

The Doctor 791

Chapter 791: Did You Swap Yue'er's Body?

As if he didn't hear the resentment and murderous intent in the babyish voice, Rong Xiu laughed and nodded. "I pay my respects to you all. It's been a long time since we last met, but you seem to be even more spirited than before."

Whish!

All of a sudden, the sand was swept into the air to form a long sword. It was sent flying in Rong Xiu's direction, aimed straight between his glabella. The scorching air tore open to form a black gash, and bitter coldness swept in.

Rong Xiu calmly looked up, his deep-set eyes as pure and unfathomable as the starry night. A hint of seriousness finally appeared in those cold, lazy eyes as he gripped a silver sword in his hand and swung it down.

Whoosh!

It was a simple move without any superfluousness that gathered a terrifying force and sent it crashing down. Sparks flew as the sword aura tore the air to meet the other sword aura head-on.

Scalding sand flew about in the air as if a hurricane had just swept by, and two ruts instantly formed on the sand surface.

Clank!

Following the crisp colliding sound, the two sword auras burst into countless streams of light as the violent force from the impact spilled everywhere.

Xue Xue immediately hid its head under its paws. The long training at the Red Moon Desert had honed its instinct to hide from the sand and wind. Although it was looking a little dirty, it wanted to salvage as much pride as it could in front of its master. Even though its fur blew about in the air violently, it remained standing strong in the wind—all thanks to the recent training it had undergone.

After a while, the wind slowly died down. Xue Xue reemerged from the sand, shook its body hard, and turned to look at its master.

Rong Xiu—who was standing in the same spot with his feet slightly sunken into the ground by half an inch—tidied his clothes. From how clean and new his clothes still looked and how they didn't have a single grain of sand on them, it was clear that he had no trouble dealing with the earlier attack. Cupping his fist in his hand, he said with a smile, "Thank you for your guidance."

A moment later, the person with the baby voice said, "That explains your arrogance... Your cultivation base has improved by a great deal over the years."

"You're mistaken. How am I arrogant when I don't even dare to offend any of you?" Rong Xiu raised his eyebrows slightly and spoke in a sincere manner.

Dugu Mobao snorted.

Lao Xiao couldn't resist saying, "It doesn't matter whether you're arrogant or not, but the fact that you still look the same... is as annoying as ever!"

He sounded pretty jealous when he said that.

"Lan Xiao, even for once, can you talk about something other than appearances when you meet somebody?" asked Diwu Zhangze.

"No," answered Lan Xiao flatly.

"...Forget the question." Diwu Zhangze felt that he must've been out of his mind to even hope that Lan Xiao could change that habit of his. *Lan Xiao wouldn't be Lan Xiao if he could kick that habit.*

Rong Xiu wasn't bothered or angry at Lan Xiao's remarks. On the contrary, his smile deepened. "Thank you for the compliment."

"It's annoying that there's a man who's even more shameless, narcissistic, and better at talking than me in this world," lamented Lan Xiao. He prided himself on being the best in these aspects, but he would always end up losing to Rong Xiu and thus feeling upset and exasperated as a result.

"How old are you already? Can't you stop it, you sickening pervert?!" said Dugu Mobao. *Is that what's important here?! What's important is Yue'er!*

"Who are you calling old?!" Lan Xiao fumed. "Well, you're not wrong either, considering that you have to grow for another few hundred years in order for you to reach my waist—Ow!"

After letting out that yelp, Lan Xiao kept his silence.

Looking at the void in front of him, Rong Xiu said, "We haven't met in years, but you're not even going to come out to meet me?"

Dugu Mobao snorted. "We'll naturally come out if Yue'er is here, but there's no need for us to meet since you're here alone."

Rong Xiu rubbed his glabella out of helplessness and amusement. *They're still the same as ever...*

"Rong Xiu, you're a smart person, so you should know why we called you here." Dugu Mobao's voice sounded much more serious, and it even carried a hint of coldness. "What happened to... Yue'er?"

The atmosphere turned tense in an instant.

Body stiffening, Xue Xue dared not move the slightest bit. Despite the sweltering heat around it, it felt a bone-chilling coldness coming from all directions at that moment. It looked at its master somewhat worriedly.

Rong Xiu's expression blanched a little. He stayed silent for a long time such that Dugu Mobao and the others thought that he wouldn't answer the question. Finally, he said, "Yue'er and I did make a promise to visit you soon, but a lot of things happened in the last few years. Hence, we weren't able to do so. For that, I seek your kind forgiveness."

Although it sounded like he was talking about some sort of unrelated matter, one could detect the rippling waves of emotions in his seemingly calm voice if they listened carefully. It was as if this moment of peace would shatter at any time.

“What happened afterward? What exactly happened?” asked Lan Xiao anxiously after a moment of silence. *?Seriously, why can't he say everything in one go?*

Rong Xiu paused. “I’m afraid I can’t tell you the details now. It’d be more appropriate if you ask her about it when you see her.”

“Y-you’re not going to make yourself clear?” Lan Xiao asked in surprise.

“It makes no difference hearing the story from you or Yue’er, so can’t you just say it now?” said Diwu Zhangze. *?Those two have such a good relationship with each other that it doesn't matter either way.*

“It’s better for her to explain it to you,” answered Rong Xiu in a tactful but firm manner as he shook his head. *?The implications are huge. Knowing everything now may not be a good thing for them. Besides, there are a lot of things that she herself doesn't know yet...*

From Rong Xiu’s firm attitude, the others knew that they wouldn’t be able to get an answer out of him.

“Fine, have it your way. We’ll be able to meet Yue’er soon anyway. We can ask her about it when we meet her.” Lan Xiao snorted. “Big Baby, stop helping him to tame his fiend! Let Xue Hua go back with him while we stay here and wait for Yue’er to come.”

Xue Xue—who had been forgotten by them—became teary-eyed once more. *?I can finally leave this wretched place?!*

Rong Xiu said earnestly, “Thank you for taking care of Xue Xue, but I’ll be staying here for the time being as well. So... I’d like to leave Xue Xue here to accompany you a little longer. What do you think about it?”

Xue Xue looked at its master incredulously, as if it couldn’t believe the latter had just sold it out right in its presence.

Dugu Mobao, however, said, “Xue Xue can stay. It’s also fine if you don’t want to tell us anything, but I have one last question for you: Did you swap Yue’er’s body?”

Chapter 792: Counterattack!

The outside world was changing, but Chu Liuyue—who was trapped underground—was unaware of this. She didn’t even sense Rong Xiu’s arrival.

In this dark space, Chu Liuyue had already exchanged a few spars with the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed. Things were currently at a stalemate.

As this sticky and heavy space was part of the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed’s God Realm, it could basically control everything in there.

Chu Liuyue, however, found it extremely taxing to even move in here. In order to execute the same skill as she would in the outside world, she would need to use at least two to three times more force than what was normally needed.

Other people would've collapsed by now, but not her. She had too much force stored away in her body. Besides, having reached the intermediate level of her stage five cultivation, her control over force had improved. Hence, she could use it with more ease now.

Gripping the Long Yuan Sword in her hands, she looked at the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed across her and muttered under her breath, "It looks like something has happened outside..."

She was initially at a disadvantage in this duel, but the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed's external layer of frost gradually melted away for some reason. This subtle change caused it to weaken considerably.

Having spent so much time with it, Chu Liuyue naturally became very familiar with everything about it and was thus very sensitive to its changes.

As the crystals around the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed had been completely absorbed by her, its remaining force wasn't enough to sustain itself. Hence, it would intermittently absorb force from the outside world to replenish and grow its own force. Its constant supply of force made it even harder for her to take it down, which was why she hadn't succeeded yet.

However, it no longer absorbed force from the outside world after its layer of frost disappeared. This made Chu Liuyue suspect that something had definitely happened outside. Either way, it was beneficial to her in this situation.

Once again, she raised the Long Yuan Sword and pointed it at the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed. "Do you still refuse to admit defeat?"

As a rich force exploded from the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed, Chu Liuyue sent the sword flying. "Long Yuan Sword!"

The sharp and cold sword glistened as flames of two different colors intertwined on its blade, emitting a terrifying pressure.

Since this place was completely sealed off, Chu Liuyue didn't have any concerns that someone might barge in here. Thus, she revealed her trump card.

The sword could be heard zipping across the air. Flames furiously burned as though there were two giant phantoms surrounding the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed.

The space around the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed began crumbling once more as it swallowed the flames and force in the surroundings and killed them in the spatial turbulence.

That didn't stop Chu Liuyue from pushing the flames forward though.

The Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed had no problems dealing with the flames at first, but it gradually found it harder and harder to do so as time passed.

Those two flames were no ordinary fire—one was formed from the force in the water droplet, while the other came from the Heavenly Square Cauldron. If someone were here right now, their jaw would surely drop at the sight of Chu Liuyue—a fifth-stage warrior—forcing the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed to this stage.

Knowing that things weren't going well, the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed quickly fled upward. Alas, the two flames followed closely behind it and soon surrounded it.

When the Long Yuan Sword's sword aura finally caught up to them, it struck down hard.

Boom!

The two forces collided. Rumbling sounds could be heard as the aftershocks spread in all directions, and a crack formed on the ground.

Chu Liuyue narrowed her eyes at the sight, only to see the faint glow from outside beginning to shake. The God Realm started compressing toward her.

Heavy pressure weighed down on her, making her body ache. The speed at which her internal force flowed began to slow down again.

Chu Liuyue fixed her gaze on the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed in front of her, only to realize with a start that her flames also seemed to be greatly affected and had gotten much smaller than before. *Is this the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed's true power?!*

Just as this thought emerged in her mind, the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed suddenly emitted a glowing light.

"Run, Liuyue!" shouted Shangguan Jing all of a sudden.

Hearing that, Chu Liuyue retreated backward without hesitation and raised her black shield in front of her at the same time.

Rumble!

The successive fierce impacts shattered her hand that was holding onto the black shield. Although the shield managed to block off most of the impact, a small portion of it still reached her. Blood surged up her chest cavity, and her lips turned a little pale.

The Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed is much more powerful than I thought!? Chu Liuyue pursed her lips as she took a quick glance at the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed, which was glowing even more radiantly.

Clearly, it was using the force stored in its own body.

The next moment, the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed flew over toward Chu Liuyue. It seemed to have an invisible barrier around it that blocked the sword aura and the flames outside. Everywhere it went, a black spatial crack was left behind.

Chills ran down Chu Liuyue's back as she racked her brains to think of a countermeasure.

The Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed soon arrived nearby in front of her, but for some reason, she sensed a hint of mockery and anger coming from it.

A blast of cold wind hit her from behind out of the blue.

Shocked, she turned back to take a look, only to see another Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed behind her. It was flying straight toward her dantian. By the looks of things, it intended to steal the force in her body.

Crack!

The pure gold armor suddenly cracked.

Chapter 793: A Shocking Collision

“The Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed has a twin!” exclaimed Shangguan Jing out of shock and fury.

It has a twin? Doesn't that mean there really are two Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds here?!? Appalled, Chu Liuyue turned her head back and saw the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed that she had been fighting with still floating in front of her. It wasn't an illusion! I'm indeed surrounded by two Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds! Although I'm prepared to fight with the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed, I thought I only had to deal with one! It's hard enough to deal with one, let alone two of them!

While Chu Liuyue was in a daze, the two Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds came flying toward her at the same time. The pressure of which made her feel as if her organs were squished together and would burst out from her chest the next moment.

Avoid them... I have to avoid them!? Countless thoughts ran through her mind as she gritted her teeth in determination. She could imagine what would happen to her if she got hit by any of the seeds. However, I can only block the attack of one seed with the black shield. What should I do about the other one?! Even the pure gold armor cracked under its pressure. It was no match for the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed!

A screech was heard right then, followed by a red shadow flashing across her eyes. Tuan Zi stood in front of Chu Liuyue protectively.

“Tuan Zi!” shouted Chu Liuyue. There's no way Tuan Zi can withstand the combined force of two Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds. Not even the pure gold armor managed to do so. Even if Tuan Zi is a legendary fiend now, I can't let it take the risk!

With a flap of Tuan Zi's wings, red flames came sweeping across to form a gigantic barrier in front of itself.

A Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed swiftly flew over, effortlessly shattering the barrier when they collided together.

Boom!

The barrier could be heard cracking.

Being blocked by Tuan Zi, Chu Liuyue couldn't see what was going on at the front, but she heard that loud commotion. Her heart clenched as she hastily tried to summon Tuan Zi back into her body so that it could avoid the attack. “Tuan—”

Tuan Zi stubbornly stood still in front of her. By right, it needed Chu Liuyue's permission for everything it did since it was in a contractual relationship with her. There was no way it could refuse her order if she insisted on summoning it back to her body. But now that it had become a legendary fiend, it had a certain extent of autonomy, which was why it remained protecting Chu Liuyue behind itself.

Everything happened too quickly for any of them to react though.

A dull and short flesh-piercing sound was heard, which made Chu Liuyue's heart drop. She immediately looked up and saw a bloody, fist-sized hole in Tuan Zi's left wing.

The Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed was actually just a small seed that was no more than the size of an adult's knuckle. Its tips were sharp, and its middle was slightly puffy. By right, the hole left behind by something as small as it shouldn't be this big. This only happened because of the seed's overwhelming aura and force.

Blood and flesh splattered everywhere. A few drops of Tuan Zi's warm blood even landed on Chu Liuyue's face, but before she could even react to it, she saw the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds approaching her once more.

Her eyes instantly glowed red.

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'Did you swap Yue'er's body?'

Rong Xiu's eyebrows twitched slightly at that.

It was utterly quiet around them, and all that could be heard was the soft rustling sound of the sand. The sun was scorching hot, and there wasn't a single breeze. The air around them—which seemed to have become sticky and boiling hot—made it difficult for one to even breathe.

Rong Xiu's slight pause felt like an eternity to the trio that was waiting for his answer.

Just as he parted his lips to say something, his expression suddenly changed as he spun around on his feet to face the Mystic Forest. *?Her pure gold armor cracked?!*

"Sorry, something happened at the Mystic Forest. I have to rush over right away!" Rong Xiu said before lifting his foot to make a move.

"Wait!"

Sand flew up and formed a fence in front of Rong Xiu to stop him from leaving.

"What's going on there? Make yourself clear first," said Dugu Mobao. *?Although we spend most of our time in the desert and can only come out once a month on the night of the red moon, we can still somewhat sense the ongoings in Dahuang Swamp. Everything seems fine at the moment, so what made Rong Xiu want to leave all of a sudden?*

Rong Xiu put on the silver mask as he said succinctly, "Her pure gold armor is damaged!"

"What? That's impossible. That thing might be powerful, but it's not at the level where it can damage the pure gold armor!" Dugu Mobao froze for a second before denying it right away. *?We studied that thing before, and it was only after ascertaining that it hadn't grown that we allowed Yue'er to deal with it on her own.*

Rong Xiu's voice was frosty as he said, "I left my mark on the armor, so there's no doubt about this."

The elders began to feel uneasy when they heard how certain Rong Xiu sounded. Diwu Zhangze hurriedly said, "Go! You have to keep her safe!"

Rong Xiu nodded and vanished the next second.

“Follow him, Xue Hua!” added Lan Xiao.

Xue Xue was pretty worried about Chu Liuyue too. Thus, it lifted its paws and took off like a lightning bolt when it heard Lan Xiao’s order.

It was only after the master-fiend duo left that Lan Xiao said, “Seriously, if it weren’t because we’re stuck in this hellhole, such a trivial matter would be nothing to us too! We gave that kid a chance to play hero again!”

“What matters most is Yue’er’s safety. It doesn’t matter who saves her.” Diwu Zhangze snorted, sounding a little angry for once.

“It’s just a casual remark. But Big Baby, weren’t you certain that there wasn’t any problem with that thing? What’s going on now?” asked Lan Xiao, disgruntled.

When Dugu Mobao stayed silent for a long time, Lan Xiao snorted. “If something is really wrong with that thing and Yue’er ends up getting injured...”

Diwu and I won’t even need to do anything. You’ll be eaten up by guilt yourself!? “Let’s see how you explain it to Yue’er!”

After a while, Dugu Mobao slowly but firmly said, “She’ll be fine.”

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Dong!

A crisp and melodious sound reverberated across the dark and cramped space.

Chu Liuyue stared at the square cauldron—which suddenly appeared in front of her—in shock for a long time. Just as she was about to fight back, the Heavenly Square Cauldron came out on its own and blocked the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed’s attack.

The sound from earlier was the result of the collision between the two, and it sent the seed flying backward, much to Chu Liuyue’s surprise.

“This cauldron is so powerful, Liuyue?!” It wasn’t hard to hear the excitement in Shangguan Jing’s voice.

Chu Liuyue sighed in relief. “I didn’t know—”

Her voice faltered when she saw a crystal-white bone slowly floating out of the cauldron. It turned out that the collision had knocked the great phoenix dragon’s skeleton out of it.

Chapter 794: Actually, I have them All

When Chu Liuyue specifically and carefully stored this skeleton in the Heavenly Square Cauldron back then, she was precisely afraid that the great phoenix dragon would chase after her once they discovered its aura.

She didn’t expect that the entire skeleton would get poured out with the collision with the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed.

Chu Liuyue's heart suddenly trembled as she immediately placed the skeleton back.

Boom!

That skeleton floated a few inches above the hole of the cauldron before it was shoved back by Chu Liuyue, producing an impact sound.

Chu Liuyue was stunned as she stared at the Heavenly Square Cauldron closely. This time, that skeleton didn't come out again.

But when she thought of the scene that just happened, Chu Liuyue still felt lingering fear. *At that moment, the skeleton had no coverage at all. Will the great phoenix dragon detect it?*

"Yes." The legendary three-eyed eagle's voice sounded in her heart.

Chu Liuyue was shocked. "Really?"

"The great phoenix dragon is one of the two largest clans with the strongest bloodlines in the world. They have very strong telepathy with their own clan members. Even if they're miles away, they can still detect it without any disruptions." The legendary three-eyed eagle sounded much more solemn. "With the restriction of the Long Yuan Sword and the Heavenly Square Cauldron, this item's aura didn't spread everywhere previously. But just now..."

Chu Liuyue's heart gradually sank. Originally, she still had a tinge of hope, but with the current situation... She was afraid that it was dangerous.

"Then, do we have any other methods?" Chu Liuyue asked with a headache. *Great phoenix dragon... Without thinking, one would know that I can't be the match of such an existence!*

The legendary three-eyed eagle fell silent.

Shangguan Jing suddenly said, "Actually, it's not that there's no other way. If the great phoenix dragon clan comes here, they will definitely want the corpse back. Liuyue, why don't you quickly use this skeleton on the legendary three-eyed eagle so that it can't fight with you anymore?"

Chu Liuyue was dazed. *Ancestor is telling me... to help the legendary three-eyed eagle reconstruct its physical body?*

"This is one method, but I still lack the herbs to reconstruct its physical body, Ancestor..."

Shangguan Jing coughed. "I remember that you already have the purplish-gold Buddha leaf, right? You can do it as long as you have that! As for the rest... the Long Yuan Sword should have them."

"What?" At that moment, Chu Liuyue thought that she was hearing things. "What did you say the Long Yuan Sword has?"

The Tianling Dynasty's ancestor paused, and his voice seemed to float around. "J-just the herbs that can help the legendary fiend reconstruct its physical body... I think there seems to be some left... However, it's mostly because you already have the purplish-gold Buddha leaf. That's the most important thing."

The hilt of the Long Yuan Sword was a gigantic space. The space's interior contained all sorts of treasures and riches that Shangguan Jing took out from the Tianling God Realm.

As there really were too many, even Chu Liuyue didn't completely know what was inside.

Hearing her ancestor say this, she then knew that it even contained all these items!

"Bloody cloud crystal?"

"Yup."

"Ink Yuan bamboo?"

"Yup."

"Spiritual fruit?"

"...I think so."

"..." Chu Liuyue's eyelids harshly twitched.

Shangguan Jing felt guilty and hurriedly explained, "Actually, this matter is a little complicated. I also found it unintentionally back then. Even though I used up some of them, there is still quite a bit left. At the start, I didn't recall this either as there are too many things after all... Ahem, I didn't tell you at first because I wanted to give you more chances to train yourself up first!"

The ancestor genuinely meant this. At the start, he really didn't remember that these things existed. However, he finally recalled them when he saw Chu Liuyue retrieve the purplish-gold Buddha leaf. But Chu Liuyue and the legendary three-eyed eagle weren't very anxious about this matter at that time. Hence, he didn't bring it up and wanted her to find them herself so that she could train herself up.

If she really lacked something in the end, he would bring out the items.

I didn't expect to coincidentally meet with today's situation...

"...Liuyue, you won't be angry at me, right?" asked Shangguan Jing hesitantly.

Chu Liuyue was caught between laughter and tears. "Ancestor, why would I be angry at you? You're helping me so willingly, and I can't even thank you enough."

However, this incident happened too suddenly, and she didn't expect it at all. Thus, she was taken aback.

Strictly speaking, these were her ancestor's items after all, and he had no responsibility to give them all to her.

She was indeed elated to be able to settle her current crisis.

But hearing Ancestor's words, he seems to have many of such things before and even used them? Even if he needed to use them himself, there doesn't seem to be a need to leave so much behind...? Doubts flashed across Chu Liuyue's mind, but the current situation was urgent. She couldn't ask in detail, and she could only suppress her inner doubts.

Boom!

Another collision sound was heard!

Chu Liuyue immediately turned around to look.

This time, another one struck the black shield. Thankfully, this impact didn't leave behind any marks on the black shield.

It was much better than the armor that was split open previously.

Chu Liuyue's gaze turned cold. *?This black shield indeed has a higher level than the pure gold armor and is even stronger in terms of defensiveness.*

She felt slightly more at ease as she looked at the other one. *?I can completely hand my back over to the black shield. I just have to settle this side now...*

Her gaze landed on the Heavenly Square Cauldron. An idea popped up in her mind as the transparent square cauldron started turning slowly and flying in front.

The Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed seemed to have detected a suppression as it started to retreat.

Chu Liuyue was elated. *?This Heavenly Square Cauldron does seem to be able to deal with this—*

The Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed suddenly rushed forward!

Chu Liuyue looked up, and then she saw another Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed flying over! She watched on as the two Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds were about to collide.

"Liuyue, stop them! Once the two twin seeds merge, it'll be even harder to deal with them!" Shangguan Jing hollered.

Chu Liuyue directly flung out her Long Yuan Sword.

A cold gleam flashed across, and it flew between the two Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds. At the same time, the Heavenly Square Cauldron slowly flew toward one of them.

The transparent fire tongue came out from within.

In the blink of an eye, the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed was taken away by the transparent fire before settling in the Heavenly Square Cauldron.

From start to end, the entire process was very smooth like water, without any pauses at all. It was as if... that Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed was just an ordinary toy.

Even Chu Liuyue was secretly shocked. *?I suspected that the Heavenly Square Cauldron could handle the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed, but I didn't expect it to be this easy!*

The next second, the second Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed was swallowed by the second fire.

Less than a few seconds had passed from start to finish.

The Heavenly Square Cauldron rapidly shrunk and landed in Chu Liuyue's hands.

Chu Liuyue carefully scrutinized the tiny transparent square cauldron. With this look, she could vaguely see the great phoenix dragon's skeleton and the two Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds within. However, the two seeds were separated, and they each took a side.

Chu Liuyue blinked, feeling disbelief that the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed was defeated just like that.

Shangguan Jing suddenly asked, "Where did you get your square cauldron from?"

Chapter 795: Meet

Chu Liuyue shook her head. "I got this when I met the legendary three-eyed eagle. I don't really know what it is either."

She had asked the legendary three-eyed eagle before, but the latter was reluctant to talk about it and just said that it was a holy object.

Such a vague answer was equivalent to saying nothing.

Chu Liuyue knew that she couldn't get any information out of it temporarily, so she swiftly set the matter aside. As time passed, she also realized that this item seemed to be more mysterious than she had guessed. No matter if it were the great phoenix dragon's skeleton or the two Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds, it could swallow them easily and even completely restrict their force...

How terrifying!

Shangguan Jing couldn't help saying, "Your luck is really heaven-defying!"

It was the black pyramid first, then the water droplet, and finally this transparent square cauldron... Even the black shield is extremely strong. Even the Long Yuan Sword seems weak in front of these treasures. Randomly taking out any one of these items would definitely attract countless people's passionate pursuit, and Chu Liuyue has so many!

This world has no lack of talents, but only a very small minority can slowly grow from talents to become true warriors. If one wants to be one of the minority, they can't lack talent and hard work. However, there is also one aspect that is extremely important—luck! Chu Liuyue has all of them!

Other people might not even be able to meet with such fateful miracles once in their lives, but she continuously meets with them. If someone like her can't become an elite, there will be no justice.

Chu Liuyue's lips curved up slightly. "Actually, I also didn't expect this thing to be so powerful."

However, at least this incident was settled.

The stone weighing on her heart finally dropped as she let out a deep sigh and surveyed her surroundings.

The space was breaking bit by bit. Cracks appeared on the circle of light that glowed with a faint dark-green color.

She had already defeated the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed, so the God Realm that it unleashed would naturally disappear.

Very quickly, they all slowly turned into rays of light and disappeared as the place dimmed bit by bit.

The suppression on Chu Liuyue gradually lightened.

She glanced at the Heavenly Square Cauldron again, looking solemn. *?I still can't go out now. I haven't settled the issue of the great phoenix dragon's skeleton! Since I already have everything, why don't I just help the legendary three-eyed eagle reform its physical body?*

Thinking of this, Chu Liuyue said, "Ancestor, can I trouble you to help me set up the barrier?"

Shangguan Jing knew what she was planning to do and immediately took action without saying anything.

A translucent barrier rapidly appeared. One could even see silver lightning moving across it.

The Tianling Dynasty's ancestor had triggered many bolts of lightning back then, so there was a portion of the lightning's strength in his own force.

After being separated into this space, Chu Liuyue felt slightly more at ease. She flung out the Heavenly Square Cauldron, and it rapidly recovered its normal size as it silently dropped onto the floor.

"Tuan Zi." She called Tuan Zi back first.

Tuan Zi became tiny and returned to her shoulders as it pitifully rested on them. One of its wings was drooping down, and it was very bloody. The wound looked heartbreaking.

When Tuan Zi was previously still in its blood ferret form, its skin was very thick. Even though it had injured itself before, it very rarely showed such a state.

Now that it had just become a legendary fiend, it was severely injured. This naturally made Chu Liuyue's heart ache.

She carefully treated its wound and took out some medication to bandage it before she said in a half-angry tone, "Have you learned your lesson? Let's see if you still dare to be this disobedient next time!"

Tuan Zi whimpered as its pair of charming eyes looked at her pitifully. *?It was so dangerous back then. How can I go away? Even if there's only one-millionth possibility of her getting hurt, I'll still dive right in front of her without hesitation. We finally met after waiting so long. How can I bear to see her in danger again? Back then... she directly sent me out to save my life. In the end...*

Chu Liuyue's heart softened when she saw Tuan Zi's miserable and pitiful gaze. "Okay, okay. I won't scold you anymore. Go back and recuperate properly, okay?"

Tuan Zi then nodded. Its figure flashed across as it returned to Chu Liuyue's body and started to recuperate.

Actually, a legendary fiend's self-recovery ability was very strong. It could recover from this wound in no time.

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in and looked at the Heavenly Square Cauldron.

A gigantic black apparition suddenly appeared in front of them.

Hula—

Its wings spread out, and it looked formidable—it was the legendary three-eyed eagle! Compared to before, its apparition seemed to be more solidified.

Chu Liuyue looked into its eyes determinedly. “Are you ready?”

Slight agitation was finally revealed in the legendary three-eyed eagle’s normally nonchalant gaze. Even one that was as cold and mighty as it couldn’t help but be emotional at a time like this.

It was suppressed for thousands of years and suffered painful torture every day and night in the Heavenly Square Cauldron. It almost couldn’t endure it any longer.

It had imagined countless scenarios of it recovering its physical body, but even it actually didn’t dare to harbor much hope and only thought of it as a dream.

Only an elite character could do such a thing in the world. Based on Chu Liuyue alone, how could she do it?

However, it didn’t expect this day to really come, and even so quickly!

Chu Liuyue asked, “I’m ready. What about you?”

The legendary three-eyed eagle nodded.

Chu Liuyue’s lips curved up slightly. “Then, I’ll start.”

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When the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed was absorbed into Chu Liuyue’s Heavenly Square Cauldron and the God Realm collapsed thereafter, it was completely peaceful in the Mystic Forest outside.

A slight breeze went across the silent forest.

Qin Yi originally sat cross-legged and closed his eyes to rest. When he heard this commotion, he suddenly opened his eyes.

A faint light quickly flashed across his narrow eyes! *There seemed to be something moving just now...*

He had set up a trap in this forest and could almost detect any changes in this entire Mystic Forest. But after sensing for a while, he didn’t discover anything.

It seems like it was an illusion just now...? Qin Yi knitted his brows and stood up.

The few of them looked over.

Lei Laosi asked, “Big Brother, what’s the matter?”

Qin Yi shook his head. “Nothing. I’ll go in front to take a look.”

Then, he walked toward the mother tree.

The surroundings were silent, and there didn’t seem to be many changes around the mother tree.

However, Qin Yi knitted his brows even more tightly. *I shouldn’t be imagining things...*

Roar!

This roar suddenly came from the sky.

The crowd looked up in unison and saw a muscular figure quickly flying over.

Lei Laosi gasped. "It's the legendary fiend that roared earlier!"

Qin Yi half-squinted his eyes. *?Did it cause the commotion just now?*

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In the dim space, a black figure quickly flashed across.

Very quickly, Rong Xiu saw the familiar figure below. *?However, it seems like she's doing alright...*

Chu Liuyue seemed to have felt something as she suddenly raised her head.

The two of them stared into each other's eyes.

Chu Liuyue's heart suddenly trembled.

Chapter 796: I'll Help You Remove

This pair of eyes actually gave her a very familiar feeling, as if... she had seen them before.

With this sudden look, it seemed like the night sky had a spiral with a lethal attraction.

Chu Liuyue opened her mouth, and a name was almost going to jump out. "You..."

But at this point, that man silently averted his gaze. In the depths of his eyes, there seemed to be a faint layer of mist spreading around to cover the charming eyes.

Chu Liuyue then suddenly recovered her senses and carefully sized the incoming person up.

This was a mysterious man dressed in a black robe and a silver mask. He floated in midair and was looking down at her.

As he was completely dressed in black without any accessories, he seemed to merge with the dark space behind. Thus, she could only forcefully identify that his figure was big. As for the rest... She couldn't tell.

Chu Liuyue stared at him for quite a while and suddenly said, "...Master?"

After a temporary silence, that man finally spoke, his voice deep. "You do have good eyesight."

It's really him!? Chu Liuyue was actually shocked. She had never seen this person personally and had only heard his voice once at Country Yao Chen's imperial mausoleum. Now that she met him, she felt that this person's vibe was quite similar to Master's that day for some reason.

She just tried to ask and didn't expect to get it right...

Chu Liuyue blinked and carefully scrutinized him.

It was a pity that the surroundings were pitch black, and she couldn't see anything clearly. He was even wearing a mask, which made it even harder for her.

However, she quickly stopped herself. Facing such a character, her gaze was inevitably offensive.

After all, this could be considered as their first official meeting.

Chu Liuyue retracted her gaze and glanced at the legendary three-eyed eagle and the Heavenly Square Cauldron in front of her.

Before this person came, she was just preparing to help recover the legendary three-eyed eagle's physical body. Then, he appeared before she could even do anything.

Separated by Ancestor's translucent barrier, he should be able to see my situation vaguely. If someone else appeared, I would definitely hide these items immediately. Anyone with good eyesight can tell that the legendary three-eyed eagle beside me isn't an ordinary fiend. And this person... has a mysterious and strong background.

Chu Liuyue believed that he definitely recognized the legendary three-eyed eagle. As for the Heavenly Square Cauldron... Even though it didn't look like anything special at first glance, she couldn't guarantee that he didn't know about it.

Chu Liuyue knew the logic of an innocent man getting into trouble because of his wealth very well. But the strange thing was that after she recognized that he was Master, she actually half-heaved a sigh of relief.

For some reason, she knew that he wouldn't snatch her things. This feeling came with no rhyme or reason, but this was Chu Liuyue thought.

Even if this person could easily snatch all her things away when he took action, Chu Liuyue didn't plan on hiding. Anyway, he had already seen it, and there wasn't much meaning in hiding further.

If he really wants to gain something from me, why would he leave the black pyramid for me at the start?? At this thought, Chu Liuyue had an idea.

She seriously bowed toward the other party. "I still have to thank you, Master, for the previous incident."

The other party had helped her quite a few times privately and openly. She had to thank him.

However, the other party didn't answer her as he instead asked, "Are you planning to manifest the legendary three-eyed eagle's physical body?"

Chu Liuyue's eyelids twitched. *He really can tell with one glance!*

She was secretly thankful that she didn't think of hiding from him as she nodded and openly admitted, "Yes."

A stage-five warrior trying to help a legendary fiend recover its physical body. If word got out, it would definitely attract many people's mockery and nonchalance. However, Master just nodded lightly and didn't criticize at all as he changed the topic and seemingly asked nonchalantly, "This place seemed pretty crowded just now."

The man's tone was lazy and had a tinge of relaxation.

Chu Liuyue didn't mind it. The battle between her and the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed made quite a huge commotion and left some marks around.

She paused and tried to ask, "Master, I have something to ask you. Do you know—the pyramid we obtained in the imperial mausoleum previously... What does it contain?"

Then, Chu Liuyue nervously held her breath. *?This man definitely knows something. If not, he wouldn't randomly leave a seal on it. But... What exactly is it for?*

Chu Liuyue thought for a very long time but couldn't arrive at an answer. Now that she coincidentally saw him, she naturally had to ask him.

Once she asked this, the surroundings fell silent.

Chu Liuyue's heart was as if gradually clutched by something.

Suddenly, that man glided down from above. Before Chu Liuyue could even see his actions clearly, he had already appeared not far away from her.

The space below wasn't considered small, and the barrier Shangguan Jing helped Chu Liuyue set up only took up about half of the space.

Recovering one's physical body was meticulous and long work. If one wanted to do it successfully, they had to try their best not to be affected by the outside world. However, it didn't have many restrictions on the amount of space.

That man jumped down and landed on the other half of the empty space. He stood in the dark, and Chu Liuyue could only see his deep and quiet eyes.

He seemed to chuckle. "If I tell you now, what's the point of me leaving the seal there before?"

Chu Liuyue: "...It seems like you're not willing to say it?"

Actually, this was also expected. It would really be strange if she could find out the answer so easily. Like he had said: there would be no meaning in the seal he left behind.

"If it's inconvenient for you to tell me, then it's fine. However... this thing seems to be very important to you. Why must you leave it here?" This was also a question that Chu Liuyue couldn't understand. *?Based on his abilities, isn't it a piece of cake to deal with this item?*

"I have my own plans," said that man lightly. He clearly had no plans on explaining.

Chu Liuyue's brows furrowed slightly. *?This feeling of not knowing anything really sucks.*

"Since it's inconvenient for you to say anything, then I won't ask further." Her tone turned cold. *?It's fine if he doesn't want to speak. Perhaps I can solve that seal one day and see what's inside!*

"If there's nothing else, Master, please help yourself. I still have things to do, so I shan't talk to you anymore." Then, Chu Liuyue turned around and planned to start recovering the legendary three-eyed eagle's physical body.

She already disregarded this person watching. Anyway, she just had to do what she needed to do no matter what.

But at this point, that man spoke again. "Hold on."

Chu Liuyue paused in her actions and turned around to glance at him. "Master, is there anything else you want to enlighten me about?"

There was a tinge of smiling intent in that man's voice. "You helped me look after this item. As a reward, I want to help you too. The armor on your body... Do you want to take it off yourself, or do you want me to help you?"

Chapter 797: Jealous of Who?

Pure gold armor?? Chu Liuyue looked down. *The Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seed previously broke the pure gold armor and left a long crack on it. He means...*

"This armor isn't bad. If it's damaged like this, its defensive power will be greatly reduced. It'd be a real pity."

Hearing this, Chu Liuyue asked rather uncertainly, "You're... planning to help me repair this armor?"

The other party lightly nodded. "You don't trust me?"

Chu Liuyue shook her head. "Not that. If you can help me, I wouldn't even know how to thank you."

Previously, she had always been worrying about the pure gold armor being damaged. When a Yuan instrument was damaged, its effectiveness would normally be greatly reduced. Most people would just directly throw away ordinary Yuan instruments. As for those with higher cultivation levels, they would try to repair them.

But this had a very high requirement on the cultivator, and very few people could do it perfectly and flawlessly. Hence, most would end up with the same outcome.

Chu Liuyue didn't think that he would take the initiative to offer his help.

Judging from his abilities, perhaps he's an expert in this area?? Chu Liuyue hesitated for a moment in her heart and agreed. *According to my current standards, I can't completely repair the pure gold armor. Therefore, why not let him try? Anyway, the pure gold armor has recognized me as its master. Due to this, I'm not worried that he would do something about it. If he wanted to snatch it away... He would've done so long ago. Why would he wait till now?*

An idea popped up in Chu Liuyue's mind as a faint golden layer of light appeared in front of her. Then, these rays of light flew out and formed the shape of armor in front of her.

She whipped her sleeves and sent the pure gold armor out.

That man lifted his hand, and the pure gold armor obediently landed in it.

Rong Xiu looked at the pure gold armor in his hands and felt emotional. *I want to help my own wife, yet I need to do it in such a roundabout manner. How tiring.*

He took one glance at it and immediately saw the position of the damage in the pure gold armor.

He was very familiar with this item. In order to help her produce those crystal barriers back then, he did quite a bit of research. However, he still had to go through some formalities.

Chu Liuyue saw the other party carefully looking at the pure gold armor in his hands for a while before taking action.

Black force flew out from his palm and rapidly formed a spark. After that, he flicked his fingers.

The black fire flew to the damaged part in the pure gold armor and started burning.

“This person seems to be very good at this...” Shangguan Jing’s voice suddenly sounded.

Actually, Chu Liuyue could also tell this. After all, she had once personally refined the Cloud-Sky Copper Sword.

In the surroundings of the black fire, the pure gold armor glowed slightly and became much softer afterward.

Chu Liuyue marveled. *“This person is an expert in controlling the fire! The pure gold armor is my item, so I can naturally change the softness of it according to my will. But in other people’s hands, it’s normally just an ordinary set of hard armor. This person seems to be very well-versed in this aspect...”*

Chu Liuyue relaxed and didn’t watch on anymore as she turned her attention to the legendary three-eyed eagle.

She couldn’t drag on any longer. Even if someone was at the side, she couldn’t care so much anymore.

She took a deep breath in and set aside her thoughts. Then, a transparent fire wrapped around the great phoenix dragon’s skeleton and gradually floated out.

After this period of nourishment, the skeleton seemed much brighter and smoother than before. At first glance, it was like a premium gem.

Chu Liuyue held her breath in and focused as a red fire flew out of her hands.

The two types of colored fire immediately intersected, and they burned brightly!

Very quickly, a very faint blood color appeared in the skeleton.

Chu Liuyue’s eyes brightened up. *“This should be the bloodline power hidden in the skeleton! As long as I completely force the force out, it could then merge with the legendary three-eyed eagle!”*

Chu Liuyue carefully controlled it.

The two balls of fire burned, and increasingly more bloodstains appeared on the skeleton as a faint suppression spread out from it.

Whir!

It hit the barrier and made a low sound.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows. *“The bloodline power in this great phoenix dragon doesn’t want to break this barrier, right? Won’t I be in big trouble by then?”*

Just as she was thinking of how to deal with it, a ripple was heard from the side.

A faint black barrier overlapped with the previous one, and the whirring sound immediately disappeared.

With the two barriers blocking it, the commotion inside wouldn’t spread out again.

Chu Liuyue glanced from the corner of her eyes. “Thank you, Master.”

However, that man just lightly waved his hands as if he didn’t care about it.

Chu Liuyue pressed her lips against each other. *“This man seems to be even more mysterious than before...”*

However, she didn’t think about it for long as she quickly continued. With this extra protection, the surrounding space became much more stable, and Chu Liuyue felt much more at ease.

Rong Xiu’s fingertips moved slightly, and a golden color gradually flowed out of the black fire, covering the long crack on the pure gold armor.

His actions were very discreet, and Chu Liuyue definitely couldn’t see this scene even if she looked over.

He silently looked up and glanced at his wife; she was completely focused on the great phoenix dragon’s skeleton.

Rong Xiu slightly squinted his eyes. *“Hmm. She seems to trust me too much, right? She still dares to take out the great phoenix dragon’s skeleton so openly? Is she not worried at all? Since when did she trust other men so much?”*

Thinking of this, Rong Xiu was suddenly in a bad mood.

Chapter 798: Unrecoverable Wound

Mystic Forest.

In midair, a white lion was... quietly floating.

Qin Yi and the rest looked up at it.

After a while, Lei Laosi couldn’t help but ask, “Big Brother, what kind of fiend is this? Why does it keep staying above us?”

He originally thought that it was going to rush down, but after it circled twice in the air, it just stopped there.

It didn’t move or come down. This made the few people below dazed.

Qin Yi also felt that it was weird. Previously, he felt that there was something amiss in the Mystic Forest; then, this white lion appeared.

After it stopped in midair, there wasn't much commotion in the surroundings. Due to this, they could basically confirm that the previous commotion came from it.

However... Even he couldn't really tell what kind of fiend this was. He also didn't know why it did not do anything after arriving. *But from the current situation, it doesn't seem to have murderous intent and shouldn't be coming for us.*

"Ignore it first," said Qin Yi.

After all, it was a legendary fiend. They had to be careful around it.

Lei Laosi scratched his head and muttered, "It looks like a white lion legendary fiend... but I haven't heard of it before..."

When Ye Ranran heard this, she couldn't help but say, "Big Brother Lei, is that a... white lion? Its body seems to be yellow?"

Xue Xue—who was stopped outside by its own master—was filled with vengeance as it couldn't enter nor retreat and felt that its life was bitter. Hearing this, its heart harshly shivered, and it wanted to run away immediately!

How humiliating! My originally snow-white fur was stained with countless layers of yellow sand, causing me to become a dirty-yellow color. Xue Xue roared with hatred. "Roar—"

At that moment, the woods vibrated. However, the few people below weren't too affected by it.

Ye Ranran was frightened, and she pulled on Mu Hongyu's sleeves. "Hongyu, why do I feel like it's angry at me..."

"It's originally a white lion, and it became like this after it came from the Red Moon Desert. It must've heard what you previously said, so it naturally won't be happy." Qin Yi turned around and explained, "Don't forget that legendary fiends have almost the same standard of spiritual thinking as humans."

Ye Ranran shrunk her neck. "So legendary fiends care about this so much..."

Mu Hongyu lightly patted her shoulders. "Ranran, don't worry. I think it doesn't have any ill intentions toward us!"

Even though it roared, they didn't feel the impact of this strength, which showed that it purposely avoided them.

Ye Ranran then felt relieved.

Suddenly, Qiang Wanzhou stood up! His action was very fast and even a little hurried, which immediately attracted their attention.

Qin Yi seemed to have predicted something. "What's going on?"

Qiang Wanzhou's eyes seemed to have millions of stars dazzling. "I feel that she's about to come out soon."

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Xi Ling.

Imperial Palace, Huayang Palace.

Shangguan Wan leaned against the head of the bed as Chan Yi kneeled on the floor and fed her medicine.

“Your Highness, this is the last dose of medication for the day. Please drink it,” said Chan Yi as she carefully scooped a little onto her spoon and sent it to Shangguan Wan’s lips.

Shangguan Wan’s lips turned pale as she weakly drank the medicine. When she swallowed a mouthful of it, her thin brows immediately furrowed tightly as the bitter and bloodily sweet taste overwhelmed her, causing her to choke.

She endured this and drank the medicine. Her stomach tumbled, and she almost spat it out!

But in the end, she still held it in.

Chan Yi didn’t dare to say much as she continued to feed her diligently.

When she finished feeding the entire bowl of medicine, Chan Yi’s forehead was already filled with tiny beads of sweat. She hurriedly put away her items and said flatteringly, “Physician Zuo said that your health took a turn for the better. After finishing this medicine today, we can change to another one tomorrow. As long as you rest properly, your body will definitely improve!”

When Shangguan Wan heard this, she was unaffected. Gradually, her gaze even had a tinge of mockery.

She slowly caressed her face and softly asked, “Then, did he say when the scar on my face would recover?”

Chan Yi looked down. “This... Physician Zuo said that the wound on your face is a little troublesome and that it needs some time...”

Shangguan Wan coldly sneered. “Do you really think I’m an idiot?”

Chan Yi paused. “Your Highness, you’re blessed, so there’s definitely a way...”

“You’re dismissed.” Shangguan Wan was long tired of hearing such words, so she waved her hands in frustration.

Chan Yi could only dismiss herself. “I’ll just wait for you outside then. If you need me, just call for me.”

Then, she respectfully exited.

The moment the door closed, Shangguan Wan’s expression immediately became cold and vengeful. Actually, her face was currently filled with scars. There wasn’t a single good spot, so she couldn’t make any expression.

She didn’t dare to move at will, terrified that the scabs that formed with much difficulty would tear again. She could only express all her emotions through her eyes.

During these few days after her return to Xi Ling, she felt that she was better off dead.

After experiencing all that torture that day, her body was heavily damaged. Hence, she could only recuperate in bed during this period. She used up quite a bit of her force, but thankfully, the Yuan meridian she tried so hard to heal wasn't affected because of this.

This comforted Shangguan Wan a little. But in the end, she discovered an even worse thing—the scar on her face seemed to be even more serious than ordinary wounds.

No matter what method she used and what medicine she tried, there didn't seem to be any obvious effects. Every time she thought it was going to get better, it would rot again for some reason.

As these things happened over and over again, her face wasn't lookable anymore. This also caused her to only be able to hide in here and not go out to see anyone.

Shangguan Wan was enraged and terrified. If my face really doesn't recover... Then, what should I do in the future? I can still drag it for a while now, but I need to go out next time! This is especially so because my wedding with Jiang Yucheng is getting nearer and nearer. On the day of the wedding, I still need to see the officers and commoners...

Knock, knock...

Hurried knocks were heard. "Your Highness, I have something to report."

What can happen now?? Shangguan Wan knitted her brows. "Come in."

Chan Yi opened the door and hurriedly walked in, her face looking a little incredulous. The moment she reached the front of Shangguan Wan's bed, she directly kneeled down. "Your Highness, the Prince Consort and the rest are back!"

"Why are they so fast?" Shangguan Wan was stunned. *How long has it been? Not even half a month, right? Did they successfully retrieve the Dancing Lotus?*

"Where are they now?"

"I heard that the Prince Consort is injured and that he has already returned to the Jiang Residence to rest. As for the rest... They're waiting for you at Minghua Palace."

Shangguan Wan's heart sank, and she hurriedly asked, "Did they obtain the Dancing Lotus?"

Chapter 799: Treatment

"I-I don't think so..." Chan Yi lowered her head even more. *If they retrieved it successfully, they would definitely send the news back instantly. But now, Jiang Yucheng has already returned to the Jiang Residence to recuperate. The rest are already waiting at Minghua Palace, but nobody has brought up the Dancing Lotus. We can basically confirm that they didn't come back successful this time.*

Shangguan Wan suddenly straightened her body as she was shocked and enraged. She widened her eyes, and her expression was harsh. "Nonsense! All of them are elites in the Tianling Dynasty. How can they not have it?!"

Jian Shuye! Weichi Song! Song Luan! All of them are famous characters! Even the Grand Tutor, Xiahou Rong, is also a peak stage-seven warrior! They would be terrifying in terms of skills if the few of them joined hands. Why would they come back empty-handed?!

With this movement, Shangguan Wan's wounds started hurting again. The scab on her face also split again as blood gradually flowed down, hurting her.

She gasped. Her health was terrible, and in addition to the anger attacking her heart, she directly collapsed backward.

"Your Highness!" Chan Yi yelled in shock as she hurriedly held her up. "Your Highness, you must take care of your body. You can't get angry!"

Shangguan Wan's face turned as white as a sheet, and her eyes seemed to be burning with fire before she pushed her maidservant away. "Get lost! Useless trash, go away!"

Can't get angry? Hearing this kind of news, how can I not get angry?!

Chan Yi hurriedly knelt down.

Actually, she was also stunned when she heard this piece of news just now. Who would've thought that these few people would also fail to achieve anything when they worked together?

Chan Yi had long expected Shangguan Wan's reaction, but she had no choice. The matter was too important, and she didn't dare to hide it from the latter.

Besides, how could she hide this incident? Jian Shuye and the rest were still waiting at Minghua Palace!

"Y-Your Highness, you mustn't be angry! They're still waiting for you to go to Minghua Palace!"

It wasn't only the matter at Minghua Palace. Now that Jiang Yucheng was resting in his residence, there would definitely be many things that required Shangguan Wan to attend to personally.

When Shangguan Wan thought of this, her mind was in a mess. *Waiting for me to go over? Do they want me to meet the crowd with such a face?!*

Shangguan Wan was enraged. *I don't understand. Everything was clearly fine before, so why did it suddenly become so rough? I originally thought that I could relax and wait to get married and ascend the throne with the wedding date settled, but things keep cropping up in between continuously! My face, Jiang Yucheng's wound, the injured Black Guards... and that Dancing Lotus I can't retrieve no matter what!*

Once the news gets out, they will definitely criticize me for being useless. I previously set up the stage for myself to get a good reputation, so I purposely invited so many people to go to Dahuang Swamp. In the end, we came back tragically. I originally hoped that they could bring the Dancing Lotus back this time so that I could explain to the public. However, I didn't expect it to turn into naught! Now, how much I played out the trip back then will equate to my humiliation!

Shangguan Wan suppressed her anger with much difficulty as she coldly said, "Just tell them that I'm resting now and can't go out. Invite Song Luan to see me alone. As for the rest, they had a tiring trip, so let them go back first."

“Yes.”

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After Jiang Yucheng returned to Xi Ling, he rushed back to his Jiang Residence instantly.

Within the room, Feng Shanyuan placed his hand on Jiang Yucheng’s wrist and gradually knitted his brows, his expression looking very solemn.

After a while, he let go and stared at Jiang Yucheng, unable to conceal the shock in his voice. “Eldest Young Master, your body—”

Didn’t he just make a trip to Dahuang Swamp? How long has it been? Why did his injuries suddenly become so serious?

“Did... you fight with someone?” Feng Shanyuan asked in a very roundabout manner.

Jiang Yucheng nodded, but he didn’t speak about it in detail as he knitted his brows. “Do you have any ways of treating it?”

Feng Shanyuan sighed. “Eldest Young Master, you know your body the best, right? With such a wound, you probably won’t fully recover without half a year.”

It never rains but pours.

Jiang Yucheng’s expression became increasingly grave. I’ve already been injured recently, and it was already hard for me to recover then. With this now... It would probably be harder! From start to end, that man only used one finger. However, I didn’t even have the strength to retaliate as I was completely crushed.

There was never a moment where Jiang Yucheng felt that he was miles apart from that person. In comparison, he was like a tiny speck of dust—lowly and useless.

Jiang Yucheng was born to be a talent, and he was always stronger than the rest. Since when did other people treat him like this?

The more upsetting thing was that the man in black seemed to disregard him completely! The greatest contempt was nonchalance!

Jiang Yucheng felt like there was a rock stuck in his heart, and he felt stifled. *Feng Shanyuan is right. I know my condition the best.*

“Is there really no other way?” He darkened his face and asked again. *Half a year... I definitely can’t do it. The wedding date is coming closer, and there are too many things I have to do!*

Feng Shanyuan thought for a long while and finally said, “If you really want... It’s not that there are no other methods, but you have to suffer...”

“Let’s start then.”

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Minghua Palace.

Jian Shuye and the rest sat on both sides, and the hall was silent.

Nobody expected their trip to Dahuang Swamp would have such a hurried end.

After they were chased out, they wanted to go back again. However, they realized that the transportation formation was sealed! This way, they had no other choice and could only return.

As for the Dancing Lotus, they naturally couldn't think about it anymore. The few of them were all important people in the Tianling Dynasty and had superb capabilities. Who knew that they would end up in such a humiliating situation?

After Jiang Yucheng was sent to his Jiang Residence to rest, they first came to the palace and planned to report the incident to Shangguan Wan so that she could decide what to do next.

Very quickly, someone came from outside.

A palace maid hurried forward and greeted the few of them one by one before saying to Song Luan, "The Third Princess is still unwell, and she can't see the few of you at the same time. Therefore, Master Song, please go to Huayang Palace first."

The few of them weren't surprised by this.

Song Luan was originally closer to Shangguan Wan, so it was normal for her to call him over.

Jian Shuye couldn't help but ask, "How is the Third Princess's health? So many days have passed, but she hasn't gotten better?"

Counting from the day she came back, it had already been half a month. They had heard that Shangguan Wan stayed in Huayang Palace during this entire half-month and didn't go out at all. Many things were settled in Huayang Palace.

How exactly did she injure herself so severely?

One had to know that with her current status, she would easily incur other people's guesses if she didn't reveal herself for a long time.

"Coincidentally, Old Song and I are both heavenly doctors. Why don't we go and check the Third Princess's wounds? Old Song, what do you think?"

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Weichi Song nodded. "That's good too. The Third Princess's health is precious; we must take care of it."

The palace maid didn't expect them to say this and was put into a difficult spot. "Uh... Ms. Chan Yi only said to invite Master Song alone... I don't dare to make my own decisions."

In the palace, who doesn't live by Chan Yi's words? Chan Yi has always been very strict regarding the Third Princess's matters. If I bring these two people over, Chan Yi won't dare to say anything given their high status. However, my own safety would be compromised.

Jian Shuye chuckled and seemingly said jokingly, “We all know that the Third Princess trusts Chan Yi a lot and sees her very highly, but she’s just a slave at the end of the day. Do we still need to gain her permission before the three of us can see the Third Princess?”

The palace maid hurriedly kneeled down. “I don’t mean it that way! B-but...”

“But what? We’re just worried about the Third Princess’s health, so we specifically want to visit her. If the Third Princess really doesn’t want to see us when we get to Huayang Palace, we can’t force her either.”

This sentence stumped the palace maid.

It was fine if it were others, but Jian Shuye and Weichi Song were both top heavenly doctors in the Tianling Dynasty. If they suggested checking the Third Princess’s health, it did make sense.

Xiahou Rong slightly knitted his brows and said, “Actually, we don’t have to go. After all, the palace still has Physician Zuo and the rest with advanced medical skills. If we go there now, we might disturb...”

Weichi Song silently interrupted him. “The Third Princess hasn’t come out in a long while, and all of us are very worried. The Eldest Young Master is also injured now and has to rest in bed. If nobody comes out to take the helm, the world will fall into chaos. We’re doing this for everyone’s good. Why would we harm the Third Princess?”

Since he had already said so to this extent, the palace maid couldn’t say anything else. She could only force herself to agree.

Xiahou Rong’s lips moved. He wanted to stop them, but he couldn’t think of any reason.

Jian Shuye glanced at him, chuckled, and said, “Officer Xiahou, you don’t look very well. Are you exhausted from the trip? Why don’t you quickly go back and rest?”

Xiahou Rong immediately rejected this suggestion. “Since you are all going, why wouldn’t I go?”

On the way back, Jiang Yucheng clearly didn’t want Jian Shuye and Weichi Song to enter the palace because he didn’t want them to see the Third Princess. Now that we can’t stop them, I definitely have to follow them just in case.

Hence, the few of them followed the palace maid to Huayang Palace.

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Very quickly, the few of them reached the palace.

When Chan Yi—who was waiting at the door anxiously—saw the few of them coming over, she immediately froze.

The palace maid jogged over and apprehensively explained the situation to Chan Yi. “...These few officers were worried about Her Highness’s health, so they came together and wanted to check on her.”

Chan Yi was stunned. *They want to give the Third Princess a check-up? How can this be? The current Third Princess can’t see anyone in her state! If the few of them see it... a huge commotion will arise!*

She respectfully greeted the few of them before tactfully saying that it was inconvenient for Shangguan Wan to meet so many people at once. Other than Song Luan, it would be better if the remaining few returned.

Jian Shuye sneered in his heart. *It's not that she doesn't want to meet other people; instead, she clearly doesn't want to meet Weichi Song and me!*

He was just curious at the start, but he could now tell that something was amiss.

Isn't Shangguan Wan guilty? Even if her health is poor, it can't be so difficult to meet a few more people. Besides, mine and Weichi Song's medical skills are definitely at the top in the Tianling Dynasty, yet Shangguan Wan is avoiding us like the plague. It really is suspicious.

Seeing that the few of them refused to leave, Chan Yi could only say, "Physician Zuo and the rest have always been taking care of Her Highness's health. Do the few of you not trust Physician Zuo?"

"You can't say that—"

Jian Shuye was about to retort when Weichi Song suddenly said, "We definitely trust Zuo Mingxi's skills. Since this is so, we'll let Her Highness rest properly. We'll leave first."

Then, he really turned around to leave.

Jian Shuye was stumped but could only follow him.

Xiahou Rong heaved a sigh of relief and left not long later.

Very quickly, only Song Luan was left.

Chan Yi said, "Master Song, please—"

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"Old Song, why did you suddenly leave?" Jian Shuye caught up with Weichi Song as he knitted his brows. He couldn't understand the latter's actions. *Old Song can definitely tell the problem here. As long as we continued asking, we could definitely find out about something! However, Old Song suddenly stopped and is acting very strange.*

Weichi Song said, "Since she doesn't want to meet us, why force her?"

"Are you not worried?" *Something is definitely amiss. Who knows what she's planning on doing?*

Weichi Song suddenly laughed. "Isn't she the most worried?"

Shangguan Wan is very ambitious. Yue'er only left less than two years ago, but she actually plans to replace her. She even wants to ascend the throne directly while His Majesty is still in coma. Everyone can tell what she's trying to do. She wants to have all the power in her hands and is terrified that someone will fight with her. If she didn't meet with grave trouble, why would she refuse to see people for so long? The officers in the imperial court can wait for a day or two, but this definitely can't drag on. At this point, the most anxious person is none other than Shangguan Wan herself.

Jian Shuye was dazed and suddenly recovered his senses. "You're saying..."

“I’m old, and I can’t do things as well as before. I can’t even get a Dancing Lotus back for the Third Princess. I’m truly ashamed of myself.” Then, Weichi Song walked toward the front. “Liyue and the rest haven’t left behind any traces, so I’ll go back to Qing Yuan Mountain and wait for their news! As for the rest, I can’t intervene!”

Jian Shuye sneered in his heart. *“Weichi Song is planning to spread the news of us not achieving anything during the Dahuang Swamp journey? One can just imagine how humiliated Shangguan Wan would be by then! He’s indeed still a cunning fox! In the past two years or so, Chong Xu Cabinet kept getting attacked. Weichi Song also became much more low-key than before. I originally thought that he could never recover from this defeat, but now, there is finally some fun!”*

An idea popped up in his mind as he stroked his chin. “Heh, why don’t I meet Zuo Mingxi?”

Perhaps I can find out about something!

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Almost overnight, the news of Shangguan Wan bringing troops to Dahuang Swamp and ending up with many casualties without being able to retrieve a single treasure for His Majesty had spread throughout the entire Xi Ling City.

Furthermore, she had even specifically sent Jian Shuye and other elites to go over, but they still came back empty-handed.

Even if the palace had tried to suppress the news, there was no use at all. After all, quite a few people had seen their appearances when returning that day.

The rumors spread everywhere in no time, and everyone partook in heated discussions.

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Jian Fengchi leaned against the chair and smiled delightfully. “This time, our Third Princess is utterly humiliated!”