

The Doctor 1371

Chapter 1371: Self-Destruct

Shi Rui'er was completely dazed. She did come for the Heavenly Square Cauldron, but she didn't expect to be targeted by this item!

In the beginning, she thought that she was chosen by the Heavenly Square Cauldron, but the excruciating pain immediately woke her up. This item was clearly coming for her life!

After she reacted, she crazily moved back and tried to struggle free. But how could it be that easy?

However, in such a short amount of time, burns of different degrees had already appeared on her body!

"Second Miss!" When the people from the Flying Star Sect saw this, they all noticed the danger and quickly rushed up, wanting to save Shi Rui'er. However, the transparent fire burned crazily, and they couldn't even get near it, let alone others!

Shoo!?

The legendary three-eyed eagle spread its wings and blocked Shi Rui'er. However, that transparent fire formed a fire whip and rapidly flung it away!

Then, The fire whip rushed toward Shi Rui'er at an even more frightening speed!

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows tightly. *Shi Rui'er didn't do anything out of the norm, so why did it target her??*

Chu Liuyue wanted to go up to help, but she suddenly heard a strange sound from below.

She lowered her head, and her eyes shrank because she saw something emerging from the deep and chaotic trench!

It was a tree branch that was totally black. It was about the thickness of a child's arm, but it contained a shocking aura.

It poked out from below and started continuously spreading along the ground. Everywhere it went, the accumulated snow quickly melted.

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Some of the snow water was absorbed by it while the rest seeped into the ground.

The branch started growing at an observable speed. Then, it was the second and the third!

A tree grew from within, and everything in the surroundings started changing rapidly.

That tree was very strange. Only the branches and trunk were totally dark and didn't have a single leaf.

If one didn't personally witness it grow out, they might think that it was just an item carved from black jade.

However, Chu Liuyue suddenly detected a faint familiar aura. She stared at that tree closely and felt that she had seen it somewhere before.

In a short time, this tree was already the same height as normal trees. However, it didn't stop growing and instead continued.

The tree grew, and the branches extended. Wherever it went, the snow melted, and it was a scene of warm spring.

Everything was too strange. The spectating crowd couldn't help but look shocked as they retreated respectively.

"Ah!!!" Shi Rui'er was beaten to the ground, and she let out a painful gasp!

Chu Liuyue looked over.

Shi Rui'er was covered in wounds and bloodstains, and she looked to be in a very disheveled manner. She was surrounded by the transparent fire and kept struggling with all her might, but she still couldn't extinguish the fire and could only suffer the great pain.

The elder with white brows and the others were panicking, but they couldn't go forward to help her.

That transparent square cauldron clearly wanted her life!

"What exactly is going on with Shi Rui'er? She's actually being chased by the Heavenly Square Cauldron?"

The crowd was filled with confusion.

Chu Liuyue was about to go forward when she saw a speck of purplish-golden light flash across from the corner of her eyes!

Her heart skipped a beat as she looked over.

For some reason, a tiny leaf grew on the black wood. That leaf was purplish-gold in color, and it was as thin as a cicada's wing. It was clear like jade and reflected a faint light under the sun.

This is... purplish-gold Buddha leaf!?

Chu Liuyue was very familiar with this item! In order to obtain a purplish-gold Buddha leaf, she had spent a lot of effort back then! However, she didn't expect to see it here!

If such a leaf is growing here, then this tree is...? A ridiculous and crazy thought quickly flashed across Chu Liuyue's mind!? *This is the legendary purplish-gold bodhi tree!?*

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The purplish-gold bodhi tree usually grew in extreme conditions and was a legendary tree that belonged to the legendary three-eyed eagle clan. Since it appeared here, it proved that the legendary three-eyed eagle clan should be nearby!

Chu Liuyue rapidly surveyed the surroundings.

It was empty. There was no sign of the legendary three-eyed eagles, but her heart still seemed to be tightly clutched. *?Not appearing now doesn't mean that they aren't here!?*

She suddenly thought of something and asked in her heart, "Back then, did the legendary three-eyed eagle clan know that you were trapped within the Heavenly Square Cauldron?"

After a temporary silence, a low and clear voice finally sounded. "I don't know."

Back when it happened, everything occurred too suddenly. Thus, it didn't have the time to tell its clan what exactly happened. In the later thousand years, it was trapped in the Heavenly Square Cauldron and was totally suppressed, so it lost all contact with the clan. Hence, it wasn't sure if the clan knew about this.

"But this tree is indeed my clan's legendary tree. There should be other legendary three-eyed eagles nearby—"

Huala!

Before it could finish its sentence, a few legendary three-eyed eagles suddenly flew out from that bodhi tree! Their black apparitions filled the entire sky!

Harsh and fierce murderous intent attacked them! Then, they actually flew toward Shi Rui'er in unison!

It seemed like they clearly wanted to kill her!

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Upon seeing this, the people from the Flying Star Sect were stunned, but they could only face it head-on!

Elder Hua Feng's heart beat wildly. "Quick! Save Rui'er!"

Just with the few people from the Flying Star Sect, they aren't the legendary three-eyed eagles' match!

But when the elders planned to go forward, they suddenly heard someone stopping them from behind. "Elder, think carefully!"

Elder Hua Feng turned around coldly. "Jiang Zhiyuan, now is not the time for you to casually intervene! You—"

"Elder, I'm doing it for everyone's good!" Jiang Zhiyuan hurriedly went forward and rapidly said, "Legendary three-eyed eagles are arrogant and never make agreements with humans. They're clearly treating Senior Sister Shi Rui'er in this manner because she forcefully made an agreement with that legendary three-eyed eagle. Did you forget how she got that legendary three-eyed eagle?"

Shi Rui'er had said herself that her father personally spent a lot of effort to catch it. And that legendary three-eyed eagle wasn't an adult at that time.

He raised it for a long time before finally giving it to Shi Rui'er.

This was undoubtedly an utter humiliation toward the legendary three-eyed eagle clan! They naturally wouldn't let Shi Rui'er off!

"If we go over and help now.. Not to mention that we can't beat these legendary three-eyed eagles, but we might even anger them and cause the situation to worsen!"

Elder Hua Feng's expression changed. "Then, what do you want?"

Jiang Zhiyuan took a deep breath in and quickly glanced at Shi Rui'er, who was on the brink of death.

"In my opinion, those who hide can find. The only thing we can do today is to get Senior Sister Shi Rui'er to dissolve her agreement with that legendary three-eyed eagle and try to talk peace with the other party—"

"Once a human and a fiend have an agreement, there is no way to dissolve it unless the fiend dies. Your method can't work." Elder Hua Feng quickly rejected it.

However, Jiang Zhiyuan's gaze flickered. "Elder, you clearly know that it can be done."

"As long as... Senior Sister Shi Rui'er is willing to destroy her pearl of essence, won't everything be alright?"

Chapter 1372: Grudge

Elder Hua Feng's expression changed.

Actually, quite a few people know of this method, but almost nobody would use it. This was because the damage caused to the cultivator was too great!

Once the pearl of essence was ruined, all their cultivation would turn into nothing overnight! Who could bear it?

"Impossible!" hollered Elder Hua Feng immediately, and he glanced at Jiang Zhiyuan with eyes filled with warning. "Jiang Zhiyuan, even if you have a grudge against Shi Rui'er, she's still your senior sister after all! And when you were surrounded by the nine-tailed green crows previously, she still helped you! You... better watch yourself!"

It was as clear as day as to what Jiang Zhiyuan was thinking!

Seeing that her thoughts were guessed, Jiang Zhiyuan didn't panic as she laughed bitterly. "Elder, you've really misunderstood me. Actually, it's not just me; Senior Sister Shi Rui'er herself definitely knows of this way too. In this situation, if she doesn't do this, I'm afraid she'll—"? *Be on her road to death!?*

If this is already so, what else can we do? She can only blame herself for being too lucky and making an agreement with a legendary three-eyed eagle! What goes around comes around. When she was arrogant and in the limelight, why did she not think of today?? Jiang Zhiyuan felt great.

Now, Shi Rui'er only has two paths to choose. Firstly, fight head-on to the end and cause all the people from the Flying Star Sect to be killed by the legendary three-eyed eagles. Secondly, ruin her pearl of essence and destroy her agreement with the legendary three-eyed eagle, becoming a good-for-nothing from then on.?

No matter which choice it is, they are all paths of doom for Shi Rui'er.?

Seeing that Shi Rui'er was almost completely surrounded by the legendary three-eyed eagles, Jiang Zhiyuan was elated. *Originally, I was still thinking of a way to reduce her suppression. However, I didn't expect that I don't need to take action at all! See if she still dares to be high and mighty!?*

Elder Hua Feng furrowed his brows tightly and felt very conflicted.

Actually, they didn't have enough people. Besides, Dan Qing and the others were injured, so they couldn't even help.

If they really went all-out against the legendary three-eyed eagles, then...

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Shi Rui'er fell to the ground, and never-before-experienced hopelessness filled her heart.

She had suffered quite a few injuries and had many bloodstains.

The snow beneath her body had already melted as the ice-cold water drenched her clothes. It was so cold that it pierced her bones, but her surrounding body was wrapped by the transparent fire, terrifyingly hot.

The coldness and heat intertwined, almost taking away half her life.

An air-piercing sound was heard.

She turned around.

The Heavenly Square Cauldron was at the front, and the legendary three-eyed eagles were at the back.

The people from the Flying Star Sect couldn't go near it, and even her legendary three-eyed eagle was being restrained by two other legendary three-eyed eagles.

She had no way to go back!

A harsh aura rapidly approached!

Shi Rui'er's lips moved slightly, and her lips curled up into an extremely faint bitter smile. *?It seems like I will really be destroyed here this time...?*

But the next moment, she suddenly noticed something and widened her eyes.

A long and slim figure appeared before her!

Shi Rui'er's heart skipped a beat! "Chu Yue?! You—"

"Senior Sister, don't be worried." Chu Liuyue raised her hand and swung her longsword!

The transparent fire that was crazily burning in the surroundings was quickly absorbed by the sword body! The fire then followed the sword body and silently disappeared into Chu Liuyue's palm.

But to outsiders, the fire seemed to be settled by the sword, and nobody would doubt Chu Liuyue.

Her series of actions was very smooth. Before the crowd reacted, they saw that the young man had raised his sword and completely absorbed the surrounding fire.

"You don't know your limits!"

Mockery could be heard from the crowd.

“You want to be a hero, but you didn’t see if you’re capable enough! You’re just a mere stage-nine warrior, yet you think you’re such a big deal? Just watch! The Heavenly Square Cauldron and the legendary three-eyed eagles aren’t things to be trifled with!”

Many people looked at Chu Liuyue with much contempt and mockery.

Shi Rui’er also suddenly recovered her senses and hurriedly said, “Chu Yue, you better leave!”

If he was implicated, she would never feel good about it.

Before she could finish her sentence, the Heavenly Square Cauldron flung out another fire whip! It went straight to Chu Liuyue!

Chu Liuyue raised her eyelids slightly and glanced at the Heavenly Square Cauldron that was about to attack her. The next moment, that fire whip actually stopped inches before Chu Liuyue!

The scene seemed to be frozen, and it was filled with unspeakable strangeness.

Chu Liuyue raised her hand in frustration, and the dense force rapidly became a red fire in her palm!

One could faintly see golden sparks, but they were covered by the red color. Hence, one couldn’t differentiate it.

Whoosh!

The red fire also became a fire whip that was harshly flung toward the sides!

Slap!

Crack!

That transparent fire instantly disappeared, and even the Heavenly Square Cauldron behind shook!

Everyone was dumbfounded. *W-what’s going on? Since when did Chu Yue become so strong?! That Heavenly Square Cauldron had driven Shi Rui’er to this state. Why did it suddenly become weak??*

However, Chu Liuyue had already turned around and looked at the tens of legendary three-eyed eagles rapidly flying over.

The one at the front stared at her closely, and its eyes were as cold as ice.

The two of them stared straight at each other.

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In such a short period of time, the bodhi tree had grown many leaves. A purplish-golden light shone and almost dazzled their eyes.

The more the tree grew, the taller it became as the leaves covered the sky.

Below, the snow melted wherever the tree roots extended, revealing the dark-brown ground that was rich and filled with life.

The surrounding warmth seemed to gradually increase with it.

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Elder Hua Feng's heart seemed to be tightly clutched by something, and he didn't even dare to breathe deeply.

At the side, one elder couldn't help but ask softly, "Hua Feng, should we... go over to help?"

Chu Yue can't do it alone, right? Although he has broken through to become a stage-nine warrior, the legendary three-eyed eagles he is facing are all legendary fiends! How could he be their match??

"Hold on first." Elder Hua Feng swallowed a mouthful of saliva with much difficulty. It isn't that I don't want to help, but... I know Chu Yue too well. If he didn't have sufficient confidence, this kid definitely wouldn't have rushed up. Legendary three-eyed eagles are amazing, but Chu Yue has an ultimate trump card! Now, it just depends on how he chooses to play his cards!?

Hearing Elder Hua Feng say this... Although the others were worried, they could only stay still.

Jiang Zhiyuan sneered in her heart. These people think too highly of Chu Yue. Even with the red-tailed phoenix's help, how could he handle so many legendary three-eyed eagles? He has really gone crazy from wanting to be in the limelight! However, this is fine. It would be for the best if Shi Rui'er could be settled as well!?

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Chu Liuyue stepped forward.

Shi Rui'er opened her mouth. "Chu Yue—"

Everyone looked over.

The legendary three-eyed eagle at the front had a dagger-like gaze that scraped past Chu Liuyue.

Suddenly, Chu Liuyue's figure flashed as she rushed toward the bodhi tree at the side!

Shoo!?

The eyes of the legendary three-eyed eagle exploded with deep hatred as it went for Chu Liuyue!

The other legendary three-eyed eagles rapidly followed suit!

Chapter 1373: Obey

Chu Liuyue was extremely fast. In no time, she had arrived under the purplish-gold bodhi tree.

She looked up.

The charming leaves swayed with the wind and looked lively. Waves of invisible and peculiar aura flowed in the surroundings, exuding a shocking and energetic aura.

Even in the God Residence Realm, purplish-gold Buddha leaves were extremely rare treasures. Now that a purplish-gold bodhi tree suddenly appeared, it was even more precious.

If the Heavenly Square Cauldron and the many legendary three-eyed eagles didn't appear at the same time in front of them, the crowd wouldn't be this calm when they saw that tree.

Of course, the reason why they didn't move was something else—wouldn't they be courting death if they attacked the purplish-gold bodhi tree in front of the legendary three-eyed eagles?

Chu Liuyue stood under the tree and turned around to take a look. The few legendary three-eyed eagles had already followed and surrounded her completely.

Chu Liuyue could clearly feel the intense hatred in their eyes!

She raised her brows slightly. This hatred came rather suddenly. Even though I have helped Shi Rui'er, it doesn't seem like they should have such a reaction. Then... It is because of something else? Could it be because of that fake Heavenly Square Cauldron??

Once this thought surfaced in her mind, the legendary three-eyed eagle at the front suddenly flapped its wings! At the same time, it let out a sharp shriek!

Thump!

A crisp cracking sound was heard!

The transparent square cauldron—which was floating in mid-air not far away—suddenly exploded!

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Everyone was taken aback! Following this, they saw that the transparent square cauldron shards immediately burned and glowed before leaving behind a transparent fire.

Whoosh!

That ball of fire rapidly flew over! In the end, it was directly swallowed by the legendary three-eyed eagle at the front!

Chu Liuyue's eyes sparkled slightly. I see... That spark of fire was the karmic fire in the Heavenly Square Cauldron. I don't know what method these legendary three-eyed eagles used to extract the fire from within and preserve it to this day. It seems like they had even directly controlled it to become their own force.?

They used this fire to fabricate the Heavenly Square Cauldron and lured everyone over. The reason being... To find the person that truly held the Heavenly Square Cauldron! When I made a move and caused the Heavenly Square Cauldron's fire to disperse, they should've already realized this. Their intense hatred should've come because of that.?

Chu Liuyue held the tree trunk lightly with one hand, and aura was inserted within!

"He's rather relaxed!"

Everyone didn't have a good opinion of this as they discussed it softly.

"The purplish-gold bodhi tree is a legendary tree of the legendary three-eyed eagles. How can other people taint it?"

“I think Chu Yue really doesn’t realize what he’s doing. He thinks that he can do whatever he wants just because he broke through and became a stage-nine warrior. He doesn’t realize that there are many strong warriors in this world that he can’t afford to offend!”

“I heard that Chu Yue has a red-tailed phoenix. That’s probably the reason why he’s so confident, right?”

“So what? The legendary three-eyed eagles and red-tailed phoenixes never interact with each other. If they really meet, one person can’t defeat a crowd. Chu Yue has no advantage!”

The legendary three-eyed eagle at the front suddenly flew up and went straight for Chu Liuyue!

Chu Liuyue closed her eyes.

The leaves thrived on the purplish-gold bodhi tree.

A light breeze blew, and the leaves flowed with it.

The voice beside Chu Liuyue’s ear suddenly trailed off, and everything became peaceful and quiet.

Countless pairs of eyes looked over.

The sharp beak looked like it was about to peck Chu Liuyue’s face!

Elder Hua Feng clenched his fists tightly, and his heart almost jumped out of his chest!

Hopelessness flashed across Shi Rui’er’s gaze. She dazedly watched this scene as two streams of tears fell down from the corner of her eyes.

The corner of Jiang Zhiyuan’s lips slowly curled up into a cold smile.

But at this moment, the purplish-gold bodhi tree swayed lightly!

Clang!

The leaves rustled—they dazzled brightly!

That legendary three-eyed eagle suddenly stopped all its movements in front of Chu Liuyue. After a temporary pause, it stared into Chu Liuyue’s eyes. From hatred, its feelings became shock, disbelief, and finally, intense elation!

It retracted its wings and landed before Chu Liuyue, looking like it was about to bow.

Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes slightly.

A gust of wind blew over, and the leaves gradually stopped swaying.

That legendary three-eyed eagle suddenly stopped in its movements as a look of understanding flashed across its eyes. Then, it moved a step back and yelled toward the sky.

Chu Liuyue suddenly felt the purplish-gold bodhi tree shake beside her.

She looked up.

The countless purplish-gold Buddha leaves flew out! They flew to mid-air and connected continuously, seemingly forming a gigantic barrier!

“Quickly retreat!” Someone gasped in shock.

The crowd, which was silent for a long time, finally moved. Everyone retreated respectively!

The crowd from the Flying Star Sect was as fast as lightning as they hurriedly went forward and brought Shi Rui’er away.

“No! Chu Yue is still there!” Shi Rui’er struggled and wanted to go back.

The elder with white brows boomed, “Leave with Second Miss first. I’ll find a way to save Chu Yue!”

With Shi Rui’er’s current condition, she wouldn’t be able to help even if she stayed. She might even be their burden.

Shi Rui’er rapidly understood this and swallowed a mouthful of saliva with much difficulty. She could only hurriedly and worriedly swallow her remaining words and stare at the young man standing quietly underneath the purplish-gold bodhi tree.

How exactly—

Elder Hua Feng’s figure flashed, and he had already rushed over.

However, the barrier formed at a faster speed than he had expected. Without waiting for him to get near to Chu Liuyue, a purplish-gold barrier had already blocked him!

The strong suppression loomed. Before Elder Hua Feng could even touch that barrier, his body had already flown out!

Everyone was either willingly or forced to spread in all directions!

They looked at the scene in front of them in shock.

The brilliant purplish-gold barrier enveloped everything and blocked the whole world on the outside!

Chapter 1374: Meeting

The barrier extended and separated everything outside, but the magical thing was that sunlight could still seep in. Hence, the surrounding scenery didn’t seem different from before.

Oh no, there were still some changes—the places where the purplish-gold bodhi tree hid had basically changed into another appearance.

Looking around, everywhere was warm like spring and very energetic.

Chu Liuyue then relaxed her hands and looked in front.

The legendary three-eyed eagle standing at the front couldn’t conceal its emotions.

Chu Liuyue laughed lightly. “Zi Chen, come out and meet your clansmen.”

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In the snowy field, the gigantic purplish-gold barrier was especially obvious.

The crowd wanted to go in and see what was going on, but they were mostly fearful. *“We might not be the match of so many legendary three-eyed eagles. Besides, even the purplish-gold bodhi tree is around. Who knows if there are other legendary three-eyed eagles??”*

“So this is their habitat...” An elder couldn’t help but mutter. “It’s no wonder no legendary three-eyed eagles have appeared for the past thousand years. After so much hassling, they’re all in the Flood-Desert Northern Region!”

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And they had even hidden so discreetly! If the crowd hadn’t seen them personally this time, they wouldn’t believe this had happened.

The elder with white brows was chased out. He walked to Shi Rui’er apologetically. “Second Miss, I was useless...”

Shi Rui’er coughed and spat out a few mouthfuls of blood. Her face became increasingly pale. “I-I can’t blame you... It’s a-all my fault...”

“If not to save me, Chu Yue wouldn’t have offended those legendary three-eyed eagles! He also wouldn’t be stuck inside! How could he alone be their match??”

The elder with white brows thought for a moment and furrowed his brows tightly. “Second Miss, actually... I don’t think those legendary three-eyed eagles have any intention of harming Chu Yue...”

In the beginning, they were filled with murderous intent and went straight for Chu Yue. But later on, something happened, and their attitudes seemed to have changed. If not, they wouldn’t have stopped their attacks at the last minute.

Shi Rui’er had naturally noticed this, but one could never be too careful. *“No matter what, Chu Yue did it to help me. If something really happens to him, I—”*

“Don’t worry.” The strange thing was that Elder Hua Feng seemed to have heaved a sigh of relief. “He will be safe.”

“With the red-gold heavenly phoenix around... No matter how many more legendary three-eyed eagles there are, it should be fine, right??”

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At the same time, in some prison in the Flood-Desert Northern Region.

Within the dark and oppressive room, there was an intense bloody aura that caused one to vomit.

A skinny man was half-leaning against the ice-cold wall. His hands and feet were all locked up, and he could only move within five steps of wherever he was.

His originally good-looking face currently caved in deeply, and his bones were jutting out, looking very frail.

His pale lips were even dried until they cracked. With a slight movement, fresh, red blood would ooze out.

His eyes were closed, and his breathing was slightly weak as if he would faint at any moment.

“Mu Qinghe.” A hoarse and low voice sounded from the front.

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Mu Qinghe’s eyelids twitched, and he opened his eyes with much difficulty.

When he saw the gigantic copper mirror in front of him, fear, respect, and uneasiness quickly flashed across his eyes. He immediately stood up and kneeled toward it with much difficulty. “...Master...”

“It seems like you haven’t been having a good time recently.” That voice seemed to have some hints of teasing, sending chills down one’s spine. “Shangguan Yue doesn’t seem to have done anything to you, so how did you end up in this state, hm?”

Mu Qinghe placed his head on the ground. “I’m useless... I’m afraid I can’t work for you much longer...”

That voice chuckled. “No matter what, you’ve followed her for so many years. Do you not miss her at all? Oh right, she’s coincidentally also in the Flood-Desert Northern Region. Why don’t... I let you guys meet?”

Mu Qinghe’s heart skipped a beat!

Chapter 1375: Truth

Mu Qinghe kneeled on the ground and didn’t get up for a long time. His voice was deep and weak. “She already knows that I betrayed her. There shouldn’t... be a need to meet her anymore, right?”

What else can I say even if we meet? In this world, there won’t be a person who would continue believing in someone that once betrayed them. Besides, every single thing I did back then was enough to push her to her grave.?

“That might not be the case.” That voice laughed and said ambiguously, “She already knows that you betrayed her, but she still chose to let you live. It’s precisely because of this that makes things more interesting, right? She personally brought you up. Perhaps... she still can’t bear it?”

Mu Qinghe kneeled on the ground and fell into deep silence, his entire body cold and stiff. He closed his eyes and hid all the emotions in his eyes.

The surrounding air froze inch by inch.

“Too many people have come here, and it’s very chaotic. When it becomes quieter, you can just bring her over. If I haven’t recalled wrongly, the two of you haven’t seen each other in a long time, right? At the end of the day, both of you were master and servant, so you should reminisce about the past. Don’t forget—that item is still with her.”

Mu Qinghe’s pale lips trembled, and he finally spat out a few words with much difficulty. “I’ll listen to your instructions.”

Cold and sinister laughter sounded before it quickly disappeared.

After much time, Mu Qinghe finally straightened his body.

The blood color in the gigantic copper mirror not far away from him finally subsided, leaving faint dark-red stains by the edges.

The surroundings were dark, empty, and quiet.

Mu Qinghe slowly stood up, and his face was half-light and half-dark. One couldn't see him clearly.

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"Unfilial descendants greet the ancestor!" Within the barrier, the many legendary three-eyed eagles gathered together and respectfully greeted Zi Chen. They couldn't hide their emotions.

Even though Zi Chen seemed calm, Chu Liuyue was connected to its aura and could naturally feel its rollercoaster-like emotions.

After being trapped for a thousand years, it could finally see its clansmen today. How could it not be agitated?

"Be at ease. Is everything alright in the clan?" Zi Chen composed himself and finally spoke.

Once Zi Chen said that, the legendary three-eyed eagle opposite it had a strange change in expression.

The one at the front looked helpless. "Ancestor... To be honest, the clan isn't doing very well."

Zi Chen's heart sank.

"Ever since you suddenly disappeared back then, someone surrounded us and attacked us continuously. After a hard struggle, more than half of the clan died or got injured. In the end, to preserve our bloodline, we left our original place and came to this place after many twists and turns."

"All these years, we never heard anything from you. We all thought that someone used that Heavenly Square Cauldron on you and—" When the legendary three-eyed eagle at the front said this, it glanced at Chu Liuyue.

Zi Chen's expression was nonchalant. "Just continue."

"...Yes. When you disappeared back then, you had left behind a bit of karmic fire from the Heavenly Square Cauldron, so we used this clue to investigate. It's a pity that after so many years, we couldn't find anything. It was only until this moment that we discovered that the item actually..."

Temporary silence.

The many legendary three-eyed eagles couldn't help but look at Chu Liuyue again. *If our instincts aren't wrong, the Heavenly Square Cauldron seems... to be with this person!?*

"So this time, you actually purposely set up this trap to lure the person who truly holds the Heavenly Square Cauldron and think of a way to obtain it?" asked Chu Liuyue with a slight smile.

"...That's right." These legendary three-eyed eagles were honest and directly admitted to it.

“That’s also why when we first detected it was with you, we—” The legendary three-eyed eagle at the front spoke and glanced at Zi Chen uneasily.

They could all tell that their ancestor had an extraordinary relationship with this young man. *“Back then, the rumors clearly said that Ancestor was harmed by the Heavenly Square Cauldron, so we all hated it and held a grudge against the Heavenly Square Cauldron. But it now seems like... that this isn’t the case...”*

“The Heavenly Square Cauldron has indeed recognized her as its owner, but the incident back then has nothing to do with her.” Knowing that they would misunderstand, Zi Chen directly explained it. “To be more accurate, without her, I might’ve already been destroyed.”

Once it said this, Chu Liuyue immediately felt many passionate gazes land on her.

“So this is what happened. Young Master Chu, sorry for being disrespectful!” Their attitudes instantly changed greatly.

Saving Zi Chen was an extremely huge favor for their entire clan, so they naturally had to thank him properly.

“Everyone, you’re welcome.” Chu Liuyue coughed. *“Actually, I’m not at a loss. After all... Zi Chen has become my legendary fiend...?”*

“The incident back then is a long story. I’ll explain it to you in detail later on,” said Zi Chen while staring at the legendary three-eyed eagle at the front. “Did you decide on this matter yourself, or... Is there another plan? Did you release the news that the Heavenly Square Cauldron would appear here?”

Chu Liuyue’s gaze focused. This was one of the truths she wanted to know the most.

The legendary three-eyed eagle at the front shook its head. “Actually... Someone previously came to find us and said that he wanted to help us find the person who had the Heavenly Square Cauldron, so we agreed. Later on, it was basically the other party executing the plan, and we just waited here quietly...”

Zi Chen exchanged glances with Chu Liuyue. “Who is that person?”

“We don’t know him either. When the other party appeared, he didn’t meet us with his true appearance. Even his figure and looks were different, but... he should be someone extraordinary.”

That was a given. Being able to find the legendary three-eyed eagles and convince them to work with him stated too many problems.

Chu Liuyue thought for a moment. “Zi Chen, who knows that the legendary three-eyed eagle clan has conflicts with the person holding the Heavenly Square Cauldron?”

Zi Chen squinted its eyes and shook its head. “I originally thought that only the people in the clan knew, but it seems like it’s clearly not the case.”

“Could it be the person who harmed you back then? Or... the people who attacked the legendary three-eyed eagle clan after you were in trouble?”

Zi Chen was dazed, and a spark of complicated emotions flashed across its eyes. “There is that possibility... But after thousands of years, I don’t know where they are and what identity they would use to appear in this world...”

The world was ever-changing. After such a long time, anything could happen.

Chu Liuyue crossed her arms and lightly stroked her chin in a seemingly smiling manner. “The other party seems... to be coming for me.”

With the Heavenly Square Cauldron as the bait, I’m definitely the one being lured. However, I can’t confirm if the other party knows that the Heavenly Square Cauldron is with me.

After pausing for a moment, she looked up and asked, “Can you still contact those people now?”

The legendary three-eyed eagles shook their heads in unison. “They’re very meticulous. They would always be the ones who contacted us every time, and later on, all traces and evidence would be destroyed rapidly. We wanted to chase after them and check on them, but it was all to no avail. The other party is very cunning, but there’s something we can confirm—the other party is also in the Flood-Desert Northern Region!”

Chapter 1376: Coincidence

Chu Liuyue furrowed her brows. “The Flood-Desert Northern Region’s conditions are terrible, and the climate is extreme. Almost nobody can stay here for an extended period of time. Besides, the snowy field is vast. Even if there’s someone—”

Suddenly, her voice paused. It was clearly obvious in the snowy field, but... What if they are underground?! This place is vast without edges and boundaries. Who could guess what is hidden underneath??

She hadn’t forgotten that there was a tombstone hidden underground in that gully!

Thinking of this, Chu Liuyue was curious and couldn’t help but ask, “Oh right, do you know who died here and set up a tomb cave and a tombstone?”

The legendary three-eyed eagle at the front had a slight change in expression. “Um... A thousand years ago, a great battle did happen here. If you’re talking about the tombstone that the nine dragon skeletons are guarding... It should be right.”

Chu Liuyue’s eyelids twitched. “Nine dragons... guarding?”

“Yeah! Back then, that strong warrior had an intense battle with the dragon clan here and later met his demise. But when he died, he dragged a total of nine dragons down with him. After his death, he still used his scarce amount of force to suppress them here so that they wouldn’t be able to struggle free.”

Chu Liuyue was a little surprised. “The dragon clan rarely interacts with humans. What exactly did that person do to be surrounded in this manner?”

“We’re not sure about this, but... I heard that it was related to a great phoenix dragon’s skeleton.”

Chu Liuyue's heart suddenly seemed to be hit harshly. She suddenly looked up, and her expression was shocked. "What?"

The legendary three-eyed eagle thought that she had such a reaction when she heard the words 'great phoenix dragon.' After all, that was one of the two ancient legendary fiend races. It was pretty normal for her to have such a reaction, so it patiently explained, "We're not too sure of the details, so we can only guess roughly what happened. Back then, that strong warrior unwittingly obtained a great phoenix dragon's skeleton, and before he could do anything about it, he was discovered and attacked by the whole group of them, leading to the great battle."

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"It's a pity that the dragon clan kind of underestimated that person's capabilities. With nine dragons working together, they still weren't the other party's match. In the end, both parties died together. Of course, judging from the current situation, that strong warrior still gained a slight advantage. Even if he died, he still trapped the dragon clan members here."

Countless thoughts flashed across Chu Liuyue's mind. *A great phoenix dragon's skeleton... I've seen it before, and two of its wing bones are on Zi Chen! Wasn't it buried in Ancestor's Tianling God Realm? How could it be... Is it a coincidence, or...?*

Chu Liuyue looked down, but her heart was beating wildly. *It's rare to even see a great phoenix dragon—an ancient legendary fiend—once, and the possibility of two skeletons appearing... isn't very high. Besides, Ancestor had previously mentioned that he did come here once... Could it be...*

A ridiculous and bold thought kept flashing in Chu Liuyue's mind. She took a deep breath in and silently asked, "Since everyone knows that the dragon skeletons are trapped here, then... Why hasn't the dragon clan made any moves? Rumors have it that they don't... allow the corpses of their clan to be out in the open, right?"

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"That is true, but you have to see the situation first. It isn't that the dragon clan hasn't come and tried to take these nine dragon skeletons away when they were trapped here for a thousand years. However, it was all to no avail. In the end, they decided not to come. But this just shows that the strong warrior back then was indeed formidable. If not, he wouldn't be so powerful even after his death."

Chu Liuyue's mind was a mess as she started to call Shangguan Jing repeatedly. However, the latter seemed to be in a deep sleep and didn't give her any reaction.

Zi Chen realized that Chu Liuyue's expression was amiss. It thought of its wings and guessed something in its heart. "Do you want to go back and take a look?"

Chu Liuyue thought for a moment. "Okay."

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Time slowly trickled past.

The sky gradually darkened. Only the faint purplish-gold barrier was especially obvious in the area.

“It has been so long. Why isn’t there any movement? I wonder how Chu Yue is now...”

“They’re inside, and we’re outside. Even if something really happens, we can’t see it, so we should just wait!”

“I heard that Chu Yue has a red-tailed phoenix. Perhaps he can really get out of this dangerous situation.”

“I feel that it was even more shocking that he continuously broke through to become a stage-nine warrior after he was locked behind that door... Others can’t even beg for such a miraculous opportunity!”

“Luckily, the Heavenly Square Cauldron didn’t land in his hands. However, that item seems to be the legendary three-eyed eagles’? The news that previously came out didn’t mention this. I’m afraid we have to check on this properly...”

The crowd partook in heated discussions, and quite a few people started doubting this Heavenly Square Cauldron matter.

Everyone present had an important presence in the God Residence Realm, so they naturally had brains. Now that so many things had happened, they just had to think about it slightly and could detect the problem.

Now, they all planned on waiting for Chu Yue to come out before reaching a decision.

Ling Xiao Academy’s side was quiet. Chu Yue was their person, so they were naturally most worried.

Jiang Zhiyuan stood in an inconspicuous corner behind the group and treated her wounds on her own. Not to mention her other injuries, the most serious ones were still the burns on her arm.

Even though medicine was applied to the burns before, such a long time had passed, and the medicine should’ve long been changed. However, they kept running back and forth the entire time, so they didn’t have the time and energy to do this.

She slowly took off her bandage—her wound had already become rotten. With a light tug, she even peeled off some skin and meat.

It was so painful that her face flushed white, but she could only clench her teeth and continue with it.

At the side, Shi Rui’er unintentionally saw this scene, and mockery flashed across her eyes.

As Elder Dan Qing had already openly broken off his ties with Jiang Zhiyuan, everyone from Ling Xiao Academy now had a vastly different attitude toward Jiang Zhiyuan than before. This wasn’t because everyone looked down on the weak, but...

Elder Dan Qing had always loved and protected this disciple greatly. Now that this suddenly happened, it was clear that Jiang Zhiyuan had done something wrong.

He left a last bit of face for Jiang Zhiyuan and didn’t expose her in public. But everyone wasn’t stupid, so they naturally wouldn’t have a good attitude toward Jiang Zhiyuan. Hence, nobody even helped her treat her wounds now.

She had already lost most of her items, and she didn't even have a slightly useful herb with her, so she could only forcefully get some herbs from the elders to apply to herself.

She was clearly miserable.

"She deserves it." The elder with white brows followed Shi Rui'er's gaze and coldly snorted.

This voice was neither loud nor soft, but it was enough for Jiang Zhiyuan to hear it clearly.

Jiang Zhiyuan was distracted for a moment and couldn't control the force of her hands, directly pulling off a large piece of skin and meat that was stuck together. It was so painful that her face flushed white!

However, nobody cared about it as if she didn't even exist.

Jiang Zhiyuan bit her lips. *This cannot go on... If something really happens, I will definitely be abandoned by everyone instantly!?*

Suddenly, her eyes lit up as she turned around to take a look! *Chu Yue just came out, so... that door should still be open, right?!?*

Chapter 1377: All Settled

Back then, everyone's attention was suddenly stolen by the suddenly appearing Heavenly Square Cauldron, but almost nobody thought that the place where Chu Yue had been was also a good place to go.

If not, how could he possibly directly break through to become a stage-nine warrior from a stage-eight warrior?!

The Heavenly Square Cauldron was indeed a treasure, but only one person could get it in the end—not to mention the legendary three-eyed eagle clan that was hard to handle.

Rather than waiting here for an extremely unlikely opportunity, I should try another path! Perhaps... I can also obtain some twist of fate?? Thinking of this, Jiang Zhiyuan had already made up her mind. *Anyway, these people don't care about me and hate me to the core, so what else should I consider? As long as Elder Dan Qing is around, I can't do anything good for myself. Then, I should just give up!?*

As she slowly and carefully bandaged her wounds again, she silently surveyed her surroundings.

The sky had already darkened, and the surrounding scenery slowly became blurred. Everyone was staring at that barrier, and nobody noticed her.

She carefully moved toward the back, and her figure quickly and silently disappeared behind the crowd.

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Jiang Zhiyuan thought that she had done it perfectly. However, she didn't know that her every move was already watched from the start.

"She still doesn't know her place like before..." Shi Rui'er retracted her gaze, and her expression was nonchalant.

"Second Miss, you have indeed predicted it." The elder with white brows softly said, "If not, I..."

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“We don’t have to spend so much effort on the current her, so you don’t have to do anything about it.” Shi Rui’er smiled. Although her lips were pale, she had recovered much of her aura. “We don’t even have to think about where she went. I want to see what kind of commotion she can still cause.”

“Yes.”

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The sky was dark.

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Relying on her previous memory, Jiang Zhiyuan forcefully returned to the gully.

At this point, those nine dragon skeletons had quietened down at this point and just stood in their spots.

The night sky seemed rather scary.

Jiang Zhiyuan poked her head out and glanced below. She could forcefully see an outline of some shattered rocks, and the door was indeed still open. However, the inside was dark, and she couldn’t see anything at all.

I probably still have to go down...? Jiang Zhiyuan mustered her courage and jumped down!

The moment she landed, Jiang Zhiyuan noticed something amiss—the warmth in the gully had dissipated at some point.

She was standing not far away from the door, but the previous hot temperature had already dissipated. It was even slightly cold.

She carefully looked in. It was a pity she couldn’t see anything by standing here.

The opening on the door had a sharp and clean cut to it. It showed just how sharp the sword was and how strong the person who wielded it was.

Jiang Zhiyuan couldn’t help but feel jealousy and hatred. She knew that she could never leave such a mark on this door with her own strength alone, but Chu Yue could! *Even if he is only a stage-nine warrior now, his abilities have long exceeded the crowd’s expectations! And that sword... It is definitely not something ordinary. Why does he have all the good things??*

Jiang Zhiyuan was enraged. She clenched her teeth and finally walked forward. *Since Chu Yue can get a fateful opportunity here, then... Why can’t I?!?*

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In less than 20 steps, Jiang Zhiyuan quickly reached the door.

She paused in her tracks slightly and hesitated for a moment in front of the door. Through the opening on the door, she stuck her head in to take a look.

It was completely dark, and a ray of light flashed across faintly. However, she couldn't identify what it was clearly.

She thought for a moment and finally stepped in!

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At the same time, the purplish-gold barrier finally dissipated! The barrier transformed into countless leaves, which flew back to the tree branches and swayed as per normal.

This commotion caused the entire spectating crowd to be taken aback as they hurriedly looked over.

Under the night sky, the faint light exuding from the purplish-gold bodhi tree outlined a slim and long figure—it was Chu Liuyue!

Countless eyes landed on her face.

The crystallized light caused her porcelain-white face to look as clear as jade. Her pair of black, gem-like eyes sparkled like stars, and there seemed to be light flashing in her eyes.

“Chu Yue!” Elder Hua Feng called out in surprise.

The crowd saw that young man look over. Then, his lips curled up into a smile.

On this dark and quiet night, she was like a bright pearl that glowed silently and was very eye-catching.

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The crowd kept quiet.

She clearly had an ordinarily good-looking appearance, but for some reason, her smile made her look charming.

Chu Liuyue walked toward Ling Xiao Academy's side. “Elder.”

Elder Hua Feng hurriedly pulled Chu Liuyue over and checked her carefully. “How are you? Are you injured? Did those legendary three-eyed eagles put you in a difficult spot?”

Chu Liuyue smiled. “I'm fine. Don't worry.”

Elder Hua Feng then relaxed. *That's true. With the red-gold heavenly phoenix around, those fellows probably wouldn't do anything toward him.*

Seeing his expression, Chu Liuyue basically guessed his thoughts. She smiled with slightly deeper meaning. *Actually, I didn't use this trump card. Wouldn't Zi Chen be more suitable than Tuan Zi??*

But she temporarily couldn't say such words.

Noticing the inquisitive gazes around her, Chu Liuyue seemed to smile unintentionally and said, “I let the red-tailed phoenix talk to them and explained everything, so they didn't put me in a difficult spot. Oh right, they also agreed to return Senior Sister Shi Rui'er's fiend.”

The crowd instantly had strange expressions. *This... Why does everything sound so easy when coming out of Chu Yue's mouth!?*

Chapter 1378: Guess

That is the legendary three-eyed eagle clan! Since when was it so easy to talk to them? If he said that they took the red-tailed phoenix into consideration and didn't touch Chu Yue, then it is fine. Yet, they actually agreed to return Shi Rui'er's fiend... Isn't that too incredulous?!?

Even Shi Rui'er was stunned. She disregarded her injured shin and limped over.

The elder with white brows hurriedly supported her from the side, terrified that she would accidentally fall down.

"Chu Yue, are you telling the truth?!" Shi Rui'er's heart beat intensely, and her eyes were overflowing with expectations.

Chu Liuyue raised her brows slightly and snapped her fingers.

Hula!?

A legendary three-eyed eagle rapidly flew over!

Shi Rui'er instantly looked surprised. This was exactly the one she had an agreement with.

That legendary three-eyed eagle flew above Shi Rui'er's head for a moment and glanced at her apologetically.

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Actually, after the agreement was made, Shi Rui'er had always treated it very well. If the legendary three-eyed eagle said that it had no feelings for her, it was definitely fake.

But when its ancestors came, it was put in a difficult spot on both sides. On the one hand, it didn't want Shi Rui'er to be injured. On the other hand, it didn't want to go against its ancestor's rules, which caused this outcome.

Luckily, everything had passed now!

Shi Rui'er almost couldn't believe it, and she couldn't help asking, "Your... clansmen aren't going to pursue the matter of us making an agreement?"

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That legendary three-eyed eagle nodded and quickly glanced at Chu Liuyue. *?The ancestor had said it personally, so the others naturally wouldn't have any opinions—not to mention that Ancestor has also made an agreement with a human...?*

It quickly returned to Shi Rui'er's body.

Shi Rui'er was overjoyed and looked at Chu Liuyue excitedly. "Chu Yue, I really don't know how to thank you!"

Even though Chu Yue didn't say much himself, one just has to think to know he definitely put in a lot of effort this time. Even if I don't know how exactly he convinced the legendary three-eyed eagle clan... This is great!?

That legendary three-eyed eagle was given to me by Father, and I have always treasured it. Originally, I thought that I was on a path of no return, but who would've thought that there was light at the end of the tunnel!?

“Senior Sister, you don’t have to be polite. It was willing to follow you.” Chu Liuyue smiled. “The legendary three-eyed eagles are arrogant but also very loyal and direct. As long as you treat it properly, you don’t have to worry about anything else.”

Does this mean that he has already talked it out with the legendary three-eyed eagle clan?!? Shi Rui'er was shocked. All the people present are formidable characters in the God Residence Realm. But even if they went over, they might not be able to convince the legendary three-eyed eagle. After all, this is related to their clan's reputation and dignity. Yet, Chu Yue did it...?

Her heart was suddenly filled with doubts. What identity does Chu Yue have? Why does he have such power?!?

It wasn't only Shi Rui'er; everyone else present had the same thoughts.

Chu Liuyue disregarded those gazes and turned around.

That purplish-gold bodhi tree stood quietly and didn't continue growing, but it did not hide either.

The legendary three-eyed eagles that previously appeared had all returned to the tree the moment she appeared. Chu Liuyue convinced them for a long time, so they didn't respectfully send her out. After all, it wasn't good if other people saw it.

It was better to be discreet.

Detecting Chu Liuyue's gaze, all of them looked over with shining eyes.

Chu Liuyue's eyelids twitched.

Originally, knowing that Zi Chen had made an agreement with her, they felt rather unbalanced. But after hearing that she saved Zi Chen and even helped it reform its physical body, they were totally convinced by her.

If she hadn't warned them repeatedly before, they would have pounced on her again.

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She coughed, cupped her fists, and said, “Thank you for your understanding, everyone. The future is long. We'll see each other again next time.”

Shoo!?

The many legendary three-eyed eagles answered in unison, and their shrieks no longer had the previous mockery and targeting nature. Instead, there was a hint of reluctance.

The surrounding spectators present had incredulous expressions. *This... What exactly did Chu Yue say and do when he went in, allowing the legendary three-eyed eagles to be so polite toward him??*

Elder Hua Feng revealed a meaningful gaze. *The red-gold heavenly phoenix... is indeed formidable...?*

“Elder, I suddenly recalled that I left some things in that tomb, so I’m afraid I have to go back and take a look.”

Elder Hua Feng was stumped. “Tomb? What tomb?”

Chu Liuyue paused and explained, “The place where I was locked up previously.”

The surroundings fell silent. Everyone’s attention was immediately attracted.

Hearing Chu Liuyue’s words, quite a few people looked shocked. *?Tomb? So that place is actually—*

“Okay. We’ll go back and take it together.” Elder Hua Feng didn’t want to let Chu Liuyue go by herself again and insisted on following her no matter what.

Chu Liuyue couldn’t argue against him and could only agree in the end.

She walked forward.

Jin Di and the others exchanged glances and knitted their brows.

But before they spoke, Chu Liuyue paused in her tracks and turned around. She raised her brows slightly and said in a seemingly smiling manner, “Oh right, there’s something I forgot to tell everyone. The Heavenly Square Cauldron that previously appeared... is fake. That was just an illusion that the legendary three-eyed eagles conjured up, and it’s still with them. If you don’t believe it, you can go ahead and snatch it. Then... we’ll take our leave first.”

Then, she turned around and left in a carefree manner, leaving the crowd behind in a daze.

Is... he saying the truth??

“...That Heavenly Square Cauldron appeared suddenly, and there was no weather phenomenon. Thinking about it now, there does seem to be a problem...”

“I think so too. Previously, that thing was controlled by the legendary three-eyed eagles. This isn’t normal, right?”

“Does Chu Yue really have nothing to do with that Heavenly Square Cauldron...”

Chu Liuyue pretended as if she didn’t hear all those voices behind her.

Anyone who had brains could guess something now. Now, she just wanted to make one thing clear!

“Why does it seem like someone is missing?” Chu Liuyue took a few steps out and suddenly realized that something was amiss.

They surveyed their surroundings, and there was indeed someone missing.

“Where’s Jiang Zhiyuan?” The few elders also found it strange.

“She was still here just now. Where can she go in such a short time?”

Shi Rui’er added, “Chu Yue, if I didn’t guess wrongly, she should’ve gone to the place you were at just now.”

Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes slightly.

Shi Rui'er paused. "Actually, I knew when she left, but I didn't stop her. There... shouldn't be any problem, right?"

"Of course not." Chu Liuyue's lips curled up slightly, and she revealed a faint smile. "That place... is very safe."

As she spoke, she continued walking forward.

Shi Rui'er blinked in confusion. *Why do I feel that Chu Yue's previous expression seems like... he is waiting to watch a good show??*

Suddenly, her gaze flickered. *Could it be that something good is hidden in the tomb?!?*

Chu Liuyue continued walking forward and kept calling Shangguan Jing in her heart. Now, she desperately wanted to verify the guess in her heart!

Chapter 1379: Dig Her Own Ancestor's Grave

Jiang Zhiyuan stepped through the door and went in.

The surroundings were dark, and there were only a few bright pearls shining faintly on the walls, allowing one to forcefully see the scene before them.

It was empty, and one couldn't see anything.

Jiang Zhiyuan was stunned and suddenly stopped in her tracks.

The surroundings were sinisterly cold. After staying in here for a while, she couldn't help but have goosebumps.

She felt fear for some reason and surveyed her surroundings again. There was still nothing.

Did Chu Yue break through from a stage-eight warrior to become a stage-nine warrior here?!? Jiang Zhiyuan knitted her brows and felt that something was amiss. *This place doesn't seem to be anything special...?*

She suddenly focused her gaze. A ray of light seemed to have flashed across not far in front of her!

As the surroundings were very dark, Jiang Zhiyuan's attention was attracted the moment that ray of light appeared.

She tightly clenched her fists in her sleeves and walked forward with a tense body. The nearer she was, the more she could feel the strange air current in the air.

The space here isn't right!? Many thoughts quickly flashed across her mind.

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The surrounding air gradually became sticky, and it even became effortful to move. Not long later, she shockingly realized that her bodily force was rapidly depleting!

She had experienced so much earlier on and didn't have much force left in the first place. In this manner, she was almost totally depleted of her force.

She felt hesitant and wanted to leave, but she was afraid that she would miss something. In the end, she could only brave herself and walk forward.

Luckily, she was closer and closer to where the ray of light was shining.

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After the distance shortened, she could finally see that item clearly.

She was slightly stunned. That was because the light that glowed faintly was a broken rock.

The rock was totally black and was the size of a nail as it floated quietly in mid-air. When it spun lightly, it would reflect an extremely faint yet brilliant light.

This was the thing she had seen previously. Other than this, there was nothing special about this rock.

There wasn't even a ripple of force here.

Jiang Zhiyuan slowly knitted her brows. *What the hell!? Why can Chu Yue absorb the Heaven and Earth Force here and continuously break through, yet I can only see these messy items?!?*

She clenched her teeth and indignantly clutched the rock in her hands. It was burning hot to the touch.

"Ah!" Jiang Zhiyuan threw the rock away and hurriedly looked at her palm.

A scorched wound had already appeared on it.

Thump!

That tiny rock was thrown to the ground, and it rolled a small distance away.

"Jiang Zhiyuan." A clear voice was heard from behind.

Jiang Zhiyuan was taken aback and hurriedly turned around to take a look. When she saw the incoming person, her heart beat wildly. "Chu Yue?! W-when did you come!"

Wasn't he still in the barrier previously? Why did he appear so silently!?

"I just came." Chu Liuyue smiled. "Don't worry. I was later than you."

As Chu Liuyue spoke, she looked down, glanced at the rock that Jiang Zhiyuan threw away, and dangerously squinted her eyes. "Why? Are you looking for something?"

Jiang Zhiyuan guiltily took a step back. "N-nothing much... I was just curious, so I came over to take a look."

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath. That sense of familiarity overwhelmed her again.

She couldn't help but sigh. *W-why did I not notice anything at all?!?*

"Ancestor," she silently said in her heart.

Shangguan Jing hadn't woken up yet, and he couldn't give her any response.

I'm probably the only one in the entire world to dig my own ancestor's grave! Chu Liuyue rubbed her brows painfully. "Sorry for disturbing your peace; it's my fault. Don't worry. I'll clear all the messy things here!"

Chapter 1380: Who's Territory!

"This isn't somewhere you can come. Please get out as soon as possible." Chu Liuyue looked at Jiang Zhiyuan and spoke calmly without allowing for rejection.

Jiang Zhiyuan knitted her brows, and she naturally disagreed. "I have to go out just because you say so? This isn't your territory; you have no right to command me!"

Chu Liuyue's lips moved. Not to mention others, this place is really my Shangguan family's... However, I'm too lazy to argue with Jiang Zhiyuan about this.

"I'll count to three. If you still don't head out, I'm going to 'help' you," Chu Liuyue said nonchalantly, but her brows and expression became colder.

Jiang Zhiyuan felt her heart turn cold from the other party's gaze, but the next moment, she was infuriated. I'm a demigod! I'm only stronger and not weaker than Chu Yue, yet I have to be ordered around by him?! How does this make sense? Even if I'm not as good as Chu Yue in some aspects, I'm not one to be trifled with!?

Thinking of this, Jiang Zhiyuan felt much more confident. She laughed, but there wasn't much smiling intent in her eyes. "Chu Yue, I know you've become more capable, but you're not invincible. If you can come to this place, why can't others come over? Could it be... that you're afraid that I'll steal any treasures?"

When she spoke, she kept staring at the young man in front of her. She wanted to see any hint of secrets on his face, but there were none.

His good-looking and clean face had a faint smile, but nobody could guess his thoughts. This was especially so when it came to his deep and bright eyes that perfectly covered all his emotions—one had no way of guessing his thoughts.

At that moment, Jiang Zhiyuan felt a little discouraged. Even if there are treasures here, wouldn't Chu Yue have already taken them??

Chu Liuyue just quietly watched her as her lips curled up slightly, and she snorted in her heart. It seems like the experience in Flood-Desert Northern Region during this period has caused Jiang Zhiyuan to be overly exhausted, causing all her emotions to be clearly displayed on her face. It's as if she is afraid that others can't tell. Even if she wants a treasure, this is not the way.?

"One." Chu Liuyue raised one finger.

Jiang Zhiyuan's heart skipped a beat, and she felt hatred. This Chu Yue really thinks he's something!?

She turned around and continued searching in the empty space, clearly not planning to care about Chu Liuyue.

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Chu Liuyue raised her eyebrows. "Two."

Jiang Zhiyuan ignored her, and many thoughts flashed across her mind. *There are only two possibilities that allow for a cultivator to continuously break through in a mere two days. Either he suddenly obtained an inheritance that allowed his cultivation speed to be increased significantly, or the time flow of this place was different from the outside world, allowing him to achieve what other people would take months or even years to achieve in such a short period of time. From the strange feeling in the surroundings, it seemed like the second one...?*

"Three." Chu Liuyue's red lips curled up, and she coldly spat this word out.

Seeing Jiang Zhiyuan who was freely walking inside and not taking her words into consideration at all, Chu Liuyue smiled slightly. *Since she is so stubborn, then... There is no need to be soft-hearted.?*

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Thump!

Elder Hua Feng and the others just rushed over. Before they could speak, they saw a figure flying out from the door and harshly falling onto the ground!

Shoo!?

Jiang Zhiyuan suddenly spat out a mouthful of blood as her face flushed white!

Shi Rui'er, who was standing in front, took a step back in contempt. Even though she was also covered in dust and bloodstains now, looking very disheveled, being stained with Jiang Zhiyuan's blood would cause her heart to weaken.

Nobody went forward to help Jiang Zhiyuan.

Elder Hua Feng took a look inside. "Chu Yue?"

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Chu Liuyue gradually walked over and clapped her hands. "Senior Sister Jiang, I had already warned you earlier, but you refused to listen. Therefore, don't blame me for this."

The crowd exchanged glances. *This Chu Yue... is really bold. He didn't even avoid such a matter. However, Jiang Zhiyuan is clearly abandoned by Ling Xiao Academy, so others naturally won't be polite to her.?*

Hearing this, Jiang Zhiyuan was so angry that her organs and muscles tightened, and she almost couldn't catch her breath. "Chu Yue, don't be such a bully! This place doesn't even belong to you. You don't have the right to treat me like this!"

Chu Liuyue glanced at her lazily. "Senior Sister Jiang, do you still not understand the logic of 'the strong are respected?'"

"You—"

“If you want to continue staying here, it’s very simple. You can come in if you want... as long as you can stay here.” Then, Chu Liuyue raised her brows slightly and said to Elder Hua Feng and the rest, “Elder, I still have some matters to settle, so I’ll go in first. Could I trouble you... and the others to wait outside for a moment?”

Then, without waiting for Elder Hua Feng’s reply, she turned around. After taking one step, she stopped, turned around slightly, and glanced at Jiang Zhiyuan very coldly. “Senior Sister Jiang, I’ll welcome you anytime.”

The moment she said it, her figure rapidly disappeared behind the door.

A silver barrier rapidly appeared, sealing the door shut and excluding all the events from the outside world—although everyone couldn’t even see anything from the outside in the first place.

Jiang Zhiyuan was humiliated in public, and she flew into a rage. Yet, she was filled with injuries and could only stand up forcefully, so how could she avenge herself?

Her cultivation level was indeed higher than that of Chu Yue. Logically speaking, there should be no issues beating him. But after experiencing all those incidents before, she was left with not much strength.

On the other hand, Chu Yue was complete and uninjured. Besides, he had just broken through, and it was when his combat skills were at their peak.

Battling under such circumstances, was it not obvious who would win?!

“This...” The other people that slowly rushed over were all taken aback when they saw this scene.

Jin Di couldn’t help but knit his brows, and he asked with a deep voice, “Hua Feng, what does Chu Yue mean? Does he plan on taking this entire place himself and not letting us enter?”

Due to the fake Heavenly Square Cauldron that suddenly appeared, everyone’s attention was attracted away, and nobody cared about this place. However, they just recalled that this was the place where the true treasures lay!

Chu Yue’s attitude was very suspicious, and one couldn’t help but doubt him.

Elder Hua Feng sneered. “Previously, you guys didn’t come for such a long time. Now that Chu Yue is back, you recalled it too?”

Jin Di ignored his mockery and walked right in. “Since the door is open, I have to go in and take a look!”

But the moment he took a few steps out, a cold voice came from inside. “From now on, nobody is allowed to step into this place. If anyone wants to try... bring it on!”

Arrogant!

Preposterous!

As they were shocked, everyone widened their eyes and exchanged glances.

Jin Di couldn't help but laugh. "Wow! Chu Yue, you think too highly of yourself! I want to see just how long you can guard this place!"

Then, he moved his arm, and a golden spear appeared in his hands!

Whoosh!

The spear pierced through the air!