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### Chapter 371: The Fight Begins (2)

"We don't mean to fight you? Why are you being so aggressive?" Muqing emerged from the rear and stood in front of the embarrassed boy. The boy looked at Muqing awkwardly. The fiery wolf that had been fighting fiercely with another warrior instantly disappeared. The warrior was greatly relieved. He wiped the sweat on his forehead and became nervous, wondering who the mage was.

"Fight? When did I say this is a fight? This is just the Karan's way of saying hi," said Yun Feng with a smile, which made the people of the Shengyao Empire speechless. The same excuse again?

Muqing narrowed his thin eyes. "Now that we've said hi, good bye."

Yun Feng's eyes glittered. This guy was simply unwilling to attack, but why? There were only two possibilities: either he was too weak, or he was the ultimate weapon of the Ovey Empire. He didn't want to attack? Not so easy.

Without another word, Yun Feng was going to attack again. The more reluctant Muqing was to fight, the more curious Yun Feng became. She had to force him to attack. If he was the ultimate weapon of the Ovey Empire, then things would be a lot easier after his capabilities were figured out.

"What are you doing, Yun Feng?" Unexpectedly, a roar burst out, and a person strode to the battleground. Yun Feng glanced at her, and immediately felt angry and impatient. Why was that woman everywhere?

Kasa walked close furiously. After clearly seeing the people standing in front of her, she had a rough idea of what happened. She glanced around, and became sullen. "Yun Feng, you boldly attacked contestants from other empires before the contest. You..." Kasa was inwardly smiling. She certainly wouldn't let go of the chance to scold Yun Feng.

Before Kasa finished, Yun Feng had turned around and glanced at her coldly. "Kasa, do you feel good taking other people's side?"

Kasa blushed and roared furiously, "Yun Feng! How dare you speak to me like that? Don't forget your identity, or mine!"

Yun Feng coldly pursed her lips. Thanks to this idiot, the test was over. She probably wouldn't have another chance like today's. The Karan Royal Family was truly full of fools. Ignoring Kasa, Yun Feng passed her and walked out. Standing behind her, Kasa roared with her arms akimbo, "Yun Feng, I remember everything you did! I'm going to tell my father!"

Yun Feng didn't even bother to look back. Yun Sheng followed her with a cold expression. Ze Ran glanced at Kasa with fury in his eyes, before he caught up to Yun Feng. Qu Lanyi walked over lazily and glanced at Kasa in disdain. "You'd better not waste your time."

After saying that, Qu Lanyi walked forward gracefully, catching up to Yun Feng. Murong Yuntian looked quite awful, with his lips pursed. He stepped forward and was about to catch up with her too. Seeing that, Kasa became anxious and grabbed Murong Yuntian's sleeve. "Yuntian, was I wrong? Yun Feng was outrageous. Why didn't you help me?"

Murong Yuntian was stiffened. He exerted strength on his arm, and withdrew his sleeve. Losing the sleeve, Kasa was going to extend his arm again, but Murong Yuntian simply dodged. "Princess Kasa, please be a lady!" What he said stiffened Kasa. She stood there and gazed at Murong Yuntian. How... How could he have said that?

Murong Yuntian turned around and left. Kasa could only watch his back. Everybody was following Yun Feng. Kasa stood there in a daze. Siqi, who was not far away, felt too awkward to draw close. She didn't think it would be good if she went there immediately.

"Thank you, Princess Kasa," Muqing approached and said softly. Then, he turned around and left. Although he was saying thanks, there was no sincerity in his voice at all. The people from the Ovey Empire all left. Those from the Shengyao Empire were leaving too. The girl named Xiaoxiao glanced at Kasa and said, "She killed all the fun. Let's go."

Kasa was even more stunned. "Stop! Explain yourselves!" She shouted to the people from the Shengyao Empire, but they didn't even bother to reply. As a princess of the Karan Empire, she meant nothing to the people of the Shengyao Empire.

Everybody left. Kasa stood alone, and felt like she was a clown that everybody laughed at. She was the leader of the Karan Empire's representatives, but nobody took her side. They completely ignored her!

For the first time, Kasa felt that her title as a princess was not important at all, and that her identity as a member of the royal family didn't matter at all beyond the Karan Empire. All of this was because of one person!

Kasa gritted her teeth. Yun Feng, Yun Feng, Yun Feng!

Kasa's intervention disrupted Yun Feng's reconnaissance. After the skirmish, the contestants of the empires had few conflicts. They became more cautious. Yun Feng knew it was hard for her to create an opportunity to fight them again.

Since there was no opportunity to fight, Yun Feng decided to cultivate in her room instead of roaming about. She had to hide her identity as a summoner, so she had thrown Meatball into her bracelet. Now that she was free before the contest, she released Meatball and fed it an ultimate ore. Meatball ate the ultimate ore, and didn't seem to be full. Yun Feng observed it carefully, only to find that it seemed to have grown bigger.

Yun Feng grabbed Meatball by its neck and observed it carefully. Meatball rolled its grape-like eyes, and looked at Yun Feng innocently. Yun Feng observed it for a long time, before she finally put it down. She was right. Although there were no obvious changes, Meatball was indeed different from before.

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Meatball was happy to be set free. Although it couldn't leave this room and had to stay with Yun Feng, it was still very delighted and made all kinds of sounds every day. Obviously, it was chatting with Yun Feng. Although Yun Feng couldn't understand, she simply gave positive replies to everything it said. It was actually fun to talk to that little creature.

There was one month to go until the international contest. All the contestants fell quiet. Sangqu and Kai held a meeting to discuss the strength of the other empires' contestants. Kai frowned and said, "I wish

we knew more about them, especially the Ovey Empire. I heard that they have a trump card too, and are confident they will win.”

Kasa nodded. “Uncle Wang, I’m on it.”

Yun Feng sneered. You’re on it? Let’s find out how you can take care of the problem. Hearing what Kasa said, Kai smiled in delight. “As expected of a royal princess. You are dutiful and courageous. The task is yours, Kasa. You must find out everything.”

Kasa nodded. She felt happy to be complimented. The others remained silent. After Kai and Sangqu left, Yun Feng was going to leave too, but Kasa said, “All of you, stay here.”

“What’s the matter, princess?” asked a warrior curiously. Kasa smiled, “This is an opportunity for you to make contributions to the Karan Royal Family!”

Yun Feng raised her brows. She could easily tell what was on Kasa’s mind. “I give away the opportunity to others.” After saying that, Yun Feng walked to her room. Seeing that, Kasa burst into an outrage.

“Yun Feng, what’s the meaning of that? You have no respect for me or the Karan Empire?”

Yun Feng came to a halt and looked at Kasa in amusement. “Can’t I give away the opportunity to others?”

“It’s everybody’s responsibility! Nobody can get away!” roared Kasa angrily. “You must find out the Ovey Empire’s trump card as soon as possible!” Kasa was quite delighted after saying that. It was the first time that she had ever given a command like a boss.

Yun Feng was slightly enraged when the matter was brought up again. “Speaking of investigation, I actually did some work.”

“Is that so? You’re not entirely useless. Then tell me!” Kasa was quite delighted to hear that. However, what Yun Feng said next completely embarrassed her. “Unfortunately, an idiot ruined my efforts.”

“Who are you talking about? You dare to call me an idiot? Yun Feng, don’t presume that I don’t dare to touch you!”

Yun Feng replied with a smile, “If you consider yourself an idiot, then there’s nothing I can do. It was you who accepted the task. I won’t help. Since you were so confident, I’ll wait for your good news.” After saying that, Yun Feng turned around and entered her own room. The others seized the opportunity and left too. Seeing that everybody had left, Kasa felt very angry. “You... You...” She suddenly felt that she shouldn’t have applied to be the leader.

Kasa was unable to find out anything on her own. When the international contest drew near, Kai found Kasa and asked her the result of her investigation. Kasa stammered and couldn’t reply. Kai looked awful and left angrily. Kasa’s face was entirely red, and blamed everything on Yun Feng again. Her hate for the Yun family had approached a new height during this international contest. She was going to ask her father to teach the arrogant Yun family a lesson after the contest. There was also Murong Yuntian. She decided to ask her father to impose pressure on Murong Yuntian, so that he couldn’t marry any woman except her!

Although the representatives of the other three empires came to the Cashya Empire a month early, they didn't know each other very well. They never met again after the skirmish on the street. That was the case for Ovey, Shengyao and Karan. There was no telling how much the Cashya Empire, as the host, knew about them. Soon, the international contest was held. It was not open to all civilians. After all, the contestants were all very strong, and if the host lost, the dignity of the royal family would be tarnished, and it would be difficult to restore it.

Because of that, the international contest was not held in the capital. The day before the contest, the royal family had the contestants take to the place of flying mounts, where a row of hippogryphs were standing intimidatingly.

Unlike the other contests, the international contest was cruel and about interests. The royal families of the four empires all knew that it wasn't just about honor, but about the qualification to explore the relics.

The young contestants didn't know that. They were only fighting devotedly for the honor of their country. They didn't know that an important secret was behind the competitions, and that the royal family would take everything.

"Kai." A friendly-looking middle-aged man stepped forward, and Kai walked to him after seeing him. Yun Feng and the others quietly waited not far away. Kai patted his shoulder. "Oulian."

Oulian smiled peacefully, which made him seem even more approachable. "It seems that Karan is determined to win this contest." Oulian said with a smile. Kai slightly changed his expression, and laughed too.

"Isn't Ovey the same? You've been hiding your trump card really well."

Oulian wore the same smile on his face, but light glittered in his eyes. "It remains a mystery whether or not Cashya has any trump card."

Kai looked in the direction of the Cashya Empire's team, and chuckled in a low voice. "The Cashya Empire is the only empire that has a summoner. How can it not have a trump card? It will probably surprise everybody."

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Hearing that, the smile on Oulian's face was completely frozen. A moment later, he was finally relaxed. "So, Cashya may be the strongest competitor?"

Kai laughed. "Who knows? It's all up to the contestants."

This was a spacious, boundless place. Also, there were thick clouds in the sky. Parts of the territory down below could be seen through the clouds, but it was impossible to gain a full view of the place. It was covered mysteriously.

"What is this place?" asked someone. At this moment, dozens of people including Yun Feng were hovering in the sky. A member of the royal family of the Cashya Empire and the young man that Yun Feng saw earlier were flying in the lead, followed by the Cashya Empire's contestants. Then, there were the contestants from the other three empires.

When the teams from the other empires saw the place that was enshrouded in heavy clouds, the core members of the teams all frowned solemnly. Yun Feng was no exception. For some reason, she felt that there would be many surprising things in this territory that had been covered so tightly.

The hippogryphs that were leading the way suddenly dived into the heavy clouds. The contestants of the Cashya Empire followed them. Seeing that, the other contestants did the same, although they were slightly nervous. All the hippogryphs jumped into the clouds that seemed thick. Yun Feng looked at the clouds around her. They reminded her of the overwhelming fog when she passed the Great Crack, except that the fog in the Great Crack was hot and the clouds here were so frigid that she felt as if she was passing through ice.

The clouds in front of her eyes were no more. Yun Feng finally saw what lay underneath. There were a lot of mountains whose heights were different. There were also many dilapidated buildings in this place too. Yun Feng glanced at them, and then was stunned.

"This is..." Yun Feng stared at the place in front of her. She saw a lot of walls that were made of stones, and the remains of roads. Some of the roads crossed, and some were parallel. They all seemed to be leading to the horizon. Yun Feng blinked her eyes. The other contestants saw the view too. Though they couldn't see everything, it was enough for them to infer that there was an enormous maze in this place!

All the hippogryphs landed. The moment Yun Feng jumped off, she saw two people who seemed to have been waiting here. Yun Feng blinked her eyes with a smile. Not bad. She knew one of them.

The royal noble of the Cashya Empire greeted the two people. Seeing that everybody had gathered, he announced, "Cashya is honored to host the international contest, which has always been an occasion of friendly communication. That being said, it's a contest anyway, and we must ensure fairness in the contest. Therefore, Cashya has invited two referees. One of them is Mr. Zheng Ran, deputy president of the Mercenary Union's branch in Karan."

Zheng Ran nodded at everybody as a greeting, and stared at Yun Feng for a few more seconds with a smile. Yun Feng smiled back at him. "The other referee is Mr. Bi Xing, deputy president of the Magic Union's branch in Karan. It wasn't easy for us to invite him here."

A stout man nodded at everybody as a greeting. He was wearing a big loose robe, and he seemed quite serious too. Yun Feng blinked her eyes. The Magic Union? There was a Magic Union on the East Continent too?

"Are you surprised, kid?" The ancestor's voice echoed in her head, and Yun Feng communicated with him telepathically. "Indeed I am. After all, the general expertise of mages on the East Continent has never been high. Isn't the Magic Union in an awkward position?"

The ancestor smiled. "It's indeed awkward. However, the Magic Union had a good reason to exist. For example, there was the meeting of mages from the East Continent and the West Continent."

"The meeting of mages?" Yun Feng was stunned. She never knew of such a meeting. Wouldn't the East Continent be humiliated in such meetings? "Haha. I'll tell you more later. I'm no stranger to this place." What the ancestor said made Yun Feng's eyes glitter. "Ancestor, what is this place?"

The ancestor opened his mouth. But he spoke in a low voice with worries on his face, "When I was alive, I heard of a forbidden land in the Cashya Empire while I traveled there. It seemed to be the remains of something from the past, and was covered by clouds all year long. The Cashya Empire forbade everyone from coming here. Nobody knew what it was, or what was hidden here."

Hearing that, Yun Feng couldn't help but grow solemn. "So, this place is completely unknown."

"That's right. But I did find out something. After all, I had my own methods." The ancestor smiled in delight. Yun Feng was quite amused. Why did this old man not have the manners of a senior at all?

"This place is called the Forsaken Maze. It's said that the land here has been completely abandoned. There's no telling who the master of the maze was, or when it was built. The Cashya Empire has treated it as a forbidden land ever since it was discovered. None of the explorers who entered the place ever came out."

Hearing that, Yun Feng became gloomy. "Why has the Cashya Empire picked this place? It's a dangerous area. Why are they holding the international contest in this place? What are they up to?"

"Kid, you must be very careful and stay vigilant all the time. The Cashya Empire probably has other schemes. In case anything goes wrong, you must stay vigilant."

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Yun Feng agreed. She certainly had to be careful. Her brother had come with her. If she had known that the contest would be held here, she wouldn't have dragged her brother into this. The Cashya Empire, whatever they wanted, they wouldn't have it!

While Yun Feng and her ancestor communicated telepathically, the noble of the Cashya Empire introduced the place similarly to what the ancestor said, except that he didn't stress its dangerousness. However, the other three empires' representatives couldn't be fooled so easily. After his introduction, the royal members of the other three empires who had come with the contestants were all sullen.

"This place is not very suitable as an arena, is it?" said the royal member of the Ovey Empire. "Although the Cashya Empire has been keeping the Forsaken Maze a secret, we've heard a thing or two about it. Does the Cashya Empire want us to explore it for you?"

"Hahaha! Of course not. The champion and the second place in the international contest have to beat others fair and square. Naturally, nobody will accept their defeat easily. We've picked this place for various reasons. It's not as dangerous as it's rumored to be at all. Besides, all those kids are young geniuses. Do you even need to worry about them?"

"That's easy for you to say. The loss will be heavy if anything happens to them," said Kai in a low voice. That was exactly the problem. If anything happened in the Forsaken Maze and the contestants were lost, it would be a great strike for any empire. It wasn't easy to raise geniuses. If they were lost, a lot of time and efforts would have to be invested on finding and training their replacements. The Karan Empire couldn't afford losing any of the ten young people that it sent here.

"Alright, if you're too worried, you're free to quit," said the noble of the Cashya Royal Family to the other royal nobles, which changed their expression completely. They didn't have any choice except to take the risk!

“Does anyone want to quit?” asked the noble of the Cashya Royal Family. The royal members of the other three empires all looked awful, but none of them quit in the end. For them, winning the qualification to explore the relics was the most important thing!

“If nobody is quitting, then you’re all agreeing with the arrangement.” The royal member of the Cashya Empire smiled. At this moment, the royal member of the Shengyao Empire asked, “Have you picked this place because you’re prepared?”

Hearing that, the royal member of the Cashya Empire smiled. “Don’t worry. The Cashya Royal Family doesn’t know anything about this maze either. It’s as risky to you as it is to us.”

After saying that, the royal member of the Cashya Empire walked to Zheng Ran and Bi Xing and said something in a low voice. They seemed to be discussing something important. After they were done, Mr. Zheng Ran stepped up and spoke to the forty contestants of the four empires with a smile, “Whichever empire you’re from, you’re an important treasure of the East Continent. While the Forsaken Maze is dangerous, you should be confident of yourselves! I hope you will get good results in the international contest!” After the speech, Zheng Ran dropped a hint, and the royal member of the Cashya Empire had something distributed. Yun Feng accepted it and found that it was a white jade pendant.

“If you encounter dangers and difficulties that you cannot take care of in the Forsaken Maze, squeeze the jade pendant. It will take you out of the Forsaken Maze. Of course, it will mean your forfeit too.”

Everybody held their jade pendant, deep in thought. Yun Feng smiled. She still had the jade pendant that Ao Jin offered her when she explored the Dragon Palace. The two jade pendants looked quite similar, except that jade pendant had a dragon engraved to it, and this one didn’t.

Every contestant kept their jade pendant properly. It could be their lifesaver at critical moments, so they had to store it well. Zheng Ran continued, “Since the Forsaken Maze is picked as the place for the contest, I’m sure you’ve guessed the goal of the contest. In three months, the first team to walk out of the Forsaken Maze will be the champion. If no teams gets out in three months, then the team with the most remaining members will be the champion.”

Everybody reflected on the rules thoughtfully. Yun Feng smiled. Those rules were interesting. During the three months, the four teams could look for other teams instead of the exit. If they forced the other contestants to quit, they would win.

Everybody realized the implication of the rules, and looked at each other nervously. Noticing the tension in the atmosphere, Zheng Ran chuckled. “There are four entrances ahead of you. You may choose any of them. Once you enter it, it will mean the beginning of the contest. Alright, I’ll give you some time to consider.”

Zheng Ran waved his hands. The contests of each empire immediately gathered. On the Karan Empire’s side, Kai said solemnly, “After you go in, you don’t need to look for the exit immediately. If you run into contestants from other empires, force them to quit!”

“Uncle Kai, don’t worry. We’ll definitely make sure of that!” Kasa smiled. Kai nodded. Yun Feng remained silent and smiled coldly in her heart. The other three empires were probably thinking the same. This was not about exploring the maze at all, but an ultimate battle where everybody would try to kill each other.”

“You need to pick one of the entrances in the middle.”

Kasa nodded as the leader. Very soon, all the four empires finished their meeting, and proposed the entrance they picked. There were no conflicts at all. Zheng Ran said with a smile, “All contestants, be prepared.”

The four empires’ contestants went to the entrance they picked. Yun Feng looked around, and saw that the Shengyao Empire picked the first entrance, the Ovey Empire picked the second, the Karan Empire picked the third, and the Cashya Empire picked the fourth. Yun Feng was slightly grave, wondering which opponent she would meet first in the maze.

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The contestants were all standing at the entrance. Zheng Ran shouted aloud, “Enter now. Good luck!”

The contestants of the four empires looked at each other. The weak young man of the Ovey Empire smiled at Yun Feng, and entered. The young noble of the Cashya Empire that Yun Feng met earlier turned out to be one of the contestants too. He glanced at everybody from the Karan Empire arrogantly. “Karan Empire... Good luck.” After saying that, he led his team into the maze.

“Let’s go! The Karan Empire will surely win!” Kasa shouted in the lead. None of her teammates echoed, which made her feel awkward again. Yun Feng walked in the rear, with Yun Sheng and Qu Lanyi on her two sides. Ze Ran and Murong Yuntian kept their paces slow and stayed in the rear too. There was a minor difference between them and the five people in the front.

After everybody entered the maze, the royal member of the Cashya Empire asked with a smile, “Do you want to wait for the result in your home, or the exit?”

They all went to the exit and waited. As the referees, Zheng Ran and Bi Xing certainly had to go there. They rode hippogryphs to the other end of the maze. Although it had never been explored, its exit and entrance were easy to find. The hippogryphs flew above the enormous maze, the heavy clouds blocking everybody’s eyesight.

“Bi Xing, who do you think will win?” Seated on one of the hippogryphs, Zheng Ran asked Bi Xing who had been silent. Bi Xing managed a smile on his solemn face. “How do I know?”

Zheng Ran chuckled again, and didn’t say anything. Bi Xing suddenly opened his mouth. “Who do you think will win?”

Zheng Ran smiled again, with delight all over his face. He winked at Bi Xing. “I don’t know either.” Zheng Ran looked down, as if he could see through the clouds. Kid, how will you perform this time? I truly look forward to it...

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Yun Feng entered the Forsaken Maze. On her sides were high walls. Above her head were boundless dark clouds. The ten contestants moved for a while. Then, Kasa suddenly stopped. “Yun Feng, ask your Magic Beasts to explore the way!”



Everybody turned around. If Yun Feng's flying Magic Beast could explore for them, then Karan would have a good chance of winning. Qu Lanyi said coldly from the side, "Princess Kasa, Fengfeng is not your servant. She won't take orders from you."

Kasa blushed, and dashed forward quickly. "I'm the leader. Everybody listens to my commander here! Yun Feng, do you hear me?"

Yun Feng glanced at Kasa coldly. "There are clouds in the sky. It's impossible to see anything from the sky. Are you an idiot?" She then passed Kasa and walked on. Kasa suddenly turned around. "Then ask your other Magic Beast to explore!"

Yun Feng halted and turned around. "Little Fire doesn't have a good temper. If you intend to end up like your stupid sister, I can summon it."

Kasa became pale. She remembered Kaqi's miseries and her ruined room vividly. That Fire Cloud Wolf truly didn't have a good temper...

"Never mind. She's useless. Let's go!" Kasa said and then walked forward in frustration. Some others shook their heads and mumbled, "She doesn't help when she's needed. That's truly..."

Yun Sheng was rather enraged. Yun Feng, however, held his hand and smiled at him. They didn't need to care about those unimportant people's opinions at all. Yun Sheng petted his sister and held her hand. They walked for a long time again. Naturally, in a maze, none of the paths was straight all the time.

There was an intersection in front of everybody. The ten contestants stood at the intersection, wondering whether they should turn left or right. Kasa frowned and considered. Should they split up? However, what if they ran into contestants from other empires? If they didn't split up, what if the path they chose was a dead end?

"Princess, which way should we take?" asked Siqi in a low voice. Kasa glared at her. Didn't that woman see that she was thinking?

While Kasa was thinking, Yun Feng had turned right. The people around her turned right too. Seeing that, Kasa roared aloud, "Yun Feng, what are you doing?"

Yun Feng stopped. "We have to explore both paths. Giving up either of them means that we might lose. We can divide into two teams, one taking left and the other taking right."

"I... I'll take right!" Kasa was about to run there, when Qu Lanyi chuckled. "Princess Kasa, do you not know how to count? Ten people are divided into two groups, meaning five people in each group. Our group is full."

Kasa looked at them. Yun Feng, Yun Sheng, Murong Yuntian, Qu Lanyi and Ze Ran, five people exactly! Kasa gnashed her teeth, "You, come here! Take left!" Kasa was pointing at Ze Ran. She wasn't a fool, and knew the importance of staying with the strong. Although she didn't like Yun Feng, that woman could resist dangers in critical moments and give her enough time to escape!

Ze Ran became solemn. Yun Feng grabbed his arm, hinting that he shouldn't move. "Kasa, if you come here, we'll have four mages. A team should be balanced, right? If we run into a team of warriors, we would have to run away."

Kasa paused and almost wanted to ask Yun Sheng to come over, but then she bit her lips. How could Yun Sheng and Yun Feng be separated? She didn't dare to offend Qu Lanyi. If she went there, that group would have four mages. It seemed that she couldn't go there. In that case...

"Yuntian, come here with me," said Kasa. Murong Yuntian became gloomy. Yun Feng chuckled, "If he's willing to, he can go there."

"Yuntian, come here!" said Kasa anxiously. If she couldn't join that team, she had to drag Murong Yuntian to this side. She couldn't let him stay with Yun Feng! Besides, Murong Yuntian was level-9, and could ensure her safety.

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Murong Yuntian gloomily gazed at Kasa. He had never found that woman more annoying! "No," said Murong Yuntian briefly, making it impossible for Kasa to react. Yun Feng chuckled, "In such a case, we're leaving now."

Seeing that, Kasa's eyes turned bloodshot. "Stop!" she roared. Yun Feng and her companions halted, and Yun Feng turned around. "Princess, do you have any other order?"

"Don't you know that I'm a royal princess of Karan? You have no respect for me at all! I will ask my father to punish you!"

Yun Feng chuckled. "Be my guest, if you're lucky enough to return alive."

"You... What do you mean?" Kasa's heart trembled. If she was lucky enough to return alive? How could she not return alive? "You go left! We'll take right!" Kasa thought of something and roared. Yun Feng walked back unconcernedly. When she passed Kasa, she said in a low voice, "Coward."

Kasa's face turned completely red. She didn't say anything, and simply led the other four contestants to the path on the right. Yun Feng and her companions went to the path on the left. They split up from here. The warriors that followed Kasa were all quite strong, and Kasa felt quite safe. She wished that Yun Feng would bump into the experts of other empires. At this moment, Kasa's personal bias got the better of her. She only wanted Yun Feng to quit in humiliation. If the emperor knew that her daughter didn't consider the big picture at all, he probably would've burst into fury.

Yun Feng and her companions took the path on the left, and walked onward. Yun Feng felt like the path seemed to be stretching infinitely. In such a case, they might meet the Ovey Empire's team in that direction.

Moving on along the path in the maze, they saw a stone wall in their way. This was a dead end. Yun Feng frowned. Qu Lanyi heaved a helpless sigh. "If I had known that the contest would be so boring, I wouldn't have come."

Yun Feng looked at the stone wall, and felt somewhat weird. "If it's a dead end, let's just head back." Everybody else nodded, and returned on the same path. When they passed an intersection, Yun Feng suddenly stopped and stared at the intersection for a long time.

“What’s the matter, Feng?” Yun Sheng asked in a low voice, and Yun Feng frowned hard. “I’ve made marks all the way. Here...” Yun Feng looked at the intersection again. “There shouldn’t be a path in that direction. It was blocked just now.”

Hearing that, everybody became anxious, even including Qu Lanyi who just complained about boredom. “So in conclusion, this maze is changing constantly?” Ze Ran concluded. Yun Feng nodded.

“It depends on luck if we want to get out of the maze,” mumbled Yun Sheng. Qu Lanyi suddenly chuckled. “But isn’t this more fun and exciting? Don’t you agree, Fengfeng?”

Hearing that, Yun Feng put on a smile too. That was indeed the case. If the Forsaken Maze was just a simple maze, then it would be too boring. “I wonder where the maze will lead us.” Then, Yun Feng walked to the new intersection. Qu Lanyi chuckled and followed her. The other people dropped their anxiety, and followed her with a smile. Although the maze was constantly changing, they were certain that the girl would direct them to the right path.

Yun Feng stopped making marks, as they wouldn’t help at all. In this place, everything depended on luck. Yun Feng summoned Little Fire and Lan Yi, as they were more sensitive than human beings. Both of them were surprised after they were summoned, and sent the same message to Yun Feng: Master, something very dangerous seems to be hiding here.

Yun Feng smiled. She walked in the lead with Little Fire and Lan Yi, and gazed at the high walls and the clouds that never dispersed. She was going to find out what was hiding here. It would be best if it was a Magic Beast...

Little Fire and Lan Yi detected what was on Yun Feng’s mind, and looked at each other with a smile. Their master was truly extraordinary.

The Forsaken Maze was changing constantly. The contestants of the four empires had already realized. There was no telling where they would be led, or which empire would be lucky enough to reach the destination. In the maze that was constantly changing, the odds of running into other contestants weren’t certain. It was possible to not meet any in three months, and to meet them on a daily basis.

In the blink of an eye, the contestants had stayed for one month in the Forsaken Maze. Yun Feng’s group didn’t know the situation of the other contestants, as they didn’t meet any during the month. They did run into some Magic Beasts and ghosts, which were mostly around level-8 and not weak at all. However, they were no problem for Yun Feng’s team. Lan Yi and Little Fire took care of most of them. They would only be a problem when a swarm of them was gathered.

Every team had prepared enough food. They had a storage ring that stored enough food for them to eat for half a year. Sleeping was another problem. The contestants usually slept in turns. They couldn’t relax at all in this enormous maze.

On another night, in a remote and dry corner in the Forsaken Maze, a few people were sound asleep on the ground. They were actually very tired after a month of intense exploration, so they were sleeping tightly. Yun Feng was on guard. She was leaning against a wall. Little Fire was lying in front of her, and Lan Yi stood not far away vigilantly. Meatball seemed drowsy on her shoulder, and nodded now and then. Yun Feng smiled and picked up Meatball. Meatball opened its eyes in confusion and patted the

back of Yun Feng's hand with its tail. Yun Feng smiled and put Meatball in her bracelet. That little guy should enjoy the sleep.

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The warm fur of the Fire Cloud Wolf prevented Yun Feng from feeling cold. Besides, Little Fire always carried scorching heat. It only eased the fire elements because it didn't want Yun Feng to feel cold. Yun Feng quietly looked at the chaos above the maze. They had been wandering inside the maze for a month. They didn't know where they were, or where they were going. Everything was in question.

Yun Feng frowned, wondering what was going on with the other empires' teams. If any of them had a good solution, then aimless wandering would mean failure... While she was thinking, she detected another source of heat, and shivered sensitively. She was about to jump away, when someone grabbed her in her arms. Little Fire opened its eyes, but when it saw the person who just came, it blinked its eyes and closed them.

"Fengfeng, what's on your mind?" Qu Lanyi's voice entered Yun Feng's ears like cotton. She surrounded Yun Feng in her long arms. She seemed to be leaning against Yun Feng, but she was actually holding her in her arms.

"Nothing. Why are you not sleeping? Also... let go of me." Yun Feng lowered her voice with a frozen face. Qu Lanyi chuckled, but held Yun Feng more tightly instead of letting her go. Feeling Qu Lanyi's soft body, Yun Feng blushed. Why did this woman not know the importance of distance?

"I couldn't fall asleep. It's too cold. You're very warm, Fengfeng, so I've come here." Qu Lanyi put on an attractive smile. She even laid her head on Yun Feng's shoulder and nuzzled against her.

"Let go of me. If you're cold, I can light a fire for you." Yun Feng pulled Qu Lanyi's arms. She didn't feel comfortable being held in someone else's arms. Even her father and brother never did that to her. Although Qu Lanyi was a woman, she was still uncomfortable.

"No, no. I only want you, Fengfeng." Qu Lanyi spoke cutely and pushed herself even closer to Yun Feng. Yun Feng gritted her teeth and wanted to rise, only to find that Qu Lanyi was too strong for her to get away.

"Fengfeng, any thoughts on this maze?" Qu Lanyi whispered to Yun Feng. Hearing that, Yun Feng calmed down. Thoughts? How could she not have thoughts? However, the maze was changing constantly. Her thoughts were useless even if she had any.

"Do you have any?" asked Yun Feng in a low voice. Qu Lanyi chuckled. "If you don't have any, I certainly don't either. Wouldn't it be great if we can't get out? We will be able to stay together forever."

Hearing that, Yun Feng became grim. "Qu Lanyi, I don't like women."

Qu Lanyi chuckled, and slowly moved her hands down from Yun Feng's shoulder. Sparks of fury burst out of Yun Feng's eyes, so Qu Lanyi stopped moving and simply laid her head on Yun Feng's shoulder. "I don't like anyone except you."

What she said stunned Yun Feng. Qu Lanyi wasn't joking or teasing at all. When she said that, Yun Feng couldn't see her expression, but she heard the solemnity in her words. I don't like anyone except you. Yun Feng's heart shivered. She felt that she had been caught in a net that she couldn't get away from.

"Whoever you like, just go away." Yun Feng pushed Qu Lanyi's soft body aside, and looked back at her face. She was smiling as usual. What she said a moment earlier must be a joke.

"Fengfeng, you're truly brutal to push me so hard." Qu Lanyi rubbed her arms. Yun Feng's lips cramped. She didn't know what to say about that woman. There was nothing she could do about her.

Yun Feng was going to ignore her, but Qu Lanyi stuck herself to Yun Feng again. Yun Feng was about to burst into fury, when Qu Lanyi said seriously, "Listen." Yun Feng couldn't help but hold her breath. Little Fire, while lying on the ground, pricked its ears and quickly opened its eyes. It then rose quickly.

"Master." Lan Yi flashed back and said, frowning, "Some sort of power is approaching us."

Yun Feng too detected that some sort of power was approaching them. She even felt a vague pressure. She didn't seem able to resist that power! She became even more serious. They must go away immediately!

"Big brother! Murong Yuntian, Ze Ran, wake up!" Yun Feng walked to her brother and shook him quickly. Yun Sheng woke up in dizziness. Then, there was Ze Ran. Murong Yuntian was still lying asleep. Yun Feng gritted her teeth and walked to him, shaking him, "Murong Yuntian, get up!"

Murong Yuntian slowly opened his eyes, and saw a cute face in his dizziness. Wasn't it Yun Feng's face? Still half asleep, he put on a silly smile at Yun Feng. Stunned, Yun Feng patted Murong Yuntian's cheeks. "Why are you smiling? Get up already!"

The slight pain on his cheeks woke Murong Yuntian up. He suddenly sat up and saw that it was indeed Yun Feng who was standing in front of him. Blushing, he asked, "What's the matter?"

Yun Feng stood up and looked at the distance. "We must get out of here. If we're slow, we'll be in trouble."

Everybody was energized. They all set off and ran forward. "Lan Yi, take my brother," Yun Feng ordered. Lan Yi nodded. Wings suddenly appeared behind its back and glimmered, astonishing everybody. Lan Yi grabbed Yun Sheng and held him in its hands. Yun Sheng was slightly embarrassed. Earlier, Little Fire had held him in its mouth, and Lan Yi was holding him in its hands. That was truly...

"Come here!" Yun Feng jumped to Little Fire's back. Qu Lanyi nodded and sat down behind Yun Feng. Although Little Fire was reluctant, it didn't complain in the emergency. Yun Feng turned around and looked at Ze Ran and Murong Yuntian. "Are you okay?"

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Both of the young men smiled. Fighting energy erupted from their body, and they both declared to Yun Feng confidently, "No problem."

Yun Feng nodded. Lan Yi and Little Fire ran crazily in the front, and Murong Yuntian and Ze Ran followed. All of them rushed forward. After running for a long time, Yun Feng frowned, as the strange power was still chasing them!

Yun Feng turned around. Although Murong Yuntian and Ze Ran didn't show anything, they were being worn out after a long time of running. They were not Magic Beasts. Although they had great physical strength, it wasn't easy for them to move at such a high speed for such a long time.

Murong Yuntian and Ze Ran didn't slow down at all. They didn't change their expression either, but both of them were sweating. They couldn't keep such a high speed for much longer...

"Get up here!" While running, Yun Feng jumped off Little Fire's back. "Master!" Little Fire called out to her, and was going to stop, but Yun Feng shouted, "Keep going! Little Fire, I'm fine!" Little Fire didn't stop and continued running. Yun Feng, on the other hand, came to Murong Yuntian and Ze Ran, frowning. "Both of you, go to Little Fire's back. Stop playing heroes."

"I'm fine!" Murong Yuntian gritted his teeth and declared, and so did Ze Ran. Yun Feng became solemn. "You're fine? I don't want you to hold us back!"

Both Murong Yuntian and Ze Ran were rather embarrassed. Yun Feng pushed both of them to Little Fire's back. She was the only person who was running on foot. Wind elements surged from her body and wreathed her. With her strength in the final stage of the Commander Level, such speed was not a big deal.

The two men who had been pushed to Little Fire's back were both anxious. Qu Lanyi said in the front, "You're already reaching your limits. If you don't want Fengfeng to be distracted by rescuing you, just sit here."

Both Murong Yuntian and Ze Ran furrowed their brows. In the end, both of them stopped struggling. They turned aside and looked at Yun Feng, who seemed absolutely at ease. Both of them were reassured. Qu Lanyi was not wrong. Even if they couldn't help, they didn't want to be burdens for Yun Feng.

All of them kept running. As time went by, Yun Feng became more and more solemn. That power was not letting them go at all. This was not going to work out. Thinking about that, Yun Feng suddenly came to a halt.

"Master!" Seeing that, Lan Yi and Little Fire were both going to stop, but Yun Feng simply roared, "Keep running! This is an order! Don't worry about me! I'm too strong to be killed by anything here!"

"Feng, come back!" Yun Sheng, who was in Lan Yi's hand, shouted anxiously. How could his dear sister stay here? If a formidable enemy came here, Feng would be in danger!

Lan Yi and Little Fire heard the order and proceeded. Both Ze Ran and Murong Yuntian jerked and were about to jump off, but Qu Lanyi simply caught them. "Do you not believe in her? If she cannot defeat the enemy, what will you be able to do?"

Murong Yuntian and Ze Ran were both grave. It was true that they couldn't help... Qu Lanyi smiled and gracefully leaped off Little Fire's back. "What are you doing, Qu Lanyi?" roared Murong Yuntian. Qu Lanyi smiled. "Just because you can't help doesn't mean I can't either."

Little Fire and Lan Yi quickly rushed ahead, taking Yun Sheng, Murong Yuntian and Ze Ran away. As Yun Feng's contracted Magic Beasts, they couldn't violate her order. When Yun Feng told them to go, they could only go! The two Magic Beasts became agitated and angry.

Yun Feng stood still, unleashing the Commander Level aura. The air was filled with pressure. Without looking back, he asked in a low voice, "Why did you stay? To cause trouble for me?"

Qu Lanyi walked to her from the rear, and smiled at her sweetly. "Fengfeng, I'm going to live and die with you. Are you not touched?"

Yun Feng put on a smile. Both of them stood still. Very soon, the power pressed closer and closer. Yun Feng became anxious, and Qu Lanyi got serious too. They were here!

Noises of footsteps came from the distance. Very soon, a swarm of creatures were pressing close from the end of the path. Both Yun Feng and Qu Lanyi narrowed their eyes. Could the runners be...

Green wind elements surged out. Yun Feng grabbed Qu Lanyi's arm and held her in her arms, before she dashed forward. In Yun Feng's arms, Qu Lanyi didn't forget to tease her despite the emergency, "Fengfeng, have you fallen in love with me too?"

Yun Feng's temples were pounding. She was of a mind to abandon the woman here, but she remembered the feeling when Qu Lanyi stayed behind and stood next to her. She glared at Qu Lanyi. "Shut up!"

Qu Lanyi smiled, and did shut up. At this moment, screams came from behind. "Those from the Karan Empire, stop! You can't get away! If you don't take care of them, you can't escape!"

Yun Feng didn't even bother to look back. In Yun Feng's arms, Qu Lanyi was carried forward quickly. She looked back and asked, "Fengfeng, what do we do? Those guys of the Cashya Empire don't seem to be kidding."

Yun Feng didn't respond. She simply dashed forward at an amazing speed. After moving for a long time, and passing many intersections, Yun Feng furrowed her brows. The people of the Cashya Empire weren't kidding. They could locate her! No matter how many intersections she passed, they could always chase her down on her route!

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Yun Feng suddenly stopped and let go of Qu Lanyi. Very soon, the people who were busy running caught up to her. The one who shouted a moment earlier was Carson, the member of the Cashya Royal family who welcomed Kai earlier.

"Hu... Hu... Hu..." Carson was running in the lead. He was greatly relieved to see Yun Feng and Qu Lanyi. There were three people behind him, including a female mage and two male warriors. All four of them were sweating hard. It seemed that they had been running for a long time.

"You, finish off the things behind, or neither of you will get away!" Carson announced at Yun Feng ruthlessly. Yun Feng's eyes glittered. Those people were truly shameless. They wanted her to resolve the trouble they caused. However, she didn't have a choice at this moment. The people of the Cashya Empire could locate her precisely. It would be terrible if those people found and followed her brother.

"Hum..." Noises that hurt eardrums echoed from behind. The contestants of the Cashya Empire all ran ahead, keeping their distance from Yun Feng and Qu Lanyi, who stayed while the swarm of creatures pressed close.

Their flapping wings caused humming noises that tortured whoever heard them. Yun Feng narrowed her eyes. In front of her eyes was a group of insects that looked like bees. However, their number was shockingly great. Had they all come?

“Fengfeng, we’re in trouble,” said Qu Lanyi. Yun Feng was quite cold. Those Magic Beasts were in level 8 and level 9! Their numbers were frightening, and their strength was remarkable too. This was indeed a tricky situation.

Both Yun Feng and Qu Lanyi had reached the Commander Level. It was easy to deal with the level-8 and level-9 Magic Beasts. However, there were too many of them. Their hums almost rumbled. Yun Feng didn’t know how many more were coming, but those in the front were already nauseating enough for her!

“Let’s finish them as quickly as possible,” said Yun Feng in a low voice. Qu Lanyi nodded. Most gregarious beasts, like the Lion-Tailed Baboons Yun Feng met earlier, attacked in groups. However, the number of the Lion-Tailed Baboon was not nearly as great as that of the Magic Beasts here. Facing an overwhelming number of Magic Beasts, even an expert might be killed instantly. That was the advantage of gregarious beasts!

“Your Highness, is this going to work out?” asked a warrior from the Cashya Empire in the distance. Carson put on a grim smile. “Why won’t it work out? I’m already controlling the queen of the bees. They all have to listen to my command. They’re strong enough as individuals, not to mention that they’re attacking together. The Cashya Empire will surely win!”

“The prince is right. The other contestants will have to quit when they face the bees if they don’t want to die!” The female mage chuckled too and looked at Carson with admiration. Her face was flushing too.

“Your Highness, you even know all the other contestants’ locations. They will surely fail. However, didn’t His Majesty ask us to kill as many of them as possible?”

Carson waved his hand. “My father did say that. But do you think the other contestants are fools? They are not easy to deal with. Let’s finish off those two first. Don’t give them a chance to squeeze their jade pendant!” Carson closed his eyes, and then the bees moved!

“They’re moving.” When the bees moved, Qu Lanyi spoke in a low voice. Yun Feng narrowed her eyes. “Fire Arrow, go!” A roaring Fire Arrow immediately darted from Yun Feng towards the swarm of bees. The bees didn’t seem able to resist fire elements at all. Yun Feng’s fire arrow caused an opening in them.

“Light Hammer, smash!” Qu Lanyi took action too. When she roared, the whole space seemed to be illuminated. The light and the heat smashed into the bees like a hammer!

“Hum...” The bees seemed infuriated, and surged forth like a tide. Yun Feng immediately roared, “Earth Shield!” The bees’ first wave of attack was immediately resolved by the Earth Shield. The Light Hammer kept smashing the bees from the sky, wreaking havoc on them. Yun Feng closed her eyes. When she opened her eyes again, an enormous fire wolf had appeared next to her!

“Ho...” The wolf opened its mouth and roared at the bees furiously. Then, it threw itself at the bees like a cannonball. “Fire Arrow!” cried Yun Feng, launching Fire Arrows into the bees. Many bees were burnt



up, but even more bees replaced them. After attacking for a while, Qu Lanyi and Yun Feng realized that the situation was even trickier than they thought.

There were an infinite number of bees. How many more were out there? Yun Feng was thinking quickly, wondering how she could finish off the bees. In the war of attrition, her mental strength would be exhausted even though it was abundant...

Right... Yun Feng's eyes glittered. Since there were too many bees, she might as well annihilate them on a large scale, even though it would expose her strength. She didn't forget the people who were peeping from behind, but she didn't have another solution.

Qu Lanyi tilted her head and glanced at Yun Feng. "Fengfeng, any idea?"

Yun Feng nodded. "You should be able to do that." She smiled at Qu Lanyi casually, and unleashed her mental strength. The fiery wolf instantly turned into sparks of fire elements. The space here trembled. Yun Feng extended her hand at the void, with glittering light in her eyes. "Space blockage!"

The air trembled. After the tremble, Yun Feng and a large area of bees were gone, as if they had been wiped out. Qu Lanyi put on a smile. "Fengfeng is truly smart."

The bees that had been wiped out instantly caused a vacuum in this space, but very soon, another swarm of bees surged forward.

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"I'm really running out of patience," mumbled Qu Lanyi. The red mole between her eyes was so deep that it was almost bleeding. The people who were peeping from behind were so shocked at the scene that they were unable to say anything.

"Y-Your Highness... S-She's gone..." said a warrior with shivering lips, describing what he saw. Carson's lips were rather pale. "I saw that. Do you think I'm blind?"

"Your Highness, what do we do?" The female mage finally came back to herself, and looked at Carson anxiously. She thought they could take down the two women easily, but those two women were much stronger than they expected! The Magic Beasts couldn't hurt them at all! They would've left if Prince Carson weren't controlling all the bees!

"It seems like we've met the trump card of the Karan Empire." Carson thought for a moment, and smiled in the end. Considering the girl's strength and behavior, and because she was a double-element mage, he knew exactly how she disappeared.

She was a Commander Level double-element mage. Who could the Karan Empire's trump card be if not her?

"We must kill them. We can't let them go!" Carson gritted his teeth and declared. Then, he immediately closed his eyes, attempting to command the bees to attack again. He still had a chance. As long as the queen remained under his control, there would be an infinite number of bees. He could suppress and kill them sooner or later!

However, the next moment, Carson became pale and suddenly opened his eyes, with hate and a hint of fear in them! His companions all asked, "Your Highness, what's wrong?"

Carson's lips were shivering. He clenched his fists, and his eyes were bloodshot. "The queen... is dead."

The people of the Cashya Empire were all shocked to hear the news. They didn't know how Carson controlled the queen, but they knew that if the queen died, the bees would be out of control. Those bees were one of the Cashya Empire's trump cards!

"Damn it!" Carson smashed his fist into the wall. Then, he became solemn and cold. Which between those two killed the queen?

"Your Highness, the queen is in the... Commander Level, right?" mumbled one of the warriors. Carson became solemn, and everybody else pulled a long face. A Commander Level queen! Yet it had been killed. Had the two women of the Karan Empire reached the Commander Level?

"We have to eliminate those two women, whatever it might take!" Carson whispered, gnashing his teeth. His companions all seemed anxious. One of them swallowed and said carefully, "Your Highness, even if we join our hands, I don't think..."

"If we cannot defeat them openly, we'll use tricks! We cannot leave them alive! If they grow up, Karan will be a threat to Cashya!" Carson gnashed his teeth again. The Cashya Empire was the only empire that had a summoner, and ranked top among the four empires on the East Continent. Although the empires were basically balanced, Cashya had its own advantage.

Yun Feng and Qu Lanyi had proven that they were among the strongest geniuses. If they grew up, they would pose a threat to Cashya and the other empires. Naturally, they must be eliminated as early as possible!

Carson stopped talking, and simply gazed at the humming bees. Without the queen, the bees didn't disperse immediately, but they were no longer organized either. He narrowed his eyes. Who killed the queen? He would surely kill whoever did that! Remembering the item in his storage container, Carson put on a smile.

The space trembled again, emitting invisible waves. After the tremble, Yun Feng reappeared in front of everybody, with countless things falling around her. The people who had been observing from the distance all craned their heads, only to be disgusted, as the falling things were blackened bodies of the bees that looked like burnt coal. They were all over the ground.

After Yun Feng came out, she saw that there were still a large number of bees, but they weren't as aggressive as before. "The leader of the bees seems to have been taken down..." mumbled Yun Feng. The bees were no longer a threat without the queen. Many of them were flying aimlessly. Yun Feng gathered fire elements in her hand and aimed at the bees. "Fire Arrow!"

"Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!" More and more Fire Arrows were shot at the bees, further disrupting the formation of the bees. Many of them fled in panic. Very soon, few of the bees were left. Most of them had flown away.

"Qu Lanyi, are you alright?" After the bees dispersed, Yun Feng finally saw that Qu Lanyi was standing in the depths of the bees. She didn't see her until the bees dispersed. She walked to her in a hurry. Had she entered the swarm of bees on her own? That was so risky!

Hearing Yun Feng's voice, Qu Lanyi turned around and smiled at Yun Feng. She then grabbed her and pulled her closer. "Fengfeng, are you concerned for me?"

Yun Feng was about to move away, when Qu Lanyi quickly whispered to her ear. "This is the queen of the bees. It seems to be manipulated." Qu Lanyi opened her hand, revealing a black bee that was lying in her hand. The bee was very small. Although it was dead, it was still emitting vague pressure.

Yun Feng frowned, and observed the queen carefully. It had a black body and a hard shell. All of a sudden, Yun Feng discovered some unusual tiny marks on the queen's abdomen, which made her narrow her eyes.