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#### Chapter 381: Gathering (1)

"Fengfeng, have you found anything?" asked Qu Lanyi in a low voice. Yun Feng was going to talk, when Qu Lanyi quickly hid the queen from her hand. "Thank you very much." Carson's voice came close. Yun Feng raised her head, and saw Carson and three other people walking to her. Although Carson was thanking them, his voice was cold. However, Yun Feng was not upset by his insincerity.

"That's alright. I only did it for myself," said Yun Feng casually, not being sincere with Carson either. Carson's face stiffened for a moment. He looked around on the ground, and so did his companions. Seeing that, Qu Lanyi put on a smile. "What are you looking for? Did you leave something behind while you're running?"

Carson and the others all stopped when they heard that. Carson managed a smile. "Indeed we dropped something, but it's not important."

Yun Feng casually glanced at them, and walked forward, holding Qu Lanyi's hand. Seeing that, Carson proposed, "Now that we've met each other, why don't we go together?"

Yun Feng walked in the lead and didn't respond. Qu Lanyi, on the other hand, stared at Yun Feng's hand that was holding her, as if she was enjoying it. Yun Feng suddenly stopped and looked at Carson. "Okay then."

Carson smiled. Yun Feng and Qu Lanyi walked in the lead, and Carson and his companions followed them. The contestants from two different empires were walking together. Naturally, they each had their own plan. Qu Lanyi whispered to Yun Feng, "Why are we walking with them? Do you intend to seize this opportunity to finish them off?"

Yun Feng didn't respond. She suddenly said to Qu Lanyi in a low voice, "Hold on to me." Qu Lanyi was stunned for a moment. Then, she grabbed Yun Feng's hand tightly. Yun Feng dashed forward like an arrow, and quickly disappeared. Carson and his companions were all shocked!

"Your Highness, they're running!"

Carson put on a cold smile. "Running? They cannot possibly get away from me. Let's chase after them!"

Yun Feng dashed forward with Qu Lanyi and passed at least three intersections. She changed her direction randomly, and paid attention to what was behind her. After a moment of observation, Yun Feng suddenly stopped with Qu Lanyi. Qu Lanyi smiled and held Yun Feng's hand. "What's wrong?"

Yun Feng glanced at Qu Lanyi, and firmly withdrew her hand. She looked back at her chasers with glittering eyes. "They're indeed catching up."

Qu Lanyi examined the environment too, and detected the chasers. Qu Lanyi and Yun Feng smiled at each other, and both knew what to do. Since the chasers were capable of tracking them down, they would figure out how they did and then steal the skill!

The two of them simply stood and waited. Very soon, Carson and his companions caught up. Seeing that they were standing and waiting, Carson managed a smile, and Yun Feng gazed at her. "You're truly good at choosing the right direction, aren't you?"

Carson and the other three people all managed a smile. "Didn't we agree to walk together? Why did you..."

"It's nothing. We simply wanted to move faster and meet with the other contestants of Karan." Yun Feng paused for a few seconds and continued, "However, I forgot how difficult it is to meet anyone else here."

Carson sneered. It was great that they couldn't meet each other. It gave him a chance to attack. If he and his companions had met Kasa's group, they probably would've attacked directly. However, Qu Lanyi and Yun Feng were stronger than them. They couldn't defeat the two women even if they joined hands. The two women didn't do anything yet, which meant that they still had a chance. They only needed the right opportunity...

While Carson made plans in his heart, Yun Feng observed him in secret. Carson was not wearing anything. It seemed that the item or method that could locate other contestants must be inside a storage container that had been hidden by him.

I have to let the fox take action first, Yun Feng thought. Although she could eliminate them immediately, she didn't know where her brother was. She could wait until she figured out how to locate them. Also, she needed to know more about the bee queen.

"Fengfeng, let's go." Qu Lanyi winked at Yun Feng. The two of them walked in the lead just like before. "There's nothing suspicious about other people," said Qu Lanyi in a low voice.

Yun Feng nodded. She was going to walk with those people for a while. Those people weren't easy to deal with, but she was certainly not a weakling either. She and Qu Lanyi were bold enough to leave their back to those people without worrying that they might attack. She knew that they didn't have the courage to.

Carson and his companions didn't intend to ambush. They knew they were too weak, and simply followed in silence. "Your Highness, when do we take action?" asked a warrior in a low voice. Carson thought for a moment and said, "Don't be hasty! Lack of patience always ruins great plans!"

"But Your Highness, if we keep wasting our time on them, then our plan..." said the mage worriedly. Carson became grave. He had planned to force everybody to quit with the bees, but the bee queen had been killed! Also, he didn't have the opportunity to recollect the bee queen's body. Thinking about that, Carson felt that his heart was pounding. The body couldn't have caught much attention. Those two women couldn't have noticed anything...

"Yes, Your Highness. There are only two months to go..." said someone in a low voice. Carson gritted his teeth. He certainly couldn't waste all his time on those two women. If he didn't have a choice, he would have to take the risk!

Little Fire and Lan Yi had been communicating with Yun Feng telepathically. No matter how far away a contracted Magic Beast is from its summoner, they could always keep in touch. Her brother was safe, but his location was unknown. Yun Sheng informed the Magic Beasts that she was fine, and asked them to protect her brother. With their protection, Yun Sheng would be absolutely safe.

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On Yun Feng's side, she walked with the four people of the Cashya Empire for almost half a month. They seemed to be competing over patience. Yun Feng wasn't hasty at all. To outsmart a cunning fox, she had to be even more cunning and patient. She figured out something in the half month. For example, the marks on the bee queen's abdomen looked familiar.

When they rested, Qu Lanyi asked about the bee queen too. Yun Feng simply smiled. "It's the summoner's Array of Contract."

Qu Lanyi was slightly surprised. "Is Carson a summoner?"

Yun Feng shook her head. "Considering his personality, how could he not be wearing the Ring of Contract if he were a summoner? Besides, the Array of Contract is never used on a contracted Magic Beast."

"However, it is certain that he did something to the bee queen. The Cashya Empire is the only one that's related to summoners."

Yun Feng nodded. "Indeed. Although I don't know how he controlled the bee queen, it's definitely related to the Array of Contract. If my guess is correct, the summoner of the Cashya Empire must've printed the Array of Contract on the Magic Beast, so that he could control it."

"The Cashya Empire is indeed prepared. That summoner must've spent a fortune on this." Qu Lanyi put on a mocking smile, and glanced at the Cashya Empire's contestants not far away.

"The bee queen is dead. We've destroyed his trick by chance. He's definitely reluctant to admit defeat. He's following us because he wants to attack us. He has other trump cards."

"What might they be?" Qu Lanyi raised her eyebrows, as if she was enjoying the drama. Yun Feng smiled. "I hope they will be eye-openers for me."

Qu Lanyi curled her lips. The people of the Cashya Empire were doomed to fail. Their petty tricks would be absolutely useless in front of a real summoner.

"Kid." The ancestor's voice sounded in Yun Feng's head. Yun Feng was surprised. Did the ancestor know its mystery?

"Ancestor, is it possible for someone who's not a summoner to control Magic Beasts with the Array of Contract?"

The ancestor frowned and considered for a moment, before he said, "It's possible. However, for a summoner ancestor, it will exhaust their mental strength greatly. By sealing their Array of Contract with mental strength, other people can control a Magic Beast briefly. When the mental strength is exhausted, the contract will be automatically exhausted."

Yun Feng was slightly stunned. That explained a lot. "A lot of mental strength will be exhausted, right?"

"Indeed. This method can only be used once. After it's being used, the summoner will run out of mental strength. It's possible if a summoner wants to use it twice, but the cost will be great. Their level might drop, and their spiritual space might be completely damaged. Either way, it will be a major strike for the summoner."

Yun Feng understood. The summoner of the Cashya Empire had truly put a lot of things at stake for the victory. If they hadn't met Yun Feng, maybe the Cashya Empire's contestants would've won with all the bees, but the victory was impossible now that Yun Feng was here.

"So, it's possible that Carson has another Array of Contract. There are plenty of Magic Beasts in this maze. That summoner is able to tame a Commander Level bee queen. Remarkable." Yun Feng thought. If the Cashya Empire didn't win with such a cost, that summoner probably would burst into tears.

After learning everything, Yun Feng became confident. The mysterious and powerful method that Carson was proud of was nothing for Yun Feng. To contract a Magic Beast very quickly was indeed astonishing, but for Yun Feng, it was just a mediocre technique.

During the half month, Little Fire and Lan Yi reported their situation every day. To Yun Feng's surprise, her brother had met Kasa's group. How unlucky was that? Both Little Fire and Lan Yi complained. Yun Feng couldn't help, but put on a helpless smile.

According to them, Kasa was very happy that she didn't see Yun Feng. She was finally able to stand straight again, and even wanted to command Little Fire and Lan Yi. She dropped the idea when Little Fire bared its fangs, but she picked up her dignity as the leader.

According to Yun Feng's command, both of them protected Yun Sheng. Kasa intended to humiliate Yun Sheng, but she didn't have a chance. After all, she couldn't afford pissing off the two Magic beasts. However, Yun Feng's disappearance removed all her dissatisfaction. Besides, Murong Yuntian had returned. Kasa had been having a great time ever since the reunion, and never left Murong Yuntian.

Yun Feng was no longer concerned about the situation over there. Even if they ran into the contestants of other empires, Lan Yi and Little Fire should be enough to deal with them. The most important thing at this moment was to finish off the guys from the Cashya Empire, who were the main problem.

Half a month passed in peace. Neither Yun Feng and Qu Lanyi nor the four people of the Cashya Empire did anything. As time went by, they had spent almost a month wandering in the Forsaken Maze. They encountered some Magic Beasts on their way, but Carson didn't do anything. Perhaps he knew that those Magic Beasts were too weak to help him.

"Your Highness, we're running out of time!" said a female mage anxiously. It had been almost two months. They didn't deal with any empires, but wasted all their time on these two women. That was truly...

Carson didn't say anything. He was quite sullen. He was running out of patience too. There was one month to go. He had to finish off all the other contestants of other empires in the one month! He took out a piece of white jade that was the size of a hand. On the jade, there were many glittering spots, which marked the locations of all the other contestants!

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"Some of them seem to have met. More than ten people have quit. They've saved a lot of my time." Carson checked the jade and inferred the situation. The Ovey and Shengyao Empire seemed to have encountered each other. Both teams lost five members. On the Cashya Empire's side, three people were missing, but the Karan Empire didn't lose any contestants!

Carson clenched the jade. It seemed that he only had to deal with the Karan Empire! He glanced at Yun Feng and Qu Lanyi. As long as those two people were taken care of, nobody else from the Karan Empire would be able to do anything, and the Cashya Empire would surely win!

"Be prepared to take action during today's rest. We're going to annihilate them!" declared Carson brutally. His companions all nodded. They had been waiting for this day for a long time. With Prince Carson's trump cards, it was impossible for them to lose!

He had patiently waited for a month to ease Yun Feng's vigilance. Little did he know that Yun Feng had seen through everything. She was only pretending that she was fooled. The fox was trying to hunt the prey, but it didn't know that the prey was planning to kill it too. Then, who was the prey and who was the fox?

The final episode was about to start, but an accident disrupted everything. Yun Feng and Qu Lanyi were walking in the lead. Having zigzagged for two months in the Forsaken Maze, they couldn't tell the direction, and could only move based on their instincts. However, after they took a turn, they found themselves on a straight path that was broader than any they had walked. Both Yun Feng and Qu Lanyi became nervous. Everything here was utterly unreasonable. They couldn't be more careful.

It was impossible to just recklessly rush forth. Examining the length of the path, Yun Feng whispered to Qu Lanyi behind her, "I'll take the lead. Follow my footprints. Don't walk on the edge."

Qu Lanyi put on a sweet smile and nodded. Yun Feng led the way, and Qu Lanyi walked exactly on her footprints. They behaved as naturally as usual, so the four people of the Cashya Empire didn't notice anything wrong. After they took the turn and walked the path, Carson was walking in the lead and his companions were walking behind him in a row. After they took only one step, a scream burst out.

"Ahhhhhhh..." It was the female mage's scream. She was walking in the middle, with the two warriors on her sides, filling up the length of the path. However, the path had collapsed before they stepped onward, and underneath the path was a deep abyss!

"What?!" Carson had no time to rescue them at all after seeing the scene. Both of the warriors fell in. How could there be an abyss underneath the maze? There were two flashes from the deep abyss. Both of the warriors had squeezed their lifesaving jade and left.

Carson gritted his teeth. Damn it. There were only five members of the Cashya Empire left! Looking at Yun Feng and Qu Lanyi who were walking ahead, Carson said coldly to the female mage behind him, "Follow their footprints." Carson followed Qu Lanyi's footprints. The female mage nodded palely, shivering. The collapse path was restored, as if it had never collapsed.

"Master, be wary of the broader paths. You must walk in the middle. There are traps on their edge!" Little Fire and Lan Yi both sent a telepathic message. Yun Feng was stunned. Had they run into the same thing? "How is my brother?" "Don't worry, master. Yun Sheng is fine," said Lan Yi. Yun Sheng had been held in Lan Yi's hand, and Lan Yi was flying very close to the ground. They avoided the disaster.

"What's the situation over there?" asked Yun Feng telepathically. Little Fire and Lan Yi immediately reported that eight people of the Karan Empire had been gathered, but due to the same traps Yun Feng encountered, they lost four people!

"That idiot, Kasa, survived," said Little Fire in disdain. All that was left on the Karan Empire's side were Yun Sheng, Murong Yuntian, Ze Ran, Kasa, Yun Feng and Qu Lanyi.

Yun Feng walked in the lead cautiously. She had a feeling that this path would lead to the deepest part of the maze. What was lying ahead? Little Fire and Lan Yi were walking the same path. Maybe others were the same. It looked like they were reaching the same place!

Yun Feng walked in the lead carefully, and finally approached the end of the weird path. She saw dazzling light and had to narrow her eyes. Qu Lanyi stood next to her. After the dazzling light, they finally managed to open their eyes.

"Master!" Little Fire's and Lan Yi's voices came close. Yun Feng turned around and saw a few people who had just emerged from another turn. Yun Sheng, Murong Yuntian and Ze Ran all rushed to her in delight upon seeing her, but Kasa was quite sullen. It seemed that her good days were over.

"We meet again," another voice came softly. A few other people emerged from a turn. All of them were in ragged clothes. The weak young man was in the lead, followed by another four people. They were the Ovey Empire's representatives.

"You..." Another few people emerged from a turn, headed by the mage named Xiaoxiao. They were surprised to see Yun Feng and Ovey's representatives. When the representatives of the Cashya Empire came out, all of them gathered.

The four empires' contestants reunited with their compatriots. Obviously, the Karan Empire had six contestants left, and the other three empires all had five. Seeing that, Kasa announced in delight, "It seems that the Karan Empire will surely win!"

Yun Feng glared at her coldly. "You'd better keep your mouth shut, princess!"

"Yun Feng, you..." Kasa blushed and was about to argue with her, but Murong Yuntian scolded her coldly, "Princess Kasa, if you want the other empires to cooperate against us, please continue."

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Hearing that, Kasa immediately shut her mouth. She looked around and saw that the other contestants were all looking at Karan's with complicated expressions.

This was a subtle situation. The Karan Empire had the greatest advantage in number. Even if it didn't do anything, it would still win as long as it endured a month. However, the other three teams each had five people, and were very close to Karan's numbers. Also, their survivors were all elites. It was hard to predict who would win in the end.

Kasa finally shut up, but the eyes of the other three empires' contestants made her feel panicked. She thought that the three empires might cooperate against her team. Then, her chance of winning would be slim even with Yun Feng.

"A summoner?" said Muqing of the Ovey Empire in a low voice, fixing his eyes upon Little Fire and Lan Yi. Little Fire was in the form of a wolf, and Lan Yi still had its wings. They were obviously not human. The only reason why the two Magic Beasts had appeared here so peacefully was that the Karan Empire had a summoner.

All the contestants realized that. Carson gritted his teeth so hard that they were almost ground into pieces. A summoner! The Karan Empire had a summoner! It meant that the balance on the East Continent would be changed, and Ovey and Shengyao would be left far behind due to the lack of a summoner!

Muqing and Xiaoxiao both frowned and glanced at Yun Feng. Little Fire and Lan Yi were both standing next to her, so it was obvious that she was the summoner. Yun Feng didn't wear the Ring of Contract, or she would've been the center of attention.

"Guys, the Karan Empire has six contestants left, and all our three countries only have five. Besides, there's even a summoner on Karan's side. Don't you think we should do something?" Carson said to Muqing and Xiaoxiao with obvious instigation. Kasa immediately changed her expression. "Cashya, what's the meaning of this?"

Carson smiled gloomily. "Kasa, you're just as stupid as before. This time, Karan will be everybody's enemy!"

"You..." Kasa was too angry to say anything. Muqing and Xiaoxiao were silent. They had to take sides at this moment. Should they join hands with Cashya and beat Karan, or should they stay neutral, or should they cooperate with Karan and kick Cashya out?

Both of them were silent for a long time. Carson was rather anxious. As long as the two empires cooperated with him, Karan would surely be eliminated. Then, it would be easy to deal with them! As long as Yun Feng stayed in the Karan Empire's team, the Cashya Empire's odds of winning couldn't be greater than 50%!

Carson was thinking about something else too... He had to kill Yun Feng here and now! Forcing her to quit was already a secondary option. Killing her and ensuring Cashya's absolute advantage on the East Continent was the most important thing! Cashya's summoner had made a lot of sacrifices for the international contest, and was not as strong as before. Yun Feng was young and talented. If she grew up, Karan would dominate the East Continent. The Cashya Empire would never allow that to happen!

While Carson was planning, Xiaoxiao and Muqing were certainly no idiots. They were not as emotional as Kasa, and analyzed the situation calmly. Whichever side they were to take, they couldn't benefit from it. Their safety would only be ensured if both of the other teams existed. Xiaoxiao and Muqing looked at each other, and realized what was on each other's mind. Xiaoxiao smiled. "Carson, we don't care about Karan. If you're afraid that Karan will surpass Cashya, that's your business. Don't get us involved in this. We aren't your free fighters."

Muqing added softly, "My opinion is the same as hers. If you want to fight, be my guest."

As a result, Shengyao and Ovey took one side, and the three parties were balanced. Cashya and Karan couldn't attack each other, because if they suffered any loss, Shengyao and Ovey would benefit as observers. Thinking that through, Carson snorted and didn't dare to do anything even though he was infuriated.

Yun Feng was greatly relieved. The leaders of Ovey and Shengyao were truly smart. They knew how to protect themselves in this situation. However, Yun Feng knew that they might not stay peaceful until the end of the game. After all, they surely wouldn't let the Karan Empire win so easily.

Yun Feng finally looked around and observed the environment. They were in an enormous square, which was absolutely empty. One side of the square was blocked, and the other three sides were open. The contestants had come from those sides. Should they return? Yun Feng frowned and thought for a moment. It was hard to say what the other three empires would do, so she might as well wait for a moment.

The other empires' contestants all observed curiously. What was this enormous square for? Why had all the contestants come here? After careful observation, Kasa snorted. "There's nothing here. It's a dead end. We should go."

Yun Feng glanced at her and didn't move. The others remained still too. Seeing that, Kasa became anxious. "What's the meaning of this? Do you want to stay here and be beaten up? If they change their mind and cooperate against us, we won't win!"

Yun Feng smiled. "If you're so scared, princess, why don't you go first?"

Kasa blushed. "I'm not scared! I'm just considering the big picture!"

Yun Feng became cold. "The big picture? Staying here is the wisest choice in this situation. There's no telling what other traps and dangers lie in the maze. Are you confident that we won't lose anyone in the coming month?"

Kasa almost couldn't say anything. "But if we stay here..."

"Although it may be dangerous to stay here, our odds of winning will be higher. Also, since they won't attack us easily, we may still be able to win. But if we leave, we won't win at all if we lose anyone on our way," Yun Sheng analyzed calmly. The Karan Empire's advantage was its one extra contestant and Yun Feng as a summoner.

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Kasa stammered and bit her lips, not saying anything else. Each of the four empires took up a corner. Their contestants all gathered and seemed to have decided that it was better to wait and observe than to aimlessly wander. Here, they could see other people's actions clearly, and adopt corresponding strategies.

At the exit of the maze, the royal members of the four empires, who had waited for almost two months, knew the situation very well. The contestants who quit had already left safely. According to the rules, the Karan Empire had a slim edge. Although Kai didn't show anything, he was quite proud in his heart. Although the Karan Empire only had one more contestant than the others, Yun Feng was still there. How could the Karan Empire not win with a summoner?

The other empires' royal members weren't really frustrated. After all, the edge was really slim. Nobody could tell who would be in the lead if the situation changed again. They were almost all optimistic. Zheng Ran asked Bi Xing with a smile, "My old friend, what are you thinking? Are you wondering which country will win, just like I am?"

Bi Xing remained as taciturn and expressionless as before. He was short and slim to begin with. Plus his solemn square face, he was like a cold hard stone. Bi Xing's lips shivered, but he didn't say anything in the end.

Zheng Ran smiled, not considering it a big deal. He and Bi Xing were old friends. The Mercenary Union and the Magic Union had been frequently in touch. They were in a subtle relationship. Zheng Ran looked at the exit of the Forsaken Maze. There was one month to go. What would happen in there?

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Inside the enormous square deep inside the Forsaken Maze, another half month passed in the blink of an eye. In another half month, the international contest would be over. So far, all four empires had been staying still, which was a good thing for Karan. After all, it had an advantage. If it survived the last half month in peace, it would win.

"Your Highness, what do we do? If we don't do anything..." The Cashya Empire's contestants couldn't wait any longer. Carson was sitting against the wall. He had become a lot more sullen during the past half month. As time went by, Carson got more and more enraged. When he looked at the Ovey and Shengyao teams and saw how poised Xiaoxiao and Muqing were, he gnashed his teeth.

"Damn it, what a bunch of phonies!" After yelling at them, brutality flashed in Carson's eyes. "Don't bother the other two empires! We have no time to lose!"

"But Your Highness, there isn't a Magic Beast here..." mumbled a warrior. They all knew a thing or two about Carson's capabilities. The prince could command Magic Beasts. Although he was not a real summoner, he was still very good.

"Are you blind? Aren't there two over there?" The female mage who had been following Carson smiled. Everybody looked in the Karan Empire's direction, and saw Lan Yi and Little Fire by Yun Feng's side.

"But aren't they already contracted by a summoner? That's..."

"They are, but so what? I can still steal it!" Carson put on a wicked smile, and looked between Little Fire and Lan Yi. The Magic Beast which had transformed into a man didn't seem very strong. That Fire Cloud Wolf seemed better... Carson made up his mind. The Cashya Empire was about to take action.

During the past half month, Yun Feng had carefully observed the square again. It couldn't have been set up in the depths of the maze for ornamental purposes. There must be something in it. Little Fire and Lan Yi had been checking it too, but didn't notice anything unusual. Still, they detected a vague pressure, which was the sixth sense of Magic Beasts. Both of them sent their feelings to Yun Feng. Although there was no telling whether or not their sixth sense was trustworthy, Yun Feng became vigilant and felt that something here was uncoordinated.

The next morning, Kasa wanted to have some fresh air, so she rose and intended to take a walk, but Yun Feng stopped her. It was unwise to wander about in moments like this. However, Kasa was not to be refused as a princess. Yun Feng didn't bother to persuade her, but simply sent Murong Yuntian to accompany her. Hearing that, Kasa was delighted. Though reluctant, Murong Yuntian obeyed Yun Feng's arrangement. At some point, Yun Feng was already well acknowledged as the leader of the Karan Empire's team. Even Kasa had acknowledged it.

"Yuntian, why have you been keeping a distance from me?" Kasa asked Murong Yuntian as they walked forward. Murong Yuntian didn't say anything, and kept his mouth shut. Kasa pushed herself closer to him, but he simply jumped away and kept a distance from Kasa. Kasa turned solemn after seeing that.

"You like Yun Feng?" asked Kasa in a low voice. She lowered her head, preventing anyone from seeing her face. Murong Yuntian didn't deny it or acknowledge it. He remained silent. Kasa turned around and saw Murong Yuntian's gentle smile, which stung her eyes.

"Bam!" Two people appeared out of nowhere, and one of them hit Kasa. Murong Yuntian extended his hand and supported Kasa. Then, he immediately withdrew his hand.

"You've bumped into someone. Are you not apologizing?" Hearing the voice, Murong Yuntian raised his head, and saw that they were two contestants from the Cashya Empire. The arrogant girl in front of his eyes was the mage of the Cashya Empire.

Kasa lowered her head and didn't say anything. Murong Yuntian stepped up. "Sorry about that." Murong Yuntian knew that they were here for trouble and he should try to avoid them. However, the female mage certainly wouldn't let them go so easily. She gazed at Murong Yuntian.

"Well, aren't you Princess Kasa of the Karan Empire? Is this handsome man your lover?" said the female mage teasingly. The warrior next to her laughed and said, "I don't think so. If they were, they wouldn't be standing so far away from each other."

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The female mage observed them pretentiously and then said sarcastically, "That's really true. It's no fun being a princess. You can't get anything. Even this handsome man shuns you."

"Are you done?" Murong Yuntian put on a solemn expression, with coldness accumulating in his eyes. However, the two people from the Cashya Empire didn't stop at all. "If this handsome man isn't the princess's lover, he must be related to that summoner, isn't he?"

"You..." Murong Yuntian seemed rather awkward. Kasa saw his subtle expression clearly. She had remained silent, and didn't say anything back as she usually would. As a matter of fact, the volcano in Kasa's heart was almost erupting. It had been activated by the mockeries and Murong Yuntian's reaction. She suddenly had a twisted idea. Why not kill Yun Feng through Cashya? If so, Yuntian would be hers. Nobody dared to despise her like Yun Feng did. Even if she couldn't win the contest this time, there would always be remedies! An evil idea occurred to Kasa. Wasn't she the princess of the Karan Royal Family? What couldn't she get?

Kasa's rationality was completely eclipsed by jealousy. The sting in her heart was driving her crazy. She simply wanted to retaliate against Yun Feng and make her as miserable as possible. She had completely left everything else behind. If Kai, who was waiting outside, knew what Kasa was planning, he probably would want to kill her.

Making up her mind, Kasa gathered red elements in her hand. "Fire Arrow!" A Fire Arrow appeared out of nowhere. The female mage widened her eyes and raised her hands. "Earth Shield!" Immediately, the Fire Arrow was blocked by the Earth Shield, and shattered into red elemental pieces, dispersing in the air.

Kasa's attack shocked everybody. Yun Feng secretly cursed, "Idiot!" She then flashed towards her. Carson, on the other hand, put on a smile of satisfaction. It was indeed a smart choice to instigate Kasa.

The five people of the Cashya Empire arrived quickly. Ovey's and Shengyao's teams watched the fight. Xiaoxiao smiled mockingly, "Fight, fight. I knew you couldn't wait forever."

In Ovey's team, Muqing looked at the two teams that were about to fight, and put on a smile. "It will be best if Cashya and Karan both suffer heavy losses in their fight."

While Ovey and Shengyao were watching, Carson arrived with fury on his face. "What's going on here?"

"Your Highness, Karan attacked first!" said the female mage. That was the fact. Kasa did attack first. Carson held back his satisfaction. Yun Feng and the others arrived too, followed by Little Fire and Lan Yi. Carson looked at Little Fire passionately.

"I attacked first. So what?" Kasa raised her head and smiled at Carson coldly. Carson laughed and replied ruthlessly, "So, is Karan declaring war on Cashya?"

"So what?"

"Kasa!" Yun Feng roared. Kasa turned around slowly. "Yun Feng, I'm the leader. Shut up."

Seeing the craziness in Kasa's eyes, Yun Feng was stunned. Although Kasa was an idiot, she should be aware of the situation. Had she been somehow bewildered? Why was she reacting so strongly even though it was obvious provocation?

"You're the leader? That's hard to tell." Carson looked at Kasa up and down. "I think she's more like the leader." Carson looked at Yun Feng. The people of the Cashya Empire all nodded. Yun Feng narrowed her eyes. "Carson, you're best at sowing discord, aren't you?"

Carson laughed. "It's so obvious. Everybody who's not blind can see that. You must be thinking the same, don't you?"

Kasa's face became completely dark. Before anyone could react, she had gathered fire elements in her hand again. "Fire Arrow!" Another Fire Arrow darted forward along with a lot of red fire elements. Carson laughed inwardly. Stupid Karan, take the bait!

"Fight! No mercy!" shouted Carson. The Cashya Empire's contestants immediately revealed their weapons. Two warriors were already charging at Kasa. The female mage was casting a spell too. They intended to eliminate her in one attack!

"Earth Shield!" Yun Feng roared. Kasa was immediately surrounded by an Earth Shield which blocked all attacks. The Cashya Empire's attack had already begun. Yun Feng furrowed her brows. Since it was unavoidable, they might as well kick Cashya out!

They had no more concerns. The people of the Karan Empire realized what was going on. Qu Lanyi stood aside, not intending to join at all, as if she was just enjoying the show. Kasa couldn't really do anything. Being in level 6, she could only be beaten up in the battle here!

"Ho..." Little Fire roared and dashed forward. Its body turned into a dark red streak of light that moved fast. Seeing that, Carson was excited, and took out a small jade pendant. He licked his dry lips, with passion in his eyes. Right on time!

Everybody of the Cashya Empire dodged, leaving Carson to confront Little Fire. Little Fire swung its claws brutally, leaving a silver track in midair. Carson suddenly laughed crazily, and squeezed the small jade pendant. Immediately, an immense stream of mental strength erupted and burst out of the jade pendant!

"What?" Yun Feng was stunned. Lan Yi shouted anxiously, "Brother Fire!"

Feeling the enormous mental strength, Little Fire tried to jump aside, yet it was too slow. The enormous mental strength grabbed it tightly like an invisible hand. On the ground where Little Fire was standing, dazzling light was arising!

### Chapter 387: Little Fire, Crisis (3)

"Little Fire!" Yun Feng found the pattern underneath the light so familiar. It was the Array of Contract, which had been engraved to the bee queen's stomach!

Ovey's and Shengyao's contestants were quite surprised too. Muqing and Xiaoxiao both observed with great interest. "Is that the Cashya Empire's trump cad? It's indeed extraordinary..." Both of them mumbled. Summoners had always been strong and mysterious. However, the mysterious pattern underneath Little Fire made everybody know that it was related to summoners.

"Fire Cloud Wolf, you're mine!" Carson narrowed his eyes and watched Little Fire caged in the Array of Contract. It was impossible for that Magic Beast to flee! Yun Feng, a summoner? How did it feel like to be robbed of your Magic Beast, and to be attacked by it?

Carson laughed cockily and proudly. Little Fire was imprisoned in the Array of Contract, which it wasn't a stranger to. Back in the Foggy Forest, Yun Feng had trapped it in a similar way and contracted it!

"You think you can contract me, brat?" Little Fire had been tied up in the Array of Contract. It was letting out brutal threats, but it didn't seem relaxed at all. Carson was still smiling. Yun Feng examined the mental strength from the Array of Contract, only to discover that it was in the final stage of the Commander Level, just like her own!

The Cashya Empire's summoner... Yun Feng gritted her teeth. The Array of Contract was enshrouded in enormous mental strength, and nobody could approach it. If she didn't do anything, Little Fire would really be in danger! A summoner's contracted Magic Beasts were replaceable, which meant that they could be stolen! A senior summoner could rob a junior summoner's contracted Magic Beast, but it didn't happen very often. Summoners hardly robbed each other unless they had a history.

The competition of summoners who were as strong was unknown. It was possible to claim the opponent's Magic Beast as long as one could beat it! That was the situation with Little Fire. Even more dangerously, if Little Fire was taken away, the contract between them would automatically be removed. That contract wasn't an equal one, but a master-servant contract. If it was nullified, the summoner would suffer a fatal strike!

Yun Feng narrowed her eyes and thought quickly. She focused her attention on Carson. As long as she killed him, then the crisis would be resolved! She was rarely determined to kill anyone. Wang Youcai was the first. The Lin family was the second. Now, Carson was the third!

"Master, you cannot fight him head-on!" Lan Yi stopped Yun Feng who was about to take action. Yun Feng gritted her teeth. Even if she couldn't fight the man head-on, she wouldn't allow Little Fire to be taken away!

"Move away!" roared Yun Feng, freeing herself from Lan Yi's hands. She slid towards Carson. Seeing that she was charging at him, Carson sneered, "Yun Feng, even you cannot stop me!"

Carson unleashed mental strength that surged towards Yun Feng. Yun Feng didn't dodge at all, but simply confronted it. Facing Commander Level mental strength, even Yun Feng was still hurt!

"Ugh!" Yun Feng was smashed and almost fell on her knees. Seeing that, Yun Sheng shouted her name and was going to help her, only to be stopped by Lan Yi. "You won't be able to help at all if you go there. Master will have to protect you!"

Yun Sheng could only stop, unwillingly. Both Murong Yuntian and Ze Ran stopped too. Qu Lanyi became pale, and was about to rush to her. Noticing her movement, Yun Feng turned her head around and shouted, "Don't come close!" The mental strength that Carson controlled surged again and hit Yun Feng, making her tremble. Her spiritual space shook violently, and the water drops of mental strength changed significantly. The ancestor who resided in her spiritual space raised his head in worries. "Kid, are you planning to..."

Yun Feng gnashed her teeth. Most of the water drops in her spiritual space melted, and immense mental strength gushed out and gathered into a vortex in her spiritual space. Then, it surged out!

It was almost a life-and-death battle. After the water drops in Yun Feng's spiritual space melted, the surging mental strength gathered into a roaring tide and then charged out of Yun Feng's body!

"Master!" Little Fire roared. Yun Feng stabilized her body and smiled at Little Fire. Her tide of mental strength had already covered Little Fire. To contract a Magic Beast, a summoner had to suppress a Magic Beast with mental strength. If they couldn't, then it would be impossible to contract!

Inside the Array of Contract, Little Fire was shrouded in Yun Feng's mental strength. Carson felt the obstacle, and knew that Yun Feng must be doing something. He instantly unleashed the mental strength towards Yun Feng again!

"Ugh!" Yun Feng didn't dodge. More precisely, she couldn't dodge even if she wanted to. She had given most of her mental strength to Little Fire. Her own mental energy was already exhausted. She couldn't dodge the attack, and could only endure it! She trembled hard. She was still standing and her knees were shivering, but she didn't fall!

"Master, I'm fine. Just retract your mental strength!" Little Fire was unable to move in the Array of Contract, but the pressure it felt was completely gone, all because Yun Feng's mental strength was protecting it! However, Yun Feng was already exhausted. If anyone attacked her, she might not be able to dodge at all! This was definitely a risky and reckless action!

"Hehe..." Yun Feng wiped the blood on her lips. The back of her hand turned red. She looked at Little Fire that was still in the Array of Contract. She remembered that Little Fire had a bad temper when it was contracted. It even tricked her one time... Everything from the Foggy Forest resurfaced in her head.

After they spent so many days together, Little Fire was no longer a simple contracted Magic Beast or the summoner's tool. For Yun Feng, Little Fire was a friend.

### Chapter 388: Disaster (1)

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"Little Fire, I won't let anyone take you away. You're my contracted Magic Beast and my friend. I'll protect you." Yun Feng smiled at Little Fire that was inside the Array of Contract. Her smile made Little Fire's eyes glitter. Little Fire's heart was filled with indescribable feelings. It lowered its head. There was no telling what it was thinking.

"Yun Feng, you think there's nothing I can do? Hahahaha! Today will be the day of your death!" Carson laughed crazily, but deep down in his heart, he was already getting anxious. He was not a real summoner. He was able to wield such enormous mental strength because of the Cashya Empire's summoner's help. It couldn't last too long. If he didn't hurry up, he would be caught in an awkward position! Yun Feng seemed exhausted at this moment, since it was difficult to contract the Fire Cloud Wolf, he might as well...

Carson put on a wicked smile. "Yun Feng, I will kill you first and then contract this Fire Cloud Wolf. Hahaha. Don't worry. Your teammates will join you in the other world soon!" Carson brutally raised his hand, unleashing the violent mental strength as an invisible whip that slapped Yun Feng brutally!

"Pa!" The invisible whip hit Yun Feng with an enormous noise. Yun Feng stood straight like a stone tablet without moving at all. There was stubbornness all over her face. Seeing that, Carson sneered, "You do have bones. Let's see how much longer you may stand!"

"Pa! Pa!" The long whip attacked consecutively, making Yun Feng's skin red and swollen. Yun Sheng, Murong Yuntian and Ze Ran were all angry, but Lan Yi simply stopped them. Lan Yi looked awful too, and its body was trembling with fury!

Qu Lanyi stood aside and gazed at Yun Feng. Seeing her stubborn face and her body that was still standing. She suddenly realized something. She put on a smile, with admiration and affection. "Fengfeng, you're truly bold..."

Yun Feng stood still. Although she was being brutalized and her spiritual space was shaking, she didn't fall. She was still standing with her head held high!

"Master, retract your mental strength! I'm fine! That bastard is incapable of contracting me! Retract it!" Seeing how miserable Yun Feng was, Little Fire knew that she was suffering from physical and mental damage, and that she would be in danger if she didn't do anything! It couldn't allow anything to happen to Yun Feng!

"Little Fire, do you not trust me at all? Am I a meek person that never fights back?" Yun Feng sent a telepathic message. With the protection of Yun Feng's mental strength, the mental strength at Carson's disposal couldn't contract Little Fire just yet. They were still competing.

Little Fire was dazed. Seeing that Yun Feng was smiling despite being hit, it put on a smile. Seeing that, Carson's eyes turned bloodshot. Damn it, what kind of freak was that woman? She was still standing under such mental attacks! If anyone else were here, they would've been whipped into pieces!

No, he was running out of time. He couldn't waste any more time on her! Carson gritted his teeth, and concentrated all of his mental strength. A vague pressure was rising. Everybody's senses seemed to be covered in clouds. They even had trouble breathing. Carson roared, "Yun Feng, die!" The concentration of mental strength even slightly twisted space. This strike would surely kill her!

"You're running out of patience, Carson??" Yun Feng put on a cold smile, and examined the concentrated mental strength, wondering if she could survive it... Seeing that, Lan Yi urged everybody to retreat. Qu Lanyi furrowed her eyebrows. Things seemed to be getting out of control.

Ovey's and Shengyao's observers could feel the pressure even though they were far away. They unleashed their fighting energy and mental strength to ease the pressure. Both Muqing and Xiaoxiao were astonished, not expecting the Cashya Empire to be so powerful!

"It seems that the Karan Empire will suffer a heavy loss," said Muqing softly, while she gazed at Yun Feng who was standing there with furrowed brows. Xiaoxiao stood aside palely. As a mage, she better felt the massiveness of the mental strength. It was so overwhelming that she was scared just looking at it. Could Yun Feng win? How could she possibly resist such mental strength?

The space was twisted. Everybody felt gloomy and pressured. Carson was laughing arrogantly. Yun Feng was wearing a mocking smile. The battle would be ended with this one strike, except...

"Boom!" There was a sudden earthquake on the enormous square. Everybody became anxious. Carson, who was about to launch the critical strike, was disrupted by the unexpected event. He roared, "Which bastard is ruining my plans?"

Nobody replied. Everybody anxiously stepped back. Even Yun Feng didn't persist in standing. She staggered back. The ground was cracking, as if something was going to rose from the bottom of the square!

"Back off!" Muqing and Xiaoxiao shouted at their companions. The two teams instantly retreated to the wall. The Karan Empire's and the Cashya Empire's teams did the same. Carson was infuriated. He was about to succeed, and could've destroyed the Karan Empire's summoner and contracted her Fire Cloud Wolf, initiating a killing spree. However, all his plans were ruined by the thing that was about to appear.

"You dare to ruin my plans!" There was no telling whether his wrath eclipsed his rationality, or he was simply too crazy, but while everybody was retreating, he dashed forward and smashed the abundant mental strength against the ground that was falling apart!

## Chapter 389: Disaster (2)

"Boom!" The mental strength that Carson controlled caused a pit on the cracking ground. The enormous square trembled violently. An astonishing pressure rose from the cracking ground. Everybody felt nervous. Oh no!

Everybody unconsciously returned the way they came. However, the next moment, all the paths were closed. They had nowhere to go!

"Boom! Boom!" The ground was shaking more and more violently, and the thing underneath the square finally broke out of the soil with a pressure that intimidated everybody. Yun Feng's heart shivered. What was that thing? Its pressure was already beyond the Commander Level!

"You dare to disrespect me? Die!" The voice sounded as if it came from an ancient age. It was absolutely flat and emotionless, yet it carried the power that inspired fear!

"Ahhh!" A miserable scream burst out. Carson's eyes almost popped out because of fear. Then, there was nothing. His flesh was torn apart, and his blood sprayed. Carson disappeared from this world in only one second. His dying miserable scream was still lingering.

After Carson died, the Array of Contract that restrained Little Fire was instantly gone. Little Fire leaped out and came to Yun Feng. Holding her in its mouth, it quickly ran to Lan Yi. Everybody was relieved to see that both of them were fine.

Yun Sheng held Yun Feng in his arms, with pity all over his eyes. "Feng, is everything alright?"

Yun Feng managed a smile. Why did her brother seem to be weeping? "I'm... fine..." Yun Feng slowly recalled the mental strength from Little Fire back to her spiritual space. Her exhausted body was replenished. Her face became red again.

"Don't do anything so reckless again, alright?" Yun Sheng hugged Yun Feng tightly and reprimanded. In the moment earlier, Yun Sheng remembered the scene where Yun Feng lay in a pool of blood. At that time, he thought his sister would die, but then she came back to life. Everything was fine as long as Feng was fine...

"Who are you?" The voice echoed in the enormous square that was already shattered. Everybody calmed down and finally saw clearly what had erupted from the enormous square and killed Carson in one attack.

There was a heavy fog in the middle of the square. It was similar to the clouds that lingered above the Forsaken Maze. What the heavy fog concealed was likely an enormous body, because the fog almost occupied the entire square! Nothing of the creature's body could be seen except its golden eyes, which were so cold that anyone who saw them would be frozen.

Inviolable. That was Yun Feng's first thought when she saw the golden eyes. Everybody was thinking the same, and felt awed from the bottom of their heart. Even Lan Yi and Little Fire were the same. Maybe because they were Magic Beasts, the pressure from the unknown creature made them look awful, as if they couldn't stand it any longer.

"Little Fire, Lan Yi, come back." Both of them nodded at Yun Feng's order, and disappeared into the Ring of Contract as two streaks of light.

"S-Senior, we're from the four empires. We shouldn't have interrupted your sleep. Please forgive us," said Muqing against the wall, summoning his courage. The golden eyes were turned around and gazed at him coldly. Muqing felt such overwhelming pressure that he was completely panicked.

"Whoever trespasses on the forbidden land shall die!" The cold voice penetrated everybody's ears. As the void spread out, thousands of air currents erupted from the heavy fog and darted at everybody like arrows!

"Kid, don't fight it! Ask everybody to escape! That thing is too dangerous! You're no match for it at all!" The ancestor's voice echoed in Yun Feng's head. Her reckless action had made her ancestor anxious.

Now that a new monster had emerged, he was afraid that Yun Feng would be reckless again, and hurriedly warned her.

"Don't worry, ancestor, I won't do anything reckless." Yun Feng too knew that she might have scared her ancestor, and promised that she wouldn't do it again. "Squeeze the jade pendants. We must leave as soon as possible!" Yun Feng then roared, "Earth Shield!" An Earth Shield was established in front of the Karan Empire's representatives, blocking the first wave of attack. Feeling the blocked attack, Yun Feng frowned hard. It was true that she was no match for that thing at all. She wasn't qualified to linger here!

All exits had been blocked. The only way to escape was to squeeze the jade pendants, even though it meant quittance! She didn't care about the honor of the Karan Empire! After Yun Feng's roar, Kasa shrieked, "We can't quit! We're about to win!"

Yun Feng glared at Kasa, "If you want to die, stay!"

Kasa was rendered speechless. Although she declared that they shouldn't quit, she was holding her jade pendant, apparently ready to escape. "Yun Feng, you're too strong to be beaten by that, right? You can stay here until the end. If so, the Karan Empire will..."

"Pa!" Kasa was unable to continue, as someone had slapped her in the face. Her head was slapped aside, and she found it hard to believe. Who was bold enough to slap her?

"You..." Kasa glared at the person who was bold enough to slap her. Before she could finish, she had been slapped again, and her head was turned to the other side.

### Chapter 390: Disaster (3)

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"Kasa, if you dare to say another useless word, stay here." Qu Lanyi narrowed her eyes with fury. When she glared at Kasa, Kasa was too scared to say anything. Yun Sheng was already so infuriated that he looked grim.

"No need to waste time on her. Let's get out." Yun Feng had no time to waste on that idiot. Everybody else nodded. The survivors of the Cashya Empire had already squeezed their jade pendant and escaped. Ovey's and Shengyao's must've done the same, because Yun Feng saw flashing light. They must've chosen to evacuate instead of fighting back.

The second wave of attack was coming fiercely. As if it detected that someone had escaped, the unknown creature was exasperated. Sensing that it was a lot stronger than before, Yun Feng changed her expression. "Squeeze! Let's get out!" Everybody held their white jade pendant and squeezed them at the same time!

"Don't even try to run!" The furious voice drew near. Flashes appeared one after another. Sweat appeared in Kasa's hand. She squeezed her jade pendant. After a flash, she regretfully disappeared. She had no time to consider how she could explain everything, or whether the Karan Empire could win the international contest. When Yun Feng squeezed her jade pendant, she felt cold. Crap!

The jade pendant in her hand had been crumbled. However, what Yun Feng squeezed was not the jade pendant to escape, but the one Ao Jin gave her earlier! Because they were very similar, Yun Feng failed to recognize them in the emergency. When she squeezed the jade pendant, the aura of the powerful Golden Dragon burst out. It roared and charged at the black fog as a dragon!

In a certain corner of the world, Ao Jin suddenly opened his eyes. His pure golden eyes glittered dazzlingly. He found it hard to believe. After a few seconds, he turned into a streak of golden light and disappeared. He couldn't be wrong. The jade pendant that he gave the girl was squeezed. The girl was fine!

The roaring dragon blocked the black fog's second wave of attack. Seizing the opportunity, Yun Feng quickly took out the other jade pendant. She couldn't help feeling impressed at Uncle Jin, whose aura remained so powerful after so many years. She would've died here without the dragon aura!

Having no time to think, Yun Feng clenched her fist. However, a violent air current came at her from her back. She keenly jumped aside, but then felt stinging pain on her wrist. Damn it! Yun Feng gritted her teeth. She loosened her hand, and the jade pendant fell off. It was then crumbled into smithereens by another air current.

She didn't have any chance to escape. She landed on the ground, and gazed at the fog in the center of the enormous square. "Kid..." The ancestor saw everything, and felt helpless. Was this just fate? Was Yun Feng doomed? She was so young, and such a distinguished descendant of the Yun family. If her life ended here, all predecessors of the Yun family would be infuriated.

"Ancestor, I don't think I can help the Yun family to rise again." Yun Feng leaned against the wall, and looked up at the heavy clouds above the Forsaken Maze. "Brother, father..." She mumbled in frustration. Ao Jin's roar was dwindling. When it completely disappeared, Yun Feng would have to confront the unknown creature!

Feeling that the dragon roar was becoming weaker and weaker, Yun Feng patted her clothes and looked at the ruined square, as well as the enormous creature that was shrouded in fog. Dropping her depression, she put on a smile. The ancestor felt Yun Feng's reignited faith again, and thought even more highly of her. In such a moment when she was sure that she couldn't win, she remained optimistic and hopeful. That wasn't easy! It was truly lucky for the Yun family to have such an excellent descendant!

"If so, I might as well fight that thing. I would rather die than surrender!"

Even if she must die, she would still charge forward bravely and die a splendid death that she wouldn't regret!

All the water drops in her spiritual space melted. She unleashed all her strength in the final stage of the Commander Level. At this moment, Ao Jin's aura was completely gone. The pair of golden pupils turned to Yun Feng, and squinted when Yun Feng released her aura.

"Who are you??"

Yun Feng laughed, with a proud smile on her face. She stared at the golden pupils and reported her name forcefully, "Yun Feng!"

"Yun Feng..." The ancient voice repeated the name, as if it was quite interested. Then, the ground trembled violently again. "All trespassers will die!" The voice remained cold and bloodthirsty. Yun Feng wasn't scared at all. She simply rose and floated in midair.

"Then try to kill me!" Her eyes glittered. Yun Feng stopped worrying. If a battle was inevitable, she should just enjoy it!

At the exit of the Forsaken Maze, the four empires' people who had been waiting were getting more and more anxious towards the end of the contest. When they were all eagerly waiting, light flashed at the exit of the Forsaken Maze one after another. The royal members of the four empires all looked awful. Which country had quit?

After the light disappeared, the royal members of the Cashya Empire changed their expression. All the three people were from the Cashya Empire. They had completely lost the game that was held in their own country, which was a disgrace to the Cashya Empire.

"You..." The royal members of the Cashya Empire looked at the contestants who had quit, not knowing what to say.. The other empires' royal members were all looking at them with mockery.