

The Doctor 1301

Chapter 1301: Unrelated

Seeing that Elder Ouyang was rushing toward her, Chu Liuyue instinctively knew that something was amiss.

As expected, Elder Ouyang just briefly said one sentence after meeting her. "Chu Yue, follow me."

The surrounding crowd was attracted by this sudden scene.

Quite a few people seemed curious and shocked. *Elder Ouyang is an Armory Refinement Master, and he rarely comes out. Why did he suddenly come over to find Chu Yue??*

Chu Liuyue paused. "Elder Ouyang, may I know why you're looking for me?"

Elder Ouyang stared at her, and his gaze became mysterious as if he were wondering if her confused and ignorant expression was real or fake. "You'll know later."

Then, Elder Ouyang turned around to leave.

Chu Liuyue was about to follow him when Luo Shishi couldn't help but stop her from the side. "Chu Yue, this..."

She felt that something was amiss.

Chu Liuyue shook her head. "Don't worry. I'll be right back."

Then, she quickly followed Elder Ouyang and left.

They left the crowd behind exchanging glances.

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Chu Liuyue followed Elder Ouyang to Million Wine Mountain.

Elder Bo Yan was standing with his hands behind his back.

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat.

Recently, Million Wine Mountain had been closed the whole time, so barely anyone came here. Right now, there were only Chu Liuyue and two other people.

"Chu Yue." Elder Bo Yan looked at her and spoke first.

Chu Liuyue immediately went forward. "Elder Bo Yan, why... are you looking for me?"

Elder Bo Yan shot her a sharp gaze as if he wanted to see right through her heart. "What did you promise me before? Hm?"

Chu Liuyue had a face of confusion as if she hadn't figured out what the situation was. "Elder Bo Yan, which... promise are you talking about?"

"Hmph." Elder Bo Yan coldly grunted. "Don't tell me that Million Wine Mountain's situation is unrelated to you!"

This time, Chu Liuyue really didn't know what Elder Bo Yan was referring to. She vaguely guessed that it might be related to Tuan Zi, but she wasn't sure of the details.

Seeing that Chu Liuyue's expression wasn't fake, Elder Bo Yan was hesitant again. *Could this really be unrelated to him? But the fountain only became like this after Chu Yue caused a scene here that day!?*

"I'm a little slow. Elder Bo Yan, kindly explain to me," said Chu Liuyue carefully.

Elder Bo Yan stared at her and didn't speak for quite some time. *The fountain is of great importance. Now that it has suddenly become like this, this news cannot be spread around easily. How could I directly tell Chu Yue about it??*

The two parties fell into a stalemate.

Elder Ouyang couldn't watch from the side any longer, and he couldn't help but say, "Chu Yue, when you were refining the weapon soul, did you notice anything strange?"

Perhaps it's not Chu Yue's fault??

Chu Liuyue shook her head. "At that time, I placed all my attention on it, so I didn't focus on other things."

That's true.

Elder Ouyang and Elder Bo Yan exchanged glances and were increasingly worried.

"Bo Yan, Ouyang, you're looking for me?" Right at this moment, low and forceful laughter broke the calmness here.

It was Shang Yulin. He came with a smile and seemed to be in a very good mood, but after seeing the three of them, he then realized that something was wrong.

Shang Yulin controlled his smile and asked seriously, "What's going on?"

"Ouyang, bring him there," said Elder Bo Yan.

Elder Ouyang nodded and brought Shang Yulin—who had a face filled with confusion—into Million Wine Mountain again.

After the two left, only Elder Bo Yan and Chu Liuyue were left staring at each other.

"Chu Yue, if you tell me honestly now, I can still reduce your punishment," said Elder Bo Yan with a heavy heart.

Chu Liuyue was now even more certain that Million Wine Mountain's fountain was faulty. *However, Tuan Zi isn't exposed yet. If not, Elder Bo Yan wouldn't have to test me so many times. Therefore, I won't relent no matter what.?*

"I really don't understand. Could you... give some hints?"

Elder Bo Yan was so angry that his heart clenched up. He finally could tell that Chu Yue wouldn't fall for his trick! *Even though the kid is just sixteen years old and seems rather harmless, he is very mature and*

experienced, not allowing others to see through him! After all, Rong Xiu brought him out, and he is really as much of a headache as he is!?

Elder Bo Yan's expression became dangerous. "That day at Million Wine Mountain, only the three of you were present. This matter will definitely be related to one of you. Who do you think it is out of the three of you?"

Chu Liuyue looked down slightly and smiled bitterly. "I don't even know what's happening now, so how can I admit to it? Are you sure that it's me?"

Of course!? Elder Bo Yan's expression was extremely clear. *?Ouyang and Shang Yulin both know how important the fountain is, so they definitely wouldn't cause any trouble. The only possibility would be Chu Yue, right?!?*

"Everything will be clear when they come."

Chu Liuyue glanced up at the mountain. They were separated by a barrier, and she couldn't see anything, but she faintly felt that Tuan Zi's condition wasn't bad.

After a human made an agreement with a fiend, they would have a miraculous connection with each other.

After Tuan Zi was left there, it seemed to be in a stable and calm state. This was one of the reasons that allowed her to feel slightly more at ease.

Considering the time, Tuan Zi has been inside longer than the one month stipulated by the legendary three-eyed eagle. I wonder when it can come out...?

"Bo Yan." After a while, Elder Ouyang and Shang Yuling came back.

Elder Bo Yan looked over and realized that Elder Ouyang's expression was rather strange. He frowned. "What's the matter? Did you discover something?"

Elder Ouyang glanced at Chu Liuyue.

Elder Bo Yan boomed, "Chu Yue, are you still not going to admit it at this point?"

Before Chu Liuyue could speak, she heard Elder Ouyang hurriedly say from the side, "You can't blame Chu Yue for this."

"What?" Shock flashed across Elder Bo Yan's face.

Afraid that he would misunderstand, Elder Ouyang hurriedly explained, "It's... back!"

Back?? Elder Bo Yan was dazed for a moment and instantly understood what he meant.

"You'll know when you go and see it!" In front of Chu Liuyue, Elder Ouyang couldn't be too direct. *?How should I explain that the fountain was still dried up when Bo Yan and I went up an hour ago? In the end, when Shang Yulin and I went over, we saw that the fountain was as good as before!?*

Hearing him say this, Elder Bo Yan walked up the mountain in disbelief. He came back in no time, and his expression couldn't be described.

Shang Yulin couldn't help but laugh and say, "Hehe, it's clearly fine. Why are you so nervous? You called Chu Yue over before you've even checked it properly. See how much you scared the kid!"

Ever since Chu Liuyue let him see the Chi Xiao Sword, Shang Yulin's attitude toward Chu Liuyue was better than best. At this point, he directly stood up and put in a good word for him.

Elder Bo Yan and Elder Ouyang exchanged glances and were extremely confused. *Could it... really be unrelated to him??*

"Forget it. Go back then."

Chu Liuyue heaved a sigh of relief in her heart.

Chapter 1302: Drunk

"Then, I'll go back first." Chu Liuyue respectfully bowed and bade them farewell. She didn't turn around the entire way back.

Seeing her gradually departing back view, the remaining three elders had varied expressions.

"Bo Yan, it's not very appropriate for you to do this." Shang Yulin stroked his chin. "What if this child has some trauma after this?"

Elder Bo Yan coldly grunted. "He's not that weak."

"Then, you shouldn't have concluded this without confirming anything first." Shang Yulin looked much more serious.

Elder Bo Yan was dazed for a moment and shook his head. "This matter is indeed my fault."

"Actually, you can't completely blame Bo Yan for this. Yulin, you don't know, but the fountain was completely silent previously. Bo Yan and I observed it for very long before deciding to ask Chu Yue about it. Who would've thought that when you came, it—" Elder Ouyang knitted his brows and couldn't figure it out.

"Perhaps Chu Yue had affected it to some extent when he refined the weapon soul? But at least it's repaired now, so you don't have to worry too much about it."

Even though Shang Yulin hadn't been here in a while, he believed that Ouyang was stating the truth. After much thinking, they cared too much about it and were a little overboard.

Elder Bo Yan stroked his beard and sighed helplessly. "If it isn't because that kid kept causing trouble previously, I wouldn't have—"

Shang Yulin was stumped and felt that it made sense. "Anyway, all the problems have been solved. You don't have to be so nervous anymore. If you're still worried, you can observe it for a few more days."

Elder Bo Yan nodded. "Then, we'll wait until the day we leave for the Flood-Desert Northern Region!"

"You're going too?" Shang Yulin was rather shocked. "You're not staying in the academy?"

Elder Bo Yan had always been in charge of the academy when the director wasn't around. Even if something happened, he would basically send the other elders over.

This time, Elder Bo Yan actually planned on bringing people over personally, which was rather shocking.

“This matter is important, and there are a lot of people going. It’s safer if I go. Besides...” Elder Bo Yan knitted his brows. “I might be able to find the director’s whereabouts if I go this time.”

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Chu Liuyue returned to Qing Ming Square again.

Quite a few people looked over curiously and had varied expressions.

Chu Liuyue seemed calm and ignored all of them as she walked straight back to Luo Shishi and the rest. Then, she realized that the trio’s expressions were amiss.

“What’s going on?” asked Chu Liuyue strangely.

Zhuo Sheng sighed heavily. “I didn’t get selected.”

Luo Yanming said, “Me too.”

Chu Liuyue found it very strange. “...What about Shishi?”

Luo Shishi pressed her lips against each other. “I passed, but...”

But facing such a result, she really couldn’t be happy. They originally decided that the four of them would go together, but it definitely wouldn’t work this time.

Chu Liuyue suddenly realized what had happened. *It’s no wonder the atmosphere around the trio is so sad.*

“Hey! Actually, it’s fine! Previously, I felt that it might be a bit hard for me. There are so many outstanding students in the academy, so it’s normal not to be selected!” Zhuo Sheng was the first to pick himself up. He looked at Chu Liuyue and broke into a smile. “Chu Yue, you must perform well this time! Make me proud! When you come back, I want to take advantage of your spotlight!”

The regret and disappointment were real, but the results were out. There was no use in being sad and depressed about it.

Even though Zhuo Sheng was very loud normally, he had a good point as well—he was light-hearted! After being sad, he could still eat and drink as usual, and he wouldn’t take it to heart.

Such a person would instead live a more comfortable and honest life.

Luo Yanming sighed in his heart. Actually, he still couldn’t get over it, but there was a more important matter that he had to take care of. “Chu Yue, I’ll need to trouble you to take care of Shishi later on. She rarely goes on distant trips and doesn’t know a lot of things. If she causes trouble for you...”

“Definitely,” interrupted Chu Liuyue with a smile. She said seriously, “Shishi is my friend. Of course, I’ll protect her.”

Luo Yanming then felt more at ease.

“I’ll go with you.” At this point, someone suddenly came from the side.

“Fourth Brother?” Luo Shishi, Luo Yanming, and Zhuo Sheng were all surprised to see Luo Yanlin, especially Luo Shishi. She directly took a few steps forward, grabbed his arm, and asked, “Fourth Brother, are you going too?”

I didn't hear him talk about it at all previously!?

Luo Yanlin laughed. “I should be the one asking you this. How long has it been since you arrived at the academy, yet you dare to take such a huge risk? I've already discussed it with my friends. Shishi, you and Chu Yue can just travel with us then.”

Luo Shishi looked at Chu Liuyue to ask for the latter's permission.

Luo Yanlin saw it and felt stifled.

“Thank you then, Senior Brother Luo.” Chu Liuyue smiled and cupped her fists.

Luo Yanlin didn't want to bother with Chu Liuyue anymore, but due to his sister, he could only say, “The academy is planning to leave tomorrow. Go back today and prepare yourselves adequately.”

“Okay.”

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Chu Liuyue went straight back to Jiuheng Peak.

When she reached her room and locked the windows and door, she held her chest with one hand and exhaled deeply. *?Luckily! Luckily, it was just a shock! If I showed any signs of a mistake today, I wouldn't have been able to come back.?*

“You still know how to be scared?” Dugu Mobao's voice suddenly sounded.

Chu Liuyue was taken aback and then realized that Dugu Mobao was already in the room at some point.

He was much stronger than Chu Liuyue, so it was as easy as ABC for him to hide his aura and traces in front of Chu Liuyue.

“Big Baby, you gave me a fright!” Chu Liuyue closed her eyes and comforted her wildly beating heart. Then, she froze in her actions and looked opposite her in half-belief. “You... know about it?”

Dugu Mobao didn't speak and threw something over.

Chu Liuyue instinctively caught it.

Slap!

It was soft to touch and was still wet.

Chu Liuyue focused on it, and the corners of her eyes twitched. “T-Tuan Zi?!”

Who else could the palm-sized ball be if it weren't Tuan Zi?! However, the fiend currently seemed to be asleep as it buried its head in one of its wings, allowing Dugu Mobao to just throw it around casually without showing any signs of waking up.

It was covered in water, and even its feathers were currently stuck close to its body. It seemed... bald.

Of course, there was an even more direct word—ugly.

Other than the bolts of lightning that flashed across Tuan Zi's body from time to time, which made it look extraordinary. Chu Liuyue didn't even want to admit that this was her fiend.

"It was submerged in the fountain for too long. It's drunk," said Dugu Mobao coldly.

Chu Liuyue was speechless.

"Normal people won't get drunk when they drink the fountain water, but it's inevitable for fiends if they drink too much. Not to mention that... it has absorbed so much lightning strength." Dugu Mobao looked up at Chu Liuyue. "Do you know how much lightning strength—which has accumulated in the fountain for so many years—it has used? If I didn't pick it up in time, it would've hibernated there for a long time."

Chapter 1303: Punishment

Every word that Dugu Mobao said caused Chu Liuyue's heart to beat intensely. In the end, her face was slightly hot, and she seemed embarrassed for once.

Tuan Zi in her hands was clearly cold, but it somehow felt like a hot potato at this moment. If it weren't because it was her own fiend that she had an agreement with, Chu Liuyue would almost lose control and pass it up, allowing Dugu Mobao to do whatever he wanted with it.

Suddenly, a bright idea popped up in her mind. "So that means you were the one who helped me... when Elder Bo Yan and the rest called me to go over?"

Dugu Mobao snorted. "I had already instructed you previously not to go to Million Wine Mountain. Did you roll it off like water on a duck's back?"

"Big Baby, I knew you were the best!" However, Chu Liuyue couldn't hold herself back and rushed up to hug him. "It's all thanks to you today! If not, I'd be finished!"

Dugu Mobao's voice sounded from Chu Liuyue's shoulders with much difficulty. He sounded upset yet extremely dangerous. "If you don't let go of me, I'll let you know what it means to be finished."

Chu Liuyue hurriedly let him go. She examined him closely and realized that Dugu Mobao's hair was already messed up and looked like a bird's nest. With his cold and small face that was seething with anger, it was the perfect combination.

Chu Liuyue coughed and carefully stretched out to help him comb and tidy his hair. "Ahem, look, your hair is already messy..."

Dugu Mobao stared at her, and there seemed to be a demonic light glowing in his purple eyes.

Chu Liuyue sensibly retracted her hand and politely explained, "It's all because I couldn't hold Tuan Zi back in time and let it run in. After that, I was busy refining the weapon soul, and I forgot about it. When I recalled it later on, Elder Bo Yan and the rest had already sealed the mountain... If this really can't do, then..."

As if she had made a huge decision, Chu Liuyue placed Tuan Zi on the table and pushed it toward Dugu Mobao. She spoke in a tone like she was withholding the pain of sacrificing her love. “You can punish it however you like!”

Tuan Zi—who was still in a drunken sleep—moved uneasily, as if it knew that it was being heartlessly abandoned.

However, Chu Liuyue couldn’t care about it anymore. With her fingers intertwined, she smiled at Dugu Mobao with a pleading look. “Big Baby, don’t be angry...”

Dugu Mobao turned around. *Every time I see her in this manner, I will very easily become soft-hearted. This time, I definitely can’t do it!?*

After calming down, he said, “There’s something that Bo Yan said was right. If you don’t learn your lesson and continuously cause trouble without fear, you’ll get into big trouble one day.”

Chu Liuyue looked pitiful. “T-then, how do you want to punish me? Play chess with me, or... fight with me?”

When Chu Liuyue said the last few words, the corner of her lips twitched. *That really can’t do...*

Dugu Mobao coldly said, “For the next few days, other than peacefully cultivating here, you’re not allowed to do anything else. I’ll set up a barrier here. You can leave whenever you solve it.”

Chu Liuyue was dazed. “But the academy is going to the Flood-Desert Northern Region tomorrow!”

Dugu Mobao glanced at her coldly. “I told you that you can’t go. There are many students and elders going from the academy. It doesn’t matter if you don’t go.”

Chu Liuyue then realized that Dugu Mobao was serious. *He is really doing it!?*

“But...” Chu Liuyue was conflicted. “I’ve already made an agreement with them previously and passed the test. If I give up now...”

It wasn’t because she wanted to search for some treasure or obtain some precious destined item. She was purely worried.

The real Heavenly Square Cauldron was with her, and some mastermind meticulously planned such a huge scheme. If she didn’t go...

But Dugu Mobao’s attitude was very persistent. He whipped his sleeves, and a gigantic silver Xuan formation suddenly appeared in front and quickly filled the entire room!

Chu Liuyue still wanted to convince him. “Big Baby... If you want to punish me, I’ll accept it. However, can you wait until I return? I—”

“I won’t stop you when you solve this Xuan formation.” Then, Dugu Mobao’s figure instantly disappeared from the room.

Chu Liuyue was speechless.

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After quietly sitting inside the room for a while, Chu Liuyue finally realized what had happened. She glanced at the unconscious Tuan Zi on the table.

At this point, the amount of water on Tuan Zi's body had decreased, but one could still see the silver lightning bolts flashing across.

The pair of playful and mesmerizing eyes were tightly shut, without any signs of waking up.

Chu Liuyue rubbed her brows and found it weird. *?I have known Dugu Mobao for so long. Although he regularly gets angry from my teasing, he won't truly rage most of the time. Even if he is occasionally strict, he will only behave in that manner when he teaches me cultivation. Yet... his reaction was indeed different today.?*

Could it really be because Million Wine Mountain has a grave secret, so he behaved in this manner? But if it really is so, he doesn't need to intervene at all and could allow Elder Bo Yan and the rest to punish me. Now, Dugu Mobao brought Tuan Zi over and erased all the traces, yet he locked me up here...?

Chu Liuyue thought for a while and put Tuan Zi away. Then, she tried to walk out.

Everything was normal when she walked around the room. Then, she pushed open the door and carefully walked forward.

After walking 20 steps, Chu Liuyue felt an invisible force stopping her.

She stopped in her tracks and turned around to look into the room, vaguely seeing a few rays of lights shining on the ground. That was the strength of the Xuan formation he left behind.

Chu Liuyue tried a few times and realized that she really couldn't forcefully barge her way through, so she swiftly gave up.

Returning to the room, she closed the door and windows. She started to study the Xuan formation on the ground with much focus.

Chapter 1304: Signs of Breaking Through

One night quickly passed.

The morning sunlight shone in from the windows.

Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes and lay behind. "Sigh... Big Baby is really determined this time..."

This Xuan formation was by far the most difficult one she had seen, and it was even harder than the one Dugu Mobao had previously left behind. Even now, she had yet to solve that one, so there was no need to mention this one.

Chu Liuyue rubbed her temple. After studying it for an entire night, she didn't make much progress.

She could almost confirm that she couldn't go out today.

A ripple was suddenly heard from her dantian. A thought popped up in Chu Liuyue's mind, and she called Tuan Zi out.

The noise just now had just come from him.

Compared to the previous day, the number of lightning bolts flashing across Tuan Zi's body had reduced by quite a bit. They should've been slowly absorbed by it, but its eyes were still tightly shut.

It didn't show any signs of waking up.

Chu Liuyue picked Tuan Zi up and carefully looked at it.

Yesterday, Tuan Zi was completely drenched, so she couldn't tell. But now, she realized that Tuan Zi's feathers were much darker than before. At first glance, it seemed like a burning ball of fire—intense and fiery.

Chu Liuyue recalled that last time, Tuan Zi had only soaked in the fountain for a while and was unconscious for quite a long time. Therefore, she really didn't know when it would wake up this time.

But by the time it wakes up, it... should be the time when its bloodline power is completely activated, right?? Thinking of this, Chu Liuyue felt more comforted.

"Chu Yue! Chu Yue?" Luo Shishi's voice came from outside.

Chu Liuyue sighed, turned around, and briefly tidied herself up before walking outside. She glanced at Luo Shishi standing outside the barrier.

"Chu Yue, it's time to go. There are many people gathering at Qing Ming Square." Luo Shishi waved toward Chu Liuyue.

Chu Liuyue walked a few steps forward and stood at a safe distance. "Shishi, could you help me take leave? Just say that I'm not feeling well. I'm afraid I can't go this time."

Luo Shishi was taken aback. "Are you sick? Is it very serious? I'll ask an elder to come and take a look!"

Chu Liuyue hurriedly said, "No need; it's an old illness. I've already taken medicine, so I'll be fine after I rest for a while. But with my state... I definitely can't go to the Flood-Desert Northern Region anymore. I'm so sorry."

Luo Shishi saw that Chu Liuyue's face was indeed rather frail and felt worried. But looking at the latter's determined attitude, she agreed. "Then, I'll tell the elder for you. Take good care of yourself. If you really can't hold on anymore, you must find an elder for help."

Chu Liuyue smiled gratefully. "Thank you."

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Chu Liuyue being sick and her sudden departure from the team shocked quite a few people. After all, such a chance was very rare, and it was a real pity to just give up on it.

Even Elder Bo Yan found it rather strange and asked more about Chu Liuyue's condition.

Elder Wan Zheng was very worried and directly went to Jiuheng Peak himself.

Chu Liuyue could only come out and explain again. After much talking, she finally got Elder Wan Zheng to believe that she was fine.

As Elder Wan Zheng had to join the trip to the Flood-Desert Northern Region, he quickly left after confirming that Chu Liuyue was fine.

Chu Liuyue finally had some peace and quiet. Even though she was worried in her heart, the true Heavenly Square Cauldron was with her, which gave her sufficient confidence.

She started to focus on solving the Xuan formation.

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The team that Ling Xiao Academy sent out this time was massive. There were a total of 30 or so elders and about 300 students going to the Flood-Desert Northern Region together.

After those people left, the entire academy became much quieter, but the cultivation atmosphere was even richer than before. Many of the students who failed the selection this time were determined to work hard and become stronger so that they wouldn't miss such a chance again in the future.

Abilities were forever the strongest right to speak!

Everything seemed to be the same as before.

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The days of studying the Xuan formation alone were very dry. If it were someone else, they would find it very hard to bear after a day or two.

However, Chu Liuyue didn't act like this. Her attitude was great because she knew that Dugu Mobao did this mostly for her, so she didn't grumble. She stood rooted to the spot and stared at the Xuan formation, studying it bit by bit.

When she felt tired, she would choose to flip open the Physician Medicinal Guide that Elder Wan Zheng had left behind.

Three days later, as if afraid that she would be bored, Dugu Mobao still threw a puppet over to 'accompany' her.

Mm, beginner stage-nine warrior.

When Chu Liuyue finally could fight with this puppet head-on, Dugu Mobao threw a second one over.

Inside the room, Chu Liuyue sat cross-legged and hugged her arm with one hand while the other held her chin. She looked very serious.

Looking at the complicated Xuan formation on the ground and the two puppets that were about to fight anytime, she fell into deep thought. *Did I offend Big Baby before??*

Five days later, Chu Liuyue dismissed this thought. Even though she didn't solve the Xuan formation Big Baby gave her, she had successfully solved the previous Xuan formation during this process.

Above ninth-grade Xuan Masters were King Xuan Masters!

She faintly had an intuitive feeling that perhaps she would reach a higher stage as a Xuan Master before she broke through to become a Physician or a demigod.

During this period, Tuan Zi didn't make much movement and was still in deep sleep. However, Chu Liuyue could clearly feel the tremendous changes that were taking place in it.

This type of change was silent, as calm as the rain flowing down. But Chu Liuyue understood that this would definitely be a shock to most people one day!

Chapter 1305: Try

The Flood-Desert Northern Region was a dangerous place in the God Residence Realm. Its climate was extreme, and the terribly dangerous conditions caused it to be the place where countless cultivators had died without a trace. Yet, due to the news of the Heavenly Square Cauldron reappearing there, many top-tier aristocratic families in the God Residence Realm had sent people over.

An intense battle was about to begin!

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Compared to the other aristocratic families... Although Ling Xiao Academy didn't have many soldiers who were willing to risk their lives and barge at the forefront to clear the way, they had an extremely good advantage.

Ling Xiao Academy had the only transportation formation in the God Residence Realm that could directly access the Flood-Desert Northern Region.

This transportation formation was personally built by the founder of Ling Xiao Academy, who was also the first director, millions of years ago. But later, as time passed and the Flood-Desert Northern Region became increasingly dangerous, Ling Xiao Academy didn't send anyone over.

This transportation formation also became abandoned. Nobody expected it to be put to good use this time.

Within the transportation formation were many candlelights that were much brighter and bigger than the other transportation formations. The surrounding turbulence couldn't be felt here either, so it was very secure.

Some of the elders were at the front while some of them were at the back, ensuring the students' safety to the greatest extent.

In the beginning, everyone was still rather reserved and nervous, so they were mostly quiet. After a while, everyone gradually relaxed, and the atmosphere became much livelier.

In between, they could still hear some people whispering about something. "This transportation formation is so stable... I have never seen such an amazing transportation formation before..."

"I heard that it was personally built by the first director back then. In the following millions of years, the academy elders will regularly maintain it, so it's naturally incredible!"

"Hiss... How much manpower and resources would be needed for this? It's shocking! I heard that in the entire God Residence Realm, there's only this one transportation formation that is directly connected to the Flood-Desert Northern Region. If other people want to go, they have to transit a couple of times,

eventually needing to go through Red Valley Beach before they can step into the Flood-Desert Northern Region... I've heard that many cultivators had lost their lives there as well!"

"If we really can see the reappearance of the Heavenly Square Cauldron this time, I'll be willing to suffer any hardships! That's... one of the top ten holy weapons!"

"The top ten holy weapons are spread all around the world. To this day, only five of them have clear whereabouts, and all of them are precious treasures that have been passed down in top-tier aristocratic families for thousands of years. Yet, the remaining five ones are nowhere to be found. In the last thousand years, this is the only holy weapon that has resurfaced!"

"The key is that it doesn't have an owner! Sigh, I wonder who will be the eventual winner and obtain this Heavenly Square Cauldron?"

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"Shishi, Shishi?" Luo Yanlin called her twice before Luo Shishi recovered her senses.

"Hm? Fourth Brother, what's the matter?"

"What are you thinking about in a daze?" Luo Yanlin asked with a smile, "Are you thinking about going to the Flood-Desert Northern Region and got too nervous?"

Luo Shishi pouted and shook her head. "No."

Luo Yanlin raised his brows slightly. "You're thinking about Chu Yue?"

Luo Shishi's face immediately flushed red as she hurriedly said, "Fourth Brother, what are you talking about? I'm not—"

Meeting Luo Yanlin's gaze that could seemingly see through everything, Luo Shishi guiltily swallowed her remaining words. After some time, she then softly said, "I-I just feel that it's quite a pity that he couldn't come... After all, this chance is rare, and he passed the test..."

Everything went smoothly, yet he suddenly fell sick on the day itself. He could only give up regretfully, which caused others to find it a pity.

Luo Yanlin sighed in his heart. *?This silly girl clearly likes him, but she doesn't realize it herself.?*

"Don't worry. He's not some idle person. Even if he doesn't come this time, he'll definitely have some other destined item for him in the future," said Luo Yanlin. "Besides, there's still Rong Xiu behind him."

When I have the time, I should go and ask Rong Xiu about Chu Yue's background. If he's decent in all areas, it can be considered...

At this point, Luo Shishi didn't know that Luo Yanlin was planning so far ahead. She nodded and seriously said, "I hope that I can quickly become stronger and get a good ranking on the Qing Yun Ranking one day!"

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At the back of the crowd, Jiang Zhiyuan stood beside Elder Dan Qing quietly and was very out of place with the crowd that was talking happily at the front. The more she heard, the more uncomfortable she felt.

Those people seemed to have completely neglected her and didn't care about her at all.

Jiang Zhiyuan could still endure it for one or two days. But such a long time had passed, and their attitudes toward her became even worse.

This was especially so for Liang Xiaoxiao and the rest. She was clearly so far away from them, yet she could still hear them laughing!

Jiang Zhiyuan thought about how many people wanted to flatter her and suck up to her previously, yet when the situation turned for the worse, there wasn't even a single person willing to talk to her in the end!

If it weren't because she could go to the Flood-Desert Northern Region, she wouldn't have tolerated it and would've left!

Elder Dan Qing took a few glances at her. How could he not know how aggrieved and upset she was? She was still his disciple at the end of the day, so he still felt his heart ache. "Zhiyuan, have you studied and understood the Xuan formation I gave you previously?"

Jiang Zhiyuan hurriedly answered, "I'm almost done with it."

"You can't be almost done. You have to understand it thoroughly!" said Elder Dan Qing with a heavy heart. "You're a warrior and a Xuan Master, and you are very talented in these two areas. If you want to have balanced progress, you must put in more effort than the rest. This is especially so for your cultivation as a Xuan Master. You can't save effort on it at all."

"Thank you for your teachings, Mentor." Jiang Zhiyuan's face flushed red.

During this period of time, she did neglect her cultivation. As she couldn't calm down and focus, she hadn't seen Xuan formations for about a month.

If Elder Dan Qing tested her on the spot, she definitely wouldn't pass it.

"You've always been smart and sensible. I believe you'll understand even if I don't say some things." Elder Dan Qing paused. "I still have great hopes for you! You're already a ninth-grade Xuan Master now. If you can break through earlier, you'll be better than many people. In the academy, or even the entire God Residence Realm, abilities are the most important thing. Do you understand?"

Jiang Zhiyuan looked down slightly and nodded forcefully. "I understand."

"Also, you have been stuck in the demigod stage for a while now. When we're at Flood-Desert Northern Region, try to take the chance to break through!"

Jiang Zhiyuan clenched her fists tightly. "Definitely!"

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Ling Xiao Academy, Jiuheng Peak.

Inside the room, Chu Liuyue sat down cross-legged. She seemed serious, and her expression had a rare few hints of nervousness as she raised her hand and drew something in the air.

It was a small Xuan formation.

If someone were here at this moment, they would realize that the small Xuan formation was extremely similar to the Xuan formation quietly glowing on the ground in the room!

Chu Liuyue was trying to copy this Xuan formation!

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She had tried many times previously, but every attempt had failed. However, she hadn't given up. Even if she was only a little more accurate than the previous attempt, she still wasn't tired.

As she was always in a highly focused state and studying Xuan formations used up a large amount of energy and strength, the current Chu Liuyue was already very exhausted, and her eyes were becoming bloodshot. Yet, the signs and urge of breaking through kept supporting her!

The surroundings were completely quiet, and Chu Liuyue could even clearly hear her heart beating, the sound of the pulse in her ears, and her blood flowing.

Her hands started to tremble slightly. This was because crafting a Xuan formation of this standard was actually a stretch for her at this cultivation level.

The force in her body was crazily used up, and her vision kept turning black as if she was going to faint at the next moment. But she was very determined, and her black, gem-like eyes seemed to have fire burning in them!

Finally, she finished the last stroke with her hand.

The Xuan formation before her was finally complete!

Whir!?

Light ripples spread from her small Xuan formation!

Chu Liuyue's chest was shocked, and the fishy scent of blood filled her mouth.

She forcefully swallowed her blood, rapidly circulated her aura, and urged the movement of her bodily force.

Only half of the Xuan formation was complete. If she wanted to solve the Xuan formation completely, she couldn't make a mistake in the later important steps.

Chu Liuyue gathered her focus and gathered the force in her limbs and bones all in her palms before transferring all of it to the Xuan formation in front.

The light on its surface gradually became brighter, and the ripples became increasingly larger!

But soon, the force in her body rapidly depleted.

As she had kept trying previously, she had already used up a large portion of her strength. Now, she was really at the end of her wits.

Chu Liuyue hesitated for a moment and finally used the holy force contained in the water droplet.

A harsh aura instantly coursed around her body!

Chu Liuyue's palm glowed brightly!

As the holy force kept depleting, the Xuan formation before her had finally expanded to the height of half a person!

This was an octagonal Xuan formation. Rays of lights intersected, and the pattern was complicated.

An average person would probably feel dizzy just looking at it. If they looked at it for too long, they might even faint.

Chu Liuyue held her breath in, stretched out her right hand, and lightly covered the middle of the Xuan formation.

Whir!

At this moment, the brightly glowing Xuan formation seemed to have felt the summoning of a certain force as it slowly rose from the ground! Its light was smooth and bright with great suppression, yet there was a tiny hole in the middle of it.

An idea popped up in Chu Liuyue's mind. *That is the key to solving the Xuan formation!?*

She pushed her palm lightly and pressed the small Xuan formation she copied on the empty spot in that Xuan formation.

Ka!?

The two Xuan formations completely matched!

The next moment, it suddenly disappeared!

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The light gradually faded away.

Chu Liuyue used one hand to support herself with the handle and slowly got up.

Everything in the room had gone back to normal. The Xuan formation that had trapped her for many days disappeared without a trace.

Chu Liuyue stood in the same spot for a while and took out a pill to eat. A gentle and comforting strength then instantly followed her airway and flowed down.

The feeling of her soul flying away from her body was reduced by quite a bit.

She wiped away the bloodstains by the corner of her mouth. Then, she unintentionally looked up and saw herself in the mirror.

Her face was frail, and her lips were pale, but her eyes were sparkling brightly! This proved that she hadn't wasted her time being tortured by Big Baby!

She could no longer remember how many times she had fought with Big Baby on the chessboard. Every time, she would be skinned alive.

Every time she felt that she had improved, Big Baby would raise his skills to an appropriate standard. All in all, she was always restricted.

A long time had passed, and Chu Liuyue had started to get used to it herself.

In the beginning, she still thought that she could be on par with Big Baby one day, but she slowly gave up on this idea. At the very least, it was extremely unrealistic in such a short period of time.

However... She had forgotten one thing—although she currently wasn't as good as Big Baby, her skills had been rapidly improving every day with his guidance!

Compared to the others, this was an absolute existence!

Like now, she had actually silently broken through to become a King Xuan Master!

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Chu Liuyue spent about 15 minutes readjusting her state. When her body recovered slightly, she walked outside.

Without that Xuan formation restraining her, she seemed to be more relaxed.

Chu Liuyue looked in front.

It was currently evening. The sun set in the west, and the red hues filled the sky.

The mountain breeze blew over with slight coldness, which instantly woke her up.

I actually broke through like that...? Chu Liuyue blinked and looked at her hands, feeling rather dazed. A strange emotion overwhelmed her.

"It turns out... I still remember so many Xuan formations..." she whispered softly, her gaze complicated.

The moment she solved the Xuan formation just now, a fifth crack appeared on the black pyramid in her dantian. At the same time, many memories instantly resurfaced in her mind.

In her memories, there was nobody or any scenes but just very intricate Xuan formations and many medicinal formulas.

The Xuan formations and medicinal formulas that had appeared were clearly much better than the ones she had seen previously. In Chu Liuyue's memory, she had never seen them before, but their content clearly appeared in her mind.

From her broken memories, Chu Liuyue seemed to have seen a corner of the past she had forgotten.

Her gaze turned, and she looked at the distant Dong Huang Clock Tower.

Solemn, magnificent, and suppressive.

She recalled the Qing Yun Ranking that floated above the black wall. *It turns out that I was long a King Xuan Master and a Physician. I just don't know... if this is the end.?*

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Medicinal Valley.

Elder Meng Ye was leisurely lying down to rest when his ears suddenly moved, and he opened an eye halfway.

A familiar young man's figure appeared not far away—it was Chu Yue.

"Hm?" He stood up. "Chu Yue, why are you here today? I heard that you weren't feeling well, so you didn't follow Bo Yan and the rest to the Flood-Desert Northern Region. Are you feeling better now?"

Chu Liuyue turned around and smiled brightly at Elder Meng Ye. "Thank you for your concern, Elder Meng Ye. I'm much better."

Elder Meng Ye felt more at ease. He chuckled, waved his fan, and said, "What? The moment your body is a little better, you come to pick herbs?"

Chu Liuyue's gaze flickered. She pressed her lips against each other and smiled as if she were rather embarrassed. "Yeah. Elder Meng Ye, you won't find me annoying, right?"

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"Haha! Why would I?" Elder Meng Ye waved his fan excitedly. "Don't worry. I haven't had the time to give your herbs bill from the previous month to Wan Zheng yet! It's not too late to show him when he comes back! During this period of time, you can take whatever herbs you want!"

After he said that, he smacked his lips, squinted his eyes, and leisurely said, "All these years, he has only accepted you as a disciple. He'll definitely dote on you like the apple of his eye. Hehe, I think he'll want to leave all his good items for you. What does this bit of herbs count for?"

The corner of Chu Liuyue's lips twitched as she faintly heard some hint of gloating over one's misery.

She politely bowed. "Thank you, Elder Meng Ye."

Then, she walked to the side and started picking the herbs seriously.

Elder Meng Ye lay back down. Thinking about Wan Zheng's expression when he saw the bill after coming back, he couldn't help but whistle. *That scene will definitely be amazing!?*

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Actually, Chu Liuyue didn't lack herbs.

When Rong Xiu gave her the Cosmic Ring, it had many herbs inside. Later on, she had also obtained quite a few herbs with different means. After she came to the academy, she had come to Medicinal Valley a few times...

She definitely had enough herbs, but ever since she recalled the Xuan formations and medicinal formulas, Chu Liuyue felt that she was still lacking some. Additionally, she kept flipping through the Physician Medicinal Guide these few days, so she really had to come here and search again.

Very quickly, Chu Liuyue picked quite a few herbs again. Unknowingly, she walked to the edge.

A faint suppression came from the front.

Chu Liuyue stopped in her movements and looked up.

The barrier of Medicinal Valley wasn't far away from her. The sky gradually darkened, and the barrier shone faintly.

Chu Liuyue suddenly felt an urge. *?I want to go in and see the medicinal garden!?*

Ever since she confirmed her identity, this thought had popped up in her mind more than once. But it was too difficult, so she hadn't tried.

On the one hand, the medicinal garden's location was extremely special, so it was impossible to enter without attracting anyone's attention. On the other hand, she kept flouting the rules in the academy. If she got caught again, she would be in a lot of trouble.

However, she couldn't completely suppress such thoughts. As time passed, they became increasingly obvious. This was especially so today—after she broke through to become a King Xuan Master, such thoughts surged to their peak!

Right at this moment, she suddenly felt a gaze land on her back. That was Elder Meng Ye's gaze.

Chu Liuyue silently picked a few herbs from the surroundings and leisurely walked around the area for a while before packing her items and getting the bill.

The strong gaze reduced gradually.

Elder Meng Ye seemed lazy, but he was very meticulous and careful in reality.

The large Medicinal Valley was all in his control. Wanting to do anything under his watch was just courting death.

After Chu Liuyue got the bill for the herbs, she respectfully bade him farewell and left Medicinal Valley.

Looking at her departing back view, Elder Meng Ye used the fan to scratch his chin as he lay back down again.

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When Chu Liuyue returned to Jiuhe Peak, the sky was completely dark. She silently cultivated in her room and adjusted her condition to the best that it could be.

Late at night.

Chu Liuyue opened her eyes, changed into a black robe, and covered herself up tightly. She then glanced outside.

The moon was round and bright, and it reflected the light coolly.

It was so quiet that she could hear the wind passing through the mountains.

She raised her hand.

The light-pink peach blossom gradually bloomed on her wrist. The next moment, her figure disappeared from the room!

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At this point, when the sky was darkest, the entire academy was silent.

Chu Liuyue's figure appeared in a dark corner. The surrounding large trees completely covered her figure.

There was nobody else around.

After staying in the academy for such a long period of time, Chu Liuyue had almost gone to all the places a student could go. She was now already very familiar with the academy's terrain, so she could easily avoid the places where people could easily see her and take a quieter and more deserted pathway.

She surveyed her surroundings. After confirming the direction, she made up her mind and left quickly.

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After a few rounds, Chu Liuyue finally entered the Xuan Master region and came to the bottom of the innermost mountain.

She looked over, and her heart seemed to be hit by something.

It's here, Chu Liuyue said quietly in her heart.

The place that had appeared in her memories countless times and held significant meaning to her—Yu Heng Mountain!

The mountain peak was tall and sharp. One side was a road that led all the way down, and the other was a dangerous cliff.

At first glance, it seemed like someone held a sword and slashed it down from the skies, directly slashing it so that it would end up in this state.

On the cliff was an octagonal pavilion.

Chu Liuyue's breathing stopped. The scene—which had only appeared in her mind previously—was in front of her eyes in this manner.

She clenched her fists and walked forward, but the moment she took a few steps out, she felt a vague yet strong suppression!

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows and then realized that there was also a barrier on the outside of Yu Heng Mountain. And its level was not low.

According to the scene in her memory, opposite Yu Heng Mountain was the medicinal garden with a lake in the middle. It wasn't very possible to go over from Medicinal Valley, so this was the only way. However, she didn't expect there to be a barrier here as well.

Chu Liuyue didn't dare to take action casually, terrified that she would cause some commotion and attract people over. By that time, she really wouldn't be able to explain herself.

But if she gave up right now and turned around to leave, she would be very indignant.

Just when Chu Liuyue was frustrated about what to do, she heard two people talking behind her. "Do you think the elders have reached yet?"

Chu Liuyue was shocked and hurriedly hid behind one of the gigantic stones at the side as she hid her aura at the same time.

"Considering the time, they should be there already. After all, the academy has a transportation formation that can directly bring them there. Isn't it more convenient for them than others?"

The people talking seemed to be two young men, and they should be the academy students. However, Chu Liuyue was unfamiliar with their voices, so she felt that she shouldn't know them.

"That's true. Perhaps they can personally see the Heavenly Square Cauldron appear in a short while... It's a pity that we're not capable enough. We don't even have a chance to go there, sigh!"

"Don't be discouraged. We just need to cultivate diligently. Perhaps we'll have another chance in the future!"

"We can only do that... At the end of the day, it's still because we're not talented enough. Do you think we'll be stronger than we currently are if we have half of Senior Brother Rong Xiu's talent? He actually occupied the entire Yu Heng Mountain!"

Chu Liuyue was suddenly stunned as her body fell forward uncontrollably!

Whir!

Yu Heng Mountain's barrier vibrated intensely.

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The noise caused the speaking duo to be alert immediately! "Who's there?"

Chu Liuyue's heart was as if clutched by something. If they discover me, I can never explain myself clearly!

Not hearing a response, the two students exchanged a glance, their expressions stern.

One of them yelled loudly, "Who is there? You're behaving so sneakily. Come out quickly! If not, don't blame us for being rude!"

Beads of sweat trickled down Chu Liuyue's forehead. She looked at the peach blossom on her wrist. If they come any closer, I can only—

Whoosh!

Suddenly, a sound broke the air.

The person that had first spoken brandished his broadsword! "Come out!"

The other person had already rushed forward.

Chu Liuyue clenched her teeth, circulated her force, and prepared to leave! But at this moment, she suddenly felt that something was wrong behind her.

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She instinctively turned around and widened her eyes in shock instantly. That was because... An opening had actually broken open on Yu Heng Mountain's barrier behind her!

Chu!

That broadsword harshly pierced into the stone in front of Chu Liuyue!

Chu Liuyue made up her mind and directly entered! Her black figure instantly disappeared from the spot.

The next moment after she left, one of the males rushed over and directly looked behind the gigantic stone. The tense expression on his face froze.

The other man had come over by this point and asked, "Who is it?"

The man who first came over furrowed his brows and shook his head at his acquaintance. "Nobody."

"Nobody? How can this be?" The person talking pulled out his dagger and walked toward the gigantic stone to take a look. "I clearly felt that there was someone here earlier and that the barrier had moved, right?"

"But there's really nobody here. I didn't see anyone escape just now either."

"This..."

"Also... the ripples on the barrier have already subsided."

"...What exactly is going on? It can't be that the two of us saw wrongly, right?"

The two of them kept silent for a moment and surveyed their surroundings again, but they still didn't discover anything strange. This made them dispirited, and they slowly started suspecting that they had guessed wrongly.

"Perhaps we really got it wrong... Yu Heng Mountain's barrier is very strong. Normal people can't go in," said one of the men softly and shook his head. "Forget it. Let's just go back!"

After a fruitless search, they left with regrets and confusion.

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Hearing their footsteps going further and further, Chu Liuyue finally heaved a sigh of relief slowly. She then turned around and took a look.

The transparent barrier had already returned to normal, and nobody could tell that someone had passed through it previously.

Chu Liuyue glanced at her body in disbelief. I actually... came in just like that? When I touched that barrier, it didn't have any resistance as it directly opened and let me in... Can the barrier sense my aura and strength?

Chu Liuyue thought for a moment and decided to suppress this matter. She then looked up and surveyed her surroundings.

Very quickly, she found the road to the mountain according to her blurred memory.

She focused her gaze and walked forward.

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Different from many other mountains in the academy, Yu Heng Mountain was the most intricate one. Even though its peak was rather sharp, the intricacy and setup of it seemed like someone had done it meticulously. It looked very impressive and admirable.

There were many different steps that led upward.

Chu Liuyue walked across and kept looking at the scenery on both sides from time to time. The sense of familiarity in her heart grew increasingly stronger.

I did come here before. As Chu Liuyue walked, she tried to recall.

With the actual scenery before her, those originally blurred scenes gradually became clear.

Finally, Chu Liuyue walked to the peak of the mountain.

A traditional octagonal pavilion was standing upright by the cliff. Inside the pavilion was a stone table and two stone chairs.

On the stone table, there was a chessboard and two chess containers, one by each side.

Everything was exactly the same as she remembered.

An emotion that she couldn't precisely pinpoint overwhelmed her heart suddenly.

She walked over step by step and almost instinctively sat down on one of the stone chairs.

The chessboard was as clean as a new one, and the chess container was kept pretty well. Everything seemed as if nobody had left.

Chu Liuyue stretched out her hand as if she wanted to touch it. But halfway through, she hesitated and stopped.

This was probably the feeling of being scared when one was so close to home.

The scene that she had imagined countless times was finally happening, yet she suddenly didn't dare to do anything anymore. It was as if she was afraid that she would be shocked by something.

The mountain wind blew over with a hint of bitter herbal fragrance.

Chu Liuyue looked up.

Under the bright moon, the sky and ground were clear. Below the cliff, the lake was quiet, and there were overlapping mountain peaks on the opposite end.

In between those mountains, there was a unique scenery—it was a medicinal garden.

A barrier covered it, and it couldn't be seen clearly from the outside. One could only faintly see its outline. But even so, it wasn't hard to imagine what kind of magnificent appearance lay within.

Chu Liuyue felt dazed for a moment. This feeling was too familiar and too natural.

There was a moment when she almost thought that she had been here the whole while and had never left.

Every plant, tree, table, and chair was the same as before, without any hint of dust.

Chu Liuyue closed her eyes. After a temporary pause, she finally stood up, went on her toes, and flew forward!

Chapter 1309: Awakening

The night was silent.

Chu Liuyue's figure was like a ghost puppet, and she quickly reached the opposite mountain.

Standing here, she could finally see the appearance of the medicinal garden that was surrounded by the mountains. What she saw made her hold her breath.

She didn't blink at all, terrified that she would miss something.

This medicinal garden was actually a piece of low-lying land in the middle of many mountains. But for some reason, its altitude was higher, and it was basically around the height of the mountains' midpoint.

It was spacious, big, and lively—this was Chu Liuyue's first impression of it.

The mist-like barrier covered it completely.

When she stood on Yu Heng Mountain and looked over, Chu Liuyue could only see a blurred view as it was a distance away. Now that she was standing nearer, it was much clearer.

Chu Liuyue could even faintly see some of the herbs that were planted inside.

At first glance, she realized that the rumors she heard from Zhong Xun weren't false. She could recognize those herbs and knew that they were all very rare and precious.

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Even with the barrier in the middle, Chu Liuyue could still smell the fragrance emitting from within. It was similar to Medicinal Valley but still different.

Medicinal Valley's herbal fragrance was mainly bitter, but the smell in the medicinal garden had a hint of sweetness.

Chu Liuyue suddenly focused her gaze. She looked over and saw many Dancing Lotuses blooming.

They swayed with the wind and looked beautiful.

Doubts flashed across Chu Liuyue's mind. Did I... plant all of these? Even though I like Dancing Lotuses, these things are very troublesome to take care of, and their flowering period is very short. According to my personality, I don't seem like I would have the patience and energy to do such things...

She walked a distance forward and saw two rattan chairs beside the lake.

Chu Liuyue was slightly dazed. One of them should be mine. Then... What about the second one?

Before she could figure it out, a ripple suddenly came from the medicinal garden's barrier.

Chu Liuyue was stunned. This time, I didn't touch that barrier, so why did it suddenly move?

The next moment, she suddenly felt alert and rapidly looked in another direction of the medicinal garden!

Someone opened the barrier and walked in—it seemed like they came from Medicinal Valley.

Chu Liuyue immediately retreated and hid herself. She felt that she should've checked the calendar before coming out today.

She came at this time, yet she met so many people on the way.

She looked at that person and realized that his figure was rather familiar. Upon a closer look, she then realized that it was Elder Meng Ye!

At this point, he held a fan and walked into the medicinal garden bare-footed, with his belly protruding out slightly.

He walked over in a very well-versed manner and stood still before the large patch of herbs. He then pulled up his sleeves and pants.

Chu Liuyue suddenly guessed something, and her heart skipped a beat.

As expected—the next moment, she saw Elder Meng Ye going down personally to tidy the herbs!

Chu Liuyue gasped and watched the scene in disbelief. Elder Meng Ye... is helping me tidy the medicinal garden? Elder Meng Ye is a Xuan Master and also a heavenly doctor, so it is more convenient for him to do such things. And looking at the entire process, it doesn't seem like it is his first time doing it either...

Staring at the bent figure that was seriously picking out the weeds and the dried plants, Chu Liuyue felt very complicated. She never expected to see such a scene when she came today. Elder Meng Ye is not only in charge of Medicinal Valley, but he is also taking care of the medicinal garden? According to what everyone said, 'I' had left for a few years, and even my name had almost become a taboo. I originally thought that I should've been intentionally forgotten. I didn't expect...

"Hu..." Elder Meng Ye finally tidied up that large patch of herbs. He straightened his body, supported his waist, and sighed deeply. "...This girl ran off and is carefree on her own, leaving this mess to me!"

Yet, all the herbs planted here are very precious, and all of them require much care and effort. If it weren't because of that girl, I would be too lazy to deal with this!

Chu Liuyue felt her heart ache.

Elder Meng Ye grumbled for a while longer before walking to another region and repeating what he had done previously.

After doing all of this for another hour, he finally stopped and looked around in satisfaction. Then, he clapped his hands. "Hmph, see if I'll make you pay for the debt you owe me these few years!"

Then, Elder Meng Ye finally turned around and left.

The barrier was closed, and everything went back to normal.

Just when Chu Liuyue was about to go forward, a ripple suddenly came from her dantian. She was shocked and realized that the noise came from Tuan Zi.

And... It was very abnormal!

"It has already started merging the lightning bolts it absorbed and is about to unleash its bloodline power!" The legendary three-eyed eagle's voice sounded in time—it was powerful and calming. "The entire process might cause a huge commotion. It'll be better if you go back as soon as possible!"

Once someone discovered it, Chu Liuyue's whereabouts today would definitely be found out as well.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows and rapidly nodded. "I understand."

She moved back without hesitation.

After taking a few steps back, she couldn't help but turn around to take a look. It was just for a moment; then, she retracted her gaze, moved, and quickly left!

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The commotion coming from Tuan Zi became increasingly bigger. Gradually, even Chu Liuyue had a feeling of not being able to control it.

She returned to Jiuhe Peak at the fastest speed.

The moment she entered the room, she immediately summoned Tuan Zi. "Tuan Zi? Tuan Zi!"

Tuan Zi still had its eyes closed and didn't show any signs of waking up.

"The awakening of bloodline power is a long and complicated process. If it can't wake up in time, it will very possibly be affected by the eruption of the force and—"

Hula!

A gigantic black figure appeared in the room. The legendary three-eyed eagle retracted its wings and stared at Tuan Zi with its sharp eyes. "We must get it to wake up as soon as possible so that it can awaken and control the bloodline power awakening process!"

This short sentence was enough to let Chu Liuyue understand the severity of the situation. She looked at Tuan Zi, and worry flashed across her eyes. "But it hasn't moved much to this point, and I can't wake it up no matter what..."

As she spoke, an even stronger and invisible ripple extended from Tuan Zi's body!

Now, silver lightning bolts were no longer flashing across its body. Tuan Zi curled up into a red, furry ball and lay on the table quietly, looking very obedient.

If it were any other day, Chu Liuyue would be happy to see it like this. But now, she was just extra worried.

"Continue calling it. Before this, I'll use my body to guide the bloodline power that is about to awaken. However... There is a limit to how much I can help. It still needs to do it itself in the end."

Chu Liuyue clenched her teeth. "Okay!"

Chapter 1310: I'll Do It

Time seemed to pass especially slowly.

In the room, Chu Liuyue kept trying to wake Tuan Zi up but to no avail. But as time passed, Tuan Zi's surrounding aura became increasingly stronger.

In the beginning, the legendary three-eyed eagle could still control the force and guide it to enter its body. The force then nourished and refined its body.

But when Tuan Zi's force became increasingly stronger, it started to become hard on the legendary three-eyed eagle. Even though it was also a legendary fiend and its cultivation level wasn't low, awakening bloodline power wasn't something others could intervene in.

Chu Liuyue tried all sorts of methods, yet Tuan Zi still didn't budge. Its tightly shut eyes had no signs of opening.

Rumble!

A ripple started spreading in all directions. It let out a low sound when it struck the barrier Chu Liuyue had previously set up.

The barrier started to shake.

Chu Liuyue rubbed her temples. According to the momentum of Tuan Zi's force increase, my barrier will be broken in another hour.

"This can't go on." Chu Liuyue looked at the legendary three-eyed eagle worriedly. "Is there another way?"

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The legendary three-eyed eagle shook its head. "Only it can successfully solve this problem if it wakes up by itself. Even if others from its clan come, they can't do anything. If we let this force overwhelm its body uncontrollably, I'm afraid..."

It didn't finish its sentence, but Chu Liuyue knew what it meant. After thinking for a while, she suddenly asked, "Can I help it?"

Shock flashed across the legendary three-eyed eagle's eyes. "What?"

Chu Liuyue seriously said, "I'm its owner, and there's an agreement between us. We're tightly connected, and you can almost count it as if we live by the same breath and fate. Can I help Tuan Zi?"

The legendary three-eyed eagle kept silent for a moment. "With your help, it naturally can last for a while longer. However, you can't help it from the roots—

"Then, it's settled." Without waiting for the legendary three-eyed eagle to finish, Chu Liuyue swiftly made a decision. At this time, it will be good if I can help even a little. If it lasts even a second longer, Tuan Zi will have a bit more hope. As long as we can wait until Tuan Zi wakes up, everything else is worth it.

"Are you sure you want to do this?" The legendary three-eyed eagle stared at Chu Liuyue closely, and its eyes were filled with disapproval and warning. "You need to know that the force to awaken the bloodline power of a red-tailed phoenix is very violent and harsh. It's not something humans can endure!"

It was ridiculous that Chu Liuyue planned on using her own physical body to contain it! She didn't even care about her safety at all!

Yet, Chu Liuyue curled her lips and smiled. "Even though I'm just a stage-eight warrior now, my physical strength isn't any weaker than a stage-nine warrior. Besides, if I'm really in danger, I have the skills to protect myself. You know this clearly too, right?"

"But..." The legendary three-eyed eagle still wanted to convince her.

"Besides, the more important thing is that Tuan Zi is my friend, and it's also my family. I can't stand by the side and do nothing—even if I need to pay a painful price for it." Chu Liuyue's words were very light, yet her every word weighed a ton.

There seemed to be something flashing across the legendary three-eyed eagle's eyes.

Rumble!

Chu Liuyue's barrier started to waver.

"I can't hesitate anymore." Chu Liuyue placed her hand on Tuan Zi and slowly closed her eyes. "Let's begin!"

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Morning.

Luo Yanming and Zhuo Sheng arrived at Jiuheng Peak early in the morning.

On the one hand, they wanted to come and check in on Chu Liuyue's 'sickness.' On the other hand, Luo Yanming had always wanted to find a chance to battle with Chu Liuyue using Xuan formations a while ago, but they couldn't find the time. Hence, he decided to come over today and try his luck.

If Chu Liuyue's health was fine, then they could directly start today.

The two of them yelled outside the barrier, yet nobody responded.

"This kid wouldn't still be sleeping, right?" asked Zhuo Sheng doubtfully.

Luo Yanming knitted his brows and raised his voice to shout again.

There was still no response.

"There seems to be something wrong." Luo Yanming furrowed his brows slightly.

It wasn't their first time coming here to call her. Every time, Chu Liuyue could come out very quickly. This was the only time that nobody responded, and her figure couldn't be seen.

"Could he really be in some trouble?" Zhuo Sheng's originally joking expression became more restrained. He took a few steps forward but was quickly shocked and retreated due to the barrier's suppression.

He looked at Luo Yanming with much conflict. "He hasn't gone out recently, right?"

Luo Yanming shook his head. "I saw that he went to Medicinal Valley last night. He should've gone to pick herbs. It's impossible that he hasn't come home the entire night."

The two of them exchanged glances and were worried.

"Could it really be because he's sick?" Zhuo Sheng had a face filled with doubt. "If it isn't anything serious, he wouldn't have given up on a chance to go to the Flood-Desert Northern Region... This can't do. Let's get an elder to come over and take a look at him."

Luo Yanming was still rather uncertain originally. After hearing his friend speak, he felt that it made sense and nodded his head in agreement. "Wait here first; I'll call Mentor over. I think he can go into Jiuheng Peak."

Then, Luo Yanming turned around to leave.

But at this moment, a loud sound came from the inside of Jiuheng Peak!

Rumble!

The two of them were stunned and looked over in unison.

Nothing—nothing at all! That sound seemed to come from the room!

The two of them had more tense expressions. In the beginning, they were just speculating, but now... It seemed like Chu Yue might actually be in trouble!

Without saying anything else, Luo Yanming immediately unleashed his full speed and left.

Zhuo Sheng was left alone as he looked at Jiuheng Peak, filled with worry.

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Within the room.

Chu Liuyue sat down cross-legged, and her eyes were tightly shut. Her face was flushed red, and her brows were slightly knitted as if she were experiencing tremendous pain.

Before her, Tuan Zi lay there quietly without moving.

The color of its feathers gradually seemed to become richer as its surrounding aura kept strengthening. Waves of force spread in all directions!

A portion of this force was swallowed by the legendary three-eyed eagle. The remaining force flowed into Chu Liuyue's body.

Her veins popped up, and all the blood in her body seemed to be boiling!