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Chen Ping and Liu Xue arrived before the tall stone gate.

The stone gate was perfectly smooth, without any runes or writing.

Chen Ping tried to push the gate, but no matter how hard he tried, he couldn't budge it.

Liu Xue also tried, but when she touched the gate, it automatically opened to the sides.

Seeing this, Chen Ping was dumbfounded, not understanding why he couldn't open the gate.

"Why is that?" Chen Ping asked.

"Perhaps because I'm a woman!"

Liu Xue explained with a smile.

Chen Ping was speechless. The two stepped through the stone gate, but as soon as they entered, it automatically closed, trapping them inside.

"Welcome, sir..."

An aged voice rang out, and then an elderly man with white hair and beard appeared before them.

"Young Master Chen, this old man..."

Liu Xue said.

“Kill...”

Chen Ping’s Dragon-Slaying Sword slashed directly at the old man.

The sword’s light sliced through the old man’s body, cleaving him in two.

The old man: “.....”

However, very quickly, the two halves of his body slowly reformed.

“What are you doing? Why did you attack without saying a word? Luckily, I was just a phantom, or you would have really killed me.”

The old man said angrily.

“Isn’t this a test? A test of whether I’m holy or not, so when I see old people and children, I just kill them.”

Chen Ping said.

“Although it’s a test, I’m the examiner. You killed the examiner, do you still want to enter the ruins?”

The old man rebuked angrily.

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Upon hearing this, Chen Ping quickly sheathed his Dragon-Slaying Sword, clasped his hands, and said, "Senior, I'm sorry for the misunderstanding..."

"Alright, enough nonsense, I'm going to give you a test."

The old man said slowly.

"Alright!" Chen Ping nodded, curious to see what kind of question the old man would pose.

"If your entire family were wiped out, would you kill them all when you have the power to do so?" the old man asked.

"Yes!" Chen Ping nodded without hesitation.

"What if, after wiping out their entire family, you found a young child still alive?" the old man continued.

"I would tell that child to remember me so he can seek revenge. The second time I see him, I will kill him and then leave."

Chen Ping replied.

Hearing Chen Ping's answer, the old man laughed, about to say something, but Chen Ping continued, "After taking a few steps, I'll turn around immediately and tell that child that this is the second time we've met. I gave him a chance, but he didn't seize it, so he can't blame me."

"Then I'll kill that child with one sword, without leaving any room for doubt..."

Hearing Chen Ping's words, the old man's smile froze on his face, then he asked, "After killing that child, will you leave?"

“Of course not. I’ll hide in the shadows and see if there are any children still alive,” Chen Ping said.

“If another child runs out, will you kill him with one sword?” the old man asked.

Chen Ping shook his head: “Not one sword, but four swords...”

“Four swords?” Liu Xue, standing to the side, was somewhat bewildered.

“I will stab the child in the heart once, and in the right chest once, to prevent his heart from growing backwards.”

“And in the throat once, to prevent him from raising his heart to his throat. The final stab will be in his stomach, to prevent him from putting his heart inside.”

Chen Ping explained.

Liu Xue: “.....”

“If another child runs out now, clinging to your leg and begging for mercy, and you have a sword and a piece of candy, how do you tell whether this child should be killed?” the old man asked!

“Too simple...”

Chen Ping smiled slightly: “If the child has a sword, it proves that the child has murderous intent; this child must not be spared.”

“But what if the child has the candy?” Liu Xue asked.

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“It proves that the child is extremely cunning; this child must not be spared.” Chen Ping replied.

“What if the child has both?” Liu Xue continued to ask.

“It proves that the child is greedy; this child must not be spared.” Chen Ping answered.

“What if the child chooses neither?” Liu Xue pressed.

“That proves the child has a rebellious streak; this child must not be allowed to live,” Chen Ping continued.

Liu Xue: “.....”

The child: “You’re awesome, you’re arrogant, you can’t accept defeat, don’t play games...”

The old man looked at Chen Ping speechlessly: “You have good talent. Practice more in the future, and read less of that useless stuff...”

With that, the old man’s figure vanished instantly.

As the old man’s figure vanished, the void before Chen Ping and the others distorted, and then a majestic mountain appeared.

Moreover, on the mountain stood numerous palaces.

“Why does this mountain look so familiar?” Chen Ping looked at the suddenly appearing mountain and said with great confusion.

“Tianmen Mountain, isn’t this Tianmen Mountain?” Liu Xue said!

Chen Ping then realized that the mountain before him was indeed Tianmen Mountain.

“Could it be that we’ve emerged from the ruins?” Chen Ping wondered, puzzled. How had they suddenly returned to Tianmen Mountain?

“Probably not. Judging from the palace on Tianmen Mountain, it should be the vanished Tianmen.”

“Let’s go take a look...” Liu Xue said excitedly.

The two headed towards the palace on Tianmen Mountain.

However, just as they were about to step onto Tianmen Mountain, they suddenly felt a powerful restrictive force blocking their path.

This force was vast and boundless, as if the entire Tianmen Mountain was protected by a massive barrier.

“It seems we still need to pass the final test.”

Chen Ping said, then began to carefully observe the surrounding environment, searching for a way to break the restriction.

Just then, an aged and majestic voice suddenly rang in their ears: “Young people, you’ve finally arrived.”

Chen Ping and Liu Xue were startled and quickly looked around, only to find no one there.

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“No need to look anymore, I’m here.”

The voice sounded again, and then an old man in a white robe slowly appeared before them.

The old man had white hair and beard, a kind face, yet his eyes held a dignified and weathered air.

He exuded a powerful and pure aura, inspiring awe in all who beheld him.

“And you are?” Chen Ping asked respectfully.

The old man smiled slightly and said, “I am the last sect leader of Tianmen. You can call me the Elder of Tianmen.”

“The sect leader of Tianmen?”

Chen Ping and Liu Xue were both stunned. They hadn't expected to meet the legendary sect leader of Tianmen.

The Elder of Tianmen, seeing their shocked expressions, slowly said, “That's right, I am the sect leader of Tianmen. Since Tianmen disappeared, I have been guarding the sect's ruins here, waiting for the destined one to arrive.”

“You've been waiting for us?”

Liu Xue asked疑惑地问道.

The Elder of Tianmen nodded and said, “That's right. I see hope in you, the possibility of Tianmen's revival. However, before I pass on the legacy of Tianmen to you, I must first tell you a story, a truth about Tianmen's disappearance.”

Chen Ping and Liu Xue listened quietly, their hearts filled with curiosity and anticipation.

The old man of Tianmen sighed deeply, a flicker of pain and regret in his eyes: "That happened over a thousand years ago. At that time, Tianmen was at its peak, holding a pivotal position throughout the Nine Heavens. As the sect leader, I was hailed as the strongest being in the Nine Heavens."

"However, it was at that time that I met a child who would change the fate of Tianmen."

The old man's voice became low and hoarse, "It was a rainy night. I found an abandoned infant at the sect's gate.

The child looked only a few years old, soaked to the bone, shivering. Seeing his pitiful state, I took him back to the sect and accepted him as a disciple."

"I named him Soul Devourer, hoping he could forget the pain of the past and start a new life.

This child, Soul Devourer, was exceptionally intelligent and possessed extremely high cultivation talent. He quickly became a core disciple of Tianmen. I treated him like my own son, passing on all of Tianmen's secret techniques to him."

When Chen Ping and Liu Xue heard the name Soul Devourer, they couldn't help but think of the Soul Devourer Venerable.

At this point, a look of deep sorrow flashed in the eyes of the old man from Tianmen: "But I never imagined that this child was a remnant of the Demonic Sect.

His family was wiped out by the righteous path, and he harbored hatred since childhood. The reason he approached me was to learn the Tianmen's secret techniques and then seek revenge."

"After he cultivated to the Celestial Immortal realm, he finally revealed his true colors. On a full moon night, he suddenly launched an attack on Tianmen.

Using the techniques I taught him, combined with the Demonic Sect's evil magic, he slaughtered all the disciples of Tianmen in one night."

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The old man's voice choked, and tears streamed down his face: "I was in seclusion cultivating at the time..." "When I emerged, the entire Heavenly Gate was a river of blood, littered with corpses.

My most prized disciple, my most trusted relative, betrayed me, destroying the culmination of my life's work."

The Heavenly Gate Elder took a deep breath and continued, "I concealed the core area of the Heavenly Gate, creating this ruin.

Then I destroyed my physical body, following my disciples, leaving only this wisp of my soul here, waiting for over ten thousand years, hoping to find someone truly qualified to inherit the Heavenly Gate's legacy, to fulfill one of my wishes."

Upon hearing this, Chen Ping and Liu Xue finally understood why the previous tests had all focused on not acting like saints.

It turned out that the Heavenly Gate Master's kindness in saving a demon had led to the sect's destruction.

Now they also understood why the Heavenly Gate had vanished overnight—it had been destroyed by the Soul Devourer.

"Senior, that Soul Devourer committed countless atrocities in the Nine Heavens and has been suppressed in the Sixth Heaven for ten thousand years," Chen Ping said.

"He's been suppressed? It seems he's received his due punishment." The Old Man of Tianmen seemed to breathe a sigh of relief.

"However, that Soul Devourer has escaped again and is now back in the Ninth Heaven," Chen Ping said.

The Old Man of Tianmen was taken aback, then said, "Young man, can you please not speak so dramatically?"

“Senior, what is your wish?” Liu Xue asked respectfully.

A resolute glint flashed in the eyes of the Heavenly Gate Elder: “My wish is for someone to kill the Soul Devourer for me, avenging the disciples of the Heavenly Gate.

At the same time, I also hope that the Heavenly Gate’s legacy can continue, allowing it to once again stand tall in the Nine Heavens.”

The Heavenly Gate Elder looked at Chen Ping and said earnestly, “Young man, I see unwavering will and formidable strength in you.

You have passed all the tests I set, proving that you are not a soft-hearted saint, but a strong individual capable of surviving in a world where the strong prey on the weak.”

“I have decided to entrust you with all of the Heavenly Gate’s heritage. Within it are the cultivation resources accumulated by generations of the Heavenly Gate, its unique techniques, and its most prized treasures.

I hope you can utilize these resources to quickly increase your strength, then kill the Soul Devourer and avenge the Heavenly Gate.”

With that, the Heavenly Gate Elder waved his hands, and a golden light shot from them, instantly merging into Chen Ping’s body.

Immediately afterward, the entire Heavenly Gate Mountain began to tremble violently, and countless palaces emitted dazzling light. “This is the power of Heavenly Gate’s inheritance. It will help you better understand and master Heavenly Gate’s techniques,” the Heavenly Gate Elder said. “At the same time, I have also given you all of Heavenly Gate’s resources. You can begin cultivating now.”

Chen Ping and Liu Xue felt the powerful energy surging within them, their hearts filled with shock and gratitude.

“Thank you, Senior!”

Chen Ping said respectfully, "Rest assured, I will definitely kill the Soul Devourer, avenge the disciples of Heavenly Gate, and restore Heavenly Gate's standing in the Nine Heavens."

The Heavenly Gate Elder nodded in satisfaction, his body becoming transparent: "Good child, I believe in you. The future of Heavenly Gate is in your hands."

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With that, the Heavenly Gate Elder's figure vanished completely into the air, leaving only a voice echoing in the void: "Remember, in this dog-eat-dog world, kindness will only be a burden. Morality will only bind you. Be a person without kindness or morality; only in this way can you become a powerful being without constraints."

Chen Ping and Liu Xue stood silently, their hearts filled with mixed emotions. They never imagined that the disappearance of Tianmen had such a tragic story behind it, nor did they expect that they themselves would become the inheritors of Tianmen.

"Let's go in and cultivate,"

Chen Ping said, then led Liu Xue towards the core area of Tianmen Mountain.

The core area of Tianmen Mountain was a massive palace, with a huge cultivation pool in its center.

The liquid in the cultivation pool was golden yellow, radiating a rich spiritual energy.

"This is Heavenly Spirit Liquid, a precious resource accumulated by Tianmen over generations. Cultivating in it will make your efforts twice as effective,"

Chen Ping said, then he and Liu Xue jumped into the cultivation pool.

The moment their bodies touched the Heavenly Spirit Liquid, a powerful surge of spiritual energy instantly flowed into their bodies.

This spiritual energy was pure and gentle, quickly integrating into their meridians.

Chen Ping and Liu Xue immediately began circulating their cultivation techniques, absorbing the spiritual energy from the Heavenly Spirit Liquid.

They could feel their cultivation levels increasing at a visible rate.

Time slipped by unnoticed, Chen Ping and Liu Xue immersed in the exhilaration of cultivation.

Their bodies were enveloped in the Heavenly Spirit Liquid, the surrounding spiritual energy continuously surging into their bodies, transforming into powerful spiritual energy.

After an unknown amount of time, Chen Ping suddenly felt a violent tremor within his dantian.

He knew he was about to break through to the fourth rank of the Human Immortal Realm.

Chen Ping immediately concentrated his mind, focusing all his energy on breaking through the bottleneck of the fourth rank of the Human Immortal Realm.

He could feel his dantian expanding continuously, and his meridians widening.

“Boom!”

A loud bang resounded within Chen Ping’s body; he had finally broken through to the fourth rank of the Human Immortal Realm.

However, at that moment, he felt the spiritual energy from the Heavenly Spirit Liquid still continuously flowing into his body, his cultivation continuing to rise.

“It seems I can continue to break through!”

Chen Ping was overjoyed and immediately continued his attempt to break through the bottleneck of the fifth rank of the Human Immortal Realm.

This breakthrough was even more difficult than the last, but with the help of the Heavenly Spirit Liquid, Chen Ping successfully broke through to the fifth rank of the Human Immortal Realm.

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He could feel that his strength was several times greater than before.

At the same time, Liu Xue, also aided by the Heavenly Spirit Liquid, broke through to the peak of the second rank of the Heavenly Immortal Realm. If she encountered that Wu Fawang again, Liu Xue wouldn't be afraid.

Her body radiated a faint light, making her even more beautiful and captivating.

“We succeeded!”

Liu Xue exclaimed excitedly, her eyes sparkling with excitement.

Chen Ping also smiled with satisfaction: “Yes, we succeeded. Now my strength has reached the fifth rank of the Human Immortal Realm, and yours has reached the peak of the second rank of the Heavenly Immortal Realm. Even if we encounter the Soul Devouring Venerable, we will have a fighting chance.”

Chen Ping and Liu Xue stepped out of the cultivation pool. They could feel that their bodies had become stronger, and their spiritual energy had become purer.

Their eyes were filled with confidence and determination.

“Let’s rest for a bit,” Liu Xue said, then sat down with Chen Ping on the palace floor.

After a long period of cultivation, they were both somewhat tired.

However, the thought of their greatly improved strength filled them with excitement and anticipation.

“Alliance Leader Liu, thank you for staying by my side all this time,” Chen Ping said earnestly, looking at Liu Xue.

Liu Xue smiled slightly and said, “We’re partners, aren’t we? No matter what difficulties we encounter, we must face them together.”

Chen Ping and Liu Xue exchanged a glance, both seeing deep affection and unwavering resolve in each other’s eyes.

They knew that in this dog-eat-dog world, only by supporting each other could they go further.

After resting for a while, Chen Ping and Liu Xue decided to leave the Heavenly Gate Ruins.

They had stayed here for too long; it was time to go out and see the outside world.

“Let’s go,”

Chen Ping said, then walked with Liu Xue towards the exit of the Heavenly Gate Ruins.

Just as they reached the exit of the ruins, Liu Xue stopped Chen Ping, saying, “Young Master Chen, before we leave the ruins, could you let me experience happiness one last time?”

“I know that after we leave here, our time together will be precious, and we might never see each other again.”

Liu Xue knew that Chen Ping's ambitions lay not in the Nine Heavens; he would definitely leave for a higher world.

Then, she feared she would never experience happiness again.

"Alright..." Chen Ping nodded.

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Three days later, Liu Xue experienced both pain and joy.

When they emerged from the Heavenly Gate Ruins, they found themselves back in the Nine Heavens.

Before them were familiar mountains and rivers, and the familiar sounds of wind and birdsong filled their ears.

"We're finally back!" Liu Xue exclaimed excitedly, her eyes gleaming with excitement.

Chen Ping also smiled with satisfaction: "Yes, we're finally back. Now our strength has greatly increased; it's time to fulfill the Heavenly Gate Elder's wish."

Chen Ping and Liu Xue exchanged a glance, both seeing a determined light in each other's eyes. They knew their strength had greatly improved, and it was time to fulfill the wish of the Heavenly Gate Elder.

"Let's go," Chen Ping said, then flew off with Liu Xue into the distance.

Chen Ping followed Liu Xue directly back to the Earthly Fiend Alliance.

Because the Soul Devourer was recuperating within the Earthly Fiend Alliance, they had to come there to kill him.

“Alliance Leader...”

Upon seeing Liu Xue, the Grand Elder and the three Vice Alliance Leaders all bowed respectfully.

However, when the Grand Elder saw Chen Ping and Liu Xue holding hands, a thousand curses ran through his mind.

Judging from the situation, his Alliance Leader had definitely been defeated by Chen Ping.

And he, after all, had injured Chen Ping.

Wouldn't he be in for trouble?

“Has the Soul Devourer come out?” Liu Xue asked.

“No!” One of the Vice Alliance Leaders shook his head.

“Alright, you all come with me to the forbidden area. Kill that Soul Devourer before he fully recovers!”

Liu Xue said happily upon hearing that the Soul Devourer was still recovering.

The Grand Elder and the three vice-leaders were all stunned.

What was the Soul Devourer's strength?

Wouldn't they be courting death by killing him?

“Leader, please reconsider. That Soul Devourer is...”

“Shut up! I am the leader, listen to me!” Liu Xue snapped.

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“Leader, we formed this alliance for mutual benefit. If you insist on killing the Soul Devourer, then let’s part ways.”

One of the vice-leaders said.

They were just a few small sects forming an alliance to gain a foothold in the Nine Heavens.

Now that Liu Xue wanted to kill the Soul Devourer, they wanted to get involved.

“You...” Liu Xue glared at the vice-leader, unsure what to say.

Although she was the leader, they weren’t exactly in a superior-subordinate relationship. “Stop arguing, come see me...”

An aged voice rang out.

“Ancestor...” Liu Xue’s face paled instantly.

“Your ancestor?” Chen Ping asked!

Liu Xue nodded, then vanished instantly with Chen Ping.

When they reappeared, the two were in a mountain cave.

Inside the cave, a person with hair almost reaching their feet stood there.

They looked like ghosts, somewhat frightening.

“Why did you kill the Soul Devourer?” the ancestor asked Liu Xue.

Liu Xue glanced at Chen Ping and said, “Young Master Chen wanted to kill him, so I had to kill him...”

Liu Xue was very honest, telling the truth.

“He slept with you?” The ancestor knew at a glance that Liu Xue had been slept with by Chen Ping.

Liu Xue nodded, not hiding anything.

“Why? Why did you give him your body and help him kill the Soul Devourer?”

“Don’t you know how powerful the Soul Devourer is? Ten thousand years ago, the Soul Devourer was a great demon of the Nine Heavens.”

The ancestor questioned.

“I know, but Young Master Chen also has a powerful backer, even more powerful than the Soul Devourer!”

Liu Xue said.

“Hmph, he’s only at the Immortal Realm, what powerful backer could he possibly have? Compared to the Soul Devourer, his backer is nothing...”

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“He...”

Boom!

Before the ancestor could finish speaking, he suddenly exploded.

He turned into dust, his soul scattered.

Liu Xue was dumbfounded, staring in shock at the scene, not knowing what had happened.

Because she hadn’t sensed any trace of his presence, how could her ancestor be gone?

“Let’s go...”

Chen Ping wasn’t surprised, calling to Liu Xue to leave.

“Young Master Chen, our ancestor...”

“He shouldn’t have, he absolutely shouldn’t have insulted the powerful figure behind me. This is the price he pays.” Chen Ping shook his head dismissively, seemingly even a little regretful.

Liu Xue swallowed hard and grabbed Chen Ping’s arm.

At this moment, she was even more certain that she would follow Chen Ping even in death.

Just how powerful must this person be to cause an ancestor at the Heavenly Immortal Realm to be instantly obliterated without warning or even showing their face?

Liu Xue didn't even dare to imagine...

After leaving the cave, Chen Ping took Liu Xue to the Yama Heavenly Sect. Since the others in the Earthly Fiend Alliance were unwilling to follow Liu Xue, there was no need to force them.

The disbandment of the Earthly Fiend Alliance was actually a good thing. Now that Liu Xue had received the Heavenly Gate's inheritance, she could carry on the Heavenly Gate's legacy and become its leader.

That was far more impressive than being the leader of the Earthly Fiend Alliance.

As for Chen Ping, he couldn't possibly become a sect leader, nor could he stay in the Nine Heavens forever; the Nine Heavens was merely a temporary place for his development.

However, Chen Ping and Liu Xue were unaware that while they were meeting the ancestor, someone from the Earthly Fiend Alliance had informed the Soul Devouring Lord.

Now that the Soul Devouring Lord had recovered, he was filled with disdain upon learning that Chen Ping and Liu Xue intended to kill him.

In his eyes, both Chen Ping and Liu Xue were like ants.

Now that he had returned to the Nine Heavens, the Soul Devouring Lord's goal was to rule the entire Nine Heavens.

Inside the Yama Heavenly Sect!

All the experts of the Yama Heavenly Sect had gathered in the main hall.