

The Demonic King Chases His Wife

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Story Description:

She, renowned assassin of the 21st century, actually crossed over to become Su Manor's most useless good-for-nothing Fourth Miss. He, Jin Empire's imperial highness, was an emotionless overbearing demonic tyrant with unrivaled talent.

Everyone knew that she was an idiotic good-for-nothing and bullied her as they pleased. But only he, the overbearing tyrant with the discerning eye, just wouldn't let go even if his life depended on it. For the time being, let's see how the clash of stubborn versus stubborn plays out in this good show of the chaser and the chased.

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If Nangong Liuyun's cultivation was interrupted, it was very possible his foundation would be injured, and in the future, it would be very difficult for him to improve further. She would never allow Nangong Liuyun to suffer this kind of injury.

Su Luo thought up to here and then, without the slightest hesitation, turned around and walked out. She must draw Li Aotian away from here.

Nangong Liuyun, this time, it will switch to me protecting you.

Su Luo took large strides to walk out.

As expected, she saw Li Aotian, with an overbearing manner, travelling towards here.

Su Luo saw him and her face deliberately appeared surprised. At this moment, the place where she stood just so happened to lead outside.

The side where you enter the cave, Li Aotian just so happened to be keeping watch with an ice-cold expression.

Truth to be told, in the beginning, he really was scared away by Nangong Liuyun. But during these few days, the more he thought about it, the more he felt something was wrong.

This was obviously an isolated island with deserted mountains, there was not a trace of humans having lived here that could be found. However, in that cave, a yellow rosewood bed, bedding and pillows were actually all there!

What did this prove?!

It was very difficult for Li Aotian to accept it, but he had no choice but to believe, that between Nangong Liuyun and Su Luo, one of them certainly was a space mage.

A space mage ah, what kind of rare and precious elemental system was that?

After a space mage had matured, not only did they have dominance in

attack and speed compared to other elements, they could also make space rings.

This made Li Aotian drool.

Of course, he wasn't totally blinded by the benefit in front of his eyes. At that time in the cave, besides this, he had also sniffed out the faint smell of blood.

Therefore, he had some suspicion regarding whether or not Nangong Liuyun was wounded.

If it was really like that...since he absolutely insisted on wanting that loathsome girl and also wanting to abandon the cooperation with the Li family, then just go to hell!

A frenetic and sinister expression flashed through Li Aotian's eyes.

At this moment.

Li Aotian's sinister and cold gaze stared fixedly at Su Luo, the corner of his mouth hooked into a severe, bloodthirsty and grim smile: "Loathsome girl, prepare to die at ease! I want to see who can still save you this time!"

Su Luo had a terrified expression as she looked at him while retreating backwards step by step: "Li Aotian! Don't forget who made you directly advance a level!"

Mentioning this, Li Aotian had a bellyful of anger, he'd rather return to his original appearance than to advance and change into his current ghastly appearance.

"Loathsome girl! Accept death!" Li Aotian slapped towards Su Luo's back.

Su Luo was already prepared from earlier and directly rolled to the side. At the same time, she loudly berated Li Aotian: "Li Aotian! You are courting death! Wait until Nangong Liuyun comes back from searching for food, he definitely won't let you get away with this!"

Li Aotian originally wanted to create some activity to get some news, drawing Nangong Liuyun to make a move.

This time, he certainly would not fear Nangong Liuyun again. If he had the chance, it was best if he directly killed him!

If His Highness Prince Jin didn't exist on this earth, then it would have a place for him, Li Aotian.

He didn't expect that Nangong Liuyun had left to look for food, it was really a pity! But able to kill this loathsome girl, it could also be considered avenging himself and Yaoyao!

Li Aotian thought up to this point, his strikes became even more ferocious.

Su Luo took out a bronze plaque from her space and tossed it towards Li Aotian: "Look at my spirit pinball!"

Li Aotian was very seriously haunted by the shadow of the spirit pinball. He didn't even think before covering his head with his hands and rolling far away, tumbling into a muddy ditch.

However, Su Luo took this chance to turn around and run.

If she didn't run now, then when would she wait until? Where would she still be able to find another spirit pinball?

That bronze plaque was exactly the one that the Liu family's grandfather had personally delivered to the door.

The spirit dance steps in this bronze plaque was actually badly damaged. Inside it was merely the most basic spirit dance steps, and Su Luo had already mastered it all.

She didn't expect that this bronze plaque could be used on a useless person to help her once again.

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Su Luo was really very thankful to Liu family's grandfather for presenting her with the bronze plaque. But if the grandfather was to know, very likely, he would crawl up from the bed and spit out a few mouthfuls of blood.

Li Aotian covered his head and rolled into the muddy ditch, only after a long time did he discover that the so-called spirit pinball basically didn't explode. Then, he lifted his eyes to look and discovered it was actually a blackish, worn out, rusted copper!

Li Aotian didn't even need to think, immediately, his feet descended and stomped this bronze plaque into broken pieces.

His anger was completely sucked in by Su Luo, wherefore would he still have the mind to check whether Nangong Liuyun was wounded or not. He also basically never imagined that now was the best opportunity to kill Nangong Liuyun.

It was a pity that Su Luo had provoked him into such a fury that it made him directly miss this opportunity.

"Loathsome girl! If I don't kill you today! Then my last name is not Li!" Now, with his entire body covered in mud, Li Aotian was so furious that his whole body was shaking. His single eye was scarlet red, making the repulsive countenance on his face even more prominent and malevolent.

As for Su Luo, seeing Li Aotian fall into her scheme by covering his head then rolling into the bog, she naturally would not miss this golden opportunity.

One could see her simultaneously enter the jungle on the deserted mountain and continuously rush madly away by foot. Her speed was so fast that it was astonishing.

Nangong Liuyun still needed a period of four days, she must exhaust every means to stall Li Aotian.

Otherwise, she and Nangong Liuyun, the both of them, would be killed

by Li Aotian on this uninhabited island.

Su Luo rushed madly about in the jungle with flying speed. She was clearly able to perceive Li Aotian's threat to her life.

After running into the deepest part of the jungle, Su Luo stopped and sucked in a deep breath of air.

Li Aotian couldn't have chased after her this quickly, right?

Seeing that up ahead there was a cave covered with thorny undergrowth, Su Luo quickly pulled apart the undergrowth and rolled in. Very swiftly, she restored the undergrowth to its original shape.

This cave was not at all that small, compared to the one they were living in right now, it was even a little bigger.

However, Su Luo didn't go further inside because if she was trapped inside, then she wouldn't even have one last hope for survival.

Su Luo controlled her breathing, stifling her own breathing, and even her heartbeat was suppressed to a slow pace condition that was nearly impossible to detect.

Her physiological functions were suppressed, and her entire body's blood circulation was slowed down. Her whole body was ice-cold, rigid, sitting pressed up against the wall.

This was merely the beginning, and she was already forced to this extent, the four days in the future, how should she delay him?

Su Luo's mouth had a somewhat forced smile as the corner of her lips lifted slightly.

Alas, after thousands and tens of thousands of calculation, who could have figured that the spirit pinball at that time would smash Li Aotian into a seventh rank expert? If she had known earlier...known earlier, she would have smashed it on herself.

Heaven's evil deeds could stay alive but her own evil deed should not live.

Su Luo was just lamenting.

Suddenly, her head started to hurt, afterwards, a type of heart palpitation feeling started to rise from her chest.

In an abrupt second, her limbs felt ice-cold.

Was discovered!

Li Aotian has actually used his spirit consciousness to probe for her.

He had used his spirit consciousness to lock onto a small area and scanned for her existence, one small field at a time.

What Nangong Liuyun said was not false, as expected, after reaching seventh rank, you would have a huge, qualitative leap.

Su Luo was so upset that she almost hammered the wall.

She couldn't stay here anymore, it was very clear that Li Aotian had already scanned the surrounding area around her.

Su Luo restored her body's vitality, exercised her limbs, and afterwards, quickly drilled out of the cave. Her speed was as fast as lightning as she dashed deeper into the jungle.

In fact, it was really difficult for Su Luo to do so.

At this point of time, she was like the huge bone hanging in front of a dog, wanting Li Aotian to chase after her, but also not allowing him to really catch her.

At the same time, she still had to harass and provoke this dog's anger non-stop. She needed to attract all his hatred onto her own body, to the extent that he didn't have time to visit other people.

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Making time, allowing Nangong Liuyun enough time to recover. As long as he recovered, then wasn't killing Li Aotian a matter that would take minutes?

But could it be that this, with regards to Su Luo, was too huge?

If her strength exceeded Li Aotian's, then fine, but quite clearly, in front of Li Aotian, she was practically an ant-like, puny existence.

Su Luo's heart was extremely mournful.

But, no matter how plaintive the things she needed to do was, she still must do it.

Su Luo ran at lightning speed, the trees on both sides continue to recede, and her ears were biting cold from the freezing wind.

Su Luo used the spirit dance steps to the pinnacle, but even though her speed was fast, still, every step she took was made with caution. As much as possible, she didn't want to leave behind a trace of herself.

Li Aotian madly chased after Su Luo.

Originally, he thought that chasing after and killing a puny third rank would certainly be an easy matter, as simple as stretching out a hand.

However, until he truly met up with Su Luo in a head-to-head chase, he finally found out how cunning this loathsome girl was. She was like a slippery mudfish that kept escaping, before his hand could touch her, she would slip away, extremely nimbly.

But the more it was like this, the more Li Aotian relentlessly pursued, unwilling to let go.

The him right now had completely overlooked Nangong Liuyun and set him aside.

The jungle in the deserted mountain had many paths but were jumbled, this gave Su Luo, who was escaping, an extra opportunity to live.

She picked the especially difficult road to flee, however, with spirit

dance steps assisting her, her speed was therefore still at its peak.

Very quickly, nightfall come.

This night, Su Luo did not light a fire, instead, she picked a small cave to hide herself in.

The cave was very small, it was barely able to hold Su Luo only after she curled herself up.

Tonight, the night was especially endless.

Outside the cave, the wind was biting cold, whistling and blowing.

In the sky, the moon was obstructed by clouds, leaving behind only a hazy shadow.

However, this kind of atmosphere, as far as Su Luo was concerned, was a small advantage that was given to her.

The wind's howls could blow away any trace of her breathing that remained behind, then the difficulty for Li Aotian in pursuing her would only increase.

Suddenly, Su Luo felt some movements in her space, and she subconsciously entered inside to investigate.

What gave her a nice surprise was that inside her space, there were indications that the little divine dragon, that had originally been trapped in a coma-like state due to swallowing a huge amount of crystal stones, was starting to regain consciousness.

At the same time, Su Luo's gaze looked towards the other side.

She saw that piece of fiery red stone.

At that time, in the Amethyst Fish Palace, her foot had kicked this stone, then her mind was almost taken away, and it had really left her with a lingering fear.

Su Luo took out that piece of fiery red stone from her space, turning it in her hands, she carefully examined it.

In the end, what was this piece of stone? What kind of mysterious past

did it have?

Su Luo had always felt that this chunk of stone was not at all ordinary, it looked like it had a long and old story.

All of a sudden, Su Luo felt her finger hurting slightly. She discovered that when her fingertips were rubbing the fiery red stone, it left traces of blood.

And those traces of blood very quickly were absorbed by the fiery red stone, in a flash, all traces of blood was gone.

This stone could still swallow blood? Su Luo was immediately very curious.

She thought about it, then she punctured her finger, her scarlet blood, drop by drop, tumbled onto the fiery red stone.

“Hiss, sssss—” She seemed to be able to clearly hear the sound of the the fiery red stone absorbing a fair amount of blood.

This...how could it be possible?

Su Luo somewhat curiously turned this chunk of stone around while sizing it up, and didn't supply it with more blood.

Suddenly, it seemed that the fiery red-colored stone was unhappy, and issued a penetrating sound: “Meow—”

Similar to the cries of a cat, an intense and ear-piercing sound resonated in the quiet mountain top.

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Su Luo immediately jumped from fright, her limbs were all ice-cold.

This chunk of shitty stone! Really knew how to ruin things!

With great difficulty, she had found a small cave to hide in, but now, with its yell, how could she still stay in this cave?

Very likely, in less time than it takes to take a breath, Li Aotian would float here.

Su Luo was so furious that she slapped that fiery red-colored stone once, directly sending it into her chest pocket. She pried apart the underbrush at the cave entrance, then rapidly ran towards the deepest part of the jungle.

As expected, in less than few breaths' time, Li Aotian's tall and straight figure appeared in front of the little cave's entrance.

Now, he was covered from head to toe in a black robe. Under the hazy moonlight, the scars on his face seemed even more malevolent and terrifying. It made the heart of people who gazed at him become fearful.

Li Aotian smashed his fist heavily into the wall of the mountain!

Immediately, a huge, deep hole was made in the mountain wall, and the rocks fragmented into fine powder all at once.

Li Aotian was so infuriated that he looked to the sky and loudly cursed: "Loathsome girl! Don't let me, your daddy, find you! Otherwise, just wait to suffer all the kinds of bitter pain under the heavens!"

That malevolent face, under the hazy moonlight and in the darkness of the mountain forest, seemed especially ghastly. He looked like a devil that had emerged from the spirit world.

Su Luo hadn't escaped that far, and Li Aotian's words had clearly transmitted to her ears.

Su Luo stood at the summit of the mountain, facing the direction where Li Aotian was, she coldly snorted repeatedly and said: "Want to catch this

young lady? If you have the ability, then come.”

Su Luo turned around, ran away with both legs and rapidly squeezed into the jungle. She darted with full speed into the deep mountains and old forest.

After all, Li Aotian was already seventh rank. in contrast to Su Luo. even if she had the spirit dance step technique, in terms of speed, his nevertheless far surpassed hers.

As a result, after Li Aotian, through good luck, selected the correct path, he very quickly locked on to the place where Su Luo was.

Now, Su Luo was sitting right next to a waterfall, panting for breath.

All around her, the surroundings were pitch-black, so much so that she couldn't even see her fingers in front of her.

At this point of time, it was the darkest period of the night before dawn.

It was dreadfully quiet all around, only the splashing sounds of the water striking down could be heard.

All of a sudden, Su Luo discovered that her consciousness hurt.

Su Luo let out a curse secretly in her heart.

She had just rested for less than the time it took to burn a stick of incense, how could she be locked on again?

Simply like a patch of traditional medication on dogskin, even if you wanted to toss it aside, you couldn't!

Su Luo angrily let out a heavy sigh and thought deeply about a method to escape.

To use the methods in line with the local environment, this direction was a good idea.

Su Luo's gaze sized up her surroundings non-stop.

Up ahead was the huge waterfall, from the top of the mountain wall, it was about three hundred meters high. It looked like a white moving screen, the splashing water rushed down into the river here and rapidly

followed along this waterfall to rush forward.

Maybe it was related to the torrential rain that just fell a few days ago, the splashing speed of the water was fast and urgent.

Su Luo looked on helplessly as a piece of floating wood, in a blink of the eye, was carried very far away.

Suddenly, a dead tree tumbled down from the direction of the top of the waterfall.

On top of the dead tree, there were still some green leaves, clearly, the river had uprooted it.

Now, the river was approximately thirty meters wide, and this dead tree was at the center of the river. It was pushed forward very fast by the strength of the waterfall's flow.

The lightbulb in Su Luo's head suddenly flashed, there was not enough time to think it through more thoroughly. With a huge jump, her body was like a legendary large bird spreading its wings, as she leaped rapidly and suddenly towards that dead tree.

Su Luo already took the speed of the river, air resistance and other similar factors into her calculation. Therefore, her body steadily landed on that dead tree.

She hid in the gap between branches, so that even if Li Aotian stood in front of her, he might not necessarily be able to spot her.

The dead tree's speed was very fast, so fast as to pass in the blink of an eye.

Su Luo was able to sense that searching consciousness fade away, she knew that she was once again safe for the time being.

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Speaking of Li Aotian.

With great difficulty, he locked onto Su Luo's location, and rushed to the pool at the side of the waterfall. When he got there, once again, he lost her trace.

Li Aotian was so furious, he almost went mad.

He never would have imagined, that he who had already entered the seventh rank, would still be toyed with and under the complete control of a third rank like Su Luo.

This was like an ant toying with an elephant, nearly making him furious enough to vomit blood.

Li Aotian didn't know whether Nangong Liuyun was wounded or not, but he was more inclined to think Nangong Liuyun wasn't wounded.

Because on this earth, very, very few could injure Nangong Liuyun.

Therefore, Li Aotian's heart was very worried.

He was worried that Su Luo had turned around and slipped away to return to meet with Nangong Liuyun again. According to Nangong Liuyun's attitude, he would certainly protect that loathsome girl.

Out of the question, he must find this loathsome girl before Nangong Liuyun. If he didn't avenge his hatred, how could he have the face to continue living in this world?

But when all was said and done, what place was this loathsome girl hiding in?

Li Aotian started to search piece by piece in the surrounding area, this way was the most wasteful use of the strength of his consciousness, but he hardly cared a bit.

Even though it was like this, he still hadn't found a bit of Su Luo's trace, it was as if she had completely disappeared from this earth.

This was impossible!

Li Aotian silently stood in front of the waterfall, his expression was coldly detached, like frosty ice, as he gazed at the waterfall.

All of a sudden, he remembered the waterfall behind his own family's mountain, where a cave was hidden behind the waterfall. It was obstructed by a water screen, if not told, no one would know.

But after passing through the waterfall, over there was the treasure storehouse for Jade Lake Palace.

Li Aotian's features turned cold, he gave a cold snort and his figure rose from the ground. Suddenly and with fast speed, he rushed towards the waterfall.

From over three hundred meters high, the waterfall was rushing down, how great ought that water's impact be?

Even if it was Li Aotian, he also would find it difficult to manage.

But hatred made a person strong.

All of Li Aotian's hatred was attracted to Su Luo, he was itching to tear her into pieces, how could he let her go so easily?

Li Aotian rushed in under the huge water pressure, he searched the cliff wall inch by inch behind the waterfall, not letting any suspicious points slip by.

An inch by inch search, with time passing by in minutes and seconds. Li Aotian felt it was an extremely strenuous task.

Because he had used his consciousness to search too much, he felt somewhat dizzy and light-headed. But, he tossed his head and continued to persist in his search.

However, what made him extremely disappointed was that this cliff wall actually didn't have any mystery. It didn't even have a small hole, let alone a cave.

Li Aotian was so furious that his fist smashed in it, immediately, the rumbling, drum-like sounds echoed, with rocks flying in the air.

A five meter deep, small cave appeared in front of him.

However, it was quite unfortunate that this small cave was smashed by him.

In the end, where was that loathsome girl hiding!

Li Aotian covered his head that was in pain and pondered non-stop.

Suddenly, his gaze looked downwards, and it just so happened to catch sight of a piece of floating wood that was being pushed forward with a very fast speed.

All of a sudden, a light turned on in his head!

It might really be possible!

A haughty, cold and severe smile appeared on Li Aotian's face. He very quickly flew down and landed on top of a very small piece of floating wood.

Like a small, lonely boat on the sea surface.

Both feet on the floating wood, he stretched out his breathing, making the weight of his body almost negligible. Not only that, he also continuously used the wind power to press forward and accelerate its speed.

Just like this, he followed the river, moving forward with flying speed. His speed, when compared to Su Luo's heavy, dead tree's speed, didn't know how many times greater it was.

But speaking of Su Luo who had jumped on the dead tree, since fleeing outside of Li Aotian's mind searches, she had therefore relaxed her mental guard by a lot.

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From day to night, then again, from night to the early morning, her mind had concentrated to a high degree and her speed had also risen to its extreme.

These made Su Luo somewhat unable to endure. She was tired. In the hazy moonlight, she felt a faint stabbing pain in her head.

Su Luo was suddenly startled awake.

Lying on her stomach on the dead tree, she faintly saw a piece of wood drifting towards her, that had a shadow on top of it.

Even though she couldn't see it clearly, Su Luo nevertheless recognized that it was Li Aotian.

He was truly like a lingering ghost.

Su Luo secretly cursed in her heart.

What's to be done? She also couldn't stay on this dead tree. But as for escaping.....She was afraid it also wouldn't be that easy.

Su Luo raised her eye to survey all around.

The place was slightly similar to the Three Gorges (1), with steep cliffs on both sides, the precipice was like the blade of a knife. It was one gorge after another, forming pools like in the Yantze river, the water was rapid, practically in one breath's time, it would push her very far.

She saw Li Aotian was just about to catch up to her.

Time was extremely pressing.

Su Luo couldn't wait to think some more. She tore the lower part of her robe and placed it in a crevice of the dead tree, seeming as if it was there while not being there.

This way, it looked as if she was hidden under a branch.

Up ahead at the bend, in the blind spot from Li Aotian's line of sight, Su Luo made a leaping jump. With one hand, she grabbed the root of a

willow that extended out from a steep, overhanging cliff.

Su Luo's body was as lithe as a swallow, borrowing the power of the willow branch to swing and jump. Again, in the blink of an eye, her figure had already disappeared.

She had already hidden herself in the branches with thick leaves at the top of an ancient tree.

Here, all around were all sheer cliffs, behind her was Li Aotian chasing to kill her. As long as she showed her face, he would catch sight of her. Therefore, Su Luo obediently stayed in that tree, hiding behind those lush, abundant branches and leaves.

Su Luo curled up her body, letting her physiological functions adjust to operate at its lowest state.

Her heart rhythm, blood circulation, breathing sounds and all her physiological functions, were all, without exception, constrained.

At this moment, her whole body was ice-,cold, stiff, like a snake in hibernation and almost lifeless.

She was gambling.

She was gambling that Li Aotian wouldn't use his consciousness to search on top of the river, because to penetrate through water resistance was much harder compared to air.

Moreover, Li Aotian had just promoted to seventh rank, and his mental strength hadn't reached the level needed to constantly supply him with the energy to trace her.

Li Aotian aggressively came over in pursuit to attack.

Indeed, as Su Luo expected, before, because searching the waterfall had wasted too much mental strength, so now, he didn't use it again. Rather, he wholeheartedly urged the piece of wood to pursue at a fast speed, then he would attack.

Li Aotian's gaze landed on top of that dead tree, originally, he didn't care, but very quickly, his sharp gaze found that yellow color between the

tree leaves.

If he didn't remember it wrongly, Su Luo, that loathsome girl, was precisely wearing a yellow silk skirt.

Li Aotian's heart immediately became ecstatic!

He hastened the wood beneath his feet to catch up with that dead tree at flying speed.

Consequently...Just like that, with bad luck, he passed right by where Su Luo was hiding in that ancient tree.

When he passed by, Su Luo's eyes closed slightly, almost halting all of her physiological functions.

After all, the difference in her strength compared to Li Aotian's was too great, if there was even the slightest of movement, he would be able to perceive the clue.

Therefore, Su Luo must be cautious and prudent.

But what made her very happy was that Li Aotian's attention was attracted by that yellow cloth. He completely didn't foresee that the real her was hidden within his reach in the periphery.

Li Aotian, lacking complete awareness, rushed forward, his speed was fast to an unimaginable state.

Seeing Li Aotian rush forward, afterwards, Su Luo slowly restored her body's functions. She exercised her limbs a little, then began to leave this ancient tree.

Here, she had already left her scent, a difficult-to-erase trace.

1) Three Gorges, otherwise known as Yangtze (Yellow River) Gorges in China, is a beautiful scenic place with lots of places of historical importance along its banks, but the Three Gorges dam built on top of it has changed the environment of the Three Gorges by a lot.

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With Li Aotian's nature, he was merely temporarily deceived by her, when he became clear-headed, he would definitely find the clues in this ancient tree.

There wasn't enough time for Su Luo to think further, and she climbed up the rock face of the sheer cliffs.

Aside from the waterway, she could only climb up this precipice, then she would have a chance to live.

Su Luo's speed was extremely fast, her movements were also well-hidden, the places she jumped to was secretive and covered up. With her heart and soul, she rushed forward while Li Aotian unexpectedly hadn't sensed her.

Li Aotian had set all his heart on top of that dead tree.

He concentrated his spirit powers onto the wood under his feet, the surrounding wind power pushed the floating wood to advance forward rapidly.

Very quickly, Li Aotian was about one hundred meters away from that dead tree.

One could see the corner of Li Aotian's mouth hook into an ice-cold, malicious sneer. His eyes produced a sinister radiance.

"Loathsome girl! This time, let's see where you will run to!" Li Aotian's body sprung up, separated by a distance of one hundred meters, he directly leaped across the distance and onto that dead tree.

"Loathsome girl, roll out from there!" Li Aotian sent a heavy palm strike towards the dead tree!

In order to prevent the loathsome girl from escaping by diving into the water, he condensed almost all of his spirit power to surround that dead tree.

Now, this dead tree was trapped in a net he arranged, not even a

housefly could fly out.

But what made Li Aotian despair was that after his palm smashed down, that yellow piece of skirt immediately become dust.

But he still couldn't even see Su Luo's shadow.

Li Aotian looked at the destroyed skirt that was now dust, and his heart immediately became infuriated!

He was once again played by Su Luo, that loathsome girl!

Evidently, that loathsome girl hadn't been on this dead tree for a long time, but she had deliberately left pieces of her clothing behind to draw him here!

Having been repeatedly cheated and taken in, moreover, every time suffering the loss at identical places, Li Aotian was furious to the point of bursting into mad howls and cries. He was so angry, he smashed this dead tree into fine powder in just one strike.

The loathsome girl was not here, then where did she go?

As long as he thought of Su Luo, this loathsome girl, hidden on the side, watching him chase after the fake article, he would be so enraged as to want to kill someone.

Li Aotian aggressively rushed back to the path he came from.

Along the way, he seemed not to pay the slightest to his spirit power, using it extravagantly while traveling.

Under this kind of circumstances, Li Aotian very quickly found traces of the scent Su Luo left behind in that willow tree.

This place he really did walk by a moment ago, and also when he accelerated his pace was in this place.

As it turned out, at that time, that loathsome girl was actually hiding here, watching him doing something stupid. Very likely, that loathsome girl, at that moment, had even mocked him for being stupid.

Li Aotian was simply infuriated to an extreme degree.

He released his spirit force, followed Su Luo's scent and unceasingly searched. Finally, following the road she walked past where she left behind some traces, tightly pursued behind her.

Speaking of Su Luo.

She had temporarily shaken off Li Aotian, but she still hadn't relaxed a bit because she knew how much stronger Li Aotian was compared to her. At any time, he could catch up to her once more to kill her.

Su Luo hid her scent as much as possible as she traversed through the forest at high speeds.

She passed the fourth day unscathed.

The fifth day, half of the day had already passed.

Su Luo secretly sighed in her heart, wishing that the fifth and sixth day both would pass and arrive more quickly to the seventh day, that would be best.

Just thinking of this, suddenly, a trace of spirit force movement could be felt by Su Luo. Su Luo's heart was delighted and her consciousness searched inside to see.

She saw the little divine dragon that had originally been lying on his back on top of the lawn, giving off little snoring sounds while sounds asleep, at this moment he had started to wake up after already being asleep for a long time.

One could only see his rotund little body sit up with his two little paws rubbing his drowsy, sleepy eyes. His little face was bewildered and innocent at the same time, with a blank and foolish appearance, simply so adorable she was about to burst.

Su Luo immediately stretched out her hands to fish him out and cheerfully poked his little head: "Hey, this time, you finally woke up. See if next time you would dare to pilfer food."

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Recalling those several hundred pieces of crystal stones vanishing in a blink of an eye, Su Luo still felt her flesh in serious pain.

The little divine dragon, having been watched by Su Luo with such interest, somewhat bashfully covered his little face. Through the small cracks in his paws, he stealthily looked at Su Luo.

Su Luo laughingly pulled open his two little paws and poked at his head: “Having swallowed so many crystal stones, you ought to have made some progress, right?”

Once he heard this, the little divine dragon immediately became excited.

She only saw his furry little head fiercely nodding, two huge, black, slippery eyes were full of excitement, repeatedly: “Awoo,awoo—” So great, so awesome.

He was Su Luo's contract beast, so there was no problem with them communicating mind to mind.

“In what way is it awesome?” Right now, Su Luo was in the midst of being chased all over the place while she fled in disarray. Once she heard the little divine dragon saying he was very awesome and difficult to deal with, she immediately became more spirited.

Oh God, wasn't her luck rather too good? Over there, she was just being pursued to be killed till she was struggling at death's door, while on this side, the little divine dragon coaxed her with a mouthful of words?

Su Luo was immersed in the boundless delusions of happiness.

The little divine dragon did not know his master was reveling in delusions, one could only see his little paws open up to count: “One, two, three, four, five—”

Seeing Su Luo ignoring him, he started again to count on the other paw: “One, two, three, four, five—”

Su Luo saw him counting again and again, still up able to go up further, she couldn't help but to ask in surprise: "This 'one, two, three, four, five' what does it mean?"

Didn't know why, but she had a faint, not-so-good premonition.

The little divine dragon had opened wide his large, limpid eyes that were innocent and adorable, as he looked at Su Luo perplexedly: "Awoooo ——" Master, fifth rank, I'm a fifth rank—— "What?" Su Luo suddenly felt things in front of her eyes darken, and she nearly tumbled to the ground on the spot.

Before, she had thought the little divine dragon was really very difficult to deal with, she didn't expect that he was only at fifth rank!

Su Luo was helpless as well as speechless, with a sad heart that ached in pain, she looked at the little divine dragon. She sighed and said 'alas' unceasingly.

It really was that the greater the hope, the greater the disappointment.

The little divine dragon didn't know why, all of a sudden, Master's mood became downcast. He somewhat anxiously and on tenterhooks tugged at her clothing.

Su Luo only smiled and rubbed his head: "Wanting to put all the pressure on your body is because your family's owner is too useless. It has nothing to do with you."

Su Luo somewhat helplessly sighed.

In terms of talent and opportunity, each point, she was not lacking compared to others, but her only weakness was time.

She arrived in this world too late, when she started, it was much later than others, to the extent that she must catch up to them at all cost.

A gap of ten years' time, whereas now, she had crossed over for less than a few months.

Wanting her to cut down the gap of ten years in a short while was practically impossible.

However, she firmly believed that as long as she was given time, two years, no, only one year, her strength would absolutely be able to step on Li Aotian's head.

The little divine dragon tugged at Su Luo's clothing somewhat restlessly. He still hadn't told Master about the latest skill he obtained...

Seeing his Master's appearance of heaving deep sighs, the little divine dragon very smartly sat on the ground with his chin resting on both paws. His pair of monochrome, large, limpid, innocent eyes watched his little Master.

"Awoo—"There was a bad person!

Suddenly, the little divine dragon gave a light howling sound.

At the same time, Su Luo also felt danger approaching.

Li Aotian, this person whose influence still lingered on like a ghost, had actually once again caught up to her!

Su Luo picked up the little divine dragon and immediately turned around to run.

Now, the little divine dragon had a serious expression on his little face.

If you want to discuss danger, then his perceptiveness was still even stronger compared to Su Luo's. Therefore, he could clearly sense the formidable strength of the enemy.

This time Li Aotian had already nearly gone berserk, his speed was several times faster than before.

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Without waiting for Su Luo to find a path to flee for her life, Li Aotian already stood in front of her.

Su Luo's heart was suddenly startled and subconsciously she sent the little divine dragon back into her space.

Li Aotian, seeing Su Luo in front of him, his eyes burst out with a scathing, murderous aura.

“Loathsome girl, you actually have some skills. Under the pressure of my pursuit, you can actually still last a day and a night.” Li Aotian's cold and gloomy gaze stared at Su Luo.

Su Luo's heart restrained her fear, while her face was calm and collected without a single ripple. She gave a shallow smile: “Did you like that dead tree?”

As much as possible, Su Luo stalled for time, her head thinking deeply of ways to escape.

Just mentioning this, Li Aotian's eyes burst into a raging flame: “Loathsome girl! You court death!”

Su Luo smiled indifferently: “ You think you could really kill me?”

“Then just try it, see whether I can or can not strike you, loathsome girl, dead with one palm. To save the effort that you will go out again to cause calamity in the human world.” Li Aotian had the appearance of a champion that worked on behalf of the heavens.

While talking, he also condensed his spirit power, just wishing to hack towards Su Luo's head!

“Hold it!” Su Luo raised her hand with a smile that was not quite a smile as she raised an eyebrow to look at him: “Could it be that you don't have even a little bit of interest in those secret books I took from the Amethyst Fish Palace?”

Li Aotian's palm immediately stiffened on the spot.

He couldn't help but to want to slap his own head.

These few days, his mind was all placed on killing this loathsome girl for revenge. He absolutely forgot that in the Amethyst Fish Palace, this loathsome girl's luck had been so good as to burst. In one breath, she had seized a lot of secret books.

Those secret books were rarely seen, even the Jade Lake's Palace would drool over them.

If he could bring back a few secret books, in all likelihood, the family would value him even more.

Li Aotian thought up to here, immediately, his expression became frosty. Towering above her, he glared at Su Luo: "Loathsome girl, quickly hand over the secret books!"

How could Su Luo possibly just hand over the secret books?

Without a doubt, as long as she handed over the secret books, immediately after, he would hack her to death.

Su Luo's face looked somewhat embarrassed, her long, shapely eyebrows wrinkled: "But...the secret books were hidden away by me."

"Where did you hide it?!" In any case, this loathsome girl was already an object in his pocket, killing her earlier or later, both would end up with her being dead.

Su Luo fearfully watched him, with her expression carrying a slight nervousness: "If I were to hand over the secret books, are you going to let me go?"

Li Aotian's expression paused, a murderous intent flashed through his eyes, but he only sneered: "Not kill you? This, I could consider."

Merely consider and nothing more.

Of course, Su Luo realized his desire to kill her wouldn't die.

They were now in a state where if one didn't die, then the enmity wouldn't be extinguished. If it was not her dead, then it was him.

Although she deeply understood this situation, Su Luo's expression was still feigning innocence and sincerity.

Seeing Li Aotian saying this, she seemed to believe him immediately: "Okay, as long as you let me go, I will bring you to find the secret books!"

Li Aotian looked her up and down once, his eyebrows knotted tightly: "Don't even consider some damnable clever plan!"

"Wherefore would I have some crafty plan?" Su Luo had an innocent expression on her face while spreading her hands open.

Li Aotian thought about it but was still not reassured: "This won't do, you, loathsome girl, have too many cunning ideas, simply impossible to guard against."

He just finished speaking when he took out a rope and placed both of Su Luo's hands behind her back. He bound her hands directly and efficiently.

One look at that rope, and Su Luo immediately became happy.

This item was something she saw not long ago.

She remembered that at that time in Sunset Mountain Range, Er Huang had been afraid she would escape, so she had bound her, attempting to escort her to Jade Lake's Palace.

However, it was very unfortunate that on the way there, Er Huang was gotten rid of by the little divine dragon's dad.

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Su Luo remembered the rope at that time was red in color, and also remembered what Er Huang said at that time. It was a restraining spirit rope specifically used to bind a criminal without any spirit power.

However—

Su Luo discovered that the rope tying her now was a slightly deeper color than the one from that time. She used spirit power, wanting to untie it, but discovered that the more spirit power she used, the deeper the red rope would sink into her flesh. It was so painful she grimaced.

Li Aotian arrogantly swept a glance at Su Luo, laughing grimly, he said: “A naive, loathsome girl, who haven’t seen the world, this is a restraining immortal rope. Even an immortal tied by this won’t be able to escape. I will watch how you try to escape this time!”

Li Aotian’s gaze swept towards both of Su Luo’s legs.

If the loathsome girl still wanted to escape, he didn’t mind breaking both of her legs.

Su Luo frowned slightly.

It seemed that this red rope, compared to Er Huang’s rope at that time, would be considered the upgraded version.

Also, it was not too surprising, stuff that was suitable to be taken out by the second young master of Jade Lake’s Palace, how could the item’s rank be equal to ones carried by a servant girl. In this instance, it was of much higher grade.

Su Luo couldn’t help but to sigh inwardly in her heart.

Even though she had temporarily preserved her life, however, she was tied up like this. Both of her legs and hands were tied up by the restraining immortal rope, even if she wanted to escape, it would be difficult.

Li Aotian coldly glared at her: “Quickly lead the way in the front, if we don’t find the secret books by tonight, then I will chop off one of your hands!”

Look at that, so easily, he would cut off a person’s limbs. What a violent man.

Su Luo faintly sighed again.

Being rushed by Li Aotian to walk forward, Su Luo was urgently communicating with the little divine dragon in her head.

“What kind of powerful magical beast is on this uninhabited island?” Su Luo asked, full of hope.

The little dragon, with his little head crooked at an angle, pondered for a moment, afterwards, he shook his head.

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He truly couldn’t sense anything...

Su Luo again changed to another method: “Then, is there a place to hide treasures?”

Once he heard treasure, the little divine dragon immediately started to get excited.

“Awoo,awoo,awoo——” There was, there was, there was!

Once she mentioned cleaning up treasure, the little divine dragon was so excited he nearly jumped up.

Su Luo thought to herself, places where treasures were hidden definitely would have all kinds of traps and pitfalls.

Thinking this way, Su Luo’s heart was slightly relieved.

Along the way, Li Aotian continuously made sarcastic remarks to Su Luo, using the slightest pretext to berate her.

“In the end, where is it hidden? If you dare to deceive me, humph!” Li Aotian snorted out a cold sound from his nose.

Su Luo happily sent him a gratuitous glance: “When I was running away

in a panic, I didn't have time to choose the route, how could I remember everything that clearly?"

"Loathsome girl, you dare to toy with me!" Li Aotian's expression was getting angry, his eyes were steaming with the desire to commit murder.

"How could I dare to toy with you, the Jade Lake Palace's second young master." Su Luo cast him a glance, snorting twice: "The rope is bound so tightly, how could I walk away so quickly."

Li Aotian cast cold, sidelong glances at her: "The rope binding you could cut off both of your arms, you choose yourself."

Su Luo's expression was indignant, yet she had no other choice but to remain silent.

She was aware that Li Aotian hated her nearly to the point of wanting to cut her into eight chunks. If she didn't have the secret books to attract him, it was for sure he would have already made his move.

Su Luo's expression assumed a feeling of being fearful and helpless, but she was communicating with the little divine dragon non-stop in her mind.

Following the direction he pointed to, bit by bit, they got closer to the target area.

The color of the sky gradually darkened.

The two of them were still walking in the jungle.

Very quickly, nightfall arrived, a few remnant stars hung in the desolate sky.

Li Aotian's footsteps suddenly halted, he coldly and furiously shouted at Su Luo: "Why have we still not arrived? Loathsome girl, are you toying with me?"

Su Luo gave a cold snort: "It's up ahead, we are almost there."

"Do you believe it or not that I will immediately kill you!": Li Aotian's patience was extremely limited.

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If along the way, Su Luo hadn't unceasingly reminded him how valuable the secret books were, maybe he would have already been unable to bear it and hacked Su Luo to death with a palm strike.

Su Luo looked at the color of the sky, deliberately letting out a sigh: "It seems tonight, we will arrive at our destination, very likely, it will be somewhat difficult."

"Stop and rest." Li Aotian thought about it, finally, he still decided to stop and reorganize a little.

For this one day and one night, Su Luo had run until her vision blurred and she was dizzy. Him chasing after her behind her was also not relaxing, especially when it came to the mental strength that had been squandered excessively. He used it until some pain sprouted in his head.

He needed some time to restore his mental strength.

Li Aotian, in passing, conveniently grabbed another red-colored rope and coldly said to Su Luo: "Loathsome girl, you must really want to take advantage of when I cultivate to escape, right?"

In her capacity as a prisoner, after being caught, of course she could not admit it. Su Luo firmly shook her head: "How can I even escape?"

"Humph." Li Aotian definitely did not believe her lies, with one move, he pushed Su Luo down, the red-colored rope was wrapped around her legs twice and then tied into a dead knot.

"This time, see how you can run." Li Aotian stood up with a malevolent appearance as he glared at Su Luo. His tone was cold and strange, such that it could make a person's back tremble.

This restraining immortal rope, the more she struggled, the tighter it would bind her, and even harder it would be to untie.

There were countless number of ways the restraining immortal rope

could be tied, only the person tying the rope would know what knot was used. Only if you knew the knot would you be able to untie it.

As a result, Li Aotian was basically not worried that Su Luo would run.

After he was finished dealing with Su Luo, Li Aotian whirled around and left. He flew to an ancient tree at the side and closed his eyes, sitting down to meditate.

This position he picked to practice his cultivation in was very good.

His point of view just so happened to face the position where Su Luo sat, merely opening his eyes slightly, he was then able to view Su Luo's every movement.

Naturally, in the beginning, Su Luo was expressionless and well-behaved.

She sat leaning against the tree trunk, motionlessly recuperating with her eyes closed, as if she had already accepted the fact she was his prisoner. She had a helpless appearance of having resigned herself to her fate.

A sneer hooked up at the corner of Li Aotian's mouth, a sinister radiance flashing through his eyes.

Resigned herself to fate? On this uninhabited island, in front of her, he was the heavens! At any time, he could order her to drop dead!

But to just kill her was letting her off too lightly. Wait until he got the secret books, afterwards, he would torment her unceasingly, letting her taste what was called, 'it would be better to die than to live'.

Li Aotian had complete confidence in his own strength. He also had complete confidence in the might of the restraining immortal rope.

He firmly believed that Su Luo could not possibly escape.

In fact, it really was like this, now, Su Luo really couldn't move a single step.

However, Li Aotian nevertheless overlooked a point through negligence.

Su Luo could not move, but the little divine dragon could.

In the blind spot that Li Aotian could not see, Su Luo stealthily released the little divine dragon.

Originally, she had wanted to tell the little divine dragon to go cause a disturbance, but unexpectedly, this little thing saw that she was tied up. Immediately, he became angry and readily took a bite out of the red-colored rope at her back.

One could only hear a slight snapping sound.

The rumored legendary restraining immortal rope, a treasure that Li Aotian had complete confidence in, was immediately bitten apart by the little divine dragon!

Su Luo was immediately shocked!

This damnable thing, what kind of treasure was it considered as! Fancy that Li Aotian was still bragging about it in front of her. He was bragging as if only the heavens had this rope and it did not exist on earth.

But who would have thought that it couldn't even resist the little divine dragon's mouthful of teeth.

Li Aotian detected some difference, he swept an indifferent, meaningful glance towards Su Luo.

It was already too late for Su Luo to close her eyes in rest, rushing into this gap, she cast a fawning expression towards Li Aotian.

Li Aotian only felt the corner of his eyes move and unsympathetically turned his face away.

Now the loathsome girl knew to be afraid? She wanted to make use of the honey trap? She could dream on for a thousand years!

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Li Aotian's heart extremely looked down upon Su Luo, he gave a cold humph and continued to cultivate.

How could he have known that the reason why Su Luo was like this was in order to show the enemy she was weak. She deliberately made him relax his guard so she could make good preparations for her own escape.

A fugitive fleeing from the law who didn't want to escape was not a good fugitive. Su Luo, this good example of a fugitive, was prepared to escape at any time.

Just after Li Aotian resumed his cultivation state, Su Luo then hid the little divine dragon under her skirt, allowing him to bite apart the red rope binding her legs.

The little divine dragon was very obedient. This time, he even cleverly covered his little mouth while his snow-white sharp teeth slowly grinded away at the rope, afraid of producing even the slightest sounds.

That cautious and serious little appearance gave Su Luo's heart an extremely comforting feeling from watching.

Very quickly, the restraining immortal rope on Su Luo's leg was bitten off by the little divine dragon, and both her arms and legs had their freedom restored.

Su Luo insincerely observed Li Aotian, seeing him immersed deeply in the midst of cultivation, a faint smile appeared at the corner of her mouth.

If she didn't go now, then when should she wait until?

There wasn't enough time to think some more, Su Luo picked up the little divine dragon. In the time it took for her to take off and land a few times, she had already vanished into the jungle.

All of this took place noiselessly, Li Aotian, who was immersed in the

midst of cultivation, completely did not detect it.

He simply did not know, that unexpectedly, Su Luo who was tied up with the restraining immortal rope, could escape.

Seconds and minutes of time passed.

After approximately an hour had passed, Li Aotian finished his cultivation. Slowly, he opened his tightly closed pair of eyes.

After circulating for an hour, his mental strength had already been restored by thirty percent.

He decided that if this time, the loathsome girl toyed with him once again, he certainly would first break one of her arms and see if she still dared to do it.

Li Aotian's gaze swept towards the direction where Su Luo was.

Suddenly—

The grim laugh at the corner of his mouth was frozen in an instant.

Li Aotian's eyes were full of an unimaginable expression. His body immediately flew down from the ancient tree, directly landing at the place Su Luo was sitting before.

In the end, where did the person go to?

Wasn't her hands and feet bound by the restraining immortal rope? In spite of everything, she could still escape?

Li Aotian was simply incredulous.

This matter had already exceeded his scope of comprehension. No matter what, he could not imagine, in the end, how this matter could have happened.

Undoubtedly, her hands and feet were bound, a person undoubtedly bound by restraining immortal rope. The more she moved, the deeper the restraining immortal rope would sink into her flesh. Finally, it was completely capable of cutting off a person's two legs while they were still alive.

But nevertheless, he had lost the loathsome girl's trace.

Li Aotian released his consciousness and unceasingly searched the surroundings, as if trying to find Su Luo who was dying because of trying to escape, and so was tightly strangled by the restraining immortal rope.

However, Su Luo had already escaped and disappeared without a trace. How could she have let him find her?

Li Aotian very quickly was infuriated until he was nearly insane!!!

He had known since earlier that this loathsome girl was as crafty as a fox. Earlier, he should have smashed her into a meat patty when he caught her.

But time and time again, she led him by the nose, and he was repeatedly careless, again and again.

From before, when he froze her into an ice-sculpture, and up until now, when he used the restraining immortal rope to bind her. Originally, he believed it was absolutely failproof, but always, at the most critical time, something would go wrong and she would escape.

Li Aotian almost suspected whether Su Luo, this loathsome girl, was a cat in a formal incarnation with nine lives? How could she avert disaster time and time again?

He vowed!

This time, when he found that loathsome girl again, don't need to bother with how to torment her, directly smashing her into meat patty was the most dependable!

Li Aotian's fist clenched tightly at his side, taking large strides, he left this place.

This time, Su Luo ran away very quickly, and also with the help of the little divine dragon's directions, so if Li Aotian imagined he would find her in a little while like before, it would be very difficult.

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She didn't know how long she had been running in the forest, the sky was indistinct and hazy.

In the east, a reddish sun slowly rose, little by little breaking through the darkness of dawn.

The light of daybreak penetrated through the sky, with large areas of orange and reddish clouds.

The fifth day had passed, today was already the sixth day that Nangong Liuyun had mentioned before.

Su Luo somewhat helplessly forced out a bitter smile.

These two days and two nights of fleeing had been really hair-raising, with dangers springing up all around, and every time, she would be hovering on the verge of life or death. If it was not for her being quick-witted, she didn't know how many times she would have already died.

Now, it was already the sixth day, one more day, in another day, Nangong Liuyun's martial arts would be completely restored. Then, she would not have to flee all over the place like she was doing right now.

Su Luo raised her head to look at the gorgeous red clouds in the sky. She fished out the little divine dragon, rubbing his head, she said: "Quickly, go ahead to lead the way, we don't have much time."

The little divine dragon knowingly replied with two barking sounds, as his little body traveled rapidly through the forest. His speed was so fast as to pass by in an instant.

Su Luo followed behind his body, when it was necessary, she would use spirit dance steps to flee on top of the trees.

Because this way, with Li Aotian wanting to pursue her, maybe she could increase her level. Su Luo didn't demand that she defeat him, just as long as she could endure until Nangong Liuyun came out of closed door

cultivation would be good enough.

The sun in the east gradually moved overhead in the sky.

Now, it was already noon.

All of a sudden, the little divine dragon pointed towards a hidden cave up ahead. He turned his little head and barked directly at Su Luo.

“Awoo, awoo, awoo—” Detour, detour! There is a magical beast! There is a magical beast!

“Magical beast?” Su Luo was immediately astonished.

Before, she found it very strange that there wasn't even a single magical beast on this uninhabited island. She didn't expect for there to actually be one on the island.

“Awoo, awoo, awoo!” There is an infant beast! There is an infant beast!

Joyful, excited rays of light clearly flashed through the little divine dragon's large, monochromatic eyes. He was itching to rush in immediately to try and find the young magical beast to play with.

“How could there be a magical beast here?” Su Luo felt this was somewhat sudden.

After all, this island didn't seem to have a single magical beast, then unexpectedly, a magical beast appearing here, moreover, it even had a young offspring?

“Is this magical beast difficult to deal with?”

“Awoo, awoo, awoo—” Seventh rank! Seventh rank magical beast!

The little divine dragon excitedly gestured while speaking and nodded his head fiercely at Su Lou.

Seventh rank magical beast!

Su Luo's heart was suddenly startled, there was actually a seventh rank magical beast on this uninhabited island?

She was just about to carry the little divine dragon and take a detour when suddenly, a lightbulb lit up in her mind.

Seventh rank magical beast...Li Aotian was also seventh rank ah...hey, hey!

The corner of Su Luo's mouth hooked into a smirk of hatching an evil scheme, as she leaned into the little divine dragon's ear and muttered a few sentences in a low tone.

The little divine dragon evidently was very interested in this kind of risky adventure, his little head nodding repeatedly. In the blink of an eye, his little body disappeared before Su Luo's eyes.

Su Luo used the Celestial Spirit Water and sprinkled it in a corner gap in the distance, to draw the mother magical beast away. At the same time, this allowed the little divine dragon to go in with flying speed, pick up an infant beast, then run.

After the preparations were completed, Su Luo lay on her stomach behind an ancient tree not far away. Then, she saw a huge brown bear sniffing its nose, looking for an objective.

Very quickly, it found the Celestial Spirit Water on the ground.

What Su Luo carried out was just too cunning, she had spilled the large majority of the water on the ground, only leaving a little in the cup.

The brown bear readily drank that little mouthful of Celestial Spirit Water in the cup in one gulp, very quickly, it was attracted to a stop by this mystical flavor. Like it had taken drugs, it was unable to let go ever again.

The infant beast in the cave yelled 'awoo, awoo'. It ignored the infant and only bowed down its head and buried it into the ground, sniffing here and there. It swallowed the weeds that carried some soil into its mouth.

The little divine dragon had already taken out that infant beast, and ran to in front of Su Luo. Before he could take credit for his achievement, that little infant bear gave sharp screeching sounds of 'awoo, awoo'.

Su Luo secretly said in her heart: "Oh no!"

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Sure enough, once the mommy brown bear saw her own family's young being taken away by a person, at once, she became furious!

“Quickly run!” Su Luo yelled loudly. She picked up the little divine dragon and the little bear to put them into her space, released her legs, and ran back towards the road she came from.

Li Aotian was there!

Wherefore would the mommy bear still care about the sweet water on the ground, she opened up her heavy four legs and rushed towards Su Luo's back with flying speed.

The brown bear was still in the midst of using her strong force, so speed-wise, she still wasn't considered very fast. Therefore, under the circumstances of Su Luo taking the first opportunity to quickly flee a step ahead, wanting to catch up to her was very difficult.

But her speed was still faster than Su Luo had planned on, following the passing of time, the distance between the two continuously pulled closer.

Su Luo couldn't help but secretly complain bitterly in her heart.

Before, she wished that Li Aotian would never catch up to her, but now, she longed for Li Aotian to appear in front of her like an immortal god in the next moment, that would be great.

Along with the distance being constantly pulled closer, Su Luo practically could feel the heat from the roar the mommy brown bear sprayed at her.

Ten meters...

Five meters...

Three meters...

The distance between the two had already gotten close to the limit.

At any moment, the mommy brown bear would suddenly jump up to quickly pounce at Su Luo—

Just at this critical moment!

Li Aotian descended like an immortal god, his tall and straight figure appeared on the broad road up ahead. He had both hands crossed in front of his chest, standing there calmly as if waiting for Su Luo to walk right into his trap.

Su Luo's heart was immediately overjoyed.

Not afraid you were here, only afraid you weren't here!

She rushed towards Li Aotian, at the same time, she happily yelled in a loud voice: "Boss, didn't you want to eat a young brown bear? I returned after catching one for you, take it!"

While speaking, Su Luo tossed that very small infant brown bear towards Li Aotian's chest.

Li Aotian subconsciously caught it, but at the same time, he frowned.

What rubbish was this loathsome girl saying? Who was the boss? Really funny.

However, an infant brown bear...Li Aotian's eye immediately began to shine.

It was said that an infant brown bear was surprisingly effective when used to restore someone's appearance, now that his appearance was completely ruined, what he needed the most was an infant brown bear.

The loathsome girl actually did a good deed.

Li Aotian steadily caught the infant brown bear, however, before waiting for him to settle it after the catch, a majestic, formidable, huge brown bear immediately rushed forward from Su Luo's back, ruthlessly pouncing towards Li Aotian!

Li Aotian temporarily hadn't noticed that his face was slashed by the sharp claws of the bear's forepaw, leaving behind a deep, bloody scar.

Li Aotian's heart was immediately startled.

His heart couldn't help but rain out curses.

He should have known earlier that the loathsome girl would have bad intentions, as it turned out, she had planned this opportunity to cause him trouble.

But now, his face was injured, and hatred was already created. Li Aotian knew perfectly well that this was Su Luo's plan, yet still, he was honor-bound to throw himself into the trap.

This was exactly what Su Luo had overtly plotted.

The brown bear's heart was already set on Li Aotian being the master schemer. It was him that wanted to eat her darling baby, she hated Li Aotian to the bone.

Li Aotian's face was ruined, so he had been in a rage from earlier, how could he easily let this huge, foolish bear go?

Consequently a man and a beast, just like this, became tangled up in a fight together.

Momentarily, they were caught up in an irresolvable fight.

Li Aotian was a seventh rank expert.

The huge brown bear was a seventh rank magical beast.

There was hardly any difference in strength between the two, therefore, for a short while, the outcome of the battle between them was hard to determine.

Su Luo had originally planned on escaping.

But now, she merely hid in the jungle, very carefully observing the fighting match.

Neighbors who couldn't agree would lose out to a third party, she didn't know whether she would have this good fortune.

Li Aotian was extremely sly.

In fact, considering their true strength, he was unable to compare to the

natural-born spirit strength of the huge brown bear.

But his luck was good, in his hand, he had an infant brown bear. Whenever the huge bear was about to use a killing strike, he would always cleverly present the little brown bear in front of him.

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The mommy brown bear would immediately refrain from shooting at a rat, for fear of breaking vases.

Once, twice, three times...every time, this trick was played on her, the mommy brown bear immediately became furious!

One could only see her mouth all of a sudden condense out a dense, stinky, fishy-smelling, viscous liquid that was quickly sprayed towards Li Aotian's body.

When this viscous liquid was shot flying out, a touch of unease flitted across Li Aotian's scarlet eyes.

At that moment, it was too late for him to think too much. He ruthlessly threw the little foolish bear towards the mouthful of viscous liquid that the mommy brown bear had spit out.

The mommy brown bear had an aghast expression, with a huge mournful howl, its body pounced over at flying speed and pressed the little foolish bear underneath her body. That was so that it might avoid this viscous liquid that could nearly corrode everything.

That little foolish bear was completely ignorant and at a loss, its huge, whirling, clear eyes bewilderedly watched its mommy and doubtfully looked at its surroundings.

However, just at this time, Li Aotian grabbed this opportunity and shouted loudly: "Freeze over the realm of the heavens!"

In that instant, everything around immediately changed into pure white snow. Wherever the eye could see, it was a vast white color.

With the huge brown bear as the focus, one after another, sharp sword blades of ice shot towards her, as if wanting to bore a hole through her heart with ten thousand arrows.

Now, even if Su Luo wanted to run, it was already too late.

The very unfortunate thing was that her body was directly frozen to the spot, she couldn't move even a tiny bit.

The huge foolish bear was also not easy to deal with.

“Howl—” A furious, loud roar, and a flame burst out and rushed forth, spreading to all directions. Very quickly, a forest fire started.

“Crack, crack. crack—” Sound after sound of violent noise, blocks and blocks of snowy ice was melted into water droplets by the raging inferno.

Li Aotian's heart was very angry!

“Since it is like this, then I will give you something terrible to have a look at!” One could see Li Aotian's mouth mumbling something to himself, and all of a sudden, at the place where the huge bear stood.

One sharp, icy thorn after another, without warning they all burst out.

Within a range of several hundred meters, it was covered with sharp, icy thorns.

The huge foolish bear momentarily did not notice, and a hole was stabbed through its belly, blood at once rushing out wildly.

“Finished...” Su Luo's heart let out a howl of grief.

Looked like the huge foolish bear was no match for Li Aotian.

Su Luo let out a sigh of helplessness. Originally, she had planned to borrow the huge foolish bear's hand to eliminate Li Aotian, now, it seemed to be impossible.

She only hoped that the huge brown bear could wound Li Aotian a little more seriously, this way, the pressure on her while fleeing would also lessen a little.

At the present moment...taking advantage of the fact that Li Aotian was occupied, she had better run fast. How far she was able to run, then it would be that far that she would run.

At this point of time, Su Luo's frozen state had already been undone by the huge foolish bear's intense flame. One could see her quietly move

backwards, withdrawing step by step. After moving away by about several hundred meters, she immediately turned and fled at high speed.

Run, run, run—

Su Luo went around in circles in the forest.

If it was not for the little divine dragon giving directions, it was very likely she could get lost while running.

Didn't know how long after did Su Luo finally stop. She steadied her breathing and drank a cup of Celestial Spirit Water to replenish the water in her body.

“Where is that important place with the traps?” Su Luo asked while drinking water.

It seemed that Li Aotian ought to win, Su Luo must plan her next step.

“Awoo, awoo, awoo—” The little divine dragon's short legs stood on Su Luo's shoulder and pointed at the mountain range not far up ahead, excitedly and straightforwardly shouting ‘awoo,awoo,awoo’.

Su Luo silently calculated once, its distance was less than the time it took to burn one stick of incense, very quickly, they would get there.

She was just about to get up when suddenly, she felt a sharp pain in her head.

The little divine dragon also felt it.

The two of them looked at each other, a helpless expression was exposed in Su Luo's eyes.

In the beginning, she still believed that the huge, foolish bear would at least hinder Li Aotian for a while to allow her to make preparations, but now, it seemed the brown bear had let down her great trust.

Su Luo didn't need to think, she turned around and immediately rushed forward.

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Li Aotian, who was chasing behind her with a malicious expression and a grim gaze, tenaciously pursued any scent of Su Luo she might have left behind.

His originally sinister face right now had bloody scars scratched by sharp claws, with the flesh flipping outwards and the wound so deep that even the bone could be seen. It would cause people who saw it to be shocked by this ghastly sight and to be scared witless.

There were also many wounds on his body. Fresh blood dyed his entire robe red, and the smell of blood was very strong.

However, seeing his speed which was as fast as a stormy wind, made it seem as if it was all external wounds, while his strength didn't seem to have suffered much.

On the contrary, there was already no silhouette of the huge, foolish bear, didn't know what its current state was.

While Li Aotian was pursuing, at the same time, he coldly crooned: "Loathsome girl, cherish well this last bit of opportunity to breathe. Very soon, you will never need to breathe again."

That huge, foolish bear had been very difficult to deal with, if it was not for the fact that it had just given birth not long ago, he absolutely could not defeat it.

A magical beast was a magical beast, even under the circumstances where its strength had been reduced, it could still fight to a draw with him. Ultimately, he was preoccupied with hunting down Su Luo, that loathsome girl, so he had no choice but to toss that little foolish bear back. Otherwise, they would still be fighting.

"Loathsome girl, see where you can run to now!" Li Aotian's expression was cold and gloomy, with a grim laugh, a vigorous spirit force condensed under his feet in a split second.

Immediately, a brilliant ray of light burst out from under the soles of

his feet, his speed was at its pinnacle, leaving behind a savage, shadowy image in the sky.

That astonishing speed swept past the forest, tightly chasing after Su Luo's back.

"Oh no!" Su Luo, by chance, turned her head around. She saw that behind her, not far away, was a savage shadow stepping on top of trees with the utmost speed, coming over and pursuing her.

Through her naked eyes, it could clearly be seen that he had almost arrived with violent speed!

Su Luo's expression changed slightly.

She knew Li Aotian was enraged and had no plans to intermingle with her again. Rather, he was prepared to directly kill her.

His patience had already arrived at the lowest point.

The little divine dragon seemed to have sensed Su Luo's deep worry, and gave two howls of 'awoo'. A white, brilliant light erupted from his body and wove towards both of Su Luo's legs.

"Sssss—" Su Luo immediately inhaled a deep breath of air.

What did she discover?

After the little divine dragon's white light was added to the soles of her feet, her speed actually increased. She visually estimated that her speed had increased by ten percent or so.

Su Luo was puzzled and looked at the little divine dragon: "What's going on?"

She sensed it was not only her speed that was amplified, even her strength had followed along to also increase by ten percent.

The little divine dragon: "Awoo, awoo, awoo—" A new ability, can increase Master's strength by ten percent!

It really was like this! Su Luo's expression was overjoyed and continued to inquire: "Is it just by ten percent?"

The little divine dragon: “Awoo, awoo, awoo—” Every time she rose one level, he could give master an increase of another ten percent.

If it was not for the fact that they were on the road fleeing right now, Su Luo wished she could grab the little divine dragon and madly kiss him a few times.

This reward was simply too wonderful.

When she was at the fourth rank, her strength could be increased by ten percent, when she was fifth rank, then it would be amplified by twenty percent, when she was sixth rank it would be thirty percent....and so on, she was simply blessed.

However, it's a pity her strength was too weak right now, even if it was increased by another ten percent, it still didn't have much use.

All of a sudden, Su Luo felt danger getting closer.

Just at this moment, she exploited the ten percent increase in speed under her feet, and released the spirit dance steps, once again displaying this marvelous technique.

In a flash, her body leaned to the left at a strange angle and slid a far distance away.

Her speed was astonishing and also left behind a remnant shadow.

“Pa—”

Just at this time Su Luo's figure slid away, a huge palm strike heavily landed at the place Su Luo was a moment ago!

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Momentarily, the air rolled out in waves and the atmosphere seemed to boil over. The ancient trees in the surrounding circle was uprooted all at once and shaken into pieces.

A deep hole in the shape of a palm that was enough to bury a person in remained behind.

Su Luo watched with lingering fear at that deep hole with dust flying upwards around it. She then turned her body and changed directions to rush forward with great speed.

Just a moment ago, if it was not for the little divine dragon increasing her speed by ten percent, perhaps she would have been directly slapped dizzy into that deep hole by Li Aotian's palm strike.

"Damn it!" Li Aotian's palm strike did not hit the target, a raging flame was ignited in his eyes.

He had calculated everything perfectly.

The loathsome girl's speed had already soared to its maximum, he had already taken into consideration her speed and direction she was fleeing to. Once this palm strike went down, it could directly bury her alive.

But, who would have known that her speed would suddenly increase at the last minute, causing his calculations to fail in the end?

A savage and malicious sneer appeared on Li Aotian's face: "Good, can avoid the first time, let's see if you have the ability to avoid it a second time!"

The first strike did not hit, Li Aotian basically had no plans to give up.

His figure launched in a flash, the toes of his feet occasionally tapping the top of the trees to borrow strength, the air had bursts of his remnant images, making a person faint from blurred vision.

He chipped away at the distance to Su Luo's back during the chase. When he saw Su Luo's silhouette again, the corner of his mouth hooked

into a grim smile.

“Boom—” Another palm strike was slapped towards Su Luo’s back!

Su Luo could feel the danger from the approaching attack, she instinctively wanted to flee, but what made her despair was— That palm strike seemed to be stuck to her back, no matter how she tried to shake it off, she couldn’t avoid it. Finally, she could only watch that huge shadow violently hit her back!

Its approaching strength was so severe as to be terrifying.

“Pfft—” Su Luo could only feel a piercing pain that hurt dearly coming from her back, spreading and bursting through her four limbs and hundreds of bones.

She couldn’t suppress it, a mouthful of blood wildly sprayed out.

With one hand pinching that jade piece and another hand covering her chest, her footsteps fled forward non-stop.

This jade piece was a gift presented to her by the little divine dragon’s old man, it was an introduction to the great dimensional imprint’s martial arts.

Altogether, there were three layers, it’s a pity she had only cultivated the first layer right now.

Using it now, it was true she could kill Li Aotian, but in the future, she could never hope to advance a step forward with her great dimensional imprint.

Unless it was at the last moment, Su Luo was still unwilling to part with this jade piece.

“Boom—” Another bold and powerful palm strike attacked towards Su Luo’s back.

“Pfft—” Another mouthful of blood burst forth from Su Luo; her chest was covered with blood.

Su Luo still ran as before, always running.

Even though her figure was already swaying and rocking, crooked to the east then falling to the west, yet she never had any intention to stop.

Su Luo did not take note of the fact that the fiery red stone she had concealed in her chest pocket was continuously absorbing the blood Su Luo sprayed out.

The originally fiery red stone had slowly transformed and changed into a snow-white color like suet jade, it could be seen that it was clear and transparent.

However, Su Luo was now occupied with fleeing. She basically had no time to take notice of this difference.

The corner of Li Aotian's mouth hooked into a cold, detached and cruel smile as he pursued behind Su Luo.

“Very amusing, it really is too fun of a game.” Li Aotian repeatedly sneered: “Loathsome girl, to exterminate you in one move, with regards to before, is simply too much of a blessing for you. Since you want to run, then just run!”

A cat chasing a mouse would not grab it all at once. It would unceasingly tease the mouse, after having played enough, then it would catch the mouse.

Li Aotian, at this moment, also had this kind of plan.

The palm strikes he attacked Su Luo with only had thirty percent of his strength, this was why Su Luo would vomit blood time and time again while still having not yet lost her life.

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If he was to attack with all of his strength, considering his strike style as a seventh rank expert, very likely, after one move, Su Luo's entire person would become a meat patty.

The pitiful Li Aotian, he eternally wouldn't understand what was called nip the problem at the bud, and would instead suffer harm.

At this point of time, he was toying with Su Luo, dallying with her who was under his complete control. Very soon, he would understand what was called regret.

Li Aotian slapped another attack towards Su Luo's back.

Su Luo felt that her vertebrae on her back was about to be misaligned. She sprayed out another mouthful of blood, her footsteps stumbled and she almost kneeled on the spot.

Presently, Su Luo's speed had already become very slow, her body was tottering on the verge of collapse. Her feet moved with great difficulty and her eyesight was blurry and hazy. She could only preserve a little consciousness, as if in the next second, she would lose consciousness and fall to the ground.

Mentally, she realized that Li Aotian was toying with her, he wanted to slap her to death like cooking a frog in warm water.

And this was her only chance to escape with her life.

Li Aotian basically did not know that not far ahead were dangerous grounds that would give her a lifeline. If he knew, very likely, he would use a killing move on the spot.

Su Luo dragged her heavy steps. Even receiving the strikes time and time again, she still moved forward with great difficulty, moving forward.

Her hand tightly clenched that jade piece.

No, no, still hadn't arrived at the last minute, she must continue to persevere!

The road to being an expert was covered with thorns. She received such small injuries and she would take out her hidden trump card?

No, she could still hold on.

Su Luo swayed, her sweat was mixed with the blood on her face as she resolutely shook her head.

The little divine dragon had already been placed back into her space earlier, otherwise, with his protectiveness towards his master, he would definitely shield her.

Because Su Luo understood, she could not allow more meaningless casualties.

“Awoo, awoo, awoo—!” In her space, the little divine dragon stood up on both hind legs, nervously leaning on the wall in her space, excitedly slapping the wall.

Had they arrived at last?

Su Luo's complexion was wan and weak. She wiped away the blood at the corner of her mouth as it lifted slightly into a clear smiling expression.

Looks like, this time, Li Aotian would regret it again.

Up ahead, a valley of flames appeared.

She could not see the end to this valley, it seemed endless, and just that abruptly appearing in front of Su Luo.

In its surroundings, all around was an air of miasma, a blackish area, surging with confusing, pitch-black smoke, and the air was terrifyingly, roasting hot to breathe.

If this uninhabited island still had signs of human habitation, the other side would definitely advise Su Luo against this place.

This valley of flames was the most dangerous place on this isolated island, even an eighth ranked expert wouldn't enter it casually.

Nobody knew how strong this valley of flames was, or how wide. One

only knew that the inside was very dangerous, the people who entered never came out again.

In its surroundings, besides the blackish miasma of gas, there was still another fervent, fiery, roasting heat. A broiling flaming heat that could roast a person dry.

Behind her, Li Aotian once again sent a palm attack sweeping towards her.

This time, Su Luo didn't use any defense and loosened her entire body.

When that powerful palm wind strike got closer, Su Luo's body borrowed the wind power under the control of this palm strike and flew up, light as a feather. She was tossed forward by the impact from the strength of this palm strike— Only, in the effort of the blink of an eye, Su Luo's figure now vanished into the pitch-black valley of flames.

Li Aotian saw Su Luo's trace being lost in a flash, and he couldn't help but be greatly startled. His pair of eyes rigidly stared at that pitch-black valley of flames.

“Loathsome girl!!!” Li Aotian shouted and snarled, finally, he firmly slapped his own head!

He was truly an idiot!!!

Why was it that he always couldn't remember the lesson from before?

Every time, he would say to himself, it would be good to directly kill her. It would be pretty good to directly smash her into meat patty, but every time—

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Every time, he always wanted to torment her, ruthlessly torment her.

But, every time, just like this, he would let this loathsome girl to escape!

Li Aotian was so infuriated his face was flushed and again, it turned ashen in a moment. He wished he could slap dead his own pig brain in one move.

In front of him, clearly, this was the valley of flames.

He had an ice attribute, fire and ice engender and mutually subdue each other. It would take a longer time to eliminate the other.

If the flames in this valley of flames were inferior to his ice, then he would occupy the absolute advantage. And so, the entire valley of flames would be no effort at all with regards to him.

But, it was very unfortunate. The intensity of the flames in this valley of flames were extremely strong, far exceeding his strength in comparison. If he was to go in, very quickly, he would be swallowed by the tongues of flames.

Even so, making Li Aotian sit here and wait for death, he absolutely was unlikely to do so.

Li Aotian gave a cold snort and condensed his spirit strength around his entire body. Very quickly, a white layer of frost appeared at his side, separating him from the surrounding atmosphere.

“Charge!” Li Aotian gave an enormous shout. A powerful force was sent to his feet, his body was like a spring charging into the hole. His speed was so fast, he only left a faint afterimage behind.

Speaking of Su Luo.

She was slapped by Li Aotian’s palm strike into the valley of flames, and was only able to crawl up after a long time.

Looking from the outside, the entire valley felt blackish, everywhere, there was the swirl of fireworks.

After truly ending up inside was Su Luo able to personally experience this.

The entire valley was encircled in all directions by mountain peaks. In every direction was areas of brilliant red mountain ranges.

These were areas of the valley of flames, resplendent, glorious red volcanos extended non-stop to the sky, seeming to be on the border of the glowing sunset. As it was the same color, it was difficult to distinguish where the glowing sunset ended and where the fiery flames began.

Observing while standing on the outside, maybe you would feel this was extremely beautiful, something to feast one's eyes upon.

Standing within the valley of the flames, personally experiencing it, only then could you perceive the terrifying ferocity of the valley of flames.

Fortunately, Su Luo's body contained the fire attribute, with everything regarding fire, she naturally had an affinity to it. Therefore, even though the temperature of the fire was very high, but it was still within a bearable range for her.

"Li Aotian, if you have the ability, then come in chasing after me!" Su Luo covered the tightening pain in her chest as the corner of her mouth hooked into a sneer.

The fire attribute against ice, the water attribute naturally had the strength to control it.

Within this valley of flames, Li Aotian's ice attribute strength would be substantially restricted. His strength would be greatly reduced.

Su Luo didn't stay too long at the entrance to the valley of flames. On the contrary, she continued to go deeper inside.

She believed that according to Li Aotian's stupid self-confidence, he absolutely would not idly wait for opportunities. He would still be in a hurry to jump in to pursue her.

Therefore, she must draw the opponent into the depths of the valley of flames.

This was because the deeper you went, the higher the temperature of the flames on the ground would be.

Didn't know for how long she had walked, Su Luo could feel that the temperature here, very soon, would already exceed the limit of what she could withstand.

She stopped just now, laboriously leaning against a rock, gasping for breath.

Soon afterwards, she took out a handful of Spirit Restoration Pills from her space, These intermediate efficiency level Spirit Restoration Pills, outside, were worth thousands of gold, whereas she was stuffing it into her mouth one by one, like chewing on balls of candy, simply too extravagant.

All of a sudden, Su Luo felt a difference at her chest. She felt around with her hand and discovered that she, in a moment of desperation, actually hadn't put that fiery red stone into her space. Rather, in passing, she had tucked it into her chest pocket.

Under that kind of situation surrounded by perils, unexpectedly, she hadn't lost it, her luck really was too good.

Su Luo took out that piece of fiery red stone.

However, when she had felt around for that piece of stone, she sensed something was wrong.

Originally, a rough stone that was heated to a roasting temperature, why was it that it felt warm and cool to the touch?

Su Luo's heart was very curious, immediately, she took it out, determined to have a look. She couldn't help but to be greatly shocked.

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The originally vivid, fiery, flame-colored stone now was like a gentle suet jade. It gave off the white shining lustre of gems, clear and transparent, seeming as though it could reflect a person's image.

What was going on? Suddenly, Su Luo was extremely puzzled.

Just when Su Luo was still puzzled despite much thought, behind her came the light sounds of footsteps.

Su Luo was immediately alarmed. Tossing this stone into her space, she changed directions and immediately hid behind a huge boulder.

Su Luo curbed her breathing, not allowing herself to produce even a trace of sound.

Very quickly, at where Su Luo was standing just now, a person's shadow appeared.

One could see that his entire body was wrapped in frost, his whole body was a shining white, penetrating through with traces of cool air.

However, the surrounding air temperature was too blistering hot, to the extent that he needed to release spirit force to maintain the frost covering, so as to lower the temperature around his body.

Li Aotian! He actually chased her all the way into the valley of flames.

The corner of Su Luo's mouth hooked into an icy, sly smile.

Sure enough, not outside of her expectations, Li Aotian didn't wait outside idly for opportunities, rather, he rushed in to chase after and kill her.

Good, very good!

Now, Li Aotian's eyebrows were knotted tightly.

Just now, he could still sense the loathsome girl's breath, why did it all of a sudden vanish?

Li Aotian condensed the spirit power to his ears, suddenly, his right ear

trembled slightly.

Immediately, Li Aotian's body spread open like a legendary large bird, similar to an eagle swooping down, he abruptly rushed towards Su Luo's location!

“Loathsome girl! Accept death!”

In order to kill this loathsome girl, he was toyed with time and time again, he was simply battered and exhausted. Just recalling what had happened so far, Li Aotian's heart immediately boiled with a strong killing intent that was hard to describe with words.

But this time, seeing he was about to use a killing move, unexpectedly, Su Luo hadn't escaped!

The corner of Li Aotian's mouth hooked into an ice-cold sneer, his palm strike whistled by, carrying with it threads of frost.

Su Luo's eyes had a cold and ridiculing meaning, one could only see both her hands form a seal and lots of medium-sized fireballs gathered around her body.

This place was the mountain of flames.

With regards to Su Luo, it was like a fish in water, or a bird in trees.

With regards to Li Aotian, it was like a dragon trapped in a sandbar or a tiger leaving behind the flat lands.

There was a limitless supply of fire in the surrounding, Su Luo effortlessly condensed out a countless number of flames. One could only hear a boom sound of explosion—

A countless number of earth-shattering fireballs madly rushed forth towards Li Aotian's whole body. It was like a tide surging up towards the sky.

Only now did Li Aotian find out that Su Luo, this loathsome girl, actually had the fire attribute.

He was gnashing his teeth in regret!

It was no wonder that this loathsome girl dared to plunge into the valley of flames. It was not surprising that she dared to entice the enemy deeper into this valley, as it turned out, she was a fire system mage!

Li Aotian momentarily did not investigate, and was toyed with by Su Luo until he was flustered.

However, the difference in strength between both sides was too great. Very quickly, Li Aotian was able to calm down and wasn't like before, where he was kicking out in a state of confusion.

“Loathsome girl! You dare to resist! Courting death—” Li Aotian was so infuriated that his complexion was flushed!

One after another, ice blades that were so densely packed together and so numerous as to be uncountable, were like ten thousand arrows, madly rushing to bore a hole in Su Luo's heart!

Li Aotian did not believe this finishing blow that only a seventh rank could comprehend could still be withstood by this loathsome girl!

Su Luo saw the countless number of ice blades attacking towards her body, a vigilant expression flashing through her eyes. At the same time, one could only see her roll very quickly into the pile of flames on the side.

“Sizzle,sssss—” The countless number of ice blades shot into the pile of flames and was covered by the high temperature of the flames. Immediately, they were turned into vapor.

Li Aotian, seeing this, at once became so furious that his eyes turned red!

Just when all of his attention was focused on Su Luo's body, suddenly, a white-colored little puppy appeared behind him.

It seemed as if, all of a sudden, he had dropped from the sky!

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Quickly, he opened up his little mouth and a huge fireball immediately shot out from his mouth and smashed heavily towards Li Aotian's head!

The fire attribute was only one of the many attributes that the little divine dragon had.

Moreover, as a proud member of the dragon race, his body's fire attribute was a lot more superior when compared to the human race's fire attribute.

This mouthful of dragon's breath puffed out a third type of true fire. It was one that Su Luo would need to cultivate with great effort unceasingly to attain while the little divine dragon's fire attribute at birth was already naturally the third type of true fire. As long as he wanted to use it, it would be all right.

This was also one of the countless times that Su Luo admired and envied the little divine dragon's gift as a member of the dragon race. The dragon race was truly mother earth's favorite darlings.

The huge fireball which contained a trace of the third type of true fire, abruptly smashed towards Li Aotian's head.

All of Li Aotian's attention was placed on Su Luo's body, momentarily, he didn't check until he sensed an approaching danger. He then subconsciously tried to dodge the danger while falling down towards the right side.

That huge dangerous fireball swept by his left shoulder.

It deserved to be called the third kind of true fire of the dragon race, Li Aotian's left shoulder had been swept a little by it, and the frost in that area was thawed in a flash. It also left behind a subtle scar in that spot on his left shoulder.

His defense was actually damaged?!

Moreover, his defense was broken by a puppy that could spit out a fireball?!

Li Aotian stared with wide eyes at that little puppy jumping around among the forest of rocks, betraying an unimaginably incredulous expression.

This little puppy in front of his eyes was definitely an unusual object.

The fireball's killing power that it puffed out, compared to all the fire system experts he fought before, was much more formidable.

Li Aotian reacted instantly without taking time to think, he pushed using both legs and jumped up. Both of his palms at the same time released an inexhaustible force that was awe-inspiring, energetic and also very threatening.

Li Aotian finally saw things clearly, in this valley of flames, his ice attribute was very seriously suppressed. Even though he could use it with great difficulty, its strength was also decreased tremendously.

The little divine dragon let out a sharp, long howl, one could only see him spring left and right on top of the rocks, jumping about nimbly and changing directions non-stop. Li Aotian stared distractedly with powerful palms, completely lacking a way to catch him.

Li Aotian was teased by the little divine dragon until he nearly directly wailed out loud.

Now, Su Luo had already climbed out of the pile of flames, with her head and face covered in grime.

Fortunately, when she rolled in, she had used the power from her wood system to wrap up her entire body. In addition, with her own body's fire attribute, therefore, she only suffered minor wounds.

Su Luo noiselessly appeared at Li Aotian's back.

The corner of her mouth was evoked into a cold smile.

Suddenly, one could only see a huge dimensional handprint hovering over Li Aotian's head, similar to a huge towering rock.

"Smash—" Su Luo shouted.

Simultaneously, the huge dimensional handprint ruthlessly smashed

down upon Li Aotian's head.

Li Aotian, right now, was busy attacking the little divine dragon who had a speed that was fast and was nimble to a strange extent. Wherefore would he have time to attend to Su Luo, even more so when he had never felt that Su Luo's strength was worth paying any attention to.

The huge dimensional handprint smashed down from the sky.

It was too late for Li Aotian to avoid, one could only hear the echo of a heavy 'thump' sound, as the huge dimensional handprint ruthlessly smashed on top of Li Aotian's head.

It was a pity Su Luo's strength differed too much from Li Aotian's strength, therefore, the huge dimensional handprint essentially didn't do much harm to Li Aotian.

Only the piece of frost on top of Li Aotian's head was ruthlessly shattered by Su Luo.

Without the protection of the frost over his body, the heat swept in all at once.

Li Aotian was infuriated until his complexion was ashen.

He turned around and once again placed all his attention on Su Luo's body.

First, he decided to let that little puppy off for now and focus all his strength on getting rid of Su Luo, this flea.

Unexpectedly, he had just turned around to deal with Su Luo when the little divine dragon that was concealed in the small cracks among the rocks, appeared, leaping out in an impressive and lively manner.

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How great was the rapport and agreement between the little divine dragon and Su Luo?

Without waiting for Su Luo to explain, he jumped really high and sprayed out a mouthful of dragon's breath towards Li Aotian's head.

The dragon's breath contained the strange third kind of true fire. Whatever the fire encountered, it could burn, not leaving even dust behind. What kind of formidable power was that?

Although Li Aotian once again condensed frost to use to protect his head, however, without waiting for him to finish condensing the frost, the little divine dragon had already puffed out a dragon's breath.

Once this mouthful of dragon's breath descended, the protective layer of frost above Li Aotian's head was immediately blasted into fine powder. At the same time, his hair was also set on fire by the blast.

"Ah-!!!" A loud, ghostly and miserable howl was produced by Li Aotian's mouth, as he used a strong frost to smashed towards his own head.

But, how could the third kind of true fire be so easy to extinguish?

With regards to the third kind of true fire time and time again crossing swords with the protective frost, when Li Aotian's hair was almost burned with practically nothing left, only then was Li Aotian finally able to extinguish the fire on his hair.

Although it seemed like a long time, however, it only happened in the blink of an eye.

Li Aotina was so infuriated he wailed like a child.

The him right now cut such a sorry figure, like an old demon from the fields at the bottom of a mountain cliff.

His hair was burned until nothing was left, with a face filled with uneven pot-holes. He was also missing an eye, the clothing on his body was bloodstained, damaged and tattered. Even the most dejected begger

looked better than him.

One in front and another in the back, Su Luo and the little divine dragon attacked from both the front and rear side. Both of them were experts at mounting high speed sneak attacks. As a result, Li Aotian at this point of time was simply weary from dealing with this.

However, Li Aotian had already decided that no matter how the little puppy sneak attacked him, as long as he first killed Su Luo, this loathsome girl, then it would be fine.

Now, both of Su Luo's eyes were closed tightly. One by one, she formed hand seals with her hands, and the temperature surrounding Li Aotian suddenly rose.

“Loathsome girl, you think this way, you can win against me? Dream on!” Li Aotian angrily shouted out loud.

“If you have the ability, then bring it on, why waste words.” The corner of Su Luo's mouth lifted into a ridiculing smiling expression.

Li Aotian had a gloomy expression. Suddenly, his arm extended as his fingers changed into steel reinforced sharp claws. When he brandished it about, it was so strong as if it could rip apart the atmosphere.

It issued “Sssss,ssss,sss—” acute noises.

Su Luo's heart trembled with cold.

Li Aotian was worthy of being called the Jade Lake Palace's second young master. Sure enough, when pressured to the bottom line, he indeed had lots of treasures.

Su Luo's wrist shook slightly, and a huge dimensional handprint slapped towards Li Aotian's pair of sharp claws.

The corner of Li Aotian's mouth hooked into a taunting sneer: “You overestimate your abilities!”

With one wave of his hand, immediately after, he ripped Su Luo's huge dimensional handprints into pieces.

Afterwards, his pair of sharp claws, lacking any compassion, swept

towards Su Luo's face!

Su Luo did not avoid or dodge it, she merely stood there, coldly smiling at him.

Li Aotian's heart thus shivered with cold, he still wasn't clear what had just happened, when suddenly, he felt his calf hurting!

He lowered his head to look, and discovered that that white-colored little puppy he had long ago lost track of actually had taken a bit out of the flesh on his calf!

It was not a small piece, but rather, it was a wound as large as a bowl-sized mouthful!

A kind of acute pain passed through, and Li Aotian only felt a burst of dizziness in his head.

Li Aotian's sharp claws did not slap towards Su Luo, rather, it turned to attack the little puppy hanging from his calf!

This little bastard was simply too hateful, repeatedly spoiling his important events, if it was not for his destructive interference time and time again, the loathsome girl would have been smashed into a meat patty by him long ago.

One could only see Li Aotian slap his palms towards his own calf without the least bit of mercy, just like a person would ordinarily slap at a mosquito.

But, it was a pity that Li Aotian's IQ was clearly destroyed by his fury, he completely underestimated the little puppy's speed.

Just at the time when that sharp claw slapped down—

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One could only see the little divine dragon's quick movement, even grabbing onto the sharp claw, all at once, he rolled into Li Aotian's trouser leg!

The pitiful Li Aotian, with his palm, slapped down and heavily landed a blow on the wound that had a huge piece of flesh bitten off. Immediately, he started to bare his fangs in pain, the veins on his forehead exploded out, even tears almost burst out.

The hateful little divine dragon nimbly, like a divine light, bored around in his trouser leg. Li Aotian was flustered, he simply did not know what would be best to do with him. He was so anxious that he yelled loudly while running around in circles.

This little divine dragon, this little thing, he could have crawled anywhere, but against all reason, his head bore into Li Aotian's crotch area, a paw swiping down—"Hiss—" The pain that suddenly arrived made the rim of Li Aotian's eyes fill with tears.

"Go die, go die!!!" Li Aotian was so angry, he sent a palm strike towards that area on his own body.

However, in view of that mistake from before, this time, the extent of his movements wasn't very big. Also, as a result of this, he was able to preserve the root for future offspring.

A derisive smile flashed through Su Luo's eyes.

Such a good opportunity, if she was not to use it, then she could indeed be called foolish.

Su Luo took out that deeply cold dagger from her sleeves and noiselessly approached Li Aotian's back.

No sooner said than done.

The dagger in Su Luo's hand flashed by like a white light and slid towards Li Aotian's throat.

If it was an ordinary person, naturally, a line of blood would appear, and afterwards, he would die with eyes open, falling to the ground.

But it was Li Aotian—

Su Luo didn't expect that his defence would be so formidably strong.

The little divine dragon could break his protection, but her dagger was unable to do so.

When she was behind him slitting his throat, she could feel that very hard layer, no matter how great the strength she used, she could not slice through it!

She didn't expect that the solidness of Li Aotian's physical body had reached this degree.

Her slash did not enter, Su Luo hurriedly retreated backwards.

However now, it was somewhat late.

At this moment, Li Aotian had already been driven nearly insane by one person and one beast.

Now, why should he even care about hiding any trump cards?

One could only see Li Aotian smile coldly. Suddenly, he raised his sleeves, and a thick, greenish black vine shot out from his sleeves, attacking abruptly towards Su Luo's body.

Too obscure! Li Aotian, besides being an ice system, he actually was still a wood system mage, before, she had never heard this from anyone.

Su Luo turned around and immediately ran, in according to the S shape curve, she rapidly withdrew.

Li Aotian's ice system was restricted by the valley of flames, however, in comparison, the restriction to his wood system was much less.

This thick, greenish black vine seemed to have grown eyes, tightly nipping behind Su Luo, not letting go. Moreover, its speed was so fast as to be astonishing.

Before, Su Luo was slapped almost unconscious by Li Aotian, with all

her five viscera and six bowels receiving serious wounds, and her strength had suffered a great disturbance.

She staggered along while running, but without running more than a few steps in front of her, a huge rock appeared. Just when she wanted to take a detour, that thick, greenish black vine had already arrived to attack.

“Pow—” The thick, greenish black vein thrashed heavily towards Su Luo’s back, immediately striking Su Luo, causing her to tumble down to the ground.

Without waiting for her to crawl back up, that thick, greenish black vine had already swept Su Luo up, binding her entire body.

From head to toe, neatly bundled together, hanging high up from the tree by the vine, floating and being freely pushed around by the wind.

This image was very similar to the traitorous opposition hanging on top of the city wall...Su Luo simply wanted to cry but lacked the tears, extremely helpless.

The little divine dragon, seeing his own little master being hung like this, just like a person being supported up waiting to be roasted dry, was immediately unhappy.

One could only see him loudly roar and snarl ‘awoo, awoo’ at Li Aotian, jumping from in front of him to his back. All of a sudden, he squeezed into his back and bit down ruthlessly on his buttocks— “Pooh—” The little divine dragon disdainfully spit out that piece of fresh flesh from his mouth.

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Li Aotian was simply about to be driven mad from fury by this smelly puppy.

He covered his butt, it was so painful that tears nearly ran down. This puppy was even disdainful of his flesh, didn't it make a mistake?!

This little puppy hopped and jumped around on his body, jubilantly creating a disturbance, and it was also nimble with lots of lively changes. Its speed was surprisingly fast, Li Aotian was honestly helpless for lack of a better option. He simply had no way to deal with this little puppy.

As a result, Li Aotian turned around to deal with Su Luo again.

Now, in front of Su Luo, was a cave of flames.

The entrance to the cave was wide open.

Inside, a raging inferno was burning, its burning heat directly hit her face like an endless ocean of flames. The flames inside, didn't know how many times stronger it was compared to the ones outside.

Li Aotian controlled that thick, greenish black vine and directly tossed Su Luo, who was bundled up like a Zongzi (1), into the cave.

Such fervent hot flames, practically giving a person a painful burning sensation like that of the skin being peeled from the flesh.

Without even going in, Su Luo was already roasted until she was dizzy with blurred vision. If she was tossed in, then wouldn't it be too much?

Just at this most thrilling second—

The little divine dragon sprang up and leaped toward her, seeing that he was already too late, a bright idea suddenly occurred to the little divine dragon. His two little paws hung onto the greenish black vine, and his sharp white teeth bit down ruthlessly into the greenish black vine.

One could only hear a clear snapping sound, as the thick, greenish black vine actually snapped into two in response under that little mouth.

Su Luo, who was barely an arm's distance away from the cave, suddenly

fell to the ground and again escaped a calamity.

Su Luo patted her chest with some lingering fear.

Fortunately, the little divine dragon had a bright idea, otherwise she would have been tossed into the cave of flames and burned into traces of light smoke, flying away.

Li Aotian saw that Su Luo was saved once again, and his own effort had fallen short once again. He was so furious that his complexion became flushed and the veins on his hands burst out violently.

“Loathsome girl! Watch this move!” The first time didn’t work, Li Aotian again used the greenish black vine a second time, trying to bind Su Luo.

However, a matter that astonished him occurred.

He discovered a little thing hanging at the end of the greenish black vine. After a closer look, he saw that it was actually that little puppy who kept ruining his plans time and time again!

One could see his two little paws firmly clamping down on that greenish black vine, his little mouth continuously nibbling on it, gobbling it up. The greenish black vine that he had spent so many years nurturing to this length was actually consumed by his little mouth, inch by inch.

In the end, what is this organism? Would a normal dog eat plants? Li Aotian felt both temples on his forehead pulse and violently jump out. His head simply ached too painfully.

At the moment, he also didn’t want to bind Su Luo, and directly urged the greenish black vine to move, trying to bind the little puppy.

Such a small target, if he was to bind it, then couldn’t he directly pinch it to death?

But Li Aotian’s mistake was that his brain was muddled from anger.

Since the little divine dragon could bite the greenish black vine into pieces, then how could he be bound by it?

Indeed, in the beginning, the little divine dragon was bound like a Zongzi. But very quickly, a hole appeared in the area near his mouth,

moreover, this hole became increasingly bigger, increasingly bigger... Finally, the little divine dragon easily came out from inside it.

Li Aotian, with a dumbstruck expression, stared at the little puppy that came out from the vine, and immediately, he slapped his own head, speechlessly looking to the sky.

This pig brain of his simply was a pig head!

He was resigned, really resigned to this fate.

This little puppy was really not an ordinary dog, it was simply more frightening than the dragon race. He conceded that he couldn't deal with it.

Li Aotian originally thought he could very quickly slap Su Luo to death, but after experiencing setbacks again and again, it made him realize the current situation.

He had already stayed inside for too long. If he stayed longer like this, his spirit power would very quickly be exhausted. Thus, he must kill the loathsome girl within the shortest amount of time!

1) Zongzi - is a mixture of sticky rice wrapped in bamboo, reed or other flat leaves. The area where I'm from uses a sweet mixture of sticky rice with Jujube otherwise known as the Chinese red dates. In southern parts of China the stuffing mixture is more salty using meats and other protein. I remember growing up it was only eaten during special occasions, now I can find it anytime in Flushing Queens NYC.

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Li Aotian once again turned his attention to focus on dealing with Su Luo.

No one knew when a layer of snowflakes appeared in his hand. The six pointed corners of the snowflakes were as sharp as daggers, glittering like frost and snow, all arriving to attack Su Luo.

Before, Su Luo had dropped down from a high place, again, it jolted her wounded five viscera and six bowels, triggering the pain from before. Now, she was sitting on the ground leaning on the rock to rest, even if she wanted to move a step, it would be seriously challenging.

Seeing the hexagon-shaped snowflakes approaching closer, Su Luo got up with great difficulty and like a carp, she rolled behind a rock. This hot boiling rock served as her shield.

However, before Su Luo could stand firm, she saw that half-broken, greenish black vine directly wrap up the rock in front of Su Luo, casting it aside.

Su Luo was immediately revealed and was underneath those countless number of snowflakes hidden weapons.

The little divine dragon had already leaped up, blocking in front of Su Luo.

Now, he was whirling around Su Luo with her in the center, continuously spraying out mouthfuls of dragon's breath that was boiling hot—

“Pitter-patter—” Dragon's breath flowed continuously, the snowflakes were already restrained by the formidable power of the valley of flames, and having been sprayed by the little divine dragon's dragon breath, its might was again greatly decreased. Even though it shot towards Su Luo's body, it also turned merely into a tickle.

“Li Aotian, as it turns out, your seventh rank was merely like this.” The corner of Su Luo's mouth hooked into a taunting sneer, her thin eyebrows

poked up slightly, with a smile that was not quite a smile, she looked at Li Aotian.

A trace of a shady, malicious and pungent radiance flashed through Li Aotian's eyes, and one could only see him burst into loud laughter: "It is merely like this? Hahaha, loathsome girl, then let me show you what is called merely like this! Accept death!"

Abruptly, the ground where Su Luo stood, in a split second, sprouted numerous ice thorns. Su Luo suddenly jumped up.

But, just at this time—

"Kaboom—" An acute sound of the sky splitting could be heard.

Su Luo turned her eyes to look, a startled and alarmed thought actually flashed through them.

One could only see that originally thick, greenish black vine, in a split second, grow by more than tenfold. It was ten times as thick and solid, with its strength also increasing by the same amount.

What was going on? In the end, what did Li Aotian do? How could this greenish black vine suddenly grow abruptly by tenfold?

However, there was already no time for Su Luo to think much more.

On Su Luo's right side was that cave of flames, and this greenish black vine which was aggressively murderous-looking was starting at the left and moving to the right. It swept past like it was about to totally annihilate everything.

"Thump—"

One could only hear the noise of a hit.

Su Luo's body was rolled up and lifted high and made a parabolic arc in the air. She was smashed far into the cave of flames.

"Awoo, awoo, awoo—" A mournful howl of grief came from the little divine dragon's mouth. One could only see his body jump up, following closely after Su Luo's body and together, they landed deep into the cave of flames.

No matter how much danger was ahead, regardless of whether it was life or death, he would always chose to face it together with his little master.

“Hahahahaha——” Seeing Su Luo falling into the cave of flames, Li Aotian was unable to suppress it anymore. With both hands at his hips, he started to laugh ‘haha’ wildly.

I have taken revenge, I have been avenged!

He finally put this loathsome girl to death.

He recalled how he had pursued her all the way here, how many hardships he had suffered, how difficult this task was. Also, how many times he was tricked into a difficult situation...all the past events were vivid in his mind, simply extremely unbearable to recollect.

But now, everything was good, the greatest trouble in his heart and belly was finally eliminated. The loathsome girl had died at last!

Even if she had the fire attribute, so what? Inside the cave of flames, the temperature was absolutely something her, as a little third rank, could not bear.

As long as he thought of this loathsome girl now being burned into black coke, Li Aotian would beam with joy, he was more excited then obtaining any kind of treasure.

All of a sudden, a slight fluctuation came through the air.

Very quickly, a dark shadow appeared.

Nangong Liuyun came flying over.

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His current expression was grave, stern and indifferent, with both eyes glaring darkly at Li Aotian as if he was a dead person.

“Where is Luo girl?”

Nangong Liuyun had both hands behind his back, the depths of his eyes were as cold as a millennium old glacier, and also like ten thousand years old snow that would never melt. With only one look, it could freeze someone in place so that he was trembling in fear.

Li Aotian was stunned, looking at the Nangong Liuyun in front of him as if he almost wasn't able to recognize him.

The current Nangong Liuyun, compared to before when they met at the cave entrance, and compared to any previous time, his imposing manner was many times stronger. It was just as if his entire person's quality had broken out and transformed.

It was said that once one arrived at the fourth rank, it was a dividing line.

Rank five to seven was another dividing line.

After the eighth rank, the whole body would break out and transform, thus truly entering the list of the continent's strongest experts.

In front of Li Aotian's eye, regardless of imposing manner or expression, he gave others a feeling of being profoundly mysterious, causing them to tremble. This aura was just like his father's.

“Nangong Liuyun, you, you've reached the eighth rank?”

Because Li Aotian was too shocked, even his normally nimble speech stuttered a bit.

Nangong Liuyun indifferently swept him a glance, nodded his head slightly, and immediately asked again: “Hand over Luo girl, and I'll spare your life.”

“That is impossible!!!” Li Aotian roared in an incredibly loud voice.

The last time he had seen Nangong Liuyun was half a year ago, and at that time, he was still at the peak of sixth rank. Just before, when they met, he had leaped to the seventh rank, and that was still acceptable.

But now, no more than a few days had passed, and he had actually advanced another rank!

Within half a year, he had consecutively jumped two ranks. Moreover, he actually rose from the sixth rank to the eighth rank, these kind of difficult levels that other people exhausted their entire lives without being able to step across, he had actually directly leaped over; how could this let other people live?

Li Aotian had originally believed that before, when he didn't die after having been struck by the spirit pinball, but instead was promoted a level, was already considered very fortunate. But compared to Nangong, he wasn't anything at all.

"That's impossible! I don't believe it, I don't believe it!" Li Aotian hugged his head, rocking back and forth. No matter what, he still would not believe that Nangong Liuyun's cultivation speed was this fast.

Nangong Liuyun frowned, a cloudy, baleful expression flashing through his eyes, with a threatening cold, aura, he said: "Li Aotian, reply to this king's words!"

His Highness Prince Jin's patience was usually shorter than the length of a fingernail, the only exception being with a certain person.

Hearing Nangong Liuyun asking this, Li Aotian immediately stared blankly, and suddenly, he started laughing wildly out loud again.

He laughed frantically and insolently, very pleased with himself: "Nangong Liuyun, you want to know the whereabouts of that loathsome girl? Ha ha ha, I will never tell you in this lifetime, go look for her yourself!"

Li Aotian's had just finished speaking, then he turned around, wishing to leave quickly.

However, not even waiting for him to leave, Nangong Liuyun's body was

already in front of Li Aotian, blocking him.

“Along this entire road, was it you who was chasing to kill her?” When Nangong Liuyun opened his eyes to find that Luo girl wasn’t there, and there were traces of a fight at the cave entrance, On the spot, his heart became frenetic.

Relying on his cool-headed brain, and fine, detailed insight, he searched the entire route here. He was actually accurate to perfection in his analysis.

Li Aotian gave a cold laugh: “If it was me who was chasing to kill her, what about it? Don’t tell me that she shouldn’t die?”

Li Aotian pointed at his face that had been disfigured by Su Luo’s spirit pinball, that human not yet human, demon, yet not a demon’s appearance. Looking at that, who wouldn’t feel nauseous?

“She deserves to die!” Li Aotian’s neck was tough and unyielding, his eye was filled with a cruel and vicious appearance.

Nangong Liuyun looked at him unmoving, the expression on his face was as tranquil as water. Suddenly, his hands were as quick as lightning as they grabbed hold of Li Aotian’s neck and lifted him up high.

In front of Nangong Liuyun, Li Aotian discovered that he had absolutely no strength to resist. He unceasingly struggled as if on his deathbed, but discovered it was to no avail.

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Unless Nangong Liuyun wished to release him, otherwise, regardless of how he resisted, it was all in vain.

Li Aotian's heart was unreconciled!

Obviously before, when he saw Nangong Liuyun at the cave entrance, he was still at the strength of a seventh rank. At that time, if he was to fight with his life on the line, maybe he would still have the strength to resist, but now...

"Going to speak or not!" Nangong Liuyun's long arms were like iron clamps, pinching Li Aotian's throat, obstructing air from getting in.

Li Aotian, due to lack of oxygen, his complexion turned deep red. Very quickly, he violently nodded his head.

"I'll speak, but before that, you must answer a question from me!" Li Aotian was still puzzled with regards to Nangong Liuyun's advancement in levels, even after much thought.

"Speak." Nangong Liuyun, in passing, tossed him to the ground. His gaze was ice-cold and indifferent as he glared at him.

Li Aotian, who was tossed aside as if throwing trash, covered his throat, coughing and gasping for breath repeatedly. With great difficulty, he was able to restore a somewhat calm appearance.

"If I was to fight with you at the cave entrance that time, did I have a chance to win against you?"

Li Aotian unwaveringly stared at Nangong Liuyun.

The latter indifferently glanced at him, the corner of Nangong Liuyun's mouth hooked into a hard, bloody and bitter smile: "Could it be you didn't realise at that time, this king was injured?"

"Eh???" Li Aotian looked at Nangong Liuyun in surprise.

He really was wounded? The person that was injured really was him?

Li Aotian immediately was stupefied.

It seemed that Nangong Liuyun felt that he still hadn't struck a shocking enough blow, so he unhurriedly nodded his head: "At that time, this king's life was hanging by a thread, it was not limited to you, any random person that knows martial arts could easily have put this king to death."

Unexpectedly, it was like this...Li Aotian suddenly was flabbergasted, staring at him with a blank and foolish expression.

As it turned out, originally, he was that close to an opportunity to kill him...so easily obtained, it was a pity, all the fault of his pig head!

To actually fear and cower under Nangong Liuyun's strength from before, to the extent of not daring to suspect him, not daring to move against him.

Damn it, really damn it! Li Aotian very ruthlessly slapped himself once in the face, making himself spit out a mouthful of blood from the slap.

"Now, it's your turn to tell this king, speak, in the end, where is Luo girl?" Nangong Liuyun looked at him indifferently.

Mentioning Su Luo, that loathsome girl, all of a sudden, Li Aotian exploded out into a fit of wild laughter!

"Hahaha--hahahahaha--Nangong Liuyun, as it turns out. there is also a person you care about. So you also have a weak point!"

Li Aotian couldn't help but to start laughing wildly.

Before, he was suspicious all along about why Nangong Liuyun never chased after them, until this moment, he finally could be considered to have really realized it.

Nangong Liuyun had received a serious injury, and was simply unable to protect her.

If he didn't guess wrong, at that time, Nangong Liuyun was actually inside the cave. The loathsome girl, in order to draw him away, she had deliberately said that Nangong Liuyun went to look for food.

Looked like this loathsome girl could be considered loyal and

affectionate towards Nangong Liuyun, but now, she was already dead. Don't know what Nangong Liuyun would do after becoming aware of this news.

Li Aotian knew that today, he would not be able to escape, so he might as well throw away his life and engrave a ghost in Nangong Liuyun's heart that he would never be able to get rid off!

Thinking up to now, Li Aotian stopped his wild laughter, and cast satirizing glances at Nangong Liuyun: "A grand and stately, two meters tall real man, still needs the protection of a woman. Nangong Liuyun, you still have the face to live on this earth?"

Nangong Liuyun's expression was tranquil as he merely stared at him indifferently, phoenix eyes narrowed slightly.

Li Aotian gave a cold snort: "Su Luo, that loathsome girl, in order to protect you, alone and by herself, drew me away. Along the way, she faced mortal dangers and barely escaped with her life countless times. Whereas you, you were cultivating soundly and safely under her protection."

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The hands at Nangong Liuyun's sides tightened slightly, his complexion condensed into frost.

Li Aotian continued to sneer: "But now, she is dead! I simply killed her! What you owe her, you will never be able to pay her back!"

A woman he was deeply in love with, and the counterpart dearly loving him back, in order to save him, she paid with her life...Nangong Liuyun, today, a seed was planted in your heart, in the future, he was not worried that it would take root and germinate! A crazy, malicious sneer flashed through Li Aotian's eye.

Nangong Liuyun, having heard what was said, his entire body immediately became motionless.

Luo girl, she...she...impossible!

Both of Nangong Liuyun's eyes were scarlet, full of bloodshot veins, his long arms, with one grab, ferociously pinched Li Aotian's neck, and he furiously roared: "You are speaking nonsense! If you continue to talk nonsense, believe it or not that this king will choke you to death! Simply choke you to death!"

Nangong Liuyun completely lost all of his rationality, with his very great strength, one could only hear the sound of coughing, and just like this, a bone in Li Aotian's neck was broken.

"Speak! In the end, where is she!"

Li Aotian tenaciously bit his mouth, refusing to yield. Nangong Liuyun was so furious that with one throw, he cast him aside, tossing him heavily to the ground.

Li Aotian's mouth hooked into a sinister smile, one could only see him use up his last strength to pull at that piece of cut off dragonstone.

Once the cut off dragonstone was dropped down, nobody would be able to turn around this hopeless situation. After going in, she would never be able to come out.

Nangong Liuyun's gaze suddenly turned cold.

Could it be that Luo Luo was inside the cave of flames?!

The so-called, even a fool after pondering thousands of times could also be right once, Li Aotian, before death's door, finally became smart for once.

He openly showed Nangong Liuyun his scheme, forcing Nangong Liuyun to make a choice.

Once the cut off dragonstone dropped, the die was cast, those that go in would never be able to come out.

However, whether Su Luo was inside or not, still alive or not, he would never tell.

He merely threw this quandary of questions back to Nangong Liuyun.

If he chose not to move, then probably he wouldn't be able to see Su Luo for the rest of his life, or perhaps her skeletal remains.

Or if he chose to rush in, then he might never come out for the rest of his life, and he would be burned to death while alive inside.

The cut off dragonstone fell with lightning speed nearly in the blink of an eye—

Nangong Liuyun's body immediately flew up, his speed was like the attack of thunder, swift and oppressively severe, as if the space between heaven and earth were all swaying.

He ruthlessly kicked his foot towards Li Aotian's throat, and afterwards, he borrowed the power of momentum to shoot with flying speed into the cave of flames.

The cut off dragonstone had already descended to the lowest point.

One could only see Nangong Liuyun's body stuck flat to the surface of the ground like a bowling ball sliding inside.

Just at the time when he slid inside—

“Thump—” The cut off dragonstone smashed into the ground,

producing a violent hitting sound, lifting up the countless dust particles from the ground.

Nangong Liuyun avoided the danger.

As for Su Luo.

Previously, she was slapped in by one of Li Aotian's palm strike. Su Luo's originally seriously injured body finally could not bear it anymore and she directly passed out inside the cave.

The little divine dragon tightly followed behind and like a spring, plunged inside.

Seeing Su Luo collapsed on the ground and remain unconscious, immediately, he was extremely worried. Hurriedly, he went up to rub against his little master.

Originally, this little master would always accompany him to play. This time, she just lay there motionlessly, as if she would never wake up again.

As he looked at the little Master's complexion become scarlet red, the skin on her body was about to burn, the little divine dragon's heart was extremely anxious.

His pair of monochrome, clear and limpid huge eyes was puffy and filled with tears. His eyes were very red and spun around Su Luo in circles, his little tail trembling back and forth from worry.

Very quickly, he resolutely wiped away the tears in his swollen eyes, as he puffed out a ball of white mist, sending it to envelop Su Luo's body.

The white mist contained a touch of chilliness, it was none other than frost that had yet to condense.

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If Su Luo was awake, very likely, she would be amazed again.

Could it be that the little divine dragon also had all the elemental attributes?

Just from what he had shown, he already had the fire, water and lightning attribute, now, added to it, was the ice attribute...worthy to be called mother earth's most partial to and favorite darling. This kind of gifted talent was simply in defiance of the natural order.

But in the final analysis, the little divine dragon was merely a fifth rank and had just recently left the infant phase, his strength wasn't that strong. Also, within this cave of flames, the temperature was still somewhat threatening to him, what's even more was that he needed to divert some attention to protecting Su Luo.

Therefore, not long after, the little divine dragon was unable to hold on. He was hanging out his little pink tongue while panting for breath.

Really tired, from birth until now, he hadn't been this tired. The little divine dragon's pair of eyes was puffy and full of tears. With a pitiful and wretched expression, he went to rub against Su Luo.

Why was it that the little master still hadn't woken up? His water supply was almost depleted...

He also couldn't enter that mystical place, unable to drink the spring water to replenish his strength...What to do, what to do? The little divine dragon was so anxious that his tail shook back and forth. He ran around Su Luo in circles non-stop.

Right away, he saw his little master's skin turning scarlet red again. The little divine dragon had no other way, no matter how parched he was, he still condensed out a trace of white, frosty mist to envelop the little master.

Just like this, while the little divine dragon was enduring the threat from the flames on the ground, at the same time, he was still puffing out

the frosty air within his body to protect Su Luo. Very quickly, the originally moist-from-water, adorable little divine dragon started to wither, looking ill as he curled up into a little ball and lay on his stomach by Su Luo's side, staring at her.

What to do...the little divine dragon's consciousness was starting to become fuzzy, when suddenly, a noise came from the surroundings, as if something had fallen down.

However, very sleepy, really want to sleep...the little divine dragon gradually closed his eyes.

Speaking of Nangong Liuyun.

Like a shooting star, he flew in, his speed was so fast as to be astonishing.

He had just entered when Nangong Liuyun had a kind of bad premonition.

The temperature outside was already quite high, but the temperature inside was astonishing, it was more than ten times hotter than outside.

Now, there were boiling, raging flames all around, soaring to engulf everything, even Nangong Liuyun had a feeling of skin being peeled from flesh, let alone how Su Luo would feel.

Nangong Liuyun had a deeply worried expression, as he loudly yelled in all directions: "Luo Luo--Luo girl--Luo Luo--"

Each yell was louder than the one before, each yell was more worried than before.

If Luo girl really had fallen into the cave of flames, in such a long time, only heaven would know what could have happened...

Nangong Liuyun's fist was clenched tightly, that kind of consequences, he simply didn't even dare to think about.

All around, the flames soared to the sky, the fumes lingered on, resulting in low visibility. Nangong Liuyun shouted until his mouth and tongue were dry, yet still didn't obtain any response.

His heart was somewhat complicated.

How much he wished that Li Aotian was just scheming against him, and how he hoped that Su girl was not inside this cave of flames.

Nangong Liuyun hadn't walked out for more than a few steps, when suddenly, his foot kicked something. It had also gave a tiny 'awoo, awoo' barking sound and firmly tried to bite Nangong Liuyun's calf.

Nangong Liuyun's reaction was extremely fast, without waiting for it to bite down, he had already lifted it up.

"Little puppy?!" Nangong Liuyun's expression immediately was overjoyed. He used a lot of strength to shake the little thing: "Quick, wake up, quickly wake up, where is your master?"

This was Luo girl's spirit pet, since it was here, then Luo girl was certainly not far away.

The little divine dragon weakly half-squinted his eyes in concentration, his little paw pointed to the floor...

The pitiful little divine dragon, after Nangong Liuyun was done using him, was tossed aside, falling to the ground. The little thing miserably covered his little butt that was sore from the fall, shouting 'awoo, awoo' towards Nangong Liuyun's back, its eyes were glistening with even more tears.

Where would Nangong Liuyun still have the time to attend to it?

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When with one glance, he saw Su Luo on the ground, his entire heart lifted up very high, and in this split second, he nearly suffocated.

“Luo Luo, Luo Luo!” Nangong Liuyun excitedly shook Su Luo, seeing that she wouldn’t wake up, Nangong Liuyun pressed both hands to her heavenly spirit acupuncture point on her head and poured a steady flow of spirit force into her body.

In a daze, Su Luo felt her own body become light as a feather, as if her soul had flown outside of her body.

She was walking inside a steel and cement-built modern city with high-rise apartment buildings everywhere. There were cars, public transportation, a tide of people forming congestions in extreme chaos.

On this cloudy road in the mountain, rose a dagger stabbing towards her chest.

“You really believed I liked you? In fact, for so many years, I was always just monitoring you.”

These bone-chilling words, that cold overcast sneer, was like a devil, repeating over and over again in her head.

So painful...heart ached, her body also ached.

All around was very hot, so hot she was about to shed a layer of skin and her breathing nearly stopped.

She felt her entire body was like being placed inside a stove, being roasted non-stop.

Suddenly, a gentle breath slowly flowed in, like a vast and deep clear spring, extending to her four limbs and hundreds of bones. It saturated the skin that was roasted dry.

Su Luo weakly opened her eyes halfway, the image that entered her eyes was Nangong Liuyun’s extremely handsome face.

“Awake? Do you have anywhere that is uncomfortable?” Su Luo opened up her throat but could not speak.

She fished out a cup of spring water from her space, slowly drank a mouthful, then Su Luo finally was considered having woken up.

When she was drinking, the little divine dragon sat in a kneeling posture in front of her. His pair of limpid eyes, full of misery, watched her with a feeling of having been aggrieved.

Su Luo immediately laughed in spite of herself, she didn't draw more water and directly picked up the little divine dragon, tossing him into her space.

This place was too hot, look at him, the fur on his body would very quickly be burnt from being roasted. He looked simply too pitiful.

Seeing Nangong Liuyun's forehead covered with a thin layer of perspiration, Su Luo fetched another cup of water and handed to him: “You should also drink.”

Nangong Liuyun nodded his head, his eyes betrayed his concern: “How do you feel, still feeling any pain?”

Su Luo nodded her head, then shook her head: “For the time being, I can still bear it. I'm afraid as more time passes, I will not be able to hold on.”

The temperature in here, for her, was really too high.

Nangong Liuyun nodded his head.

Inside the cave of flames, even the color of the flames had changed.

Inside the valley of flames that was the color of red clouds, it was still considered normal.

But after entering the cave of flames, the deeper you went in, the deeper the color of the flames became. It gave people a faint feeling of burning pain, as if the skin was being frayed from the flesh.

His Luo girl was okay for the time being, but her wounds were too grave, very likely, she would not last long in this cave of flames.

Nangong Liuyun's brows knotted, constantly thinking of a way out.

Su Luo didn't know that the cut off dragonstone had already dropped, and pulled at Nangong Liuyun's sleeves, slowly saying: "We should quickly get out, now, your cultivation has already been restored, just in time to help me get back at Li Aotian who bullied me."

Humph, humph, these few days, she was chased after running all over the place, feeling like a dog that had fallen into water. She had desperately fled in all directions, now, the time had come for the reversal of the wheel of fortune, it was her turn to be tyrannical right back.

Nangong Liuyun helplessly breathed out a sigh: "If you are speaking of killing Li Aotian, actually, there is no need, because...he is already dead."

In the beginning, he pinched his neck until it broke, afterwards, borrowing the force of momentum, he had kicked him again. He was already thoroughly dead long ago.

Nangong Liuyun looked at Su Luo with tenderness, gently comforting her by stroking her soft hair: "Girl, don't be afraid, this king will definitely find a way out, to take you home, do you believe me?"

Immediately, Su Luo's heart was startled...listening to the meaning within Nangong Liuyun's words, somehow, they couldn't go out?

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Nangong Liuyun helplessly nodded his head: “Yes, Li Aotian lowered the cut off dragonstone.”

Suddenly Su Luo was speechless, silently staring at Nangong Liuyun: “Clearly, you know what it means for the cut off dragonstone to fall, and you still came in?”

Nangong Liuyun only smiled and pinched Su Luo’s nose: “Luo girl was inside, even if it were mountains of daggers, or sea of flames, this king will also enter, I must enter.”

Even though he was smiling, a serious expression penetrated through that smile, as he unblinkingly gazed at Su Luo.

Su Luo humbly slanted her head away.

This kind of deep feeling that held nothing back, how could she bear it?

“Cough, cough, cough—”

The intensity of the fire in the cave of flames was really too great, the temperature was red-hot. Even if you had spirit power to protect the body, you could still feel the waves of scorching heat.

Nangong Liuyun, without saying anything more, pressed his large palms against Su Luo’s back, pouring a steady flow of spirit power into her body.

The spirit force was divided into two parts.

One part was to help her build a touch of defense within her body to withstand the roasting heat of the flames that assailed her.

The other part was a lot gentler. It circulated inside Su Luo’s body, warmly supporting her five viscera and six bowels.

Before, Su Luo was chased by Li Aotian in order to kill her until she fled in all directions, and was smashed by one fist after another. Her internal injuries were really serious. If she was not immediately treated, it would leave behind permanent residual effects.

It was after quite a while before Su Luo waved her hand, indicating for

Nangong Liuyun to stop.

She moved to and fro for a long time, but Nangong Liuyun still hadn't taken notice of her. Su Luo couldn't help but to turn her head around to look, and couldn't help but to stop while staring blankly.

Nangong Liuyun turned his face away, that pair of demonically charming and alluring phoenix eyes clearly were a little moist.

"Nangong..." Su Luo tugged at his sleeves, swaying it slightly: "I'm okay, really."

Nangong Liuyun sucked in a deep breath of air, from his position at her back, his arms encircled her into his embrace, tightly pinning her to his chest.

His face was motionlessly buried between her head of hair and shoulders, his tone had a repressed, bloody, violent wrath: "This king will give you an account for this."

"Nangong..."

What Su Luo wanted to say was interrupted by Nangong: "This king knows, Li family is one of the ten great families with influential roots and intertwined interests of unfathomable depths, but so what?"

"Dare to bully this king's Luo girl, then they must be prepared to have their entire family exterminated!" Nangong Liuyun's tone didn't fluctuate, however, it possessed a chilliness that made people tremble in fear.

"However, for now, I still can't make a move, could Luo girl wait a few days for this king to act?" Nangong Liuyun's tone was very soft, like a goose feather brushing by, carrying a faint trace of guilt.

Su Luo silently watched him for a while.

She still remembered that day in Sunset Mountain Range, when he tossed her aside to run to save the Jade Lake's Fairy.

Whereas now, she had become a person he must protect under his wing. For her, he would choose to eliminate the entire Li family in the future.

What virtues did Su Luo have to be able to make the majestic His Highness Prince Jin, who was looked at wishfully by all the women on this continent, that mighty Prince Jin would move to act to this extent for her.

Su Luo was momentarily silenced and this made Nangong Liuyun move his limbs in a somewhat panicked manner.

He anxiously explained to her: “If you don’t beat the snake to death, it will come back to cause you endless calamity. This king will take action at the time when the outcome is certain, are you now blaming this king?”

Su Luo slowly shook her head.

He was as respected as a god, but in front of her, he would soften his voice and lower his dignity to ask for her favor. How could she still blame him?

Su Luo smiled: “It’s not urgent, wait until I become strong, and we will go together to wipe out the Li family.”

Li Yaoyao chased her to kill her, Li Aotian also pursued her to kill her. It certainly could be considered that she and the Li family had formed a deep enmity and great hatred.

Nangong Liuyun, all of a sudden, smiled, and he used more strength to rub Su Luo’s head: “Good, it’s a deal.”

Nangong Liuyun smiled somewhat joyfully.

This could also be considered Luo girl’s commitment to him right?

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Waiting until her strength matured to the extent of being able to exterminate the Li family; it was still very far away. Then, within this short amount of time, at least she had given him a promise.

“What are you smiling about?” Su Luo saw him smiling somewhat foolishly, and she suspiciously asked.

“Laughing about you, this girl, having bitten off more than you can chew, now, don’t even know if we can leave here or not.” Nangong Liuyun, in a very good mood, flicked her forehead.

“Ouch.” Su Luo covered her forehead and rolled her eyes at Nangong Liuyun. Immediately after, she also laughed, her dimples were as beautiful as flowers.

In the previous incarnation, when she was together with Yun Qi, he was always gentle and would never tease her. The methods of interaction between them was as ordinary as water.

Originally, she thought that this was the normal way people in love would interact, but now, with Nangong Liuyun’s appearance, he had toppled her way of thinking.

Being protected and lovingly spoiled by a person turned out to feel like this...unfamiliar and strange, but making a person’s heart burst with joy.

“What are you thinking about? With this kind of very happy appearance?” Nangong Liuyun sat by her side, his palm was placed around her Lingtai meridian (1), since the start, ready at any time to protect her body.

Su Luo laughingly smiled: “Obviously I’m laughing at you.”

“Laughing at this king?”

Su Luo nodded her head seriously: “It couldn’t have been easy for you to be born so gifted and obtain everything in this lifetime. Look at you,

status, innate gift, martial arts, appearance...of these items, which ones the Gods weren't partial to you, partial to the extent of being difficult to endure. But you are such a fool, saying you would abandon it all and then just abandoning it, going so far as to come to accompany me in throwing one's life away. There wouldn't be another person as foolish as you in this world."

Nangong Liuyun gave two snorts of dissatisfaction: "If this king is a fool, then you are an idiot."

"Nonsense." Su Luo retorted back, unconvinced.

Nangong Liuyun, with a straight face, explained to her: "Obviously lacking the strength and still pretending to be powerful. Clearly, you knew Li Aotian was itching to kill you and you still deliberately drew him away. For this king, you set aside the chance to live. You tell me, if your variety of melon isn't an idiot (2), then what kind of melon is it? Or is it stupid?"

Mentioning this matter, Nangong Liuyun's heart was especially complicated, with anger and sweet happiness existing at the same time.

He was itching to grab Su Luo and very fiercely smack her butt a few times, giving her a memorable lesson about making her cherish herself more from now on.

But, it was also because it showed that she cared about him, that the corner of his mouth couldn't help but tilt up from being in a very good mood.

Setting aside her chance to live for another person? Su Luo secretly stuck out her tongue. She wasn't that great, okay? Clearly this was the best plan, because only when Nangong's cultivation was restored would they have a chance to win.

Seeing Nangong Liuyun with that immensely proud, self-satisfied and elated appearance, she felt too embarrassed to expose the truth.

All around were golden-colored flames, like fire snakes dancing wildly about. That roasting hot temperature could almost transform a person

into ashes.

In this kind of critical situation, the feelings between the two also heated up rapidly immediately after.

Su Luo felt somewhat unwell and pushed Nangong Liuyun: "I cannot move, you go search the surroundings for another way out."

Nangong Liuyun was definitely not reassured about Su Luo, so he shook his head: "No, this king will carry you on his back, we will go together."

Not long ago, he had already experienced the deep pain of nearly losing her, how could he now leave her alone by herself again in this cave of flames?

Before Su Luo could react, Nangong Liuyun had already placed her on his shoulders.

Resting on his strong, powerful back and experiencing the warmth his back, all of a sudden, from out of nowhere, Su Luo felt a trace of security.

It was as if resting on his back was similar to growing underneath a large tree beneath the blue sky. The road before her had him blocking the wind and protecting her from the rain. No matter what, she did not need to worry, did not need to be afraid of anything.

In the wake of him slowly walking forward, Su Luo's mind instantly recalled a short paragraph. It was the words Kuang Kuang (3) wrote that Su Luo once saw in a magazine.

1) Lingtai meridian - This is the acupuncture point on your back between the sixth and seventh thoracic vertebrae of the spine.

2) idiot - This entire sentence is a play on the Chinese character 瓜. The character 瓜 refers to any type of melon or gourd, while the word for idiot and fool both contains this character. Idiot in Chinese is 呆瓜 while fool is 傻瓜 (my choice of translations since both have similar meaning). Su Luo called Nangong Liuyun a fool, then he called her an idiot. Finally Nangong Liuyun is asking her to choose whether she is an idiot or stupid. Stupid also has the melon character 蠢瓜.

3) Kuang Kuang - After a google search this name is of a Japanese writer and blogger. She wrote a book and I think it was translated into Chinese. So the paragraph was lifted from her book.

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She said: 'All my life, I longed to be well treasured by a man, put in an appropriate place, maintained carefully, averted from being frightened, removed from bitter hardship, prohibited from wandering everywhere aimlessly and homeless, prevented from being alone with no branches to depend on. But, that person, I know, I had known all along, he would never come.'

Her Mr. Right would never come.

But Su Luo, who was resting on Nangong Liuyun's wide, warm back, the corner of her mouth rose slightly, her Mr. Right...could it be he was already here?

Nangong Liuyun, seeing that Su Luo had her head buried in the crevice between his head and shoulder, couldn't help being somewhat anxious. With a deeply worried tone, he said: "Are you feeling unwell again?"

While saying this, he was about to put Su Luo down so he could pour more spirit power into her body.

Su Luo stopped his hand, a shallow smile on her mouth: "It's nothing, let's continue to look. I hope we can get out faster."

"If you feel unwell, remember, you must tell me, okay?" Nangong Liuyun's expression was stern and solemn, repeatedly making it clear.

Su Luo buried her face in the nest of his shoulder, nodding slightly.

In this lifetime, if she wanted to find another person that treated her this well, the chances are that it would be very unlikely..

The betrayal in her previous life had thoroughly closed her heart. Nangong Liuyun's appearance, little by little, like a fine rain, had silently oiled the door in her heart, opening it.

She wished to give herself a chance, and also hoped to give Nangong Liuyun a chance.

Since it was so, then she would abide by the three month agreement to be together and take a look. Su Luo's heart had finally made a decision.

A crafty smile flashed through her eyes, even though she thought this way, she still wouldn't tell him just now.

In fact, the present situation was so dangerous that her mind really should not be thinking about this kind of emotion and love stuff right now.

First of all, the onslaught of the roasting heat from the flames, this was the greatest troublesome matter.

She could not allow Nangong Liuyun to pour more spirit power into her right? This way, she would be fine, but he would be worn out first.

Gradually, Su Luo felt her eyelids becoming somewhat heavy and her consciousness becoming somewhat fuzzy. She slowly fell into a deep sleep.

In midst of dozing, Su Luo's spirit floated into her space.

At this point of time, the little divine dragon, in her space, had already restored his vigor earlier. He already didn't have that kind of dried up, shriveled, defeated appearance from before.

Seeing Su Luo come over, the little divine dragon covered his little buttocks, with tears glistening in his eyes as he looked at Su Luo.

Su Luo was looked at by his large pair of clear, monochrome, limpid eyes until her heart turned soft. She hurriedly asked what was the matter with him.

The always clever and cute little divine dragon, this time, to her surprise, quite uncharacteristically rumbled loudly to Su Luo, making complaints about Nangong Liuyun's wicked conduct. He even suggested that Su Luo kick this abominable, bad person!

Su Luo suddenly didn't know whether to laugh or cry. After saying a few sentences to appease him, he finally again regained his clever and cute little appearance.

Suddenly, the little divine dragon handed Su Luo something, his eyes were entirely filled with an excited light: “Awoo, awoo, awoo—” Treasure, a treasure!

“Eh?” Su Luo immediately recognized it, this thing was the fiery red stone she had kicked before in the Amethyst Fish Palace.

Later, due to being influenced by her blood, it resulted in a strange change, turning it as transparent as suet jade. It was white and transparent as amber, so bright as to illuminate a person.

“What could this thing possibly be used for?” Su Luo accepted this chunk of rock, doubtfully flipping it over and over in her hand.

“Luo Luo! Luo Luo! Quickly wake up, wake up!” Outside her space, Nangong Liuyun anxiously slapped Su Luo’s cheeks.

He didn’t pay attention for barely a moment, and she unexpectedly fainted again! Nangong Liuyun’s entire face was anxious, spirit force flowed like a river into Su Luo’s body, as if it cost nothing.

Su Luo slowly opened both eyes.

“At last, you are awake.” Nangong Liuyun unhappily glared at her, he was so scared, his body was covered in cold sweat.

“I’m okay.” Su Luo struggled to stand up.

Suddenly, Su Luo stopped and stared blankly.

She looked foolishly at that chunk of white stone in her hand, momentarily, she could not react—

How could it be like this?

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Su Luo lowered her head to look at the stone she gripped in her hand, which had already changed into a cold chunk of jade.

Its size didn't change, still the size of a duck egg, the color was also a pure, crisp white, but—

Su Luo was astonished to discover that ever since she held onto this strange stone, afterwards, the threatening roasting heat in her body from the hot flames was actually absorbed by it, thread by thread. Thus, the pressure on her was diminished and eventually stopped.

This was unlikely to be real, right?

Su Luo's heart was both happy, amazed, and stupefied by this nice surprise that suddenly occurred.

If it was really like this, then doesn't it mean that as long as she held onto the stone, she wouldn't have to worry about the high temperature? Which now was at a degree that was like peeling the skin off human flesh in the cave of flames? That they could continue to survive in this cave of flames?

Nangong Liuyun saw Su Luo standing at the original place with a foolish blank expression, the corner of her mouth pointed up slightly, appearing to be pleasantly surprised, excited and also with an incredulous expression. He couldn't help but be a little surprised.

“What happened?”

Su Luo lifted her head to look towards him, her clear, monochrome, limpid eyes were brimming with joy.

It was too late to think more, and she handed over the stone in her hand: “You have a look, see what this is.”

Nangong Liuyun took the offered stone. Before he could start using his spirit force, he discovered that the hot flames around his body

unexpectedly flowed into the stone like the bubbling of creek water. The temperature in the air was abruptly lowered to some extent.

Nangong Liuyun's always unperturbed handsome face also had a startled appearance. Subsequently, a smiling expression that was gentle as jade and as tranquil and intoxicating as the cherry blossoms in March, appeared: "A very good stone, indeed, it truly is a good stone. It was practically made for you based on your specifications, quickly hold onto it well, by all means, don't lose it."

Nangong Liuyun earnestly, prudently and with a very serious expression, stared at Su Luo, stressing each word, warning her.

Even though his words were solemn, however, his heart was exceptionally happy, happier than if he was the one who got a treasure.

The heatwave in this cave of flames rushed to the sky with a scorching hot breath. He could hold on, but his Luo girl, even with his spirit power pouring into her, might not necessarily be able to withstand the heat.

But now, everything was good. With this chunk of rock that could automatically absorb the heat, as long as the stone was not lost, his Luo girl would be safe and secure.

"Okay." Su Luo nodded her head seriously and tightly clenched onto that stone.

"This chunk of stone was still something I accidentally kicked in the Amethyst Fish Palace. Originally, I thought it was useless, and picked it up in passing, but who would have imagined that now, it would be so useful." Su Luo's eyes squinted slightly with a smile that showed she was extremely pleased with herself.

"Alas, girl, this luck of yours..." Nangong Liuyun rubbed Su Luo's head, momentarily, he was speechless and also didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

If it came to luck, all the people in front of her would be completely defeated.

"Luck is also a part of strength, this proves my strength is also pretty

good.” Su Luo said with some self-satisfaction.

“Yes, it is indeed pretty good.” This point Nangong Liuyun was actually in favor of: “On this earth, could there be a few people that could run away for three days and three nights while being pursued to be killed by a seventh rank martial artist?”

Mentioning Li Aotian, Su Luo’s heart became angry: “Fortunately, he is already dead, otherwise...Humph!”

Nangong Liuyun tenderly caressed her white as jade cheeks: “When all’s said and done, it is still because your strength is not enough.”

“That is actually a fact.” Su Luo secretly breathed out a sigh, her strength was indeed too lacking.

Now, the people that were active around her, even the worst was at fifth or sixth rank, while she was still pitifully at the peak of third rank. How could you ask her to continue muddling along with them?

“Therefore, we shouldn’t be in a hurry to go out. First, I should single-mindedly cultivate for a period of time in this cave of flames.” Su Luo made a fist and solemnly said.

Nangong Liuyun had a hesitant expression, slightly disapproving of this idea: “You can cultivate at anytime, you need not be so impatient at this time.”

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“But a natural cultivation place like this cave of flames, is really difficult to find. Moreover, both you and I have the fire attribute (1), cultivating here will definitely save effort and lead to better results.”

Su Luo looked at him very seriously: “You need not be worried about me. With this stone, the surrounding high temperature is already of no threat to me.”

Nangong Liuyun conceded that what Su Luo said were all very reasonable, but he still wasn't very much in favor of it: “Wait until we find an exit, then we will leave at once.”

“Good.” Su Luo smiled while nodding her head.

The cut off dragonstone had already fallen, wanting to leave was very difficult.

Consequently, the two of them calmed down their hearts and started to cultivate in the cave of flames.

Su Luo fished around in her space and finally took out a secret book of fire system cultivation method. She opened her eyes wider to look, it was actually the first book she had tossed in from before,《Weaving Inferno》.

“《Weaving Inferno》?” Nangong Liuyun had an odd expression on his face as he glanced at Su Luo, muttered and said: “Your luck is actually pretty good, the Jade Lake Palace has exactly this book of 《Weaving Inferno》. They hide it away like a precious treasure, rarely letting others see it.”

“Pfft!” Su Luo suddenly laughed, “Looks like I and the Li family are bound by fate, even the secret book of martial arts is the same version. Then, is there a person in the Li family that is cultivating this martial arts?”

Nangong Liuyun's fine black hair flowed down in a torrent, carrying an

uninhibited and elegant feel, making the side of his face even more demonically charming and tempting. One could only see him nodding his head: “Li family’s foremost person of the third generation, Li Shengtian, cultivated this. Previously, he was seventh rank, I don’t know his current cultivation.”

“Oh, Li Shengtian?” Su Luo indicated that she had never even heard of this name.

Nangong Liuyun’s beautiful eyes were like remote black agate with a bright luster, as he slowly said: “Li Aotian’s arrogance is very great, but compared to Li Shengtian, he could simply be described as modest.”

“So, you are saying this Li Shengtian is very unlikable right?”

“Naturally.” Nangong Liuyun uttered clearly and coldly in an even tone. A pair of beautiful, long and narrow eyes looked towards Su Luo with a devilishly flattering expression. He nodded his head as though it was a matter of course: “Around thirty years old and trained to the seventh rank, his talent is still considered pretty good.”

Nangong Liuyun reluctantly gave a somewhat positive evaluation.

Su Luo stuck out her tongue: “Your standards are too harsh, people like Li Shengtian, on this continent, are already considered to be extraordinarily gifted. How could everyone be an evildoer like you, reaching eighth rank at this age?”

Nangong Liuyun lifted up Su Luo’s chin, his lips hooked up into a jaunty smile the shape of a water caltrop, beaming with joy: “Girl, this king, in your heart is this amazing?”

Narcissistic guy, give him a little sunshine and he would automatically glitter brilliantly.

Su Luo pinched his face, her smiling expression was splendid: “Yes, that’s right, only you are the most amazing. Quickly go find a route out, otherwise, such an amazing person shall forever be stranded in this cave of flames, unable to go out and be a scourge of the common people.”

“For what reason would this king go be a scourge to those people? This

king will only be a scourge to you.” Saying this, Nangong Liuyun took the opportunity to move closer to Su Luo and placed a kiss on her cheek.

Su Luo disgruntledly kicked him: “Quickly go, quickly go. Stop delaying.”

With Su Luo’s kick, Nangong Liuyun could only stand up with a faintly complaining expression. He obediently went to look for a way out.

After walking two steps, he still turned his head, reluctant to part her, looking at Su Luo with a complaining expression.

Su Luo resembling a queen as she impatiently waving her hand: “Go quickly and return quickly.”

“Got it.” Nangong Liuyun responded discontentedly.

Wait until he returned to his official residence, then he must marry Su Luo and bring her home. At that time, however he wanted to embrace her, he would embrace her, however he wanted to kiss her, he would kiss her.

When the time comes, he must kiss her according to three meals a day.

Nangong Liuyun remembered his complaints while flying away.

Su Luo watched his leaving figure from the back, then she calmed down and started to cultivate that book of 《Weaving Inferno》.

1) Both having the fire attribute: This was clearly a mistake on the author’s part because we were told later that Nangong Liuyun has Wind attribute... So he has wind/water/lightning. Maybe she meant his lightning attribute is also good to cultivate in the cave of fire since it is a stronger version of fire?

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The Weaving Inferno was altogether divided into five levels.

Su Luo now was cultivating the first level of the flaming spring state.

The flaming spring state had nothing to do with spring water, it was instead related to the range of a spring.

Within one move, the flames would be able to cover the entire mouth of a spring, then would she have succeeded.

But now, Su Luo was merely at the peak of the third rank, if she wanted to cultivate this 《Weaving Inferno》, she really was barely qualified to do so.

However, it was also fortunate that she was inside this cave of flames. These flames could provide Su Luo with an endless stream of fire property. This made her cultivation smooth and easy, with half the work and getting twice the results.

The days of cultivating passed very quickly.

In the blink of an eye, more than ten days had passed.

For these more than ten days, every time Nangong Liuyun finished cultivating, he would go to explore a way out. But every time, he would return disappointed.

After these more than ten days of cultivating, Su Luo's strength could only be described as progressing one thousand miles in one day.

Because she had the assistance of her space, Su Luo's cultivation was different than other people's.

Her spirit was cultivating space system laws within her space.

The Su Luo outside her space was cultivating the fire property laws.

With both elements combined to cultivate together, complementing and helping each other, working mutually in harmony, it made Su Luo's

strength rise very quickly. It was so fast, it was simply like flying in an airplane. It even made Nangong Liuyun exclaim in admiration at her cultivation speed.

This day, Su Luo had already faintly touched upon the thin boundary for promotion to the next rank.

She believed that very quickly, she would be promoted to the fourth rank.

In fact, so to speak, she had only stayed at the third rank for a very brief period of time. It was only because recently, there were many things happening, so it felt as if she had stayed at the third rank for a long time.

For more than ten days, her mind was highly focused, therefore, Su Luo intended to relax a little and rest properly. Afterwards, she would break through that final thin layer at the boundary, so as to make a breakthrough in one go.

At this moment, in Su Luo's space, a fair and honest but amusing thing was happening in there.

Once Su Luo saw it, she stopped her cultivating and watched, full of interest.

The little divine dragon, ever since he was tossed into Su Luo's space, afterwards, he became bored. But very soon, he found something he was interested in.

Since Su Luo had arrived on this uninhabited island, afterwards, she had nearly forgotten about the Amethyst Crystal Fish.

However, Su Luo might have forgotten, but the little divine dragon had dug out that Amethyst Crystal Fish she had tossed in a corner. He had placed it at the side of his little nest where he slept and stared at it all day long.

If you were to say that the little divine dragon was good to the little Amethyst Crystal Fish, this would be a misunderstanding of his intentions.

Everyday, according to the schedule of three meals a day, the little divine dragon would always appear in front of the Amethyst Crystal Fish and run around it in circles.

The Amethyst Crystal Fish would spit out crystal stones according to a schedule of three meals a day, just like a hen laying eggs daily.

As for whether the crystal stone that was spit out was high grade or not, this was related to luck and the person's moral quality.

Whenever the Amethyst Crystal Fish spit out a piece of crystal stone that landed in the sea-colored bowl, the little divine dragon would waste no time in stretching out his paw to grab that crystal stone, and without the slightest hesitation, he would deliver it into his mouth. Chewing the crystal stones with 'crunch, crunch' sounds, just like a little child chewing a piece of candy.

Every time, the little divine dragon would report for duty punctually on the dot, to the extent that Su Luo didn't even discover that occasionally, for a few times, cyan-colored and even blue-colored crystal stones had appeared.

However, without waiting for Su Luo to find them, these few pieces of crystal stones would be eaten by the little divine dragon as snacks.

If Su Luo knew that blue-colored crystal stones were eaten by the little divine dragon like sugar pills, very likely, she would cover her chest from heartache. It was a pity she was completely immersed in cultivating the space laws in her space.

Again, another day passed, and a burst of a faint spirit power fluctuation occurred in the air.

The Su Luo outside her space slowly opened her eyes, the corner of her mouth tilted up slightly. It was obvious that her mood was very joyful.

Nangong Liuyun opened his tightly closed phoenix eyes, with a very indolent, eminent, unapproachable, wild, and devilishly charming expression.

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Nangong Liuyun slanted his head, his sword-like eyebrows lifted slightly, as he smilingly looked at Su Luo: “Successful?”

“Yeah!” Su Luo burst open into a shallow, faint, smiling expression. Unfolding into a lazy stretch, she then happily said: “Heaven will not disappoint a person who tries. I finally reached the fourth rank, really not easy ah.”

Nangong Liuyun pinched the tip of her nose, between laughter and tears: “If you consider this not easy, then won’t others be ashamed and unable to show their faces? Recall that you have just cultivated for a few days.”

Su Luo blinked her eyes, grumbling about it: “What few days, it will soon be five months.”

“Soon to be five months? You call this a long time?” The corner of Nangong Liuyun’s mouth perked up into a devilishly flattering smile, right now, he looked demonic yet with a sinister charm: “In less than five months, from lacking to having, from first rank to fourth rank, this speed of yours, what kind of speed is it? Since the beginning of recorded history on this continent, there was never such a speed being recorded.”

Immediately, Su Luo’s pair of eyes shone, bright and clear with a lively expression: “Really? Then doesn’t that mean I’m the first since the beginning of recorded history on this continent?”

“Yes!” Nangong Liuyun’s naturally beautiful, devilishly handsome face had a deep pair of eyes that were like pure crystal, sparkling and translucent. He said with certainty: “The list, with regards to cultivation speed, is indeed so.”

Su Luo was immediately very pleased. The corner of her mouth pointed up high, her sharp scissors-like, limpid, bright eyes smiled until they were curved.

Before, she was still complaining about her cultivation speed being too slow, her strength being too weak. It was to the extent that she was always fleeing from being chased by people who wanted to kill her. She simply hadn't lived even a few peaceful days.

But hearing Nangong Liuyun's explanation, her heart immediately became more peaceful.

Speaking of which, her cultivation speed really was very fast. If it was known, Su Xi, who was commonly referred to as a little genius but at fourteen years old was also merely a fourth rank, then what about for Su Luo?

Before, she was still showing off in front of Su Luo, but now, Su Luo was totally capable of stepping on her, having her underneath her feet.

Nangong Liuyun's features were picturesque, as he smilingly looked at her: "If you are still able to maintain this speed afterwards, then reaching eight rank within two years is also not impossible."

"I'll hold you to your words." Su Luo smiled without holding back her complacent expression.

Suddenly, Su Luo's complexion changed slightly, as she stared with amazement at the stone in her hand. Then, she looked at Nangong Liuyun with astonishment, silently inquiring.

Nangong Liuyun's gaze landed on that piece of stone, suddenly, he was also somewhat speechless.

"This...what is going on?" Su Luo pointed to that mystical stone and asked in wonder.

Just a moment ago, it was still slowly absorbing the heat in Su Luo's surroundings, but after Su Luo was promoted to the fourth rank, this stone's appetite seemed to have all at once increased by a lot.

If you were to say that before, the stone was delicately swallowing and slowly chewing, but now, it was devouring everything ravenously.

This stone seemed to have a mystical magic power, able to get the

flames to automatically rush towards it.

After which these flames would be swallowed by it at a speed that the naked eye could see, immediately disappearing, not to be seen again.

“Have you felt that this cave of flames has changed somewhat?” Su Luo doubtfully asked.

Why was it that she felt that the temperature in this cave of flames was slightly lower than when she first entered? Was the reason because of her promotion in strength?

Unexpectedly, Nangong Liuyun’s pair of icy, deep, black eyes indicated that he agreed: “Even you are able to detect it, it has clearly lowered to the point of being obvious.”

“Are you implying that my strength is very lacking?” Su Luo gave him a cold glare, but once again, she restrained her eyes to seriously say: “Is it really probable that this stone had absorbed it all?”

Nangong Liuyun smiled somewhat enigmatically. His pretty eyelashes were jet-black, thick, and also slightly curled upwards. His lips were like red powder, contrasting against his skin and making him even more bewitchingly beautiful.

One could only see him laughingly pat Su Luo’s head: “Girl with good luck, go steal some happiness.”

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Saying this, Nangong Liuyun left her behind to cultivate, as he again followed yesterday's track to look for a way out.

These dozen or so days, he had never given up on finding a way out, because he must bring Su Luo out of here. He didn't have the heart to have Su Luo accompany him, squandering away time in this cave of flames.

Such a huge cave of flames, more than half of it was already searched by him using a grid pattern, but there was still the southeast area that remained and that he hasn't visited before. Now, he was just using all his strength to search in this area.

Su Luo's attention was still placed upon that piece of strange stone.

What amazed people was that the surrounding temperature really was a little lower, to the extent that she could withstand the heat for the time it took to burn a stick of incense.

In the end, what was really inside this stone? It was simply too strange. Su Luo held it and examined it from left to right, she always felt that there was a very mystical existence inside, waiting for her to discover it from her exploration.

When Su Luo put her spirit force into the stone, besides feeling that the inside temperature could burn her hand, she couldn't find anything else. Previously, this chunk of stone could still shriek and nearly draw Li Aotian's pursuit to kill her. But now, it seemed to have sunk into a deep sleep without even the slightest reaction.

But as per Nangong Liuyun's honest words, she really was extremely lucky.

It was because this stone had already recognized her as its master from the drops of her blood. The more flames it absorbed, then the greater it would be in assisting her in cultivating the fire attribute.

At this point of time, Su Luo really couldn't help but wish it could absorb all the blazing flames within the entire cave.

As far as Su Luo was concerned, this cave of flames was really an exceptionally great place to cultivate. There wasn't another place that could compare to this naturally formed cave of flames.

Since there was such a great environment for cultivation, Su Luo naturally wouldn't waste it. Therefore, these days, she had all along been cultivating with the greatest effort.

Besides eating and sleeping, she was cultivating all the time. Moreover, she was cultivating both inside and outside of her space at the same time.

After about another ten days had passed, Su Luo, from the beginning of fourth rank, all at once soared to the middle of fourth rank. Su Luo's, this kind of cultivation, no matter where she was placed, it was an occurrence that would make people gasp in surprise.

Concurrently, more than half of the flames in this cave was absorbed by that strange stone. The temperature all around had dropped down in surrender. Now, even if Su Luo's hand wasn't holding the stone, she could still cultivate safely.

This was merely a short period of ten days, to have improved this quickly! Not only Su Luo, even Nangong Liuyun was speechless.

"This kind of cultivation speed, a problem wouldn't arise, right?" Su Luo looked at her own pair of hands, the corner of her mouth twitching slightly.

According to what she knew, a lot of people with pretty good talent. from the beginning to the middle of fourth rank, without a year's time, it was absolutely impossible. But, it was just ten days for her...ten days ah! This was simply...She couldn't even find words to describe it.

Nangong Liuyun thoroughly and carefully examined her body once over, finally, he relaxed the breath he was holding, then rubbed her head: "There is no harm to your body, the promotion of your strength can also be considered to be stable. It can be assumed that there will be no

problems.”

“Then that’s great.” Su Luo spread out both of her hands, expressing her lack of choice. Sometimes, when strength was promoted too fast, it was also a kind of burden.

However, a worried expression very quickly appeared on Su Luo’s face, as she let out a sigh: “Calculating the days, after another three days, it will be the agreed-upon life and death duel, but I can’t get out.”

Su Luo was really worried.

She was not the kind of person that would cower.

She had already accepted the written challenge, if she didn’t appear... how could she still live in the capital?

To say nothing of her strength rising so much right now, this was the best time for her to display her full capabilities. To be trapped like this, it made her feel as if she had smashed her fist into a pile of cotton.

The corner of Nangong Liuyun’s mouth merely hooked up, his smile somewhat mysterious. He pulled on Su Luo’s hand and said: “Come, follow this king for a walk.”

“Where are we going?” Su Luo curiously asked.

Nangong Liuyun merely smiled enigmatically and kept her in suspense: “Once we get there, you will know.”

The cave of flames was very large, all around were the golden-color of blazing flames, and visibility was very low.

One of Su Luo’s hand was being pulled along by Nangong Liuyun, the other hand held onto the stone, following along the meandering passageway to walk forward.

Didn’t know for how long they had walked, when up ahead, a very small stone room appeared.

Nangong Liuyun familiarly pushed open the heavy stone door, leading Su Luo by the hand, they entered together.

“Oh—” Seeing the thing in front of her eyes, Su Luo couldn’t help but to cry out in surprise.

There was a very peculiarly-shaped golden coffin.

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There was a dim layer of fluorescence floating around the golden coffin, like a transparent protective cover safeguarding the coffin within, not allowing a person to easily touch it.

“This is...” Su Luo looked doubtfully at Nangong Liuyun.

“This is a kind of ancient seal formation.” Nangong Liuyun’s features were picturesque with a purely sparkling appearance. He paused for a bit, then continued to explain: “As long as we can open the golden coffin, we will be able to go out.”

In her heart, Su Luo realized that the seal, traps and concealed weapons within this stone room had all been dealt with earlier by Nangong Liuyun. Otherwise, they wouldn’t be standing here so safely.

“Eh, there are words here.” Su Luo pointed to the place under the golden coffin’s underside, reading out loud, word by word: “If you want to activate this formation, the energies from one thousand green-colored crystal stones are required.”

“One thousand pieces? That many!” Su Luo couldn’t help but to blink her eyes a few times, speechlessly holding her forehead: “Isn’t this simply just conning people? Where will you find someone that would carry so many crystal stones on their body?”

Nangong Liuyun stood with his hands behind his back, his eyes as deep and pitch-black as a lake. He calmly nodded: “Clearly, this rule was tailor-made for you.”

Su Luo’s entire face was full of black lines.

She had no choice but to admit that Nangong Liuyun’s words were extremely correct.

Apart from her who was lucky enough to carry her space with her, other people really didn’t have the capabilities to all at once pay out this

many crystal stones.

Su Luo felt her flesh hurting as she complained: “The expense of leaving home is one thousand green crystal stones, it really is a lion with its mouth wide open, it really is that if you have never been in charge of a household, you don’t know how expensive wood and rice are.”

However, the only thing that made Su Luo’s mind more at peace was that the crown prince still owed her a great debt. Wait until she got out, this debt must be transferred to the crown prince.

Su Luo, while pouting and murmuring her complaints, reached her hand into her space to grab some. This grab made her expression freeze and immediately change.

Nangong Liuyun’s bright, deep eyes that held back sea landed on Su Luo’s face: “What’s wrong?”

Su Luo’s face had a wishing to cry but lacking the tears expression said: “My crystal stones! They. Are. Completely. Gone!”

“...” Nangong Liuyun was still as unperturbed as before: “What happened?”

Su Luo did not answer him, merely with one pull, she lifted out the main culprit, glaring very fiercely at him.

Now, the little divine dragon was cowering in fear, curled up into a ball, two little paws covering his face. He only dared to stealthily take measure of Su Luo through the narrow slit of his fingers.

Su Luo was so angry that she nearly slapped his little butt: “This damn child, stealthily eating all the crystal stones as snacks, too abominable, this really is that it’s difficult to protect against the thief that comes from your own home.”

She remembered that at that time when they entered the stone room, there were many crystal stone in the sea-colored bowl of the Amethyst Crystal Fish. Besides green-colored crystal stones, there were also cyan- and blue-colored crystal stones. But just a moment ago, when Su Luo searched around, she discovered that not even a hair remained.

The little divine dragon blinked his huge limpid eyes, innocently and also bewilderedly looking at Su Luo. That little appearance seemed miserable, resulting in Su Luo unable to make a move to teach him a lesson.

Su Luo remained silent and could only glare at him accusingly: “This child, you, how could you think to eat it all as snacks? Should have saved some for illegal tolls, now we can’t get out.”

Rushing to catch the time for the appointment, with great difficulty, they found a door, but now, couldn’t go out. This kind of feeling was the most gloomy and suffocating.

The little divine dragon silently glanced at Su Luo, crooked his head and thought for some time. Finally, he still made a firm decision and took out a blue-colored crystal stone from his own pocket. He reluctantly handed it over to Su Luo.

Before, Su Luo had specifically asked Lu Luo to make clothes for the little puppy to wear, and she had even sewn on a few pockets.

As soon as she saw that blue crystal stone with teeth marks that had had half of it chewed away, Su Luo nearly exploded.

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“You are still hiding food.” Su Luo glared at him.

The little divine dragon shrank back, and again, from his own pocket, silently, slowly, reluctantly, and after hesitating for a long time, finally, this time, handed an intact, blue-colored crystal stone over to Su Luo.

Su Luo gave a sigh: “Forget it, first put it aside, wait until there isn’t enough, and I’ll find you to try to gather the rest.”

That reluctant-to-part-with little appearance, looking at it was really too pathetic, making her seem like a female bandit, it was truly annoying.

Su Luo recalled that previously, she had placed a lot of Amethyst Thorned Fishes into her space. These days, she and Nangong Liuyun ate a few, but there ought to still be a lot left over.

Su Luo checked once through and also added the one and a half pieces of blue-colored crystal stone. After counting it over and over again, she was still a few short. As a result, she once again lifted up the little miser in front of her by the ear.

The miserly little divine dragon, with an aggrieved expression, once again took out a few pieces from his pocket and gave them to Su Luo. Afterwards, he snorted twice and turned his head away with his little mouth pouting. His tail was sticking up, clearly, he was very peeved at Su Luo.

This little thing also started to have a temper, truly rare to see.

Su Luo could only smile and coaxe him, while rubbing the fur under his chin, she promised: “Okay, okay, within the next month, regardless of what crystal stone the Amethyst Crystal Fish spits out, all will be given to you. This will make up for it, right?”

Only now was the little divine dragon happy, excitedly shaking his tail, again rushing into Su Luo’s embrace, acting cute to rub against her.

Su Luo patted his little head and thought somewhat worriedly.

This little thing was obviously the dragon race's most respected golden divine dragon, but was raised by her to resemble a puppy more and more. Wait until the little divine dragon's father came to retrieve him, didn't know if he would look for her to settle this debt.

But this was not the most worrying matter. The thing that made her most depressed was after she had gathered enough crystals to activate the formation. She then discovered that she was already so poor as to have nowhere to go.

Except for the Amethyst Crystal Fish that could spit out crystal stones like a hen laying eggs, Su Luo didn't even have a red crystal stone in her hand. She was really so poor as to have empty ringing sounds in her pockets.

The pitiful her didn't know, that within the next month in the future, the little divine dragon's luck was full to bursting. The Amethyst Crystal Fish gave him a lot of face, all the crystal stones it spit out was high grade, frankly making Su Luo so jealous until her eyes were red. This was something that happened later.

After scraping together enough crystal stones, Su Luo handed everything over to Nangong Liuyun.

Nangong Liuyun extracted all the energy from the Amethyst Thorned Fishes and crystal stones and placed it in the middle of the formation.

Nangong Liuyun's phoenix eyes were tightly closed, only his hands were forming hand seals at lightning speed. He formed many seals with his hands, each and every one of them was very complicated. These seals were like characters shooting around on top of the transparent protective layer.

Time passed, little by little.

Didn't know how much time had passed, before Nangong Liuyun suddenly opened his pair of eyes. He grabbed Su Luo by the hand, bringing her to enter the golden coffin together.

Lying inside the golden coffin, the top, with a 'thump', closed. All around was pitch-black.

The space inside the golden coffin was not large, two people lying inside was somewhat crowded. Nangong Liuyun easily turned and had Su Luo's entire body rested on his body.

Su Luo's head just happened to bump into his chest, and she could clearly hear Nangong Liuyun's heartbeat.

Nangong Liuyun calmly said: "If we could be born under the same blanket and die in the same coffin, then it's also pretty good."

Su Luo's words dampened the mood: "I want to live well, and keep living for a very long time."

Nangong Liuyun pinched the tip of her nose, raising his sharp eyebrows with a ghost of a smile: "That way is even better, this king will stick to you for a very long time."

Su Luo rolled her eyes at him.

Suddenly, a strong spirit force attacked towards their forehead. Su Luo felt a burst of dizziness and shook her head. Very quickly, she sunk into a swamp-like darkness.

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When Su Luo woke up again, she found herself lying in Nangong Liuyun's embrace.

She opened her eyes, and the first things that entered her field of vision were blue skies and white clouds. The green grass with fresh and clean air, and there was no roasting temperature. Su Luo all at once sat up from being startled.

“Bang—” Su Luo suddenly sitting up without any warning, and Nangong Liuyun, who just so happened to be leaning over to wipe her face, purely by chance their heads knocked together.

“Ouch—” She covered her face and nose, the tip of her nose and her forehead was bumped, making them extremely sore.

Nangong Liuyun laughingly helped her massage her forehead. With deep eyes that were charming, gentle and alluring, he softly asked: “How is it, does it still hurt?”

When he was massaging it, he also poured in a cool, refreshing stream of spirit power. Su Luo's burning pain from before immediately disappeared.

“It's much better.” Su Luo patted her somewhat dizzy head, with her pair of eyes looking around: “Is this considered as us having gotten out?”

This area, she was very familiar with. At that time, she had been hit by Li Aotian until she spit out blood, and had run all the way towards the cave of flames. Along the entire way, she had been continuously slapped till she spit out blood, how could she ever forget this road.

It was just a short time ago. Things remained the same but people had changed. Li Aotian was already dead, whereas they had walked out alive from that cave of flames.

“What day is today?” Su Luo didn't know how long she was unconscious.

Nangong Liuyun knew the meaning of her words and said: “Don’t worry, there are still two days until the competition.”

That was to say, she had been unconscious for a whole day and night?

She still remembered that Nangong Liuyun’s luxurious yacht, from the seacoast of the mainland to Amethyst Island, took an entire day and night. Afterwards, she had drifted blindly with the waves, floating for another day and night before arriving at this uninhabited island.

Now, they didn’t even have a wooden raft, perhaps they wouldn’t make it in time.

“Must you go and participate?” Nangong Liuyun gazed seriously at Su Luo. His handsome face was as though it had been carved with a knife, with beautiful eyes that was deep and mirror-like of a lake.

According to his idea, he would just send people to directly get rid of Su Qing and it would be settled. Why go to so much trouble?

Su Luo raised an eyebrow. She looked at him with a serene expression, her tone serious: “This is my first fight in front of the public, I must show up.”

If she hadn’t exposed her strength, then it was tolerable, but since her strength had already been exposed, then she might as well confidently show it off. So as to avoid those people still trampling on her like weeds.

“Since you are determined to do this, this king will naturally help you achieve your heart’s desires.” Nangong Liuyun smilingly looked at her and picked up a block of hollow wood in passing. Then, he pulled her along to walk in the direction of the beach.

Just this block of hollow wood? Su Luo raised her head to look at Nangong Liuyun in puzzlement.

Now, his fair, handsome face, with the bridge of his nose sticking up high, its outline seemed to have been carved by nature. The corners were distinct, making his handsomeness one that could not be produced locally, a bewitching beauty that made it nearly impossible for people to shift their gaze away.

Nangong Liuyun pulled her along, his body tall and straight. His speed was as fast as flying, and very quickly, they arrived at the edge of the beach.

He conveniently tossed that block of hollow wood, which was about half a meter long and one quarter of a meter wide, towards the sea.

“Are we not going to make a wooden raft?” Su Luo thought about it and still felt it was unsafe.

“Do you trust this king?” The corner of his eyes and the tip of his brow carried a smiling expression, as he earnestly looked at Su Luo.

“I trust you.” Su Luo’s pair of eyes was as black as a dot of lacquer, glistening and shining.

“Then just firmly believe to the end, this king will prove it for you to see. How correct the choice you made is.” Nangong Liuyun held onto her hand tightly, rose very quickly and shot towards that hollow wood that had already floated far away.

Very quickly, he brought Su Luo to land steadily on top of that hollow wood.

“Let’s go.” Nangong Liuyun gave a hearty laugh towards her. Pulling on her hand, the two of them stood on the hollow wood, with one in the front and the other in the back.

Following one command from Nangong Liuyun, that piece of hollow wood bearing the weight of two people suddenly seemed to have had a heavy duty motor installed on it, and very rapidly, flew forward.

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Su Luo was able to sense Nangong Liuyun controlling all the wind power in the surroundings. He condensed, mixed, then compressed the wind force before finally using it to push this hollow wood forward with flying speed.

Su Luo heard the surrounding wind blowing around making howling sounds, but she couldn't feel the cold.

Due to Nangong Liuyun controlling the wind speed, it was as if a transparent cover surrounded their body. Not even a thread of cold air was allowed to leak in.

Su Luo turned her head around to look at where the hollow wood rushed across. It left behind a long water mark that didn't disperse for a long time.

This kind of speed was a lot faster compared to the speed of the luxurious yacht from before.

Suddenly, Su Luo's complexion changed slightly.

"The region of waterspouts." Su Luo firmly grasped Nangong Liuyun's hand as she said in a low voice. Her tone carried a little anxiety.

Before, the occurrences from crossing this region of waterspouts was still vivid in her mind. She saw with her own eyes the powerful Lan Xuan and them also spending a tremendous amount of strength before they crossed it.

Let alone mentioning that at that time, they had a luxurious yacht, whereas now, they only had a very small piece of wood.

"Don't be afraid, you have this king present." Nangong Liuyun's face was picturesque, his lips were blood red. He patted her head while smiling: "Open your eyes wide, watch this king perform some special stunts for you to see."

Each and every one of the black-colored spirals gave off a blistering atmosphere, like the death god opening his bloody mouth greedily. If you were inattentive, you would be swallowed, not even leaving a skeleton behind.

Even confronted with such a legendary ghostly prison, Nangong Liuyun's expression did not change. He even smiled, a smile that resembled the light clouds and gentle wind.

In between the two water spirals pressed together, one could only see his foot step down slightly and they passed through the middle like a rocket. Their speed was fast to the extreme, only leaving behind a white-colored afterimage.

Up ahead, again, there were another three black spirals side by side.

Nangong Liuyun hugged Su Luo close to him by her slender waist, that hollow piece of wood seemed to be stuck to their feet.

Nangong Liuyun carried the hollow wood and jumped high up, landing a distance of more than thirty meters ahead into a tranquil region of water. They passed through this scary experience without mishap.

The entire region of waterspouts, there was no pattern to the densely-packed waterspouts. Nangong Liuyun brought Su Luo through these waterspouts while stepping on the hollow wood, avoiding to the left and dodging to the right.

Nangong Liuyun's movements seemed to be barging violently around, but in fact, every step he made was accurately calculated by his wise and far-sighted brain. Furthermore, every step landed perfectly, being more frightening than harmful.

This kind of experience was simply too thrilling, stimulating and also fun.

In the beginning, Su Luo was still a little anxious, but afterwards, her mood didn't even have the slightest sign of being worried. Moreover, she also felt that it was extremely fun.

Compared to this, bungee jumping, rock climbing, sailing, these kind of

extreme sports were simply too pathetic, don't you think?

"Is it fun?" Nangong Liuyun held on tightly to her waist, ensuring that she was in an area within reach.

"Yes! Really enjoyable." Su Luo excitedly nodded her head.

She still recalled when Beichen Ying mocked Lan Xuan and Anye, saying that the time it took them to cross the region of waterspouts with their combined effort, also could not be compared to a trace of Nangong Liuyun's.

Previously, she didn't believe it, but now, she believed it firmly without any doubt. Nangong Liuyun really did have this kind of strength.

In this region of waterspouts that everyone feared and couldn't avoid, in this ghostly prison of whirlpools that had buried a countless number of traveling ships. With regards to the young lovers, this place had become an adventurous game for them, playing until they were extremely happy and satisfied.

If other people were to catch sight of this, very likely, they would be considered lunatics. They really hadn't seen people take the region of waterspouts as a playground.

Nangong Liuyun's speed was very fast, he finished crossing through this huge region of waterspouts in less time than it took to burn a stick of incense.

Seeing Su Luo having so much fun that she wished to continue, Nangong Liuyun laughingly pinched the tip of her nose: "This region of waterspouts isn't considered much, next time, this king will take you to Thousand Miles of Ghostly Prison, now, that place is really fun."

Chapter 493: Leaving the region of flames (10)

A place that could be called as fun by Nangong Liuyun, Su Luo felt it was better she didn't go to be clever, so as to avoid losing her little life when not being careful while playing.

Su Luo changed the topic: "According to this speed, we ought to make it in time."

A day had already passed, they only had the last twenty-four hours left.

"This is needless worrying, however, if we had a boat, you would be more comfortable." Nangong Liuyun nodded his head, but very quickly, his face had a pondering, smiling expression.

"What's going on?" Su Luo followed his line of sight to look forward, and saw a black dot with flying speed continuously approaching their location.

That clearly was a boat.

"This really is dozing off and being presented with a pillow. We just so happen to chance upon it." A crafty smile appeared on Su Luo's mouth: "You take a guess, is it Beichen Ying and them coming to look for us?"

Nangong Liuyun very surely and very disdainfully shook his head: "Beichen Ying's boat isn't this bad."

Su Luo was speechless, this guy's point of view while identifying things was different than other people, yet, she had no choice but to concede that what he said made some sense.

Very quickly, that boat appeared in front of Su Luo and Nangong Liuyun.

A middle-aged fellow with a vulgar appearance, when he saw Su Luo, immediately, his eyes brightened, smiling until he exposed a mouthful of yellow teeth.

"Little lady, why should you be drifting on the ocean? Quickly, come get

on the boat. On our boat, we have food, drinks and even hot water to bathe with, much better than drifting on the ocean.”

This person ran around on the boat all year long, he was well-versed and keenly knew this line of work.

People that were drifting in the ocean, what they wanted the most was a mouthful of hot food and having some fresh water to drink.

Who knew that Su Luo would only shoot an indifferent glance at him, and turn her head around to ask Nangong Liuyun: “Should we go up or not?”

Before Nangong Liuyun could speak, that vulgar, middle-aged fellow said a sentence in rebuke: “He cannot come up.”

“Why can’t he come up? Why is it that you guys are rescuing people and can only save one person?” Su Luo pretended to be furious and shouted.

“Save people? Hahaha.” Suddenly, each and every one of the strong and manly guys that appeared, pointed to Su Luo and burst into loud laughter.

That vulgar, middle-aged guy laughed even more while holding his belly: “Little girl, you didn’t think that we would be your saviors, right? Even saving people, too ridiculous and funny.”

An onlooker in yellow clothing continued while laughing: “Does the little lady know how to read? Look at our name!”

“Dragon Gang of the Eastern Sea?” Su Luo doubtfully asked Nangong Liuyun: “Have you heard of them?”

Nangong Liuyun’s pair of deep, lake-like eyes that was holding back, showed a faint, belittling and ice-cold expression: “A little gang that doesn’t have the qualifications to enter this king’s ear.”

So arrogant, so powerful, so domineering of a remark.

If Nangong Liuyun hadn’t spoken, it would have been fine. Him saying this, he immediately offended the entire Dragon Gang of the Eastern Sea.

“Daring to look down upon our Dragon Gang of the Eastern Sea is

simply courting death!” That vulgar, middle-aged fellow shouted out loud.

“Courting death!” A dense crowd of strong, manly guys simultaneously said repeatedly, suddenly, they were imposing and very formidable.

“People come, kill this man and capture this woman, and send her as a present to be our leader’s wife. Our leader will definitely reward us well!” The vulgar, middle-aged fellow directly gave the order.

The gaze he used to look at Su Luo gave off a strand of bright radiance. It was rare to encounter a pretty young lady on the ocean, if he let her get away, wasn’t it a waste of natural resources?

This Dragon of the Eastern Sea was not merely a single boat, after a rough count, there were actually as many as six boats.

Consequently, the six boats powerfully closed in around them, surrounding the hollow wood that Nangong Liuyun and Su Luo stood upon.

Nangong Liuyun’s blood red lips hooked up slightly. Instantly, he looked exceptionally beautiful, demonically insincere and matchless alluring.

This smile of his was just like his remark from before, once again infuriating the Dragon Gang of the Eastern Sea.

Chapter 494: Life and death duel (1)

Seeing these boats sailing towards them to surround them.

The corner of Nangong Liuyun's mouth lifted into a mocking, apathetic smile.

“Little young lady, quickly get on the boat, otherwise you will also die!” The vulgar, middle-aged guy said loudly towards Su Luo.

A faint smile appeared in the depths of Su Luo's eyes: “No need.”

“Why should you lose your life because of a repulsive male? Swords and spears have no eyes. At that time, when it accidentally injures a little beauty like you, then it will be unfortunate. Oh, quickly come on up, this uncle will love you dearly.” The middle-aged fellow displayed a mouthful of yellow teeth, his smile extremely vulgar.

Having heard what was said, the corner of Su Luo's mouth hooked into a ridiculing sneer : “Don't need to be lenient on my account, come at me with as many as you've got.”

The strength of these small fries were too weak, she was only worried that Nangong Liuyun would not face enough of a fight to enjoy himself.

“With this being the case, then don't blame us for not having tender protective feelings towards the fairer sex! Brothers, kill this man and everyone will be rewarded well!” The vulgar, middle-aged fellow saw Su Luo was ungrateful for the toast and would rather drink sour wine, so he also stopped being protective towards the fairer sex and loudly shouted the command.

“As you command!” A dense crowd of people below attacked towards the place where Nangong Liuyun stood.

A stream of sharp arrows was launched, bursting out like lightning, issuing an ear-piercing sound that rent the sky.

There were many arrows and they were fast, in addition, the angle was tricky, impossible for a person to defend against effectively.

Normally, they depended on this trick to run amuck and had no fear on the Eastern Sea, robbing a countless number of boats.

This time, they were all fully confident, because a male and female drifting blindly on the ocean, then shouldn't they be fairly easy to catch?

The corner of Nangong Liuyun's mouth slowly evoked into an indifferent and icily arrogant smile.

Without seeing how he moved, even his sleeves didn't lift up by the slightest bit, a strong spirit power burst out, forming a transparent protective layer around him and Su Luo.

"Bang, bang, bang—" Those shooting arrows ran into the transparent protective cover, tried to thrust in deeply, but could not move forward in the slightest.

Now, that protective transparent cover seemed to have been formed from many bright holes like a straw boat, as if specially made to catch the arrows.

Once the vulgar, middle-aged fellow saw this position, his expression immediately became exceptionally ugly, his anger directly exploding!

The Dragon Gang of the Eastern Sea had always run amuck on this sea and was feared. Now, were they being taught a lesson by these people? If they couldn't get back their face in this public place, how could they still live on the Eastern Sea?

"Brothers, add in more strength! There are only two people on the opponent's side. If we just spit and curse, we will be able to drown him! Everyone, don't get discouraged, continue to attack!" An imposing order to attack was issued without the slightest hesitation.

"It's poisoned." Su Luo pointed at those arrows that Nangong Liuyun had frozen around his body, her eyes were ice-cold as she indifferently said it.

The front of the arrow was emitting a faint fragrance. If you were hit by the arrow, the consequences would be too horrible to contemplate.

As an Elementary Apothecary, this kind of nine-tailed, red scorpion poison, Su Luo was still able to recognize.

Nangong Liuyun smiled faintly and was unconcerned about it. One could only see his sleeves roll over, brushing towards the front.

That movement was as casual as brushing away dust.

But his casual movement, with regards to the pirates encircling them, was actually fatal.

One could only see the arrows frozen by Nangong Liuyun's protective layer, unexpectedly, all of them turned around and ruthlessly shot towards where they came from.

It seemed as if these arrows had grown eyes, whoever launched it, it will shoot back towards them.

Under Nangong Liuyun's control, these arrows were as intense as a storm shower, an impossible force to resist.

“Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh—”

The crashing sounds from piercing through the wind echoed in the air.

Immediately, a terrified and shocked expression appeared on all the faces of the pirates, each and every one of them was scared until they were dumbfounded. They simply could never have imagined that such a reversal that startled the heavens would occur like this.

Chapter 495: Life and death duel (2)

“Twing, thump, twing, thump—”

Just at the moment they were startled, the sound of arrow after arrow shooting into their flesh came in an unbroken succession.

“Ah, ah, ah—”

The pirates that were hit immediately screamed repeatedly, the cries of pain were non-stop and extremely tragic.

Originally, these pirates were still strutting around very arrogantly, but with a slight brush of Nangong Liuyun’s sleeves, all of their bodies were hit with arrows.

The lucky ones weakly toppled onto the deck, wailing in anguish again and again.

Some stood unsteadily and directly rolled into the ocean. In a split second, they were washed away by the sea until they were nowhere to be found.

Nangong Liuyun’s accuracy and control had simply reached perfection.

He didn’t let the arrow enter vital parts of their bodies, rather, he shot it into their arms, thighs and places where meat was thick with coarse skin.

If everyone thought that this was Nangong Liuyun being merciful and kind-hearted, being lenient with his actions, then they would be gravely mistaken.

The tip of the arrow was smeared with extremely toxic poison, the people that were shot were going to die anyway. Him shooting the arrows towards their non-vital parts was merely to let them suffer a little longer before dying, and nothing more.

Now, Nangong Liuyun was holding onto Su Luo, calmly standing in the middle of that narrow, hollow wood.

At this moment, his brocade robe danced lightly, he had a smiling expression like a handsome noble son in the troubled world, standing

alone among this generation. He was so exceedingly refined, it was as if at any moment, he would be promoted to become an immortal.

He had a careless smile on his face, that was laid-back and as light as clouds and gentle as the wind, as if the surrounding tragic sight and desperate scene wasn't even the tiniest bit related to him.

Su Luo couldn't help but sigh secretly in her heart.

Those people that became the enemy of this man, how unfortunate could they be? This kind of Nangong Liuyun, who would dare to have him as an enemy?

"Is this stage show still fun to watch?" Nangong Liuyun bent over as he smilingly looked at Su Luo.

Killing people like cutting grass, wearing a smiling expression, and also saying that this was merely a staged show...Su Luo felt that compared to him, she didn't even have the demeanor of a killer.

"If Luo girl is still dissatisfied, then..." A shallow, unrestrained smile appeared on Nangong Liuyun's face, his beautiful eyes were brilliant and overflowing with color, as if he had again found something fun to play with.

Once these words were said, the people that were still alive on that boat was immediately scared pale.

Especially that middle-aged, vulgar fellow.

His martial arts cultivation, among this crowd of people, was considered the best, so when Nangong Liuyun reflected back those arrows, he was also the fastest to avoid them.

Not to mention before, he had pushed himself too much into the limelight. A bird that pokes its head out, gets shot, this reasoning, he hadn't understood since the beginning.

Just based on those few disgraceful sentences he said about Su Luo, how could Nangong Liuyun forgive him?

Nangong Liuyun naturally would attend to him the most.

Altogether, just counting the arrows alone that swiped by his body.

On his head, face, body and surroundings...every time, all the arrows swiped by, leaving behind a very small cut. It was not enough to take his life, but this kind of poison had a special trait—

That it was itchy.

An unusual itch.

Now, this middle-aged vulgar fellow's entire head and face was swollen like a pig's head. Even that pair of eyes was also swollen beyond recognition.

“Spare our lives, noble swordsman, chivalrous female, it was our eyes that had failed to recognize Mount Tai. Breaking ground over the head of the god of the year, Tai Sui's, we beg you guys. Consider the fact that we are all poisoned, please spare us.”

Nangong Liuyun, relying on just one move, no, he didn't even need one move to make all of them despondent enough to spit out blood. How could little fries like them dare to contend against such strength? Perhaps even the boss wouldn't be able to use ten moves in the hands of this expert.

This person was simply too strong, didn't know from where he popped out from.

Nangong Liuyun merely swept them with an indifferent glance, he didn't even bat an eye.

That middle-aged vulgar fellow was also one who could read people, his ability to read someone's body language was not lacking, otherwise, it was unlikely for him to have crawled up to this position.

Chapter 496: Life and death duel (3)

One could see him endure the pain, with great difficulty kneeling towards Su Luo, and with a loud voice, begged for forgiveness: “Young lady, such a kind-hearted person, please just let us go. We will be grateful for your great kindness and favor for the rest of our lives. Begging you, begging you—”

At the same time, those hired thugs in the surroundings also dragged their bodies that were enduring the difficult itchiness, and all kneeled towards Su Luo to beg for forgiveness.

Su Luo merely looked at them indifferently, her expression unsympathetic.

If she really was merely a simple, kind-hearted, ignorant young lady from a rich residence, maybe she really would become soft-hearted from guilt because of them begging for forgiveness.

But that was not her.

Her previous incarnation had always lived in the secret, underworld, living a life on the edge of a knife and lapping up blood.

What was kind-hearted? What was merciful? She didn't know, it didn't exist in her dictionary. She only knew that if she didn't behead the grass at the roots, once the spring wind blew, it would live once again. She only knew to nip the problem in the bud, or else she would suffer harm.

Consequently, the corner of Su Luo's mouth only smiled, as she looked at these people who originally wanted to indifferently put them to death. She didn't even say half a sentence's worth to let them go.

The hearts of those pirates begging for forgiveness couldn't help but be secretly furious, cursing Su Luo as being vicious and merciless, not saving someone who was about to die in front of her.

Su Luo turned her gaze to look towards Nangong Liuyun with a ghost of a smile, and said: “Not pleading for leniency on their behalf, are you disappointed?”

Generally, didn't a man like a kind-hearted, little, white rabbit, a delicate Dodder flower? But she, on the other, had walked a contrary road.

Nangong Liuyun didn't speak, but with one pull, hugged Su Luo to his chest. His lips stuck up like a water caltrop, seemingly very satisfied with her response.

"This king likes just your kind." Nangong Liuyun left a kiss on her cheek.

At this time, with everyone bitterly wailing and in anguish, crying to the heavens and rushing to the ground, it was something only Nangong Liuyun, this kind of talented person with no regards for others, could do.

Su Luo disgruntledly rolled her eyes at him.

Nangong Liuyun again seized the opportunity to steal a kiss.

Nangong Liuyun seemed to feel that bantering flirtatiously with Su Luo and being watched by these people was a type of blasphemy. With a careless wave of his hand, disdainful as if dispatching a housefly: "Get lost, get lost, get lost."

These people were excited as if receiving a general pardon, each and every one of them hurriedly crawled up. People that weighed the anchor, weighed the anchor, the ones that steered the ship went to steer the ship, urging the ship to leave at flying speed.

Su Luo looked at Nangong Liuyun inquisitively.

With regards to her understanding of him, this man was accustomed to being petty, if there was a hatred, he must avenge it, he would also get it back at double the original. How could he let them go so easily?

As expected, Nangong Liuyun calmly nodded his head and said: "As for the Dragon Gang of the Eastern Sea? From now on, this name won't exist anymore."

"What did you stealthily do again?" Su Luo's entire face was full of curiosity.

Just a moment ago, she was staring at Nangong Liuyun all along, but

didn't find any clue. Her guess was merely based on her understanding of his nature.

Nangong Liuyun, in a spoiling manner, pinched the tip of Su Luo's nose, raised an eyebrow and smiled: "It's nothing, just merely smeared a little tracing drug on the tip of the arrows, that's all."

"Is this your plan to eliminate them in one stroke?"

"Yes." Nangong Liuyun faintly nodded his head: "The pirates of the Eastern Sea have successfully become big news, the Dragon Gang is the most outstanding among them. Them robbing friendly merchant ships is no longer a secret, normally, these ships appear like a God and vanish like a devil. If they encounter imperial troops, they escape very rapidly, therefore, the troops sent to suppress them have never succeeded."

Su Luo smilingly continued and added to his speech: "Who knew that these pirates would have a Heavenly road and refuse to walk it, and instead charged through the gates of hell. They just so happen to bump into your hand, it really could be said that God's eyes are wide open."

Su Luo said again with much regret: "It's a pity we need to rush back, otherwise, we could immediately send armed troops to suppress them."

"Again, why would it be so hard?" Nangong Liuyun's thumb and forefinger was placed at the edge of his lips, the alluring red lips blew out a strange sound, so sharp as to split the sky. It was transmitted very far.

Chapter 497: Life and death duel (4)

A black dot could be seen in the distance.

As it came closer, Su Luo noticed that it was a yacht. It was currently heading towards their current position at full speed.

“Heavens, it’s actually your luxurious yacht!” Su Luo finally recognized it. This was the luxurious yacht that had carried them to the Amethyst Thorned Island to catch Amethyst Thorned Fish that day.

Su Luo was looking at Nangong Liuyun mystically.

How could he have known that this luxurious yacht was nearby?

She felt as if there really wasn’t anything that would stump him, as long as she suggested it, he could accomplish it with a wave of his hand, easily and simply.

This man, in the end, how many more methods did he still have, how many more skills, that he hadn’t revealed? How many more mysterious things were still waiting for her to unearth?

The luxurious yacht just so happened to stop right in front of them. On the deck, Beichen Ying quickly jumped out, throwing himself towards Nangong Liuyun and Su Luo. He was so emotional that his eyes were nearly filled to the brim with tears of excitement.

“These days, where did you guys run off to! You guys almost worried us to death! We sailed the yacht everywhere in the nearby seas to look for you guys!” Beichen Ying hadn’t even physically arrived yet before loudly complaining and reproaching them.

Nangong Liuyun held onto Su Luo’s slender waist and quickly jumped to the top of the deck.

He indifferently swept Beichen Ying a glance, throwing down a sentence for him without batting an eye: “Foolishly worrying about nothing.”

Beichen Ying stiffened his neck and humphed twice: “I know you have nine lives, so definitely not worried about you. We were worried about

Sister-in-law! You don't know, that day, we all fell into a trap, the only people remaining at the scene were Sister-on-law and Li Aotian, these two people. At that time, the more we thought, the more fearful we were and itching to fly up immediately. It was unfortunate that no matter what, we were unable to escape from the trap."

Beichen Ying patted his chest from lingering fear.

They were definitely not fools, naturally, they could see Aotian and his sister's enmity towards Su Luo.

With the few of them present, Li Aotian naturally wouldn't dare do anything, but unfortunately, only Su Luo remained, so it was hard to fathom whether she would live or die.

Su Luo shallowly smiled: "Look here, aren't I healthy and active? Don't have even a bit of problem."

"Just knew that Sister-in-law's flood of good fortune fills the heavens, and the heavens help the worthy." Beichen Ying foolishly smiled while stroking his head, "Oh, that's right, all the people from the Li family are trying to find Li Aotian, has Sister-in-law seen him?"

Li Aotian?

This tragic man would always remain behind on the barren hill of the isolated island. Even his bones were swallowed up by the cave of flames until nothing was left, not even a little trace remained.

Su Luo's complexion was calm and collected without a single ripple, her eyes turned back to gaze at Nangong Liuyun.

Nangong Liuyun shot a faint glance at Beichen Ying, not batting an eyelid, he said: "Since there is a person whose flood of good fortune fills the heavens, naturally, there is a person whose luck is bad through and through. Maybe he is buried beneath the ocean floor, who knows?"

Beichen Ying was immediately speechless.

Daring to speak this way about Li Aotian, very likely, there was only Nangong, this individual. If other people dared to speak this way, the Li

family would have already pounced on them and beaten them up.

Su Luo spread out both hands and helplessly shrugged her shoulders: “At that time, the Amethyst Fish Palace was about to disappear, everyone looked after their own lives to escape, taking care of themselves was good enough. Who had the ability to care about others?”

Beichen Ying was being swayed by Nangong and Su Luo, these two big liars whose eyes didn't even blink. Immediately, he felt that what they said was reasonable and nodded in approval: “Precisely, everyone is responsible for their own life, whether Li Aotian is alive or dead has nothing to do with us.”

Nangong Liuyun had an expression as if teaching a child, and nodded his head: “These matters, you needn't care too much about.”

Beichen Ying smiled bitterly: “I also don't want to care about it, however, since Li Aotian disappeared, the Li family sent Li Yaoxiang over this time. It's not like you don't know that person's temperament, right?”

Li Yaoxiang, within the Li family's second generation, he was only second to Li Aotian's father's existence, at the peak of eighth rank in strength. His behavior was extremely haughty, arrogant and narrow-minded. He was also the most likely to cover up the Li family's mistakes.

Chapter 498: Life and death duel (5)

When Beichen Ying mentioned Li Yaoxiang, Nangong Liuyun merely frowned slightly and didn't give more of a response.

Seeing Su Luo, Beichen Ying was the happiest.

But before he could express his excitement, he was directly assigned a new task by Nangong Liuyun.

“What? Send forces to suppress pirates? And it is the Dragon Gang of the Eastern Sea?” Beichen Ying continued to shake his head, “No way, no way, those guys appear like the Gods and vanish like the devils, only Heaven knows which corner they are hiding in. By the time the armed forces appear, they have already fled and vanished without a trace earlier.”

Su Luo's eyes were bent like a half-moon, as she smilingly said: “This time, with Nangong Liuyun taking action, then I don't believe it will be that troublesome.”

“Second brother, you want to undertake this task?” Momentarily, Beichen Ying's eyes gave off a bright light, having a looking-forward-to-it expression.

“Not undertaking the task, rather, it's better to say have already taken action.” Nangong Liuyun tossed him a jade piece, “Now go.”

Once he heard these words, Beichen Ying was immediately all smiles.

The Dragon Gang of the Eastern Sea had never been razed even once by the imperial court, the riches it had hoarded, one could only imagine.

Normally, where they would withdraw to was unknown, so it was fine. But now, since they had Nangong Liuyun participating, naturally, it would be an instant win.

Beichen Ying put away the jade piece carefully, smiling towards Su Luo until you could only see the eyebrows and not the eye, revealed a mouthful of snow-white teeth: “Sister-in-law should feel assured, if there are good stuff, I certainly will save it for you. I'll wait until you return

from an immediate victory to split the booty.”

“That’s naturally good.” Su Luo smilingly said to him.

The fastest way to accumulate wealth was not to earn it, but rather to plunder for it.

The Dragon Gang of the Eastern Sea had run amok and was feared for many years on the Eastern Sea, and was never razed once by the imperial court. One could well imagine its wealth, Su Luo nearly salivated just thinking about it.

Don’t blame her for being shortsighted, it was actually because she needed to activate that formation to get out, and after paying the expensive cost, she really was so poor as to not even have clanking sounds in her pockets.

Nangong Liuyun smilingly rubbed her head, with a tender voice. saying: “Let’s go.”

There were sufficient armed soldiers on the luxurious yacht. Nangong Liuyun handed all of them over to Beichen Ying, whereas he personally brought Su Luo over to a smaller, independent yacht stored in the hold of the luxurious yacht. He brought Su Luo on the journey home, rushing headlong back.

Eastern Ling Imperial Capital.

Today, the streets were much livelier than previous days. One after another, a crowd of people flocked to the largest fighting stadium in the middle of the city.

The second Miss and fourth Miss from the Great General Su’s residence was about to conduct a life-and-death duel, moreover, it was going to be today.

This kind of news was like injecting a dose of fresh blood into the ordinary, boring lives of the people in the capital. This suddenly made a lot of people impassioned.

Everyone continuously guessed: in the end, just what kind of hatred was

there that would make two sisters have this kind of falling out?

There were people who favored Su Qing and would proclaim the argument that the poisonous Su Luo seduced Su Qing's one true love.

"You guys are really too ill-informed and narrow-minded, not even knowing this? That Su Luo is a vixen, I heard she even seduced her own older sister's future husband."

"That's right! She is still a girl birthed by a concubine. Normally, she is also a good-for-nothing waste, she has no honor or shame, to actually go seduce her older sister's future husband. She simply doesn't have any self-awareness, too shameless."

"Right, otherwise, how could Su Qing, in a fit of fury, raise the matter of a life-and-death duel? It was because she was completely infuriated."

"If I were to have this kind of younger sister, I would choke her to death at the earliest opportunity and be done with it, to avoid being set up by her in the future."

These irresponsible rumors spread faster than the speed of wind, very quickly, everyone in the city knew about it.

But, it was also not everyone would follow the opinion of the majority, there were some clear-headed people.

"Too laughable, since Su Luo herself is a love-struck fool and a good-for-nothing waste, then how could she seduce her older sister's in-name-only, future husband? Is that older sister's future husband a blind person? Since he is blind, then how could Su Qing's kind of ice beauty even be interested?"

Chapter 499: Life and death duel (6)

“No matter how you say it, they are always talking about the future brother-in-law. In the end, who is that man? Having the ability to make Su Qing fall for him, he shouldn’t be an ordinary person.”

“I heard it was His Highness Prince Jin.”

“Pfft—that is even more hilarious. Su Qing prostrating herself before His Highness Prince Jin, this I believe, but how could His Highness Prince Jin possibly fancy Su Qing? Isn’t that just nonsense?”

“Precisely ah, there are even more outrageous sayings. There have even been rumors that the good-for-nothing trash Su Luo from the Su family snatched His Highness Prince Jin from Su Qing’s hands.”

“Pfft ha ha ha—I am dying from laughter. Let’s not mention the good-for-nothing Su Luo, even Su Qing herself, what qualifications does she have to be fancied by His Highness Prince Jin? Even going so far as boasting that His Highness Prince Jin is her true love? Who the hell does she think she is?!”

The above-mentioned were actually from the Anti Su Qing camp.

Due to the controversy, there were many people who paid close attention to the duel as a result.

As a result of one round after another of hype, today’s duel to the death had simply reached the extent where it was bursting with activity with a turnout that included the entire capital.

The Imperial Capital had an enormous fighting stadium sufficient to accommodate a hundred thousand people.

There were many areas on the fighting stage, but in the most central area there now stood a female in a blazing red skirt.

One could see she had an exquisite and extremely beautiful appearance with a complexion as clear and cold as a lotus. With her standing on stage, even her surroundings appeared to have been cooled down by a few degrees.

Su Qing stood on stage, so she heard the comments from the audience below.

In the beginning, the public opinion was favorable towards her, with many criticizing Su Luo. She listened with a calm and collected complexion. Not a single ripple disturbed Su Qing's expression, but her heart was delighted from beginning to end.

However, she didn't know since when, the direction of public opinion started to gradually change.

A few opinions unfavorable towards her started to appear, mostly mocking her wishful thinking with regards to His Highness Prince Jin.

This was precisely the sharpest thorn buried deepest in Su Qing's heart. Having it pointed out and laid bare by people like this made her suffer more pain than simply just killing her.

Standing on top of the really high and enormous fighting stage, Su Qing clenched both her hands into fists. Her complexion condensed into a cold and arrogant expression. She continuously mouthing Su Luo's name in her heart, accompanied by the sinister hatred in her eyes.

Time gradually passed, but Su Luo still hadn't arrived.

The spectators under the stage who wanted to see a good play immediately become unhappy. One after another, they yelled at the top of their throats:

"What's going on? Wasn't it said there will be a duel to the death? It's almost time, where is the other person?"

"Exactly ah, we had to arrive early in the morning in order to grab good seats. Do you think it was easy? Are they playing with us?"

"Don't tell me Su Luo became scared at the last moment and did not dare to come, huh? Hey, this is really too embarrassing, right?"

"If she was afraid, then she shouldn't have agreed; since she has agreed, she shouldn't be afraid. The character of Su Manor's fourth Miss is too lacking, right? No wonder she could do something nauseating like

stealing her older sister's future husband.”

Everyone in the audience were discussing this spiritedly, but Lan Xuan was so anxious his forehead started to give off sweat.

Beichen and Anye were searching for them on the ocean, but his luck wasn't as good. His assignment was to reverse the direction of the public opinion: to create a fair, auspicious, and peaceful environment in the battle arena for sister-in-law.

His suppression of Su Qing's stratagems had just started to show some results. Nevertheless, who could have imagined that the time for the duel was quickly approaching, yet sister-in-law still had not arrived.

Public opinion was a small matter, but sister-in-law's safety was a major concern.

If she had truly met with mishap, very likely a huge problem had occurred on Nangong's side..... Lan Xuan irritability pulled at his hair. He somewhat worriedly stood up to look in all directions.

“Young master, this.....do we still continue?” Lan Xu, Lan Xuan's loyal and devoted subordinate, respectfully bowed and asked.

Lan Xuan recalled Anye Ming's instruction from that day: it did not matter if sister-in-law showed up or not, he must continue to reverse the public opinion for her.

Recalling up to that point, Lan Xuan twitchly waved his hand: “Continue.”

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The time for the decisive battle drew nearer by minutes and seconds.

But what nobody could imagine was that even now, Su Luo still hadn't arrived yet.

On the fighting stage, the corner of Su Qing's mouth hooked up slightly, tilting up into a ridiculing sneer.

"Su Luo, are you afraid? Afraid to come, right? Being like this, how are you fit to be with His Highness Prince Jin? Why would he be so good to you? You don't deserve it! Don't deserve it!"

Su Qing's deep, cold eyes dropped down slightly as she stood on the marble fighting stage made up of huge boulders, unmoving and silently laughing in her heart.

If Su Luo didn't show up, not only did it imply that she was a coward, but at the same time, her name would be on the most wanted list in the mainland. Then, from this day forth, she would never have a peaceful day.

Everyone on the mainland worshipped the strong and would always look down upon cowards for a lifetime.

Therefore, there was a rule, not daring to attend your life-and-death duel, your name would immediately be placed on the list of most wanted with a very high reward money offered. Also, everyone would kill her.

Therefore...Su Luo, today, you appearing is death, not appearing is also death!

Su Qing's cold eyes hung down, a sinister and cruel radiance flashing through them.

Meanwhile, in a private room on the second floor of the fighting arena, the door was closed tightly.

An extremely beautiful woman that was above the common people sat upright like a queen. Her pair of eyes unblinkingly stared at the empty fighting stage below with an enigmatic expression. Nobody could see

clearly what she was thinking about.

A screened hat was placed quietly at her right hand side. This screened hat could only cover half of a person, it was just like her expression, pitch-black as ink.

The audience under the stage was spiritedly discussing away, regardless of how Lan Xuan's people tried to pacify the rowdy crowd, but without Su Luo's appearance, these people felt as if they were being fooled. Immediately, they were angry against a common enemy and unprecedentedly united as one.

Lan Xuan pressed down on his temple that was throbbing non-stop. He bitterly smiled inside his heart, if at this moment, Sister-in-law is again unwell, maybe this matter would not end well.

“There is still the final three minutes left, but our other duelist has not appeared at all.” The judges walked onto the fighting stage with eyes gazing off in the distance in all four directions, indifferently saying: “As everyone knows, no matter what kind of reason, after signing a life-and-death contract and not going onto the life-and-death stage, from now on, she will inevitably suffer attacks from the experts of the entire continent.”

The judge paused and another minute passed.

The final two minutes.”

In the wake of the judge's words, immediately, all the tongues of the people at the scene started to wag.

“Not true right? That Miss Su really doesn't dare to come?”

“Precisely, she actually turned out to be a coward. Originally, I heard that this Miss, on the surface, was a good-for-nothing, but had actually hidden her strength under a bushel to secretly cultivate. I thought she was going to be a great person, never expected this...”

“That's right, originally, I also thought highly of and supported this Su Luo. I just wanted to see the play of a concubine daughter's counterattack. Who would have imagined that she simply won't dare to

even appear.”

The judge’s indifferent voice once again echoed out: “The last minute.”

Momentarily, everyone settled down. With rapt attention, they held their breath, unmoving and waiting for the arrival of the last second.

Tick tock, tick tock, tick tock, tick tock...

Nobody ever felt until now how very slowly the time could pass. It was so slow as if the entire world had stop rotating around.

“Ten, nine, eight, seven...” Now, everyone was all counting down in their hearts, with their hearts full of all kinds of stirred up moods.

In the wake of the sound of the audience counting down the time.

In the private room on the second floor, this exceedingly refined, extremely beautiful woman’s mouth slowly hooked up into a smiling expression. Her smile was beautiful like a blooming summer flower.

The sneer at the corner of her mouth became increasingly distinct: Su Luo, never imagined defeating you this easily, really doesn’t give a person a feeling of accomplishment.

But, very quickly, the smile, in a flash, became rigid at the corner of her mouth. Her entire person seemed to have all the acupuncture points pushed to a stop, back so stiff that she almost couldn’t budge.

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