

## **The Order 9301**

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Chen Ping and Liu Xue slowly awoke, their heads throbbing as if struck by a heavy hammer.

Before their eyes lay a vast, boundless desert. A fierce wind whipped sand and gravel across their faces, stinging their skin.

The scorching sun beat down relentlessly on the earth like sharp blades, making the world feel like a giant furnace.

“Young Master Chen, where are we?”

Liu Xue asked weakly, her voice filled with confusion and fear.

Chen Ping shook his head, his brow furrowed, trying to recall what had happened.

They had been in the main hall of the Tianmen Mountain ruins, preparing to retrieve the ancient book that emitted a golden light.

But the moment they touched the book, a dazzling light enveloped them, and they lost consciousness. When they awoke, they were in this unfamiliar place.

“I don’t know either. This doesn’t look like the Nine Heavens, nor does it look like anywhere we’ve been before,”

Chen Ping said helplessly. The two exchanged a glance, both seeing worry and unease in each other’s eyes.

To find out where they were, they decided to fly into the air to investigate.

However, when they channeled their spiritual energy and attempted to take flight, they found their bodies bound by an invisible force, unable to fly at all.

Not only that, they also discovered that their divine sense could only extend a few miles; their strength was severely suppressed compared to before.

“How could this be? Why is our strength suddenly suppressed so much?”

Liu Xue said anxiously, her face full of worry.

Chen Ping took a deep breath, trying to calm himself: “Don’t panic. Since we can’t fly, let’s walk and explore the surrounding area. Maybe we can find some people and ask them where we are.”

So, the two dragged their weary bodies forward with difficulty on the scorching sand.

Each step left deep footprints, the burning sand seeping through their shoes and searing their feet.

But to uncover the secrets of this place, they had no choice but to grit their teeth and persevere.

After walking for an unknown amount of time, suddenly, a rustling sound came from ahead, as if something was moving rapidly beneath the sand.

Chen Ping and Liu Xue immediately became alert, standing back to back, their eyes fixed intently on what lay ahead.

Soon, a swarm of snakes emerged from the sand. These snakes varied in size and color; some were jet black, while others were multicolored.

They flicked their tongues, hissing, and surrounded Chen Ping and Liu Xue, their eyes gleaming with greed.

“Damn it, a swarm of snakes!”

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Liu Xue exclaimed, gripping her longsword tightly, ready to defend herself against the snakes’ attack.

Chen Ping also clenched his fist, a resolute look in his eyes: “Don’t panic, we’ll handle it carefully.”

The swarm of snakes launched their attack, each one lunging at them like an arrow released from a bow.

Chen Ping and Liu Xue swiftly brandished their weapons, engaging in a fierce battle with the swarm of snakes.

However, due to their suppressed strength, their movements became much slower, and each snake they repelled required considerable effort.

As the battle continued, the swarm of snakes multiplied, seemingly endless. Chen Ping and Liu Xue gradually found themselves overwhelmed, suffering several snake bites that stained their clothes with blood.

“This can’t go on! We must find a way to get rid of them!”

Chen Ping shouted.

Just then, a gigantic snake emerged from the swarm. This snake was as thick as a bucket, its scales shimmering with a metallic sheen—it was the Snake King.

The Snake King flicked its tongue and let out a deafening roar, as if taunting Chen Ping and Liu Xue.

Looking at the Snake King, Chen Ping suddenly remembered the Golden Dragon bloodline within him.

The Golden Dragon was the king of beasts, possessing a natural power of awe towards these snakes.

Without hesitation, he cut his finger, letting the blood drip onto the ground.

Instantly, a powerful dragon's might emanated from Chen Ping, spreading outwards.

Sensing this dragon's might, the snakes retreated in terror, hissing mournfully.

Even the once arrogant Snake King showed fear; it hesitated for a moment, then turned and led its horde away swiftly.

Chen Ping and Liu Xue breathed a sigh of relief, collapsing to the ground, panting heavily.

The battle had exhausted them; their bodies ached all over, and they could barely move their fingers.

"That was close! If it weren't for your golden dragon bloodline, we'd probably be dead here today," Liu Xue said, still shaken.

Chen Ping nodded. "Yes, it seems the Golden Dragon bloodline can be useful sometimes. However, we need to find a place to rest and treat our wounds quickly."

Just then, they heard footsteps approaching from not far away.

Chen Ping and Liu Xue immediately became alert, gripping their weapons tightly and staring intently in the direction of the sound.

Soon, an old woman and a child came into their view.

The old woman had gray hair and a face covered in wrinkles. She walked with a limp, leaning on a cane.

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The child was a boy, about fifteen or sixteen years old. He stared at Chen Ping and Liu Xue with wide, curious eyes.

“Who are you? What are you doing here?”

The old woman asked warily.

Chen Ping quickly said, “Grandma, we came from somewhere else and accidentally got lost. Could you tell us where this place is?”

Hearing Chen Ping’s words, the old woman’s wariness lessened slightly. “This is the Spirit Wasteland Realm, a forgotten world. How did you get here?”

“The Spirit Wasteland Realm?”

Chen Ping and Liu Xue exchanged a glance, both seeing confusion in each other’s eyes.

They had never heard of this name before, nor did they know where the Spirit Wasteland Realm was.

“Grandma, we don’t know why we got here either. We were originally in some ruins when we touched an ancient book, then lost consciousness, and when we woke up, we were here,” Chen Ping said truthfully.

The old woman, after hearing Chen Ping’s words, fell into deep thought: “An ancient book? Could it be that legendary... Never mind, let’s not talk about that now.

You two seem injured. Why don't you come back to the village with us? We have herbs there that can treat your wounds."

Chen Ping and Liu Xue hesitated. They weren't sure if the old woman and the child were trustworthy, but they were seriously injured and knew nothing about this place, so they could only follow them back to the village to see what it was like.

So, they followed the old woman and the child towards the village.

Along the way, the old woman kept chatting with them, asking where they came from and what the outside world was like.

Chen Ping and Liu Xue answered cautiously, while observing their surroundings.

After walking for an unknown amount of time, they finally arrived at the village.

The village was small, with only a few dozen households. Most of the houses were built of mud and stone, and looked very simple.

The villagers, seeing the old woman returning with two strangers, all cast curious glances their way.

The old woman led Chen Ping and Liu Xue to a dilapidated house, then took out some herbs and began treating their wounds.

While treating their wounds, Chen Ping and Liu Xue noticed that the villagers seemed very strange; their eyes revealed a mixture of greed and indifference.

"Grandma, why do the people in the village seem a bit odd?" Chen Ping couldn't help but ask.

The old woman's hand trembled slightly, then she said, "Don't overthink it, they're all good people. Rest here for a bit, I'll go get you something to eat."

With that, the old woman hurriedly left the house.

Chen Ping and Liu Xue exchanged a glance, both seeing a hint of unease in each other's eyes.

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They had a vague feeling that this village was hiding some secret.

After staying in the village for two days, Chen Ping and Liu Xue found the villagers increasingly strange.

They always looked at them with greedy eyes, as if they were plotting something wicked.

Moreover, they noticed that the villagers often secretly gathered together in the middle of the night, seemingly discussing something. On the third night, Chen Ping and Liu Xue were resting in their house when they suddenly heard a commotion outside.

They immediately became alert and quietly went to the door, peeking through the crack.

They saw the villagers, carrying torches, surrounding their house.

Leading the group was a burly middle-aged man, holding a large knife, his eyes gleaming with ferocity.

“You two outsiders must have a lot of treasure on you. Hand it over now, or don't blame us for being impolite!”

The middle-aged man shouted.

Upon hearing the man's words, Chen Ping and Liu Xue immediately understood everything.

It turned out that the villagers had long coveted them and wanted to kill them to obtain their resources.

“You greedy bastards! We came to your village seeking help, and you want to harm us!” Chen Ping said angrily.

The middle-aged man sneered, “Enough nonsense. In this dog-eat-dog world, only strength reigns supreme.

You two outsiders, your strength suppressed, are no match for us. If you know what’s good for you, hand over the treasure obediently, or you’ll only face death!”

Chen Ping and Liu Xue exchanged a glance, both seeing a resolute glint in each other’s eyes.

They knew this battle was inevitable. Since the villagers were unkind, they wouldn’t be so ruthless in return.

“Alliance Leader Liu, let’s go!” Chen Ping shouted, charging forward first.

Liu Xue was equally fearless. She swung her longsword, unleashing a sharp sword aura towards the middle-aged man.

The middle-aged man dodged easily, easily avoiding the sword aura, then swung his broadsword at Liu Xue.

Chen Ping, meanwhile, channeled his spiritual energy, unleashing his ultimate technique. Golden runes flew from his body, shooting towards the surrounding villagers.

The villagers scrambled to avoid the runes, but many were still struck, letting out screams of agony.

The battle intensified instantly. Although Chen Ping and Liu Xue’s strength was suppressed, they fought a desperate battle against the villagers, relying on their rich combat experience and unwavering will.

However, the villagers were numerous and extremely ferocious. They surged in from all directions, surrounding Chen Ping and Liu Xue.

In the fierce battle, Chen Ping and Liu Xue gradually found themselves overwhelmed.

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Several more wounds appeared on their bodies, blood flowing incessantly.

But they did not give up, gritting their teeth and persevering.

Just when they felt despair, suddenly, Chen Ping remembered the Golden Dragon bloodline within him.

A thought struck him; he circulated his spiritual energy, activating the power of his Golden Dragon bloodline.

In an instant, a powerful dragon's might emanated from him, spreading outwards.

Sensing the dragon's might, the villagers retreated in terror, their faces filled with fear.

Even the arrogant middle-aged man showed a look of horror; he hadn't expected Chen Ping to possess such power.

"You greedy bastards, today is your end!"

Chen Ping roared, his hands rapidly forming seals, beams of golden light shooting from his palms towards the villagers.

The villagers dodged, but many were still struck by the golden light, their bodies instantly torn apart, turning into a cloud of blood mist that dissipated into the air.

Seeing the situation was dire, the middle-aged man turned to flee.

But Chen Ping wouldn't let him escape so easily. He flashed forward, appearing before the middle-aged man in an instant, kicking him to the ground.

"Spare us, sir! We were blind to your greatness, please spare us!"

The middle-aged man pleaded in terror.

Chen Ping coldly stared at him: "You greedy bastards! You'll stop at nothing to get the treasure. Today you must pay the price for your actions!"

With that, a flash of light appeared in Chen Ping's hand, and a golden sword aura slashed down, instantly decapitating the middle-aged man, blood gushing out.

The other villagers, seeing this, turned pale with fright. They knelt on the ground, begging for mercy.

Chen Ping looked at the villagers without a trace of pity.

He knew that if it weren't for his and Liu Xue's considerable strength and the deterrent effect of their Golden Dragon bloodline, they would have long since died at the hands of these villagers.

"You greedy bastards, you don't deserve any sympathy!"

Chen Ping said coldly, then his hand flashed again, and sword auras shot towards the villagers.

The villagers screamed in agony as they were struck by the sword auras and instantly collapsed dead.

In a short while, everyone in the village was dead, except for the old woman and the child.

Chen Ping and Liu Xue walked up to the old woman and the child, coldly staring at them.

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The old woman trembled with fear, kneeling on the ground and repeatedly kowtowing, begging for mercy: "Sir, spare us! We were forced into this! We never intended to harm you!"

The child stared wide-eyed at Chen Ping and Liu Xue, his eyes filled with terror.

Chen Ping looked at them, his eyes showing no pity.

Liu Xue whispered, "Young Master Chen, perhaps we should release this grandmother and grandson?"

Chen Ping didn't speak, but instead walked up to the old woman and child, Dragon-Slaying Sword in hand.

"I never kill women or children..."

Upon hearing this, the old woman and the child breathed a sigh of relief, a cold smile appearing on their faces.

\*Thud...\*

Just as the old woman breathed a sigh of relief, Chen Ping's Dragon-Slaying Sword pierced through her body.

The old woman stared at Chen Ping in disbelief, saying, "Didn't you say you wouldn't kill women and children?"

"That's right, you're not a child either," Chen Ping replied.

The old woman: "....."

Thud...

Chen Ping stabbed the child through the body with his sword again.

The child's eyes widened.

"Don't glare at me, you're not a woman either..." Chen Ping sneered.

The child: "....."

The old woman and the child had both been killed by Chen Ping, leaving Liu Xue, who was standing nearby, both amused and exasperated by his antics.

"Alright, let's go!"

Chen Ping prepared to tell Liu Xue to leave!

Boom!

Suddenly, the world roared, and their vision went black as they fell unconscious again!

When they slowly awoke, they found themselves in a completely unfamiliar world.

The sky here was an eerie purple, and the clouds churned and surged like burning flames.

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On the ground, massive cracks crisscrossed, as if ripped apart by an invisible giant hand.

In the distance, several towering mountain peaks pierced the sky, their summits shrouded in black smoke, exuding an unsettling aura.

“Young Master Chen, where is this?”

Liu Xue asked weakly, her face ashen, clearly exhausted from the previous battle and teleportation.

Chen Ping shook his head, his brow furrowed. “I don’t know either, but this place is eerily strange. We must proceed with caution.”

The two stood up, preparing to explore, when suddenly a piercing scream echoed from afar.

They exchanged a glance and immediately rushed towards the direction of the sound.

When they arrived at a valley, the scene before them made their hearts tighten.

A gang of bandits were frantically chasing a family of three. The parents, their faces filled with terror, tightly clutched their child behind them, while the bandits brandished their sharp weapons, letting out sinister laughs.

“Stop!”

Chen Ping roared, preparing to intervene, but suddenly found himself seemingly controlled by an invisible force.

His body became incredibly heavy, his movements as slow as a snail's pace.

Liu Xue faced the same predicament. Her eyes widened, wanting to rush forward, but she could only watch helplessly as the family of three was driven to their doom.

"No!"

Liu Xue let out a desperate scream.

Under their watchful eyes, the bandits quickly caught up with the parents.

One of the bandits swung his large knife, slashing viciously at the child's father.

The father tried with all his might to defend himself, but the difference in strength was too great; the knife instantly pierced his shoulder, and blood gushed out.

"Father!"

The child let out a heart-wrenching cry. Immediately afterward, another bandit thrust his sword at the child's mother.

To protect her child, the mother shielded her with her own body, the blade piercing through her flesh. She slowly collapsed, her eyes filled with reluctance and worry.

"Mother!"

The child rushed to his mother's side, tears streaming down his face.

Chen Ping was consumed by rage. He struggled desperately, trying to break free from the invisible control.

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Finally, in a sharp pain, he felt the binding force suddenly vanish.

“You beasts!”

Chen Ping roared, charging at the bandits like a raging beast.

The Dragon-Slaying Sword in his hand gleamed with dazzling light, each strike carrying immense power.

Liu Xue had also regained her mobility. She brandished her longsword, unleashing a fierce swordsmanship, fighting alongside Chen Ping.

The bandits, caught off guard by the sudden appearance of two such powerful individuals, were momentarily thrown into disarray.

Under their leader’s command, they quickly regained their footing and charged at Chen Ping and Liu Xue, weapons in hand.

Chen Ping’s eyes were cold. He channeled his spiritual energy and unleashed his ultimate technique.

Golden sword beams shot from his body, hurtling towards the bandits. Wherever the sword beams passed, the bandits screamed in agony, their bodies struck and instantly falling to the ground, dead.

Liu Xue was not to be outdone. She unleashed the Earthly Fiend Alliance’s ultimate technique, “Earthly Fiend Sword Shadows,” a barrage of sharp sword shadows raining down on the bandits.

The bandits, unable to dodge, were struck by the sword shadows, blood splattering everywhere.

After a fierce battle, Chen Ping and Liu Xue finally annihilated all the bandits.

Panting heavily, they walked to the child's side.

The child was kneeling beside his parents' corpses, tears streaming down his face.

She looked up, her eyes filled with hatred as she stared at Chen Ping, and cried out, "Why didn't you act sooner? If you had acted sooner, my parents wouldn't be dead!"

Chen Ping felt a pang of pain in his heart. He explained, "Child, I was just controlled by an invisible force, which slowed my movements. I only just broke free."

However, the child wouldn't listen to his explanation. She continued to cry out, "You're the one who killed my parents! If you had acted sooner, they wouldn't be dead!"

Seeing this, Chen Ping felt a surge of anger.

He said coldly, "Child, I understand your pain, but you can't accuse someone without knowing the facts. I was indeed controlled, and I did my best."

The child remained relentless. She stood up and lunged at Chen Ping, trying to hit him with her small fists.

Chen Ping easily dodged her attack.

"Stop making a scene!" Chen Ping said, frowning.

The child suddenly stopped, looking at Chen Ping with a strange gaze, and coldly said, "I'll make you pay for my parents' lives."

Chen Ping was stunned; he hadn't expected the child to say such a thing.

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He was about to ask a question when he suddenly felt a dangerous aura emanating from her.

Just then, the child suddenly pulled a dagger from her pocket and stabbed at Chen Ping.

Chen Ping reacted quickly, dodging to the side and grabbing the child's wrist at the same time.

"What are you doing?" Chen Ping shouted angrily.

The child sneered, "You killed my parents, and I'll make you pay."

Chen Ping was both shocked and furious; he hadn't expected the child to be so stubborn.

Looking into the child's hateful eyes, a sudden resolve welled up within him.

"Child, I can let you see your parents!" Chen Ping said.

"Really?" The child exclaimed joyfully, "Hurry, hurry, let me see my parents..."

"Alright..." Chen Ping nodded, wielding his Dragon-Slaying Sword, a sharp sword aura slashing towards the child.

“No!”

Liu Xue cried out in alarm; she hadn't expected Chen Ping to actually attack.

However, the sword aura instantly pierced through the child's body.

The child stared wide-eyed at Chen Ping in disbelief, then slowly collapsed.

“Your parents are waiting for you in the underworld. I'm sending you to see them.” Chen Ping slowly sheathed his Dragon-Slaying Sword.

“Chen Ping, you...” Liu Xue looked at Chen Ping, her eyes filled with shock and confusion.

Chen Ping took a deep breath and said, “Alliance Leader Liu, I know you feel sorry for this child, but she's blinded by hatred, and she just tried to kill me.

In this dog-eat-dog world, we can't have the slightest pity or soft heart, otherwise it will only bring us more trouble.”

Liu Xue fell silent; she knew Chen Ping was right. In this unfamiliar world, they had to remain vigilant, not easily trusting others, and certainly not having a saintly heart.

“Let's go, we can't stay here any longer,” Chen Ping said, then pulled Liu Xue away from the valley.

Boom!

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Just as Chen Ping and Liu Xue were about to leave, the world before them collapsed again.

“Damn it, not again?”

Chen Ping was speechless.

The two of them fell unconscious again.

When they awoke again, they found themselves in a void.

Looking at the chaotic, empty world before them, Chen Ping finally understood what had happened.

“Young Master Chen, what is this...” Liu Xue looked at the void before her, completely bewildered.

“A test, the world we encountered earlier was a test!”

Chen Ping realized.

“A test?” Liu Xue frowned slightly.

“It’s a test to see if we’re truly saints. Because in this world, being a saint, bound and kidnapped by morality, makes it impossible to reach the top.”

“This must be a test from the owner of the ruins. Only by passing the test can we see the true ruins,” Chen Ping explained.

Otherwise, their frequent teleportations to unknown worlds would be inexplicable.

“So what kind of test is this time?”

Liu Xue asked.

“I don’t know. Anyway, when we see children, women, old men and women, we’ll kill them first...”

Chen Ping said.

Liu Xue: “...”

At this moment, a stone gate suddenly appeared out of thin air in front of Chen Ping and the others. The stone gate was tens of thousands of feet tall, seemingly occupying the entire void.

“It seems we have to pass through this stone gate first,” Chen Ping said, looking at the towering stone gate.