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"Really?" Fade narrowed his eyes, glanced at Kaeran and continued to ask, "Then, for the past three years, why did you only teach her about traditional Chinese medicine and nothing about martial arts?"

The sweat on Kaeran's forehead began to drip, "Well, I've considered that Jasmine is talented in Chinese medicine, and that it's not good for girls to fight. That's why I only taught her Chinese medicine and not martial arts."

"Really?" Fade asked coldly.

"It's true, it's all true." Kaeran hurriedly explained, "Also, Jasmine wasn't interested in martial arts at that time, so I didn't teach her."

Kaeran then looked at Jasmine with an expectant expression.

Jasmine nodded her head gently, confirming Kaeran's words.

Fade was silent for a while and seemed to be convinced by Kaeran's explanation.

Kaeran wiped off the sweat on his forehead. He breathed a sigh of relief and his expression relaxed slowly.

However, at that moment, Fade's eyes narrowed and he said coldly, "Then let me ask one last question. Jasmine has never learned martial arts for the past three years. Why is her body full of energy now, equivalent to that of a middle stage Black Level martial artist? How did you do this? Why?"



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The question caused Kaeran to tremble. His expression became visibly flustered, and his eyes began to flicker, "I, this..."

"Don't try to find an excuse. Tell me the truth! Otherwise, you'll die for sure!" Fade's energy burst from his body. A violent energy enveloped Kaeran, carrying with it an incomparably oppressive pressure.

Kaeran was shaking all over. He was nervous and looked like he was in a dilemma. His mouth quivered and he didn't want to say anything, "Well, well, I..."

The more reluctant he was to speak, the more Fade became suspicious of him. With a cold snort, he raised his hand and placed it on Kaeran's head. In a cold voice, he said, "I'll give you ten seconds. If you don't say anything... Die!"

"I, I..." Kaeran was really in a panic. The sweat on his forehead rolled down like a waterfall and he was extremely nervous.

Meanwhile, Fade began to count down.

"Ten, nine, eight, seven..."

Following Fade's countdown, the terrifying pressure above his head increased. Kaeran felt a deadly energy pressing down on him.

Seeing the killing intent in Fade's eyes intensifying, Kaeran could not hold on any longer. He quickly said, "I'll talk, I'll talk."

"Speak!" Fade's palm stopped above Kaeran's head.

Kaeran said with a trembling voice, "It's because I found that Jasmine has a very rare wood-spirit talent. She's a talent in learning and practicing wood-class martial arts. Therefore, I chose to teach her knowledge related to Chinese medicine. However, what I taught was not just ordinary Chinese Medicine. It also had wood-class martial arts practicing."

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"As for her wood-spirit talent, it's highly compatible with my disciple Hamlet, to promote the practicing of both parties. That's why I chose to let them get married. At the same time, I stimulated Jasmine's wood-spirit talent and let her previous cultivated skill be released all at once. That's why she has the energy of the early stage of the Black Level."

Hearing this, everyone was shocked. All of them turned to look at Jasmine in unison.

Even if they weren't martial artists, the nobility knew the basics about them. Each martial artist had their own method for practicing and techniques.

For ordinary talented people, it would take them two to three years to enter the early stage of the Yellow Level.

Those who were slightly more talented would be able to achieve the early stage of the Yellow Level within half a year.

For seriously talented individuals, they would achieve it within one or two months, and they were considered geniuses. It was a standard similar to the local geniuses in many areas in the country. 📖

As for Jasmine's wood-spirit talent, she was even more talented than those geniuses. It was especially the case when she cultivated wood-class martial arts. She had an excellent affinity to the wood-spirit talent, allowing her to achieve twice the results with half the effort and her efficiency was amazing.

It was the reason why Jasmine's pace was so rapid.

After figuring it out, everyone finally understood why the Principal of Szeto Academy chose such an ordinary girl as his beloved disciple's wife. It turned out that he took a fancy to Jasmine's talent.

For a moment, many people nodded subtly as they finally understood Kaeran's thoughts.

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All their doubts seemed to have been explained. Although Kaeran's way of doing things might not be transparent and straightforward, it was still human nature. Everyone could understand him.

On the contrary, Fade remained silent for a while and did not make a sound.

He stared at Kaeran for a while, then waved to Jasmine and said, "Jasmine, come here!"

Then, he said, "Bring Hamlet here!"

"This..." Everyone was surprised and puzzled, but they did not dare to disobey Fade's order and quickly brought the injured Hamlet over.

Fade looked at the two people in front of him, grabbed their wrists and felt their pulses.

The guests watched the scene inquisitively, full of curiosity and confusion. On the other hand, Kaeran, who was watching Fade's movements, had a quick change of expression on his face. His body quietly moved backwards, as if he wanted to escape.

Fade examined the two carefully. A few minutes later, Fade suddenly widened his eyes and turned his head to look in Kaeran's direction, shouting angrily, "Kaeran, you asked for it!"

The thunderous roar caused everyone to tremble in fear and shock. At the same time, their faces were filled with astonishment.

At that time, Kaeran, who had quietly moved to the door of the hall, suddenly jumped like a frightened rabbit, gathering all his strength to escape.

"You want to escape?" Fade snorted. Without moving his feet, he stretched out his right arm and clawed through the air towards the direction of the exit.



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In an instant, the air burst with a rumbling sound.

Kaeran felt a big, invisible hand appear behind him, which grabbed him and flung him back into the hall with great strength.

With a bang, Kaeran was pulled and thrown back in. He spat out a mouthful of blood and his eyes were filled with horror.

Fade stepped forward and lifted Kaeran up with his left hand. He then held Kaeran's wrist with his right hand and felt his pulse.

Then, Fade's face darkened. His expression turned frigid and he shouted, "It's you."

"You have concealed your identity for three years, and you have not taught Jasmine anything about martial arts. You're waiting for the moment when she matures, aren't you?" Fade said sternly.

Upon hearing this, Kaeran's face turned pale with fear and the sweat on his face started to drip.

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The guests, the rest of the people from Szeto Academy and even Hamlet were all confused. They did not understand what Fade meant.

"Mr. Chen, what... What on earth is going on?" Jasmine's face was full of confusion.


Fade explained, "Jasmine, from the very beginning, Kaeran has never had the intention of teaching you medical skills or martial arts as your master. All of this, including teaching you and your marriage, is for his own sake."

"For his own sake? This... I don't understand..." Jasmine was completely confused.

Fade glared at Kaeran and said coldly, "Are you going to explain yourself, or do you want me to do it?"

Kaeran trembled and his eyes were full of horror. He had to say slowly, "Well, actually, I..."

After Kaeran told them the whole story, they finally knew what had happened.

Apparently three years ago, Kaeran had been traveling in search of a breakthrough in his strength. After all, he had been stuck at the middle stage of the Black Level for ten years and his progress had been slow. In the last two years, he hadn't progressed at all. 

Kaeran, who was desperate to have a breakthrough, traveled around, looking for all kinds of ways to do this, but he didn't achieve much.

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He stumbled upon a chance, discovering that Jasmine, a girl around ten years of age, possessed a rare wood-spirit talent.

She was a genius with a spirit talent that would cultivate faster than an ordinary martial artist. Moreover, the wood-spirit talent did not conflict with Kaeran's own cultivation.

Therefore, Kaeran, who was desperate to find a breakthrough, suddenly had a bold idea.

He wanted to use Jasmine as a tool for his own cultivation and use the latter's wood-spirit talent. Once he reached a certain level, he would absorb the spiritual energy within Jasmine's body and break through to the last stage of the Black Level, all in one go.

After making the decision, Kaeran deliberately acquainted himself with Abbott. He showed off his skills and soon, Abbott was convinced. After returning home with him, he naturally came to know Jasmine.

Then, it was time to play the part of taking her in as a disciple. Abbott was just a commoner in the city. Naturally, he did not find anything odd when he met an expert like Kaeran. He did not suspect a thing and urged his daughter to become a disciple.

As Kaeran wanted Jasmine to be a vessel for his own cultivation, he didn't want her body to be tainted. As such, he didn't teach her any cultivation techniques. He only taught her the basic skills of cultivating the wood-spirit talent. Under the guise of traditional Chinese medicine, he allowed Jasmine to cultivate diligently and absorb the purest energy from the universe for his own cultivation.

In those three years, Jasmine's wood-spirit talent had absorbed spiritual energy fully with her body and it was filled with the energy. It was indeed hard to have achieved such.

When the time was right, Kaeran naturally wanted to reap the benefits. Therefore, he wanted Jasmine to return so that he could

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absorb the pure spiritual energy from her body for his own use.

However, in the past three years, Jasmine had grown and had her own thoughts. She was no longer obedient to her master's every request. Furthermore, the matter of absorbing spiritual energy didn't take just one or two days, but almost half a year.

Kaeran didn't want any incidents to happen, so he thought for a while and came up with an idea. He would use his disciple Hamlet to marry Jasmine and ensure that she would stay by his side.

If the wedding went smoothly, it would not be Hamlet who would consummate with her that night, but it would be Kaeran instead.

In the subsequent days, he would be able to have Jasmine by his side and continuously absorb the spiritual energy in her body to strengthen his cultivation.

To Kaeran, it was an amazing cultivation method.

However, it was unbearably cruel to Jasmine. Putting aside the fact that she had been humiliated by an old man like Kaeran, if her spiritual energy was fully absorbed by him, it meant that her body would eventually collapse and she would not be able to last for more than two years.

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When Kaeran explained the incident slowly, the actual reason and truth was finally made known to all the people.

The hall was dead silent. Everyone was stunned and stared at Kaeran in shock.

Jasmine looked shocked and was in disbelief as she looked at Kaeran with a confused expression. Kaeran had forced her into

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marriage and even wanted to confine her.

However, Jasmine was still somewhat grateful to him. After all, that was her master, who had taught her medical skills diligently for three years.

When she learned the truth, she found out that her master was actually a devil who had used her as nothing more than a cultivation tool.

Her master had never done a single favor for her, let alone have any feelings for her.

At that moment, there were a multitude of complex emotions in her heart while her expression was in a confused state, "This... I... Why... I..."

Abbott stared blankly at that moment. He hadn't expected that the noble master whom he had connected through all means and also an in-law whom he admired the most, would turn out to be a devil who wanted to lay his hands on his own daughter.

As for the other guests, they were also shocked. At the same time, they let out a long sigh, thinking about the difficulties and complexities of the world of martial arts cultivation.

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Meanwhile, Fade looked at Kaeran coldly and raised his right hand. The energy in his palm surged and he was about to slam his palm down.

For a devil like that, Fade did not intend to let him live.

Seeing that Fade's deadly palm was about to land on him, Kaeran was really scared. He quickly begged for mercy, "Mr. Chen,

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don't kill me. I know I'm wrong. Don't kill me. I'm willing to give you whatever you want."

"All the cultivation resources that I've collected over the years, and even the entire Szeto Academy, I can give them all to you as long as you spare my life," Kaeran cried and begged.

Fade's gaze was cold and unmoved, and his palm continued to descend.

At the most crucial moment, Kaeran blinked his eyes and said, "Mr. Chen, if you don't kill me, I'll tell you a big secret."

"I'm not interested!" Fade was still clearly unmoved and continued with his attack.

Seeing that death was about to descend upon him, Kaeran was terrified. He lowered his voice so much that only he and Fade could hear it, "It's the secret of the Dragon Mausoleum."

Hearing the words of Dragon Mausoleum, even Fade was stunned for a moment and he stopped immediately.

"You know the secret of the Dragon Mausoleum?" Fade looked at Kaeran with a cold expression.

Kaeran nodded quickly and said, "As long as you let me go, I'll tell you the secret of the Dragon Mausoleum. It's absolutely true."

"Right now, you don't have the right to bargain with me." Fade said coldly, "I want to know the secret of the Dragon Mausoleum now."

Kaeran looked embarrassed, but when he saw the killing intent on Fade's face, he gritted his teeth and said, "I can tell you but there are too many people around, and it's not convenient for me to tell you here."

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Fade paused for a moment, then nodded and said, "Let's go somewhere else!"

Kaeran immediately nodded and quickly ordered for a room to be arranged. At the same time, he hurriedly announced to all the guests that the wedding ceremony was over and requested everyone to leave.

Although the guests were curious about what Fade and Kaeran were going to talk about, they were aware that the information was not for them to know.

Moreover, the horrifying force that erupted from the battle had terrified them. If they were careless and the attacks landed on them, they would have been killed in an instant.

Therefore, the guests quickly left the place.

Lewis, who was in the crowd, took a look at Fade. His gaze was icy and complicated, with a hint of regret. He seemed to be lamenting the fact that Kaeran didn't kill Fade.

However, there was also an unconcealable shock and fear in him. It was because Fade was actually stronger than he had imagined. Even Kaeran had been defeated by him.

In other words, Fade's martial arts strength had reached the middle stage of the Earth Level. Even in the Chung family, there were only two masters like him. Whenever they made a move, someone would pay a huge price.

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Thinking of it, Lewis had no choice but to control the feeling of revenge and he left the place in a sullen mood.

On the other hand, Gentro breathed a sigh of relief. He glanced at Fade and whispered to himself, "It seems that Fade is really extraordinary. Perhaps, there are a lot of things about Fade and Joey that I don't know about."

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The Szeto Academy manor, which was bustling with excitement a while ago, quickly became deserted in a few minutes. The room was in a mess with luxurious decorations strewn all over the place.

However, Kaeran was not in the mood to care about that at all. He ordered his disciples to seal off the entire manor and not allow any outsiders to enter.

Then, Kaeran and Fade came to a hidden stone room in the basement of the manor.

After closing the door and examining the room, Kaeran finally relaxed and sat down.

Fade looked at Kaeran coldly and said faintly, "Now, we can talk about the secrets of the Dragon Mausoleum."

"This..." Kaeran seemed to be in a bit of a dilemma. His expression became hesitant.

Fade snorted coldly while his energy began to surge. He said, "You don't want to say it?"

Kaeran shook his head and waved his hand, saying, "No, that's not it. I'll tell you everything."

Kaeran then started to explain in a deep voice with a serious expression.

"The Dragon Mausoleum is a mythic legend in the martial arts world. It first started to be known in the martial arts world about a hundred years ago."



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"At that time, the country was a mess, full of chaos and war. It was said that there was a team of uniquely talented people, fighting against foreign enemies. They were known as the 'Yan Dragon Army'. They travelled to every corner, fought against foreign enemies and helped the people. They did a lot of good deeds. They were regarded as chivalrous knights by the people."

"The Yan Dragon Army's strength was commendable and they did quite a bit of good deeds, but the enemies had guns and cannons. Being bombarded with fiery weapons like that, the martial artists still seemed to be weak. Over many battles, the number of people gradually decreased."

"Those uniquely talented people back then are now essentially martial artists with unique strengths in today's world. The growth of a martial artist takes ten years or even decades of hard training. Therefore, the shortage of reinforcements in the Yan Dragon Army became a great concern and challenge."

"Therefore, the strength of the Yan Dragon Army declined tremendously after three years of being active. It is even said that the original leader, Dracon Yan, and the twelve subordinates of the Yan Dragon Army were the only ones left."

"But under the circumstances, the 13-men army still constantly fought against the enemies and were very active in anti-violence and guerrilla activities. They did a lot of good deeds."

"The local aristocrats and foreign enemies couldn't bear with it anymore. They formed a team that targeted the Yan Dragon Army especially and vowed to wipe them all out."

"Because they were targeting them particularly, the results were good. In the following year, they continued to eliminate the members of the Dracon Army. It was rumored that only Dracon was left and the team was also forced into a desperate situation."



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"Dracon, who was in a hopeless situation, had no hope of surviving, so he plunged into a lake and prepared to end his own life. At that time, the team naturally didn't let him go easily. They immediately organized a troop to search for him in the lake, as they wanted to see his dead body."

"What they didn't expect was that they didn't find any trace of Dracon after searching for half a month in the small lake. Therefore, they abandoned the search. There were subsequent rumors that Dracon was not dead, but had just found a way to escape."

"The story of the Yan Dragon Army came to an end, but eight years later, a war took place in the previous battlefield. Under the fire of artillery, people actually found an ancient tomb in the place where Dracon jumped into the lake."

"Therefore, the invaders sent their team to search for treasures in the tomb. However, the team never returned and they were all buried inside. Moreover, the aristocratic families, who had once assisted the invaders to defeat the Yan Dragon Army, suffered and all died one after another. Later, the ancient tomb suddenly disappeared overnight and could no longer be found, as if it had never existed."

"With all these strange phenomena that happened, people started to speculate and rumors also began to spread. Some people said that Dracon was still alive and re-established the Yan Dragon Army to kill the invaders and the aristocrats."

"There were also people who said that Dracon was already dead, but his mighty soul had turned immortal. He used all kinds of magic and means to take revenge on the people who killed him. The ancient tomb was the tomb where Dracon became an immortal. The theory garnered a lot of people's approval and worship. After all, in their eyes, those extraordinary people were considered immortal, so they built a shrine near the lake to worship Dracon."

"There were all kinds of rumors about the Yan Dragon Army, but as time went by, they gradually faded away. After a few

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decades, when it became a new era, the matters of the Yan Dragon Army had already faded and very few people mentioned it. But at a martial art championship, a young man rose up and defeated all powerful enemies and finally became the ultimate master of martial arts at that time, shocking the country."

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"People in the martial arts world didn't know how the young man rose up. The people traced back to his roots. They found that the young man was just an ordinary child ten years ago. Later, he accidentally broke into an ancient tomb and stayed there for half a month. After that, he embarked on a journey of learning martial arts. Since then, his martial arts skill abruptly improved and his strength was extraordinary."

"After further investigation, the people related both the young master of martial arts and the Yan Dragon Army. They said that the ancient tomb that he accidentally entered was the magic tomb that had appeared after Dracon jumped into the lake back then. The ancient tomb had proof of the Yan Dragon Army as well as the magic skills that Dracon had cultivated. The young man learned all of these, which was why he advanced so quickly."

"After many rounds of investigations, people found more links and became increasingly convinced about the relationship between the ancient tomb of the Yan Dragon Army and the new master. However, the new master of martial arts never responded about this matter and just a year after he took the position as the master of martial arts, he resigned to travel around the world, and no one saw him ever again."

"But his influence was still spreading in the martial arts world. Countless martial artists, with the intent to improve their strength, were looking everywhere for the tomb of the Yan Dragon Army in order to get the treasures and the so-called magic skills. Although no one had really found the tomb, there had been rumors of people finding relics from the tomb from time to time. The premise of increasing their strength constantly provoked the martial artists, which made them believe that the tomb truly

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existed."

"The matter has been passed down to the present time. Although people no longer believe in the legends of the magic tomb and magic skills, almost everyone in the martial arts world recognizes that the ancient tomb is likely to be the burial place prepared by Dracon for himself. In the ancient tomb, there are no magic skills, but there should be all kinds of martial arts secrets and treasures."

"Therefore, there have been many rumors regarding the ancient tomb and some people have been tirelessly searching for it. Due to the close relationship between the ancient tomb, Dracon, and the Yan Dragon Army, the tomb was gradually known as the Dragon Mausoleum in the martial arts world. Everyone believes that as long as one finds the Dragon Mausoleum, one will definitely be able to benefit upon entering it."

After hearing Kaeran's story, Fade nodded his head. It was almost the same as what he knew.

The Dragon Mausoleum was indeed a very widespread legend in the modern martial arts world and there were always people searching for it. It was just that over the past few decades, the relevant clues became fewer and there were almost no new discoveries, so discussions about the Dragon Mausoleum had dwindled. If it hadn't been mentioned by insiders, ordinary martial artists would not have thought of it.

However, Kaeran actually mentioned the Dragon Mausoleum, which made Fade a little interested and surprised.

"What is the secret of the Dragon Mausoleum that you mentioned?" Fade looked at Kaeran and asked in a low voice.

Kaeran looked around and was silent for a few seconds. Then, he leaned forward slightly and said to Fade with a serious face, "From what I've heard, the Dragon Mausoleum will appear in three months."

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"In three months, the Dragon Mausoleum will appear?" Fade was shocked, but he frowned and said, "This is your so-called secret? How can I know that you are telling the truth?"

Kaeran quickly explained, "This was revealed by the Encyclo Hall. There's an 80% reliability."

"The Encyclo Hall!" Fade felt surprised and he narrowed his eyes slightly.

The Encyclo Hall was quite famous among the martial arts clans. It was an Earth Level force, and the top among the Earth Level forces. It could be said that the Encyclo Hall was second only to the four Heaven Level Clan.

In addition, the difference between the Encyclo Hall, the Tianwu Clan and the Wushuang Tower, which all practiced martial arts, was that the information and resources from the Encyclo Hall spread fast.

It could be said that the Encyclo Hall was the biggest middle man in the martial arts world. Relevant information, resources, and even people's lives could be exchanged in the Encyclo Hall.

In the world of martial arts, the Encyclo Hall was a giant organization that gathered and exchanged information. It was also a place where assassins and mercenaries gathered.

In general, the news from the Encyclo Hall was very reliable. If the news of the Dragon Mausoleum appearing was spread by the Encyclo Hall, then it was really possible that it was true.

Thinking of it, Fade couldn't help but nod his head. However, he then looked at Kaeran and asked suspiciously, "How did you get this insider information from the Encyclo Hall?"

Just going by Kaeran's strength and influence, he might not be able to obtain such a secret from the Encyclo Hall, so Fade had no choice but to question him.

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When Kaeran was questioned, he couldn't help but start stuttering, his expression showed that he was unsure of what to do.

Fade snorted coldly and said, "Do I have to make a move for you to say something?"

"No, it's not like that." Kaeran quickly waved his hand and said, "It's because I'm from the Thousand Star Academy."

"The Thousand Star Academy!" Fade was shocked and looked at Kaeran in surprise.

The Thousand Star Academy was also one of the Earth Level forces in the martial arts world. It was at the same level as the Encyclo Hall and was considered a very good force. Moreover, the Thousand Star Academy had always been strict and well-disciplined. It had a good reputation in the martial arts world.

However, what Kaeran did to Jasmine was far from noble. Fade had no choice but to be suspicious. He asked coldly, "Are you really from the Thousand Star Academy?"

Kaeran took out a metal token and handed it to Fade. He explained, "I'm the disciple of Elder Kahale of the Thousand Star Academy. The Clan found out about the news of the appearance of the Dragon Mausoleum. They want to know the exact location and more clues about its appearance."

"So, my master, Elder Kahale, secretly sent me to establish the Szeto Academy in Capital City. In the name of the Academy, I want to make more connections with the people in the secular world and get more information about the appearance of the Dragon Mausoleum."

"Because it involves a big secret such as the appearance of the Dragon Mausoleum, we have to hide our identities. All the other forces who have heard the news also secretly start to collect information about the appearance of the Dragon Mausoleum. They want to get the advantage of entering the Dragon Mausoleum first and obtain the treasures when it appears in three months."



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Fade nodded, finally understanding the truth. He didn't expect that Szeto Academy was related to such a big secret in the martial arts world.

After a moment of silence, Fade looked at Kaeran and asked, "You've been in Capital City for a long time. What is the information about the Dragon Mausoleum that you've heard?"

"This..." Kaeran paused for a moment, then immediately said, "The leaked information from the Encyclo Hall is all that I've told you. As for anything else, it's mostly speculation and hearsay. No one knows exactly what it's like now."



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"Some people say that Capital City is where the pulse of the dragon lies and that the Dragon Mausoleum will appear here. Some people say that it will appear in a hidden, closed-off area, and only those who have the token can enter to explore it. Others say that the Dragon Mausoleum has already appeared, in a place that everyone is familiar with, and yet nobody has discovered it."

"There are too many rumors and no one can be sure if they are true, but according to the information that Szeto Academy has, the Dragon Mausoleum should be related to Capital City."

Fade nodded slightly and believed Kaeran's words. Then, he became silent for a while. No one knew what he was thinking.

Seeing that, Kaeran felt a wave of unease. He looked at Fade and said cautiously, "Mr. Chen, I've already told you the secret of the Dragon Mausoleum. Will you spare my life?"

Fade looked at Kaeran and said coldly, "Do you think I can spare your life after what you did to Jasmine?"

"This..." Kaeran was shocked. He quickly apologized and begged for forgiveness, saying, "I wasn't thinking straight at that time and did something wrong. I won't do it again. Please spare my life."

Fade was silent for a moment. He then looked at Kaeran and said coldly, "It's not impossible for me to spare your life. It's just that..."

"What can I do for you? Just tell me. As long as it's within my abilities, I'll even walk through fire with no hesitation." Kaeran said

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in a hurry.

Fade said, "You don't have to walk through fire. What I want you to do now is to continue to run Szeto Academy and keep gathering information about the Dragon Mausoleum. However, you have to listen to me, understand?"

"I... I understand!" Kaeran nodded. Fade's request was to control Kaeran and Szeto Academy, to serve him.

At that moment of life and death, how could Kaeran dare to disagree? Naturally, he could only nod his head and accept.

Fade nodded. He then sent out a burst of energy which entered Kaeran's body, causing it to twitch suddenly. Kaeran's expression was one of extreme pain, then he immediately returned to normal.

"I've injected my energy into your body. If you dare to betray me, you know the consequences." Fade said indifferently. He lightly pinched his palm, causing Kaeran to feel a pain in his internal organs.

He was so scared that he quickly said, "I understand, I understand. I won't betray you. Never."

Fade nodded and stopped what he was doing. Kaeran returned to normal.

"Well, it's a deal. I'm leaving. The rest is up to you." Fade immediately got up and prepared to leave.

"Let me see you out!" Kaeran quickly stood up to see him off. He respectfully followed Fade. At the same time, he said cautiously, "The people from Thousand Star Academy will be here to check and collect information regularly. If they discover my situation, what should I do..."

It was what Kaeran was worried about. If his clan, the Thousand Star Academy, found out that he had betrayed them, they would probably not let him off the hook.

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Fade said faintly, "As for them, it's the same as before. You can continue to report to them what you have collected."

"This..." Kaeran was shocked when he heard Fade's words. He never thought that Fade would allow him to continue to report to the Thousand Star Academy.

When Fade saw this, he said plainly, "You don't have to worry when it comes to doing things for me. Even if they find out, it won't be too much trouble. I can deal with it, understand?"

"I... I understand!" Kaeran nodded.

But at that moment, he still had doubts. Fade had extraordinary strength and could defeat him easily; he was also an excellent master. However, compared to the big forces of the martial arts world like the Thousand Star Academy, he alone was still too weak. Kaeran suspected that Fade's words were just an attempt to console him.

Right then, Fade seemed to have read Kaeran's mind. He took out a token, waved it in front of Kaeran and said, "Do you know what is this? Can you see this clearly?"

Kaeran was startled. He then took a closer look and was immediately shocked, "This... This is the Tianwu Clan token, of the four Heaven Level powers. Mr. Chen, you are..."

Fade put away his token and said indifferently, "Don't make wild guesses about me. All you need to do is to understand and act on my orders."

"Yes, yes!" Kaeran quickly nodded his head. His face was full of smiles and he looked much more relaxed.

After all, Fade had shown him the token of the Tianwu Clan, which was even more powerful than the Thousand Star Academy. If the Tianwu Clan stepped in, Kaeran would not have to worry about anything.



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At the same time, Jasmine and her father, Abbott, were sitting quietly in another guest room, each holding a cup of hot tea. Jasmine was full of smiles as she recalled what she had just witnessed.

She had already been in despair, but she never imagined that someone would be able to save her. Furthermore, it was her teacher, Fade, who had saved her. When she thought about how he had appeared at the crucial moment and protected her, Jasmine could not help but blush, and her heart started to race.

Abbott sat at the side and frowned. With a worried expression, he could not help but ask, "Jasmine, what are they doing now?" Jasmine's face darkened at the mention of it. She frowned and said, "Someone who did something like that is not my master." Abbott said, "I understand how you feel. It's just that Kaeran is so powerful that we can't afford to offend him."

Jasmine said, "He's so strong, but he's no match for Mr. Chen. I'm not afraid."

"Things aren't that simple." Abbott said sincerely, "Although Mr. Chen is formidable and has even defeated Kaeran, you have to understand that he's only one person, while Szeto Academy has several hundred people. If they were to attack together, I'm afraid that..."

Jasmine could not help but frown slightly when she heard that. She looked a little worried.

Abbott continued, "Moreover, I've talked to Kaeran before. Not only does he have the backing of Szeto Academy, he seems to have a deeper background as well. If you really provoke him, I'm afraid that it won't be easy to deal with him!"

"Besides, although Mr. Chen is powerful, you and I are just ordinary people. He can't protect us forever. If we are careless,



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someone will take revenge on us, which will be a terrifying concern."

The more Jasmine listened, the more annoyed she became. She could not help but wave her hand and say, "Dad, don't say anything more."

"It's not that I talk too much; it's that we need to consider these practical problems in advance!" Abbott looked earnest and spoke to Jasmine, "I have an idea, what do you think?"

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Without waiting for her reply, Abbott continued, "Jasmine, judging from the situation just now, I am sure you should also know how powerful a martial artist is. Any random martial artist is enough to win the attention of high officials and aristocrats."

"Dad, why are you telling me all these?" Jasmine asked.

Abbott said, "Didn't Kaeran say that your talent in martial arts is extraordinary? And that you possess the wood-spirit talent? I was thinking, since you have those talents, why don't you have a martial artist as your master and focus on learning martial arts? When you become stronger, so will our Zhuo family too."

Jasmine frowned when she heard that. After all, the matter of Kaeran being her master left a scar on her.

Abbott seemed to have read his daughter's mind, he said, "Actually, from a certain aspect, Kaeran is a very good teacher. He is very powerful and he even has the support of other powerful figures. If you can learn from him, it would be great for you, but..."

"Dad, why are you still saying these?" Jasmine frowned.

Abbott continued, "Alright, I won't talk about it anymore. I won't choose Kaeran, but after what has happened today, word of your wood-spirit talent will spread. In Capital City, there should be a martial artist who will look highly of you. When that time comes, I'll take you to find the person to become your master. We will definitely succeed."

Although there was nothing wrong with what her father said, his attitude made her feel somewhat uncomfortable.

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At that moment, the door was opened and two people entered. It was Fade and Kaeran.

When they both saw them entering the room, they were shocked. Especially when Kaeran was following Fade from behind respectfully, "This..."

Fade smiled as he asked Jasmine, "Jasmine, are you alright?"

Jasmine smiled and said, "I'm fine. Thank you, Mr. Chen."

"Alright then. I'm glad that you're fine. The matter has been resolved, so let's go home now." He wanted to take Jasmine away as he spoke.

Jasmine was about to leave, but Abbott grabbed hold of her. She looked at Fade with a smile. "Mr. Chen, we still have some matters to attend to. You should leave first," he said.

Fade was shocked. He paused for a moment and then nodded. He said, "Alright, since you need to attend to your matters, then please proceed. If you encounter any more difficulties, you may contact me."

After that, Fade was about to leave the place.

Jasmine could not help but feel a little anxious and she wanted to follow him. However, Abbott grabbed hold of her tightly and he tried to persuade her in a low voice.

"Dad, that's enough. I don't want a master anymore." Jasmine could not take it anymore so she shouted angrily.

Upon hearing it, Fade stopped and turned around. He looked at the father and daughter who were pulling each other and he said coldly, "What's going on here?"

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Abbott was so scared that he was trembling. He quickly waved his hand and said, "It's fine. Mr. Chen, you..."

Jasmine said, "Mr. Chen, my father wants me to learn martial arts. He even wants me to be Kaeran's disciple."

Hearing this, Fade's eyes turned cold.

Kaeran also turned pale with fright. He quickly waved his hand. His life was spared and it was not easy to plead for his life. He could not afford to provoke Fade, or he might lose his life. "No, absolutely not. I can't..."

Abbott did not expect him to react in such a way, "Kaeran, didn't you say that she has great talents? Why..."

Fade scolded in a low voice, he asked, "What the hell is going on?"

Abbott was so scared that he dared not speak. Jasmine, on the other hand, was explaining what had just happened, looking aggrieved.

Fade understood Abbott's thoughts. He paused for a moment before saying, "I almost forgot one thing when it comes to martial arts. If you want to learn it, there is no need to find any masters. All you have to do is to learn from me. I will teach you."

"Will you really teach me, Mr. Chen?" Jasmine and Abbott were shocked.

Jasmine was more surprised than shocked. Abbott, on the other hand, had a bit of worry.

"I don't have any basic knowledge of martial arts at all. Can I really learn martial arts?" Jasmine looked at Fade with an expression that was filled with excitement and yet she was still concerned. Initially, she was still a little hesitant to learn martial arts because of Kaeran, but after knowing that Fade was willing to teach her, she was really excited.

Fade smiled and told Jasmine, "Not only you will learn martial arts, you will also learn it fast. I can train you into an Earth Level

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master within three years."

"Three years to become an Earth Level expert!"

Jasmine did not understand martial arts well, but Kaeran, who was in the middle of the Earth Level, was really surprised. He found that hard to believe.

He knew that even if Jasmine had wood-spirit talent, it was still difficult to reach the Earth Level. It would require a huge amount of resources. Even in Tianwu Clan, who was at the Heaven Level, it was impossible to reach the Earth Level in three years.

Amidst his shock, Kaeran could not help but say, "That's impossible. Even with the wood-spirit talent, in three years..."

Although he did not complete his sentence, his expression was clear.

Fade glanced at him and said, "From your level, of course it is impossible. However, with my guidance and Jasmine's Green Wood Spirit, it will be very easy for her to reach the Earth Level in three years."

"Three years... Green Wood Spirit. Mr. Chen, did you just say that Jasmine is..." Kaeran paused for a moment as he realized something. He looked at Fade and Jasmine in astonishment.

Fade nodded and said, "That's right, Jasmine's type isn't the so-called wood-spirit talent at all. Rather, it's the Green Wood Spirit, which is even more valuable. It's just that your standard is low so you couldn't see it."

"This, this..." Kaeran was extremely shocked.

It was known that someone who possessed the wood-spirit talent was considered an extremely rare genius. Jasmine actually possessed the Green Wood Spirit, which was much more valuable. She could really be considered an ultimate genius.



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Kaeran was stunned. On the other hand, Jasmine and Abbott were confused. They did not understand what they were talking about, "What does the Green Wood Spirit mean? Is it more powerful than the wood-spirit talent?"

Kaeran explained in excitement, "Of course, it's so much more powerful. Let me put it this way. The wood-spirit talent is the seed of the affinity and spiritual energy in your body. It can help you absorb the spiritual energy from wood-class spiritual energy."

"Whereas Green Wood Spirit is an equivalent to your body being a tree of affinity which doesn't help you absorb spiritual energy, but your whole body itself naturally absorbs spiritual energy, especially wood-class spiritual energy."

"With that, the rate of absorption of spiritual energy and cultivation alone, it will be faster, not forgetting other advantages as well.." A small, light-colored icon is located at the end of the paragraph.

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Even if Jasmine and Abbott didn't understand it, they knew how powerful the Green Wood Spirit was when they related to the analogy.

Both of them were excited. Jasmine looked at Fade and said, "Mr. Chen, am... Am I really that talented?"

"Yes, you are very talented! Otherwise, I would not be willing to teach you. After all, it is not that easy to become my disciple." Fade nodded with a smile.

Kaeran quickly said, "Jasmine, get down on your knees and bow to Mr. Chen. It is your honor to be his disciple."

When Jasmine heard that, she quickly knelt down to pay her respects.

However, Fade waved his hands gently as an invisible force lifted her up, and he said, "I don't follow those rules so there is no need for it. Forget about kneeling and bowing. Besides, you are my student and my disciple too, so there is no need for these formalities."

"Thank you, Mr. Chen!" Jasmine said sweetly.

"Alright, it's time for us to leave," Fade said. He was ready to leave while Jasmine immediately followed from behind.

Abbott, on the other hand, deliberately continued to hold them. When he saw that they were at a distance, he moved closer to Kaeran and asked in a low voice, "Kaeran, is Jasmine's Green Wood Spirit really that powerful? Will there be a powerful martial

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artist who wants to take her as a disciple? If we can find someone who is powerful..."

Before he could finish his sentence, Kaeran glared at him fiercely and warned, "Abbott, I advise you not to have any bad thoughts. Also, it's a blessing for your family to be able to have Jasmine be Mr. Chen's disciple."

"Stop thinking of other powerful people. His strength and power are beyond your imagination. I'm even under him now."

"What, this, Kaeran..." Abbott looked surprised.

"Don't think of anything else. The only things you have to do now is to take good care of your daughter and let her learn martial arts from Mr. Chen. Your family will definitely benefit in future, to a level that is far beyond your imagination." Kaeran quickened his pace and followed Fade. He sent him off respectfully.

Abbott also ran over to catch up with them, he was smiling happily.

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What happened at Szeto Academy came to an end. The guests who had left earlier did not know what happened in the end. However, what they knew was that Fade and Jasmine returned to Capital City safe and sound. The students at Szeto Academy acted as if nothing had happened and they continued their previous activities as usual.

When they returned to the campus, Fade helped Jasmine resume her studies and she continued to study in Capital University.

Apart from learning in classes, Fade taught Jasmine some cultivation techniques. He taught her those of the wood-class martial arts, which was suitable for Jasmine's physique and skills.

It was undeniable that Jasmine's Green Wood Spirit was truly astonishing. In just a week, she reached the middle stage of the

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Yellow Level. She surpassed many martial artists who had gone through many years of cultivation.

On a Friday afternoon, Fade looked for Jasmine, who had just finished school and said, "Jasmine, pack up some stuff. I'll take you out this weekend."

"Mr. Chen, where are we going?" She got to know Fade better in recent days and she was not as anxious as before when facing him.

Fade replied, "The spiritual energy in the city is too thin, especially the wood-class spiritual energy. It is very turbid, which will affect the speed and quality of your cultivation. Therefore, I plan to take you to the mountains over the weekends and find a quiet place to cultivate properly."

"To the mountains?" Jasmine was surprised once again.

Fade replied, "It won't be too far. It's in the mountains near Capital City. Go and get ready. We'll set off soon."

Jasmine nodded; she immediately prepared her stuff.

Half an hour later, Jasmine got in Fade's car which was parked at the basement of the girls' dormitory and they left together. At the back of the car was a stash of food and water, as well as tents, flashlights, camping stoves and other essentials.

Because they were going to stay in the mountains for two days, these items were necessary. Of course, they were also mainly prepared for Jasmine. After all, Fade could survive without food and water for a week with his spiritual energy.

After leaving the school, the car went north and was soon out of the city. Some rolling hills could be seen in the distance.

After driving for another two hours, the car came to the front of several mountains, but Fade did not stop. He drove deeper into

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the mountains, "These mountains have been developed as tourist attractions. It has been seriously damaged and there are too many people. It is not suitable for cultivation. We need to find a place for cultivation where there are fewer people and the environment has not been tampered with."

"Okay!" Jasmine was a little nervous while feeling excited at the same time.

After driving for more than an hour, there was no road ahead to drive in further. They got out of the car and started walking along the narrow mountain trails with their bags.

A single week of cultivation was very effective in transforming Jasmine's body. She could walk along the mountain trails for over an hour. Her face did not turn red and she did not pant; she seemed rather relaxed.

After resting for a while, Fade found higher ground. He then looked around at the terrain of the surroundings. He wanted to find a good spot which was suitable for cultivation.

At that moment, they heard someone talking.

Upon hearing the voice, Fade was shocked. He jumped down from the high ground and quickly returned to the place where Jasmine was waiting.

By the time he returned, he saw a few young people with backpacks. They were at Jasmine's side and chatting with her.

When Jasmine saw Fade approaching, she immediately walked towards him and said, "Mr. Chen, you're back. They are some university students who are here to relax. We happened to run into each other just now, so we are having a chat."

Fade nodded, he then looked at those students. There were four students, two males and two females. They were all about 20 years old and looked a little immature.



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After hearing Jasmine's introduction, the four university students turned to look at Fade. However, they quickly shifted their gaze to Jasmine and continued chatting.

Among them, there was a man with long hair, wearing sunglasses, and he brought along a lot of expensive equipment. He was too enthusiastic that his intentions were obvious, "We are all students from Capital Music College. My name is Savir Xu, and we're here for a trip. Are you guys having a trip here too? Let's travel together!"

Jasmine glanced at Fade, and did not intend to reveal their information. She simply said, "I'm Jasmine. We're here for fun too!"

Savir got even more excited. He quickly walked over and said, "Jasmine, I hope you don't mind me calling you by your first name! Since everyone is here for a trip, why don't we travel together? It would be better for us to take care of each other this way."

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As soon as Savir finished, the man next to him immediately added, "Young Master Xu is very experienced and he has travelled around many places in the past three years. With his help, it will be more convenient for you."

Even though the two girls were a little jealous, they could see how enthusiastic Savir was towards Jasmine. They began to support him.

"Jasmine, you are just a girl so it is dangerous for you to stay outside alone. Come with us!"

"Young Master Xu is very awesome. Not only is he a musician in our college, but he comes from a strong family too. Nothing will go wrong if you come with us."

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After hearing his friends' praises, Savir looked at Jasmine with a smile and said, "What do you think? Let's go together."

Jasmine did not like his attitude. She frowned slightly and looked at Fade.

Fade shook his head lightly and Jasmine smiled politely. She waved her hand at Savir and said, "Thanks, Young Master Xu. However, we have our own plans, so it would be best for us not to follow you."

After that, Jasmine walked toward Fade, picked up the bags and they were about to leave.

Savir frowned when he saw that. He stepped forward and continued to persuade her, "Are you sure you don't want to come with

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us? These forests are untraversed, and no one has done any mapping here either. It's very risky if you don't have any experience."

"What's more, you are a girl with a man. If he has bad intentions, I'm afraid..."

When he said this, Savir looked straight at Fade. It was no longer a hint; he was clearly indicating it to Jasmine.

Jasmine's face darkened and she said unhappily, "Many thanks for your kindness, but I can judge for myself whether he is a good person or a bad one."

After that, Jasmine was about to move away.

Savir frowned deeply. He immediately turned his gaze towards Fade and said coldly, "Stop right there."

Is there anything wrong?" Fade turned around and looked at Savir coldly.

Savir clapped his hands. The man beside him immediately took out a pile of money and handed it over to Savir.

Savir waved the cash, looked at Fade and said, "If you pack up your things and leave Jasmine now, the money is yours!"

After that, Savir and the other three looked at Fade with a proud expression. It seemed that they were determined to defeat him. Savir often used this trick to make other people compromise.

However, without waiting for Fade to express his stance, Jasmine snapped, "Savir, what do you mean by this? I have already said that I am not interested in joining you. I don't need you to meddle in my business."

Savir looked at Jasmine and explained, "You misunderstand me. I don't have any other intentions. I am only doing this for your own good. You are just a girl. It's too dangerous to be accompanied by a man in the wilderness. I can't let you be in such a

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dangerous situation."

"You..." Jasmine's face was flushed.

At that moment, Fade took a glance at the money in Savir's hand and did not pay any attention to his words. Instead, he turned around to look at Jasmine and said in an indifferent tone, "Let's go!"

Fade strode off, while Jasmine hurried to follow him.

Savir did not expect his trick to fail; he was really stunned. He immediately took a step forward, following Jasmine's direction.

Noticing the people behind him, Fade turned around and said coldly, "I advise you not to follow us anymore. Moreover, you don't have enough experience to be here. Your best choice is to go back immediately."

Without waiting for his reply, Fade immediately moved forward.

"Who do you think you are? How dare you say that to me? You told me not to follow you, but what if I want to follow you, I don't believe that..." Savir retorted in a dissatisfied voice as he continued to catch up.

However, after a short distance, Savir and the others found that Fade's and Jasmine's speed were too fast. They had to trot, but even then, they could barely keep up with their speed.

Besides, the distance between them was getting farther. In the end, the two of them disappeared into the thick forest without a single trace.

The four of them were covered in sweat. They were panting as they sat on the ground. All of them were in a terrible state.

"Young Master Xu, they are too fast. We can't keep up with them. I think we should head back!"

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"That's right, Young Master Xu. The jungle here is too deep and it's not safe here. Let's go back."

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His friends tried to persuade him, but Savir's eyes turned red. He gritted his teeth and said, "What's so dangerous about this place? It's just a mountain. It's only a few hundred meters tall, isn't it? It's not like I've never climbed this type of mountain before. Besides, if they can venture deeper, why can't we?"

Savir then got up and continued walking toward the direction where Fade and Jasmine were last seen.

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Meanwhile, Fade and Jasmine, who had reached the other side of the mountain, stopped. Fade once again observed the situation around them, and then he said, "The spiritual energy here is still insufficient and there seems to be quite a number of people around here. It would be better to go deeper so that we don't encounter another situation like that again."

Jasmine lowered her head and apologized, "I'm sorry, Mr. Chen! It's all my fault..."

"Why are you apologizing? That has nothing to do with you," Fade said.

"But, that situation with Savir, it happened because of me. I feel sorry for you. Mr. Chen..." Jasmine continued to speak apologetically.

Fade smiled and said, "It is also because you are too beautiful and attractive. It is not your fault. Savir was too lecherous."

Hearing his praise of her beauty, Jasmine's face was flushed and she turned somewhat shy.

After that, the two continued to move forward. They climbed over another two mountains and reached a steep and lush

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mountain peak. After observing it for a while, Fade's eyes focused on a place in the middle of the mountain and said, "That place is great. Let's head over there."

They passed through the jungle and reached the destination which Fade pointed out earlier.

It was a steep mountain; on one side was a towering mountain wall, and on the other was a very deep valley.

In the valley, trees grew so densely that the ground could not be seen. Birds and animals could be vaguely seen moving through the valley, and the air smelled vaguely like nature.

"The air here is really a lot fresher. Are we going to cultivate here?" Jasmine asked as she looked at Fade.

Fade shook his head as he went all the way down the valley. "Not up here, it's below."

"What, we're going to cultivate down there? This valley is at least thirty meters deep. How are we going to get down? Furthermore, how are we getting back up here?" Jasmine asked in surprise.

"You don't have to worry about that!" Fade said faintly. He then looked at Jasmine and asked, "Are you ready?"

"I..." Jasmine did not understand what Fade meant, but she felt his arms wrapping around her waist, while he hugged her tightly. In an instant, Jasmine was blushing so hard that her whole face turned red.



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Before she could say anything, she felt that her whole body was flying in the air. They were jumping straight down into the valley.

Jasmine cried out in fear when she felt a sense of weightlessness caused by their rapid descent. She could not help but hug Fade tightly, "Ah, ah..."

A loud and sharp cry startled all the birds in the valley.

A few seconds later, Fade patted Jasmine lightly on the back and he said, "Jasmine, we're here."

Jasmine finally opened her eyes slowly as she looked around her. She realized that the two of them were indeed in the middle of the mountain valley. She raised her head and realized that the place where they jumped from earlier was totally covered by the trees and could not be seen at all.

Looking around them, Jasmine realized that this was a deep ravine and there were steep mountain walls on both sides. Lush green plants grew all over the ground and the mountain walls.

Just taking a deep breath, they could smell the fresh air.

The ravine was very narrow. They trailed along one side. Before they could go further, they saw a pile of rubble blocking their way ahead. Although it was only a dozen meters high and not too steep, it was still a little difficult to climb over.

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Of course, Fade and Jasmine had no intentions of leaving the place so they continued to explore the terrain first. They then changed their direction, trailing along the other side of the ravine.

The ravine on the other side did not have rocks blocking the path, but it was still somewhat winding and tortuous. There were all kinds of gravel and trees blocking the path.

However, that did not stop Fade and Jasmine. They went deeper and deeper into the ravine. The deeper they went, the thicker the trees became and the air became damper too.

After passing through the tall trees and grasses, they saw a huge cave in front of them.

Actually, it would be wrong to call it a cave. The cave was actually a triangular enclosure formed out of the mountainsides. There was a slightly higher slate on the ground, which looked clean and dry.

Behind it was a completely closed off mountain wall. There was not the slightest gap between them, nor was there any need to worry about unexpected events coming from behind them. This was quite a good place for cultivating.

After cleaning up the stone slate, Fade told Jasmine, "We'll cultivate here!"

Without wasting any time, Fade started to guide Jasmine. He told Jasmine to sit cross-legged on the stone slate and she started to cultivate with her eyes closed.

Fade did not waste any time either. He set up a defense formation around Jasmine and then he tunneled into the green forest to begin searching for herbs and minerals.

Even though it was a great place to cultivate, it would not do much for someone like Fade. That was why Fade thought that he would not waste any more time. He would take the opportunity to look for herbs, which would be convenient for him to concoct



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some elixirs.

After a few hours, the sky darkened completely. Fade carried a small bag of medicinal ingredients while returning to the valley.

Jasmine had just finished her cultivation. When she saw Fade returning, she smiled. "Mr. Chen, you're back?"

Fade nodded. He put down the medicinal ingredients and immediately asked her, "Well, how did your cultivation go?"

"It feels great. It's much faster to cultivate here than in the city," Jasmine answered.

"That's why I brought you here." Fade said as he took something out of his bag. "It's getting late. I have to prepare dinner and set up a tent. We have to rest here tonight."

"Okay!" Jasmine nodded; she immediately stepped forward to help.

The two of them brought enough food. Soon, dinner was ready and they had a great meal.

After cleaning things up, it was time to set up a tent to rest and they managed to do it quickly. Fade clapped his hands and said, "Okay, you can go in and have your rest now."

Jasmine nodded, but she immediately realized something. She looked at Fade and asked, "What about you, Mr. Chen? There's only one tent..."

Fade smiled gently and said, "I'll just find a place to sleep. It's fine."

"How would that be alright? We are deep in the mountains and forests, and it is very cold at night. Furthermore, there might be venomous insects and ferocious beasts in the mountains. If an accident happens..." Jasmine said, there was a serious expression on her face.



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Fade waved his hand and said, "Don't worry about me. With my strength, there is no need to worry about these things."

"That won't do either. Sleeping outside will never be more comfortable than sleeping in a tent," Jasmine said, "Why don't you sleep in the tent too? This tent is big enough, and it will be fine for us to sleep inside."

"About that..." Fade was stunned as he looked at Jasmine in surprise.

Jasmine paused for a moment before realizing the ambiguous meaning in her words. Her face blushed and she quickly explained, "That's not what I meant. I just want you to sleep in the tent. I didn't mean for us to sleep together, no... I..."

For a moment, she was at a loss for words.

Fade smiled and said, "Alright, there's no need to explain. I understand what you mean. If that's the case, then I'll sleep in the tent too."

"Great!" Jasmine nodded; her cheeks were flushed red.

They quickly washed up and soon they entered the tent together.

Although the tent was not too small, it was still slightly crowded for two adults. After they laid down, there was only an arm's distance between them. As long as they moved slightly, they might touch each other.

Jasmine did not expect things to turn out that way. When she thought of the man beside her, who was also her teacher and master, her heart began to race rapidly.

Her drowsiness suddenly disappeared. On the contrary, she became more excited, she could not fall asleep.

"Jasmine, can't you sleep?" Fade suddenly asked.



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"Ah..." Jasmine was stunned for a while. She then said, "No, no. I, I'm just..."

For a moment, Jasmine could not find any other excuses. She could not possibly say that she was a little nervous because she was lying beside her master.

At that moment, Fade's body was also slightly warm. He coughed lightly and said, "I am your teacher. Don't let your thoughts run wild. Have a good rest. You still have to continue cultivating tomorrow."

"Okay..." Jasmine's cheeks turned very red and warm. She then closed her eyes tightly and forced herself to sleep.

However, the more she tried, the harder it was for her to fall asleep.

As for Fade, he had just warned Jasmine not to let her imagination run wild but he could feel the faint scent emanating from her body and his thoughts began to run wild too.

"This won't do." Fade thought. He then sighed in his heart and thought to himself, "I have to use that method now."

After that, Fade stretched out his right hand and gently tapped Jasmine's head with his finger.



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Before Jasmine could understand what was happening, she tilted her head and fell into a deep sleep.

Fade heaved a sigh of relief, then climbed out of the tent. Facing the night wind, he took a deep breath and said, "It feels much better outside."

Then, Fade laid down and rested on the stone slate in the cave.

The next morning, Jasmine woke up to the chirping of birds in the mountains. She crawled out of the tent.

She felt that her head was a little dizzy. It seemed like she could not remember how she fell asleep the previous night. She only remembered that she was very nervous and confused when she was lying beside Fade, and she could not sleep at all. Later, for some reason, she suddenly fell asleep.

Seeing that Fade was already preparing breakfast, Jasmine could not help but feel touched. She quickly stepped forward and said, "Mr. Chen, let me help you."

Fade said, "There's no need, I'll be done soon. You'd better wash up. After breakfast, you have to cultivate."

After breakfast, Fade did not give Jasmine any time to rest. Instead, he immediately had her immerse herself in cultivation. After setting up the formation, he went out again to continue gathering herbs.

The whole day went by quickly. Jasmine's cultivation progress was quite great and the spiritual energy in her dantian abdomen

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improved significantly.

After another night's rest, she continued to cultivate the next day.

At noon, Fade was preparing lunch and he was about to get Jasmine over for a meal.

A burst of spiritual energy suddenly erupted from Jasmine's body. The spiritual energy surged like a hurricane and it stirred up a small storm around them, causing the branches and leaves to sway.

"Wow... She finally has a breakthrough." Fade was shocked. He then looked at Jasmine with a smile on his face.

Jasmine opened her eyes at that moment. She could not help but look at herself and say, "Master, I... I feel like I have a breakthrough."

Fade nodded with a smile and said, "It seems that you have made a breakthrough. Now, you have reached the advanced stage of the Yellow Level. What's more, the level and purity of spiritual energy in your body is higher than that of ordinary warriors at the advanced stage of the Yellow Level."

"Really? If that's the case, then can I be considered a master in martial arts now?" Jasmine asked; she was really excited.

Fade smiled and said, "You're still far from being a master in martial arts! Although your cultivation is not bad and the aura of your spiritual energy is strong, you don't have any actual combat experience and you don't know how to use your positive energy."

"If someone has a battle with you, someone at the middle stage of the Yellow Level may defeat you."

"Is that so! Then how can I improve my fighting skills?" Jasmine pouted, looking like a little girl.

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Fade smiled and said, "Don't worry, as your master, I have already arranged everything for you. After this cultivation, I will teach you some martial arts so that you can use your positive energy to fight."

"Thank you!" Jasmine said excitedly. Their intimate interactions over the past few days had made Jasmine feel much more relaxed in front of Fade and she was lively.

"It's fine, you don't have to thank me. Come on, let's have lunch. We should head back," Fade said.

"What, it's time to go back? I thought we're still going to continue cultivating?" Jasmine asked in surprise.

Fade patted Jasmine's head lightly and said with a smile, "Are you confused? It's Sunday. Don't you have to go back to school to attend classes tomorrow?"

"I have almost forgotten about the time." Jasmine stuck out her tongue at Fade. She looked cute and cheeky.

They quickly finished lunch, packed up their things and proceeded to walk towards the ravine together.

After crossing the winding canyon and walking past the trees and stones, they finally reached the place where they jumped down earlier.

Just as Fade was about to carry Jasmine and go back up using the same route, they suddenly heard a loud cry. "What's that?"

They were shocked. They turned around and saw a few black shadows coming out from a distance not far away.

"Ah..." Jasmine was shocked when she saw that. She took a closer look at the figures, she could not help but exclaim in surprise, "Savir, it's you!"

It turned out that these people were the university students that they met the day before.

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Savir and the rest recognized Jasmine and Fade. They were equally shocked, "Did you fall down here as well?"

"Fall down here?" Jasmine was stunned for a moment before asking, "Why are you guys here?"

The man next to Savir said, "Miss Zhuo, after you left, Young Master Xu led us to look for you. In the end, we lost our way in the mountains and fell into this ravine. Young Master Xu's legs were injured, and that woman too. We lost our food and water too and we were trapped here."

"We thought that we were going to die here, but I didn't expect you guys to have fallen down too."

After listening to the explanation, Fade and Jasmine finally understood what happened to them. It seemed that Savir's so-called experience was nothing. He entered the deep mountains and forests that were not developed for visits and ended up trapping himself there.

Jasmine looked at Fade with a myriad of emotions in her eyes.

Without waiting for her to reply, Fade could read her mind. She wanted to bring them along with her. Although Jasmine did not like their attitudes, it would still be a good deed to rescue them.

Fade nodded at Jasmine in agreement. Then, he strode over and prepared to check on Savir's and the woman's legs. After all, they hurt their legs and it was not convenient for them to move.

However, when he saw them approaching, Savir looked nervous and quickly retreated. Then, he asked another man and woman to stand in front of him as he shouted, "What do you want? We don't have any food on us!"

Hearing that, Fade could not help but frown and his expression turned cold.



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Jasmine explained, "Don't be nervous. We don't have any bad intentions. Mr. Chen is a doctor. He can treat your injured legs."

Despite this, they still looked cautious.

Jasmine then opened her luggage, showing them the food and water. She said, "Don't worry. We have food and water. We won't covet your things."

Savir and the rest saw the food and water in Jasmine's bag. Their eyes lit up and they looked at each other before nodding.

After that, Savir said, "I'll trust you this time. Come and check out our legs! Don't worry, once you heal my legs, I will give you many benefits when we leave this place. The Xu family is a big family with businesses. We can reward you with riches beyond your expectations."

Although Fade was dissatisfied with his tone, he still stepped forward and bent over to examine Savir's legs.

Jasmine put down her luggage, took out her medical supplies and helped Fade.