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Chapter 971: Choice

The Cosmic Ring he gave her contained almost all kinds of things, which included precious pills and treasures. Hence, this was a good time to put these pills to use.

Mu Hongyu chuckled. "Didn't I say that Prince Li treats you differently? Say, did he previously move to the academy because of you?" *If he didn't like Liuyue, why would he be so concerned and considerate toward her?*

Chu Liuyue lightly knocked on her forehead with her fingers. "If you have the time to think about these things, you might as well spend it on recuperating and recovering your energy. This way, we can quickly go look for Jian Fengchi and Little Zhou."

At the mention of them, Mu Hongyu, Yuwen Jinghong, and Wu Ming became serious. As they had been getting chased by the Taiyu Dynasty's team all this while, they had no idea what the situation was like on the other two people's end. "Liuyue, we're unable to contact them since we've crushed our golden bells. Are you able to contact them with yours?"

Chu Liuyue's eyes darkened slightly as she rubbed the golden bell on her wrist. "They also crushed theirs not long after you guys did. This is why I forced my way in here."

"What? They've also—" The other three looked at one another, and it was only then that they realized the gravity of their situation.

Chu Liuyue looked up and glanced in a certain direction. "They're probably still there, but I don't know how things are now. Let's rest for a bit before making our way over."

"Both of them are quite strong, so how come they also..." Yuwen Jinghong frowned in perplexity. "We only ended up in this state because the Taiyu Dynasty's people kept coming after us to kill us. But both of them... Did they get into a similar situation as us?"

A total of five teams had entered Ancient Phoenix Mountain, and the team most likely to make a move on them was the Dongning Dynasty's team.

"We didn't see it for ourselves, so we can't be sure. Besides, danger might be everywhere in this mountain," said Chu Liuyue with a shake of her head, although she wasn't too optimistic about their situation.

Needless to say, Qiang Wanzhou should feel the most comfortable moving in this sort of place, having grown up in Nan Jiang. Jian Fengchi, on the other hand, was the lazy and carefree type of person who would never put himself in danger. He would fight if he could defeat his opponent and run away if he couldn't.

Chu Liuyue reckoned that they must've gotten into a really bad situation that both of them had no choice but to crush their golden bells. That said, she didn't share these thoughts with the others and merely focused on helping them to regain their health.

Mu Hongyu's condition was the best among the three of them; she merely suffered from some superficial injuries, which weren't too much of a big deal compared to Yuwen Jinghong and Wu Ming.

Yuwen Jinghong had a broken leg, which Chu Liuyue helped reattach and bandage before feeding him some medicine. Although his leg wasn't too nimble, he was feeling quite energetic at the least.

Wu Ming's condition was the worst, having sustained plenty of injuries from saving Mu Hongyu and Yuwen Jinghong. His spleen was badly ruptured, making his five organs—which he tried so hard to connect together—incomplete. It also resulted in difficulty circulating his force throughout his entire body.

This was an incalculable blow to a cultivator because the sudden loss of one of the five connected organs would have a great impact on the cultivator's recovery and cultivation journey. Chances of their cultivation being stagnant were very high as well.

Thankfully, Wu Ming wasn't too bothered about it. "Thank you, Your Majesty. I'm already very fortunate to be alive. I wouldn't dare to ask for anything else—"

"I mind though. I brought you guys here to work on your cultivation, not come here to die. Won't my loss be greater if you end up handicapped or dead?" Chu Liuyue looked at Wu Ming disapprovingly with raised eyebrows.

Knowing that she was trying to comfort him, Wu Ming couldn't help but let out a bitter laugh. "But my five organs are no longer connected because of my damaged spleen. How can I still connect them?"

Chu Liuyue laughed. "And I used to be a real good-for-nothing because my current body didn't have a Yuan meridian in the past. Aren't I doing fine now? Not all of your organs are damaged anyway; it's just one of them. It's not a huge problem."

Wu Ming remained a little skeptical though. "...Really?"

Chu Liuyue looked up, her black gem-like eyes calm and reassuring.

Just like that, the last trace of Wu Ming's worry dissipated. He pressed his lips tightly. "I'll do as you say, Your Majesty."

Only then did Chu Liuyue nod in satisfaction. "Get some rest first. Once you feel better in a couple of days, we'll proceed with the next stage of treatment."

"Thank you, Your Majesty."

Chu Liuyue smiled, only to remember something a moment later. "By the way, did you guys encounter anything good in these six days?"

The three of them shook their heads. "We weren't inside for long before the Taiyu Dynasty's people came after our lives. We couldn't care about anything else."

That's true. Who would care about those things when their lives were at stake?? thought Chu Liuyue.

"But..." Yuwen Jinghong hesitantly said, "I feel that the concentration of the mountain's force has decreased a lot from the time we entered the mountain."

"Yeah! I feel it too!" Mu Hongyu hurriedly nodded to express her agreement in the matter.

“Are you guys sure?” asked Chu Liuyue in surprise. *The force concentration in here feels several times higher than outside, yet it’s actually lower than when they first came in? Just how much force was in here at the start?*

Yuwen Jinghong—who seemed to have guessed what was on Chu Liuyue’s mind—explained, “Actually, this isn’t happening everywhere inside the mountain. I-it’s just...”

He scratched his head, not knowing how he should describe it. He then suddenly smacked himself on the forehead and pointed in a certain direction. “Look over there...”

Chu Liuyue narrowed her eyes.

The place Yuwen Jinghong was pointing to was the highest and most dangerous mountain peak. However, the top of the peak seemed to have been sliced off as it looked very flat.

Currently, they were a few peaks away from that peak.

“Ancient Phoenix Mountain’s main peak?” Chu Liuyue knew that only that peak was considered the real Ancient Phoenix Mountain, and it was also where the Beiming Dynasty’s ancestor had broken through and entered Apotheosis. It was said that its flat peak was a result of the ancestor’s strike.

“Yes, that’s the place! All of the force has been gathering in that direction over the past few days!”

Chu Liuyue shut her eyes and used her senses to carefully examine her surroundings.

The vast mountain range was filled with rich Heaven and Earth Force, and it was slowly moving toward that peak as if something was pulling it over.

When she opened her eyes again, she nodded in all seriousness. “You’re right. The Heaven and Earth Force is gathering toward that side. If I’m not wrong, that’s where the Three Yuan Convention will occur nine days later.”

“Oh right! I almost forgot about this!” Yuwen Jingwen laughed in embarrassment.

Mu Hongyu looked back and forth before hesitantly asking, “Liuyue, Jian Fengchi and Qiang Wanzhou are in the opposite direction... Where do we go first?”

Without any hesitation, Chu Liuyue answered, “We’ll look for them first..”

Chapter 972: He’s Calling for Help!

When the Three Yuan convened at Ancient Phoenix Mountain’s peak, they would definitely have more benefits the nearer they were to it. If one was lucky enough, they could take in endless force and directly break through!

Of course, the most important point was that the mountain peak could possibly hide the secret to the Beiming Ancestor ascension to the Apotheosis realm. Even if they could only find a portion of it, it would be greatly beneficial.

Which cultivator in this world didn't want to improve themselves? Hence, this was undoubtedly a great temptation.

However, Chu Liuyue still chose to find Jian Fengchi and Qiang Wanzhou without hesitation.

Mu Hongyu knew her the best. When they were in the academy in the past, they had once experienced life and death together, so she wasn't surprised to see her friend make such a decision. She just nodded her head forcefully.

However, Yuwen Jinghong and Wu Ming were shocked.

If it were someone else, they might not be able to make such a choice. After all, Ancient Phoenix Mountain only opened once in a thousand years. Such a chance was indeed very rare, but... she still chose to do it! It was impossible to say that they weren't touched.

However, Chu Liuyue didn't seem to care about this much—it was as though she had only made a very ordinary choice.

Yuwen Jinghong and Wu Ming exchanged glances and saw the tumultuous emotions in each other's eyes. But the two of them didn't say anything as they fell silent in unison.

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After resting for a while, Chu Liuyue stood up. "Tuan Zi!"

Hula!?

She heard the sound of wings vibrating. Tuan Zi rapidly returned to its original size from being petite.

Chu Liuyue jumped up first and called the other three to go up.

When the rest of them stood still on Tuan Zi's back, Chu Liuyue gently patted Tuan Zi's head. "Let's go!"

Tuan Zi spread its wings and flew up, and they rapidly rushed forward!

The red figure sliced across midair like a burning line of fire quickly spreading toward the front!

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After another hour, Chu Liuyue felt the special aura on the golden bell becoming more intense. She was stunned. *?We're reaching soon!?*

She looked down from above and saw a strange gully in between two mountains—the two figures in the gully seemed rather familiar.

Her heart tingled.

Shoo!

Tuan Zi screamed, and it rapidly descended.

When they were about to reach the bottom, they suddenly felt an invisible resistance!

Tuan Zi's speed clearly decreased!

"Leave quickly! This space is weird!" said Mu Hongyu suddenly.

Yuwen Jinghong and Wu Ming were dazed. "What's weird?"

Mu Hongyu raised her hands and pointed below with a solemn expression. "This space seems to be disrupted by some force, and there's some turbulence."

"Turbulence?" Yuwen Jinghong took a closer look.

The mountains were high and low, and the peaks were pretty. The wind would blow over occasionally, and the trees would rustle with it.

"There doesn't seem to be anything wrong..."

However, Chu Liuyue knitted her brows slightly and immediately said, "Tuan Zi, move back!"

Upon hearing this, Tuan Zi immediately flapped its wings and rapidly flew up!

Very quickly, that invisible resistance disappeared.

Tuan Zi circled the space above the gully.

Chu Liuyue confirmed something in her heart and looked at Mu Hongyu. "Hongyu, what do you mean that this space has turbulence?"

Mu Hongyu's eyes widened. "Did none of you feel that the space here is different?"

A dark light flashed across Chu Liuyue's eyes. *I just vaguely felt that something was wrong, but my feeling wasn't as accurate as Mu Hongyu's.*

Suddenly, her expression changed slightly. "You have a Faint Yuan Body, so your control over space is much better than an average person. That is probably why you can feel this."

Mu Hongyu was dazed. "...Really?"

Ever since she knew she had a Faint Yuan Body, the most she knew about herself was that she could do instant transportation.

In her mind, the stronger she was, the further she could instantly move. However, she wasn't clear about the rest.

If Chu Liuyue hadn't pointed it out at this moment, she wouldn't have discovered that she had this ability. All along, she thought that everyone was about the same.

"That's right. It's probably because your current abilities have been improved, so you're more sensitive to space now. Hence, you can clearly feel the strangeness of that space." Chu Liuyue nodded with certainty.

When the other two heard this, they suddenly understood and expressed their agreement.

Among the few of them, only Chu Liuyue and Mu Hongyu hadn't broken through to become stage-seven warriors. However, Mu Hongyu's talent and advantage in this area were clearly much better than the rest.

“Do you still feel anything? Tell us in detail,” said Chu Liuyue as she looked down, her expression turning stern.

When they went near it previously, she had already confirmed the duo’s identities. They had caused quite a big commotion when they flew down, so logically speaking, the two of them should’ve noticed it. But even until now, the two of them still hadn’t looked up.

This made Chu Liuyue more worried.

Upon hearing this, Mu Hongyu nodded and pointed at the gully below. “For example, the position we’re at is a stable portion of space. Like paper, it has been evenly dyed with one color, but below... It has different forces of space that keep intersecting and colliding. It’s like... the same piece of paper but dyed messily with all sorts of colors.”

She talked as she pointed at different positions. “That place is a piece of its own. Beside it, the two small spaces are squeezing each other. Even though a complete space is opposite it, it’s different from the rest...”

Even though Chu Liuyue and the rest couldn’t feel it like Mu Hongyu, they understood a thing or two from her description.

“This means that... a simple gully has at least six or seven waves of different space forces?” asked Yuwen Jinghong in surprise.

Mu Hongyu stroked her chin. “You can say that, but in actual fact, this is even more troublesome. As the different spaces will squeeze and compete with each other, the space here is even worse. If we just go in like this, it will definitely be very dangerous!”

“Then, Fengchi and the rest—”

The two of them were just below! At this point, they seemed to be sitting cross-legged on the ground with some distance between them. Nobody knew what they were doing.

“So it’s very urgent for them... If they’re trapped there, they can’t get out,” said Mu Hongyu as she looked at Chu Liuyue. “Liuyue, what do you think we should do next?”

Chu Liuyue stared at the scene below and fell into deep thought. *Even though I can’t clearly feel all of this like Mu Hongyu, from the resistance we felt earlier, it’s indeed harder to deal with than we had expected. Being able to stop Tuan Zi is enough to prove how terrifying the intersecting force this space contains!?*

At this point, a shrill whistle sound was suddenly made!

Qiang Wanzhou blew the whistle Weichi Song gave them both back then! He was calling for help!

Chapter 973: Ah, I Have Two Fiends

This was definitely because he was in an even more perilous situation!

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows and focused in front of her!

Qiang Wanzhou forced himself to stand up while he blew his whistle, wanting to walk forward. He seemed to want to leave this gully, but his legs gave way, and he fell onto the ground.

Motionless.

Only the sound of the whistle kept reverberating throughout the air!

After a wave of vibration, Chu Liuyue produced her own whistle. It automatically replied, and it produced a strong sound with Qiang Wanzhou's whistle!

At this moment, Chu Liuyue suddenly realized very clearly that Qiang Wanzhou was toeing the line of life and death. And Jian Fengchi—who wasn't far away—was not in a better condition!

I have to go down and save them immediately!? Chu Liuyue decided quickly and held that whistle tightly as she looked up at the few of them. "Stay here. I'll go down and bring them back!"

"No!" said the few of them in unison and objected to it.

"Your Majesty, this place is so dangerous. How can we let you personally walk into danger?" Wu Ming knitted his brows tightly.

"Yeah! Even if someone has to go, it should be me!" Yuwen Jinghong patted his chest. "Don't worry. I have almost recovered now!"

"I think it's better if I go. Who can compare with the Faint Yuan Body?" interrupted Mu Hongyu directly. "Nobody knows better than me about what to do, right?"

Yuwen Jinghong and Wu Ming fell silent together. Based on this alone, they really couldn't compare to Mu Hongyu.

"But... Your abilities aren't even that of a stage-seven warrior..."

Mu Hongyu's face darkened. "Both of you have high cultivation levels, but do you believe that I can directly take care of the two of you right now?"

The two of them were stumped.

Chu Liuyue patted Mu Hongyu's shoulder gently. "Let's go down together."

They wouldn't have a high chance of succeeding if either she or Mu Hongyu went down alone. But it would be most suitable if they worked together as they could make up for each other's weaknesses.

Mu Hongyu thought for a moment and nodded in agreement. "Okay!"

Seeing that the two people with the highest combat power had already made a decision, the remaining two could only silently agree.

"Tuan Zi, stay here and take care of them," instructed Chu Liuyue seriously.

"Your Majesty, how can this be done?" This time, both of them refused it no matter what. *This gully is very dangerous, and it's already extremely risky for them to go down. If they bring the red-tailed phoenix with them, they can be more confident. How can she leave it behind to protect us??*

Chu Liuyue glanced at the two of them. "I just saved the two of you. I don't want to waste my effort and time."

"But... Without the legendary fiend, you and Hongyu..." Yuwen Jinghong's face turned red, and he felt very humiliated.

Chu Liuyue's heart tingled as a golden glow rapidly covered her entire body. In the blink of an eye, it formed a golden armor.

"Pure gold armor?" muttered Wu Ming in a daze. *Didn't they say that this pure gold armor was damaged when Shangguan Wan went to Dahuang Swamp? Why did it appear on Her Highness in perfect condition??*

Chu Liuyue's lips curled up slightly. "Who said I planned to go alone?"

The few of them were dazed.

The next moment, Chu Liuyue snapped her fingers. "Legendary three-eyed eagle!"

Hua!

With the rustling of the wind, a gigantic black figure appeared in front of them.

That large black eagle spread its wings, and it almost covered the sky as it entirely exuded a bone-chilling coldness! It also had an eye on its forehead!

Its eyes were as cold as ice, and its gaze was harsh and domineering! The suppression it exuded suffocated one!

"L-legendary...." Yuwen Jinghong was stunned as he pointed at the gigantic figure with trembling fingers. "Legendary fiend?!"

Wu Ming was also shocked since he recognized this legendary fiend! "Legendary three-eyed eagle?!"

This was an existence that didn't lose to the red-tailed phoenix at all!

Her Majesty actually summoned such a legendary existence... How did she do it?!?

Chu Liuyue jumped up and landed on the legendary three-eyed eagle's back. "Hongyu, come!"

After she recovered her senses upon hearing this, Mu Hongyu also had her mouth agape and eyes open as she hurriedly rushed over. But even when she was already standing on the legendary three-eyed eagle's back, her face was still dazed. "Legendary three-eyed eagle... Legendary fiend?! Liuyue, you..."

"With it around, you should feel more assured, right? Its speed is on par with Tuan Zi."

It was even faster!

The legendary three-eyed eagle clan was originally ferocious, and their combat power was high! If they really fought against one another, it would be unknown who would win!

"N-no... What's with this... legendary fiend?" stammered Yuwen Jinghong.

Actually, this was also what Mu Hongyu and Wu Ming wanted to ask.

Chu Liuyue laughed. “Oh, I forgot. This is the legendary fiend I made an agreement with—a legendary three-eyed eagle.”

“M-made an agreement with?!” Yuwen Jinghong’s voice suddenly rose a pitch higher as he shockingly turned toward Tuan Zi. “Then, what is this?!”

Chu Liuyue said nonchalantly, “That’s mine too.”

That’s mine too... That’s mine too?!?

Seeing the doubtful expressions on their faces, Chu Liuyue tilted her head. “I don’t think I’ve ever said that I only have one legendary fiend, right?”

Once she said this, the entire area fell silent!

Wu Ming’s gaze was dazed.

Mu Hongyu’s body was stiff.

Yuwen Jinghong felt the corners of his mouth twitch.

‘Only’ made an agreement with one legendary fiend... Listen to this! Is this what a human would say?!?

Chapter 974: Yue

Wu Ming recovered his senses and had a face filled with envy and admiration. “Her Majesty is indeed a miracle-like talent...”

Some people might not even see a legendary fiend once in their lives, let alone make an agreement with one. In the Tianling Dynasty’s entire thousand-year history, there were less than three people who had made agreements with a legendary fiend.

And Chu Liuyue didn’t only have one, but two... If she talked about it, nobody would dare to believe her!

Yuwen Jinghong rubbed his face harshly to confirm that what he was seeing was true. Then, he felt complicated.

In the past, she had the Tianling Dynasty, and she was the top talent that the Tianling Dynasty had. Due to her existence, many other talents paled in comparison—Yuwen Jinghong was one of them.

After being impacted a few times, he resigned himself to his fate.

Some people were born to be stronger than you, so strong that one couldn’t even be jealous. Who could bridge the gap that was as wide as the distance between heaven and earth? They should just give up!

She was secretly set up later on, and she committed suicide by burning herself before returning with a different identity and physical body.

This time, she didn’t have a Tianjing Yuan meridian, right?

This time, she hadn’t cultivated in all sorts of areas since she was young, right?

This time, they could finally be better than her by even that little bit, right?

Knowing that his cultivation level was actually much higher than her, Yuwen Jinghong was over the moon. Even though he knew that she would exceed him in the future, every such happy day counted!

But it was only now that Yuwen Jinghong sorrowfully discovered that he wasn't better than her, even for a single day.

Other people came back with a legendary fiend from the start—and she even had two!

What about him? If she didn't leave Tuan Zi behind to protect them, he wouldn't even be able to touch the fur of a legendary fiend!

He stared at Chu Liuyue, and he finally couldn't help but speak. "Your Majesty, you should leave quickly!"

It's too eye-catching to casually bring along two legendary fiends in front of us!?

Seeing his expression, Chu Liuyue knew what he was thinking and couldn't help laughing. *?Even though Yuwen Jinghong doesn't have as strong a competitive nature as Jian Fengchi, he still has it somewhat. It seems like he's quite affected this time...?*

"Jinghong, I'll leave Wu Ming with you."

Once he heard this, Yuwen Jinghong felt more energized. "Don't worry, Your Majesty!"

A smile flashed across Chu Liuyue's eyes as her gaze turned, and she looked at the gully below. "Let's go!"

The legendary three-eyed eagle's wings vibrated as it stirred strong winds! The black figure instantly formed a black arrow, and it went straight forward!

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"Go left a little, yes. Right. Go forward a bit more—"

The legendary three-eyed eagle brought the two of them down while Mu Hongyu kept giving it directions, choosing the easiest path for them to enter.

Chu Liuyue clearly felt that the lower they went, the greater the resistance. But with Mu Hongyu's help, they did avoid a large portion of the turbulence.

Even though they couldn't see it physically, the pressure coming from the interaction of the spaces became increasingly strong.

There were quite a few times in between when Chu Liuyue felt her surroundings seemingly have an invisible spiral that wanted to drag them away. Luckily, they all avoided this one by one.

They were also becoming increasingly closer to the two of them.

"Turn right ten feet in front; then, continue forward. Yes—" Mu Hongyu stared closely with all her focus, not daring to relax the slightest bit.

“I really don’t know why this place is so strange...”

It wasn’t that she hadn’t been to places with turbulence, but it was the first time she saw turbulence caused by such messy and strong forces. If one wasn’t careful, they might be greatly disadvantaged.

This was definitely the reason why Jian Fengchi and Qiang Wanzhou were trapped here and couldn’t get out.

“Why would such a strange place be in Ancient Phoenix Mountain? I wonder what caused it...” Mu Hongyu was very confused.

Chu Liuyue was also thinking in her heart. *A thousand years ago, the Beiming Ancestor broke through that barrier and successfully entered an even higher cultivation realm. So logically speaking, Ancient Phoenix Mountain and the continuous mountains should be wrapped by the same wave of force. However, this isn’t the case.*

But Chu Liuyue didn’t spend too much time thinking about this. *The most important thing now is to save the two of them first.*

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“Little Zhou!” They got increasingly close, and Chu Liuyue yelled downward.

Qiang Wanzhou had collapsed onto the floor and was motionless as if he had already fainted.

At this point, Mu Hongyu’s voice became nervous. “Liuyue, the situation isn’t good. The turbulence in the space below is even more complicated and terrifying than the ones above! You mustn’t get near it!”

Almost at the same time, a few waves of invisible force came over!

Shoo!

The legendary three-eyed eagle flapped its wings, and countless icicles rapidly flew out!

Chu chu chu!

Ice shards suddenly appeared on the ground, and some messy cracks started expanding! However, the retaliation power couldn’t be underestimated!

Chu Liuyue clearly felt that the surrounding space kept shrinking toward the center, and her entire body became as heavy as ever.

“The legendary three-eyed eagle is huge, so it will easily be attacked here!” Mu Hongyu knitted her brows.

An idea popped up in Chu Liuyue’s mind, and she wanted to jump down directly!

Mu Hongyu held her back and urgently asked, “What are you doing?!”

“Go down and save them.” Chu Liuyue’s words were brief.

Previously, Mu Hongyu had already explained very clearly that it wasn’t appropriate for the legendary three-eyed eagle to go near the space near the ground.

But in regards to her, she was slim, so it would be more convenient for her.

“No! You can’t! The strength of the space below is crazy. It has almost become a meat shredder! You—”

“This is precisely the reason why I have to go down!” Chu Liuyue pulled her hand away, jumped down, and went straight for Qiang Wanzhou!

“Liuyue...” Just as Mu Hongyu was worried, a terrifying force suddenly came from the side.

Her heart skipped a beat, and she immediately turned around.

His face pale, Jian Fengchi sat cross-legged on the floor with his eyes tightly shut. He was currently experiencing something unknown as his brows were tightly knitted. Pain was written all over his handsome face.

An invisible force was slowly and determinedly going for his chest!

Upon closer inspection, one could still see the vague black color near its edges! That was the sign of the space breaking!

Without thinking, Mu Hongyu directly rushed over!

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On the surface, this place looked calm and peaceful. But in actual fact, one had to be part of it to realize the strangeness of this place!

There seemed to be all sorts of forces nearing them in all directions, wanting to rip the person apart!

Chu Liuyue walked within—quick sometimes and slow at other times. This was caused by the varying force in the spaces!

But luckily, the pure gold armor had managed to defend against most of the attacks.

Just like that, she inched closer toward him.

At this point, Qiang Wanzhou seemed to have recovered some of his consciousness as his fingers moved slightly. Then, he slowly got up and looked forward.

A figure appeared in his blurred vision.. He was dazed, and then his eyes suddenly revealed a great amount of surprise and disbelief. “Yue?!”

Chapter 975: Okay?

His voice was very weak, so nobody else heard it other than himself. However, this wasn’t important. The important thing was the person in front of him!

Qiang Wanzhou didn’t dare to believe it as he hurriedly shut his eyes, wanting to see clearer.

At this moment, that person had already walked to him and stretched out her hand. “Little Zhou, are you okay?”

He had heard this voice once many years ago, but it had already been too long. It didn’t even sound in his dreams any longer.

There seemed to be warm liquid circulating in Qiang Wanzhou's chest as his heart beat so intensely that his ears hurt. He almost instinctively reached forward with a hint of anxiety.

It was cold and soft to touch, but it had some sort of immense strength to it.

Tears welled up in Qiang Wanzhou's eyes, and the scene before him turned slightly blurry.

He harshly closed his eyes and opened them again. This time, it was finally clear.

He clutched onto that hand tightly, terrified that she would leave silently again. But just as he was about to say something, a familiar face entered his view.

Chu Liuyue—oh no, it's Shangguan Yue!

Qiang Wanzhou's actions suddenly stiffened.

Chu Liuyue looked at him strangely.

It seemed like he had just experienced a huge battle as he was covered in bloodstains, and he looked very frail. His white, almost transparent face had bits of dust and bloodstains on it, looking rather unkempt. Those overly beautiful eyes were stained with a hint of red.

She clearly saw that his eyes were filled with great elation—it was as though a traveler walking through the desert had finally found an oasis or someone who was treading in the darkness had finally found the light.

However, it was only for a moment. The oasis was dry, and the light disappeared.

The brightness in his eyes instantly dimmed. His expression looked... rather amiss.

"Little Zhou?" called Chu Liuyue again.

This time, Qiang Wanzhou finally recovered his senses. His expression quickly faded away as he became that inhibited and shy young man again.

A vague guess surfaced in Chu Liuyue's heart. *?Did... Qiang Wanzhou mistake me for someone else? I'm afraid only that person can cause him to act this way, right?*

She sighed in her heart, but she didn't ask further. Instead, Chu Liuyue said seriously, "Don't worry, I'm here to bring you back."

Qiang Wanzhou's heart seemed to tingle as he looked up and gazed at her deeply. "...Okay."

Chu Liuyue took his pulse and realized that his inner force seemed to be exhausted and that he was severely injured on the inside!

She was taken aback. "How did you get this wound?"

Qiang Wanzhou knitted his brows. "I got it right here."

Here?? Chu Liuyue surveyed the surroundings. *?Other than the slightly more dangerous turbulence in the space, there doesn't seem to be anything else... He looks like he has a superficial injury, but his internal organs are much more severely impacted than his superficial ones. This isn't normal at all.*

“No matter what, let’s leave here first.” Then, Chu Liuyue was about to bring him back.

But the moment she turned around, she realized a transparent barrier formed by a water current had appeared in front of her.

Chu Liuyue was dazed. *!I recalled that this didn’t exist when I first came here...*

All the forces from the surrounding spaces swarmed over and caused waves of ripples in the barrier.

A very uneasy feeling overwhelmed Chu Liuyue as she instinctively took a step back. “Little Zhou, it’s dangerous—”

When she said this, she turned around and realized that Qiang Wanzhou’s figure had completely disappeared! The same transparent barrier replaced it!

“Little Zhou?!”

Nobody responded.

Chu Liuyue surveyed the surroundings and realized that the barrier had formed a ball shape, which completely trapped her within.

“Hongyu?! Jian Fengchi?!”

However, nobody else responded. The most terrifying thing was that Chu Liuyue could even hear her own echo!

Her heart suddenly sank! *!I’ve been completely trapped here!*

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Chu Liuyue took a deep breath to calm herself down as she silently observed her surroundings.

This seemed to be a transparent barrier formed by water ripples. It wasn’t too big as she could casually take three or five steps forward before already reaching the end.

She looked up. *!If I haven’t recalled wrongly, Jian Fengchi was just there previously. However, his figure has completely disappeared.*

In addition, the transparent barrier gradually became black in a short amount of time!

Finally, her surroundings were pitch black!

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Silent.

Chu Liuyue could clearly hear her breathing and her heart pumping.

She took a deep breath in and took a pearl, preparing to light up the surroundings. But after she took it out, an invisible force seemed to rush over from the surroundings, gradually squashing the fist-sized pearl!

Chu Liuyue immediately threw it out!

The moment it left her palm, that pearl was immediately squeezed by the strong force and silently turned into powder!

Chu Liuyue's fingertips could even feel the terrifying and heavy suppression!

She immediately gave up on this idea and stood still in the darkness.

That strange force gradually approached her before leaving bit by bit.

If her fingertips didn't hurt faintly, she would almost think that everything that previously happened was part of her hallucination!

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in and started thinking of a way to escape.

But very quickly, a spot of light appeared in front of her. It was like a star in the night sky that sparkled brightly.

Chu Liuyue looked over.

Then, another one appeared beside that star. The third...

At this point, she then discovered that these spots of light didn't come from the empty space but... from that barrier.

All these spots of light were weird and exuded a bright light as they pieced together bit by bit.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows slightly and seriously looked at what was happening in front of her. Gradually, she discovered that these spots of light seemed to form a pattern.

She vaguely realized that it was a cliff—the cliff was extremely familiar.

Chu Liuyue suddenly thought of something, and her expression faltered.

Then, an octagonal pavilion appeared on that cliff!

It's indeed that mysterious cliff that has appeared way too many times before!? Chu Liuyue unwittingly clenched her fists tightly, and her entire body tensed up. ?I vaguely have a feeling that this scene should also be part of my memory!

The stars aligned above the octagonal pavilion, forming a figure.

It was a man's back view, but at this point, he sat there with a chessboard in front of him as if he were playing chess.

And a second figure quickly appeared opposite him! It was clearly a woman with a thin figure and light hair, but her face was blocked by that man's figure.

Hence, Chu Liuyue couldn't see her clearly. However, she examined that woman's figure, and her heart started beating very quickly!

An extremely familiar feeling surged up her heart!

At this point, that woman tilted her head and smiled brightly. "I'll go back this time and tell Father about us, okay?"

That beautiful face and bright smile were exactly Shangguan Yue!

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Shangguan Yue sat opposite that man and chuckled softly with a loving and gentle tone. "Okay."

Chu Liuyue widened her eyes suddenly! *This is a voice I'm familiar with!*

She clutched her hands tightly and stared at the scene before her closely.

That woman in the octagonal pavilion held her face with one hand as she smiled and picked up a chess piece from the box.

Pa!

She placed it on the chessboard. Then, she looked up, and her long lashes tingled as her black, gem-like eyes glistened with a hint of playfulness. "Rong Xiu, you lost."

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Rong Xiu... Rong Xiu! It's really him!

That bold and ridiculous guess was verified at this moment! It was as though Chu Liuyue was struck by lightning as her mind went blank, and her heart skipped a beat. All the blood in her body seemed to be frozen!

That sentence kept echoing throughout her ears. "Rong Xiu, you lost."

This was what I told Rong Xiu before... We clearly knew each other long ago! It's no wonder I felt that this man was very familiar...? Chu Liuyue held her breath and watched the scene before her without blinking, terrified that she would miss something.

But the spots of light quickly darkened at this point, and the entire scene disappeared.

Chu Liuyue instantly became anxious as she instinctively reached out, wanting to save that scene. However, her hand landed on empty air.

Other than the space's force gradually flowing around, there was nothing at all. It was as if everything that happened previously was just her hallucination.

But... no! Chu Liuyue knew very clearly that it wasn't an illusion—it was part of her memory!

The surroundings became pitch black again, and it was ever so silent.

Chu Liuyue dazedly stood rooted to the spot, and her mind was in a mess as the previous scene kept replaying before her.

Countless doubts crazily overwhelmed her! *I once went to that cliff, and I had played chess with Rong Xiu in that octagonal pavilion. The most important thing is that I was already with Rong Xiu back then! If everything is true, then I can say that I had lost my memory. However, what about Rong Xiu? Does he still remember all of this?*

Chu Liuyue suddenly recalled the day she was reborn. She woke up in a forest that people rarely went to and killed the few people who wanted to harm the original owner before walking to a lake.

Then, she met Rong Xiu.

At that time, she didn't know his identity and felt that he was extremely strong and not one to be trifled with. However, the other party treated her very politely.

At that time, she was on guard and didn't notice these details. But now that she thought about it, he seemed to be overly polite and even... a little intimate.

And the few times when he later appeared to help her in the open and the dark... Rong Xiu was never one that minded other people's business, but she had always been an exception.

Chu Liuyue had asked more than once: Why her?

There were so many women who fell head over heels for him. Why did he chase her so relentlessly?

She thought that the moment they met in the woods, he fell in love at first sight. However, it turned out that everything happened between them even earlier than she had known!

Chu Liuyue's body started trembling slightly. *?This means... This means... Rong Xiu already knew who I was? Also... He was even specifically waiting for me there!*

...

Excruciating pain whirled in Chu Liuyue's head as she grunted in pain and held her head painfully. She then squatted down.

It was as if a very sharp needle kept poking her, and it was very painful!

Chu Liuyue forcefully stopped her thoughts and took deep breaths.

After a while, this terrifying pain then gradually disappeared.

Chu Liuyue's entire body seemed to be drenched by the cold sweat.

She closed her eyes and swiftly sat on the ground.

Her body was slightly cold, but she didn't pay much attention to it. This was because, at this time, she was focused on the things that happened previously.

She didn't forcefully try to recall the past as it would only make her head hurt more, but everything that happened previously was enough for her to ponder for a long time.

She held her head and looked at the endless darkness in front of her dazedly. *?It turns out... We've long known about and loved each other. I had even agreed with Rong Xiu to tell Father about us after we went back. That means... I wanted to have a marriage agreement with him...*

Even though I don't remember that this happened, I know that I must've made the decision to spend the rest of my life with Rong Xiu when I said that back then. So... Why do I not remember this? Also, I didn't even know that I had forgotten such an important thing!

...

Chu Liuyue couldn't help but laugh in a mocking manner, and tears welled up in her eyes. *“Rong Xiu... should remember all of this, right? If not, why would he care about an unfamiliar young woman? If not, why would he insist on being with me? If not, why would he be willing to kneel down just to beg for a marriage agreement with me?”*

Countless scenes intersected and appeared in front of her, causing it to be very messy. However, there was one point that was very clear amidst all of it—

From the start to the present, Rong Xiu treated her just like before. No matter what, everything he did was for her. Or in other words, it was to spend the rest of his life with her.

Chu Liuyue moved her fingers and touched the Cosmic Ring. She suddenly recalled the scene where Rong Xiu stood in front of the Chu family's door on a rainy night.

He was so lonely and cold. He walked over, hugged her, and held the umbrella for her. He said, “Yue’er, I’ve waited for you for very long.”

Chu Liuyue closed her eyes, and a hot tear silently dropped from the corner of her eyes. *“Rong Xiu—how long exactly have I made you wait?”*

...

The surroundings became increasingly cold.

Chu Liuyue instinctively curled up, but she couldn't fight against the coldness that kept surging into her body from all sides.

She hugged her knees and buried her head in between her arms. The breath that she exhaled seemed to be much colder.

“Girlie... Girlie!” A faint scream seemed to come from far away and landed in her ears.

Chu Liuyue moved slightly and slowly opened her eyes.

The surroundings were still pitch black, but that voice was much clearer. “Girlie! You’re finally awake!”

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows slightly. “...Ancestor?”

“Hu... Luckily, you woke up in time. If you had woken up any later, I’m afraid you would’ve fainted!” Shangguan Jing was very nervous, and his voice still had a hint of lingering fear. “Girlie, what happened to you just now? I called you for a very long time, but you didn’t respond at all!”

Chu Liuyue closed her eyes forcefully and wanted to stand up, but she realized that her body was very stiff and that she couldn't move. The key was that her bodily force seemed to be exhausted unknowingly.

She was about to move at this point, but her body felt very frail and weak!

“What is going on?” Chu Liuyue recovered her senses and tightly knitted her brows, her entire body tensing up alertly.

“This space is very weird. It somehow made you sleep earlier, and your bodily force kept spreading outward crazily. I can’t even stop it! If you had woken up any later, I’m afraid...”

Chu Liuyue pressed her lips against each other...*?I must get out of here as soon as possible!*

Chapter 977: Hold Me Tightly

From the corner of her eyes, She glanced at the place where the scene appeared earlier.

It was completely dark as if nothing had appeared. Other than her, nobody else knew what shocking secret happened here!

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in and shook away the messy thoughts in her mind. There isn’t much meaning to stay here. If I want to know everything, the best way is to ask Rong Xiu personally!

Shua!

Chu Liuyue summoned the Long Yuan Sword and held the hilt tightly! At the same time, she circulated the force in her body!

With this move, she then realized that the situation of her bodily force leaving her body was even worse than she had imagined! The Yuan meridian spread around her body was like river streams. These streams were normally very rich, but at this moment, they were more than half-dry!

Chu Liuyue was scared.*?Without Ancestor, I really would’ve been in danger...*

“There really is something wrong here,” said Chu Liuyue, but she was suddenly stunned. She now seemed to understand why Jian Fengchi and Qiang Wanzhou sat in their own spaces, didn’t do anything, and sent out help signals.

She didn’t have time to go over to Jian Fengchi’s side, but Qiang Wanzhou didn’t have many superficial injuries while his internal organs were severely harmed. Furthermore, a great portion of his force was exhausted.

Perhaps... they had met the same situation as me. This strange space used some special method to make the memory trapped in a person’s mind resurface and silently cause them to faint while taking the time to absorb their force!

“Ancestor, do you know how long we have been here?” asked Chu Liuyue.

“I can’t really confirm since the strength of the space here is different from the external world. The flow of time is also different, so it’s very hard to determine how much time has passed in the outside world.” In a difficult position, Shangguan Jing sighed.

Chu Liuyue nodded.*?Actually, I had already predicted this. Now, I just hope that Mu Hongyu and the rest’s rescue goes smoother. And I... must leave this place first!*

The water droplet in her dantian gradually spun, and thick force was exuded, which rapidly surged toward Chu Liuyue’s limbs!

The missing strength in her body was very quickly replenished, and she was strengthened again!

If it were someone else, they would basically end up like Qiang Wanzhou.

However, Chu Liuyue was different. That water droplet in her body had absorbed too much strength previously. With her current cultivation level, this was basically an advantage!

Whoosh!

Two sparks of fire exuded from the Long Yuan Sword—one was red, and the other was transparent!

The light from the sparks rapidly lit up the surroundings, and the invisible force coming from the surroundings seemed to feel threatened as it rapidly got closer!

Chu Liuyue's body clearly felt the pressure from all directions! Her chest felt stuffy, and she almost couldn't breathe. Even the force circulation speed in her body gradually declined!

She clenched her teeth tightly and injected her thick force into the Long Yuan Sword! Then, she held the hilt tightly with both hands, raised it high, and brought it down heavily!

...

Qiang Wanzhou originally planned to go back with Chu Liuyue, but the latter's figure instantly disappeared once he turned around.

His surroundings were empty, and there was nothing in sight.

Qiang Wanzhou knitted his brows and knew that he was in the same trap as before.

The previous day, he arrived at this place with Jian Fengchi and met with the same situation. Then, the two of them were separated, and both lost contact with each other. After that, he fell unconscious.

He knew that he was in a very perilous situation, so he used his last bit of rationality to smash the golden bell first before blowing the whistle.

Luckily, he really waited until she came.

But after a short while, the same thing happened again!

Very quickly, Qiang Wanzhou was wrapped in darkness again!

...

"Young Master? Young Master? Jian Fengchi?! Quickly, wake up!" An anxious and worried scream was heard.

Jian Fengchi gradually recovered his consciousness and opened his eyes with much difficulty. "D-don't call anymore... C-cough, cough—I can still h-hear you..."

Once Jian Fengchi spoke, he then realized that his voice was very weak and hoarse.

When he thought of the previous few incidents, his gaze darkened. He turned around and saw Mu Hongyu in front of him.

"Young Master, you're finally awake!" Mu Hongyu's nervous and worried expression instantly dissipated as she heaved a long sigh and patted her chest.

When Jian Fengchi saw her in this state, his heart seemed to be lightly scratched by something as the depressed mood instantly disappeared, and an unknown light feeling circulated in his chest. "Why are you so nervous? I have a very blessed life."

He coughed and recovered a part of his strength.

Mu Hongyu nodded seriously. "That's good, that's good. If you didn't wake up, I was planning to hit you and see if I could beat you awake."

I just warmed up my wrists!

Jian Fengchi's eyelids twitched. "...No need... There's really no need..."

It wasn't like he didn't know Mu Hongyu's capabilities. If she slapped him...

Jian Fengchi suddenly felt that he was very lucky to have woken up in time. If not, this face—

Suddenly, he stopped in his movements and tightly furrowed his brows as he looked at Mu Hongyu. "No. How did you come in?"

I remember that Qiang Wanzhou and I were separated not long after we entered this gully. After that, I realized that something was very wrong here, so I directly crushed the golden bell. Originally, I wanted to go out as soon as possible, but I somehow fainted until Mu Hongyu rushed over.

"Of course, we came here to save you guys!"

"We?" Jian Fengchi surveyed his surroundings.

They were still in the gully, but other than the two of them, there were no signs of anyone else.

"And who else?"

"Liuyue!" said Mu Hongyu as she sighed. "It's a pity we're trapped here. Hence, we don't know what's going on outside or if they're safe..."

Jian Fengchi almost suspected that he had heard wrongly, and he couldn't help but ask, "Who did you say?"

Mu Hongyu looked at his confused face and simply explained the entire incident to him.

After listening, Jian Fengchi's face was dazed for a moment. *Chu Liuyue forcefully slashed open Ancient Phoenix Mountain's barrier to enter... She saved Mu Hongyu and the rest and found this place... She even summoned her second legendary fiend to save them... How long has it been? Why did so many things happen?*

Mu Hongyu didn't bother much with his reaction as she said, "Young Master, we need to get out of here as soon as possible. If not, your current condition will become worse if you continue staying here."

Jian Fengchi nodded. *I naturally know this very clearly, but...*

"How do we go out?"

The turbulence in this space was terrifyingly messy. Every single time he thought that he was going to get out, he would be pushed back.

Mu Hongyu patted her chest, and her almond-like eyes curved up. “Did you forget that I have a Faint Yuan Body? Leave it to me!”

As she spoke, she stood up and extended her hand toward Jian Fengchi to help him up. Then, she said, “Hold me tight.”

Jian Fengchi’s heart suddenly skipped a beat!

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Mu Hongyu waited for a while and then realized that Jian Fengchi didn’t move at all, so she looked up at him strangely. “What’s the matter?”

The almond-like eyes of the woman in front of him shone brightly, and she looked very cute. She was so near that he could see her long lashes as she stood in front of him.

Jian Fengchi met her gaze, and his heart started beating even more quickly.

He averted his gaze sheepishly. “Holding you... doesn’t seem to be very appropriate...”

If someone else heard this, they would laugh their heads off! The usually flippant Jian Fengchi actually told a woman that it was ‘inappropriate.’ What a joke!

But even though Mu Hongyu only heard some rumors about Jian Fengchi, she wasn’t a local of Xi Ling. During the few months in Xi Ling, she spent most of her time in Dragon Teeth Mountain.

What kind of place was Dragon Teeth Mountain? Jian Fengchi’s home!

Who would dare to say something bad about the young master? Hence, she wasn’t very clear about this side of Jian Fengchi.

Mu Hongyu blinked. “What’s not appropriate? You even saved me before! Shouldn’t I think of a way to bring you out?”

We’re all friends. Of course, we must help each other! To help us, Liuyue even risked her life. What does this count for?? Thinking of this, she took a step forward.

The distance between the duo instantly shrunk.

The warmth and fragrance on her body wafted toward his nose and instantly overwhelmed him. Jian Fengchi opened his mouth, but he didn’t know what to say as his entire body stiffened.

As she grabbed his hand and placed it on her waist, Mu Hongyu didn’t realize that he was behaving weirdly.

The young woman’s thin and soft waist seemed to burn. The moment he touched it, his palm boiled.

Waves of heat attacked Jian Fengchi as his intricate face suddenly flushed red! Even his ears seemed to burn!

His face turned red, and he almost instinctively held her waist tightly. However, he didn't dare to lean in too close because he was afraid he would burn himself.

"Hold me tight!" hollered Mu Hongyu as she shut her eyes.

The next moment, the force of the space in their surroundings suddenly surged toward the outside!

Jian Fengchi could clearly feel that the forces previously suppressing them were quickly moving away! Then, his vision turned black, and they quickly disappeared from the spot.

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Rumble!

The Long Yuan Sword harshly slashed down and struck the black barrier!

The two forces' waves crazily slammed against each other, producing a terrifying and crazy energy wave!

That invisible force in the surroundings started moving crazily, like sharp flying daggers cutting everywhere!

Whoosh!

One of them went directly for Chu Liuyue's neck!

A bright light exuded from Chu Liuyue's body at this moment, and the pure gold armor appeared once again!

Ding!

Ding ding ding!?

The crisp impact sounds came from all over her body! Luckily, these attacks weren't worth a mention against the pure gold armor.

It was a pity that the black barrier didn't look like it was going to crack open when the Long Yuan Sword landed, even though it was affected.

At this time, Shangguan Jing's voice sounded. "This barrier is protected by a holy power. It's quite difficult if you want to open it with your current abilities. Let me help you!"

It was a crushing sense of pressure!

Countless bolts of silver lightning swam crazily across the Long Yuan Sword and gathered at the sword tip.

"Break!" Shangguan Jing hollered!

The silver lightning's strength suddenly exploded!

Bam!

The terrifying force spread in all directions, and Chu Liuyue's sword-holding hand started shaking intensely!

An opening suddenly formed, and fresh blood flowed everywhere!

The moment her arm was completely numb, the darkness in front of her finally broke!

Ka!?

Bright light shone in!

The strong pressurizing force came from behind and suddenly pushed Chu Liuyue forward!

Chu Liuyue felt that the scene in front of her was bright! Then, she fell forward!

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Tens of thousands of kilometers away.

Rong Xiu was busy handling the few divisions' incidents and didn't even close his eyes for a few days and nights. He finally had some free time today to lie down and rest. But not long later, he knitted his brows in his sleep.

Then, he suddenly widened his eyes. He sat up and held the head of the bed with one hand as his other hand gently rubbed his brows.

His white inner top was loose, revealing a collarbone and a small part of his chest.

The moonlight was bright as it shone in on him. It instinctively caused the muscles revealed to look like white jade.

The moonlight was like water, which increasingly complemented the elegance of his appearance—it was like a flower on a snowy mountain peak. It was high and unattainable as he was cold and composed.

After being silent for a while, he removed his blanket and grabbed the clothes at the side before putting them on.

As if hearing the noise within the hall, Yan Qing—who was guarding outside—asked, "Your Highness? Are you awake?"

"Come in."

Hearing this, Yan Qing hurriedly pushed open the door to enter.

The moment he stepped in, Yan Qing saw that his master was not only awake but had also already changed his clothes!

In addition, his face seemed... amiss.

Yan Qing was shocked as he hurried forward and carefully asked, "Your Highness, what's... wrong?"

Rong Xiu's gaze was calm without a ripple, but it was terrifyingly deep. "Bring the Record of the Million Gods over."

Shock flashed across Yan Qing's eyes, but he still immediately said, "Yes! I'll go right away! But... There are a total of ten 'Record of the Million Gods' scrolls. Which one do you want to see?"

Rong Xiu thought for a while and lightly said, "The tenth one."

Yan Qing was dazed for a moment and asked, "You're talking about.. the one from Xin Dynasty Year 3000?"

Didn't His Highness already see that scroll before??

Rong Xiu lightly nodded and then said, "The ninth scroll as well."

If I didn't guess wrongly, the name of that person from Beiming seemed to be recorded in the ninth scroll.?

Chapter 979: Rong Xiu's Plan

Yan Qing didn't know why His Highness would suddenly want to read the Record of the Million Gods after waking up in the middle of the night. After all, he could count the number of times His Highness read it in all these years.

And every time, it was almost the time when something important happened. Did something happen now as well? The tenth scroll...? Yan Qing could only think that it was related to that person, but he couldn't think of a reason for the ninth scroll being requested.

However, he naturally didn't dare to ask this as he acknowledged the order, bowed, and left.

After Yan Qing left, the hall fell silent once again.

Rong Xiu closed his eyes.

The water-like moonlight wrapped his body and cast a faint shadow below his lashes.

At this point, she should already be at Ancient Phoenix Mountain. I'm not worried about how dangerous it is. After all, with her capabilities and trump cards, she should be able to handle it. However... it is still a special region after all. I wonder when that person from Beiming had left anything behind when he broke through on Ancient Phoenix Mountain... What if...? After a moment, Rong Xiu opened his eyes.

That black pyramid was as calm as usual, and it didn't have much movement. This made him heave a slight sigh of relief.

But for some reason, he was still uneasy. It was as though... some things were out of his control.

It was fine if it were others, but he felt that it was related to her.

Knock, knock...

Knocking sounds were heard, and Rong Xiu looked up.

The door opened—Yan Qing had gone and come back, but this time, he held a copper plate in his hands.

Inside the copper plate were two bamboo scrolls, each exuding a faint light. And these were exactly the ninth and tenth ‘Record of the Million Gods’ scrolls!

“Your Highness.” Yan Qing respectfully presented the two scrolls.

Rong Xiu raised his white finger, and the two scrolls silently went up and flew to him as they floated in midair quietly.

He picked up one of the bamboo scrolls.

Every bamboo scroll was engraved with neat golden words, but only the last one was blank. No—to be more accurate, there were words on top. But for some reason, these words had faded very strongly, so it was hard to recognize them.

It was as if someone forcefully erased it.

The remaining few traces of starspots shone with a faint golden light. It was like the occasional few stars that appeared in the night sky.

Rong Xiu stared at the few golden spots, his gaze deep as he lightly sighed. “As expected...”

She actually arrived at this stage... It was much faster than I had predicted. But thinking about it, she was originally different. Even if she started all over again, she would win against ordinary people in all aspects. However...? Rong Xiu leaned against his chair and massaged his temples as his head ached.

Yan Qing worriedly asked, “Your Highness, are you alright?”

Rong Xiu shook his head and took a last glance before closing the tenth scroll. He then waved his wrist, and the scroll flew back with the wind, landing on that copper plate again.

“Nothing much. There’s just some trouble,” said Rong Xiu as his thin lips curled up, his tone helpless with a hint of undetectable love. *The next time we meet, I’m afraid I won’t have a good time...*

“Prepare two more blankets for me.”

“Blankets? The one you’re using has just been changed...” Yan Qing was confused. *His Highness is very distinguished and has always had the best—no matter if it were the food he ate or the things he used. Therefore, why does he suddenly want to change his blanket?*

“I don’t need it now.” Rong Xiu waved his hands and coughed. “Just have it prepared.”

Yan Qing was dazed. *Does His Highness mean... he needs to leave it for future use? But no matter where he goes, His Highness will definitely pick the most comfortable place to sleep. If he wasn’t satisfied, he would rather not sleep. He has never needed to prepare his own blankets...*

“Yes, I’ll do it right away!” Yan Qing didn’t understand at all, but his instincts—which were formed from serving his master all these years—told him not to ask.

If he asked, he would not have a good outcome.

Following that, Rong Xiu opened the remaining scroll.

After looking at it for a while, he saw a few familiar words. He squinted slightly, and a golden spark suddenly appeared on his fingertip.

“Your Highness?!” Yan Qing was shocked. *What is His Highness planning to do? One has to know that this Record of the Million Gods can’t be damaged!*

Rong Xiu’s fingertips moved, and a small golden spark landed on one of the scrolls.

It was like a drop into the ocean—it didn’t cause any ripples. However, this simple motion exhausted a large part of Rong Xiu’s strength.

Once his finger landed, his forehead was already covered in beads of sweat, and his lips vaguely turned white.

Yan Qing kneeled down on one knee. Even though he couldn’t see clearly, he could roughly guess what his master was doing and couldn’t help being worried.

However, he also knew that there was no use in convincing His Highness if he insisted on doing so. He could only knit his brows tightly and secretly sigh.

After doing all of this, Rong Xiu then closed the scroll and put it back on the copper plate. “Send it back.”

“...Yes!”

After Yan Qing left, Rong Xiu was left alone in the hall.

He sat there quietly for a while before standing up. However, he was no longer lethargic at this point.

The moment he took two steps out, a gigantic white figure suddenly appeared—it was Xue Xue.

It seemed to have felt something as fear and respect flashed across its eyes before it walked to Rong Xiu and lay on the floor. It then shook its tail and whined in a very obedient manner.

Rong Xiu touched its forehead. “Thinking about it, it has been a while since you came back from the Red Moon Desert, right?”

Xue Xue’s body suddenly tensed up.

Gentleness surfaced on Rong Xiu’s face for once. “I believe that Seniors must miss you very much. How about you go there again?”

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Ancient Phoenix Mountain.

Outside the barrier.

The days passed one by one. In the blink of an eye, the crowd had already gone in for 14 days.

There was only one final day before the Three Yuan convened on the last day.

Everyone waited solemnly. The closer they were to that event, the more nervous the crowd was.

The many strong warriors in charge of guarding the entrance outside the barrier could clearly feel the strength within Ancient Phoenix Mountain that caused obvious changes to the barrier's strength.

As a result, they were completely focused, afraid that they would slip up.

The four dynasties' emperors were all waiting, but their expressions were greatly different from before.

Jun Qizhi looked calm, but his eyes seemed to have a few hints of expectancy.

Ning Yuan was motionless like the mountain.

Gongsun Xiao was rather nervous and anxious as he kept glancing at the barrier from time to time.

As for Dantai Chen... He sat on his seat, his face as gloomy as ever. His eyes were bloodshot, and he exuded a sinister and dark atmosphere.

He stared at the rainbow barrier closely, and his eyes had a deep vengeance. Starting from a few days ago, he suddenly became like this.

Actually, the crowd already roughly guessed that it was most likely that the Taiyu Dynasty's people had met trouble inside.

But as the time wasn't right and the barrier wouldn't open, everyone could only wait.

At this point, the sky suddenly darkened!

Dark clouds gathered, and the winds howled angrily!

Gongsun Xiao couldn't help but point at Ancient Phoenix Mountain's peak.. "The Three Yuan Convention is about to take place!"

Chapter 980: What About Her?

Even though the rainbow barrier covered the entire mountainous region, the crowd standing outside could still clearly see the outline of the peaks.

At this point, the crowd looked up and could see all the dark clouds in the sky gathering toward the highest peak!

If there was a change in the weather, something was bound to happen! If it weren't the Three Yuan Convention, what else could it be?

Dantai Chen also suddenly looked over. He slowly clenched his fists, and the veins on his forehead could be faintly seen as murderous intent quickly flashed across his eyes. *Finally... We've arrived at this moment! When this ends and those people come out from the barrier, I must find Shangguan Yue and make her pay for everything!?*

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At the same time, the people within the barrier also noticed this commotion.

Actually, most of them had reached the main peak's area by this point. To accept the endless force from the Three Yuan Convention, they had to ascend the main peak and stand at the highest point. Hence, almost everyone came here in the past few days.

Seeing the weather phenomenon, the crowd couldn't conceal their excitement as they started climbing toward the top.

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This commotion naturally attracted the attention of Yuwen Jinghong and Wu Ming, who were waiting above the gully.

"It's about to be the last day soon. The Three Yuan Convention is also about to take place..." Yuwen Jinghong stared at the commotion on the distant peak as he softly muttered and then looked at the gully below.

"But they haven't come out yet. What should we do..." Wu Ming looked worried. *Chu Liuyue and Mu Hongyu went down together earlier, and they said that they were going to bring Jian Fengchi and Qiang Wanzhou back. But after the two of them went down, they both sat cross-legged without moving. It has already been a few days, but they still show no signs of coming up.*

This made them worried. If it weren't because they had seen the legendary three-eyed eagle still below, they would've already rushed down.

"I wonder what's so strange about this gully. Why did they all not move after they went down?" Yuwen Jinghong knitted his brows tightly since he really couldn't figure it out.

After a moment of silence, he took a deep breath and suddenly stood up. "We can't continue waiting like this! It's fine if we can't make it for the Three Yuan Convention, but what if they haven't come out when we're about to go out? What should we do then?"

One had to know that the time left for them to go out was very short! If they were accidentally delayed here, would they not be stuck here forever?

When Wu Ming heard this, his expression became solemn, and he felt that Yuwen Jinghong's words made sense.

Even though the duo knew that Chu Liuyue had slashed open the barrier to enter, they both thought that she did it with the help of all the strong warriors outside.

How could they not be nervous now?

Previously, they didn't go down as they were worried that they would become Her Majesty's burdens. But now... they couldn't care so much!

As he patted Wu Ming's shoulder, Yuwen Jinghong said, "You haven't recovered yet. Wait here first. I'll go down and take a look!"

Then, without waiting for Wu Ming to object, he quickly rushed forward and leaped up.

"Wait—" Wu Ming was stunned and was about to stop his companion, but he couldn't grab the latter in time.

But at this point, a red fire flew out from the side and rapidly blocked Yuwen Jinghong.

Yuwen Jinghong turned around to look at Tuan Zi in astonishment. "You are—"

Without waiting for him to ask, Tuan Zi flapped its wings.

Yuwen Jinghong was instantly pushed by a wave of ferocious force and flew back to his original spot. He then looked at Tuan Zi dazedly.

Wu Ming thought for a moment. "It seems like it doesn't want us to go down."

Tuan Zi glanced at the two of them. *?Why do you want to go down? It's chaotic enough! You should just stay here and wait!?*

As if understanding Tuan Zi's gaze, the two of them looked at each other and suppressed their uneasiness as they continued to wait. *?No matter what, this red-tailed phoenix is Her Majesty's fiend. Therefore, it can sense something, right??*

"I hope everything will go smoothly for Her Majesty and the rest..." said Wu Ming softly as he glanced at Ancient Phoenix Mountain's main peak.

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Waiting time was always especially torturous.

They saw the sky gradually darken, but Chu Liuyue and the rest were still motionless.

Wu Ming and Yuwen Jinghong became restless again, but when they saw Tuan Zi's secured look, they could only continue waiting.

Yuwen Jinghong still glanced at the main peak from time to time.

They were a little far from there, but they could still see the smooth peak. Until now, nobody had reached the top.

However, they knew that those people were climbing up from mid-hill.

As the forests were filled with lush greenery, they couldn't see clearly and couldn't know the competition situation.

The sky darkened, and even the few figures in the gully slowly became blurry.

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Very quickly, it was midnight.

The moon hung high in the sky, and it shone down on the mountainous region. The peaks of the mountain with the forests' cover cast a dark blue shadow.

It was especially quiet. There was only the occasional sound of wind blowing from the forests to the gully.

At this moment, quite a big commotion occurred in the sky once again! Strong winds blew everywhere—it caused a huge suppression!

Yuwen Jinghong's group of two turned back and saw a burly figure jump up and directly ascend Ancient Phoenix Mountain's main peak.

Below the moonlight, he whipped his long sleeves, which floated with the wind. His movement technique was absolute!

"That is... Jun Jiuqing!" Wu Ming squinted his eyes and stared closely for a while before stating this with certainty.

After Yuwen Jinghong was shocked, he quickly accepted the issue and shrugged his shoulders. "It'd be weird if it wasn't him!"

This Ancient Phoenix Mountain was originally their Beiming Dynasty's territory, and he was the Beiming Crown Prince with the royal family bloodline... Shouldn't it be given that he was the first??

Wu Ming nodded and said, "Even so, being able to ascend the peak is very enviable. Even if they're not first and can't obtain the endless force from the Three Yuan Convention, they can still nourish themselves with the holy force from the side. This... is undoubtedly a rare chance..."

Yuwen Jinghong sighed. "I don't have many thoughts about this now. I just hope that Her Majesty and the rest will be fine and that they'll come back smoothly..."

Bam!

An explosion was heard from the gully.

The duo was stunned as they nervously looked down. They then saw two figures jumping up from below.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

A series of explosions were heard.

The seemingly calm space started exploding as it was continuously impacted. The originally chaotic strength started shaking around.

"It's Mu Hongyu and Fengchi!" Yuwen Jinghong had sharp eyes, so he recognized the duo. He was shocked and surprised!

Seeing that the duo kept going upward and was getting increasingly nearer to them, Tuan Zi suddenly flapped its wings and rushed toward the two!

They saw a red figure flash across!

Mu Hongyu and Jian Fengchi landed on Tuan Zi's back!

The chaotic and terrifying force started crazily attacking them, wanting to drag Tuan Zi down!

The fiend suddenly swiped its claws and flew up at the same time. Then, they landed on the cliff.

Yuwen Jinghong's group of two immediately went forward. Before they could be happy, their expressions changed drastically. This was because Mu Hongyu and Jian Fengchi were covered in blood at this point!

"What's wrong with you all?"

Mu Hongyu opened her mouth, but she spat out a mouthful of blood.

Jian Fengchi's heart was harshly tugged as he instinctively held her tightly and rapidly fed her a pill.. He couldn't care about his own injury as he looked at the duo. "The space below is all in a mess! Where's Shangguan Yue?!"