

The Doctor 1381

Chapter 1381: Enemy Incoming

This spear was directly thrown at the damaged opening above the door by Jin Di. His previous experience had told him that this door wasn't easy to deal with, so to be safe, he still chose a position that was easy to break.

But very quickly, he realized that his thoughts were childish and laughable. That was because the spear was stopped three steps in front of the door due to the strong suppression.

Jin Di's expression changed as he rapidly went forward, grabbed the spear, and thrust it forward!

It didn't move at all. There seemed to be an invisible iron wall in front that easily blocked everything outside.

He had tried his best, but he couldn't even leave a single ripple behind.

It was too laughable.

Jin Di's face flushed red—he was angry. "Cunning!"

He tried twice. After he realized he couldn't make any progress, he swiftly chose to give up and furiously yelled at Elder Hua Feng, "Hua Feng! How does your Ling Xiao Academy teach its students?!"

Elder Hua Feng raised his brows up high, and his expression became strange. He glanced at the door that was still very resilient despite having a hole in it and then gazed at the exasperated Jin Di.

"Jin Di, it seems like it's your problem that you can't go in, right?" He pouted. *He isn't capable enough, yet he wants to push the blame on someone else, and the other party is even a youngster. What is this? He is too shameless.?*

Even though he didn't say his remaining two sentences, Elder Hua Feng's gaze and expression beat all words.

Jin Di widened his round eyes, and there seemed to be two balls of fire intensely burning in them as his chest heaved up and down intensely. "You! Hua Feng, don't go overboard!"

"Are we overboard?" Elder Hua Feng decisively found a rock to lean on and crossed his arms, looking leisurely. "We're not stopping you either. You can just do whatever you want."

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As he spoke, he waved his hands to the crowd at the side as if he felt that it wasn't enough. "Everyone from Ling Xiao Academy, listen up. We'll rest on the spot! If someone wants to barge in, we don't have to care about them. We'll just watch from the side!"

The crowd acknowledged in unison, "Yes!"

Jin Di was so angry that his lungs almost exploded! *Watch on from the side? Isn't this clearly treating me as a joke? Yet, I really can't open that door—even if there is a large hole in it!?*

Humiliated!

Jin Di put away his spear and spat on the ground in hatred.

He didn't turn around to leave and just stood there, staring at the shining barrier tightly. *There... must be a problem here! No matter what, I'm a legitimate legendary warrior. How can I be easily stopped by a stage-nine warrior's barrier?!?*

The surrounding spectators were originally tempted, but after seeing his situation, they all became well-behaved and planned on silently observing the situation.

Hence, due to all sorts of reasons, the area in front of the door quickly fell silent. Other than the rather strange atmosphere, everything else was normal.

Elder Hua Feng coldly snorted and closed his eyes. *Chu Yue is always the one taking advantage of other people. I have never seen anyone taking something from Chu Yue! Wanting to deal with him... is extremely difficult! Look at how ugly Jin Di's previous expression is—how relieving!?*

Thinking of this, Elder Hua Feng felt proud for some reason. *Our Ling Xiao Academy students are indeed extraordinary!?*

“Heh, this Chu Yue is really the best at causing trouble!” At the side, an elder couldn't help but laugh softly.

They never had a good relationship with the Golden Wings Sect, so they were rather happy to see the other party embarrassed.

Shi Rui'er's gaze flickered as she asked rather hesitantly, “Elder Hua Feng, don't you think... Chu Yue is really similar to that person in some aspects?”

Elder Hua Feng's expression became dazed, and he shot that door a complicated gaze.

Behind the shining silver barrier, nobody knew what was going on.

He didn't speak.

If it weren't because of this, why would I intentionally and unknowingly take care of Chu Yue ever since he stepped into the academy? Not to mention that I was dazed for a moment and directly brought Chu Yue to the Flood-Desert Northern Region. Since I knew that this place was dangerous, I should've rejected Chu Yue's request according to his identity. However, I didn't. It is all because of those pair of eyes that look really similar, and—

“That's all in the past.” Elder Hua Feng closed his eyes. “You don't have to talk about it anymore.”

That girl didn't even send us any news in such a long time. Who knows where she has gone wild?! As long as she doesn't come back, we will not speak of her!?

Shi Rui'er was hesitant in her words and finally nodded slightly.

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“Hu...” After blocking everything outside, Chu Liuyue returned to the tomb again.

She stood in the middle, looked at the empty surroundings, and couldn't help but sigh. Then, she lifted up her sleeves and directly kneeled down, kowtowing toward the tombstone's previous location. "Ancestor, I'm in the wrong. Please punish me."

Nobody responded.

Chu Liuyue placed her head on the ground for quite some time before she stood up.

Shangguan Jing seemed to be in a deep sleep and didn't show any signs of waking up. This caused Chu Liuyue to be rather worried and also faintly expectant.

Now, I can basically confirm that this is Ancestor's true tomb. Then, there is a very high chance that Ancestor's last remaining soul portion is hidden here! If I can gather all the portions...? Chu Liuyue thought for a moment and took out that jade pendant.

In the dark space, the jade pendant exuded two balls of faint light as if a stream of water was slowly flowing within. It was a pity it didn't merge in the end.

They were Shangguan Jing's two scarce soul parts. Chu Liuyue had previously gathered them, but she wasn't able to merge them.

I don't know if the last soul part is here...? Chu Liuyue held the jade pendant tightly and knitted her brows slightly. *According to what the legendary three-eyed eagles said, Ancestor used his own strength to battle the nine dragons. Even if they were the dragon clan's worst bloodline, it is still more than enough to deal with humans. Ancestor could beat nine of them alone, and he even used the nine dragon skeletons to suppress his tomb. What kind of strength did he exactly have back then?! .com*

Why did the soul part left in the Tianling God Realm think that he was still a demigod and couldn't break through at all? Besides, Ancestor was so familiar with the Flood-Desert Northern Region. What exactly did he do here back then??

"Ancestor, quickly wake up..." Chu Liuyue closed her eyes, cupped her hands, and prayed silently. *Now, I can only wish for Ancestor to be safe and sound. I don't know... if the tombstone breaking previously will have any effect on him...*

Thinking of this, Chu Liuyue felt guilty. *I hope that tombstone—*

Boom!?

A loud sound suddenly came from above her head! The entire tomb shook intensely!

Chu Liuyue suddenly stood up!

A sinister and cold aura rapidly attacked her!

Her heart skipped a beat. *The incoming person is an enemy!?*

Chapter 1382: Old Acquaintance

The crowd waiting outside was even more shocked than Chu Liuyue. Most of them were deciding between patiently waiting or thinking of a way to barge in.

Actually, everyone was tempted, but the previous few incidents were enough for them to calm down and try their best to find the best solution.

However, nobody expected that someone would rush over, barge in, and be a step ahead of them before they could do anything.

In the sky, a few figures wearing black robes attacked directly below!

Elder Hua Feng went on his toes and rapidly flew up. “Who are you?!”

The other party had roughly about seven or eight people, and all of them covered their faces so that they couldn’t be seen. However, their auras were very strong, and all of them were legendary warriors!

This was especially so for the man at the front. His body was slightly curved like an elder, and his aura was hidden—one couldn’t even discern his cultivation level!

Elder Hua Feng’s heart sank. *“The other party directly rushed over like this. They should’ve long been prepared!?”*

All these people didn’t care about Elder Hua Feng as they kept attacking below. It was as if they wanted to destroy the entire tomb!

Crack!

A large crack appeared on the rock at the top.

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“You—” Elder Hua Feng’s expression changed. Before he could say anything, he suddenly saw a figure rush out from below.

Slim and long with agile movements—it was precisely Chu Liuyue!

Chu Liuyue nodded toward Elder Hua Feng.

The latter hesitated for a moment but still took a few steps back. However, his heart was filled with worry as he stared at the two parties in a stalemate without even blinking.

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Chu Liuyue stood in the air and was opposite the other party. She quickly looked at the other party and realized that she didn’t know them. However, their sinisterly cold aura was rather familiar.

Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes and suddenly smiled. “May I know why all of you respected individuals came here today?”

The elder at the front had an icy and nonchalant voice. “My master wants to see you.”

Chu Liuyue was dazed at first and raised her brows slightly. “Who... is your master? If he wants to see me, he should at least tell me his identity, right?”

“You don’t have the right to ask about this yet.” That elder seemed to look down on Chu Liuyue as he said every single word without allowing her to go against him. “Just follow us over. If not, all the people here will pay the price for your choice.”

This elder’s tone was calm as if he were just narrating something ordinary.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows slightly. *“Ancestor is still in a crucial period. If I leave, I don’t know what will happen later.”*

However, the elder’s second sentence rapidly made Chu Liuyue change her mind. “Don’t worry. An old friend of yours is there too. You haven’t seen him in a long time; it’s time to see him.”

Chu Liuyue clenched her fists tightly. “Who?”

That elder glanced at her with a deep meaning. “Mu Qinghe.”

Immediately, Chu Liuyue said, “I’ll go with you!”

“Chu Yue?!” Elder Hua Feng was taken aback and hurriedly advised her, “Chu Yue, think carefully!”

“With just one look, these people are obviously up to no good. Won’t it be very dangerous to leave with them? It would be hard to even escape by then!”

Chu Liuyue shook her head lightly. “Elder Hua Feng, I must make this trip. Don’t worry; I know what I’m doing.”

Seeing that she had a persistent attitude, Elder Hua Feng opened his mouth and could only shake his head with a sigh in the end. *“Who exactly is that Mu Qinghe? When Chu Yue heard his name, his expression immediately changed. He wanted to leave with them without a care for the danger. If something really happens—?”*

Chu Liuyue looked at that elder. “Let’s go!”

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The few of them surrounded Chu Liuyue and flew toward the Flood-Desert Northern Region’s depths. Their figures quickly disappeared before the crowd.

Only when the crowd was certain that they completely couldn’t see them anymore did they look at Elder Hua Feng and the others with incredulous expressions. “Where are those people from?”

“I can’t tell... but they’re not weak, especially the person talking. I’m afraid not many of us would be his match.”

“But they don’t seem to be from an aristocratic family in the God Residence Realm...”

“Why did they call Chu Yue to go over? And they even said that an old friend wanted to meet her... Who is that Mu Qinghe?”

The crowd partook in heated discussions, and they were all confused.

Shi Rui’er looked at Elder Hua Feng. She couldn’t help but ask softly, “Elder, are we really going to just watch? What if Chu Yue—”

He obviously isn't those people's match! What will happen if something happens to him because he just followed them??

Elder Hua Feng closed his eyes. "Chu Yue... doesn't want us to follow him... He probably has another plan..."

"But his abilities are limited, and he's alone. What other plan can he have?" Shi Rui'er furrowed her brows tightly. "Chu Yue saved me previously, so I'm filled with gratitude toward him and don't want him to be in trouble at all."

Elder Hua Feng was about to say something when he suddenly felt a tingle. He turned his palm and held a green jade plaque—this was Elder Bo Yan's one.

The star on it suddenly exploded into a bright ray of light! A strong summon was coming from within!

Elder Hua Feng was stunned and elated. "Bo Yan is looking for us!"

Upon hearing this, the crowd from Ling Xiao Academy rushed over.

The few elders had very nervous expressions. "Is it true? It won't be another mistake like the previous time, right?"

They had already suffered once!

Elder Hua Feng held the green jade plaque in his hands tightly. "No, it's real this time! Such a signal will only appear if the owner of the green jade plaque is at risk of losing their life. Bo Yan and the others' situation probably isn't optimistic."

Once he said this, the crowd exchanged glances and fell silent.

"Then, we..."

On the one hand, it was Chu Yue. On the other hand, it was Bo Yan and the rest... It was really hard to decide.

Elder Hua Feng clenched his fists tightly. After much thinking, he finally gritted his teeth and made a decision. "Let's find Bo Yan and the rest!"

As for Chu Yue... Since he dares to go, he will definitely have the confidence to come back! Besides, those people that previously appeared are strong. Only by finding the other people from the academy do we have a chance of beating the other party. If we suddenly go over now, we won't help the situation.?

After making the decision, the people from Ling Xiao Academy rapidly gathered together and left without any reluctance.

They left Jin Di and the rest in a confused state. "They just... left? First, Chu Yue was taken away. Next, the people from Ling Xiao Academy quickly left. Do they really not want to continue staying here??"

Jin Di couldn't help but look at the gigantic tomb, and he shockingly discovered that the silver barrier was still there.

He clenched his teeth and looked at the crowd. "Whoever wants to go in, take a step forward! Let's work together! If we find any treasures inside, we'll split them! How does that sound?"

Chapter 1383: Obvious Hint

Quite a few people snorted in their hearts. *?Split evenly? That's nonsense!?*

Everyone present wasn't naive. If they really saw a treasure, how would they obediently wait to split it evenly? At that time, they would definitely fight for it, and it would probably be a situation where only one party could leave!

But... Seeing Chu Yue's previous attitude, there might actually be something inside. We can first work together to break open this barrier.?

"I'll do it!"

"Me too!"

Almost everyone expressed their agreement one after another. Hence, after a short discussion, the crowd present started attacking at the same time! They tried their best to break open that barrier!

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Chu Liuyue, who was far away, turned around to take a look.

Although she couldn't see anything from here, she could still roughly guess the situation of the tomb. She hoped that the barrier Shangguan Jing left behind was strong enough to last for a while...

"It's right inside," said the elder at the front.

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat. She immediately retracted her gaze and looked over.

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It was filled with snow. The crystal and translucent snowflakes gathered together in one thick stack.

At this point, it was the darkest time of night. Hence, the icy snow looked even colder than in the day.

She followed the people in front of her and stood still.

Then, that elder went up alone.

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Chu Liuyue stood behind him and could only see his arms waving around.

Very quickly, thick snow started rapidly melting on the ground. The ground started to reveal itself!

She focused her gaze, and her heart seemed to be clutched by something tightly! It was just one glance, but she saw that there was another compartment below the ground.

As expected, that elder flew down and knocked twice on the ground.

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Following an extremely soft sound, an entrance appeared in the ground! It was pitch black, and one couldn't see anything at all.

It brought with it a hint of coldness that caused one's heart to tremble.

Nobody knew what exactly was beneath the surface.

"Go ahead—" That elder turned around and glanced at Chu Liuyue extremely coldly. "Ms. Shangguan."

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat. As expected... When they said Mu Qinghe's name, I had already guessed that the other party knew my identity. This is also why I chose to come over so swiftly. Not many people know of my double identity at the moment. Even Jiang Zhiyuan is doubtful, but?

she can't confirm it. Yet, these people seem very confident. Also... they clearly seem to know much more than me!?

Without hesitation, Chu Liuyue flew down and walked to that entrance.

She glanced below and saw a cold and dark staircase.

She walked down.

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Thump!

Not long after she went down, the few people sealed the entrance again.

What surprised Chu Liuyue was that they actually didn't follow her down; this caused her heart to sink. This was because it didn't mean that they were less alert if they let her go down. On the contrary... it meant that there was an even stronger existence here. Hence, they could leave so easily and allow her to come in herself!

Isolated, cold, dark, and oppressive.

Only Chu Liuyue's footsteps kept reverberating throughout the entire space.

Very quickly, she saw a person. She was too familiar with that figure.

He was sitting on the ground and leaning against the walls motionlessly. His hands and legs were all cuffed to the square patch of ground.

His clothes were messy and even had some bloodstains. His aura was slightly weak, and he looked very disheveled.

If it weren't for the slight heaving of his chest, Chu Liuyue might think that he was already dead.

"Mu Qinghe." She paused and spoke softly.

Hearing the voice, the man—who had his head down the whole time—finally moved. He looked up hesitantly.

When he saw Chu Liuyue, confusion flashed across his face. But very quickly, he recognized Chu Liuyue's identity.

His white and dried lips trembled slightly as if he had a lot to say. But in the end, he just looked down again. " ...Greetings, Your Highness!"

Chu Liuyue walked down the stairs and stood there for a while, just staring at Mu Qinghe.

If it weren't for his reply, she wouldn't even dare to confirm that the frail, skinny, and disheveled man in front of her was once the arrogant and prideful Mu Qinghe that had followed her for so many years.

For some reason, her heart seemed to be harshly hit by something when she saw this scene, and it ached. She didn't know if it was for him or for herself.

Once, they fought hand in hand in battle. Now, they were almost pointing swords at each other.

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in and surveyed her surroundings. Then, her gaze focused.

There was a gigantic copper mirror in the middle. This copper mirror was very familiar.

She stared at it for a few seconds before a thought flashed across her mind! *This is exactly the same copper mirror as the one I saw in the study of the Beiming Dynasty's Crown Prince!?*

"Shangguan Yue." A low and hoarse voice suddenly sounded from the copper mirror.

Chu Liuyue's gaze flickered, and her lips curled up slightly. "At this point, you're still not willing to reveal yourself?"

The other party chuckled. "It seems like you're very curious about me."

Chu Liuyue's smile was even deeper. "Mu Qinghe... is actually your person, right? If I didn't guess wrongly, Jiang Yucheng seems to have the same identity too?"

"You're as smart as before." The other party actually admitted to it in a straightforward and confident manner. He wasn't afraid that Chu Liuyue would cause any scene. "Smart people only ever make smart choices. I believe... you should also know why I invited you over here."

Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes slightly and raised her brows. "I'm sorry. I don't know; I hope you could enlighten me."

Chapter 1384: Making a Cunning Getaway

"Shangguan Yue, we're all rational people. Why should we beat around the bush? We'll just waste each other's time for nothing." The other party laughed, but he had an unignorable suppression. "You won't really think that you can hide that item perfectly and that nobody will notice, right?"

Chu Liuyue remained silent. She was certain that the other party was also going for the water droplet. However, she didn't know what identity this person had.

Before she came, she kept suspecting that the other party was the person who lived in Shangguan Wan's body. But once the other party spoke, she knew that it wasn't him.

"Honestly, your idea of making a clean getaway by getting rid of your old shell is used extremely well, but you forgot something. As long as that item is still with you, it's impossible nobody will notice it. At the end of the day, you just wasted your time."

Chu Liuyue was suddenly dazed. *“Making a clean getaway by getting rid of my old shell? What does that mean? Is he... talking about me being reborn? But I was clearly harmed by someone back then—*

Suddenly, something flashed across her mind! She instantly turned her head and looked at Mu Qinghe at the side!

Mu Qinghe knelt on the floor with his head lowered, making one unable to see his expression. Only his tightly clenched fists showed that he wasn't as calm as he looked.

Countless scenes flashed before her eyes. *“Back then... My death, what exactly—*

Whoosh!

A long blood-colored whip suddenly flew out of that copper mirror and went straight for Chu Liuyue!

Chu Liuyue immediately moved backward!

But although she was fast, the blood whip was even faster! In the blink of an eye, it had already flown to the front and was closing in on Chu Liuyue's face!

Chu Liuyue raised her hands, and a red fire set up a barrier before her!

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Zz zz!

A pungent smell spread across, causing one to be nauseous.

That blood whip seemed to have touched something scary as it rapidly melted!

“Red-gold heavenly phoenix?!” The voice in the copper mirror suddenly changed its tone, and it was filled with shock and disbelief! Then, that person sneered. *“Hah, I didn't expect that after not seeing you for so long and your force is depleted, you're still as lucky as before!”*

His sentence contained too much information. While Chu Liuyue handled it, she kept thinking in her heart. *“This man... I've seen him before?! Also, it seems like he has long known about the water droplet in my body!?”*

Slap!

Another blood whip attacked her! This time, the force it contained was clearly much stronger than before!

An opening formed on Chu Liuyue's barrier.

That blood whip was extremely agile and cunning as it rapidly stretched in from the opening and harshly struck toward Chu Liuyue!

Chu Liuyue's alarm in her heart rang loudly! *“The other party is definitely stronger than a legendary warrior! If I'm hit, half my life will directly be taken away!?”*

At that moment, Chu Liuyue's body glowed! At the same time, a black shield suddenly appeared in her left hand!

Rumble!

That blood whip harshly hit against the black shield!

Chu Liuyue's blood tumbled, and she suddenly spat out a mouthful of blood!

The terrifying force surrounded her, causing her to fly backward uncontrollably!

Thump!

She harshly fell against the wall behind her and later onto the ground, almost breaking her bones!

The excruciating pain spread throughout her body. Her face instantly flushed white!

Mu Qinghe kneeled on the ground and lowered his head even more. He clenched his fists even tighter.

"It's a real pity that the thing has already recognized you as its master, so I have to put in some effort to take it out..." As the other party spoke, the blood whip changed into a longsword, and it went straight for Chu Liuyue's stomach!

Suddenly, a few ripples appeared on the ground before Chu Liuyue. The blood longsword was silently blocked on the outside!

Chu Liuyue was dazed and looked up. She saw a tall and big figure walking out from within!

He was wearing a black robe today, and he exuded a shocking coldness. He was distinguished from head to toe, looking high and mighty with disregard for anything.

The more stunning thing was that his clothes were already stained by blood. When he moved, there were even a few drops of blood that trickled down. It was as though he had just rushed over from an intense killing.

The intense bloody aura almost made one unable to breathe.

However, Chu Liuyue suddenly calmed down. It was as if with this person around, all the thunderstorms would be blocked outside, and she didn't have to worry at all.

This man raised his hand and clutched the empty air.

Thump!

That harsh-looking blood longsword was actually crushed into pieces and disappeared cleanly!

"Rong Xiu?!" The man in the mirror seemed to be taken aback. "Why are you here?"

Rong Xiu softly laughed. "If she's here, what's so strange about me coming? But it seems like... I disappointed you?"

The other party fell silent for a moment before sneering. "You're even harder to handle than before."

"Your men are too weak," said Rong Xiu nonchalantly.

The other party seemed stumped and couldn't say anything.

Chu Liuyue was about to say something when she suddenly felt a ripple in her dantian.

Crack!

A tiny breaking sound was clearly heard!

Another crack appeared on that black pyramid! Inside, there seemed to be something about to rush out!

Rong Xiu suddenly turned around.

Chu Liuyue raised her head in shock.

The two of them stared at each other.

At that moment, endless longing surged up her heart. They clearly hadn't seen each other for only a short period of time, but Chu Liuyue felt that it had been way too long.

She opened her mouth, and her voice was so soft that it sounded like it would disappear with the wind.
“...Rong Xiu...”

Once she said that, countless scenes popped into her mind!

She closed her eyes and fell toward the ground.

“Yue'er!” Rong Xiu knitted his sharp brows, and his figure flashed. He rapidly rushed over and brought her into his arms!

Chapter 1385: Rong Xiu

Slap!

Behind him, many blood whips attacked them! They were like sharp claws that surrounded Rong Xiu completely!

Rong Xiu hugged Chu Liuyue tightly in his arms and suddenly turned around! Harsh murderous intent flashed across his cold and dark eyes.

There seemed to be golden fire burning within them!

Rumble!

The golden fire formed a barrier that appeared before him! It blocked all the blood whips outside!

The two forces slammed against each other harshly.

Rong Xiu's shoulders sank, and his two feet instantly went half an inch into the ground.

“Rong Xiu, leave her behind, and I'll let you off today.” The cold and sinister voice sounded like a venomous snake slowly circling one's heart, causing one to feel cold from within.

Rong Xiu's thin lips curled up, but his smile was very cold. “It has been so many years, but you haven't changed your habit of daydreaming.”

“Rong Xiu!” This sentence clearly agitated the other party, causing him to be instantly enraged. “Since this is so, don't blame me for being ruthless!”

Once he said this, blood color overwhelmed the copper mirror! An intense bloody aura exuded from within!

Then, a translucent blood-colored figure suddenly formed in midair—it was a middle-aged man with empty eyes. His expression was stiff and listless, like he was a puppet.

He rapidly flew toward Rong Xiu!

Following this, a second figure appeared. It attacked from another direction and surrounded Rong Xiu!

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Rong Xiu narrowed his eyes. *These two people are clearly exalted warriors that are even stronger than legendary warriors!?*

“You’re willing to spend so much.” Rong Xiu raised his sharp brows slightly, and the golden fire burned in his eyes even more intensely.

This special puppet without a physical body or Holy Body was formed secretly by the other party using real cultivators. Once it was summoned, it could only experience one battle before it completely collapsed.

However, this had its advantages as well—this type of special puppet could usually give their all in battles! They could unleash all their strength in one go! This was one of the reasons why they were hard to beat.

“As long as I can make her stay, what does this damage count?” The other party laughed. “I allowed her to escape last time, but... It won’t be so easy now!”

Rong Xiu looked down at the person in his arms.

Chu Liuyue seemed to be completely unconscious as her eyes were tightly shut, and her face was pale. Her dense and long lashes trembled slightly, as if she were trapped in some scary nightmare.

Rong Xiu’s heart seemed to be forcefully squeezed. He hugged her even tighter and carefully raised her head, burying it in his chest.

Confirming that she wouldn’t suddenly wake up and see everything, he looked over.

“Let’s end this quickly,” he lightly said.

If Chu Liuyue could wake up now, she would see that the current Rong Xiu was significantly different from before. His clear and demonic appearance was as calm as water, but it also seemed like it was covered in ice that wouldn’t melt in a thousand years. No matter what happened, nothing could cause his expression to falter.

The most shocking thing was his eyes—one was sparkling gold, and the other was intensely dark.

The golden fire blazed intensely, and the holy light glowed as if it could burn all the stained and dirty items in the world cleanly!

The intensely dark ink seemed cold and distinguished as if it could swallow the entire world whole!

These two intense and contrasting colors appeared on him now, but they didn't seem out of place. Instead, they looked more harmonious than ever.

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"My patience is limited," he said every word carefully.

His cold voice reverberated throughout the space like a judge's ruling!

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"Pfft! What kind of stupid place is this!? We have been busy for so long, but there isn't any sign of it opening!"

In the gully, the crowd gathered around and tried countless times, but that silver barrier still wouldn't budge.

Finally, someone couldn't help but scold, "That Chu Yue is a mere stage-nine warrior, but he can freely come in and out of this place. In contrast, so many of us are working together, but there's no use at all! What the hell!"

Once he said this, the other people present had ugly expressions. *Which one of us doesn't have stronger abilities than Chu Yue? But no matter how hard we try, we can't open the barrier! It's fine if everyone can't go in, yet there was Chu Yue, who could enter and leave as he wished! With such a comparison, who can feel good about it??*

"The people from Ling Xiao Academy are indeed scheming. They left just like that!"

If Hua Feng and the others were still here, they would definitely demand reasoning from them!

Thump!

Jin Di pierced his spear into the ground.

The rock was hard, and it caused his hand to feel numb. This made his originally displeased feeling even worse.

"There must be something wrong with this place! And that Chu Yue—he definitely isn't someone simple!"

To think that I still thought of the other party as an ordinary young man in the beginning... I also didn't care much about him. Now, it seems like I was especially wrong! If he really was normal, he couldn't have possibly stolen that treasure from Jin Lei back then and even caused Jin Lei's death!? Jin Di slapped his forehead loudly. Why did I not think of all of this earlier!??

"I think that we can't go on like this. Why don't we wait for Chu Yue to come back and get him to directly open the barrier? I think... this shouldn't be too difficult for him, right?"

A middle-aged man snorted coldly and seemed displeased. His tone was rather strange. "There are demigods and true gods here, yet we're not as good as a stage-nine warrior. If word goes out, I'm afraid nobody will believe it!"

“Enough! What’s the use of talking about this now? Besides, Chu Yue has already been taken away, and he might not even be able to come back!”

“Oh right, speaking of this, do you know who the group of people that brought him away was?”

The crowd shook their heads and expressed their ignorance.

Jin Di sneered. “I don’t know their backgrounds, but I can tell that the elder at the front... is a true exalted warrior! Don’t forget that the one who wants to see Chu Yue... is his master!”

What kind of person would the master of an exalted warrior be? Casually thinking about it sent chills down one’s spines!

“Whoever is willing to wait, just go ahead!”

Waiting for Chu Yue to come back might even be less hopeful than waiting for him to break through to become an exalted warrior!

This made quite a few people calm down, but the situation in front was a stalemate. They couldn’t open the barrier even if they worked together, and Chu Yue’s return was still a question.

Would they have to waste their time here?!

Jin Di knitted his brows tightly and looked at the door. *What exactly... is inside?!?*

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On the other side, Elder Hua Feng and the rest had left far away!

The sky started to snow again.

The cold winds howled, and every step used up a lot of force.

Everyone silently walked forward.

After some time, Elder Hua Feng looked at the green jade plaque in his hands and finally heaved a sigh of relief. “They’re right in front!”

Chapter 1386: Heart’s Understanding

Hearing this, everyone recovered their senses and were much more energized, as they raised their heads and looked up.

However, the place in front was filled with snow, and it didn’t seem much different from other places.

Elder Hua Feng quickly realized this, and the smile on his face froze momentarily.

He lowered his head to take a look again.

The star on the green jade plaque was indeed nearby. It shouldn’t be wrong this time.

“Elder, if Elder Bo Yan and the rest are really in front, they should’ve detected our arrival by now, right? Why... haven’t they come out yet?”

Shi Rui'er and the rest also followed them over. Although her breathing was slightly weak, she had basically recovered.

"Stay here first. I'll go take a look." As he spoke, Elder Hua Feng went forward first.

Two other elders followed him.

Elder Hua Feng originally wanted to reject them but chose to go forward with them in the end.

After walking for a distance, the trio stood still and stared at the large piece of empty land that suddenly appeared in front of them in shock.

That's right—it was a piece of empty land!

In this piece of land, the accumulated snow melted. There wasn't a single snowflake on the black surface.

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Even the snow falling from the sky seemed to intentionally avoid this area and landed on the side. There seemed to be an invisible barrier which surrounded this piece of land.

"Bo Yan should be here... Why don't I see him?" Elder Hua Feng knitted his brows and softly muttered.

Is it still the same as before—

That's not right!? Suddenly, a thought struck him, and an idea quickly flashed across his mind! "They're below!"

The other two elders—who were initially confused—were taken aback when they heard this. "What?!"

Elder Hua Feng stared at that empty piece of land closely. He could even faintly feel some auras and forces tumbling!

"Elder, what's wrong?" The people behind saw that they were standing there for a long time without moving. Afraid that something had happened, they hurriedly rushed over.

When they saw the scene before their eyes, they lost their voices in unison.

"This..." Shi Rui'er looked at Elder Hua Feng with some uncertainty. "Elder, are Elder Bo Yan and the rest really here?"

Elder Hua Feng took a deep breath in. "I'm afraid... they're below!"

Shi Rui'er's eyes shrunk. "That can't be right? How can there be something below—"

"Hua Feng is right." Elder Dan Qing, who was silent the whole way, suddenly spoke. "When we met with trouble previously, those people did suddenly rush out from below—"

Boom!

The ground suddenly shook violently! Then, countless rays of light intertwined above the originally empty land!

In the blink of an eye, they formed a gigantic Xuan formation!

Countless figures flew out from within! They went straight for Elder Hua Feng and the others!

These people were similar to those that appeared earlier. They were all covered in black robes and had black cloth covering their faces, so one couldn't see what they looked like.

"Those who trespass the prison will die!"

Elder Hua Feng's heart sank.

It seemed like they had found the other party's territory! But at the same time, he also confirmed that Bo Yan and the rest were all locked up below!

"Kill!" Elder Hua Feng waved his hands, and a gigantic Xuan formation rapidly appeared!

The other elders immediately took action!

There weren't many of these people clothed in black—only six of them.

Compared to the tens of people from Ling Xiao Academy and Flying Star Sect, they didn't have the advantage. But the key was that Elder Hua Feng and the others had journeyed for a long time, and they didn't even have much force left, not to mention that many people were injured in between.

On the other hand, although the other party had few people, they were all energized and strong!

In such circumstances, the two parties quickly fell into a stalemate.

But Elder Hua Feng and the rest knew very clearly that this would not do. The longer this dragged on, the more disadvantageous it was for them!

As the crowd gradually went toward the losing end, a deep and loud roar was suddenly heard from the skies!

Roar!?

This voice contained a formidable aura that instantly attracted the crowd's attention!

Everyone looked up.

A totally snow-white figure broke through the clouds! In the blink of an eye, it had already rushed to them from the horizon.

That was a white lion. Its fur was like snow, and its pair of ice-blue eyes were like the best sapphires—cold and mighty!

It looked formidable!

Its surroundings contained stunning coldness. Wherever it went, a long icy bridge would be left behind in midair!

When Elder Hua Feng and the rest saw this, they were shocked and elated. "It's Little Xue Hua!"

Xue Xue's originally ferocious expression almost collapsed. Its paws slipped, and it directly flew toward the men in black.

But luckily, it was mentally much stronger than before, so it quickly collected its feelings and directly struck at the men in black.

A fiend's combat power was much greater than that of humans at the same cultivation level—not to mention Xue Xue, who had just gone through intensified training.

Xue Xue directly slapped one and caused him to fly with its claws. With the whip of its lion head, another one was pushed away.

The sound of bones breaking was especially melodious at this point.

The situation changed instantly!

Shi Rui'er heaved a sigh of relief, and her lips couldn't help but curl up. "It seems like Rong Xiu is here!"

The others had clearly realized this, and they all had more relaxed expressions.

Elder Hua Feng glanced at the two elders at the side. "Stay here and observe first. I'll go over there and solve the Xuan formation!"

"Okay!"

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Underground.

It was an intense battle!

The golden and black fires flew out and formed a figure in front of Rong Xiu respectively.

The apparition looked exactly the same as Rong Xiu.

"Two Holy Bodies?!"

The two Holy Bodies that suddenly appeared clearly caused the man in the mirror to be taken aback. *In the entire world, I have never seen someone who can cultivate two holy bodies at once! How exactly did Rong Xiu do it??*

Before he could think about it properly, the few figures were in a heated battle.

"With the Holy Body out of the way, I want to see if you yourself can stop me!" As he spoke, a few blood whips flew out and went straight for Rong Xiu!

Without the Holy Body protecting him, Rong Xiu is basically weak! As long as I hit him—

Slap!

A gigantic red-gold figure blocked in front of Rong Xiu! It was Tuan Zi!

It spread its wings and almost took up half the space here!

That blood whip flew out and directly crushed one of its wings!

Rumble!

A red-golden fire spread across! The entire space instantly became an ocean of fire!

The stairs started to collapse!

Mu Qinghe was still kneeling on the ground.

When the fire came over, the metal chains on his hands and legs instantly turned burning red! The scorching hot temperature caused his skin near his wrists and ankles to be instantly burned!

Terrifying pain instantly overwhelmed his entire body!

At this point, Rong Xiu glanced over. His fingers moved slightly, and a golden string flew out.

Mu Qinghe looked over and saw this extremely faint golden light flashing before him. As long as he took a step forward, he could break his chains.

He closed his eyes. Due to the pain, the veins on his forehead could be seen.

Then, he took a step back and avoided it.

Chapter 1387: Pity and Cherish

Mu Qinghe fell onto the ground. At this point, he was only an inch away from that golden string. However, he did not move.

The excruciating pain caused him to unwittingly curl his body up.

The scorched smell spread from his body.

The areas near his wrists and ankles were burned till they turned black, and his muscles curled up as they became contorted bit by bit under such a high temperature!

There wasn't even a hint of blood on his face, making him as white as a ghost.

Blood kept seeping out from the corner of his lips.

His surroundings were clearly burning, scorching hot, yet he felt that his body was turning colder inch by inch. Even his skin, muscles, blood, bones... It was like he was falling down a deep abyss.

His consciousness gradually became blurred. His blank mind was only left with a familiar smiling face.

At this point, she was still young, but her distinguished aura was already present. Even if she walked in a bustling street, she was still the most eye-catching one.

Whoever saw her would know that she had a special status.

In comparison, the dirty and skinny him was as lowly as dirt.

When she walked over, the first thought he had was to escape. However, a humble desire emerged in the bottommost part of his heart, which caused him to choose to stay in his spot.

After a long time, he found out the most perfect phrase to describe the situation back then—worlds apart.

“Follow me then!” she tilted her head and said with a smile.

At that time, he knew that this sentence would determine his entire life.

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Mu Qinghe kept trembling, and his head was buried in his arms. It was as if this would make him slightly safer.

His lips moved, yet he felt that there was fire spreading on his tongue

“...Your Highness...” he muttered, and his extremely weak voice disappeared between his lips.

The surrounding fire rapidly surged up and completely swallowed his entire figure!

A faint light quickly flashed across Rong Xiu’s eyes, and he retracted that golden string.

He glanced at the person in his arms. The surroundings were boiling hot, but she didn’t show any signs of waking up.

Rong Xiu hugged her even tighter and rushed toward the exit!

The stairs had already collapsed, but this wasn’t a problem for him.

Behind, the few apparitions were intensely fighting, and the few blood whips had already burned to their ends in the intense fire!

Rong Xiu pushed his palm upward, and an entrance opened above his head!

A ray of light from the sky shone in!

Rong Xiu turned around to take a look before his figure flashed. He completely disappeared from the spot.

“Rong Xiu!” Sounds of anger and indignation reverberated below!

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Rong Xiu came out from below and raised his wrist. The golden fire and black fire rushed out continuously and returned to his body.

Tuan Zi flew over as well.

The cave was charcoal-black, and one could faintly see some sparks.

Rong Xiu raised his hands.

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An extremely complicated Xuan formation instantly flew out and sealed that cave entrance shut! The Sky-Cloud Empire totem faintly appeared.

Very quickly, that sinister, cold, and cunning voice gradually disappeared.

Rong Xiu closed his eyes. *The other party doesn't dare to come out, so I could only do it to this extent at most.*

"...Rong Xiu..." The person in his arms softly called his name.

Rong Xiu immediately looked down and realized that she hadn't woken up. She was just calling him unintentionally.

Rong Xiu brushed away the few strands of loose hair on her face. He then held her face lightly and kissed her brows in a very precious and cherishing manner.

Chu Liuyue's originally slightly knitted brows relaxed.

Rong Xiu carried her up bridal style and was about to go forward when his chest slumped.

Bright red stains flowed out from the corner of his lips.

Chapter 1388: Truth

Rong Xiu paused in his tracks and tried to stabilize the tumbling aura in his body. His expression only became more relaxed when he looked down and saw that Chu Liuyue didn't seem to be affected by this.

After a while, he continued walking forward.

Chu Liuyue lay in his arms, and her expression was quiet as if she were hibernating.

Tuan Zi had already returned to the size of a palm as it lay on her chest and waited quietly.

Everything seemed to have returned to normal.

The bloodstains on Rong Xiu's clothes had long been dried by the fire, leaving behind a large patch of dark red.

His footsteps were light, and wherever he walked past, he didn't leave any traces behind on the ground.

After walking for a distance, Rong Xiu arrived next to a gully. It was one of the nine gullies, and they were at the furthest one.

Rong Xiu carried her and flew down.

The snow didn't continue falling, and the surrounding temperature was higher than outside. On one side of the rock wall, a gigantic dragon head was stuck to it.

Its two eyes were empty holes, and it seemed like it had lost all its soul and consciousness. Only the fresh traces on the rock and the ground showed that this dragon skeleton was still struggling to escape from this place not too long ago.

What a pity... Rong Xiu retracted his gaze and carefully placed Chu Liuyue on a rock. Then, he sat by the side.

He leaned against the large rock and bent his long legs, allowing Chu Liuyue to rest in his arms.

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Glancing at the color of her face, Rong Xiu felt more at ease. Then, he freed his hand and took out a snow-white handkerchief to wipe the blood from the corner of his mouth slowly.

An intense bloody aura floated over.

Rong Xiu knitted his brows, worried that the smell would trigger her. *?I came in too much of a hurry, so I didn't even have the time to change my clothes. But now... I'm definitely not willing to put her aside and change my clothes.?*

He looked down slightly and rested on her shoulders. Closing his pair of charming and mesmerizing phoenix-like eyes, he sniffed gently. *?Fragrant and gentle. Even if she is covered in messy bloodstains, the smell on her body never seems to change, and it is always so rejuvenating.?*

Rong Xiu held Chu Liuyue with one hand while his other hand gently caressed her face with very light motions, like wind brushing past.

Chu Liuyue seemed to be tickled by his actions as she muttered something and struggled toward the outside.

Rong Xiu moved his arms and silently turned her back. This time, he didn't dare to move casually and held her waist with that hand. *?I haven't seen her in a long time, and she seems to be slimmer. I can hold her waist easily. She's so charming when she's sleeping quietly.?*

However, Rong Xiu knew that the inside of her body wasn't calm as it looked on the surface.

His body ached faintly. *?That seal... should be broken soon, right??*

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On the other side, with Xue Xue's help, Elder Hua Feng and the others heaved a sigh of relief.

Of the six people from the other party, Xue Xue had settled half of them on its own. The remaining three also had injuries, so their combat skills greatly declined.

Additionally, with the defense from the other elders, Elder Hua Feng finally had sufficient time.

He stared at the Xuan formation on the ground. It was clearly icy cold weather, but he broke out into a sweat.

His hands kept moving as he adjusted and tried to solve the Xuan formation.

Finally, at one moment, the two Xuan formations merged completely! Following that tiny ripple, Elder Hua Feng's heart beat crazily!

He took a deep breath in and didn't even blink as he tried to turn the Xuan formation around meticulously.

Kada.?

A crack appeared on the Xuan formation!

The Xuan formation was broken!

This sudden movement caused the few men in black to immediately turn around. They looked shocked and enraged.

But when everyone thought that they were going to rush over and stop them, the few people suddenly had a change in gaze, and they rapidly rushed in another direction!

Their movements were very sudden, and the elders couldn't stop them in time.

Xue Xue looked up. It was thinking of something and didn't chase them either.

Very quickly, the few men in black disappeared before the crowd.

Boom!?

A loud sound came from the ground!

Elder Hua Feng couldn't care about those people and hurriedly retracted their gazes.

The Xuan formation on the ground was rapidly disappearing! At the same time, a crack appeared on the ground.

The thick soil started spreading toward both sides, and an entrance slowly appeared before the crowd!

When all movements had stopped on the ground surface, Elder Hua Feng saw the scene before him and couldn't help but gasp. Even if he had made sufficient mental preparations beforehand, he still couldn't conceal his shock when he saw this scene.

A large staircase led down floor by floor. Looking in, it was as black as charcoal, and one couldn't see anything.

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Only the sharp smell of blood emerged from within! It wasn't hard to imagine how downstairs would like

"Are Elder Bo Yan and the rest... just downstairs?" Shi Rui'er walked in closer, and her face was filled with worry.

Elder Hua Feng suppressed his emotions and boomed, "You guys stay outside first. The few of us will go in to take a look."

Elder Dan Qing took a step forward. "I'll go too."

Elder Hua Feng nodded.

Everyone stood at the side and waited patiently.

Elder Dan Qing walked to the edge of the entrance and suddenly turned around to take a look.

Jiang Zhiyuan—who was standing behind the crowd—suddenly felt a chill run down her spine and instinctively looked over. With this look, she coincidentally met with Elder Dan Qing's gaze.

Elder Dan Qing nonchalantly said, "When we find Bo Yan and the others, we should... be able to ask properly what they've experienced during this period."

For some reason, Jiang Zhiyuan suddenly shuddered.

Chapter 1389: Secretly Help

"I hope they're all safe..." Elder Hua Feng didn't notice Elder Dan Qing's strange expression and walked down. When he stepped on the ice-cold stairs, his heart seemed to tremble as well.

Suddenly, footsteps came from below.

Elder Hua Feng's heart tightened, and he immediately became alert! He gathered his force in his palms and was about to take action!

The next moment, a familiar voice sounded. "Hua Feng, it's me."

Although the voice was quite weak, Elder Hua Feng could immediately tell the other party's identity! He was elated and hurriedly looked down. "Bo Yan?! Is that you?!"

The footsteps sounded nearer and nearer—clearly, someone was walking up.

Very quickly, an old yet familiar face appeared before them. It was Elder Bo Yan, who they hadn't seen in a while!

Elder Hua Feng hurriedly walked over and supported him. "Bo Yan, how are you?"

He had known Elder Bo Yan for so many years, but this was the first time he saw the latter in such a frail and weak state.

Walking closer, he then saw that Bo Yan was injured in some areas. Elder Hua Feng's expression changed. "You—"

"Let's not talk about this first. There are quite a few people downstairs; we should talk after we bring them up," said Elder Bo Yan as he waved his hands.

"Huh? Oh, okay! Okay!" Elder Hua Feng reacted very quickly and helped Elder Bo Yan up before he turned around and waved toward the few elders. "You guys, follow me to go down and bring the people up!"

"Yes!" The few of them rushed down quickly with Elder Hua Feng.

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The remaining people surrounded Elder Bo Yan.

Seeing him in such a state, the crowd was shocked and dazed. *In the entire Ling Xiao Academy, Elder Bo Yan is definitely considered one of the top few strongest warriors. What kind of trouble did they meet with that caused him to end up in such a state?*

Yet, Elder Dan Qing heaved a sigh of relief when he saw Bo Yan in this state. *Luckily, he's still alive...*

"Are the others doing okay?"

Elder Bo Yan's expression was solemn as his lips moved. "Seven died, and three of them are academy elders."

When the crowd at the side heard this, they were all taken aback. They didn't know what to say.

Elder Dan Qing fell silent for a moment and shook his head to sigh. "We've all tried our best, and this is already a rather good situation. You don't have to blame yourself too much."

With the situation they previously encountered and being locked up below for such a long time, only seven of them dying was already the best result.

"It's all because I was too impulsive..." Pain flashed across Elder Bo Yan's face. ?I just thought that this was a good opportunity for the students to train, but I neglected the possible dangers that existed here! I'm responsible for every single person's death.?

Elder Dan Qing paused. "Jiang Zhiyuan is there."

As he spoke, he lifted his chin in a certain direction.

Everyone looked over and had various expressions. ?This... There's something wrong! Why did Elder Dan Qing not talk about anyone else and only Jiang Zhiyuan? Hearing this tone, it doesn't sound like something good.?

"What?" Elder Bo Yan was clearly stunned as he turned his gaze and looked over.

With this look, he indeed saw Jiang Zhiyuan, who was standing at the back of the crowd and trying her best to reduce her presence.

Elder Bo Yan knitted his brows and said ambiguously, "She's rather lucky..."

Jiang Zhiyuan lowered her head, and her entire body stiffened, not daring to move.

Elder Dan Qing tugged at the corner of his lips, but there wasn't much smiling intent in his eyes. "Who would say otherwise?"

Elder Bo Yan and the others risked their lives and struggled hard, but seven still died. Jiang Zhiyuan escaped alone and actually... survived. One had to say that sometimes the heavens weren't very wise.

"I've already broken my mentor-disciple relationship with her. As for how she should be handled in the future, it'll be up to you," said Elder Dan Qing.

Elder Bo Yan glanced at him complicatedly. ?Originally, I still thought that Elder Dan Qing would be reluctant. I didn't expect him to be this decisive. But thinking about it, it makes sense. Anyone who has been used by their most trusted and beloved disciple as a shield would have all their feelings toward that person dissipate.?

Besides, for survival, that person chose betrayal without hesitation. It would be weird if a traitor could be forgiven and if everything went back to normal.?

"Got it. We can talk when we go back to the academy." Elder Bo Yan didn't want to waste time and energy on Jiang Zhiyuan. At the very least, the other elders and students' safety were more important at this moment.

Elder Dan Qing lightly nodded. Knowing that there was a decision, he heaved a sigh of relief in his heart.

It was filled with slight despair but felt more like finally freeing himself.

How would Jiang Zhiyuan not understand what this meant? Her legs went weak, and she almost collapsed onto the floor. There seemed to be something ringing continuously in her head.

What to do... What to do?! Elder Bo Yan clearly won't continue letting me stay here! However... Ling Xiao Academy is one of my biggest trump cards. If I am expelled, I will be humiliated in the God Residence Realm. How am I supposed to continue my days ahead?? Jiang Zhiyuan took a deep breath in and tried her best to calm herself down as countless thoughts crazily turned in her mind. *?I must... I must solve this problem! I can't be expelled from Ling Xiao Academy!?*

"Xue Xue is here too?" Elder Bo Yan turned his gaze and saw Xue Xue.

This way of address made Xue Xue feel much better as it proudly held its head up and flew over.

"It's all thanks to it for rushing over in time earlier. If not, we really would've—" Elder Dan Qing sighed.

Elder Bo Yan smiled and asked Xue Xue, "Since you're here, your master should be here too, right?"

As he asked, he looked up and surveyed the surroundings. "Where is he?"

Xue Xue pouted. ?Hmph, where else can he be? He's definitely by her side! Originally, I wanted to follow him, but it is a pity that Master said that the situation here was problematic and insisted on me coming over to help. Pfft! He clearly doesn't want me to see my dear Yue'er!?

Seeing Xue Xue's expression, Elder Bo Yan roughly guessed that Rong Xiu had something on, so he didn't continue asking. He thought that Rong Xiu would come over and meet them after everything was settled.

At this point, Elder Hua Feng and the rest had already slowly brought the people from the jail up.

The students and elders looked disheveled, and they more or less had bloodstains on their bodies.

For those who had rather serious-looking injuries, people quickly came from the side to help them.

Thankfully, most of them luckily survived even though so many of them came. If something happened to them... Ling Xiao Academy would be in big trouble.

"I didn't expect all of you to be able to come back in one piece under such circumstances." Elder Dan Qing couldn't help but say. *?At the start, I really thought that they—*

"Speaking of which..." Elder Bo Yan squinted his eyes as if he were recalling something. "Actually, it is quite strange."

He paused and seemed hesitant. "It seems like... someone is helping us in secret."

Chapter 1390: Return

Elder Hua Feng found it strange. "Who is it?"

Elder Bo Yan shook his head. "I don't know, but... When we met with danger, there seemed to be someone helping us secretly, so we managed to escape the ordeal. If not..."

If not, according to our situation back then, it would be impossible that only seven people died. But from start to end, the other party didn't show themselves, so I cannot guess.

"Even you don't know? That's weird then... Who would help our Ling Xiao Academy and not leave their name behind?" Elder Hua Feng knitted his brows, but they quickly relaxed. He smiled and said, "Forget it! We probably can't figure it out even if we think about it now. Let's go back first! It's always good to have someone help us. If we find out who it is in the future, we'll then thank them properly!"

"En." Elder Bo Yan nodded. As if he suddenly thought of something, he asked, "Oh right, why are you guys here?"

Elder Hua Feng and the others exchanged glances. *As expected... Someone indeed hid behind their backs and did this, so Bo Yan doesn't even know.?*

Elder Hua Feng passed Bo Yan his green jade plaque.

"Isn't this the one I previously lost?" Elder Bo Yan took it and said rather strangely.

"We received news from it, so we came. But after we came, we realized that you didn't send it." Elder Hua Feng had one hand behind his back and thought deeply for a moment. "Even now, we still don't know who the mastermind is... Wan Zheng!"

As he spoke, he saw Elder Wan Zheng coming up from downstairs.

Elder Wan Zheng looked up. As he had suddenly walked out of the dark jail, he wasn't used to the light outside, causing him to squint his eyes.

Seeing that Elder Hua Feng seemed rather nervous, he was a little confused. "What's the matter?"

Elder Hua Feng took a deep breath in and said apologetically, "I... I let you down. I couldn't take good care of Chu Yue for you."

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Elder Wan Zheng suddenly woke up. "What did you say?"

"H-he followed the few of us over at that time... But later on, a group of men in black suddenly appeared and said that their master wanted to see him, so they brought him away. I... The other party had legendary warriors. We couldn't do anything about it, so we could only watch Chu Yue leave with them..."

Elder Wan Zheng's expression changed, and he quickly walked over. "Chu Yue followed you guys here too?!"

Elder Hua Feng pressed his lips against each other tightly, and his throat became dry. *Even though it was Chu Yue who requested it himself, I still hold some responsibility for it. If I had insisted on rejecting at the start, how would—*

Elder Wan Zheng's expression turned pale. *Men in black... Legendary warriors... Aren't they the people that attacked us previously? But...*

“Why did they want to see Chu Yue out of everyone?” *And it is the other party’s master! Even with so many of us around, we didn’t even hear those people talking about their master.?*

Elder Hua Feng closed his eyes. “We... don’t know either. This is my fault. I’ll bear all responsibility for this—”

Elder Wan Zheng held his palm out, indicating that he didn’t need to talk further. He then took a deep breath in and calmed his tumbling emotions with much difficulty.

“Where is he now?” Elder Wan Zheng’s voice was slightly cold.

He spent a lot of energy controlling himself and not raging. This was because he knew that this was definitely not Elder Hua Feng’s fault alone.

But if something really happened to Chu Yue... He didn’t know if he could still be this calm!

Elder Hua Feng clenched his fists tightly, and he was filled with remorse and self-blame. “...Their actions are discreet. We...”

They naturally didn’t know.

If a legendary warrior wanted to take someone away and hide them in this boundless snowy field, it would be as easy as ABC.

The surroundings fell into dead silence.

Everyone knew how much Elder Wan Zheng treasured his disciple. Now that this had happened, how could he not be worried?

“I’ll find him myself!” Elder Wan Zheng said and turned around, wanting to leave.

Elder Bo Yan shook his head. “Wan Zheng, you don’t even know where he is. Where are you going to look for him?”

Elder Wan Zheng stopped in his tracks and clenched his fists tightly. *Then, should I just wait like this? I can’t do it!?*

Elder Bo Yan thought for a moment before saying, “This place is dangerous. We must leave with the remaining students as soon as possible. Even if the Heavenly Square Cauldron appears, we can’t—”

“The news regarding the Heavenly Square Cauldron is fake,” Elder Hua Feng couldn’t help but interrupt.

Then, under the shocked expressions of the crowd, Elder Hua Feng narrated the previous incident once.

“So this news was most likely released on purpose to lure the crowd over. If there’s really a Heavenly Square Cauldron appearing, the legendary three-eyed eagles that live here wouldn’t have used a fake Heavenly Square Cauldron to lie to others. Besides...”

Elder Hua Feng paused and said with some uncertainty, “Besides, judging from the legendary three-eyed eagles’ reactions, that Heavenly Square Cauldron had a master long ago... But I didn’t ask for the specifics. I think Chu Yue would know it better.”

After a temporary silence, Elder Bo Yan laughed bitterly. "I see. Actually, we also felt that something was wrong previously. I didn't expect this to really be the case. It seems like everyone was tricked this time. However... I wonder who the mastermind is as he spent so much effort to lure so many top-tier clans. I wonder what his intentions are."

Can't figure it out. One really couldn't understand.

"I think it'd be better if we don't join this 'commotion.'" Elder Bo Yan thought for a while and raised his head to point at a few people. "Leave some of them behind to search for Chu Yue's whereabouts. The others, follow the main team back—"

"Elder Bo Yan." A young woman's voice suddenly sounded.

Quite a few people looked toward the sound of the voice.

"Luo Shishi?" Elder Bo Yan had a questioning gaze. "What do you want to say?"

They could tell that Luo Shishi was rather nervous and apprehensive. But after taking a deep breath in, she still said determinedly, "Elder, this place is big with not many people, and it's really extremely difficult to find someone here. Why don't I stay behind and search with you?"

As she spoke, she glanced at Luo Yanlin.

Luo Yanlin raised his brows and felt helpless. But she was still his biological sister at the end of the day, so he could only dote on her and spoil her.

He took a step forward. "Shishi is right. Elder, the few of us want to stay and look for Chu Yue together."

It was always better to have more manpower. However, Elder Bo Yan was rather hesitant. "But you guys are injured more or less..."

In such circumstances, it would be better if they returned as soon as possible to treat their wounds. Who knew what would happen if they stayed here?

"Don't worry about this. We know what we're doing." The attitude of Luo Yanlin and the rest seemed rather determined.

Elder Bo Yan was put in a difficult spot. On the one hand, he wanted to find Chu Yue as soon as possible. On the other hand, he didn't want to put the other students in danger any longer.

At this point, Xue Xue—who was extremely bored—suddenly had its eyes light up as it rushed forward!

The crowd instinctively looked over.

A tall man wearing a black robe was walking in this direction. He was holding someone tightly in his arms.

"Rong Xiu!"