyi fought, Xue Fanxin did not care, nor could she care. She was leaving for the Red Maple Forest today to find Tomb Two of the Spacetime Emperor.

Ye Jiushang woke up early to get ready. Actually, there was not much to prepare. He just had to give some simple instructions.

"Master, the tomb of the Spacetime Emperor is extraordinary. You can't use force, so you should bring me along." Two shadows stood by Ye Jiushang and looked at their master.

"Ruying, Suixing, stay behind. I'll only take Zhuri and Little Lei with me. Zhuri is a promising talent. I have the intention to nurture him," Ye Jiushang said.

Although Ruying and Suixing really wanted to follow Ye Jiushang to search for the tomb of the Spacetime Emperor, since their master had spoken, they could only listen. They replied in unison, "Yes."

Ye Jiushang nodded in satisfaction. Apart from being loyal, his subordinates needed to be able to follow orders. If they did not, no matter how powerful they were, he would abandon them, just like Zhuiyue.

"When I'm not around, you have to keep an eye on some people for me. Don't let them lead too good a life, but don't kill them either. Otherwise, my little consort won't have any fun."

"Yes, Your Highness. There's one more thing I want to report to you. Recently, the four great families have successively sent people to explore the Red Maple Forest. The earliest one was the Yi family, led by their young master. Then it was the Xue family. Long before Old Master Xue died, Xue Lianfeng had

already sent Xue Mochen to the Red Maple Forest. Then it was the Bai family, and finally, the Lian family. The Lian family only set off a few days ago. However, no one from the four great families has returned yet. Those people are all missing, it is unknown if they are dead or alive.”

When Ye Jiushang heard Ruying’s report, he had some guesses, but he could not be certain.

The four great families had all run into the Red Maple Forest before them. Could it be that Tomb Two of the Spacetime Emperor had appeared? If not, what could attract the interest of the four great families?

It seemed like this tomb-seeking trip would be very lively.

Chapter 232 Why Are You Late

Little Lei had disappeared without a trace after eating a handful of soil that day and only appeared today. The moment he saw Xue Fanxin, he immediately pounced on her and begged, “Girl, give me more soil.”

Since that day, he had been imprisoned by a certain lord.

While imprisoned, he had been craving food. Not only did he want to eat Breathing Earth, but he also wanted roasted rabbit meat. Despite his desires, though, a certain lord would not let him out. His life was so bitter!

“Little Lei, although that soil is not ordinary, I think eating dirt is still not good. It will cause indigestion.” Xue Fanxin knew Breathing Earth was nourishing to Little Lei, but she found it unsavory. Even if Breathing Earth was really precious, it was still dirt, something that could not be eaten.

“Girl, I won’t suffer from indigestion. Give it to me.” Little Lei looked at Xue Fanxin expectantly, hoping that she would give him some soil.

Right then, Ye Jiushang came and said coldly, “If you really want to eat dirt, I’ll get someone to dig a pot for you in the courtyard and let you eat enough.”

The moment Little Lei saw Ye Jiushang, he stopped pestering Xue Fanxin and said, “No, no, no. I don’t want to eat dirt anymore.”

Xue Fanxin really did not understand. Little Lei was so capable; why was he so afraid of Ye Jiushang? Forget it. Anyway, apart from fear, Little Lei also admired him. From the looks of it, he was willing to be ‘tortured’ by him.

“Ah Jiu, you’re here! We can set off once Zhuri comes.” “Zhuri still hasn’t come?” Ye Jiushang frowned slightly; his displeasure evident. As a subordinate, it was a serious offense to make one’s master wait.

A moment ago, he was praising Zhuri in front of Ruying and Suixing, but Zhuri had made a mistake so quickly. Should he observe Zhuri for a while more and see if he was worth his effort?

Xue Fanxin did not think too much about it, because she had never regarded Zhuri as her subordinate but as a friend. She waited patiently. “He must have been delayed by something. Let’s wait.”

Just as Xue Fanxin finished speaking, Zhuri rushed over. His clothes were a little messy, and his expression was not good. He knelt on one knee in front of Ye Jiushang. “I’m late. Please forgive me, Your

Highness.” Ye Jiushang did not let Zhuri up. Instead, he asked with a hint of displeasure, “Why are you late?”

“I was trapped by Zhuiyue and had to fight her to escape, so I came late. Please punish me.”

This damned Zhuiyue kept pestering him and interrogating him about the Lord. She even wanted him to take her to see the Lord. She was really becoming more and more unruly and impudent.

If Zhuiyue really appeared in front of the Lord without permission, there was only death waiting for her. Didn't this stupid woman know?

“Zhuiyue?” Xue Fanxin found the name familiar. After thinking about it carefully, she finally remembered her.

Wasn't she the woman who had rejected being her maid that day?

Ye Jiushang did not say anything regarding Zhuri's explanation, but he did not punish him either. He only said coldly, “From now on, the Night Shadow Guards will no longer have Zhuiyue.”

Zhuri was stunned for a moment before he reacted and took the order. “Yes.”

The Lord meant to remove Zhuiyue from the Night Shadow Guards.

The Night Shadow Guards who had been removed had only one outcome: death.

It seemed like the Lord had the intention to kill Zhuiyue.

“Let's go. Someone will deal with this. You don't have to do it yourself. I hope you won't repeat today's mistake. Otherwise...” Ye Jiushang did not finish his sentence, but his meaning was clear.

“Yes, I'll never make such a mistake again.”

Xue Fanxin did not interfere with Ye Jiushang disciplining his subordinates. After all, he was a lord and a superior. If he could not even keep his men in line, that would not be a good thing.

As for Zhuiyue... her life and death had nothing to do with her. Anyway, they were not familiar with each other.

“Alright, alright! It's getting late. Let's set off for the Red Maple Forest.”

Chapter 233 Don't Underestimate Your Enemy

Just like last time, Little Lei cast a spell and brought all of them to the Red Maple Forest. When purple light flashed, everyone vanished from the courtyard. At the same time, Ruying and Suixing appeared in the dark, looking in the forest's direction.

“Before Master left, he dismissed Zhuiyue from the Night Shadow Guards. Are you going to do it, or should I?”

“You do it. The Ghost King is up to something. I'll keep an eye on him. I can't let him take advantage of the situation.”

“Then you have to be careful. The Ghost King is not an ordinary man. To give Master a tough time in such a small place shows his capabilities.”

“So what if he is capable? If Master really gets angry, even ten Ghost Kings will die.”

“Don’t underestimate your enemy.”

For the Ghost King to fight with their master until now, he was anything but simple. If their underestimation of the enemy ruined things, even if they died ten thousand times, they could not escape the blame.

After Ruying and Suixing finished discussing, they each did their own thing. Suixing went to keep an eye on the Ghost King, while Ruying went to deal with Zhuiyue.

Zhuiyue did not know that her death was coming and was currently in a rage. She was furious at what Zhuri had just done and was smashing things in the room. The more she thought about it, the angrier she became.

“That damned Zhuri actually dares to attack me. He’s really detestable. When I become the Lord’s woman, I’ll definitely teach him a lesson.”

Even now, Zhuiyue was still fantasizing about becoming Ye Jiushang’s woman. She had always been confident in defeating Xue Fanxin and replacing her. She thought to herself, When the Lord gets tired of looking at that ugly face, he will change his mind. At that time, as long as I work harder, he will definitely take a fancy to me.

Just as her thoughts were running wild, a cold voice suddenly jolted her awake.

“You will never become the Lord’s woman.”

“Who is it?” Zhuiyue’s expression changed drastically. She went on high alert and looked around. Following that, she saw a black shadow appear out of thin air in her room.

The originally bright room instantly turned dark as if it had lost the sunlight. The temperature also dropped, so cold that it made people shiver.

Zhuiyue could sense how terrifying the person in front of her was. The dark hell-like pressure made her unable to even think of resisting. Apart from fear, she did not have any other emotion.

“Who... who are you? What do you want?”

“How dare an overconfident woman like you compare yourself to the Consort? A subordinate who disobeys the orders of the master dares to dream of becoming his woman. Should I say that you’re naive or stupid?”

“Who exactly are you?” Zhuiyue got more panicked. She did not look straight at the other party. Without her control, her feet retreated, and her legs kept trembling. It could be seen how scared she was.

“With your lowly status, you are not qualified to know who I am. From now on, the Night Shadow Guards will no longer have Zhuiyue.”

“What did you say?”

“To a person about to die, saying anything is no longer important.” Ruying was unwilling to waste his breath on Zhuiyue. He suddenly attacked, instantly appearing in front of Zhuiyue and strangling her neck. Just as he was about to finish the job, a sharp sword aura slashed over, forcing him to stop and retreat.

Zhuiyue’s life had been saved.

Chapter 234 No Words to Refute

Ruying wanted to kill Zhuiyue but was stopped. If he had not dodged in time, the sharp sword aura would have struck him.

By then, Zhuiyue vanished without a trace. Only a crazy and cold voice sounded in the empty room. “I will save the people Ye Jiushang wants to kill.”

“Ghost King.” Ruying recognized the voice of the Ghost King, his expression turning a little strange. He frowned and got a little worried.

Not long ago, he told Suixing that the Ghost King was not to be feared, yet the man in question snatched Zhuiyue right under his nose and even said such arrogant words... When had the Ghost King obtained such strength?

Was it a recent breakthrough, or had he always been so powerful?

Regardless, he could not underestimate his enemy anymore.

As for Zhuiyue, she was just a small fry. She could not cause any trouble, so there was no harm in letting her live a few more days.

Xue Fanxin and Ye Jiushang were unaware of what had happened in the Lord’s Estate. Even if they knew, they probably wouldn’t take it to heart, because they had something even more important. When she came to the Red Maple Forest again, Xue Fanxin did not feel unfamiliar at all. Instead, she felt a sense of familiarity and was in a very good mood. She picked up two red leaves on the ground and played with them in her hand. Then, she scanned her surroundings, searching for the place she had seen in the Supreme Badge. “Ah Jiu, this doesn’t seem to be the place I saw in the Supreme Badge. We have to search carefully.”

“There’s no need to go through so much trouble. Once we’re here, we can let the Mystic Crystal White Tiger look for us.” Ye Jiushang glanced at the little tiger hiding behind Xue Fanxin and released a cold aura.

The tiger was afraid of Ye Jiushang. He did not like seeing it always sticking to Xue Fanxin, so it only dared to follow behind her. Even so, Ye Jiushang was still dissatisfied with it. Especially in the past few days, it kept feeling that a certain lord hated it so much that he wished he could skin it alive.

In this situation, it had to carry out a certain lord’s orders immediately, or else...

Let’s not think about it. Let’s hurry up and find the tomb. The little white tiger ran off to do its work, not daring to hesitate or complain.

Xue Fanxin had long sensed Ye Jiushang's dislike for the little white tiger and was puzzled. She asked in confusion, "Ah Jiu, why do you dislike the little guy so much? It's so cute and obedient, and it didn't provoke you. Why do you hate it?"

"If not for it, would you have obtained the Supreme Badge?" Ye Jiushang was enraged at the thought of this.

Although the tomb of the Spacetime Emperor contained powerful inheritance and treasures, searching for them was an extremely dangerous task. Once it started, she could not give up, or she would die. It was this damned Mystic Crystal White Tiger that had pushed his little consort onto this path of no return. How could he not hate it? If anything happened to his little consort, he would definitely skin that beast alive.

In fact, he would have done so if not for the fact that it was very likely that the Mystic Crystal White Tiger had a special relationship with the Spacetime Emperor.

Xue Fanxin was rendered speechless. However, she could not retort because Ye Jiushang sounded quite reasonable.

Though it was useless to hate the little white tiger. She could only walk forward bravely.

Chapter 235 The surname Shui

When the little white tiger went to search for the tomb, Xue Fanxin did not stay idle. She tried to contact the Supreme Badge in her dantian and see if she could find the location of Tomb Two more clearly.

This was her second time contacting the Supreme Badge. She realized that the instructions given by the Supreme Badge this time were even clearer. It had even given her directions and drawn the route for her.

"Found it."

At this moment, the little white tiger happened to return. It stood in front of Xue Fanxin and called out a few times as if it was telling her the location of the second tomb.

"Awroo, awroo!"

"Little white tiger, you also found the location of the second tomb!" Xue Fanxin did not dislike the little tiger like Ye Jiushang. Even if the little white tiger had pushed her onto a path of no return, for some reason, she liked this cute and obedient little guy.

"Awroo, awroo." The little white tiger nodded hard and led the way in front. The direction it was going was the same as the Supreme Badge.

Could it be that the little white tiger really had a way to find the tomb of the Spacetime Emperor?

"It looks like you have some value," Ye Jiushang said coldly. Although the little tiger had found the location of the second tomb, it didn't get any brownie points.

The little white tiger felt afraid the moment it heard Ye Jiushang's voice. It tried its best to stay away from him and led the way. They passed through the Red Maple Forest and arrived at the foot of a small hill.

There was an ordinary grave at the bottom of the hill. However, this grave seemed to have been dug up not long ago. The surrounding soil was a little soft, and the tombstone was crooked. There were quite a few footprints in the surroundings, each of them of varying depths.

The words on the tombstone were already blurry, but upon careful look, one could still tell what was written.

Zhuri swept the ash off the tombstone and read, "The grave of my beloved wife, Shui Qianrou."

"Shui Qianrou?" Xue Fanxin found the name familiar. After thinking about it carefully, she said in surprise, "Isn't this my great-grandma's name? Could this be her grave?"

She remembered that her grandfather had mentioned that her great-grandma was called Shui Qianrou.

Before her grandfather passed away, he had left instructions that there was something under her great-grandma's grave. She planned to come and take a look after her grandfather succeeded in his advancement. Unexpectedly, the circumstances led her here today.

However, the grave had been dug up, and the things below might be gone now.

This was not a good thing!

"The surname Shui is rare." Although Ye Jiushang had sent people to investigate everything about Xue Fanxin, the scope was limited to Xue Batian and some important people in the Xue family. He did not focus on Shui Qianrou and just found out that she was Xue Fanxin's great-grandma.

The surname Shui was not ordinary.

"There are many rare surnames in the world. The surname Shui is not that rare." Xue Fanxin did not understand the true meaning of Ye Jiushang's words, thinking that he was only commenting on the rarity of the surname.

Ye Jiushang did not explain himself. With a slight smile, he asked, "Is there something in your great-grandma's grave?" "There must be. I don't know about the specifics, though. Before his death, Great-grandfather left some words on my palm. He said that there was something under Great-grandma's tomb and asked us to leave the Xue family quickly. But her tomb has already been dug up. The things inside must have been taken away."

"Not necessarily." "What do you mean?"

Chapter 236 You'll Know Once You Try

Ye Jiushang scanned the surroundings. Then, he walked to the tombstone and squatted down. Touching the words on the tombstone with his hand, a mysterious smile appeared on his face.

Xue Fanxin also walked over and squatted down. She asked in confusion, "Ah Jiu, is there anything special about this tombstone?"

She looked from left to right and did not notice anything extraordinary about this seriously damaged tombstone.

“This is not an ordinary tombstone.” Ye Jiushang was still studying the tombstone, seemingly very interested. His fingers kept drawing on the tombstone. As for what he was drawing and writing, only he knew. No one else could understand what he was doing. “How is this tombstone extraordinary?” Xue Fanxin asked curiously.

“The surface of the tombstone looks no different from ordinary tombstones, but it’s dozens of times tougher. There’s also a faint spiritual aura fluctuation on it. There might be a hidden mechanism inside the tombstone. Perhaps your great-grandfather was talking about the tombstone, not the tomb itself.”

“You want to smash this tombstone?”

Ye Jiushang shook his head and said, “A profound spirit art array has been set up on this tombstone. If you forcefully shatter it, the thing inside will also be destroyed. Besides, I believe apart from me, only Little Lei can break the tombstone. However, even if we can do that, we can’t obtain what’s inside. Once the tombstone breaks, the thing inside will also be destroyed.”

“Then doesn’t that mean that no one can obtain the things inside?”

How did her great-grandma create such an impressive tombstone?

No, no. Great-grandma had already died at that time. She couldn’t have made the tombstone.

Then who had set up a monument for great-grandma? Great-grandfather?

It shouldn’t be. Although she had only seen her great-grandfather once, she could sense that he did not have the ability.

“Why did your great-grandfather tell you that there was something in this tomb? Think carefully about your great-grandfather’s reaction when he first saw you.”

“He was agitated and strange. The moment he saw me, he held onto my hand tightly and refused to let go no matter what. Later, I felt him writing on my palm and told us to leave the Xue family. I left with Grandpa. You know the story afterward.”

She got angry at the thought of the Xue family.

Although the Xue family had not done anything wrong to her and Xue Qingluan, Xue Qinglan, and Elder Mo got beaten up by her, the Xue family’s treatment of her grandfather displeased her. She wanted to teach the whole family a lesson. “Ah Jiu, what are you thinking about?” Xue Fanxin saw that Ye Jiushang was deep in thought.

Something that could make Ah Jiu serious was definitely not simple.

“Perhaps you can open the tombstone and take out the thing inside,” Ye Jiushang said to Xue Fanxin.

Xue Fanxin pointed at herself and asked in surprise, “Me? How’s that possible?”

“Yes, you. Since your great-grandfather knows that there’s something in your great-grandma’s tomb, then he must know a thing or two about this tomb. Coupled with his strange reaction when he saw you

and told you the secret of the tomb, I think he must have realized that you are the one; that's why he's so excited."

"Is that so?"

"Whether it is or not, we'll know after we try. Try dropping your blood on the tombstone."

"Okay."

Chapter 237 Phoenix Clan's Phoenix Badge

Xue Fanxin did as Ye Jiushang said and pricked her finger with a silver needle, dripping a drop of blood onto the stone tablet. The moment it touched the tablet's surface, it was instantly sucked dry, leaving no trace behind. It was as if it had been eaten.

The tombstone emitted a dazzling watery-blue light. Following that, cracks started appearing on it, giving snapping sounds. Before long, the entire tombstone was filled with cracks, and then it shattered.

An exquisite small jade box was revealed. It automatically floated to Xue Fanxin and landed in her hand before opening on its own. There was no need for her to do anything as everything inside had already appeared in front of her.

"What's going on?" Xue Fanxin stared at the small jade box in her palm in confusion. There was a letter, a phoenix jade hairpin carved from blue crystal jade, and a badge. Xue Fanxin was traumatized by these badges. She was afraid that it would be another lethal item, so she did not dare to move. She did not even touch the other things in the box. She brought them to Ye Jiushang and showed them to him. "Ah Jiu, these were in the box. Do you know what they are?"

"This is..." Ye Jiushang took out the badge from the jade box and looked at it carefully. His face revealed shock. "This is the Phoenix Clan's Phoenix Badge."

"What badge?"

First, there was a Supreme Badge, now there was a Phoenix Badge. Why did all the badges in the world like to come to her side?

"The Phoenix Clan's Phoenix Badge has a special connection with the legendary Fire God Phoenix. It is said that one can summon the Fire God Phoenix through it. However, this is only a legend. To this day, I have never heard of anyone successfully summoning the Fire God Phoenix. But even so, there are still many people who put their lives on the line for the Phoenix Badge. In the end, the Phoenix Clan spread the news that the Phoenix Badge had been stolen. From then on, its whereabouts remained unknown, never to be found."

No wonder the people couldn't find it anywhere. The badge had landed in a small place like the Tongxuan Continent.

What was so special about this Tongxuan Continent? The Phoenix Badge was here, the Supreme Badge was here, and the two great tombs of the Spacetime Emperor were both here...

He had come to the Tongxuan Continent to find the Phoenix Star. He had thought that everything would be over once he found her, but now...

This place was much more interesting than he had imagined. It seemed like he had something to play with

“Why is the Phoenix Clan’s Phoenix Badge in my great-grandma’s tombstone? Why would the tombstone shatter after absorbing my blood? Why did this jade box fly into my hand by itself?” Xue Fanxin’s mind was filled with question marks. She had no answers, but she had a feeling that these things were related to her.

“Maybe because your blood has the power of nirvana?” Ye Jiushang was also racking his mind to guess the answers to various questions. After connecting the dots, he came to a plausible explanation. However, this answer shocked him even more.

In this world, the only one who had the power of nirvana was the Fire God Phoenix.

Little Xin’er had the power of nirvana, so she and the Fire God Phoenix... Ye Jiushang did not dare to guess further, because that was only a guess. There was no evidence.

Even if his guess was correct, it did not matter. Anyway, no matter who Little Xin’er was, she was someone he had set his mind on. She was his consort and his woman.

Chapter 238 Admiring Her Even More

In the beginning, Xue Fanxin thought that she was just a young miss of the Duke’s Estate. If she went further, she would be an abandoned child of the Xue family. Such an identity was no big deal.

However, with the appearance of the Reverse Spirit Heaven Wheel, the letter left behind by her father, the mysteriousness of her mother, and the things she had obtained from her great-grandma’s grave today, etc... All of this proved that her background was extraordinary.

What was her parents’ background?

“Ah Jiu, do you think I’m from the Phoenix Clan?” Seeing that Ye Jiushang was fine holding the Phoenix Badge, Xue Fanxin took out the other things in the jade box. First, she looked at the Phoenix Jade Hairpin. It was crystal blue and emitted a watery crystalline blue light. Under the sun, the phoenix carved on the jade hairpin looked alive as it sparkled. The feathers on its body would flash occasionally.

This jade hairpin was very special.

Ye Jiushang was also observing the jade hairpin. He looked at the Phoenix Badge in his hand and felt that his guess was probably correct.

Even if Little Xin’er was not from the Phoenix clan, she must have had a relationship with them.

But this Phoenix clan... was really difficult to investigate.

Ye Jiushang did not speak for a long time, so Xue Fanxin raised her head and saw him in deep thought.

She asked curiously, “Ah Jiu, what are you thinking about? You’re so engrossed in your thoughts.”

“Nothing. Just based on these things, I can’t be sure if you’re from the Phoenix clan, but it’s true that you’re related to them; let’s not guess randomly. Isn’t there a letter inside? Take it out.” Ye Jiushang did not dwell on the Phoenix clan and did not voice his guess.

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To the current Little Xin'er, the Phoenix Clan was too far away. Knowing this might not be a good thing for her.

Although the Phoenix Badge and the Phoenix Jade Hairpin were things that countless people competed for, possessing these things meant that one had to shoulder certain responsibilities or even destiny...

He did not want Little Xin'er to bear such a huge burden.

Xue Fanxin had never been a person who liked to ask questions endlessly. If Ye Jiushang was unwilling to say, she would give him some respect.

"Oh right, there's also a letter." Xue Fanxin placed the Phoenix Jade Hairpin back in the box and took out the letter. However, she could not understand a single word. "Ah Jiu, what's written on it? I can't understand it at all. I don't even know which country it is from." "This is an ancient language unique to the Phoenix Clan. There are very few people who can understand it now. Even the people of the Phoenix Clan don't know such ancient words. I only know a little." Ye Jiushang took the letter from Xue Fanxin's hand and read it carefully a few times before he roughly understood the meaning of it. He only had a surface understanding, not getting the exact message.

"Ah Jiu, what's written on it?"

"What I understood is that whoever obtains the Phoenix Badge and the Phoenix Jade Hairpin needs to take these two things back to the Phoenix clan. I don't understand the words below."

If they did not understand, it meant that they did not know what would happen after they took the thing back to the Phoenix clan.

Xue Fanxin was speechless. She placed everything back in the jade box indifferently and closed it. "What Phoenix Clan or Dragon Clan? These things don't have much to do with me. The most important thing now is to find the tomb of the Spacetime Emperor and protect my life. I couldn't care less about the rest."

"It's best that you think that way." Ye Jiushang admired Xue Fanxin even more.

Not many people in this world could resist the temptation of the Phoenix Badge and the Phoenix Jade Hairpin. The reason he had not told Little Xin'er too much about these two treasures was that he was worried she would be blinded by their names.

It seemed that he was overthinking it. Little Xin'er was a rational and sensible person.

Chapter 239 I Don't Understand

Xue Fanxin placed everything back in the small jade box. Even if they were all treasures, she was not that interested in them. At most, she would think that these things were left behind by an elder and should be kept properly, rather than think about what benefits they could bring her.

She then turned her attention to the grave. Looking at the shattered tombstone, she felt a little ashamed and guilty. She knelt in front of the grave and kowtowed a few times, saying sincerely, "Great-

grandma, I'm Xue Fanxin, your great-granddaughter. My visit today was unplanned, so I didn't prepare any incense. I even destroyed your tombstone. I'm really sorry. I'll kowtow and admit my mistake here."

"Little Xin'er, what are you doing?" Ye Jiushang looked at Xue Fanxin kowtowing so seriously and found her cute. He waited for her to finish before speaking. Xue Fanxin said in a serious manner, "Of course, I'm apologizing to my great-grandma! We destroyed her tombstone. This is a great disrespect to the dead. Furthermore, the person inside is my great-grandma. As a junior, I should kowtow to her a few times."

"You should indeed kowtow to your elders, but you have to kowtow to the actual person." "What do you mean?"

"There's just an empty coffin inside. No one is inside it."

"What? How is that possible? How did you know that there was an empty coffin in there?" Xue Fanxin stood up in shock and stared at the grave with her eyes wide open. No matter how she looked, she could not tell if there was anyone in the grave.

Could it be that Ah Jiu had X-ray vision and could see through obstructions?

"Judging from the traces at the scene, this grave has been dug up many times, most likely by the Xue family, or it could be others. Those people won't have any respect for your great-grandma. When they dig the grave, they will definitely open the coffin."

"You mean they took my great-grandma's skeleton?"

"That's a possibility, but it's also possible that there was no one in the tomb, to begin with."

"That's impossible, right?" Although Xue Fanxin found it hard to believe, she had an inexplicable trust in Ye Jiushang. No matter what he said, she would believe him.

Ye Jiushang smiled mysteriously. Then, he grabbed a handful of soil from the tomb and placed it under his nose to smell it. He crushed the soil and said, "This soil emits rather special spirit energy, which contains the aura of death. Furthermore, it's not an ordinary aura of death."

"Ah Jiu, I don't understand." She wasn't just a little confused; she could not understand at all.

"To put it simply, the soil is tainted with the aura of death. The aura of death is condensed from the grievances of countless dead people. It can only be found in large-scale tombs and such places."

"I still don't understand."

"In other words, there must be countless bones and vengeful spirits under this tomb. If your great-grandma was really buried here, her bones would either have been destroyed by those vengeful spirits or she herself would become one. How can a vengeful spirit tolerate others digging her grave repeatedly? From your great-grandma's tombstone, I can tell that the person who buried her must not be simple. Do you think that person will bury your great-grandma in a place where the vengeful spirits gather?"

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He was now certain that Shui Qianrou was not buried here. There must be an empty coffin in the tomb.

However, there were too many mysteries in this matter. Only by digging the grave and opening the coffin could he know more.

Xue Fanxin understood a little now. She started to be a little afraid. Looking at the grave in front of her, she felt her blood run cold.

Didn't Ah Jiu mean that there was something unclean nearby?

Those fluttering things were terrifying.

"Zhuri, dig up the grave." Ye Jiushang did not seek Xue Fanxin's permission. After observing Shui Qianrou's grave many times, he gave an order to Zhuri.

He wanted to see what was hidden beneath the tomb.

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Xue Fanxin did not quite agree with him. "Ah Jiu, it's not good to casually dig up someone else's grave, right? Furthermore, this grave is a little mysterious. As you said, there might be many wraiths down there. If we dig up the grave and release them, won't that be bad?"

No matter what, this was her great-grandma's grave. Even if there was an empty coffin inside, she could not casually disrespect her resting place.

Although there were many unanswered questions, she was not interested in those things, nor did she want to be involved in a dispute. "This is the place where the Spacetime Emperor's tomb is. How can we enter if we don't dig it up?" Ye Jiushang knew what Xue Fanxin was worried about, so he had no choice but to explain it to her. "This tomb has already been dug up a few times, yet it is still intact. Apart from the slightly loose soil, there are only some footprints left in the surroundings. Don't you find it strange? Don't tell me that those people who came to dig up the tomb restored it. At most, one or two people would do this, but don't you think it's very strange that everyone is doing this?"

"That's hard to say. Perhaps they dug up the grave and restored it out of respect for the dead."

"Little Xin'er, you're too naive. If it were ordinary people and not cultivators, perhaps they would have at least some respect for the dead. They wouldn't easily dig up other people's graves, and even if they did, they would restore them. But cultivators, they wouldn't think so much, especially about ordinary people's graves. They definitely wouldn't have any respect. Even if it's the grave of an eminence, what they want is only what's inside. In order to obtain what's in the tomb, they can do anything to the dead."

To put it bluntly, human nature was greedy.

Xue Fanxin was stunned. She felt that the people in this world seemed to be even more complicated.

However, upon careful thought, it was understandable. The people here not only pursued power and status, but they also pursued strength. To do that, forget about digging people's graves, they could even do even more inhumane things.

In this world where martial arts were respected, strength was everything. Everything else was treated like air.

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“This grave has been dug up so many times, but it’s still fine. If it wasn’t restored by someone, then it must be because there’s something strange about the grave. I believe the latter reason more. There’s something wrong with this grave. If I’m not wrong, it should be the tomb of the Spacetime Emperor.”

“Really?”

“The Mystic Crystal White Tiger’s reaction has already given the answer.” “Ah?” Xue Fanxin looked at the little white tiger lying on the ground. Its eyes were constantly shining as it looked at the tomb as if it was looking forward to something. “Awroo, awroo...” When the little white tiger saw Xue Fanxin look over, it called out to her and kept nodding as if to say, “The tomb of the Spacetime Emperor is below.”

The little white tiger had a special relationship with the Spacetime Emperor. What it said was definitely right.

But why was the tomb of the Spacetime Emperor under her great-grandma’s grave?

“Great-grandma, I have no choice but to dig your grave today. Please forgive me.” Xue Fanxin did not care if there was anyone in the grave. She had to be respectful. Before digging the grave, she knelt down and kowtowed again.

Ye Jiushang knew that Xue Fanxin was only doing this to reassure herself, so he did not stop her. After she finished, he got Zhuri to dig the grave.

Zhuri was already prepared. He took out a tool and started moving the soil.

Fuyun also helped him. Both of them had cultivation power, so digging an ordinary grave was not difficult. They finished the task in fifteen minutes.

When they dug up the grave and saw the water jade coffin below, they were especially shocked.

An ordinary person had actually been buried in a water jade coffin. This in itself was unbelievable.