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Chapter 1561: Rong Xiu's Danger

"I wonder where the remaining pages are..." muttered Chu Liuyue softly.

In order to hide it back then, she risked suppressing her God Realm, going back to Tianling, and even sacrificing her life.

Now that she had come back, she had to continue finding the remaining ones. If she could gather them, many problems could be solved.

Right at this moment, knocks were suddenly heard outside.

Chu Liuyue retracted her thoughts, stood up, and opened the door. "Rong Xiu?"

The person outside the door was indeed Rong Xiu. It seemed like he had just returned, but his expression didn't seem right.

Chu Liuyue asked strangely, "What... happened to you?"

Rong Xiu held her hand and returned to the room. After standing in the room, he looked at Chu Liuyue and said in a low voice, "The clan leader is unconscious."

Chu Liuyue was dazed for a moment and then realized who he was talking about after reacting. "...Clan Leader Baili?"

Rong Xiu lightly nodded. "Yu Mo personally came and delivered the news earlier."

No wonder he wasn't around just now... Chu Liuyue knitted her brows. "When did that happen? Why would he suddenly faint out of nowhere?"

More than a month ago, he was clearly fine in Fangzhou City. How long has it been??

Rong Xiu shook his head. "Yu Mo said that ever since he returned to the Sky-Cloud Empire, he has stayed in his room the whole time and didn't come out. In the beginning, the subordinates didn't notice anything amiss. Later on, Respected Elder Yu Jing had something urgent to report and kept knocking on the door, but it went unanswered. He became doubtful and forcefully barged in, and that's when he realized."

"Respected Elder Yu Jing then immediately told Yu Mo and asked him to come over personally."

The matter was serious, so someone had to come and report to Rong Xiu.

Chu Liuyue's heart sank. "That means that nobody knows when Clan Leader Baili became unconscious. And the reason... is also unknown?"

Rong Xiu paused, and his voice became colder. "This news wasn't suppressed. Now, all the higher-ups in the Sky-Cloud Empire know about this, including the family heads of the 28 divisions."

Chu Liuyue almost instantly understood. "Someone suspects you?"

Rong Xiu's thin lips curled up. "Other than me, there doesn't seem like there's someone else who wants to do this even more?"

Even though he was smiling, the corner of his lips and his eyes were cold. "All the elders are now waiting for me to go back to the Sky-Cloud Empire, and they plan to investigate this matter properly."

They said it was to investigate and find out the truth, but they clearly targeted him.

Everyone knew that Baili Chun and Rong Xiu had never been on good terms. Previously, they still hid it a little, but after what happened at Fangzhou City the other day, the two parties had completely fallen apart.

Now that Baili Chun got into trouble once he went back, everyone would naturally suspect Rong Xiu.

Even if Baili Chun was previously humiliated, he was still the Sky-Cloud Empire's clan leader. If something really happened to him, it definitely couldn't be covered easily—not to mention that someone might want to take the chance and cause some trouble.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows tightly. "Then now, you—"

"I'll make a trip back." Rong Xiu hugged her, and his chin lightly touched her forehead. "Don't worry. I'll quickly settle the matters there and come back."

Originally, he also planned on following her to Godly Phoenix Mountain.

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in as the faint cold fragrance slowly spread in her chest. Her heart instantly felt more secure.

"Don't worry. I can handle my own matters myself. As for the Sky-Cloud Empire's side... Clan Leader Baili's status is distinguished after all. If he didn't set this trap himself, it means that someone else wants to frame you."

This was largely different from Rong Xiu usurping the throne and forcefully taking power. If it was confirmed that Rong Xiu harmed the clan leader, this would become a flaw that could never be erased.

Rong Xiu could have no cares about the clan leader, and he could rid the latter of his power, but he couldn't be tainted with the sin of killing the clan leader!

Rong Xiu nodded. He indeed had great power in the Sky-Cloud Empire, but some people still had malicious intentions.

"Some things have to be cleaned sooner or later." Rong Xiu bent down and kissed her forehead.

Chu Liuyue hugged his waist. "Then, why don't we make an agreement? Whoever settles their trouble first will go find the other person."

Rong Xiu raised her face and kissed her lips. "Okay."

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Rong Xiu didn't stay for too long and quickly left with Yu Mo.

After some simple tidying, Chu Liuyue directly left with Shangguan Jing and headed for Godly Phoenix Mountain the next day.

Originally, Nan Suhuai also wanted to follow them. But considering that Ling Xiao Academy had indeed been in a lot of trouble recently, Nan Suhuai had to take charge of the situation. Chu Liuyue also didn't want to implicate the academy further, so she still rejected him tactfully.

After a month of recuperation, Tuan Zi's injuries were basically healed.

Under its guidance, Chu Liuyue and the rest left the academy for Godly Phoenix Mountain.

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Godly Phoenix Mountain had always been very mysterious to the people in the God Residence Realm. In recent years, they had been increasingly discreet, so everyone was naturally more curious.

Rumors had it that when the big bang happened many years ago, the great phoenix dragons and the red-gold heavenly phoenixes were born at the same time—one ice and one fire that went against each other.

Over many years, the two ancient legendary fiends' bloodlines gradually separated and gave birth to the many legendary fiends beneath them. But no matter if it was bloodline or status, these two were still the highest. This was precisely the reason why these two clans were extremely arrogant.

Without their permission, humans couldn't easily step into their territory.

Chu Liuyue never thought that she would go to Godly Phoenix Mountain to apologize one day. Of course, this was just a tactful way of putting it.

She knew more clearly than anyone else what awaited her on this journey.

Chapter 1562: Godly Phoenix Mountain

Godly Phoenix Mountain didn't have a transportation formation that connected to the outside world, so Chu Liuyue and the rest directly followed Tuan Zi and walked over.

The journey was far.

After being in a coma in the academy for a month, Chu Liuyue's injuries had become much better, and she had basically recovered fully. Additionally, she had broken through to become a true god, and all her abilities were strengthened. Therefore, her speed was naturally much higher than before.

But even so, they walked for nearly ten days, and only half the journey was over.

The more they walked, the more deserted the surroundings. In the beginning, they could still meet a few people from time to time. But later on, there was basically nobody else.

After another eight days of such arduous journeying, they finally reached their destination.

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Looking at the vast and borderless sea before them, Chu Liuyue and Shangguan Jing were stunned.

“This is... Godly Phoenix Mountain?” said Chu Liuyue with some uncertainty.

Behind them was a piece of deserted land, and in front of them were overwhelming waves.

It was noon at this point. The bright sun shone on the sea surface, and it rippled.

At first glance, it was light blue. However, there was no need to talk about any mountain as there wasn't even an island.

It was empty, quiet, and cold.

They could only hear the sea breeze rustling in the surroundings. Other than this, they couldn't hear anything at all.

The more important thing was that there didn't seem to be any vitality here.

Tuan Zi squatted on her shoulders and forcefully nodded. Even though it hadn't come here before, after it broke through to become a red-gold heavenly phoenix, the memory and strength from its bloodline allowed it to find this place naturally.

This was indeed Godly Phoenix Mountain.

Tuan Zi blinked, spread its wings, and flew up.

Screech!

A clear scream spread far and wide!

“Quickly look!” Shangguan Jing suddenly gasped in shock.

Chu Liuyue immediately looked forward.

She saw the surface of the ocean rapidly gathering in front of her! In the blink of an eye, it formed an ice bridge!

This so-called ice bridge was actually very narrow and only allowed one person to walk across it.

The transparent ice layer continued to spread on the water surface. The surrounding seawater kept surging, but it couldn't affect this icy bridge at all.

As the sun shone down, the surface seemed to be sparkling in a red-golden color.

At first glance, it seemed like the bright blue sky was filled with flickering stars. It seemed as intricate and pretty as glass.

However, Chu Liuyue's heart immediately hung up high! That was because she clearly felt the strong suppression coming from the icy bridge!

Her sixth sense had always been sharp. Hence, her first thought when she saw the icy bridge wasn't how beautiful it was, but... danger!

“I'll go first.” Shangguan Jing clearly noticed this and spoke before walking forward.

His figure moved, and he flew up! He went straight for that icy bridge!

But just as he was about to land, a red-golden fire suddenly came out from the icy bridge! That fire was just the size of a fist, but it burned very intensely!

Shangguan Jing secretly felt that it was amiss, so he immediately set up a barrier and rapidly avoided it! However, the next scene caused his expression to change drastically.

When the fire was about to land on the barrier, it didn't stop for a moment and burned the barrier entirely!

Instantly, the fire spread with the wind!

The terrifyingly hot temperature attacked them as sparks landed and caused quite a few scars on his hand!

Excruciating pain was felt!

Shangguan Jing clenched his teeth, and even more shock filled his heart.

He was a supreme Armory Refinement Master and had extremely high physical strength. This fire could actually burn him, which showed that it couldn't be underestimated!

Right at this moment, a second spark suddenly zoomed in from the side! It instantly attacked Shangguan Jing from the front and back!

Helpless, Shangguan Jing could only turn around and return to the shore.

The moment he left, the fire rapidly stopped and silently returned to the icy bridge. If it weren't because Shangguan Jing's hand still had a few fresh burns, it really seemed like nothing had happened.

Chu Liuyue immediately walked over. "Ancestor, are you okay?"

Shangguan Jing shook his head. "I'm fine, it's just some superficial injuries. However..."

He knitted his brows and looked forward. *?Even I can't pass this bridge, let alone Chu Liuyue.?*

At this point, an old and nonchalant voice sounded from afar. "Other than Shangguan Yue, nobody else is allowed into Godly Phoenix Mountain!"

That voice seemed to have traveled through time and space as it braved the weather!

Chu Liuyue's chest became stuffy as her forehead and ears throbbed! All the blood in her body seemed to be overwhelmed at this moment, wanting to burn her alive!

She was shocked, but she hurriedly calmed herself down and bit the tip of her tongue!

The bloody taste spread across her mouth, and the strong pain finally woke her up.

She took a deep breath in and looked forward intensely! *?This is... the voice of the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's clan leader!?*

Shangguan Jing's expression also changed. *?We just came, and the other party did an opening gambit. It was clearly on purpose!?*

Tuan Zi spread its wings and blocked Chu Liuyue. Its black eyes were filled with anger and combat intent.

Screech!

The clear shriek had unconcealable enmity!

No matter who it is, if they want to make things difficult for her, I won't let them off!?

"Someone who broke through halfway indeed lacks teaching!" That voice suddenly vibrated angrily.

"You want to go against your bloodline power because of this mere human?"

Once the clan leader said this, heaven and earth changed, and the winds howled!

Above the water surface, gigantic waves were instantly triggered and came crashing down!

Chapter 1563: Kill!

Hula!?

An air-piercing sound came, and Tuan Zi's body glowed. Instantly, it turned from its petite appearance to a large figure!

Its wings flapped, and the winds howled!

It directly rushed forward! A red-golden fire suddenly burned around it!

The next moment, that fire rushed out crazily and formed a wall of fire that blocked the overwhelming waves!

The fire and the seawater intertwined, letting out an ear-piercing sound!

Chu Liuyue's heart tightened. *?This clearly isn't ordinary seawater as it contains tremendous suppression. Tuan Zi's injuries have just healed. It is clearly not easy for it to deal with this situation.?*

Suddenly, Tuan Zi changed direction and rushed toward the wave!

The red-golden figure forcefully barged through the middle!

An opening was suddenly ripped apart in the wave. With that area as the center, the fire started burning even more crazily!

The seawater started evaporating quickly. Not long later, the waves subsided, and the water surface gradually calmed down.

Tuan Zi flew back to Chu Liuyue as it reliably blocked her behind it.

"Your bloodline power isn't bad." That voice sounded again as if it were judging Tuan Zi. Its words had a hint of shock that was hard to detect. "You're not born as a red-gold heavenly phoenix, so your bloodline skills and powers are naturally weaker. Besides, you started as a nine-colored heavenly pheasant. You have immense luck to be able to break through to your current cultivation level. However, you can't return to the clan just because you broke through."

This tone was still high and mighty.

An idea popped up in Chu Liuyue's mind. She then understood that the previous formation was an opening gambit and the other party's evaluation test for Tuan Zi.

The red-gold heavenly phoenix clan emphasized bloodline power strictly. If one wasn't born a red-gold heavenly phoenix and broke through the pinnacle as other legendary fiends, they would actually be discriminated against here.

This was especially so for Tuan Zi, who wasn't even a legendary fiend in the beginning. In their eyes, this was naturally despised.

But clearly, the skills Tuan Zi executed caused the other party to be slightly surprised.

However, Chu Liuyue didn't really care about these things.

Chu Liuyue sharply saw that Tuan Zi's body had two wounds and that blood was slowly seeping out of them.

She knitted her brows slightly, and coldness flashed across her eyes. *“We haven't even officially stepped into Godly Phoenix Mountain, and Tuan Zi is already injured. I don't know what it will be like when we are inside. This journey... will probably be more arduous than expected.”*

“Shangguan Yue, are you just going to hide behind in such a cowardly manner?” That voice had a few hints of unconcealable mockery. “If you have the guts, come over yourself!”

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in and looked at Tuan Zi. “Tuan Zi, come over.”

Tuan Zi did not move.

“Listen to me.” Chu Liuyue's tone became more serious.

Tuan Zi then turned around and moved back reluctantly.

She took a step forward, and her hand lightly rubbed Tuan Zi's body. “Senior is right. Since you're my fiend, I should be responsible for everything.”

Tuan Zi's gaze flickered as it lowered its head and rubbed its head against her palm.

Chu Liuyue looked forward. “Senior, since I have brought Tuan Zi over today, it means that I'm bent on clearing up this matter.”

The surroundings fell silent for a moment. Then, that voice boomed, “You are pretty confident.”

Chu Liuyue didn't say a word. She knew that since the other party wanted her to come over, they definitely didn't want to show her a simple opening gambit only.

“If you want to clear this matter, it's very easy. You just have to cross this ice bridge and come to me personally. I'll naturally give you a chance to speak.”

Shangguan Jing knitted his brows. *“This sounds rather uncomfortable. What does it mean by ‘give you a chance to speak?’ Does it mean that if we don't go over, we won't even have the right to speak to them??”*

However, Chu Liuyue agreed immediately. “Okay!”

“Yue’er—” Shangguan Jing said worriedly.

“Ancestor, don’t worry. I’ll be right back.” Chu Liuyue knew that he was worried, so she smiled at him kindly. “You also know that I don’t think about anything that I’m not confident of.”

Since she dared to come, she had already done all the preparations!

Shangguan Jing gazed at her calmly and felt very conflicted. After some time, he then nodded. “I’ll wait here for you.”

Chu Liuyue smiled, calmed herself down, straightened her back, and walked forward.

Tuan Zi followed closely behind.

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Chu Liuyue stepped onto the ice bridge with one leg and already felt a scorching heat wave coming from below!

She looked down and took a glance.

Below the clear and transparent ice layer, red-golden sparks kept exploding into fires! The terrifyingly high temperature came from here!

She paused in her tracks, and red-golden fire burned around her—this was naturally Tuan Zi’s fire.

With this layer of fire as protection, the scorching feeling beneath her feet was blocked outside.

Chu Liuyue’s expression didn’t change as she continued walking forward.

She didn’t walk quickly, but her steps were very stable. Every single step was like carrying tons of weight, landing on the ice bridge.

Determined and stubborn, she walked forward!

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Godly Phoenix Palace.

It was solemn within the magnificent hall.

An elder stood in the middle of the hall with his hands behind his back. A gigantic light ball floated before him.

An apparition appeared in the light ball.

On the vast and borderless sea, a woman slowly walked over. Behind her, a red-gold heavenly phoenix followed closely.

“As an ancient legendary fiend, it actually bent down and obeyed the human’s every command. How humiliating! Clan Leader, that’s just a nine-colored heavenly pheasant that broke through to become a

red-gold heavenly phoenix. Even if it has our clan's bloodline power, it should be mediocre. Why did you spend so much effort in luring them over?"

Behind him, a few elders from the clan stood with faces of disapproval.

"Such behavior is akin to betraying the clan. I think we should just kill the person and the fiend together!"

Chapter 1564: Kneel

Yi Zhao kept quiet for a moment and then lightly said, "Whoever has the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's bloodline must acknowledge our ancestors. These are the rules set and left behind by our ancestors. Nobody can go against them."

Once he said this, the elders behind him exchanged glances.

"Besides, in recent years, our clan numbers have gradually decreased. Even though this one broke through from a nine-colored heavenly pheasant, it still has the bloodline power. As long as its bloodline power is pure enough, there are more benefits than losses if we acknowledge it."

The hall fell silent for a moment.

"Clan Leader, you're right." Elder Yi Shang nodded in approval. "Even though its background is mediocre, it's considered rare for it to be able to successfully break through from a nine-colored heavenly pheasant. Judging from the skills it just executed, its bloodline power isn't as weak as we expected. As long as it's decent, we can ignore the past."

The person that initially objected, the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's First Elder Yi Gong, couldn't help but snort coldly. "My red-gold heavenly phoenix clan has a distinguished status. Why would we make an agreement with humans!? No matter what, its actions are a grave mistake!"

Elder Yi Shang smiled, and his expression was nonchalant. "You can't say that. I heard that it followed Shangguan Yue beforehand and coincidentally met with a miracle in Ling Xiao Academy, thus breaking through. When it made an agreement with Shangguan Yue initially, it shouldn't have expected that it could break through to become a red-gold heavenly phoenix. Strictly speaking, we can't say that it's completely its fault."

These simple sentences seemed like blades gleaming, and there were secret waves of conflict.

The remaining three elders exchanged glances and became increasingly silent. At such times, it was better for them to keep quiet.

In the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan, the person with the highest status was the clan leader, Yi Zhao.

The five 'Gong Shang Jiao Wei Yu' elders under him held power in the clan respectively. However, the people with the most authority were still Yi Shang and Yi Gong.

In the clan, the people had been secretly divided into two factions and fought openly and secretly for a long time. Now, they had a conflict again.

Actually, the three elders already had their own teams. But in front of the clan leader, they had to be more restrained. Hence, this fight just became a lone argument between the two of them.

The atmosphere in the hall became cold.

After a moment, Yi Zhao lightly said, "That human's life is unimportant. Let's see the child's potential first."

As the clan leader with the highest status in the clan, he had the most speaking right. Since he had already expressed his attitude so directly, the others naturally could not say anything more.

The few of them continued looking at the light ball.

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At the same time, outside Godly Phoenix Hall, the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan had long gathered and waited curiously.

They already knew that a red-gold heavenly phoenix who had an agreement with a human would come. Such a thing hadn't happened in hundreds of years, and it was inevitable that they would be curious.

Even though they couldn't enter Godly Phoenix Hall and see the rough situation, they could still instantly receive the news by waiting outside.

As the crowd waited, they discussed something softly.

"Hey, did you hear? I heard that the red-gold heavenly phoenix broke through from a nine-colored heavenly pheasant!"

"Really?! That's really rare... A nine-colored heavenly pheasant seems to be a ninth-grade fiend, right? Even such a person can directly break through to become an ancient legendary fiend... Tsk."

"I wonder what skills it has? If I have the chance, I want to see if it's any different from us."

Suddenly, a cold voice came over. "It just got lucky. What's there to be curious about a lowly existence that luckily crossed the barrier?"

The surroundings quietened down silently, and they all looked toward the person that talked.

It was a man, who seemed like he was 28 or 29 years old. He was tall and strong, and he had cold and stern features.

After a moment, someone laughed. "Yi Ran, you seem to look down on the incoming person?"

Yi Ran slightly knitted his brows and seemed dissatisfied with this. "It hasn't acknowledged the clan yet, so how is it 'incoming?' Perhaps it and its lowly owner can't even cross the Skyless Sea."

It was too much of an overestimation to think of dueling with the other party now.

"If you have the time, why don't you go back, cultivate properly, and enhance your skills?"

Another laugh sounded. "Why don't you go back then? You're just wasting your time here."

Yi Ran tugged at the corner of his lips. In his words, he had the arrogance of looking down at everyone from above. "I'm waiting for the First Elder here."

This time, nobody else spoke again.

Everyone knew that Yi Ran was First Elder Yi Gong's top disciple, and Yi Gong liked him very much. This was especially so when the ancestral ceremony—which happened once in a hundred years—was about to begin in no time.

The most important thing in the ancestral ceremony was to choose the young master.

Yi Ran was an elite amongst the younger generation, and he was definitely a popular candidate this time.

They heard that Yi Gong had been giving him special training recently, and his skills had also improved greatly. He was determined to be the young master.

Such a Yi Ran naturally wouldn't care about anything or anyone else.

Some people secretly exchanged glances and had various expressions.

'He's not the young master yet, and he's already so domineering. I'm afraid it'll be worse in the future.'?

'He's too strong, and the First Elder is specifically nurturing him. You can't envy him!'?

'Hmph, perhaps he won't even be the young master in the end. I want to see how he'll react when he's completely humiliated.'?

'Ahem. Even though I don't really like him, I have to admit that among those of the same generation as him, I don't think anybody can fight with him, right? I heard that Yi Xuan has been cultivating with the Second Elder recently, but he's still young, and his cultivation time isn't as long as Yi Ran. I'm afraid he can't fight with him.'?

'Just let him be arrogant. In the future, there will definitely be someone who will teach him a lesson and show him who's boss! Besides, there's still some time until the ancestral ceremony. I'm still more interested in the new person now. Sigh, I wonder what kind of person its owner is. How can it follow the person so devotedly and wholeheartedly?'

Even if it followed this owner when it wasn't a red-gold heavenly phoenix, it would know that this was a major taboo after it broke through. However, not only did it not cause a commotion, but it was even so protective of its owner... It really made one curious.

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Skyless Sea.

The ice bridge was straight and spread toward the front. It seemed like there was no end.

Chu Liuyue walked across it step by step, and her force was crazily depleting.

Even with Tuan Zi's help and even if she could endure the burning fire below the ice layer... The further she advanced, the stronger the invisible suppression.

She endured the terrifying suppression in her surroundings. Her every bone and muscle seemed to be harshly crushed by something heavy.

Gradually, her legs started to tremble slightly, and every step became more excruciating than ever!

The waves tumbled as white water came over.

At one moment, Chu Liuyue's knees finally went weak as she kneeled on the ice surface!

Chapter 1565: Tuan Zi!

Tsing!?

There was a cold glow in Chu Liuyue's hands as the Chi Xiao Sword stuck to the icy floor!

A crack quickly spread across.

Tuan Zi followed over worriedly, wanting to help.

Chu Liuyue lightly shook her head as she held the Chi Xiao Sword tightly and used it to support herself up slowly.

The other party was Tuan Zi, as well as her.

If she wanted to sit side-by-side with the other party and talk to them, this was something she had to overcome. If not, the other party wouldn't even take a look at her, let alone anything else.

She took a deep breath in and looked forward.

The sea had no sides or borders, and nobody knew where this ice bridge led and how much further they had to walk.

Chu Liuyue pulled the Chi Xiao Sword out and continued walking forward.

With the Chi Xiao Sword as her walking stick, a crack appeared on the ice bridge with every step she took. But no matter how chaotic the surrounding waves were, this ice bridge was still as calm and steady as the beginning.

Tuan Zi was right behind her and followed her closely.

The human and fiend walked forward slowly with much difficulty.

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"That Shangguan Yue knows a thing or two. If I didn't see wrongly, the sword in her hand should be the supreme Yuan instrument they were talking about earlier, right?" Inside Godly Phoenix Hall, Elder Yi Shang couldn't help but speak when he saw the petite figure walking forward continuously in the light ball.

"I heard that she has quite a few treasures with her, and even the Heavenly Square Cauldron—one of the top ten holy weapons—has long recognized her as its owner. Not to mention other things, but she does have a number of assets."

Although the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan rarely interacted with the outside world, this didn't mean that they were isolated from the news. On the contrary, they were usually the first few to know about many pieces of news in the God Residence Realm.

Elder Yi Shang stroked his chin. "It seems like the great phoenix dragon's corpse was hidden with her, so it wasn't found by that bunch of old fogies, right?"

Elder Yi Yu couldn't help but laugh. "Haha, it's so funny when I hear it! To help her own legendary three-eyed eagle reform its physical body, Shangguan Yue directly used that corpse's two wing bones. Even now, that corpse should still be incomplete, right?!"

The two ancient legendary fiend clans had always had a competitive relationship. When they heard this news, they naturally couldn't help but gloat.

"Hmph! Not only does it have an agreement with a human, but it even shares the same owner as a mere legendary three-eyed eagle. How humiliating! What's so funny about this?" Elder Yi Gong's face was cold as he scolded.

Elder Yi Yu's laughter suddenly stopped, and he looked sheepish.

"That legendary three-eyed eagle's identity isn't ordinary; I think it's the clan leader. Speaking of which, its status shouldn't be considered too low. Besides, in this world, I'm afraid only this one would dare to use the great phoenix dragon's bones to reform its own physical body, right?" Elder Yi Shang looked nonchalant. As he spoke, he even glanced at Elder Yi Yu.

Even though the five elders had similar statuses on the surface, their age difference was actually quite significant.

Yi Gong was the Fifth Elder and the youngest one. Compared to First Elder Yi Gong, he was younger than him by nearly 700 years. In addition to his active personality, he was sometimes too direct when speaking.

Elder Yi Yu shrunk his neck. *Actually, what I said was the truth... I don't believe that these people won't secretly laugh about it when they hear it!?*

Based on this point alone, it was humiliating enough if word got out. After all, even their red-gold heavenly phoenix clan wouldn't do this.

Suddenly, he looked at the gigantic light ball, and his gaze focused. His eyes were filled with unconcealable shock. "She seems to be coming over!"

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Chu Liuyue walked every step very slowly. However, she had never stopped in her tracks.

After some time, she gradually felt that the surrounding waves had calmed down. The heavy suppression also seemed to have suddenly disappeared at that moment.

A bright golden light suddenly shone toward her from the front.

The light was rather bright.

Chu Liuyue instinctively tilted her head and covered her eyes. After a brief moment, she then adjusted to the light and looked forward.

A completely red-golden, transparent barrier surged out from below the water surface at some point. At this moment, it loomed over the water surface and was a few steps away from her.

That barrier was semicircular in shape. At first glance, it seemed like a giant curved top that loomed over the sea.

Even though it was transparent, one couldn't see a single thing inside. She could only see the heavy dark figures that seemed to be overlapping and intersecting.

Countless rays of light flashed before her on the barrier, forming a fire pattern.

Chu Liuyue was stunned. *?That's... Godly Phoenix Mountain?!*

"Come in directly." That old and distant voice finally sounded again. Compared to before, this voice sounded much closer as if it was right next to her ear.

Chu Liuyue pressed her lips against each other. *?It is clearly not that easy to go through that barrier, but since the other party has requested it, I can only do it.?*

Chu Liuyue stared at the barrier calmly.

At first glance, there was nothing special, and even the suppressive force silently disappeared. It was as if... she could easily step right in.

But just as she was about to go forward, Tuan Zi suddenly rushed over, directly blocking Chu Liuyue as it stared at the barrier alertly! It was as if there was something scary on it that was about to attack them.

Chu Liuyue's brows moved slightly. *?Tuan Zi only shows such a state when it is extremely dangerous.?*

"Tuan Zi?" Chu Liuyue called out to it.

Tuan Zi turned around and crazily shook its head, clearly not wanting her to take the risk.

She smiled and lightly patted Tuan Zi's wings. "Then, shall we go in together?"

They had already come here, so they could not just turn back.

Tuan Zi was conflicted for a moment before it moved half a step back hesitantly.

Chu Liuyue looked at that barrier again. The next moment, her expression became slightly solemn as she stretched her hand in.

The moment her thin fingers touched that barrier, Chu Liuyue's ears whirred! Following this, there seemed to be an extremely sharp blade that scraped her fingertips!

Her heart abruptly skipped a beat!

She almost instinctively wanted to retract her hand, but the moment her wrist moved, she thought of Tuan Zi next to her. *?I have to go in!?*

Chu Liuyue gathered her thoughts, clenched her teeth, and continued forward.

Excruciating pain spread from her palms rapidly!

On the surface, it looked like nothing happened when she extended her hand into the red-golden transparent barrier. But in actual fact, she was currently experiencing indescribably terrifying pain!

Chu Liuyue's hand started trembling uncontrollably. She almost suspected that she would turn into powder by the time she passed through this barrier!

But at this moment, half of Tuan Zi's body had entered.

Detecting that something was amiss with Chu Liuyue, it turned around and saw Chu Liuyue's gaze which looked like she was enduring the pain.

It was shocked and furious as it directly flapped its wings on the barrier! The next moment, that barrier actually opened silently like water!

Tuan Zi took the chance to bite onto Chu Liuyue's sleeves and pulled her back!

At the same time, the faces of the few people in Godly Phoenix Hall changed!

"It opened the barrier?!"

Chapter 1566: You're Amazing!

The person that yelled this out was Elder Yi Gong.

Even though the other elders didn't speak, they were clearly stunned. Even Yi Zhao's gaze suddenly became deep and mysterious.

They couldn't be blamed for having such a huge reaction because this scene... was indeed too shocking!

One had to know that this barrier had always existed after the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan was born. Only people with the clan's bloodline power could safely cross through that barrier. If outsiders wanted to come in without their permission, they had to suffer the bitter torture of their skin being ripped off.

It was extremely hard, and it was why Chu Liuyue found it so painful to come in previously. This was originally the ordeal they purposely set for them!

This move wouldn't take her life or even leave any scars on her body. However, the painful feeling was especially genuine, and normal people wouldn't even be able to endure it.

This was also torture in another form.

However, they didn't expect that the moment Chu Liuyue stuck half her hand in, Tuan Zi directly opened the barrier and forcefully dragged her in!

In the clan, only the clan leader and the five elders could open the barrier!

Now, Tuan Zi had opened the barrier without hesitation. How could they not be shocked?!

After some time, Yi Zhao slowly spoke. "Red-gold heavenly phoenixes with the purest bloodline power can also open the barrier."

His voice was extremely calm, but for the few people at the side... It sounded like thunder exploding beside their ears!

“...The purest bloodline power? A red-gold heavenly phoenix that came from a nine-colored heavenly pheasant breaking through? H-how is that possible?!”

Even Elder Yi Yu, who had a good impression of Chu Liuyue earlier on, was dazed.

He knew that this girl wasn't simple. Being able to hide the great phoenix dragon's corpse, use its wings to reform her own fiend's physical body, and even escape from Miao Yao's attacks... How could someone who did all of this be ordinary?

And the red-gold heavenly phoenix that had been following her the whole time should have decent potential. However, he also never expected that this red-gold heavenly phoenix could directly open the barrier!

The entire Godly Phoenix Hall fell into deadly silence. That was because other than this explanation, they couldn't find a second possibility.

After some time, Elder Yi Shang then spoke solemnly. “Someone with the purest bloodline power hasn't appeared in the clan for a thousand years. If this one really has it, then... it's our clan's luck.”

“Impossible!” A sharp retort came.

Elder Yi Gong's expression was extremely ugly. He knew too well what the purest bloodline power entailed!

“It was born as a nine-colored heavenly pheasant only. It's already extremely lucky to be able to break through to become a red-gold heavenly phoenix. How can it have the purest bloodline power?!”

There were so many talents in the clan, but even the most outstanding Yi Ran in the recent few years hadn't reached such a level. How could it be possible for a lowly existence from outside?!

That was utterly ridiculous!

Yi Zhao squinted his eyes slightly. They were deep, and one couldn't understand what he was thinking. “We'll know if it is or not when it comes.”

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Chu Liuyue felt a golden ray of light shine across, and it was white.

After some time, she slowly looked at the scene in front of her closely.

A furry head welcomed her. There was also a pair of circular and big eyes.

Chu Liuyue was dazed. “Tuan Zi?”

She suddenly thought of something and turned around!

A red-golden barrier was quietly shining behind them!

This is... I came in?!? Chu Liuyue opened her mouth. "Tuan Zi, you... were the one who dragged me in just now?"

Tuan Zi nodded excitedly.

Chu Liuyue lifted her hands stiffly and muttered almost in disbelief, "You... opened this barrier?"

Tuan Zi blinked. *Of course, it's me! Who else could it be?!?*

Seeing that Chu Liuyue didn't seem to believe it, Tuan Zi raised its wings and waved lightly.

Whoosh!

An extremely soft sound was heard. The next moment, Chu Liuyue saw an opening in the golden barrier.

Looking out from that crack, she could see the shiny ice bridge and the bright blue sea.

Chu Liuyue's breathing stopped, and her mind was blank for a moment. Although she had always been intelligent, she was also dazed when she saw this scene.

Could it be... that this barrier can be controlled by any red-gold heavenly phoenix at will? But this seems too casual...

Whoosh!

Tuan Zi's wings flapped again.

That barrier quickly returned to its initial state. It shone with a golden light and was very clear—it was exactly the same as its initial appearance.

Chu Liuyue looked at Tuan Zi doubtfully.

Tuan Zi tilted its head to look at her. *Is this fun? This thing doesn't seem as scary as I thought!?*

Chu Liuyue thought for a moment. "Try it again. Can you still open it?"

Whoosh!

Upon hearing this, Tuan Zi immediately did it.

Its wings flapped slightly, and an opening immediately appeared on that barrier.

Tuan Zi's eyes turned, and the barrier recovered its initial appearance.

Following this, it moved again, and a second opening was made.

Following its movement, the barrier closed and opened as the light rays shone brightly.

Tuan Zi looked at Chu Liuyue in a flattering manner as it stretched its head out. *Is it pretty? Please pat me!?*

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in, stiffly stretched out her hand, and patted Tuan Zi lightly. After some thinking, she sincerely praised, "Tuan Zi, you're amazing."

Tuan Zi squinted its eyes in satisfaction.

At the same time, the few people's faces had turned green in Godly Phoenix Hall.

Chapter 1567: Clan Leader!

The first time Tuan Zi opened the barrier, they could still say that it was a coincidence. But now, the few people in the hall couldn't say this at all when they saw this scene. *?If this isn't even considered the purest bloodline power...?*

"Si—" Elder Yi Yu tried hard to calm himself down, but it was to no avail after suppressing himself a few times.

He gasped. "This bloodline power should be the best out of the entire younger generation, right?"

His voice wasn't loud, but the others could hear it clearly, and they had complicated expressions when they heard this. *?How is it only the younger generation? Even the few of us might not be able to control the barrier so easily at will! This red-gold heavenly phoenix is clearly young, yet it has such skills.?*

Other than 'talented,' they couldn't think of any other word to describe it.

"T-this is... ridiculous! What does it think of the clan's barrier? It actually played with it like that—how disrespectful!" Elder Yi Gong hesitated for half a day and finally found words to scold it.

The others looked at one another. *?Others? They must have the ability to do so first! They want to do it, but they don't have the talent, right?!?*

The so-called disrespect... That red-gold heavenly phoenix probably didn't even know what that barrier meant and just treated it as an interesting toy! How could it be disrespectful?

After Elder Yi Gong said that, he felt regret as well.

It was fine if it were other people, but everyone standing in the hall had the most distinguished statuses in the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan. Nobody knew better than them what the scene represented.

It was rather laughable that he said those words. However, he was too anxious.

The ancestral ceremony was imminent, and he had already prepared everything for Yi Ran. When the time came, the latter could ascend the position successfully.

But at this time, an extremely talented phoenix suddenly came out of nowhere, and there were too many variables! How could he not be worried?

It was fine if it was some ordinary talent, but this one clearly had the purest bloodline power that appeared once in a thousand years! That was absolute suppression!

If something happened, all his hard work in the past few years would be wasted!

Elder Yi Shang suddenly looked up, glanced at him, and said in a seemingly smiling manner, "Luckily, we didn't directly kill them in the beginning. The purest bloodline is extremely precious. If we hurt it, it would be a major loss for our red-gold heavenly phoenix clan."

Elder Yi Gong's expression turned even uglier.

It was a pity that all of these were facts, and he couldn't even refute them.

"It seems like quite a decent talent," said Yi Zhao after the long silence in the hall. He stood at the front, and his back was facing the few of them.

Nobody could see his expression. From his voice and intonation alone, they also couldn't discern anything.

"Even though it has made an agreement with a human, this bloodline power is rare. When it properly dissolves its agreement with the human, we can teach it properly again." Then, he waved his sleeves.

The gigantic light ball silently turned into rays of light and disappeared.

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Tuan Zi stood beside the barrier and played happily.

Before Tuan Zi came in, it instinctively felt that the barrier was dangerous, so it didn't want Chu Liuyue to take the risk. However, Tuan Zi didn't expect to come in so easily.

After it came in, the barrier seemed to have undergone an incredulous change. The feeling of danger disappeared and was replaced with an indescribable intimacy.

Not only was it not worried, but it even got addicted to playing with it.

As Chu Liuyue watched, she rubbed her brows. *Even though I don't know the exact situation, a barrier for Godly Phoenix Mountain clearly can't be casually opened or closed. This time, the other party told me to come over with the intent of scolding me and testing me, so they naturally wouldn't treat this as a joke. Then... there is only one possibility left—Tuan Zi is indeed different.*

She really hadn't thought of this before. After all, in the very beginning, she also didn't expect Tuan Zi to truly break through all the way to become a red-gold heavenly phoenix from a nine-colored heavenly pheasant.

Now that she saw this scene, she was instantly more confident.

She looked up.

This was a gigantic space under the red-golden barrier. At first glance, it had no edges or borders.

The many mountains overlapped with lush greenery.

The thick, ancient forest stood upright, and every tree seemed to have a long history, needing a few people to wrap around it.

It covered the skies, and the greenery was lush.

The Heaven and Earth Force was rich. As long as one took a deep breath in, they would be rejuvenated.

The scene was filled with vitality.

Only on the peak of the highest mountain was there no hint of trees or flowers, and it was entirely black. It must've been burned by a fire.

At first glance, Chu Liuyue immediately felt that the mountain peak was their true destination for the journey.

She squinted her eyes slightly and looked at the top.

A magnificent hall stood upright. From such a far distance away, she could still feel its solemn aura.

The moment she looked over, there seemed to be a gaze that came from the distant hall and landed on her precisely!

Chu Liuyue's heart shook! She instinctively became alert, and all her muscles tensed up.

As if detecting something, Tuan Zi leaned close to her and looked up. The next moment, the ground below Chu Liuyue's feet shook!

She lowered her head to take a look.

Before she could react, she felt that her world was spinning! Then, her entire body seemed to be harshly dragged by some force!

Her surroundings instantly plunged into darkness!

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Luckily, such a feeling didn't last for too long. In no time, Chu Liuyue felt that her feet had landed on actual ground.

The darkness before her had rapidly disappeared.

She squinted her eyes. Before she could see her surroundings clearly, her body was wrapped in coldness.

She calmed herself down and immediately surveyed the surroundings.

This was a hall—it was magnificent, traditional, and solemn.

The ground beneath her feet had tidy and smooth black gems that clearly reflected her figure. The red-golden sparks on it seemed like a galaxy filled with stars as they dazzled.

She was dazed for a moment and looked up.

A giant, circular top was there. It was a clear white gem that had been engraved, there were numerous sparks on it that shone brightly.

The sparks on the floor actually reflected the scene in the circular ceiling.

Standing here, it was really easy for one to feel enchanted. However, Chu Liuyue didn't think much about it.

She quickly retracted her gaze and looked forward.

Inside the hall were six people on the stairs, looking down at her from above.

The person at the front was an elder in a white robe. He had a straight face, and although he wasn't angry, he looked formidable.

The most noticeable feature was that his hair was entirely red and gold.

Almost at that instant, Chu Liuyue reacted. *That person must be the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan leader!?*

Chapter 1568: Decide

When Chu Liuyue looked at Yi Zhao, the latter was also sizing her up.

His gaze was extremely nonchalant and seemed to have the power to pierce through everything. With just a slight glance, Chu Liuyue felt that her entire body was about to be seen through!

However, Yi Zhao's gaze didn't stop on her for long. After a few glances, he turned to Tuan Zi at the side.

It was only at this point that his bottomless gaze flickered slightly.

There was nothing to care about for a human. This red-gold heavenly phoenix was the most important one to them!

"You haven't turned into your human form?" he asked with a boom. His voice was as low as a clock with a few hints of experience and distance.

Chu Liuyue's heart jumped. *He is indeed the red-gold heavenly phoenix's clan leader. I haven't seen such suppression in my life! Even Miao Yao, who I saw previously, can't be compared to him!?*

Tuan Zi knew that he was asking it, but it didn't want to answer. The expression he had when he looked at Chu Liuyue was as if he was looking at some object, which enraged it.

Tuan Zi ignored him as it turned around, lowered its head, and rubbed against Chu Liuyue's face. It showed that it wasn't willing to speak.

The atmosphere was cold.

"The clan leader is talking to you. What kind of attitude is this?!" Elder Yi Gong was enraged again as he directly asked coldly.

Tuan Zi glanced at him and retracted its gaze as if it were very uncooperative.

Actually, after it broke through to become a red-gold heavenly phoenix, it automatically had some relevant memories. Since then, it knew that it should come back. However, there were many troubles in between, so it didn't free the time to come over.

Yet, it hadn't forgotten about this. Tuan Zi was even filled with hope and expectation for a long period of time before this. It was a pity that the other party's recent series of actions had directly caused it to lose its good impression of the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan.

Everything that puts Master in a difficult spot isn't good! It's fine if I don't return to such a place!?

Chu Liuyue lightly rubbed Tuan Zi's forehead as she comforted its emotions. Then, she stepped forward and respectfully greeted them. "I am Shanggguan Yue. Greetings, Elders."

It wasn't important that the other party didn't care about her. She mainly came over to solve Tuan Zi's problem, so she naturally had to be more sincere toward them.

Anyway, this wasn't the first time she had been despised, so it was nothing new.

"Tuan Zi only broke through to become a red-gold heavenly phoenix a few months ago, so it doesn't have its human form yet." Chu Liuyue had once specifically asked Tuan Zi about this before. One's skills and age had to reach a certain limit before one could turn into human form.

As for now, it could only appear in its original form.

Yi Gong knitted his brows and looked at Chu Liuyue. His gaze was like a knife. "Did I ask you? This is Godly Phoenix Hall. You don't have a right to interrupt!"

Chu Liuyue's lips curled up as if she disregarded the other party's words. However, her black gem-like eyes were clean and clear as they shone with determination and stubbornness. "Tuan Zi is my legendary fiend in agreement. We have telepathy. Since it doesn't want to speak, why can't I speak for it?"

To the few people on the opposite end, this sounded like plain arrogance!

Legendary fiend in agreement! She isn't worthy of it!?

Elder Yi Gong was about to say something more when he saw Yi Zhao raise his hand, so he swallowed his remaining words. However, his gaze toward Chu Liuyue was still very unkind.

Yi Zhao's gaze was nonchalant, and his voice was calm, but it had an irrefutable distinguished aura. "I don't want to hear such words again."

"Godly Phoenix Mountain is my clan's area, and we've never allowed humans to casually come in and out. We let you in today, firstly to hear your apology, and secondly for you to dissolve your agreement with it." Yi Zhao raised his chin slightly.

"Originally, you were supposed to leave half your life here, but... Considering that it has followed you for so many years, we'll ignore your sins. As long as you complete these two things, you can leave safely."

When Chu Liuyue heard this, she raised her brows slightly.

On the other hand, Tuan Zi suddenly became agitated as it glared at Yi Zhao angrily. *?I don't want to dissolve my agreement! I will never do it! I finally became stronger with much difficulty and could protect her by her side. How could I just leave?!?*

Yi Zhao's gaze finally became serious as he glanced at Tuan Zi sternly. "Don't forget that you're a red-gold heavenly phoenix! Do you really want to go against your clansmen because of her?!"

What does it look like to flatter a human and listen to her every command!??

Rumble!

Tuan Zi's body suddenly burned with a red-golden fire! *So what if I'm a red-gold heavenly phoenix? These so-called clansmen have nothing to do with me at all. Why must I dissolve my agreement with Master because of them? When I was injured, Chu Liuyue was the one who treated my wounds. When I was on the brink of death, Chu Liuyue was the one who blocked the Heavenly Tribulation. She gave me my life, and I'm willing to follow her even if I die! I will never betray her!?*

"Rebel! It's a rebellion!" Elder Yi Gong sneered and pointed at Tuan Zi. "Clan Leader, you can see it. It now wants to go against our entire clan because of a human! We can't keep such a rebellious bloodline!"

If we keep it, won't it be akin to burying a bomb next to us??

"Tuan Zi." Chu Liuyue patted its wings gently. "That's your clan leader and elder. You can't be this rude."

Tuan Zi widened its eyes and stared at her. *Is she standing on the same side as them? Does she not want me anymore??*

Detecting Tuan Zi's thoughts, Chu Liuyue couldn't help but laugh. Her voice was gentle but especially determined. "Don't worry. I brought you here, so I'll definitely bring you back."

Then, she looked at Yi Zhao and said carefully, "Actually, I came here because I have two things to do. Firstly, it's to apologize. Previously, Tuan Zi had indeed suffered quite a bit by following me. I'm guilty, so I naturally have to come here to apologize."

"Secondly, Tuan Zi should return to its clan and have the status it deserves. Then... it will follow me home."

"No matter what, I won't dissolve my agreement with Tuan Zi. Even if you personally object to it, I, Shangguan Yue, will not change my decision!"

Chapter 1569: Who is Threatening Whom?

Once Chu Liuyue said this, Godly Phoenix Hall fell dead silent temporarily.

Including Yi Zhao, all of them looked at her with a gaze that underwent a strange change. They never expected a slim woman who hadn't reached her twenties to have such courage!

"Do you know what you're saying?" After a temporary pause, Yi Zhao squinted and nonchalantly spoke.

Chu Liuyue's lips curled up slightly. "Of course. This time, I came over filled with sincerity. I know that the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan never makes an agreement with humans, but when Tuan Zi and I made an agreement, it was still a nine-colored heavenly pheasant. Thus, this isn't considered as breaking the clan rules—"

"But since it's a red-gold heavenly phoenix now, it must abide by the rules here." Yi Zhao interrupted Chu Liuyue with a cold and harsh appearance, having secret ripples in his eyes. "Shangguan Yue, I originally thought that you were a smart person."

Once he said this, heavy suppression fell in the hall.

Chu Liuyue's shoulders became heavy as she instantly felt that a mountain was suppressing her.

She straightened her back and raised her chin slightly, as if she didn't hear the threat into the other party's voice. Or perhaps she heard it, but she didn't want to care about it. "Tuan Zi and I have deep relations. If we break our agreement just like this, it'll harm it..."

"That's not something you should care about." Yi Zhao's patience was running out.

Letting Shangguan Yue enter Godly Phoenix Mountain and sparing her life was the biggest compromise he could give. But now, she actually dared to think of continuing this agreement legitimately. To him, this was akin to daydreaming.

Tuan Zi had rare bloodline power, so the effects of dissolving the agreement could be considered negligible to it. With such talent and potential, they didn't have to worry about such problems.

"I'll give you one last chance. Take back all the words you said before."

This was giving Tuan Zi face. If it were someone else, he would've directly taken action and chased her out!

Not only was Chu Liuyue not scared or frightened, but she even took a step forward determinedly. "Clan Leader Yi Zhao, I've already stated clearly my motive for coming here earlier. I know that this is an issue that's hard for you and the entire red-gold heavenly phoenix clan to accept. However, this agreement is ultimately between Tuan Zi and I, right?"

Yi Zhao's gaze instantly turned cold. *?I really didn't expect a mere human true god would dare to be so arrogant in front of him!?*

Rumble!

His deep and experienced eyes suddenly burned with a red-golden light.

Chu Liuyue's surrounding space suddenly closed in on her and twisted crazily!

Her chest vibrated as a thick, bloody taste spread throughout her mouth!

Instantly, there seemed to be countless ropes trapping her tightly and forcefully strangling her! Every inch of her blood and muscle seemed to be shredded apart.

She clenched her fists tightly and wanted to break free, but she discovered that her body couldn't move at all. At this very moment, she was like meat on a chopping board, allowing people to butcher her.

Yi Zhao was the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan leader, and he didn't even care about the human's legendary warriors. Dealing with Chu Liuyue was just a small matter.

He didn't even have to take action. Just one glance was enough to directly take Chu Liuyue's life!

Chu Liuyue's expression quickly turned pale, and blood seeped out of the corner of her mouth.

A terrifying force kept forcing her to kneel down. Her legs trembled, and her entire body started shaking uncontrollably.

Tuan Zi suddenly rushed over and flapped its wings! A red-golden fire suddenly swiped across the air!

Chu Liuyue faintly heard some soft shattering noises. The next moment, she suddenly felt that the surrounding force had loosened up.

She looked up and saw that Tuan Zi was standing in front of her as its fire burned, and it looked at Yi Zhao with combat intent.

Its pair of clear and pure eyes gradually became bloodshot!

Yi Zhao was shocked. *?Tuan Zi can actually break my attack? Even though it couldn't block it completely, it is already very rare to reach this stage. One had to know that it just broke through to become a red-gold heavenly phoenix a few months ago...*

The expressions of the few elders behind him all changed slightly.

Even though they had already confirmed that Tuan Zi had the purest bloodline power earlier, every time it executed its talent or skills, they would secretly be shocked.

The purest bloodline power hadn't appeared in the clan for way too long, and they hadn't ever seen it personally. They just heard a thing or two about it from the clan's history. Now, it seemed like the purest bloodline was more shocking than they had predicted...

At this moment, Chu Liuyue finally spoke. "Tuan Zi, come back."

Tuan Zi didn't move.

"Hm?" Chu Liuyue raised her brows.

Detecting her reaction, Tuan Zi then turned around reluctantly and indignantly. Almost instantly, the ferocious combat intent in its eyes rapidly dissipated, being replaced with overwhelming grievances.

They bullied you! So what if I took action?! At most, we can just leave!? Tuan Zi felt very wronged and remorseful. *?If it were not for me, why would she have to suffer here and be humiliated?!?*

The corner of Chu Liuyue's lips curled up slightly as she patted her shoulders. *?I brought Tuan Zi over to get it to acknowledge its ancestors, not to cause it to fall out with them.?*

She could tell that although the other party wasn't polite to her, they thought really highly of Tuan Zi. If not, she wouldn't even be able to enter the hall.

She didn't care how they looked at it, and she didn't want Tuan Zi to be isolated. She knew that it had the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's bloodline, so its bones would want to come back.

"Be good," urged Chu Liuyue again.

After slight hesitation, Tuan Zi became a small bird and flew to her neck, burying itself in her shoulders.

Chu Liuyue rubbed its head and looked up at Yi Zhao and the rest again.

As expected, those few people's expressions were incredible.

"Tuan Zi has been spoiled by me since young, and its temper is very bad. Seniors, I hope you won't hold this against it."

Chu Liuyue said this very naturally, but Yi Zhao and the rest were stunned.

It is clearly part of our red-gold heavenly phoenix clan bloodline, but when she talks about it, why does it seem like we are the outsiders? In contrast, she, Shangguan Yue, is the most intimate with it??

Of course, judging from Tuan Zi's series of reactions, it is indeed so...?

"Actually, I really didn't come here with other intentions, but it's a pity that the seniors don't really trust me." Chu Liuyue looked regretful. "Clan Leader Yi Zhao, I believe you can also tell that Tuan Zi and I have depended on each other for many years and that we can't be separated. If you really insist on us dissolving the agreement, then... you can just kill me."

She smiled and took a step forward. "If you want to kill or punish me, do as you please."

Yi Zhao coldly scolded, "You dare to threaten me?!"

If they killed her, as her legendary fiend in agreement, Tuan Zi would not live as well!

Chu Liuyue smiled and nodded, playfulness filling her eyes. "Yeah."

Chapter 1570: Hooligan

Yes, I'm threatening you, so what?

The reason she dared to come alone and negotiate with them about Tuan Zi's return was that she had the biggest trump card—Tuan Zi was her legendary fiend in agreement! If her body and soul were destroyed, Tuan Zi would also meet its demise!

The opponent was strong and aloof.

She had only herself to rely on. For this, she was willing to risk her own life directly!

"To be honest, Tuan Zi and I have known each other for a while. We have gone through life and death many times and have long been like family. If it can't continue to be with me in the future, then I'll definitely feel very sad about it." Chu Liuyue caressed Tuan Zi with a sad expression. "At that time, I might be so sad that I'll die right away."

Upon hearing this, Tuan Zi immediately raised its head and frantically rubbed her face. *If she is dead, I don't want to live anymore either!*

"You! You!" Yi Zhao finally erupted out of anger and pointed his trembling finger at Chu Liuyue. "You're insolent!"

How dare she threaten me with death! Isn't she behaving like a hooligan!? This woman is so shameless!

Having lived for thousands of years, Yi Zhao's joy and anger had always been indistinguishable. But at this moment, he was about to be driven mad by Chu Liuyue.

Chu Liuyue bowed slightly and said humbly, "You're being too polite."

No matter what, my motive for coming here today is to let Tuan Zi continue to follow me openly. If he disagrees? Then, I can only show my trump card and fight to the death.?

I wanted to talk about it at first, but the other party didn't give me a chance at all. Since that's the case, I don't have to give them face anymore.?

He who is down needs fear no fall. Since I only have this life as a bargaining chip, I am going all in!

In fact, there was another important reason why Chu Liuyue dared to do this—she was sure that the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan valued Tuan Zi very much and would never let it fall.

After receiving the letter from the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan, she felt something was wrong.

Her arrival here helped her to finally understand where that weird feeling came from.

With the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's strength, she wouldn't be taken seriously at all. In their opinion, a red-gold heavenly phoenix who had already contracted with the human race should also be stained.

They didn't care even if she was from the same race and were even full of disgust for her. However, they actually wrote a letter to Nan Suhuai, asking her to come personally to apologize and cancel the contract with Tuan Zi.

Although the letter seemed to be lofty, Chu Liuyue knew what they meant if they were willing to write this letter—the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan wanted Tuan Zi to return to them!

Having reached this point and after seeing Tuan Zi open the barrier of Godly Phoenix Mountain so easily, she felt even more confident.

She had already said all the unpleasant things, but they still had yet to kill her directly. Wasn't it all for Tuan Zi?

Therefore, even if they hated her to the core, they would never kill her!

"Shangguan Yue! You're going overboard!" Elder Yi Gong couldn't help but cry out?! I have never seen anyone dare to be so arrogant in front of us!

Chu Liuyue raised an eyebrow. "I've already said everything I have to say. Instead of scolding me here, you might as well seriously consider my proposal."

What's done is done. Why should I be afraid of being scolded??

Yi Gong choked, and his face turned red and white.

Chu Liuyue didn't bother to pay attention to him. She turned her gaze slightly and looked at Yi Zhao again.

Yi Zhao was the one who had the most right to speak.

Smiling gently, she added, "Clan Leader Yi Zhao, if you don't remember what I just said, I can repeat it for you again. I—"

Yi Zhao's eyelids twitched fiercely. "Enough! I've never been dizzy to such a point yet!"

Chu Liuyue obediently kept quiet. She supported Tuan Zi's butt and patted it appeasingly. *Tsk, they are scaring Tuan Zi.*

Cold silence ensued in the hall.

The two parties entered a stalemate.

After a while, Chu Liuyue pinned her stray hair behind her ears, and her red lips slightly parted. "Clan leader Yi Zhao, can we renegotiate now?"

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Time slowly trickled past.

Everyone who gathered together outside Godly Phoenix Hall gradually became restless at this time.

"Shangguan Yue has been inside for a long time, right? Why hasn't there been any movement until now?"

Although they were outside and couldn't see the situation inside... When Chu Liuyue crossed over and was brought directly into Godly Phoenix Hall, the Heaven and Earth Force within Godly Phoenix Hall's radius fluctuated. So although they didn't see anyone, nor did they see the red-gold heavenly phoenixes, they knew they were already here.

"That's right. Didn't they just ask the woman to come over to apologize and then terminate the contract? This shouldn't take long, right?"

"It's hard to say. Who knows how long it will take to terminate the contract? We don't have much experience, do we?"

"With the clan leader and several elders here, it stands to reason that it won't be too difficult, right? Could there be something else, or... Is it that Shangguan Yue disagrees?"

"Tsk, so what if she disagrees? What else can she do?"

"Hmm... I've heard that Shangguan Yue is quite capable. Miao Yao of the great phoenix dragon clan had chased her down at Ling Xiao Academy before, but he still returned disappointedly in the end! I'm thinking that this woman really has a few tricks up her sleeves..."

"Hmph, Miao Yao was too arrogant and only suffered a loss because he didn't check properly. How can the clan leader and the elders be like him? Besides, Shangguan Yue is now in the territory of our red-gold heavenly phoenix clan!"

How could the noble Godly Phoenix Mountain allow her to misbehave as a mere human god?!

"Sigh, but I just heard that the new red-gold heavenly phoenix's bloodline power seems to be good? Otherwise, the clan leader wouldn't be willing to spend so much effort to summon her back."

"You're right. The ancestral ceremony is about to take place, and the clan leader summoned her at this time... Does it really have a deeper meaning?"

“It’s a bit early to say that, right? It hasn’t officially tested its talent yet, has it? Anyway, the ancestral ceremony will clear everything up.”

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Yi Ran on the side frowned upon hearing their conversation.

He raised his gaze slightly and looked at Godly Phoenix Hall. *It is just a lowly existence that suddenly broke through from a Nine-Colored Heavenly Pheasant. How could it be worth the trouble of the clan leader and the elders?*