

Schoolgirl 211

Chapter 211: No Mercy To Those Who Insult Me

Just when everyone was panicking from the situation, thinking all of them were going to be dragged into the predicament by the despicable Ye Yunting, an airy female voice waltzed in.

“It’s up to you to kill Ye Yunting or not, but don’t even think about laying a finger on the others.” Yun Jian met Bear.Might’s gaze directly, completely unhindered by his intimidating aura.

Bo Zhan and the others were not Bear.Might’s worthy opponents. Despite not being able to be ranked on the international assassin chart, he was still an assassin after all. It was still a walk in the park for him to kill people like Bo Zhan and the group.

This was the strength of the Gu Sha Mercenaries. It was never just talk for the members to kill a group of people single-handedly.

“Yun Jian, how dare you want him to kill me! How could you be so vicious! Do you have any conscience! If we didn’t take you in, you probably couldn’t even enter this place and you’re abandoning me right now!” Ye Yunting lambasted Yun Jian from genuine fear, forgetting how she had previously harassed the latter when she could not retaliate against her.

“Who are you?” Bear.Might ignored Ye Yunting as he looked directly at Yun Jian. His instinct told him that she was not an ordinary girl.

Held at gunpoint, grown men like Bo Zhan and the rest of his group were quivering in fear yet Yun Jian was unfazed. Instead, she had stepped up to defend the others.

Bear.Might was brazen but he constantly reminded himself that he was a Gu Sha member. To be able to squeeze himself into the top hundredth, he was not someone who simply killed someone before investigating the person’s background. Otherwise, he would not have been able to survive to this day.

“We’re not enemies,” Yun Jian replied with a squint, facing Bear.Might with her pretty side profile.

She turned away after that to walk toward Ye Yunting while everyone else watched on.

“You – what do you want...” Ye Yunting stumbled back, looking anxiously at Yun Jian who was walking toward her with belligerence.

As she stepped back continuously, she eventually trapped to a corner, no longer able to retreat.

“Has anyone ever told you that you can’t provoke the Gu Sha Mercenaries?” Yun Jian’s smirk was unnerving. It was eerie.

Ye Yunting shook her head in fear. Looking at Bear.Might’s pistol, she called out in apprehension, “I’m wrong, I’ve done wrong. Yun Jian, plead my case for me! Help me, I can’t die...”

Ye Yunting thought that Yun Jian was going to sacrifice her to save herself and the rest of their group, as she was the one who had offended Bear.Might and the other Gu Sha members with her words.

It was only now that she was struck with the realization that anyone from Gu Sha could easily brandish a pistol and kill somebody. The organization was nothing like the insignificant group she had referred to earlier.

“Help you? Is my Gu Sha’s pride simply for you to insult?” Yun Jian’s smirk grew wider as she narrowed her eyes at Ye Yunting who was trembling.

“My Gu Sha”? Was Yun Jian one of Gu Sha Mercenaries too?

Those around widened their eyes and stared at Yun Jian in aghast and shock when they heard her. She was – she was... a Gu Sha member?!

But she was so young!

Even Bear.Might and his group were dumbstruck.

Yet, Yun Jian was heard asking him, “Tell us. What’s the repercussion for an outsider who insults Gu Sha Mercenaries?”

It was an unquestionable command. Yun Jian had an innate sense of a king.

Even the fierce Bear.Might submit without knowing Yun Jian’s identity and status. He looked at her in disbelief but it came naturally to him as he answered, “The organization states that anyone who insults the Gu Sha Mercenaries is to be killed!”

Chapter 212: Not Worthy Of Knowing. Was She...

“Anyone who insults the Gu Sha Mercenaries is to be killed!” Yun Jian repeated. Her piercing gaze landed on Ye Yunting like a sharp sword with brimming killing intent.

She was the one who set this rule.

“Why aren’t you doing anything yet?” Yun Jian turned to order Bear.Might.

He and his men were stupefied.

According to the current scenario, Yun Jian was supposed to be on the same side as Ye Yunting.

Now that the latter insulted the Gu Sha Mercenaries, this young girl had not only referred to herself as one of the Gu Sha members, she was asking him to kill the woman who had entered the crypt with her?

Ye Yunting, on the other side, was thoroughly terrified. It never crossed her mind that Yun Jian was actually from the Gu Sha Mercenaries.

In spite of it, she did not forget to ask for help. Since pleading Yun Jian was futile, she scrambled to Ling Tianhao and grabbed the hem of his pants, wailing, “Tianhao, save me, help me... They have a gun. They’re going to kill me! I don’t have my brother anymore, you said that you’re going to protect me...”

Ye Yunting’s elder brother had died to save Ling Tianhao. Before his demise, he had asked the latter to take care of his younger sister in his place. This had always been a cause Ye Yunting held against Ling Tianhao.

Nonetheless, the man did not spare her a glance.

“Of all the people you could offend, you provoked one from the Gu Sha Mercenaries! They’re the top international assassination group! And you’re still thinking about staying alive after insulting them?” Sun Jianxiong hollered at Ye Yunting in resentment. He disliked the woman from the bottom of his heart.

If Old Ye who had sacrificed himself to save Ling Tianhao was not Ye Yunting’s elder brother, these men, Ling Tianhao and Sun Jianxiong included would not even be bothered with her.

The top assassination group! Gu Sha Mercenaries was actually an assassin organization!

When she heard this, Ye Yunting’s quavering body slumped at once.

The killers and relevant organizations that she had only ever seen in movies and films existed in real life. The key point, she had offended them!

Bear.Might who was ordered by Yun Jian hesitated to act. His gaze toward her was no longer hostile but he asked in a probing manner, “May I know your moniker in the organization?”

There had always been an unstated rule in Gu Sha Mercenaries. A person’s pseudonym represented them as a whole. At the same time, the higher you ranked incompetence, the higher your status in Gu Sha was.

Bear.Might’s intention in asking the question was obvious.

If Yun Jian’s position was higher than his, he would be reverent toward her. However, if her status was lower than his in Gu Sha, he would not heed her instruction.

When Bo Zhan and the others eventually accepted Yun Jian’s identity, her flippant tone from her conversation with Bear.Might drifted to them.

“You’re not worthy of knowing.” Yun Jian looked at Bear.Might with her lips pressed together and her arms crossed in front of her.

He actually did not deserve to know.

Yun Jian was Gu Sha’s biggest boss. Even the super elites who were ranked between the top twenty to fifty were not qualified to see her, what was more, Bear.Might had barely got into the hundredth.

“F*ck, this kiddo is egoistic huh? You probably aren’t even born yet when a few of us joined Gu Sha!” A man who stood beside Bear.Might finally lashed out, hurling a fist toward Yun Jian as he spoke, but he was stopped by Bear.Might.

The latter was somehow more perceptive. He was, after all, someone who could push himself into the top hundred ranking. It was undeniable that he was skilled.

Yun Jian quite admired Bear.Might’s ability to hold himself back. With her rosy lips curled up into a smile as she gazed at Bear.Might’s group, it finally stopped on said man. “You’re working under Liz?”

Snake.Lizard’s status in Gu Sha was apparent.

For Yun Jian to call her Liz, was this young girl ranked much higher than someone so prominent like Snake.Lizard! Then she was...

The fluctuating changes of Bear.Might's expression took Bo Zhan and others who were watching on a tour. When the final unimaginable thought popped into his head, he froze like a thunderbolt struck him.

Chapter 213: Incapacitating Ye Yunting. There Was No Way Ahead

Yun Jian wiped off her smile when she saw Bear.Might's fleeting emotions. She said looking at him, "No need to make wild guesses at my identity. You just have to tell me now, if you are Liz's underling."

With his thoughts exposed, Bear.Might put away his hesitation and turned to Yun Jian respectfully with a nod. "Yes. I'm working under the venerable Snake.Lizard."

Bear.Might was working for Snake.Lizard but he was only one of her many underlings, one who rarely got to meet her. His position was inevitably lower than Civet who sent Yun Jian her sports car previously.

"Mm." Yun Jian nodded with a squint.

"I'm done with my questioning. You can continue with what you were about to do," Yun Jian told Bear.Might as she stood aside, revealing Ye Yunting who was shaking in the corner.

She was reminding Bear.Might about killing the woman who dared insult Gu Sha Mercenaries.

"Mm." Bear.Might and his group had acquiesced in Yun Jian. With his finger on Browning's trigger, Bear.Might pointed the pistol at Ye Yunting.

"Ah! Ah!" Ye Yunting covered her eyes as she mumbled incessantly, "Don't kill me, don't kill me – I've done wrong, I've done wrong, no..."

"Wait!" Ling Tianhao was ultimately unable to hold back. Watching the younger sister of his comrade who had died saving him, he could let her be killed before himself. This was his promise to his comrade.

Ling Tianhao was a clever man. After watching what happened just now, he knew that the decision-maker of Ye Yunting's life fell on Yun Jian who they had underestimated since the start.

He looked toward her pleadingly, "Yun Jian, girl, can you... let her go for me?"

Ling Tianhao was entrusted to take care of Ye Yunting by her brother's last words. He did not want to break the promise. Otherwise, he would not even bat an eye if Ye Yunting were to die a thousand times in front of him.

"Oh?" Yun Jian raised a brow at Ling Tianhao.

Knowing the man's relationship with Ye Yunting, she had expected that he would ask her to have mercy on the latter.

Bear.Might halted pulling the trigger when he saw Yun Jian responding to Ling Tianhao.

"Why should I let her go for you? Who are you to me?" Yun Jian's words that followed jolted Ling Tianhao and his friends.

This was the brutal truth. Since when would people from Gu Sha let anyone go for anyone else?

“Never mind. It’s a hassle to take care of the corpse if she’s killed here anyway,” Yun Jian talked to herself before she looked at Bear.Might and told him, “Do what you see fit. Keep her alive but someone who’s insulted Gu Sha, she won’t escape from suffering even if she escapes death!”

There was an absolute submission from Bear.Might toward Yun Jian’s command.

He nodded. “Yes.”

“Let’s go on.” Yun Jian narrowed her eyes into a crescent shape, grinning bright and pretty like an average young girl.

Once the others recalled how nonchalant she was to kill Ye Yunting, however, they felt goosebumps racking through their bodies.

What did Bear.Might do to Ye Yunting, one asked. He incapacitated her limbs.

Ye Yunting wailed and screamed in pain before she passed out, but no one cared. She was lucky that she was at least alive.

“There’s no way ahead. We’ve been looking here for a long time,” Bear.Might told Yun Jian reverently after he was done with Ye Yunting.

He thought that he had more or less guessed Yun Jian’s identity. Other than that person, who else could possess such a kingly aura!

Just thinking about it made him shudder as he was filled with both deference and thrill.

Chapter 214: No Way Out, Blow It Up

“No way ahead?” Yun Jian pressed her lips together, observing the surroundings whilst wearing a small smile.

She had long noticed that they were confined in mud walls without any way out. It was a dead end.

“Even the exit above is sealed,” Bear.Might explained once more.

He then elaborated, “It’ll only open when there are people coming in from the outside, but it’ll reseal itself automatically after a while. This way, we’ll stay trapped here until our death.”

If Ye Yunting had yet to faint now, she was surely going to make a scene shrieking and wailing from the update. Nonetheless, she was stripped of the ability to even stand up.

“No way out? Then we blow one out.” Yun Jian smirked.

She turned to stare at Bear.Might’s stuffed backpack. “You’ve got a bomb in there?”

Bo Zhan and the others were stunned hearing Yun Jian’s odd question. They were here to raid the tomb. Who would bring a bomb on them to do that?

They did not know Gu Sha’s members well enough. Any Gu Sha assassin would carry a big backpack with them when they were on a mission or barging into dangerous territories.

The backpack must consist of explosives. Given, the explosive was not too powerful and would not kill everyone around it once erupted.

Despite everyone's stupefied stare, Bear.Might did retrieve a mini bomb from his backpack and passed it to Yun Jian. "Yup."

The rest of the group was flabbergasted.

Gu Sha Mercenaries carried bombs with them all the time!

"What are you going to do with it?" Bo Zhan asked as he stood beside Yun Jian.

His question was valid. They were in a catacomb and were supposed to look for the mechanism. Why was she whipping out a bomb suddenly? Was she bombing the place? Was everyone supposed to forget about escaping alive?

"There's the sound of wind blowing from the opposite side. It means that there's a way behind this wall. But it's currently blocking our way," Yun Jian pointed at an opening and explained.

It was responded with further puzzlement.

The sound of wind? Why did they not hear a thing?

"Hmm, that's strange. If this is the case, there should be a mechanism here, right? Will it be detrimental if we just blow it up like this?" Sun Jianxiong asked doubtfully.

He continued to analyze the situation. "Besides, there were supposedly many people who found the mechanism and went through the wall before us. Why are we bombing it straightaway?"

"Because I don't want to waste time finding the mechanism with all of you. And, I have a bomb. Isn't it more convenient to just blow it up?" Yun Jian arched her brow as Sun Jianxiong, before she snapped her fingers and wagged the bomb in her hand with an idle look.

She was dying to look for him.

Her explanation rendered everyone else speechless.

Yun Jian then warned, "Stay back."

When everyone else increased their distance, Yun Jian lit the bomb and threw it toward the wall. Without looking hasty or panicked, she ducked herself down on the ground.

"Boom!" A thunderous noise accompanied by a shower of dust and sand, the group used their flashlight to illuminate the small hole that was made. What was opposite on the hole was the back of the wall. It was really a passage.

"There's really a way!" Sun Jianxiong exclaimed in delight.

As he turned around, he could not help swallowing when he saw Yun Jian who looked like she had long been expecting this.

She had actually heard the wind despite the thick wall...

Chapter 215: His Whereabouts – Passing The Stone Gate

“Let’s go.” Yun Jian stood up and patted down her clothes that were covered in dust, before leading the way to the hole she just blew up.

The rest of the group followed as they saw her moving.

Even when Ling Tianhao did not want to be bothered by Ye Yunting who had passed out, he could only stay to look after her.

Other than the two of them, the others moved on.

There was no way out now. What they could do was only to keep moving forward.

“Clack, clack, clack.”

It was silent, only the sound of their footsteps was heard, as well as the never-ending darkness that seemed to engulf them.

“Shaa, Shaa...” Farther away, it sounded like water flowing.

“Sounds like water flowing over there!” The group hastened their steps forward in delight.

“Also sounds like people,” Yun Jian squinted, abruptly speaking while she led the way.

The group was still stunned, as usual, – no one heard anything that sounded remotely like human voices except for Yun Jian. However, after her forthright bombing of the wall, which made a passageway, all of them had opted to believe her words subconsciously.

About four to five minutes of walking later, a faint clamor of people could be heard from the other end of the passage.

Yun Jian and her companions felt the gradual widening of the aisle as well.

Toward the end, a cave with land as wide as a basketball court greeted their sight.

There were groups of people gathered on the plot. Some had even erected tents here.

The group soon discovered that these people were the ones who had gone into the catacomb and never got out!

There was a stream beside the huge cave, its source unknown, as it flowed in from the corner and out through the opposite corner of this area. What was remarkable was the fish and shrimp swimming vivaciously in the water. There were plenty of them, too.

This was like a world of its own underground!

It was not just Bo Zhan and the group, even Yun Jian could not help the tugging of the corners of her lips.

Simultaneously, Sun Jianxiong and his pals saw someone they knew among the settling crowds.

“Professor Su!” They rushed forward.

“You guys are here too?” The man addressed as Professor Su looked full of life, a sprightly old man in his fifties to sixties. He was surprised to see Sun Jianxiong and his friends too.

It was apparent that Sun Jianxiong and comrades were sent to the catacomb by the country to look for Professor Su who had also entered the crypt. The latter’s status in Country Z was evidence that he held significance.

“Professor Su, what’s going on here? Why didn’t anyone who came in come out?” Sun Jianxiong asked.

Yun Jian and others stood listening faraway.

Professor Su pointed at a stone gate nearby that was carved with dragons and phoenixes. He sighed forlornly with his gaze cast down before saying, “It’s not that we can’t go back. No one wants to!”

The group was stupefied.

Professor Su then recounted all that happened.

The first people who had come into the catacomb did not want to leave after finding out the spot. The reason was the ancient script engraved on the stone gate that was carved with dragons and phoenixes.

The experts took a few days to study it and finally interpreted the script.

The translation of the words on the gate was “You shall know all the secrets about the sandalwood box when you pass this stone gate! Of course, one who wishes to enter the stone gate needs to stay here for a whole year!”

Everyone in the cave had come for the secrets of the sandalwood box. It was inevitable that none wanted to leave. Moreover, there was water and abundant fish and shrimps. They did not have to worry about starving as they could catch some and cook them over a fire and feed themselves.

Yet to the outsiders, these people who had gone into the crypt were already corpses or even skeletons.

“Professor Su, since you’re here, why didn’t you contact the outside world?” Sun Jianxiong hit the nail on its head.

The old man shook his head and answered with a smile, “There’s no connection here.”

As he mentioned it, the group checked their communication devices and true to his words, there was no connection in this place!

Yun Jian stepped out from the group’s surprise and asked looking at the professor, “Excuse me, have you seen a guy around nineteen years old, 185cm in height, handsome, and has two men following him?”

She was obviously asking about Si Yi. She could not help feeling uneasy when she did not see him after scanning the vicinity.

What she did not expect, however, was Professor Su’s bulging eyes at her question. He spoke in an amazed tone, “It’s that young man who had two underlings with him! He’s the only one among us who went through the stone gate and got in!”

Chapter 216: The Stone Cave Mechanism. I'm Going To Look For Him

Sun Jianxiong, Bo Zhan, and the group were bewildered again by Professor Su's words, especially Sun Jianxiong who realized the oddity first. He continued asking the old man, "That's not right. Professor Su, you said that one has to stay a year here to pass through the stone gate. Even the first ones who've explored and came down here have at most stayed a few months?"

"I mean, how is it possible that the young man has already gone through the stone gate?" Sun Jianxiong verbalized his doubt.

After all, they, including Yun Jian, had just arrived here. They had no knowledge of what happened here in the crypt recently.

"Let me finish." Professor Su swallowed.

He looked high in spirit at once as his zestful gaze looked toward the group. "Stay here for one year and go through the stone gate is only one of the options."

"You mean there's another choice?" It was Yun Jian who posed the question this time.

Professor Su looked at her once more as he nodded. "That's correct."

He wore a frown as he pointed at the open stone cave beside the gate.

"That cave is the alternative to the gate," he said.

Bo Zhan and Fu Xin who were professional grave robbers were well versed in knowledge regarding mechanisms as the latter was the first to discern the unusualness of the cave. He cried in alarm, "A whole load of mechanisms would be set inside the stone cave!"

He then ran to study the entrance and returned to the group.

"Forget a person, even a fly could hardly pass through this cave!" Fu Xin's words were laced with shock when he spoke.

"That's correct!" Professor Su nodded.

"No one believed it previously. Everyone wanted to go through directly with the stone cave and refused to wait for a year for the stone gate to open," Professor Su said, his expression turning solemn, "All of them, without an exception, died in the cave. Arrows pierced through them from all angles as they died ghastly deaths!"

The group could not help the chills and goosebumps that ran through them.

"He passed it," Yun Jian said after listening to Professor Su from the side.

It was not a question. It was affirmative. She was certain that he had passed through the cave.

"Yes! Only that young man with his two men passed through the cave!" Professor Su was unprecedentedly ardent as he chorused.

There were no ordinary people among those who had gathered here, assassins and secret agents comprising a large number in them. In spite of it, those who did not want to wait a year for the stone gate to open and opted to challenge the stone cave had all died inside.

Si Yi was the only one who passed!

The mechanisms in the cave came in batches. The person who built the catacomb was remarkable. The mechanisms that he created were only triggered when living creatures wished to pass through. They could be used in cycles too, meaning that the mechanisms could operate hundreds and thousands of times repeatedly even if it had been activated once.

The corners of Yun Jian's lips tugged up. She pressed her lips together gently but her smile kept growing.

"You guys stay here, I'm going to look for him." Yun Jian looked at the group in front of her but her nonchalant words baffled them.

"Wha – what? Yun Jian, you're going to challenge the cave?" Sun Jianxiong cried out.

"This isn't a joke!" Bo Zhan followed.

Professor Su gave Yun Jian another look once over.

She was only fifteen, or sixteen? Was she capable enough to pass?

Those who had wanted to go through the cave yet died inside were all internationally notable names! One of them was even ranked sixth on the international secret agent chart! Even that person did not even manage to go through it.

Could this young girl?

Chapter 217: You Mustn't Go. A Lithe Entry

"Little girl, you want to challenge the cave too? Don't you know how many people were killed there? These people who dare not risk it are the only ones left and have settled here waiting for the stone gate to open." Professor Su breathed in deeply.

He continued condescendingly, like an elder reprimanding a youngster. "This is no child's play! The young man with his two men are the only ones who succeeded among those who wanted to challenge the cave!"

"Life is precious. How could you waste something that doesn't come easy!"

Professor Su assumed that Yun Jian would never get past the cave's mechanism. If she insisted, her ultimate end would be none other than being shot to death by arrows upon arrows. After all, Yun Jian's age was apparent. Professor Su could not persuade himself even if he wanted to believe it. Moreover, he was someone scientific.

To ask him to believe a young girl who had not even fully matured could pass the cave was lunatic's talk!

Although Professor Su meant well and did not want to see more unnecessary sacrifices, his tone did not sound like music to the ears when he spoke.

“Yes, Yun Jian, don’t risk it. Professor Su is right.” Sun Jianxiong advised the girl on behalf of the old man as well.

Although Bo Zhan and Fu Xin were quite skeptical that Yun Jian could pass the cave, both of them made no comment.

Bear.Might and his men went mute as well. Bear.Might was silent because he had already guessed Yun Jian’s shocking identity. If Yun Jian was really Gu Sha Mercenaries’... A mere stone cave was no threat to her. It would only be a walk in the park for her to get through the cave!

“Do you all think I’d joke around with my life?” Yun Jian snorted.

“I’m just informing you guys, not asking for your approval.”

Yun Jian had never asked for anyone’s approval for her actions.

Her brazen words muted everyone.

“Professor Su is just looking out for you. Why are you so blind to who’s nice to you!” A woman behind Professor Su shouted at Yun Jian, feeling wronged for the old man.

This was Jiang Jiaoxue, Professor Su’s assistant.

It was normal for renowned researchers in Country Z like Professor Su to have a few assistants around him.

Jiang Jiaoxue had always taken pride in being able to work under Professor Su and was imperious in character.

Yun Jian merely smiled without acknowledging the woman. She glanced at Bear.Might and his men. “You guys stay here.”

She then made her way to the cave.

“You mustn’t go! You mustn’t!” Professor Su was huffing when he saw Yun Jian not listening nor believing him.

Bo Zhan, on the other hand, realized that Bear.Might and his men who were also from Gu Sha like Yun Jian, were not nervous at all. His observation was meticulous, so he could not help looking toward the girl who was striding to the stone cave.

Once she arrived in front of it, she leaped into the cave amidst the gasps and exclams from Bo Zhan, Professor Su, and everyone else who was waiting for the stone gate to open.

“Swoosh – swoosh – swoosh!”

As expected, the mechanism of the stone cave was activated once Yun Jian entered.

Arrows showered like a storm as they aimed for Yun Jian mercilessly.

Just when everyone could already picture her tragic end, Yun Jian somersaulted a few times and took a few lithe steps before hopping past the cave that had killed countless experts. Making a turn, she vanished from everyone’s sight.

“She – she – she...” Professor Su’s jaw dropped in disbelief.

They had only witnessed such dexterity from the young man with two aides a few days ago!

Chapter 218: Looking For Him Because She Was Worried

“She really lives up to Gu Sha’s prominent figure with such skills!” Bear.Might could not help exclaiming in awe when he saw Yun Jian’s agility. His adulation and reverence for her seeped through his tone.

“What did you say? She’s from the Gu Sha Mercenaries?” Professor Su cried as he caught what Bear.Might said.

Bo Zhan, on the other hand, heard another keyword from the man.

“A prominent figure? Yun Jiang’s a prominent figure of the Gu Sha?!” Bo Zhan asked Bear.Might in stupefaction.

“Hah!” Bear.Might responded with a scoff, ignoring the astonished men. He thought superiorly to himself, if these people had known about Yun Jian’s actual identity, they would have passed out.

Despite that, the bare minimum was enough to baffle Bo Zhan, Professor Su, and the likes of them.

Even when Professor Su did not get himself involved in similar fields, he had heard about the Gu Sha Mercenaries’ might. There were only a handful of people who could be referred to as prominent figures in Gu Sha and each of them definitely took a spot of their own in the international ranking.

This explained Yun Jian’s earlier actions.

She was brazen because she could be!

Jiang Jiaoxue clenched her fists so hard that her fingernails stabbed into her palms. From the shock that washed over Professor Su and the group, the girl who tooted her horn just now was someone famous. She huffed, indignant about it. Nonetheless, she could only swallow her discontent.

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Yun Jian passed the first stage of the stone cave easily. Lighting the only lighter she had, she made her way forward alone.

Her skills and dexterity had leveled up significantly compared to when she was just rebirthed. This owed thanks to the training she did recently in the military camp.

“Clap, clap, clap.”

Stepping on water from an unknown source, Yun Jian continued moving deeper inside the cave.

What was strange was that there was no more danger after she passed the short span of mechanisms in the cave, but she kept her guard up nevertheless. No one could predict what would appear or what she would encounter in the next second in this inky dark cave tunnel.

Yun Jian took about fifteen minutes trekking in the tunnel before she heard flowing water and hastened her steps.

Making a turn, she was blinded by the abrupt flood of brightness.

Brightness? Yun Jian creased her brows in doubt.

When she got used to the shining light, witnessing what lay in front of her, she had come to the end of the stone cave tunnel.

It was another realm on this end of the stone cave.

If she had guessed right, she had already left the catacomb because the blazing sun hung in the sky above her when she exited the tunnel.

This was the exit? Nothing happened and she came out? Was the sandalwood box secret all a joke?

Are those people waiting for the stone gate to open lingering there for a nonexistent secret?

With the thoughts running through Yun Jian's mind, a body sprinted past her in a flash as a tall build pounced at her.

When Yun Jian was going to counter in her reflex, a familiar scent wafted into her nose. She was pulled into an embrace next.

"Why are you here?" Si Yi frowned, wrapping Yun Jian into his safe space.

Dizzy, Yun Jian did not push him away nor felt that it was inappropriate. She lay her head on the young man's chest.

"You lost contact. So I came to look for you," she said softly.

"Snow Eagle told you personally?" Si Yi's clear timbre rang above Yun Jian. His tone was laced with a smidgen of anger and a hint of delight that he did not notice.

She came to look for him because she was worried about him.

Chapter 219: New Discovery – Yulong Mainland

"Mn." Yun Jian hummed laying against Si Yi's chest before she replied. "I wanted to look for you myself."

There was a wash of smiles on Si Yi's handsome face as he looked down at Yun Jian, rubbing her head with his fair hand. "Lucky you're alright."

He had gone through the mechanism in the stone cave outside. It was easy for him but knowing that Yun Jian went through a similar danger, he worried for her despite her being confident about it.

Having her head patted out of the blue, Yun Jian blushed immediately. She had no idea why she did not push the young man away but his welcoming scent was all she could breathe in.

"Cough, cough." An untimely coughing took the moment away from Yun Jian and Si Yi's embrace.

The girl slipped away from Si Yi's arms at once, her heart thumping wildly. This was her first time panicking for being caught hugging a man.

The queen of the international secret agents, Slaying God who ranked first in the world, she was blushing because of this.

“Young master, we have a new discovery.” Ya Dang who was the culprit of popping the romantic bubble stroked his nose as he wore a slight teasing smirk on his charming face.

Their young master was really serious about this woman! Would this woman be their young madam then?

“Mm.” There was a small tug on Si Yi’s lips before it widened into a handsome and content smile where Yun Jian could not see.

“Let’s go.” Si Yi naturally took Yun Jian’s smaller hand.

Feeling the warmth of his larger hand on hers, Yun Jian did not reject him or feel shy about it.

She composed herself before asking him seriously, “Where is this? We went through the stone cave but we’re out, how come? Could the secret of the sandalwood box not be in the catacomb at all??”

Were those people waiting in there hoping for nothing?

Si Yi’s brows were locked together as he took a glance at Yun Jian before answering without reservation, “I suspect that we’ve gone into another world.”

“Another world?” Yun Jian exclaimed in surprise.

“That’s why I sent Ya Dang and Mo Sen to check it out just now,” Si Yi spoke with a gorgeous smile.

He then continued. “We have a new discovery now.”

His patient explanation stunned Ya Dang who was leading the way in front of them.

Since when did his young master embody patience and tenderness?

Stunned as he was, Ya Dang brought Yun Jian and Si Yi through the woods and finally arrived before a massive rock.

There were a few rows of ancient script etched on it.

Mo Sen stood beside the rock, studying the words carefully. When he saw Ya Dang bring both Si Yi and Yun Jian over, he called out, “Young master!”

Si Yi nodded before Mo Sen pointed at the rock in front of them and told them, “The script on this rock doesn’t belong to any nation or dynasty. I can’t interpret its meaning.”

Mo Sen wore a deep frown as he stated.

A script that even Mo Sen could not translate earned scrutiny from Si Yi.

“This is...” Yun Jian suddenly had her arm outstretched as she took two steps forward. Despite Si Yi’s skepticism and Ya Dang and Mo Sen’s astonishment, her hand attached itself to the script.

“The sandalwood box is Yulong Mainland’s ancient magic. One who possesses it will possess incomparable divinity and the art of revival!” Yun Jian uttered word for word as she looked at the script on the rock.

After that, she was stupefied. Si Yi, Ya Dang, and Mo Sen were even more so.

How could Yun Jian understand a script that even Mo Sen could not read?

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Yun Jian did not even know how she understood the scripture on the rock.

There was a sudden sense of familiarity when she saw it, deciphering it following her instinct after that.

When Si Yi turned to Yun Jian and saw the deep frown locked in place on her forehead, his long fingers flew to smooth it out alongside his gaze tender.

Mo Sen who stood aside looked at her in seriousness. "You can read the script?"

Yun Jian peeled her gaze from Si Yi and shook her head at the man. "It felt familiar, so I interpreted it based on an instinct when I read them."

"Yulong Mainland," Si Yi raised a brow before mumbling as he looked at the big glaring words on the rock.

"This world must be the Yulong Mainland that you just mentioned," he said with affirmation.

The reason Si Yi was so certain that this place was not the world they had been living in was because the plants and water here were different from the world they came from.

This was Si Yi's instinct. This was definitely not somewhere they had lived before!

It was just like Yun Jian's instinct when she interpreted the script on the rock.

Si Yi even had a feeling that he had belonged here in this realm.

"Young master, the sandalwood box is well placed. We can take our leave," Ya Dang who was sent out to place said item came back and told Si Yi.

"Mm." Si Yi made a slight nod.

"Let's go." He picked up Yun Jian's hand and went back the way they came from.

The sandalwood box belonged here. He was just returning the item to its rightful owner.

As for where this place was, it was not within their concern.

Yun Jian walked back being led by Si Yi, stealing glances at him occasionally and feeling a warmth gushing from within her.

What the group did not know... was that their ties with Yulong Mainland would not stop here. Of course, this was in hindsight.

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Somewhere in Yulong Mainland, a huge crystal ball around ten meters tall stood in the center of a hall.

"Crack!" A sudden deafening noise accompanied the large slit that split the crystal sphere and in the next instant, the whole ball collapsed in an unbelievable fashion.

“She’s back! Wizard Lord Wu has reappeared! We, Wu Clan, have waited for thousands of years, Wizard Lord Wu, you’re finally back!”

A girl around sixteen to seventeen years old who was dressed entirely in black shouted fervently in the center of the hall.

The Wu Clan had waited for many millennia. It had been that long since the Wizard Lord Wu’s fall.

During her demise, she once vowed, “I shall return after a millennium!”

The shattering of the crystal ball was the sign of Wizard Lord Wu’s return!

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Yun Jian and Si Yi returned to where Professor Su, Bo Zhan, and the others were easily from the cave’s mechanism.

When they saw them reemerging from the stone cave, everyone crowded over, all dying to know what secret lay behind the stone gate.

“Miss Yun, may I ask what discoveries you made inside?” Professor Su was the first to ask charging to her, even his form of address had changed from ‘little girl’ to ‘Miss Yun’.

“You guys can have a look yourselves.” Yun Jian wore a half smile with crescent eyes. Her answer disgruntling those around her. – They had asked her because they were not capable enough to challenge the stone cave!

Jiang Jiaoxue could not help her loud mouth since she had been putting up with Yun Jian for a long time.

“It’s because we can’t go through that cave that we’re asking you! Why are you like that? Will you die if you tell us what you saw inside? Will it take a piece of flesh away from you?”

“Young girl, you’re competent but it’s not right for you to be so arrogant.”

The reason Jiang Jiaoxue dared rebuke Yun Jian was because she caught a glimpse of Si Yi who stood nearby. Yun Jian was not the only one who entered the cave, what was she being so conceited about?

Being so certain that someone as gorgeous as Si Yi would tell her what happened inside, Jiang Jiaoxue turned to the young man. “Hey, handsome, I see that you’ve been inside the cave too. Can you tell us about it?”

As she spoke, she winked, throwing him a flirtatious gaze.