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“How could there be one more person?! Who is that? Does anyone know him? I don’t think I’ve ever seen him before, so he shouldn’t be part of Phoenix Valley. How did he appear here?!”

Elder Eliot could not help but ask a string of questions. No one present answered him. Other than the four present, who had strange expressions on their faces, all of them looked at the corpse with shocking expressions.

Harold felt like he was about to go crazy. The rest of them did not recognize the corpse, but he could tell that it was Michael’s corpse. Michael was dead while Jackie was not. He was actually dead! What happened? How did things end up like that?!

Everything seemed to be getting derailed, right in front of him. At that moment, Harold did not even dare to wonder if anything else had happened. Johnson looked toward Harold, while Harold exchanged eye contact with Johnson as well.

The two of them had incredibly complicated emotions at that moment. Harold gulped and said, “Something really did happen to him, and the incident cost him his life. Who killed him? Who has the skills to kill Michael? Could there have been another expert who sneaked into Holy Cloud Mountain? Isn’t Holy Cloud Mountain supposed to be sealed?!”

Harold had whispered those words that he uttered earlier. Jackie’s voice was suddenly heard from the crowd, “He must have snuck inside from somewhere else. Only, I don’t know who he offended to end up looking like this and to be thrown here.”

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Jackie’s words served as a reminder to everyone. Since he had not been transferred here with everyone, then he must have gotten in from elsewhere. However, Elder Eliot suddenly straightened his body and said, “He absolutely could not have snuck in from elsewhere. Holy Cloud Mountain is a key part of Phoenix Valley. There are formations and arrays all over the place.

“Unless someone is incredibly strong, it’s impossible for anyone to get inside through the barriers. Even if they did force their way inside, there would be alerts. There’s no way I wouldn’t know anything!”

The moment he said that there were curious feelings in everyone’s hearts. However, Harold’s heart felt like it was about to jump up to his throat. If they continued investigating the matter, Harold and Johnson would probably be discovered.

It was not just Harold who thought of that, Johnson next to him was suddenly incredibly anxious as well. The two of them froze as their hearts beat incredibly quickly, they were terrified.

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Harold had found Michael through various connections and a ton of spirit crystals. Only then did Harold manage to sneak inside. If they decided to look into the matter without any concern for the consequences, they would definitely find out about everything. If everything ended up being revealed, then Harold and Johnson would have nowhere to run.

With Elder Eliot's personality, he would investigate everything thoroughly after he returned to Phoenix Valley. After all, Holy Cloud Mountain was incredibly important to Phoenix Valley.

If anything happened to Holy Cloud Mountain, it would directly impact Phoenix Valley at a time when things had not been peaceful either.

The Middle Province Alchemist Alliance was being targeted, and even got into conflict with someone. At a key time like this, no one would be able to stomach if there was a leak in Holy Cloud Mountain!

"I remember now!" White suddenly shouted out with widened eyes.

Everyone immediately got quiet at his words. White pointed at Michael's corpse and said, "He's Michael, an inner disciple. I've seen him on the other side before."

The 'other side' that Michael was referring to was where the martial artists gathered. When Elder Eliot heard that he immediately said, "He's an inner disciple of Phoenix Valley?"

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White nodded, "Back when I helped an elder to send something to the martial artist's section, I met him. I knew his name was Michael because he had been helping the stewards manage the martial arts manuals that day. I handed it to him and remembered his name then."

Elder Eliot frowned before he asked, "Are you sure that person is Michael?"

White nodded as he answered seriously, "I'm sure he's Michael! The first time I saw the corpse, I didn't take a good look because the face looked too horrendous. That's why I couldn't tell at first, but now that I've had the chance to take a good look, I'm sure it's him!"

After that, White swore on his name, and Elder Eliot hurriedly waved at him, "Since you're sure who he is, then it'll be much easier to investigate in the future."

The sudden incident really surprised everyone. No one expected that an inner disciple would suddenly pop out in Holy Cloud Mountain. After all, inner disciples did not have the right to enter Holy Cloud Mountain.

Elder Eliot's face was incredibly dark at that moment. He stared at the corpse on the floor, not uttering a word for a long time. It was hard to tell what was on his mind. The ones standing behind him were quiet initially, but slowly lost control of themselves.

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"Why is there an inner disciple in Holy Cloud Mountain? Holy Cloud Mountain belongs solely to us alchemists, so why is he here? Could he be here to steal materials? It's absolutely impossible for him to get through the barrier, just look at his strength..."

After saying that, everyone paused. Even though Michael was already dead, his internal structures were still intact.

Everyone could still see that Michael was in the spring solidifying realm.

In truth, the moment they found out that Michael was an inner disciple, they were more or less certain that he would be around the spring solidifying realm.

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"Even though he's at the spring solidifying realm and considered quite good among the inner disciples, there's no way he is skillful enough to break through the formations. How did he enter the Holy Cloud Mountain?"

"That's right! How did he enter the Holy Cloud Mountain?"

"I think there's no need to speculate about this. He must have used the transfer array just like we did, but the transfer array is being guarded all the time. Unless one of the guards did something and helped him get transferred here, there's no way he could get here on his own.

"Even stranger is the fact that Michael is

already dead. That person who could kill Michael must not be weak. He might be hidden around us at this very moment..." Those words served as a reminder for everyone.

No matter how Michael entered Holy Cloud Mountain, he was only a corpse at that moment. For someone to be able to kill Michael was definitely stronger than Michael

was. That person was definitely at least at the middle or late stage of the spring solidifying realm.

They might even be a warrior that was already in the divine solidifying realm. To those alchemists, that was an existence that could not be touched at all. If that person had anything against them, no one present would be able to stand up to the person.

Even Elder Eliot was only at the middle stage of the spring solidifying realm and since he put all his focus on alchemy, his combat abilities were only barely at the initial stage of the spring solidifying realm.

“What do we do?! Should we bring the corpse with us and leave right now? I keep feeling like someone is staring at us...”

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Everyone started to feel like there was possibly another incredibly strong martial artist nearby. They started to get unsettled, and some of them were even already starting to try and squeeze into the center.

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No one knew what the person who killed Michael had in mind. Could the person just be a crazed killer? Could the person decide to make a move against the alchemists?

Elder Eliot might be stronger than the rest of them, but he was not all that strong. Elder Eliot would probably only be able to fight on an even footing against Michael. Even Michael died in such a pitiful manner. Elder Eliot would definitely not be able to gain much of an advantage against the person who killed Michael.

That meant that the rest of them were definitely in incredible danger. With that in mind, someone immediately rushed forward and saluted Elder Eliot.

“Elder Eliot, let’s not remain here any longer. The three-day period is already at its end, and we were supposed to be transferred back anyway. Let’s ensure our own safety before we look into this matter further.”

Elder Eliot took a deep breath. He had realized the severity of the matter as well. Even though he managed to compose himself and not show too much emotion on his face, his inner heart was in great turmoil.

They could not afford to waste any more time. He furrowed his eyebrows and turned around to face everyone, “You’re all right. Everyone is still in danger at the moment. Bring the corpse, we’ll all leave this place immediately.”

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Everyone let out a sigh of relief at those words except for a select few. The select few were Jackie, Harold, and the others.

Jackie and Rudy stood behind everyone with very curious expressions. They were more familiar with the details of the incident than anyone else. The so-called hidden expert was Jackie himself.

The two of them were naturally not afraid of some hidden killer that might pop out and kill everyone. At that moment, Jackie was looking right at Harold.

Harold's mental state was already on the brink of collapse at that moment. His whole body shuddered as cold sweat broke out on his forehead. Jackie could easily guess what he was feeling at that moment.

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Rudy stopped himself from laughing as he stood quietly behind Jackie, not saying anything. Harold turned around to look at Johnson next to him.

Johnson had a look of hopelessness at that moment as he had already realized how severe the issue was at that moment. Harold reached out to grab Johnson's arm.

"Before the matter reaches its end, we can't afford to lose hope. There are so many questions surrounding this issue. As long as we can remain calm and bide our time, we might be able to clear ourselves of any suspicions and rid ourselves of this matter."

Johnson abruptly turned around to look at Harold. At that moment, he no longer knew what to say. He finally spoke after a long time, "How would we do that? As long as they investigate things, they'll definitely find out about the two of us!"

Harold took a deep breath as he looked at Johnson with a resolved expression. He might be incredibly emotional at that moment, but he still managed to keep his voice down and hide his words from everyone else.

"We're still not sure who killed Michael yet. The only thing we know is that Jackie wasn't the one who killed Michael, and it definitely wasn't us."

"There has to be someone else hiding here. We can use that to craft a story. We'll then be able to paint ourselves as the victims as well. Then, we'd be able to shed any responsibilities on this matter."

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Harold's plan really did feel very feasible. In Harold's eyes, the person who killed Michael was no simple man. There was no way to find out why the person had killed Michael as well.

The two of them could use that point to craft a story that would frame themselves as victims. Even if they would not be able to escape punishment, it would at least allow them to shred the harshest punishments.

After all, if the higher-ups knew what they had done, being sentenced to death on the spot was a possibility.

Johnson nodded his head vigorously and replied, "You're right, we have to act accordingly in such a time. The person who killed Michael must be our lifeline to escape punishment. We have to hold on to him. tightly."

As the two mumbled to each other, Elder Eliot had already brought everyone back. The two of them acted like nothing had happened as they followed behind Elder Eliot, heading into the transfer array with the group.

Their expressions might be calm on the surface, but their emotions were completely twisted inside. They were on the verge of breaking down at any moment.

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Elder Eliot seemed to be worried that something else would happen. When everyone was being transferred back from Holy Cloud Mountain, his expression was strangely nervous. When the last person was moved out of Holy Cloud Mountain, Elder Eliot was finally able to breathe a sigh of relief.

Jackie and Rudy were the final batches to be sent back to Phoenix Valley coincidentally in the same batch as Harold and Johnson. When everyone was sent back to Phoenix Valley, they had concerned looks on their faces.

Many of them immediately wanted to find out what exactly had happened, but Elder Eliot had thoughtfully said to everyone before they transferred away, "Alright, hurry up and go back. All of you must be tired after these three days. Those who want to get spirit crystals, head to the task hall. Those who want to rest head back to their own places.

"Before the matter is thoroughly investigated, watch your mouths. I don't want this news to spread everywhere, understand?"

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Everyone respectfully answered that they understood, and earned a slight nod from Elder Eliot in return. After leaving, he headed deeper into Phoenix Valley. Everyone knew that Elder Eliot was going to report the piece of news.

Everyone had the urge to gossip, but they also knew that standing around would not get anything accomplished, so all of them ended up dispersing.

In just a short moment, the only ones left at the transfer array were Jackie, Rudy, Harold, and Johnson. With Jackie's temperament, he would normally leave immediately and head back to his own courtyard after such a large-scale event.

However, he was in no hurry to leave at that moment. Instead, he stood behind Harold and quietly looked at Harold, forcing himself to maintain a calm expression.

After everyone had left, Harold abruptly turned over as he looked at Jackie with widened eyes and an accusing expression. Jackie had a cold smirk on his face.

He merely stood on the spot, not revealing anything as he matched Harold's gaze. Jackie's actions caused Harold's temper to flare even more, but Harold could do nothing at that moment. He could not fight Jackie there, nor did he want any other conflicts.

"Do you have something you want to say to me?" Harold said in a cold tone.

Jackie raised an eyebrow as he shook his head lightly, "I stayed behind for my own reasons, but I don't really have anything I want to say to you."

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Those words caused Johnson and Harold's bodies to freeze. Harold could not hold back as he raised his voice, "You know everything!"

Harold was incredibly sure when he said that. If Jackie did not know anything, he would not suddenly decide to stay back, nor would he say those things. It was clear that Jackie knew about everything which explained why Jackie was looking at them with such a cold expression.

Jackie did not hide anything as he nodded, "I do know everything."

Those words caused Harold and Johnson to freeze on the spot again. The two of them had incredibly sour looks on their faces. They looked like someone had just thrown a bucket of cold water at them before throwing them into a freezer.

Jackie knew how Michael died? How could Jackie know? Jackie let out a smile, not saying anything else. After that, he nodded at Rudy behind him before the two of them left the place together.

After all, he had already seen what he wanted to. Jackie had clearly seen how the two of them froze up, but before Jackie could take a few steps away, Johnson's voice was suddenly heard behind him.

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At that moment, Johnson was already on the verge of breaking down. He rushed in front of Jackie as he said, "Don't be so pleased with yourself! Michael's death must have something to do with you. Did you bring someone inside as well?"

"Did you already figure out our plan much earlier? If that's the case, you shouldn't be so pleased. You might end up with worse consequences than us!"

Jackie raised an eyebrow as he turned around, looking at Johnson who was acting crazily. At that moment, Johnson's eyes were filled with veins, he had the look of an absolute madman.

If he did not lack confidence in his own skills, he would have started a fight with Jackie on the spot. Jackie did not seem to react to Johnson's words at all. The less Jackie reacted, the more Johnson lost control of himself.

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He started to shout, "You brought someone in as well. You had that person kill Michael. There's no way things will end up well for you. We might have used our connections to get Michael in, but Michael was the one who died. Our punishment will definitely be lighter than yours!"

Jackie could not stop himself from laughing. Johnson looked like he had definitely been impacted quite a bit by this. Otherwise, he would not have said all of that so dumbly. Johnson's face paled in anger when he saw Jackie laughing at him.

He pointed right at Jackie's face with a finger

that was visibly trembling. Jackie let out a light grunt, not wanting to bother over petty details with the two of them. He did not waste time saying anything else as he brought Rudy away.

The two of them did not speak much after what Jackie did. When they arrived at the courtyard, Jackie pulled Rudy over and gave Rudy a small task.

Rudy nodded earnestly at Jackie's instructions and said, "Don't worry, if I can't even handle something as small as this, then I'd be completely useless!"

Jackie nodded with a small smile. After Rudy left, Jackie returned to his room and made himself some tea as he quietly waited for Rudy's return.

After about four hours, Rudy finally pushed open the door. When he saw Jackie waiting for him, he immediately pulled out a chair and sat down.

"I've already found out everything I should. After all, this matter isn't some big secret anymore."

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Jackie nodded before motioning for Rudy to speak. Jackie had asked Rudy to find out what had happened in the outside world recently.