

## The Doctor 1611

### Chapter 1611: Polite

The door slowly closed, completely covering Chu Liuyue's figure and blocking all the gazes outside—including Yi Zhao's.

After being stunned for a while, Yi Shang couldn't help but ask, "Clan Leader, are you... not going in together?"

Yi Zhao nodded expressionlessly.

This reaction was really unpredictable.

Elder Yi Shang frowned. *This is clearly not the clan leader's intention. No matter how much he dotes on Tuan Zi, he wouldn't summon Shangguan Yue to Godly Phoenix Hall at this time. Unless... This is the ancestor's intention! Apart from that, nobody in the entire clan can override the clan leader.*

"This..." Elder Yi Shang was speechless and did not know how to react.

The red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's ancestor had died tens of thousands of years ago, and only a trace of his consciousness remained in Godly Phoenix Hall.

Over the years, this consciousness had basically been sleeping. This consciousness would only wake up when every clan leader ascended to worship their ancestors. However, they would often continue to fall asleep after the ancestral worship.

But now, when Tuan Zi was worshiping the ancestor, this consciousness actually woke up. Moreover... he even let Shangguan Yue in!

How could this not be shocking!?

Elder Yi Jiao asked worriedly, "Then... Clan Leader, is Tuan Zi doing well?"

*Could something have happened...*

Yi Zhao nodded. "Everything is normal inside. Don't worry."

Since the ancestor's consciousness had awakened, there was naturally a reason. At first, he was also shocked when he realized what his ancestor meant, but now, he had chosen to accept it.

*Perhaps it's just because she still has a contract with Tuan Zi...*

Yi Zhao stopped talking and just stood outside the door with his hands behind his back, waiting quietly.

Nobody dared to ask further and could only continue to wait.

A question floated in the hearts of countless people. *Shangguan Yue, a human, has entered Godly Phoenix Hall during the ancestral worship. How... should she be considered?*

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Hearing the door close, Chu Liuyue turned around.

Yi Zhao didn't follow her in, but the summoning fluctuation she felt in her dantian became stronger.

The fluctuation drove her forward.

Although she had been here twice before, she had come and gone in a hurry both times. She had never been able to take a good look at the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's most sacred and solemn place.

Her figure was clearly reflected in the black jade slabs and the specks of starlight on the dome. Although the sky was already bright, it still didn't hide the brilliance.

Walking here would often give one the illusion of strolling in the night sky filled with stars.

As she passed through the hall and crossed the threshold, she could clearly feel the fluctuations in her body becoming stronger.

The summoning power seemed to be nearby.

She composed herself and continued inside.

This place was clearly no longer open to ordinary people.

As she walked, she thought to herself, *Among the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan, only a handful can enter. And I actually came in at this moment...*

The deeper she went, the stronger the fluctuation in her dantian, and the faster her heart beat.

But miraculously, she wasn't worried at all in such an unknown situation.

She didn't know if it was because the power that had summoned her was too gentle, or if it was because she knew that Tuan Zi was also here, but she felt at ease.

After walking for about 15 minutes, she arrived at another door.

She stood in front of the door and steadily looked at it as an extremely clear thought flashed through her mind. *This is it!*

She took a deep breath and raised her arm.

Just as she was about to push open the door, it opened automatically again.

She pursed her lips slightly and stepped in.

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There was a universe inside the hall.

When she walked in, the first thing she saw was Tuan Zi standing in the middle of the hall.

Hearing the sound, Tuan Zi turned around and saw that it was her. She immediately ran over happily, opened her round arms, and pounced into her arms. "A'Yue!"

Hearing her clear and happy voice, Chu Liuyue was immediately relieved. She smiled and bent down to pick her up.

Tuan Zi was so soft.

"A'Yue, you're finally here!" Tuan Zi wrapped her arms around Chu Liuyue's neck and rubbed happily against her cheek.

Chu Liuyue's brows twitched slightly. "You... knew I was coming?"

"That's right! Our ancestor just said he wanted to see you. I was waiting for you to come!"

Only then did Chu Liuyue look up.

The hall was a little empty, and there was no sound in the surroundings.

The ground was still paved with black jade, but the dome above was no longer filled with specks of light. Instead, it had become balls of blooming red-gold flames.

In the deepest part, on the wall directly in front of her, was a huge painting.

In the intense flames, a pure-gold phoenix spread its wings and soared into the sky with a shocking aura!

This painting was very realistic. The feathers on the golden phoenix's body were almost completely visible, and it seemed as if it would rush out of the painting the next moment!

Only the eyes were empty, and it looked like something was missing.

But with just a glance, she felt that the force in her body was about to boil, and the water droplet in her dantian actually started to spin slowly!

Chu Liuyue was secretly shocked. *?This... must be the ancestor of the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan!*

She was about to control the water droplet to stop moving when a distant voice suddenly sounded in her ear. "You... are the contract master of Tuan Zi?"

The voice came from the mural and sounded as if it had been through 10,000 years.

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat. She put down Tuan Zi, cupped her fists, and bowed respectfully. "Greetings, Senior."

"No need to stand on ceremony." There seemed to be gentle smiling intent in that voice. "Tuan Zi has already told me everything about the two of you. You've indeed treated her extremely well."

Chu Liuyue sighed in relief. *?From her tone, the other party seems to like Tuan Zi very much and even treats her much better.*

"I let you in today because I want to see what kind of person can make Tuan Zi so dependent on them and even willing to give up the position of clan leader."

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat as she asked warily, "Senior also wants me to break the contract with Tuan Zi?"

"Of course not." The other party smiled. "You don't have to be nervous. Since I gave that soul to Tuan Zi previously, I won't care about this. No matter what, the position of clan leader will be hers in the future."

Only then did Chu Liuyue feel at ease and say in embarrassment, "I misunderstood. Please don't mind me, Senior."

"Yi Zhao and the others were quite rude to you previously, so it's normal for you to be like this. On the other hand... if you have any grievances, I hope you can let them go."

Upon hearing this, a very subtle feeling surged in Chu Liuyue's heart. *?This ancestor of the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan... seems to be too polite to me?*

## **Chapter 1612: You Didn't Find the Rest?**

As ancient legendary beasts, the red-gold heavenly phoenixes had always been very arrogant. This was especially true when in front of humans.

And this was the ancestor of the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan! Speaking of which, it wasn't an exaggeration to call the ancestor a supreme being!

Although this was only a remnant consciousness, the other party's identity was still filled with oppression.

*Even if I have a contract with Tuan Zi, there's no need for the ancestor to give me face, right?* Countless thoughts flashed through Chu Liuyue's mind, but her expression remained calm as she smiled and said, "You're too polite. Tuan Zi has followed me for many years and has gone through life and death with me countless times. We're already as close as family. I know that clan leader Yi Zhao and the others did those things for Tuan Zi's own good, so I'm overjoyed and gratified."

This was the truth.

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Chu Liuyue admitted that she had a bad temper. If it were the past her, she would definitely not tolerate the many things the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan had done this time.

However, she knew that in the end, they were doing this for Tuan Zi. With that in mind, she could ignore all of it.

To her, none of those things were as important as Tuan Zi.

As soon as she finished speaking, she felt her legs go weak.

She looked down and saw Tuan Zi hugging her thigh and looking at her eagerly. Her black grape-like eyes were glistening with tears.

"A'Yue—" Tuan Zi called her name coquettishly and intimately, filled with longing and dependence. *I knew that A'Yue treated me the best!*

Chu Liuyue smiled and stroked her head.

"I have a question for you." The voice sounded again.

Chu Liuyue nodded. "Senior, please speak."

The other party paused for a moment before saying word by word, "Where did you get that thing in you?"

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The hall fell silent.

The moment Chu Liuyue heard that sentence, she understood that it was referring to the water droplet in her dantian.

She paused, knowing that there was no need for her to play dumb at this point. She said frankly, "I accidentally obtained it a few years ago."

"Oh?" The other party seemed surprised. "Then, you haven't searched for the rest in the past few years?"

Chu Liuyue suddenly looked up.

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Tens of thousands of kilometers away.

The islands were scattered, and the mountains were continuous. This was the territory of the great phoenix dragons.

The highest mountain in the center was even more dignified.

Suddenly, an angry dragon roar came from a cave halfway up the mountain.

*Roar!*

The commotion was earth-shattering, causing many great phoenix dragons to look over in shock.

"What's going on?"

"From the sound of it, it seems to be Elder Miao Yao?"

"Ah... It seems that Elder Miao Yao has finally recovered..." There was a hint of mockery in one person's voice. "It's really hard on you to raise him for so long this time."

"Shh! Lower your voice! If anyone hears you and tells Elder Miao Yao, you'll have to bear the consequences! Don't forget what happened to the few people who followed him to Ling Xiao Academy!"

"Pfft, is that necessary? I didn't say anything, right? At most, I was concerned about Elder Miao Yao's health! Besides, it's not just us. Many elders in the clan are criticizing Elder Miao Yao now!"

That was putting it mildly.

Ever since Miao Yao brought people to Ling Xiao Academy to find trouble with Shangguan Yue and Shangguan Jing and returned in a sorry state, the attitude of the great phoenix dragons toward Miao Yao had changed drastically.

As an elder with a noble status and extraordinary strength, he had originally gone to settle scores with them and bring back their clan's corpse.

But in the end? Not only had he returned with injuries all over his body, but he had also allowed them to legitimately take the corpse for themselves!

The entire great phoenix dragon clan was humiliated! How could they not have any resentment?

But because of Miao Yao's status as an elder and the fact that he was injured when he first returned, the clan leader never punished him.

In private, however, everyone in the clan was already very dissatisfied with Miao Yao. Even hearing his voice was extremely annoying.

"Let's talk less! Even if we really have to punish him, it's the clan leader and the other elders' business. How can we have a say?"

"Hmph, I want to see how Elder Miao Yao plans to make up for this matter."

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"Alright, it's useless to be angry now. You've just recovered, so don't be so irritable."

In the cave, a tall and burly figure stood with his hands behind his back. He looked to be about 50 years old.

His appearance was ordinary, but he was energetic. His hair was purple-gold, and his deep eyes seemed all-encompassing, as deep as a cold pool.

This person was the clan leader of the great phoenix dragon clan, Miao Yang.

In front of him was a huge great phoenix dragon. It was obvious that it had been injured previously. Although its wounds had basically recovered, the new scales were still especially dazzling.

Miao Yao's eyes were filled with hatred.

These were all regrown after he pulled out all his damaged scales! Nobody else knew the pain he had experienced!

"In that case, Shangguan Yue actually survived that calamity unscathed?!"

Miao Yang said, "Not exactly unscathed. I heard that she had to lie down for nearly a month."

"Then, she still survived!" Miao Yao shouted angrily, "She's really lucky!"

*Something so big happened in Ling Xiao Academy. Shangguan Yue actually risked her life and forcefully survived!*

Miao Yang narrowed his eyes in disagreement. "I think this Shangguan Yue doesn't just rely on luck. You have to know that she personally repaired Ling Xiao Academy's Heaven-Locking Formation."

How could ordinary people do this?

"Either she still has a trump card, or... or someone helped her. But either way, it proves that she's not simple."

From the looks of it, it was reasonable for her to beat Miao Yao in that bet.

“You were too careless before,” Miao Yang said bluntly.

Miao Yao was speechless.

Actually, he had long realized this, but he had been unwilling to admit it.

So what if he admitted it? The outcome was set!

*Slap!*

With a flick of its tail, the hard dragon scales scraped across the mountain wall! “Next time, I won’t let her have it easy!”

Miao Yang suddenly growled. “Do you still remember that about a month ago, Yi Zhao personally wrote to Ling Xiao Academy’s director—Nan Suhuai—to let Shangguan Yue go to Godly Phoenix Mountain?”

“Of course, I remember!” Miao Yao gritted his teeth.

He had deliberately sent out the news that Shangguan Yue had made a contract with a red-gold heavenly phoenix. In the end, Yi Zhao and the others acted quickly.

“Why? Is there a result now?”

Miao Yang paused. “Not really. However... Shangguan Yue hasn’t come out of Godly Phoenix Mountain until now. The ancestral ceremony of the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan is being held during this period.”

### **Chapter 1613: Your Mission**

*How could the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan allow a human to stay at Godly Phoenix Mountain on such an important occasion? Something is obviously wrong.*

“You mean—” Miao Yao was delighted at first, but then he hesitated. “But that’s impossible... Shangguan Yue’s status in the human race isn’t low. If the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan really goes overboard with her, then... I’m afraid the human race won’t agree either.”

Miao Yang nodded. “That’s what I find strange.”

According to his speculation, Yi Zhao and the others probably would directly ask Shangguan Yue to cancel the contract with the red-gold heavenly phoenix. Out of various considerations, they probably wouldn’t really take Shangguan Yue’s life.

It wasn’t difficult to resolve this matter, and it really shouldn’t take more than a month.

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One had to know that their ancestral ceremony was still in progress.

Shangguan Yue was still there. Could it be that she had also participated in the ancestral ceremony?

It was too ridiculous!

“Shangguan Jing has been waiting outside Godly Phoenix Mountain and didn’t follow her in.” Miao Yang lowered his eyes and pondered for a moment. “Our people can’t get too close, so that’s all we can find out.”

The two ancient legendary fiend races had always had a subtle rivalry and paid special attention to each other’s every move. However, they also had an unspoken rule between them: They would never casually step into each other’s territory.

Moreover, this was the period when the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan was holding the ancestral ceremony, so their people were naturally more careful. Hence, this was all the information they could find.

“If Shangguan Jing is still waiting, it means that nothing has happened to Shangguan Yue...” Miao Yao was frustrated. “What are Yi Zhao and the others doing?!”

“No matter what they plan, the dignity of the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan cannot be provoked. This time, Shangguan Yue will definitely break the contract with that red-gold heavenly phoenix, and that three-eyed legendary eagle... I wonder how they will deal with it.”

At the mention of this, Miao Yao’s expression changed slightly before he sneered. “If you didn’t mention it, I would’ve almost forgotten about this. How proud is Yi Zhao? His clansmen contracted with the human race and even worked with a three-eyed legendary eagle. It’s simply a great humiliation! In my opinion, he will definitely kill that three-eyed legendary eagle too!”

Miao Yang nodded thoughtfully. “If that’s the case, it can’t be better. In the future, our clan can also find an opportunity to bring back that corpse.”

Only then could he pick up the face they had lost previously.

“Forget it. Let’s wait a little longer.” Miao Yang shook his head. *As long as nothing unexpected happens, things will basically go according to our expectations.*

“Rest well.” With that, Miao Yang turned around and planned to leave.

“Clan Leader!” Miao Yao quickly called out to him.

Miao Yang stopped and turned around. “What’s the matter?”

Seeing his reaction, Miao Yao felt a little awkward. “My... my body has almost recovered. I can deal with the Thousand Summit now...”

The so-called Thousand Summit was one of the great phoenix dragon clan’s grandest events. It was mainly to test the clan’s younger generation and choose a portion to enter the ancestral holy land for cultivation.

Depending on their results, they would also obtain different cultivation resources.

Those who could stand out from the crowd had the hope of inheriting the position of elder or even clan leader.

Miao Yao had always been in charge of this aspect.



Miao Yang's expression was a little subtle.

He smiled. "Miao Zhi and the others are handling the Thousand Summit, and the preparations are basically done. You don't have to worry; just rest and recuperate."

Miao Yao's heart sank, but he saw that Miao Yang had already turned around and left. *Is this... seizing my power?*

Mad anger suddenly erupted in his eyes! He was filled with deep hatred! *If not for Shangguan Yue, how could all of this have happened?!*

Miao Yang walked out of the cave and looked back.

It was completely silent.

*With Miao Yao's temper, it is rare for him to be so forbearing.*

Miao Yang's expression was indifferent, and he didn't stay for long. His figure moved, and he instantly disappeared!

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Godly Phoenix Palace.

There was dead silence in the hall.

Chu Liuyue could clearly hear her heart beating.

She raised her head slightly against the shocking pressure and stared fixedly at the mural in front of her. There seemed to be ripples in her black eyes.

In fact, the other party's words had already set off a storm in her heart!

Tuan Zi sensed that the atmosphere wasn't right and hugged her leg nervously. This made Chu Liuyue come back to her senses.

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath and paused for a moment before saying, "You... know about this?"

For some reason, her throat felt dry, and her voice sounded hoarse.

"You don't have to be nervous. I'm not fighting with you for this." The other party laughed with a hint of exclamation. "With your status and strength, it's quite rare for you to hide it until today."

Its voice and tone were very sincere, but Chu Liuyue's heart was still in her throat, and she didn't dare to let go easily.

She pursed her lips and gave a short answer. "Thank you for your praise, Senior. I'm flattered."

She paused for a moment before answering his earlier question. "I'm not capable enough, so it's already very difficult for me to keep this. I don't dare to hope to find other—"

"This is your luck to begin with. What hope is there? Besides, you're willing to exchange two lives for it. You're... quite bold."

Chu Liuyue slowly clenched her fists and tensed up!

She was only standing there, but the other party had already seen through her completely!

Any lie or cover-up seemed especially weak at this moment.

“Since it recognizes you as its master, it’s naturally your mission to find the rest.” As soon as it finished speaking, a ball of red-gold flames suddenly flew out of the mural and headed straight for her.

*Whoosh!*

The sound of air being torn apart came!

A golden light flashed in front of Chu Liuyue’s eyes.

At this moment, she almost subconsciously wanted to retreat! But at the same time, an ethereal voice sounded in her mind.

She couldn’t hear what the voice was saying, but she knew what it meant. Thus, she held her breath and ordered herself to stand still!

The ball of flames instantly flew in front of her—it was only one fist away!

The heat almost burned the hair on her forehead.

Her face was burning, and the bright fire reflected in her eyes!

Suddenly, an invisible hand seemed to pull Tuan Zi to the side.

Tuan Zi struggled and refused to let go. Unfortunately, this bit of strength was nothing in front of her ancestor.

*Rumble!*

With an explosion, the ball of flames suddenly blew up and turned into countless sparks that landed around Chu Liuyue.

In the blink of an eye, the flames passed through her clothes and entered her body!

An intense burning sensation instantly swept through her entire body!

“Wu!” Chu Liuyue groaned and almost fainted from the intense and terrifying pain. But at the same time, a stream of light suddenly flashed between her eyebrows!

#### **Chapter 1614: Transforming into Feathers**

The moment the light flashed, the scorching temperature made her raise her hand subconsciously to wipe it away.

The area between her eyebrows was smooth and flat, but the burning sensation lingered.

Her entire body was engulfed by the crazy pain, but it was inferior to the spot between her eyebrows.

All her attention was now on her brows.

*Thump!*

Her legs gave way, and she dropped to one knee.

“A’Yue!” Tuan Zi shouted worriedly as tears streamed down her face.

She waved her small hands and struggled desperately to rush over. However, the power of her ancestor was too great, trapping her in place so that she could only watch from afar.

“A’Yue!” Tuan Zi’s voice was already choked. She hated to see A’Yue suffer, especially... being surrounded by this flame!

Looking at the burning flames, the scene from back then kept flashing in her mind.

Back at the Tianling royal family’s ancestral hall, there was also a huge fire that took A’Yue’s life and separated them from then on!

When a similar scene played out again, it was naturally extremely stimulating for Tuan Zi.

“She’ll be fine.” Looking at Tuan Zi’s teary and sad eyes, the ancestor couldn’t help but sigh. “If I kill her now, won’t I be killing you?”

It had waited for Tuan Zi for a long time, so it naturally could not bear to do that.

Tuan Zi looked over in a daze. “Really?”

*But A’Yue looks so pained...*

“Don’t worry. Why would I lie to you?”

The ancestor knew that Tuan Zi was still young and only had Shangguan Yue in her heart at this moment. It was useless to say anything else, so it could only persuade her.

Only then did Tuan Zi wipe her tears. She pursed her lips and held back her tears. “If anything happens to A’Yue, I don’t want to be the young mistress or clan leader anymore!”

Anyway, whether she lived or died, she had to follow A’Yue!

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About half an hour later, all the burning stars entered Chu Liuyue’s body.

Her muscles, bones, and flesh seemed to be wrapped in the scorching heat!

“Draw the power of these flames into your dantian.” The ancient voice sounded again.

Chu Liuyue gritted her teeth and forced herself to stand up.

Her movements were slow. Every time she moved, the pain in her body seemed to stack.

When she finally sat down cross-legged, her vision was already black, and she could barely see anything.

Then, she took a deep breath, put her hands on her knees, and struggled to circulate the force in her body.

The flames were like a torrent, surging wildly in her body and crashing around.

The pressure contained in the flames was too strong for her to control. She could only grit her teeth and try her best to guide it into her dantian bit by bit.

*Sizzle—*

A small flame landed on her Yuan meridian, and she clearly heard an ear-piercing burning sound.

This bone-deep pain was indescribable, and her face instantly turned pale.

She closed her eyes and frowned, holding on with sheer willpower.

She didn't say a word; only her trembling body showed the pain she was going through.

As the first flame fell, a second one quickly arrived and landed not far away.

Her body suddenly trembled, and the smell of rust filled her mouth. Then, the flames scattered freely on her Yuan meridian.

The space between her eyebrows became hotter and hotter!

This was actually not the first time she had sensed this feeling. When she previously rushed out of Million Wine Mountain's spring and summoned the God Realm back, her glabella had also hurt. But at that time, the situation was critical, so she did not pay attention to it.

After the great tribulation, she fell unconscious for a month. When she woke up again, she had completely forgotten about it.

Until now—

The pain was difficult to describe. It was like an extremely sharp knife with a burning temperature carving between her eyebrows!

Her physical strength had always been outstanding, and her tolerance for pain was extraordinary. One could imagine how painful and difficult the process was to torture her to this extent.

Tuan Zi watched from afar and shed another string of tears.

*Shoo!?*

A faint explosion sounded.

A small hole suddenly exploded on the back of Chu Liuyue's hand. At a glance, it looked like it had been quickly cut out by an extremely sharp blade.

No blood dripped, but it was still scarlet under the wound.

Soon, more holes appeared in her body. Her originally fair skin began to turn shocking at a visible speed.

Tuan Zi's heart seemed to be clenched by something, and her eyes were red.

She was almost afraid to look again, but she refused to look away. "A'Yue..."

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Time passed bit by bit.

In the blink of an eye, it was evening again.

The brilliant afterglow sprinkled down, making the entire Godly Phoenix Hall look like it was plated with a layer of bright light.

"It's been a day. Why isn't Shangguan Yue out yet?" Elder Yi Shang had looked at the door countless times, but he still didn't see any signs of it opening.

He walked to Yi Zhao's side worriedly. "Clan Leader—"

Yi Zhao shook his head. "Nothing can be detected in the temple. I don't know what's going on either."

How could he not want to know what was going on inside? Unfortunately, his ancestor had directly asked him to come out at that time, so he didn't dare to disobey.

Elder Yi Shang's lips moved. He originally wanted to say something, but in the end, he gave up. *?Even the clan leader has said so. I probably have no other choice but to continue waiting.*

It was shocking enough to let Shangguan Yue in, but now, she had stayed inside for so long. The longer it dragged on, the more unrest it brought upon the others.

When Elder Yi Yu returned, he noticed the strange silence in the square.

He slowed unconsciously. "Clan Leader."

He already knew about what had happened previously. He only had time to return after dealing with the matters at Phoenix Valley.

Yi Zhao glanced at him. "Has everything been arranged over there?"

Elder Yi Yu smiled and nodded. "We spent a little more time on the nearby mountains that were seriously damaged, but other than that, the rest are small problems. After the ancestral ceremony, it won't affect everyone's rest."

"That'll do." Only then did Elder Yi Zhao's expression ease a little.

Elder Yi Yu glanced in the direction of the hall. Seeing their solemn expressions, he smiled and said, "Clan Leader, I don't think you have to worry. Shangguan Yue is quite capable and has a contract with Tuan Zi. There shouldn't be any accidents, and she'll probably be out soon."

Yi Zhao knew that he was comforting him out of goodwill, so he nodded. "I hope so."

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In the hall, Chu Liuyue sat quietly.

At this moment, there were many small wounds on her body. She was bloodstained and looked miserable.

And the last spark in her body finally landed on her Yuan meridian!

There was a short silence.

*Peng!*

Accompanied by this subtle sound, those sparks slowly transformed into the shape of reddish-gold feathers on her Yuan meridian.

Piece by piece, layer by layer—they completely covered the meridian in her!

### **Chapter 1615: Her Totem!**

A terrifying pressure emitted from Chu Liuyue's body. At the same time, the injuries on her body began to recover at a visible speed!

In a short while, her skin was as smooth as ever. It was as if those wounds had never appeared.

A faint reddish-gold light enveloped her body, making her look powerful and holy!

Sensing the change in her, Tuan Zi was suddenly stunned. She couldn't be bothered crying anymore and only widened her grape-like eyes to look at Chu Liuyue without blinking.

Crystal-clear tears hung pitifully on her eyelashes.

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She had a contract with Chu Liuyue and could feel the latter's pain and the changes in her body immediately. *This... Her aura seems to have become stronger? No! To be precise, her Yuan meridian has become stronger!*

That layer of power covered her Yuan meridian as if it had added armor! Most importantly, this power came from the red-gold heavenly phoenixes' ancestor!

Even the current Tuan Zi, who had a pure bloodline, could not be compared to it in strength!

Then, Tuan Zi felt the power holding her down disappear suddenly.

"Now, do you believe what I just said?" The ancestor's voice sounded with smiling intent.

Tuan Zi was stunned for a while before slowly coming back to her senses.

A bright smile bloomed on her chubby face. "Ancestor is so kind!"

As she spoke, she couldn't wait to run toward Chu Liuyue!

Soon, she rushed in front of Chu Liuyue. She finally stopped three steps away from the latter.

As Chu Liuyue was still meditating, she did not open her eyes.

Although Tuan Zi wanted to rush into her arms immediately, she knew that this was a special time. Hence, she obediently stood on the spot and waited.

She blinked her big eyes and almost looked Chu Liuyue up and down several times. The more she looked at her, the happier she became.

*The aura in A'Yue's body is indeed much stronger than before! Moreover, this isn't just a simple increase in strength. More importantly, it contains a shocking pressure!*

Suddenly, Chu Liuyue's brows moved slightly. The next moment, she slowly opened her eyes.

Her eyes were like stars, dazzling.

A reddish-gold flame flashed across her eyes!

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Chu Liuyue looked at Tuan Zi steadily, and there seemed to be thousands of stars flickering in her eyes.

She raised her hand.

The lotus leaf dress on Tuan Zi suddenly moved without wind.

Chu Liuyue's fair and delicate finger tapped lightly. Something surged out of her body and quickly gathered in her palm—it was a fist-sized transparent ball of light!

A cluster of red-gold flames burned inside.

Tuan Zi's eyes widened slightly. *Inside is... the Heavenly Dao that appeared when I contracted with A'Yue? However, isn't the Heavenly Dao's power illusory and invisible? Why did it suddenly transform into the appearance of flames? Could it be because my ancestor helped us?*

Tuan Zi looked confused.

However, Chu Liuyue suddenly spoke. "Tuan Zi, come over."

Her voice was soft and pleasant, but there was a hint of pressure that made people subconsciously submit.

When Tuan Zi heard this, she quickly took two steps forward. "A'Yue—"

With a slight movement of Chu Liuyue's palm, the ball of light flew up lightly and floated quietly between the two of them.

Then, Chu Liuyue looked up at the mural. "Senior, thank you."

Tuan Zi was about to turn around when she saw a stream of light suddenly flash above the ball of light!

In the blink of an eye, it condensed into a familiar pattern—it was the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's totem!

Tuan Zi blinked.

She vaguely felt that her body seemed to have changed, but she didn't know why. Then, she saw Chu Liuyue cross her hands in front of her and close her eyes again.

The aura around her surged.

Suddenly, a silver-red dot appeared in front of her. Gradually, more and more light spots surrounded her like a sea of stars.

—Chu Liuyue had summoned her God Realm!

The atmosphere in the entire hall began to become stranger.

The surrounding force also gradually surged toward Chu Liuyue.

There seemed to be the faint sound of tidal waves.

Although Tuan Zi did not know what Chu Liuyue wanted to do, she could vaguely sense the latter's seriousness. Hence, even she became nervous.

She clenched her chubby hands tightly and stared at Chu Liuyue without blinking, afraid that she would miss something.

At this moment, she suddenly saw a stream of light flash between Chu Liuyue's eyebrows.

Then, a second stream of light appeared, connected to the first before it.

After that was the third.

Tuan Zi opened her mouth in surprise, and her mouth formed a round 'O' shape. This was because she suddenly realized that these streams of light seemed to be... forming a pattern?

As the number of light streams between Chu Liuyue's eyebrows increased, the pressure on her body also rapidly increased.

Gradually, even Tuan Zi felt a little breathless.

The surrounding space seemed to be frozen by this invisible force!

Tuan Zi looked at Chu Liuyue in bewilderment and wanted to ask, but she was afraid of affecting the latter. Thus, she swallowed her questions in the end.

After an unknown period of time, the last stream of light between her brows finally landed.

In an instant, a dazzling light shone!

An incomparable divine pressure suddenly descended!

*Whoosh!*

Chu Liuyue opened her eyes.

It was clearly still that pair of dark and bright eyes, but at this moment, it seemed to contain countless stars! It reflected thousands of cycles of reincarnation!!

## **Chapter 1616: Entwined Fate Contract**

Chu Liuyue raised her hand.



Her plain white palm waved gently, and a stream of light flashed on the ball of light. Soon, a totem identical to the one between her eyebrows appeared on the transparent ball of light!

At this point, the two totems each occupied one side!

Tuan Zi seemed to be attracted by something and subconsciously stared at the ball of light. Somehow, something seemed to be pulling at the power in her body.

Before Tuan Zi could figure it out, she saw the two totems fuse into the flames in the ball of light!

In an instant, the sound of something shattering seemed to come from the depths of her mind!

Tuan Zi's eyes widened. *?My connection with A'Yue is broken!*

But just as she panicked and wanted to get up, the ball of light suddenly split in the middle. It was as if an invisible knife had evenly cut through it from the middle.

The cut was neat and smooth, and the red-gold flames inside were also divided into two.

Then, the two hemispheres flew toward them.

Chu Liuyue raised her hand and caught one hemisphere of light.

The flames quickly drilled into her palm and into her body!

"Tuan Zi," Chu Liuyue reminded.

Only then did Tuan Zi come back to her senses. She looked at the hemisphere of light that flew in front of her and quickly reached out to hold it.

In the blink of an eye, the flames in the ball of light quickly disappeared into her chubby hand.

"A'Yue—" Tuan Zi was about to say something when she was suddenly stunned. Because at this moment, she clearly felt that the subtle connection between them had been established again!

She could feel A'Yue's aura and emotions again!

Everything happened too quickly, causing her mind to be hazy.

Previously, she was nervous and terrified. Now that she had regained it, she was naturally happy.

In just a few breaths, there was ice and fire.

At this moment, the totem between their eyebrows flickered especially brightly before quickly hiding.

It was only when the burning temperature between her eyebrows completely disappeared that Chu Liuyue finally exhaled heavily. "Hu..."

The huge sense of oppression in her heart was relieved at this moment. *?Finally... Everything went smoothly!*

Looking at Tuan Zi—who was still in a daze as if she had yet to react—her heart ached. A smile appeared on her face as she waved at Tuan Zi. "Tuan Zi, come—"

*Thump!*

Before Chu Liuyue could finish her sentence, her vision blurred as Tuan Zi threw herself into her arms!

The impact was huge. Caught off-guard, the two of them fell back.

Fortunately, a gentle force supported her waist at this moment and forced her to stabilize herself.

“Tuan—”

“Boohoo!” Before Chu Liuyue could speak, Tuan Zi suddenly cried loudly.

Chu Liuyue’s shoulders quickly became wet.

Her heart ached even more. She hugged Tuan Zi and patted her back gently. “Alright, alright. Isn’t everything fine now? Hmm?”

Tuan Zi was out of breath from crying, and her voice was choked as she said intermittently, “...Boohoo... I... I thought... A’Yue didn’t want me anymore...”

Knowing that this matter had frightened her, Chu Liuyue felt very guilty. However, she had just awakened the totem at that time and really didn’t have the time to explain it in detail to Tuan Zi.

“No, no. Did you forget what I said before?”

She had said that no matter what, she wouldn’t leave Tuan Zi alone again. Since she had said so, she would naturally not go against her words.

Tuan Zi hugged Chu Liuyue’s neck tightly and wrapped her short legs tightly around the latter. It was as if she was afraid that Chu Liuyue would leave again.

Fortunately, her cries gradually subsided under Chu Liuyue’s comfort, leaving her small body still twitching.

“B-but just now...”

“I was helping you change the contract, not break it.” The ancient voice sounded again.

At this moment, Tuan Zi’s emotions had eased a lot. Hearing this, she couldn’t help but pause.

She turned her head and looked back. “Ancestor... Hiccup... What do you mean... Hiccup...”

As she spoke, she hiccuped.

At this moment, she was in a very sorry state. Her big, clear, and beautiful eyes were red, and so was her small and perky nose. Her chubby face was covered in tears.

The ancestor sighed helplessly. *Just now, the contract had only been broken for a moment, but Tuan Zi was already in a crying fit. If the contract between her and Shangguan Yue really gets terminated completely, who knows what Tuan Zi would do... Fortunately, Yi Zhao and the others didn’t do anything rash previously. Otherwise—*

“You and Shangguan Yue signed a master-servant contract previously.”

Hearing this, Tuan Zi's face was filled with confusion. *That's right. What else could it be? Isn't there only that kind of contract between fiends and humans? Why did they suddenly say that it is a 'master-servant contract'?*

As if reading her doubts, the ancestor continued to explain. "Actually, there are two kinds of contracts in this world. One is a master-servant contract, which is also a common contract on the continent today. The other is an entwined fate contract. Unlike a master-servant contract, the relationship between the human and fiend is equal in this contract."

"Once a master-servant contract is signed, the life of a fiend is closely related to its master. If its master dies, the fiend will definitely die. However, there's no such restriction with the entwined fate contract."

"This is not the most important characteristic of an entwined fate contract. After signing the entwined fate contract, the human and fiend will have the same breath and share the same fate. If either party dies... As long as the other party is still alive, they can preserve the last trace of life for the other party. If there's a chance, they can even directly revive them!"

The ancestor's voice echoed through the entire hall.

"Entwined... Entwined fate contract?" Tuan Zi was already stunned. *Although I've never heard of it before, from what the ancestor said, it seems... very powerful?*

"Just now, I forcefully changed your master-servant contract to the entwined fate contract. Although there's still a contract between the two of you, it won't be like before. From now on, your life and death won't be hanging on Shangguan Yue. In this way, Yi Zhao and the others can't do anything to the two of you."

The ancestor paused. "More importantly, this way, the two of you can be considered to have an extra half-life in the future!"

This was the most important thing! Status, strength, and talent all had a basic prerequisite—to be alive!

Tuan Zi covered her mouth in shock, her eyes wide. *So... So that's the case! The moment I lost contact with A'Yue was only because my ancestor was doing us a favor?*

Happiness came too quickly, and Tuan Zi was still a little dizzy.

She couldn't help but turn around and ask in a daze, "Then... A'Yue, why didn't we make this contract directly in the past?"

Before Chu Liuyue could speak, the ancestor snorted. "Of course, it's because she doesn't know how to. However, this is very normal. You have to know that in this world, there are less than three people who can use the entwined fate contract."

One of them was the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's ancestor!

## **Chapter 1617: Questioning**

Tuan Zi's eyes widened. *So... the ancestor is really that powerful? In that case, not only can A'Yue and I still be together in the future, but we also won't have to listen to the clan leader and the elders nag about it!? Moreover, even if A'Yue and I encounter any more danger, the two of us can still survive as long as one of us can escape! This couldn't be better!*

Upon hearing this, Chu Liuyue felt emotional. *The entwined fate contract is indeed extraordinary.*

Originally, she didn't know about this. But when the ancestor's power fused into her body and transformed into feathers, covering her Yuan meridian with an extremely tough armor, she vaguely sensed something.

Unknowingly, there seemed to be chanting sounding from afar, driving the ball of light to split into two and fuse.

Although the process was quite difficult, it was finally worth it.

She stood up with Tuan Zi in her arms and bowed deeply to the red-gold heavenly phoenix on the mural. "Senior, I will never forget your kindness."

Tuan Zi's watery eyes darted around, and she hurriedly shouted, "Thank you, Ancestor! I knew you treated me the best!"

Although her voice was still a little hoarse, it was soft, cute, and still very loveable.

The ancestor snorted. "You're quite sweet now. Not angry anymore? Not making a fuss?"

Tuan Zi blushed and smiled widely. "Ancestor is magnanimous and broad-minded. Why would he argue with a child like me? Besides, you dote on me the most, right?"

*Otherwise, I wouldn't have been able to summon the Ancestral Soul or become the young mistress and enter this place, right?*

The ancestor couldn't help but laugh. "You know how to talk. I wonder who you learned it from."

There was no anger in its voice, only affection.

Of course, it doted on Tuan Zi. Otherwise, it wouldn't be willing to spend so much effort to help her change the contract.

"Shangguan Yue, I still have a few words to tell you."

Chu Liuyue's expression froze. "Senior, if you have any instructions, please tell me."

The hall fell silent.

After a while, the ancestor said, "Tuan Zi is our clan's young mistress and the future clan leader. She's still young now, so I'll be troubling you to take care of her in many places."

Chu Liuyue's lips curved up slightly. "Senior, you're too polite."

Even if the other party didn't say this, she would definitely not let Tuan Zi suffer any grievances.

"Seeing how you were willing to step into our territory for Tuan Zi, I naturally trust you."

The voice hesitated for a moment. "If you go and find the remaining ones in the future, I'm afraid... it'll be filled with danger. Today, I've changed the contract between the two of you. Consider it the last thing I can help you with."

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat, and she nodded solemnly. "I understand your intentions, Senior."

The voice laughed and sighed. "That thing's willingness to acknowledge you as its master has actually proved too much. Go ahead; I'm a little tired and want to rest."

At the end of the sentence, there was indeed a hint of fatigue in the ancestor's voice, which gradually faded.

Chu Liuyue pursed her lips and put Tuan Zi down. She then bowed respectfully. "Take care, Senior."

Tuan Zi also bent down and said crisply, "Goodbye, Ancestor! Tuan Zi will miss you every day!"

A low, distant laugh sounded, then gradually faded.

After a while, Chu Liuyue held Tuan Zi's hand. "Tuan Zi, let's go."

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*Creak—*

The doors of Godly Phoenix Hall finally opened!

Everyone waiting outside the hall perked up and looked in the direction of the doors!

As the heavy and solemn doors slowly opened, two figures—one tall, one short—appeared in front of everyone. It was Shangguan Yue and Tuan Zi, who had been inside for a few days!

*They are finally out!*?Countless people had this thought.

Yi Zhao took the lead and walked forward.

His gaze first landed on Tuan Zi. When Yi Zhao saw that Tuan Zi's eyes were red and there were still tears on her fair and round face, his heart tightened. "Tuan Zi, what's wrong?"

*What happened to make her cry?*

He almost immediately frowned and glanced at Chu Liuyue for an explanation.

Sensing his stern scrutiny, Chu Liuyue was caught between laughter and tears. *After we bade farewell to the ancestor, we directly came out. Tuan Zi has just finished crying and looks extremely pitiful, so it's no wonder Yi Zhao suspects me when he sees this.*

"Clan Leader, I'm fine..." Tuan Zi held Chu Liuyue's hand tightly and hurriedly explained, knowing that the clan leader had misunderstood.

Yi Zhao was still skeptical. "Tuan Zi, this is Godly Phoenix Hall, and you're the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's young mistress. If you're really bullied, you must say it, understand?"

"Aiya! I'm really fine!" Tuan Zi muttered. "It's... It's not easy for me to talk to my ancestor. I was too happy, so I cried!"

Before coming out, she had already discussed with A'Yue that she wouldn't tell anyone else about them changing the contract for the time being.

If Yi Zhao and the others knew this now, they would definitely not have any scruples about her anymore. They might even ask Tuan Zi to stay at Godly Phoenix Mountain.

After signing the entwined fate contract, the human and fiend no longer had to stay together all the time. At the same time, the fiend no longer had to worry about dying because of the death of the human.

Yi Zhao and the others had always wanted Tuan Zi to stay. If they knew this, the reason would undoubtedly become more adequate.

Anyway, they had already agreed not to get involved until Tuan Zi was of age.

It might be more appropriate to say it later.

Yi Zhao sized up Tuan Zi again and was relieved to confirm that she was really not injured. Then, he said to Chu Liuyue, "Miss Shangguan, please forgive us if we offended you just now. After all, Tuan Zi is our clan's young mistress, so we're naturally more concerned about her."

Chu Liuyue raised her eyebrows slightly. *What a rare sight—Clan Leader Yi Zhao is actually so polite to me. Could it be because... I entered Godly Phoenix Hall?*

"Clan Leader Yi Zhao, you're overthinking. I know you're all doing this for Tuan Zi's sake." Chu Liuyue's principle had always been: if someone respected her, she would return the favor.

No matter what, Yi Zhao was the incomparably noble clan leader of the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan. She was already very gratified to be able to hear him speak to her so calmly.

It was much better than at the beginning.

Seeing that she was smiling and that her eyes were curved as if she really didn't take these things to heart, Yi Zhao's impression of her improved. *Shangguan Yue looks young, but she knows her limits. She knows when to fight and when to give way. No wonder she is so famous among the humans...*

Yi Zhao paused for a moment before asking, "Did everything go smoothly when you... paid respect to the ancestor?"

Everyone pricked up their ears. This was actually what they wanted to know the most!

*It's normal for Tuan Zi to worship her ancestor. The key is—why did Shangguan Yue go in?*

*What exactly happened inside!?*

In the silence, Chu Liuyue smiled brightly. "Of course. Senior is very kind, and I feel especially close to him."

## **Chapter 1618: Return**

The huge square suddenly became even quieter. At this moment, it was as if even the wind had stopped flowing.

Everyone's expressions instantly became especially interesting. *What did Shangguan Yue just say? The ancestor was very kind to her!?*

*So she really has come into contact with the ancestor? Moreover, it sounds like the ancestor was really good to her!*

*She's a human!*

After a short silence, there was finally an uproar in the square!

"This, this, this—she really saw the ancestor! I've participated in the ancestral ceremony twice, but I haven't seen the ancestor yet! I'm jealous!"

"Shut up. I've participated five times, but why haven't I seen the ancestor before? Other than the clan leader and the elders, no matter how many times the others come, the treatment is the same! If you want to talk to the ancestor... you have to become an elder first! Oh right, the young masters can do it too. The prerequisite is that you have the ability."

Obviously, nobody present had the ability. After all, the position of young master already belonged to Tuan Zi.

"Damn... The position of young master has been empty for hundreds of years. Just as we were about to choose, it was snatched away by a child who broke through halfway. She has the purest bloodline, so I won't say anything else and can't be envious. It's only right for her to go in and worship the ancestor. However, who can tell me what's going on with Shangguan Yue?!"

*She has a contract with Tuan Zi! Even for Tuan Zi's sake, it shouldn't be to this extent, right?*

*What was the ancestor thinking?*

Yi Zhao and the others, who had seen the world, had very interesting expressions.

The remnant consciousness of the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's ancestor was usually asleep. The ancestor would only wake up during the ancestral ceremony, and only the newly chosen young master or clan leader could talk to him.

Even the five elders would at most follow them to meet the ancestor and had never had the honor of receiving guidance from their ancestor.

Now, things were great! A human was doing better than them!

Even though they found it unbelievable, Yi Zhao and the rest didn't think that Chu Liuyue was lying. There was really no need to lie about such things because it was easy to verify or refute.

*In other words... the ancestor really treated her...*

"...May I know if Miss Shangguan can tell me what instructions the ancestor has?" Yi Zhao took a deep breath and asked very politely.

Chu Liuyue smiled. "It's nothing. The ancestor said that Tuan Zi is still young and asked me to take care of her."

She said this casually, but to everyone, it was like a thunderclap!

Isn't it obvious that the ancestor wants her to take care of Tuan Zi?

*If even our ancestor has said so, then... What right do the others have to object?*

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Actually, Yi Zhao had already vaguely guessed something, but he didn't dare to believe it. It was only now that he had no choice but to accept reality.

Although he didn't know why his ancestor had made this choice, there had to be a reason since he had done so. And all they could do was obey.

"...I see," Yi Zhao said dryly and fell silent.

He was a man of few words to begin with. Now that he was in this situation, he didn't know what to say.

"Clan Leader Yi Zhao, I wonder if this ancestral ceremony has ended?" Chu Liuyue suddenly asked softly.

Yi Zhao was stunned for a moment before nodding. "It's over."

In fact, the most important thing in this ancestral ceremony was to evaluate the younger generation and choose the young master.

Tuan Zi was originally not within this range, but her talent and strength were really heaven-defying. She had summoned the Ancestral Soul and obtained his favor. Hence, the young mistress was none other than her.

As for the others, they had already been tested on the first day.

Yi Ran was originally the most hopeful, so even if he was late, Yi Zhao didn't pursue the matter. Unexpectedly, in the end—

It could only be said that everything was predestined.

What comforted Yi Zhao was that he had high hopes for Tuan Zi to begin with. He did not expect Tuan Zi to perform even better than he had expected.

*Although I couldn't break the contract between Shangguan Yue and her... Since our ancestor has agreed, what else can we say?*

"In that case... I think it's time to take my leave," said Chu Liuyue frankly. *Although it isn't appropriate to directly propose to leave at this time, Tuan Zi and I have indeed been here for too long. Ancestor is still waiting outside. In the academy, Master and the other elders are also secretly worried. And Rong Xiu—*

*I came here to solve Tuan Zi's problem. Now that everything has been completed smoothly, it is time for us to leave.*

Yi Zhao frowned and glanced at Tuan Zi.



Tuan Zi was still holding tightly to Chu Liuyue's hand and standing closely beside her. Anyone with eyes could see her dependency and intimacy with Chu Liuyue.

Yi Zhao's lips moved. In fact, he was very reluctant in his heart, but... he would naturally not say these words.

After thinking for a moment, he finally nodded. "In your spare time, you can come more often."

His words came out of nowhere, but Chu Liuyue understood it. This was considered approval for her to freely enter and exit Godly Phoenix Mountain in the future.

Her red lips rose, and she showed a bright smile. "Thank you, Clan Leader, for your understanding. This is the home of Tuan Zi, and she will always belong here."

After hearing this, the last trace of awkwardness in Yi Zhao's heart was finally relieved.

He glanced at Chu Liuyue deeply. "If you ever need help, just let me know."

Chu Liuyue smiled and nodded. "Thank you."

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The sun set in the west.

A brilliant and warm afterglow was reflected on the clouds, plating it with a layer of golden light.

Above the vast expanse of the sea, the frozen ice reflected a faint glow.

Shangguan Jing stood on the shore and looked far away. Seeing this scene that hadn't changed in any way compared to before, he couldn't help sighing. *Another day has passed, and Yue'er has yet to come out. It has been more than a month... I have no idea what is going on inside.*

Recalling the previous letter, Shangguan Jing frowned slightly.

It was beyond his expectations that Yue'er would be able to ask the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's elders to help deliver the news.

He could continue to wait patiently until now because of this.?

*Yue'er has clearly said that she would be back soon, but I still can't see her figure after such a long time...*

*Ka!?*

In the distance, a crisp cracking suddenly sounded, interrupting Shangguan Jing's thoughts.

He looked far in the direction of the sound but saw that the frozen ice on the wide sea seemed to have suddenly cracked!

His heart lurched, and he hurriedly took two steps forward to take a good look.

Soon, accompanied by a crackling sound, the ice was instantly covered with cobweb-like cracks

Under Shangguan Jing's nervous gaze, finally—

*Peng!*

All the ice completely broke!

At the same time, the pattern composed of red-gold flames in the sky began to gradually subside!

“Ancestor!” A familiar clear voice sounded!

### **Chapter 1619: Face!**

Shangguan Jing suddenly raised his eyes and looked over!

A slender and exquisite figure suddenly appeared at some point! She was light in posture, stepping on the waves!

The shattered ice floes reflected a brilliant glow that fell on her body, as if a layer of holy light was shrouded around her.

She looked so powerful and noble that it was almost unbelievable!

Shangguan Jing was surprised and delighted. “Yue’er!”

But immediately, he saw a small figure by Chu Liuyue’s side. It was a girl who looked no more than three or four years old, with delicate eyebrows and a cute appearance.

Two buns were tied with red ropes on her head. On the ends of the ropes were golden bells, swinging and clanging in the wind.

The wind blew, rolling up her shiny, red-gold gradient lotus leaf skirt, swaying it in a very moving manner.

Shangguan Jing was a little confused. *?This... She is indeed good-looking and cute, but why did Yue’er bring back a child?*

Just when he was full of doubts, Chu Liuyue had already pulled Tuan Zi, crossed the waves, and landed a few steps in front of Shangguan Jing.

Shangguan Jing recovered and hurriedly stepped forward. “Yue’er, how are you? Why has it been so long? You’re not hurt, are you? Have you been bullied over there?”

Chu Liuyue was caught between laughter and tears. “Ancestor, which question do you want me to answer first?”

Only then did Shangguan Jing realize his gaffe and coughed quickly. “Tell me slowly, tell me slowly—”

Chu Liuyue knew that he was just being anxious over her, so her heart warmed, and she smiled. “Don’t worry; I’m not injured. Aren’t I standing here in one piece? Moreover, I didn’t suffer any grievances inside, and they were still very polite to me.”

Of course, it was after she blackmailed them with death.

It was just that there was no need to tell her ancestor all of this in detail.

In short, the other party's attitude toward her was still good for most of the time in Godly Phoenix Mountain.

Shangguan Jing didn't believe it very much. He took her wrist and looked carefully up and down to make sure that she really had no injuries before he was willing to believe it.

But at the same time, it also made him even more puzzled. *?The letter from the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan was very rude at the beginning, and it was clear that it was aimed at Yue'er. Did they really not bully her?*

Chu Liuyue smiled and said, "Ancestor, don't worry. All the troubles and problems have been successfully resolved. From now on, you don't have to worry anymore."

"Really?" Shangguan Jing found it unbelievable, but Chu Liuyue didn't look like she was lying.

*What... What has happened in the past month??* He was speechless for a moment, not knowing where to start.

He turned and saw the little girl beside his descendant.

At this moment, the little girl was holding Chu Liuyue's hand tightly. She looked up at him with her round, fair face and big black grape-like eyes.

Shangguan Jing's heart skipped a beat. *?Why does this girl... feel a little familiar?*

"Tuan Zi, where are your manners?" Chu Liuyue said gently as she stroked Tuan Zi's head.

Tuan Zi obediently took a step forward. A big smile bloomed on her face as she called out crisply, "Hello, Great-Ancestor!"

"This, this, this is—" Shangguan Jing was shocked and stared at her in shock. *?Tuan Zi! Isn't Tuan Zi the red-gold heavenly phoenix that Yue'er has contracted?*

"You guessed right. Tuan Zi has transformed into a human," Chu Liuyue explained with a smile. "Besides, she's already the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's young mistress."

Shangguan Jing gasped. *?What on earth did this girl do on Godly Phoenix Mountain?!?*

## **Chapter 1620: I've Waited Too Long**

Then, Chu Liuyue briefly explained what had happened in Godly Phoenix Mountain. She didn't elaborate on some of the details, nor did she mention the change in the contract with Tuan Zi.

She had already tried her best to keep a low profile, but the information she spoke about still shocked Shangguan Jing on the spot, and he couldn't come back to his senses for a long time.

*Tuan Zi has the purest bloodline of the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan?*

*Yue'er opened the fourth meridian for Tuan Zi?*

*At the ancestral ceremony, Tuan Zi was appointed as the young mistress?*

*Even the arrogant clan leader, Yi Zhao, agreed to let Tuan Zi live with Yue'er and maintain the contract until she reached adulthood?*

*Any piece of news would shock the world! Now, all of this has happened to the same person?*

"...Their ancestral ceremony has ended, so I brought Tuan Zi back."

As she spoke, she saw her ancestor's stunned expression. She couldn't help but reach out and wave her hand in front of him. "Ancestor, Ancestor?"

Shangguan Jing's eyes focused, and he looked at her, then at Tuan Zi. "Huh? No, nothing... I just... I was just a little surprised..."

Then, he closed his eyes and pinched his eyebrows hard.

*Chu Liuyue looked at her ancestor with understanding. It's no wonder Ancestor has such a reaction. For the past month or so, his mind has probably been filled with images of how I've been bullied and suppressed. In the end, when I came out, he realized that his previous thoughts were completely wrong. Hence, it's normal for him to have a huge psychological impact.*

After a while, Shangguan Jing finally recovered. He opened his eyes and looked at Tuan Zi with a complicated gaze. "So... you brought the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's young mistress with you just like that?"

*Tuan Zi tugged at Chu Liuyue's hand and looked at her uneasily. Could it be that Shangguan Jing finds it too troublesome for A'Yue to bring me along? I wouldn't be surprised. After all, a lot has really happened on Godly Phoenix Mountain... If not for me, A'Yue wouldn't have had to go through all that...*

Chu Liuyue couldn't help but chuckle and tap Tuan Zi's little head. *How is Ancestor unhappy? He clearly doesn't dare to believe it. Contracting a red-gold heavenly phoenix is already extremely rare, let alone a young mistress with a special identity like Tuan Zi.*

"That's right. Tuan Zi has been following me for so many years. Although she has become the red-gold heavenly phoenix clan's young mistress, she's still a child at the end of the day. Clan Leader Yi Zhao and the others also think that it's better to let Tuan Zi follow me."

Shangguan Jing had a strange expression. "They... are willing?"

Chu Liuyue blinked. *I don't know about others, but Clan Leader Yi Zhao could not bear to part with Tuan Zi. But so what??*

"Clan Leader Yi Zhao dotes on Tuan Zi very much. It's also because of this that he's willing to respect Tuan Zi's choice. Of course, he also said that he hopes that I can bring Tuan Zi back to visit more often when I have time."

*Shangguan Jing understood every word, but when he put them together, he was a little confused. Did... Did Yi Zhao really say this himself? He has always been extremely proud and disdains the human race.*

When Shangguan Jing was waiting here, he had suspected more than once that Yi Zhao might even attack Yue'er directly.

In the end... Why did things turn out differently from what he had imagined?

But now that she was standing right in front of him, he had no choice but to believe her.

"That... that... is quite good..." Shangguan Jing coughed and looked past her shoulder at the sea behind her.

The shattered floating ice was rapidly melting.

As the waves surged, one could vaguely see balls of scattered flames burning quietly. It was as if everything was starting to return to normal.

In an instant, he even felt that this month was like a dream.

Following his gaze, Chu Liuyue half-turned around and looked into the distance.

There was no longer any trace of Godly Phoenix Mountain here. The pressure had also gradually dissipated.

But compared to when they came, their mental states had changed greatly.

Chu Liuyue smiled. "Ancestor, we'll—"

Suddenly, she paused and looked back as if she had sensed something.

It was evening, and the sun was gradually sinking into the sea.

A familiar fluctuation came from the warm golden sky.

"Yue'er, what's wrong?" Sensing her expression, Shangguan Jing felt that it was a little strange and looked back.

Waves suddenly rose in the sky! Then, a tall figure stepped out!

It was a young man in a snow-white robe with golden cloud patterns embroidered on his cuffs and clothes. Under the final afterglow, these patterns flickered with a faint light.

He had a devilish appearance, but his aura was indescribably noble. Just by standing there, he seemed to have the disdain and nobility to look down on all living beings.

It was Rong Xiu!

A question instantly flashed through Shangguan Jing's mind. *Why is he here? Godly Phoenix Mountain is extremely hidden, and even we had to be led here by Tuan Zi. Why did Rong Xiu appear directly?*

As their thoughts raced, Rong Xiu moved and headed over.

In the blink of an eye, he was already in front of them.

His gaze landed on Chu Liuyue first.

The two of them met each other's eyes. At that moment, it was more than a thousand words.

Then, he bowed to Shangguan Jing. "Greetings, Senior Shangguan."

Shangguan Jing helped him down and asked, "Rong Xiu, why are you suddenly here?"

Rong Xiu's dark red lips curled up slightly, and the surrounding scenery instantly paled. "I'm here to bring you and Yue'er back to the Sky-Cloud Empire."

Shangguan Jing paused. "No, no, I mean... You—have been here before?"

"Nope." Rong Xiu was smart enough to guess Shangguan Jing's doubts, so he explained, "I can come over because of the Cosmic Ring on Yue'er's hand."

Shangguan Jing finally understood. *Right! That is the supreme treasure of the Sky-Cloud Empire. As His Grace, Rong Xiu can naturally sense its aura and find this place.*

Thinking about it, there had indeed been a few times when Rong Xiu always appeared in time when Yue'er was in danger. However, this place had changed to Godly Phoenix Mountain.

"How's Clan Leader Baili?" Chu Liuyue took a step forward and asked.

Rong Xiu's smile deepened. "Don't worry. Everything is basically resolved. It's just that it'll take some time for the clan leader to wake up."

Chu Liuyue finally felt relieved, but then she was a little surprised. "Are we... not returning to the academy?"

*Master and the others should still be waiting...*

As if he knew what she was thinking, Rong Xiu nodded slightly. "I've already sent a message to the academy to tell them that I'd personally come and pick you up to return to Sky-Cloud Empire."

Chu Liuyue was dazed. *There is nothing wrong with returning to Sky-Cloud Empire, but...*

"Why are you suddenly in such a hurry?"

Rong Xiu paused, and there seemed to be a glint in his deep phoenix eyes. "Because I've waited too long."