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Chapter 461: That's the Difference (1)

Mu Yinghua and Xiaoxiao both put on a friendly smile at Yun Feng, and Yun Feng returned it to them. At this moment, Mu Yinghua approached and introduced himself to them. "I am Mu Yinghua, the captain of the Fengyun Empire's team. Nice to meet you!"

Muqing and Xiaoxiao both frowned and looked at Yun Feng suspiciously. Yun Feng smiled and didn't say anything. They nodded at Mu Yinghua, but would rather not talk to him. They both returned to their own teams.

"You..." Mu Yinghua was left alone. He was quite infuriated. Why are you so arrogant? I've already shown you enough respect by greeting you!

Yun Feng also returned without saying anything. "It's time for us to go!" A voice came from the Shengyao Empire. The other two teams immediately followed them to gods' relics. Mu Yinghua proudly walked in the lead of Fengyun's team, followed by his two lackeys. Yun Feng and her companions walked in the rear.

Little Fire and Lan Yi had already returned. Meatball, on the other hand, was lying obediently on Yun Feng's shoulder, maybe because it had been exhausted from playing with Little Fire. Yun Feng had never seen it more obedient.

They walked in the rear of the team, and soon reached the gods' relics, which was on the borderland between Shengyao and Ovey. Everybody saw the woods in the distance, and the contours of the relics further away. Yun Feng narrowed her eyes. Was that the gods' relics?

"As you can see, the gods' relics are deep in the woods. We must cross the woods to reach it," said someone from Shengyao. At this moment, Xiaoxiao walked out. "Although the woods are on the borderland between Shengyao and Ovey, neither of our countries have explored this place. We don't know it any better than you do. We need rules for our exploration. Let's settle on the rules now. Captains, please come with me!"

Mu Yinghua was stunned for a moment, and then felt excited. As the captain, he was the one who made the decision on critical matters like this one! Mu Yinghua stepped up proudly, and so did Ovey's and Shengyao's captains, who weren't Xiaoxiao and Muqing, but another two people.

They discussed it for a long time. Mu Yinghua tried to chime in several times, only to be subtly interrupted by the other captains. Eventually, he didn't get a say in the final rules at all.

Mu Yinghua returned, blushing. He was too embarrassed to say that he was ignored, fearing that other people would despise him. He tried to explain. The people of the De family and the Shang family sneered, all knowing what kind of person Mu Yinghua was.

"After a discussion, we have established some rules. Firstly, the three empires will explore on different routes. Secondly, all three teams will be free and justified to do anything to protect their interests during the exploration. Thirdly, each team will be qualified to keep what they find!"

Hearing the rules, Yun Feng stood there, deep in thought. Qu Lanyi, on the other hand, put on a mocking smile. "All teams are free and justified to do anything to protect their interests. Does it mean that we can resort to anything to defend our interests?"

Ao Jin frowned after he heard that. "That's the only rule we need!"

Yun Feng smiled. "That's not a bad rule. We'll be justified to kill anyone. Nobody will suffer any loss."

Qu Lanyi and Ao Jin nodded, deep in thought. If they were going on a killing spree, the other two teams would probably be annihilated by them...

"During this exploration, we won't attack anyone unless we're attacked. They're free to do anything as long as they don't mess with us," said Yun Feng casually. She couldn't claim all the treasures, and had to share some of them with others, but she certainly wouldn't give away the Fantastical Beast, which belonged to her!

"We'll be heading off!" said Shengyao's team. They instantly entered the woods and disappeared. Ovey's team followed them into the woods. Seeing that, Mu Yinghua shouted nervously, "Let's hurry up too!" Fearing that the other two empires gained an advantage, Mu Yinghua immediately ran to the woods, and the others followed. Yun Feng looked at the branches above her head, and thought that it was more convenient to walk on the land than to fly in the sky.

The ten explorers of the Fengyun Empire all entered the woods and left for the gods' relics. After they all disappeared, another team came from the distance. "My lord, they're all in!"

One of them nodded, and waved his hand at the forest in front of his eyes. "Let's follow them!" Some sunlight passed between leaves and shined on his face, showing that he was none other than Carson, the Cashya Empire's summoner that Yun Feng had confronted!

"My lord, won't they spot us? If they do..." asked someone worriedly. Carson sneered, "We lurked for a long time. Did they spot us? The Cashya Empire certainly cannot abandon this exploration and let the other empires take all the advantage! Besides..." Greed flashed on Carson's face. The information on the Fantastical Beast was the greatest momentum to bring him here. A Fantastical Beast was irresistibly tempting for a summoner!

Without further ado, Carson dashed forward, followed by his teammates, who were uneasy, but couldn't violate their lord's instruction. They only hoped that the other teams wouldn't spot them. If they were spotted, they would be jointly attacked by the other teams!

Of course, Carson's operation was not authorized. Even though the emperor of the Cashya Empire was ambitious, he considered the safety of his empire the top priority. Carson was different. As a summoner, he found it impossible to refuse a Fantastical Beast, so he had to come here. Even though his decision might put Cashya in danger, he couldn't waste the opportunity of getting a Fantastical Beast!

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Thinking that there was really a Fantastical Beast and that he might be able to tame it, Carson was so excited that his eyes were bloodshot. He forgot all about the Cashya Empire and the emperor. He had to get what he wanted!

Yun Feng and the others, who were traveling in the front, looked behind, deep in thought. Ao Jin snorted, "What? We've got stalkers? Interesting."

Qu Lanyi chuckled. They were already far from other teammates, and wouldn't be heard. "It doesn't matter. Just a few rats."

Yun Feng slowly sent her mental strength. Because she was in the mid stage of the Monarch Level, nobody could detect her probing. Her eyes glittered, and she put on a thoughtful smile, as she didn't expect those people to come here.

"Fengfeng, are those rats interesting?" Qu Lanyi looked at Yun Feng with a charming smile. Yun Feng laughed. "Indeed. Just let them hop for a while. They'll be useful."

"Girl, is she a bad influence on you?" Ao Jin petted Yun Feng, and messed her hair a little bit. Qu Lanyi felt uncomfortable. He put Ao Jin's hand down and combed Yun Feng's hair. "Let's just talk. Don't do anything."

Ao Jin narrowed his golden eyes. "Woman, are you crossing the line? Are you qualified to tell me how to talk to her?"

Yun Feng smiled awkwardly, "Uncle Flirtatious, she's just blunt. Don't feel offended." She chuckled, and Qu Lanyi looked at her angrily. She called him blunt! He was only upset because another man touched her!

"Humph! Mind your own business!" Ao Jin snorted, and Qu Lanyi gloomily pinched Yun Feng's hand. Yun Feng was going to say something, when Meatball sat straight on her shoulder. Yun Feng, Qu Lanyi and Ao Jin all became solemn as they heard battle noises. Little Fire and Lan Yi said, "Master, there are gregarious Magic Beasts up ahead!"

"Yun Feng! Yun Feng!" Miserable cries burst out of the woods. Yun Feng frowned. It was Mu Yinghua's voice, and it was getting close. It seemed that he was running to her.

Earthquakes came along with Mu Yinghua's cries. The sounds indicated that a lot of Magic Beasts were rushing closer at the same time. Little Fire cursed, "Why didn't he die?"

"He's leading the Magic Beasts to us!" roared Ao Jin angrily. Mu Yinghua, who had been in the lead, was running back awkwardly, followed by a swarm of creatures!

"Yun Feng, Yun Feng, help!" Mu Yinghua ran desperately. His two lackeys had already disappeared. The people of the De family and the Shang family all jumped aside when they saw Mu Yinghua, not caring about his safety at all. That was the problem of a disorganized team. Everybody only cared about their own safety when in danger!

"What a troublemaker!" said Qu Lanyi angrily. Yun Feng opened her hand, invoking fire elements. "He's really one hell of a troublemaker! Little Fire, Lan Yi, kill them all!"

Under her instruction, a red streak of light and a green one darted out. Mu Yinghua was running desperately. He was already exhausted, but the fear of death motivated him to keep running!

"Ah..." Feeling that another two creatures were lunging at him, Mu Yinghua was too scared to run any longer. He fell on his knees, and the Magic Beasts that were chasing him all let out a deafening roar!

Little Fire and Lan Yi had encountered the hundred Magic Beasts, which were all strong boars with long tusks! They all roared at the top of their voices. Little Fire's claw hit one of the boars, which screamed in pain, but did not die immediately!

Such boar were most proud of their hard fur, which protected them even when they were faced with opponents whose levels were much higher! Also, they had an advantage as gregarious animals. A group of boar would be an iron wall that couldn't be shaken!

The boars roared furiously, and Yun Feng launched her fire elements towards them. Being scorched by fire elements, the boars' skins were blackening. Yun Feng even smelled the fragrance of roast pork.

"Hoooooooooo..." Most boars suddenly changed their direction and charged at Yun Feng, making the earth shake again. Seeing that, Little Fire and Lan Yi tried to stop them, but there were so many boars that even Little Fire and Lan Yi couldn't change their advantage!

"Right on time!" Smiling, Yun Feng stared at the boars that had been exasperated by her. She laughed, and the fire elements in her hands surged out like a volcano, spreading as flames!

Seeing that, Qu Lanyi and Ao Jin quickly jumped away. Would anything happen to Yun Feng? Of course not! While hiding, Yao Guang put on a smile. "Girl, spare the fattest one for me."

Yun Feng put on a smile. "Don't worry. I'm going to have a good taste of the boar barbecue. Fire Field!" After her roar, a world of flames appeared in the woods. Instantly, all the grass and plants in the area of the fire elements were burnt up, and the earth was blackened. The green woods in the area had already turned empty!

"That's..." The other two teams heard the noises and came. Seeing the flames and the area that they covered, they all widened their eyes. They had certainly heard the noise of the boars, and had been gloating, until they heard the explosion. They were all shocked at what they saw!

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All the boars that were caught in the Fire Field screamed miserably and deafeningly! The sizzling noises of their furs being burnt came out too. Then, there was the smell of cooked pork. Those boars crazily tried to escape from the Fire Field, but to no avail!

Those boars were like delicious food that had offered themselves to Yun Feng, who removed their fur with the flames and slowly roasted them like the best chef. She controlled the fire, and listened to the pleasant screams.

The uncaught boars were instantly astounded. They soon realized what was going on, and ran desperately for life as quickly as possible. The earth was shaking again. Only this time, the boars were fleeing!

"Is that what a summoner is capable of?" Ovey's and Shengyao's teams watched everything, dumbfounded. They watched the boars that were trapped in the Fire Field, and heard that their screams were waning. They saw that the boars collapsed one after another, and all turned into roast meat!

The scene was rather cruel, yet the slim and beautiful girl was smiling not far away. Her smile made everybody realize the difference between them and a summoner. Those boars which were intimidating

threats to them turned into roast meat in Yun Feng's hands. They could've been killed by the charging boars!

The gap between them and her couldn't have been more obvious!

Smelling the roast meat, Yun Feng knew it was about time. She waved her hand, and the Fire Field completely disappeared. The remaining fire elements dispersed in the air, On the blackened ground, dozens of boars were lying dead. Their fur had been burnt away, and the smell of roast meat spread out.

Yun Feng leaped forward, and tore off a piece of meat from one of the boars, having a taste of it. Ovey's and Shengyao's people were rather nauseated to see that. Muqing and Xiaoxiao didn't seem happy either. The De family and the Shang family's explorers almost threw up. Only Mu Yinghua, who just narrowly escaped, was bold enough to grab a piece of meat, as if he was venting his fury.

"Not bad. It's delicious," remarked Yun Feng casually. Qu Lanyi and Ao Jin smiled. What she did was quite terrifying. A lot of people here had turned pale. Besides, there was too much roast meat for her to eat alone.

"Girl, take away their cores. I'm going to enjoy them." Yao Guang, who had been stealthy, looked at the roasted boars, and said hoarsely. He sounded as if he had been hungry for a long time. Yun Feng picked up all the cores in the boars' heads, which made everybody realize that what lay on the ground was not just dozens of roasted boars, but also dozens of cores!

The magic cores all emitted vague yellow light, which indicated that they belonged to level-8 Magic Beasts. Those tusks were not as strong as each other, but they were not to be underestimated when they joined their forces. Seeing the cores, most people except a few swallowed greedily.

Mu Yinghua looked at the cores in Yun Feng's hands with glittering eyes. Yun Feng raised her brows and asked, "Do you want them?"

Mu Yinghua quickly nodded like an obedient dog. Even the Mu family didn't have such a number of advanced cores! The people of the De family and the Shang family could only grit their teeth angrily as Mu Yinghua claimed all of them!

"Then here you are. They're all yours." What Yun Feng said elated Mu Yinghua. She was giving all of the cores to him? He was indeed special to her! His two lackeys had reappeared at some point, and dug the cores diligently with Mu Yinghua. Their hands shivered when they realized that the boars were fully roasted, but Mu Yinghua was quite poised.

Yun Feng simply stood aside and watched them. Qu Lanyi approached her and asked in a low voice, "Are you giving the cores to him so kindly?"

Yun family smiled. "I'm not giving it to him, but to the Mu family. Don't worry. He'll have to spit them out later!"

Dozens of magic cores ranging from level 6 to level 8 were a huge fortune. Mu Yinghua stowed them carefully, and looked at Yun Feng passionately. Seeing that, Muqing and Xiaoxiao didn't have the vaguest clue what Yun Feng was thinking. Yun Feng looked at them. "If you're hungry, join us for dinner."

Muqing and Xiaoxiao quickly changed their expressions. They smiled at Yun Feng, and then turned around and left. They were quite astounded. What were their odds of winning the exploration?

After all the magic cores were picked up, Yao Guang chuckled in a low voice, and Yun Feng thought that she heard teeth grinding. Then, a wind spurted out of his mouth and carried all the boars on the ground back to him!

Meat and bones were chewed in his mouth. Yun Feng slightly narrowed her eyes. "Senior Yao Guang, what are you exactly?"

Yao Guang enjoyed the food. The dozens of boars all disappeared into his stomach, but he was just as short and strange as before, as if it was a bottomless hole. Yao Guang grinned at Yun Feng. "Girl, you'll see."

After seeing Yun Feng's appalling attack, the people of the Ovey Empire and the Shengyao Empire were all depressed. Muqing and Xiaoxiao both considered their odds of winning the exploration. Their conclusions were that the odds were below ten percent.

They traveled in the woods for days, and didn't encounter any more hostile Magic Beasts. They didn't even see anyone, which was a relief. How the surviving boars escaped the other day was truly demeaning for all Magic Beasts. Maybe, the other Magic Beasts living in the woods saw that, and chose to ignore the intruders.

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Mu Yinghua was the happiest so far on the trip. Ever since he received the magic cores that he didn't expect, he had been so happy that he couldn't stop smiling. He generously offered a few cores to his two lackeys, who were even more determined to serve him. They had made a fortune even before they entered the gods' relics, which made the people of the De family and the Shang family greedy.

"Damn it, they're truly lucky! If we had gotten all the cores..."

"Alright, stop imagining the impossible. Yun Feng has given all the cores to him, although I don't know why. Is the Yun family really fond of the Mu family?"

The De family and the Shang family's explorers were wondering. If the Yun family was truly fond of the Mu family, then it remained a question if the De family and the Shang family could keep their status. However, Yun Feng didn't seem to be extra warm to Mu Yinghua at this moment. They couldn't figure out her attitude just yet.

"How about this? If Yun Feng keeps looking out for Mu Yinghua after we enter the gods' relics, then it means that the Yun family truly likes Mu Yinghua."

The cores of the Magic Beasts were nothing for Yun Feng, who was too strong to care about those things. Her companions seemed quite strong too. Even if she had given the cores to Mu Yinghua, it didn't mean anything. However, if Yun Feng was still so friendly to him in the gods' relics, then it would suggest the Yun family's attitude.

Yun Feng and her companions casually walked in the rear. Instead of walking in the lead by himself, Mu Yinghua tried to approach and talk to her several times. Qu Lanyi had been grim the whole time, and

subtly pushed him away every time he approached. Mu Yinghua didn't dare to come close to Ao Jin, who was handsome, but intimidating. As the Young Master of dragons, he carried a lot of pressure.

Naturally, Mu Yinghua misunderstood Qu Lanyi and thought she was being jealous. He was going to confess his love to them after the exploration. If both of the girls were attracted to him, wouldn't it be a great thing if he had them both?

Yun Feng saw Mu Yinghua's expression and knew that he was daydreaming. She put on a cold smile.

"Yun Feng, Qu Lanyi, come visit the Mu family after the exploration. My father will be so pleased to meet you!"

Mu Yinghua's invitation was exactly what Yun Feng needed. She had been looking for an opportunity to visit the Mu family, to repay them for what they did to Xiaojin over the years. Now that she had been invited, she didn't have to ask.

"That'll be great," Yun Feng replied. Qu Lanyi also nodded, with the same angry expression. Mu Yinghua was so thrilled that he was almost floating.

"Just look at how stupid he is. Master is never going to fall for him!" mumbled Little Fire, and Lan Yi nodded in agreement. So did Meatball on Yun Feng's shoulder. Yun Feng smiled. Indeed, she would never fall for such a man unless she was blind.

Nothing happened on the rest of the trip across the woods. All three teams gathered in an empty ground that was in front of the mysterious buildings they were going to explore. Everybody looked at the relics in excitement. In front of them was a wide-open gate and a dark space channel that led to nobody knows where. It was like an enormous mouth that was going to swallow any trespasser.

Meatball sat straight on Yun Feng's shoulder, and nuzzled her cheek excitedly. Yun Feng combed its hair with her finger, and finally calmed it down.

Ovey's and Shengyao's teams didn't do anything. Muqing and Xiaoxiao looked at the black hole warily. The gods' relics were so dangerous that they had to be prudent with their every step.

"What are we waiting for? Let's go inside!" said Mu Yinghua, but nobody replied to him. The people of the De family and the Shang family looked at him in disdain. "Are you blind? Don't you see that the other teams are not moving? If you want to get yourself killed, be my guest! I'm really embarrassed to have you as the captain of the Fengyun Empire's team!"

Mu Yinghua blushed, and glanced at Ovey's and Shengyao's teams, which were both waiting and observing. "I was just... too reckless. Then, let's just wait and see if they're going to do anything."

After saying that, the people of the De family and the Shang family snorted in disdain. Staring at the other two teams, Yun Feng asked Meatball in a low voice, "Is there any trap here, Meatball?"

Meatball shook its head and said, "Nana."

Little Fire couldn't help but roll its eyes. "Don't say things that don't help!"

Meatball bared its sharp teeth at Little Fire, and Little Fire's ears pricked. "It said that it doesn't know."

Doesn't know? Yun Feng looked at Meatball in surprise, and Meatball looked back at her innocence, obviously implying that it truly didn't know.

"Yun Feng!" Yun Feng came back to herself when someone called out to her. Muqing and Xiaoxiao approached her. Yun Feng nodded. "What's wrong?"

"We were discussing the channel," said Xiaoxiao. "The gods' relics are extremely dangerous. It remains unknown whether or not this channel is the entrance. If we recklessly enter, we might all be annihilated. We should probably send a few scouts for reconnaissance."

Scouts or pathetic pathfinders? Yun Feng raised her brows, and Muqing said softly, "We don't have a choice. Special circumstances call for special methods. It's the only way to keep the majority safe."

Yun Feng smiled. "Our team is different from yours. We have to make the decision democratically."

"How troublesome. The Yun family should've claimed the exploration task alone." Xiaoxiao snorted, and looked at Yun Feng in disagreement. If the Yun family had claimed the task, it would essentially be the royal family, and all the trouble could be avoided. Yun Feng shook her head. "The Yun family is not that ambitious. We're already satisfied with what we have."

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Both Muqing and Xiaoxiao heaved a sigh. It was true that the Yun family had a special status.

"Then we'll be waiting for your decision. When you're done, ask that Mu guy to inform us," said Xiaoxiao casually. She didn't even remember Mu Yinghua's name. After saying that, they turned around and left. Yun Feng smiled helplessly. They had come straight to her instead of the captain. That was truly...

"Guys!" said Yun Feng. All the explorers of the Fengyun Empire looked at her. Even though Mu Yinghua was the captain, Yun Feng was a thousand times more influential than him. She caught everybody's attention with a simple word.

"The Ovey Empire and the Shengyao Empire's teams have a proposal. Of course, the Fengyun Empire's team is different. You have the right to object." Yun Feng glanced at them and then continued, "It remains unknown whether or not this black hole is the entrance to the gods' relics. We might all be annihilated if we go in together, so they plan to send a few scouts to investigate."

After she said that, all the other people of the Fengyun Empire fell silent. The people of the De family and the Shang family seemed gloomy, and Mu Yinghua and his lackeys became pale. "I don't think we should agree with that proposal. We should all go in together, so that we can look out for each other! I think the other teams are only trying to split us up. They might have struck an alliance in secret!" declared Mu Yinghua with indignity.

"Humph! Freaking coward! If you want to go in, be my guest, but don't drag us into this!" Naturally, the people of the De family and the Shang family snapped.

Mu Yinghua awkwardly looked at Yun Feng, who smiled and said, "I'm fine either way. I support the majority's decision."

"Have you reached a decision?" asked Ovey's and Shengyao's teams. The people of the De family and the Shang family looked at Mu Yinghua and his lackeys. "We're on board. What about you, Yun Feng?"

Yun Feng smiled. "As I said, I'm fine either way." She had essentially abstained.

Mu Yinghua anxiously looked at Yun Feng for help, but Yun Feng simply turned a blind eye on him. The people of the De family and the Shang family laughed. "Okay, it's decided!"

Muqing and Xiaoxiao approached. "If you agree with our proposal, send a squad in." They then left. A squad of three had been picked on Ovey and Shengyao's side. In the Fengyun Empire's team, everybody looked at each other, knowing that the first to go in would likely die first.

"I think we should just send the three weakest in," said the people of the De family and the Shang family. Mu Yinghua and his lackeys objected. "No! Why should the weakest be sent in? The strongest should go in! They have a better chance of winning!"

"Bulls*it! How can the weakest contribute to the team? What can you do? You'll only hold us back! Mu Yinghua, you'd better know yourself better! Do you really think the Mu family was qualified to come here? You three are just losers! It's time for you to play your part!" The people of the De family and the Shang family spoke mockingly, and Mu Yinghua was unable to refute it at all. Yun Feng simply watched the drama in silence.

"The minority should follow the majority!" Mu Yinghua cried out. The people of the De family and the Shang family all sneered. Mu Yinghua glanced at Yun Feng. "Yun Feng, do you agree?" asked Mu Yinghua confidently. Yun Feng had been quite nice to him. Would she watch him get killed?

However, Mu Yinghua was mistaken. He was just an excuse for her to visit the Mu family. She wouldn't mind even if he died now that he had invited her. She smiled charmingly, "I'm fine either way."

Mu Yinghua's eyes contracted. He and his lackeys all turned pale. "Please... don't..." Mu Yinghua looked at Yun Feng, as if she was a lifesaving straw. Yun Feng said with a smile, "Who do you think should be sent in if not you?"

Mu Yinghua looked at the people of the De family and the Shang family. He certainly didn't dare to ask them to go in. He looked back at Yun Feng. "You, of course! You're too strong to encounter any danger! You're a summoner! You have your Magic Beasts! You aren't afraid of anything, are you? I'll surely get killed in there! You don't want me to die, do you?"

Yun Feng put on an even more brilliant smile. "I'm very uncomfortable with your reasoning, but I forgive you for a certain someone's sake. Are you going in voluntarily, or do you want me to send you in?"

Mu Yinghua became pale, and so did his lackeys, who regretted following him. Although they had received some gifts, their lives were at risk! "It's decided then. You can go there now," said the people of the De family and the Shang family mockingly. "Mu Yinghua, as the captain, you should lead the charge. You've fulfilled your duty as the captain."

Mu Yinghua and his lackeys stepped up grimly. They had thought of resisting, but the result would've been the same even if they had. Ovey's and Shengyao's scouts walked out too. They were all part of the royal family's team, and didn't complain at all. The Fengyun Empire's team, on the other hand, needed to vote for every decision.

All the nine explorers stood in front of the black hole. Mu Yinghua suddenly shouted, "Wait a moment! One scout from each team should be enough! Why three?"

Both Muqing and Xiaoxiao sneered. "Are the odds of survival higher when you have two teammates, or when you're alone?"

Mu Yinghua instantly fell quiet. The nine scouts, in three rows, walked into the dark entrance in turns. Mu Yinghua was the last. He hoped that Yun Feng would change her mind. However, Yun Feng had been staring at him coldly, until he entered the entrance and disappeared into the darkness.

"Let's just wait for a while. If we receive any information from them, we'll go in," said Xiaoxiao. All the others agreed. The ten people of the Fengyun Empire each had their own Sound Transmission Jades for easier communication. Ovey's and Shengyao's teams must've carried the same tools.

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The rest of the explorers each found a place to rest near the entrance. Carson and his followers, who had been hiding behind, stopped moving. "Those people aren't dumb. They send some scouts first." While hiding, Carson stared into the distance and remarked. He then asked his followers to take a break too. A lot of his trouble could be saved now that the other teams were exploring the way for him.

Three hours passed in the blink of an eye, but the scouts never sent any message back. Yun Feng looked at Ovey's and Shengyao's teams. Their scouts seemed to have been silent too.

"Fengfeng, something is wrong," Qu Lanyi approached Yun Feng and said in a low voice. Meatball, sensing his approaching, opened its mouth angrily and bared its fangs. Qu Lanyi smiled and pointed at Meatball's head. All of Meatball's hair was rising, as if it had just been insulted.

"Alright, no horsing around." Yun Feng stroked Meatball, and finally soothed it. She glared at Qu Lanyi angrily. The man provoked Meatball now and then despite knowing that Meatball didn't like being touched. If she weren't here, he probably would've been riddled with holes because of biting.

Yun Feng narrowed her eyes. It had been three hours since Mu Yinghua went away, but they didn't send any message back. Even if they had encountered any danger, Mu Yinghua should've cried for help via the Sound Transmission Jade immediately, but he didn't.

Yun Feng observed Shengyao's and Ovey's teams, and found that the situation was the same. Muqing and Xiaoxiao were also frowning, and seemed confused about the situation.

"Either they didn't have time to call for help, or..." Yun Feng heard Qu Lanyi's voice, and continued, "Or they safely passed the channel, and decided not to inform us." Mockery surfaced on Yun Feng's face. She wouldn't be surprised if Mu Yinghua had made that decision.

"I'm not in a rush anyway, but I don't think Ovey's and Shengyao's teams can wait any longer." Yun Feng smiled. The next moment, Muqing and Xiaoxiao approached, and Yun Feng stood up.

"Yun Feng, something must've happened in there. Should we initiate another round of exploration?" Both Xiaoxiao and Muqing furrowed their brows. Only Yun Feng seemed rather at ease.

"That's fine with me." Yun Feng smiled. Both of them looked at Yun Feng thoughtfully, as if they were trying to find a loophole on her face. But they didn't find anything, and had to leave.

Yun Feng looked at the people of the De family and the Shang family, and announced, "Apparently, we're going to start another round of exploration." The four people of the De family and the Shang

family all changed their expression. Something must've happened to Mu Yinghua and his lackeys. Then, it was their turn!

A few more scouts were picked from Ovey's and Shengyao's teams. On the Fengyun Empire's side, it was the four unwilling representatives of the De family and the Shang family. They had established the rule that the weakest should be scouts. Although they were not the weakest among all the explorers, they were compared to Yun Feng and her companions.

The Fengyun Empire sent four scouts, and Shengyao and Ovey sent three. It seemed unfair for the Fengyun Empire, but it didn't matter.

All of them went in. Same as Mu Yinghua, they didn't send any messages back after three hours. Xiaoxiao and Muqing couldn't sit any longer.

"My lord, is there any trap?" The explorers of the Cashya Empire, who had been hiding, were out of patience. They had been waiting for half a day, and realized that they probably had to wait even longer.

"Why so hasty? The gods' relics is unlike any other place. They'll only get themselves killed! Even if they survive, they'll only explore the way for us. Just wait!" roared Carson angrily, silencing everybody. He had been staring at Yun Feng with light in his eyes.

He should've known that Yun Feng was coming. The De family and the Shang family had reason to offer her more qualifications considering her special identity as a summoner.

Remembering the information about the Fantastical Beast that was spotted here, Carson was infuriated. Last time, his Divine Essence Grass was swallowed by that girl. This time, she must've come here for the Fantastical Beast, and would try to ruin his business again.

Thinking about that, Carson couldn't have hated her more. In any case, he must find the Fantastical Beast sooner than she did, and then kill her!

It had been a long time since the second group of scouts went in. Yun Feng stood up and observed the entrance that looked like a black hole. She had communicated with her ancestor, who didn't know much about it. When he explored the gods' relics years back, the entrance didn't quite look like that.

Could the entrance change? Questions popped up in Yun Feng's heart. Xiaoxiao and Muqing approached her too. "Did you find anything?" asked Xiaoxiao hopefully. Yun Feng frowned and smiled helplessly.

"No."

"Really?" said Muqing softly. Yun Feng sneered. "If you don't trust me, why don't you go there and find out?" Muqing seemed frustrated. Yun Feng was not interested in talking to them any longer. She turned around and left, but Xiaoxiao grabbed her wrist.

"Don't feel offended, Yun Feng. Muqing is only concerned about his companions inside."

Yun Feng dropped Xiaoxiao's hand, and smiled at her. "It's better to just go in than to worry here. That's the simplest solution."

Both Muqing and Xiaoxiao were deep in thought. Yun Feng waved at Qu Lanyi and Ao Jin, and Little Fire and Lan Yi followed. Xiao Feng and Muqing were rather stunned.

“Guys, we’re going in first.” After saying that, Yun Feng stepped into the dark entrance, and the others followed her. They instantly disappeared. Seeing that, Muqing and Xiaoxiao summoned their remaining teammates, and all gritted their teeth and entered!

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“My lord, my lord! They all went in!” Seeing that, someone from the Cashya Empire shouted excitedly. Carson glared at him, and he instantly shut up. They all stopped hiding, and approached the weird black hole. Carson couldn’t help but frown, but since a lot of people had gone in, he didn’t have any reason to feel scared.

“We’re going in too.” Carson waved at the man behind him. The man didn’t really understand. Carson then roared, “Walk in front of me!”

His subordinate stepped forward in fear. Carson waited for a moment, and finally moved forward carefully. After Carson and his teammates went in, the black hole lingered for a while longer, and then slowly disappeared.

Where... am I?

Yun Feng looked at the scene before her eyes at a loss. She saw light again after a moment of darkness. In front of her eyes was a broad, endless path that led to the infinite horizon.

“Girl, something is wrong!” Yun Feng heard Ao Jin’s voice, and was about to move, only to find that her body was stiffened. Coldness was seeping into her body and freezing her bones. She resisted the invasion with fire elements, fruitlessly!

Yun Feng glanced at her companions. Qu Lanyi was standing grimly, and so were Little Fire and Lan Yi. As a fire element Magic Beast, Little Fire should be immune to coldness, but it was turning rigid too.

“This is...” Yun Feng realized that her limbs were stiffening at a visible speed, until in the end, she felt she had almost turned into a statue! She couldn’t move any part of her body. Everybody had been fixated! Then, the feeling of agility that was the opposite of the rigidity spread out from inside her body. Yun Feng found it irresistible. She was already in the mid stage of the Monarch Level. Yet, she was still caught in such danger in gods’ relics!

It was true that the gods’ relics were perilous!

Exactly at this moment, Xiaoxiao and Muqing arrived one after another. They hadn’t quite figured out what happened to Yun Feng yet, when their bodies were stiffening too!

“What’s going on?!” cried Xiaoxiao. Her body had already frozen in a weird posture. Then, Carson and his followers arrived one after another. Seeing him, both Muqing and Xiaoxiao were infuriated. Both of them wanted to curse him, but they couldn’t say anything.

“What’s going on?” Carson mumbled, and felt that something was wrong. He wanted to turn around and run, but there was no time! Yun Feng slowly turned her head, and finally found a calligraphic word in a corner on the ground: Nightmare!

Nightmare! Yun Feng's heart palpitated when she saw the word. Everybody was fixated and couldn't move, but nothing special happened just yet. Her throat was suddenly no longer tightened. Yun Feng knew she could talk again.

"What's going on!!!" Carson's voice echoed in the weird space. Everybody had been fixated. They couldn't move at all even though they had regained their voices.

"It seems that the Cashya Empire doesn't want peace anymore," said Muqing softly. Xiaoxiao sneered, "Carson, be prepared to be surrounded and attacked after this!"

Carson laughed. "You two brats are threatening me? I would kill both of you if I were still able to move!"

Both Muqing and Xiaoxiao changed their expressions. They were still angry, but they stopped provoking Carson, knowing that he was indeed strong enough to kill both of them. Besides, Carson was infamous for his lack of morals. He certainly wouldn't show mercy just because they were juniors.

Yun Feng was not interested in participating in the argument. She observed Qu Lanyi and Ao Jin, who were frozen, but didn't seem to be in any pain. At this moment, Meatball jerked on her shoulder, and Yun Feng was rather surprised. "Meatball, can you move?"

Meatball craned its head and blinked its grape-like eyes at Yun Feng. Yun Feng was rather astonished. At this moment, Little Fire's and Lan Yi's voices came into her head. "Master, we can move now."

Little Fire and Lan Yi were no longer stiffened. They walked to Yun Feng, and looked at her worriedly. "Master, are you still unable to move?"

"Yes, I can't move just yet. I'm still completely frozen right now. How were you freed?"

Both Little Fire and Lan Yi were deep in thought. Then, they shook their heads. "I don't know. The same happened to us, but then the freezing was automatically gone."

Yun Feng and her companions were standing in the lead. Naturally, everybody behind them saw them clearly. They all gasped when Little Fire and Lan Yi moved, shocking that Yun Feng's Magic Beasts were free!

"Yun Feng! Ask your Magic Beasts to do something!" Carson's voice came from the rear. He stared at Lan Yi passionately. He was dying to have a wind element griffin...

"Carson, do you have any shame? Why would Yun Feng listen to you?" Xiaoxiao roared back straightly. Muqing chuckled too. "Well said. A man without shame truly doesn't hesitate to do anything."

"Brats, just wait for it! When we get out, I'm going to personally..."

"Old fart, just save it," said Qu Lanyi lazily. "Fengfeng won't help you even if she can. You are a great ornament just to be fixated in this place."

All the others were amused. Carson instantly roared awkwardly, "Useless junior, how dare you say that?"

Qu Lanyi wasn't interested in talking to him any longer. He noticed what Yun Feng saw earlier too. "Nightmare..." Qu Lanyi's eyes widened in surprise. He considered carefully. Yao Guang, who had been

hiding in high altitudes, was unaffected. He looked down at the crowd on the ground with great curiosity.

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“Senior, you’re not affected at all,” Yun Feng concluded, seeing how at ease Yao Guang was. Yao Guang turned around and stared at her in the eyes, before he cackled and said hoarsely, “Girl, don’t you find this amusing?”

Yun Feng’s heart beat quickly. She somehow found the senior admirable. Amusing? Indeed it was. However, they were all stiffened and unable to move. They would all certainly die if anything unexpected happened, and that wouldn’t be amusing!

“Senior, do you have a solution for this?” asked Yun Feng patiently. Yao Guang replied with great interest, “I only know that I’m not affected. I don’t know how to free you.”

Yun Feng stared at Yao Guang in his eyes, trying to see through his heart, but she couldn’t tell. Maybe he didn’t know, maybe he knew and just would rather not tell. After all, he was quite the troublemaker back in the Dragon Palace.

“Master, we’ll protect you!” Little Fire’s and Lan Yi’s voices came close. Yun Feng smiled. Meatball leaped on Little Fire’s head, and nodded quickly. Yun Feng smiled, and was about to say something, when she felt the most excruciating pain from inside her body that almost tore apart her soul. She was trembling because of the pain.

“Master! What’s wrong?” Little Fire and Lan Yi were both worried to see that Yun Feng was pale and sweaty. At this moment, Yun Feng was unable to say anything. She felt that her body didn’t belong to her anymore. Something was separating her consciousness from her body! They were being separated forcefully!

“Kid!” Her ancestor’s anxious voice sounded, but Yun Feng could no longer hear it clearly. Her consciousness was gradually pushed away from her body, along with excruciating pain. “Kid! Kid!” Her ancestor was saying something else, but Yun Feng couldn’t hear any of it. Little Fire and Lan Yi were calling her anxiously too. Meatball had approached her body, but couldn’t reach her soul. Yun Feng looked at everything. Her consciousness was floating above her body. The same happened to everybody else!

What’s this all about? Yun Feng was still unable to move. That was her last thought before her consciousness was caught in the darkness as if she had fallen into a black vortex. Where am I going? That was the last question she had before she completely went blank.

“Even if the Yun family was once in the capital, so what? You’ve already lost your splendor. You’re no different from garbage! You think you can live a peaceful life in Chunfeng Town? Not a chance!”

“Master Lin, go for it! The Yun family has no respect for the Lin family at all! She’s just a girl. She shouldn’t have been so bold!”

“Indeed! Master Lin, teach her a good lesson and let her know who’s the boss in Chunfeng Town!”

All the nasty voices entered Yun Feng's head. Mockery, despise, insults, and other sounds echoed in the ears, not to mention the name that upset her most: Master Lin.

Hadn't Lin Meng already been killed by her? Wasn't the Lin family already eliminated from Chunfeng Town? Had she transmigrated again?

Yun Feng struggled to open her eyes. Her eyelids were heavy and her body was painful. She slightly moved, and felt that she was lying on the ground. At this moment, someone kicked her in the belly, giving her a strong stomach. Her body was different! This was an unmodified body that had only been slightly trained! She was only in level-1 or level-2!

Yun Feng exerted her strength and opened her eyes. The dazzling sunlight forced her to narrow her eyes and see the situation. She found herself in a dirty corner, surrounded by garbage and sand. She was lying on the filthy ground, and a few boys were standing next to her. She recognized that they were Lin Meng's lackeys! She slowly raised her head, and saw Lin Meng's arrogant and obnoxious face.

"Pa!" Yun Feng was slapped in the face heavily. She felt the clear pain on her face. She knew very well that this was her before ten years old. She was back to what she used to be at the very beginning.

Narrowing her eyes, Yun Feng tried to get back to her feet. Everybody else instantly laughed. "See? She's trying to stand up?"

"Hey, you're not giving in?"

Lin Meng had been smiling the whole time. Yun Feng struggled back to her feet. Her clothes were all filthy. Her face was probably no better. She glanced at Lin Meng. Although she didn't know what happened, she was certainly too weak to fight the man just yet. She turned around and was about to leave, but the other people blocked the way. Yun Feng frowned, and Lin Meng approached her with his fan. He then tapped the fan on his hand with a nauseating smile.

"Yun Feng, you want to go? That's fine. I'll let you go as long as you lick and clean my shoes." Lin Meng extended his leg, only to find that his shoe was clean. He then spat on it, and hit Yun Feng's back with his fan. Yun Feng fell on her knees. Lin Meng extended the foot. "If you want to go, suck it up!"

Yun Feng silently knelt and didn't do anything. This body didn't carry any mental strength. She couldn't run away at all! However, she certainly wouldn't stand that insult either!

"I would rather be killed than insulted!" What blurted out of Yun Feng's mouth shocked herself. Those were not her words! She never wanted to say that! Then, her body pushed Lin Meng's foot away, and stood up, as if it was capable of making its own decisions. She then lunged at Lin Meng. Naturally, Lin Meng dodged her easily.

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"What a bitch! You tried to hit me? I'm going to turn you into a piece of complete garbage today!" After Lin Meng said that, Yun Feng saw the most dazzling light in front of her eyes. He then hit her abdomen with his fan violently. The excruciating pain made Yun Feng fall on her knees again. She felt that something in her abdomen had been torn apart.

Her Qi meridian... must've been broken. Yun Feng was like an observer watching her body act on its own, but she could feel the agony, and the complicated emotions in the body.

Fury was bursting out like a volcano eruption. That was the only thing that Yun Feng could feel. She stubbornly stood up again, only to be beaten down again. The same happened again and again.

Yun Feng lost count of how many times her body had stood up. Her knees were already bloody. Her body was on the verge of collapse too, but she rose from the ground again and again, and breathed heavily. Lin Meng seemed to be running out of his patience too.

"Master Lin, give her a quick death!"

"That's right! Have a duel with her! We'll be the witnesses! If she's finished off, it will be a strike on the Yun family!"

Yun Feng heard the words loud and clear. Those people were trying to take advantage of her!

"Okay! Yun Feng, let's have a duel. If you accept, rise from the ground!" Yun Feng heard Lin Meng's wicked voice, and burst into fury. Lin Meng should really die a million times!

Her body rose back to its feet, probably without even hearing what Lin Meng said. The moment she stood up, a round of laughter burst out, mixed with an announcement, "The duel now begins!"

Everything happened too fast. Lin Meng stepped forward, and unfolded his fan, pointing its sharp tip at the back of Yun Feng's head! Yun Feng felt the excruciating pain, and that death was drawing near. She felt that her body fell on the ground, overwhelmed with grief and fury. That was Yun Feng's memories. It was everything she endured before her death.

The world turned black again, but the pain lingered in her consciousness. When she woke up again, the same scene played again. Lin Meng insulted and killed her again, giving her the same pain. Yun Feng finally realized that in this nightmare, her most excruciating memory would be replayed again and again.

Little Fire and Lan Yi stared at Yun Feng worriedly. Yun Feng was standing palely and expressionlessly with her eyes closed. Also, above her head, another completely transparent Yun Feng was floating with the same expressionlessness. Everybody else was the same. It was quite a weird scene.

"Brother Fire, what do we do?" Lan Yi furrowed its brows. They didn't dare to touch Yun Feng recklessly, fearing that it might accidentally hurt her, but if they didn't do anything, they would only be watching Yun Feng suffer, which made Lan Yi frustrated.

"How do I know?" Little Fire roared angrily, with fury all over its wolf eyes. "What kind of wretched place is this? I'm going to burn it to the ground!" Little Fire roared angrily. Meatball sat on Little Fire's head, and patted it with the tail, as if it was asking him to quiet down.

Meatball rolled its eyes worriedly. Its claws and body were moving recklessly too. Obviously, it wasn't really reassured either.

Lan Yi was silent. What could they do for Yun Feng at this moment?

“S*it! What’s going on? What’s this black stuff?” Little Fire’s voice interrupted Lan Yi’s thinking. Lan Yi turned his head, and saw that something black was spreading upwards from the feet of Yun Feng’s mental entity. Very soon, her calves had been consumed and replaced by strange blackness!

Lan Yi was shocked. Little Fire had already opened its mouth, and was about to do something, when Lan Yi roared, “Brother Fire, don’t be reckless!”

Little Fire closed its mouth and leaped towards Lan Yi instead of Yun Feng! “Ho!” The wolf roared and slapped its claw brutally. Lan Yi managed to resist the attack, with an injury on its cheek.

“Damn it, we can’t do anything? Do we just sit here and watch something happen to her!”

Lan Yi gloomily stood in silence. Meatball called out to Little Fire, but it replied angrily, “It’s not your time to talk! Be quiet, fat ball!”

Yao Guang, who had been hiding, waved his hand, and appeared out of nowhere. Little Fire narrowed its eyes and opened its mouth, ready to launch burning flames. “Who are you?”

Lan Yi was surprised to see Yao Guang, who dodged Little Fire’s attack with a weird smile. “Lord Yao Guang!” shouted Lan Yi in delight. Little Fire was stunned that they knew each other.

“You know... this thing?”

Lan Yi nodded, and asked quickly without further ado, “Lord Yao Guang, is there anything you can do?”

Little Fire instantly looked at Yao Guang, who slid and approached Yun Feng’s mental entity. Little Fire was quite anxious, and Lan Yi reassured him, “Lord Yao Guang won’t harm our master.”

Little Fire managed to stop itself from lunging forward, but it had been gazing at Yao Guang. If he dared to hurt Yun Feng at all, it would surely tear him into pieces whatever he was!

Meatball was not as anxious as Little Fire was. It simply watched Yao Guang approach Yun Feng’s mental entity, shaking its tail now and then. Yao Guang observed the weird blackness, and furrowed his brows, which he rarely did. He seemed confused too.

“Lord Yao Guang, how can we free master?” asked Lan Yi. Yao Guang was silent for a long time. Little Fire was so angry that it was going to yell again. Yao Guang’s voice came hoarsely..

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“I don’t know any solution. By my speculation, the black stuff can’t be anything good. There’s no telling what will happen if the mental entity is completely consumed.”

Both Little Fire and Lan Yi were stunned. So, he didn’t know what to do either! Yao Guang glanced at the others. “Their situations are similar. Her condition is not the worst. Some of them have been consumed up to their waist.”

Yun Feng’s mental entity was consumed quite slowly compared to others. Qu Lanyi and Ao Jin were slow too. However, the others were a lot faster. Some people from Shengyao, Ovey and Cashya had been consumed up to their waists, and soon their chests!

"It's... too fast," said Lan Yi in a low voice. Yao Guang stared at one of them, and put on a smile. "Soon, someone will tell us the consequence of being completely swallowed."

Hardly had Yao Guang said that when a miserable scream, which sounded as if it came from the depths of the soul, burst out. It was so miserable that Little Fire and Lan Yi trembled. Meatball slowly moved back, and looked at Cashya's team, where someone's mental entity had been completely consumed. The scream was from the inside of the consumed mental entity. Then, his body fell apart like a sand sculpture, and disappeared in the sky, without leaving a grain of sand. The consumed mental entity was gone too. The man had completely vanished from this world.

Little Fire and Lan Yi quickly turned their heads around. The black mist on Yun Feng's mental entity was still rising, although slowly. Yao Guang slightly frowned. "It seems that the situation is worse than I thought."

Meatball leaped onto Yun Feng's shoulder, and nuzzled her continuously, hoping to wake her up, but Yun Feng's eyes were still closed. Yao Guang glanced at her, amazed at the mysteries of the gods' relics.

"Whether or not she can pass depends on her willpower. Now that her consciousness was separated by force, she would be able to make it through with a great willpower. What I'm truly curious about is the experiences of their mental bodies..." He stared at everybody's mental bodies, as if he could see what they were going through.

"Master will be fine!" said Lan Yi confidently. Little Fire looked at Lan Yi in disdain. "Of course! Who can compare to her in terms of willpower? She was so tough when I fought her..."

Quiet filled up this space, occasionally interrupted by the loud miserable screams of the mental bodies. So far, on Cashya, Ovey and Sheng's teams, all the mental bodies had exploded except Carson's, Muqing's and Xiaoxiao's. The black substance had reached their waists. As for Qu Lanyi and Ao Jin, it was still below their waists. So far, nobody had won the competition yet. It didn't seem to have anything to do with strength. Maybe just like Yao Guang said, it was willpower that mattered.

Little Fire, Lan Yi and Meatball were all observing Yun Feng closely. Although Yao Guang seemed at ease, he was actually slightly worried too. So far, Yun Feng's condition was the best. The black substance had been stuck in her knees for a long time without moving up. Everybody was delighted to see that.

"Master will be fine," said Lan Yi in comfort. Little Fire was going to agree, when it roared, "What's going on?"

Yao Guang suddenly changed his expression. The easiness on his face was gone, and he narrowed his gray eyes. Lan Yi suddenly became pale and panicked despite its usual calmness. Meatball barked crazily. Nobody knew what it was saying, but it was obviously excited.

The black substance that Yun Feng had been holding by her knees suddenly burst out, and erupted at a visible speed, consuming her thighs, waist and chest. It was reaching her shoulders and neck!

"Master!" Little Fire roared, and so did Lan Yi. Meatball jumped to Yun Feng and bit her arm ruthlessly. Red blood flowed out of her wound, but Yun Feng didn't wake up.

Yao Guang stared at Yun Feng with his gray eyes, and stared at the mental entity that was about to be consumed. Girl, are you losing?

Yun Feng didn't know how many times the awful memories had been repeated. Her negative feelings had been accumulating because of the repeating scenes. They were like hills that were rising higher and higher. Grief, pain, regret and fury. The feelings rose like tides and were going to drown her consciousness.

Calm! I must stay calm! She cried out to herself, but couldn't resist the negative feelings. Reviewing her most painful memories again and again, it was already remarkable that she didn't go crazy. She didn't know how much longer she could endure, but if she wasn't freed from the painful memories, a meltdown would only be a matter of time.

Is this the best you've got?

All of a sudden, a voice rumbled in Yun Feng's head and woke her up. She stood up from the verge of the abyss of negative emotions. Who? Who was it that talked to her? It wasn't her ancestor's voice, or Little Fire's, or Lan Yi's, or Yao Guang's hoarse voice. Who was it?

The same scene appeared again, and Lin Meng and his lackeys were laughing arrogantly again. Yun Feng was still standing, but this time, she felt an unusual peace. No matter how those people insulted her, they couldn't provoke her at all. Some sort of power arose in her heart. Lin Meng and the others were still saying mean things, when she suddenly smiled.. Seeing that, Lin Meng roared, "What are you laughing at?"