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At that moment, at the Saint Fire Palace Sect.

Sigh!

Darryl took a deep breath as he looked at the phenomenon. He regained his thoughts gradually.

Laura regained her composure too. She bit her lips and said, "Darryl, you are such a despicable person. You want me, right? I will give you a chance today!"

As she spoke, Laura took a few steps backward and reached out to remove the buttons on her sleeping gown.

Sh*t!

Darryl was stunned when he saw that. 'What is that woman trying to do? Give up on defending and give up on herself?!

Bang!

Darryl was stunned; Laura took a step backward to a safe distance and activated a button on the table. A large iron cage fell and trapped Darryl in it.

That was a trap that Laura set some time ago; she would use it whenever necessary. Laura had been trying to look for an opportunity after Darryl controlled her.

Laura did not hesitate; she turned around and dashed out when Darryl was still trapped in the iron cage. Laura's acupoint was still sealed, but she had a technique to release it instantly, but it required intense internal energy to do so.

Laura knew that Darryl had the White Lily Cold Flame, and he would not be worried about the iron cage at all. However, she would have sufficient time to escape before he melted the iron cage.

"Darryl, just you wait! I am not done with you!" Laura glared at Darryl the moment she dashed out the door.

Laura had wanted to kill Darryl immediately. However, she had exhausted her internal energy when she released her acupoint by force. It would be impossible to kill Darryl right there and then.

Sh*t!

Darryl was furious. 'Laura is just so despicable. She looked as if she was about to surrender, but in fact, she had a backup plan.'

Darryl activated the White Lily Cold Flame and melted an exit at the iron cage as he thought about that. By the time he dashed out, Laura had escaped.

Bang, bang, bang...

At that moment, a strong vibration shook again from the direction of the Wild Deserted Secret Region.

'Since it is the birth of an enchanted beast, I should go take a look.'

Darryl mumbled in his heart. He did not hesitate as he moved toward the direction of the Wild Deserted Secret Region.

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At the Valley of Death in the Wild Deserted Secret Region.

The situation in the Wild Deserted Secret Region was terrible. The weather was even more terrifying. The sky was filled with rolling dark clouds, thunder, and lightning. It was as if it was the end of the world.

Many people had gathered around the entrance to the Valley of Death. It was crowded.

The occurrence in the Wild Deserted Secret Region had drawn the attention of all the Nine Mainland's sects, cultivation organizations, and mercenary groups. There were dozens of sects, which meant there were a few hundred thousand people. It was a grand situation!

However, none of them had managed to enter the Valley of Death. They only wandered at the entrance.

One could see a few ten thousand wooden stakes placed in front of the entrance. Huge rocks were scattered in between those wooden stakes. It was evident that it was a formation.

When confronted with such a massive formation, all of the forces present displayed complicated

facial expressions on their faces.

The formation looked simple, but once entered, one would fall into the trap and might not be able to come out anymore. A few sects had entered, and they were heard screaming crazily in despair not long after that.

Under such conditions, none of the other sects dared to venture through the formation.

Just at that moment, a person arrived from far away.

It was Darryl.

Darryl had finally arrived at the Valley of Death after a few hours of rushing. He furrowed his brows surreptitiously as he noticed the sects at the entrance.

Darryl walked forward. He frowned again when he saw the wooden stakes.

The Green Wood Mysterious Formation?

As recorded in Bai Qi Formations, the Green Wood Mysterious Formation was a high-level formation. It looked simple, but it was incredibly mysterious. Anyone who entered it without knowing how to solve it would be trapped in it until their death.

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'Who is the insidious person that set the Green Wood Mysterious Formation at the entrance?'

Darryl mumbled in his heart as he walked forward slowly.

Others might think that the Green Wood Mysterious Formation was a dangerous situation that they should not trespass. However, it was not a threat at all to Darryl.

Wow!

Many of the people there were stunned and in chaos when they saw that.

"Who is that young man? He doesn't want to live anymore?"

"From his dressing, he should be from the mercenary groups..."

"A young man that doesn't know life and death. Just ignore him..."

Darryl ignored all the comments. The moment he was about to enter the formation, a slim body figure dashed toward him quickly. It was Jewel.

"Brother Darryl!" Jewel shouted excitedly.

Jewel was smart; she knew Darryl did not want to expose his identity. Hence she did not call him out earlier.

Darryl was shocked yet delighted. "Why are you here? Shouldn't you wait for me at Sophia's company?"

Jewel pursed her lips and spoke as if she felt aggrieved. "There is no news of you after you left for two days. Then, this phenomenon happened. Sophia sent people from her company to investigate. I followed them here."

Darryl nodded when he heard those words. Then, he walked in with Jewel.

Sigh!

Once they entered, they could hear shouts. All of them sounded fearful and hopeless.

"Sh*t, how do we get out of here?"

"That's it; we'll die trapped here."

They were the elite members of various sects that went into the formation much earlier.

Jewel was nervous when she heard the shouts around her. She could not help but ask Darryl,

"Brother Darryl, it looks like those people are all trapped."

Sigh.

Darryl took a deep breath; his eyes blinked as he said slowly, "This is the Green Wood Mysterious Formation. Jewel, follow me closely. Don't get lost. You'd be in trouble if you're trapped too."

"Alright."

Jewel nodded firmly. She followed closely behind Darryl; she was barely an inch away from him.

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At that moment, deep in the Valley of Death.

Zhang Jue led a few ten thousand disciples through the region covered by poisonous mist. They finally arrived in front of a huge cave.

They saw there was a huge figure in front of the cave entrance. It was a giant python. Its body was covered with shiny black scales, and it was almost a hundred meters long. There were two massive horns on its enormous head. Its entire body had a scary aura.

When Zhang Jue and the tens of thousands of disciples behind him saw that, all of them were stunned. Their eyes were filled with fear and shock!

That looked like a Black Sand Python, but it was incredibly powerful; it was much more powerful than all the other Black Sand Pythons they had ever seen. Its aura was terrifying too. What about the two horns on its head? What was that for?

Was that the creature that caused the phenomenon?

At that moment, everyone was in shock; they stared blankly at each other. They looked at it in disbelief.

"Master, that giant python—" one of the Hall Masters uttered in shock.

However, he was cut off by Zhang Jue after only a few words.

Zhang Jue sighed. He could not hide his shock as he said gradually, "A snake can transform into a python, a python can transform into a scaled dragon, a scaled dragon can transform into a dragon. I'm not sure how long that Black Sand Python had cultivated; it is now a scaled dragon."

"It must have caused the phenomenon earlier because it would soon transform into a dragon. Once it transforms into a dragon, it will be the strongest enchanted beast in the world."

Zhang Jue's eyes shone with excitement when he said that.

What? A scaled dragon would transform into a dragon?

At that moment, everyone's vision was locked onto the giant python. They felt incredibly amazed.

At that moment, the few Hall Masters around him bowed to Zhang Jue and put their hands together to congratulate him. "Master, it looks like the scaled dragon is at its critical stage before it transforms into a dragon. If you can tame it before it transforms into a dragon, you will be able to control the world in the future."

He looked at the sky and laughed when he heard that. Then he glared at the giant scaled dragon as he waved his hand. "Hurry, capture the python immediately!"

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Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh...

After he spoke, almost a thousand elite disciples leaped into the air and charged toward the giant scaled dragon.

Most of those elite disciples were Martial Saints; the lowest levels were Martial Marquis. When all the disciples exploded their auras simultaneously, it twisted the sky on top of them. The aura was intimidating.

The giant scaled dragon went berserk when it felt the danger around him.

Roar!

A loud dragon roar was heard from the giant scaled dragon. Next, its massive tail swung toward the one thousand disciples!

"Argh!"

In the blink of an eye, a few thousand disciples shouted terribly. All of them started to fall from the middle of the sky and into pools of blood.

Sh*t!

Zhang Jue's face looked horrible when he saw that.

He thought he would be able to take the scaled dragon down. He did not expect the scaled dragon to be so scary. In the blink of an eye, it had injured one thousand of his disciples.

"Let us take care of it." The dozens of Hall Masters looked at each other and roared angrily. They activated their skills and started to battle intensely with the giant scaled dragon.

In the blink of an eye, both parties had battled for more than half an hour. Zhang Jue's disciples were either dead or injured. They had suffered severe casualties.

As for the scaled dragon, it got fiercer!

At that point, Zhang Jue had no choice but to act.

However, Zhang Jue was surprised that the giant scaled dragon's defense was really strong and

sensitive. Zhang Jue could not control it despite using his unique technique.

At that moment, Zhang Jue did not know that the Black Sand Python that had transformed into a scaled dragon was the same python that had attacked Donoghue and swallowed the dragon ball. After it absorbed the essence of heaven and earth, it had transformed into a scaled dragon in just three years.

Over the past three years, the Black Sand Python had been hiding deep in the cave. As such, Darryl did not manage to locate it despite looking for it for so long.

At that moment, the scaled dragon was about to overcome its bottleneck; it was ready to transform into a real dragon. Even though it had not completely transformed into a dragon, the scaled dragon's defense had achieved an insane level. It was not a level that an ordinary cultivator could break through.

Sh*t!

Zhang Jue's face darkened as a result of the tough combat. He was enraged.

'I don't care if you are going to transform into a dragon. I don't believe we can't control you as there are so many of us!'

Sigh!

Zhang Jue took a long breath and gazed intently at the giant scaled dragon as he screamed, "Everyone, charge! We must defeat that giant scaled dragon."

Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh...

Right after he spoke, all the disciples around him exploded their internal energy and charged toward the giant scaled dragon.

Roar!

The giant scaled dragon was furious. It opened its huge mouth and let out a sky-shaking roar. It swung its long tail!

Woo, woo!

The wind howled fiercely, and layers of deadly mist spewed from the giant scaled dragon's jaws. At the same time, there was a searing flame in the middle.

"Argh..."

In the blink of an eye, many elite members were bathed in the poisonous mist; they shouted in pain. All of them started to fall into pools of blood. They either suffered corrosion from the poisonous mist or torched by the burning flame.

What?

'The giant scaled dragon's attack contains fire and poison?!

When Zhang Jue and the rest saw that, they gasped.

'That is the power of the future enchanted beast?'

'That is so scary!'

That was right. The giant scale dragon was originally a Black Sand Python, and it had been living in a poisonous place, the Valley of Death. Hence, its body contained intense poison.

Roar!

The giant scaled dragon was furious. It roared as it charged toward the crowd again!

"Argh..."

Many people perished on the spot; there were many screams of pain too! Everyone was terrified. Nobody wanted to fight any longer. All they wanted to do was turn back and flee.

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"Everyone, disperse!"

Zhang Jue was worried when he saw that, so he shouted.

The remaining disciples dispersed as he spoke. Then they formed a formation and surrounded the giant scaled dragon, as directed by Zhang Jue.

Zhang Jue was an expert in weaponry. He was also particularly gifted in formation techniques.

The giant scaled dragon was trapped and was unable to escape. Its body was riddled with wounds, and fresh blood flowed everywhere as those men besieged and attacked it. Its blood almost covered the ground entirely in red.

Zhang Jue grinned coldly as he punched forcefully into the center of the giant scaled dragon's skull.

Bang!

Zhang Jue only used half of his energy in that punch. He wanted to capture it while it was still alive. He did not wish to kill the giant big scaled dragon. One should know that the Nine Mainland had not seen a dragon for a few thousand years. It would be a waste to kill it right away.

Roar!

The giant scaled dragon's rage erupted when it was punched. Its massive bell-shaped eyes were filled with blood. It swung its tail and lunged at Zhang Jue.

Zhang Jue dared not take the risk. He could only move his body backward. The disciples nearby quickly ran into hiding as well. At that moment, a gap began to appear in the solid formation.

The giant scaled dragon did not hesitate to seize the opportunity to escape from the gap and rushed deep into the forest in the Valley of Death. In the blink of an eye, it had disappeared from everyone's vision.

Bang!

Zhang Jue's face darkened when he saw that. He punched the huge rock beside him. He roared,

"Chase it, all of you, go after it."

'It is not easy to bump into an enchanted beast that is transforming into a dragon. No matter what, I must get it!'

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Meanwhile, Darryl led Jewel through the poisonous mist region.

Once they arrived in front of a complicated-looking cave, Darryl stopped.

At that moment, Darryl could feel a dangerous aura from the direction in front of them.

Sigh...

Darryl was about to pause his footstep to investigate. Suddenly, a strong wave of poisonous mist floated toward them. The toxic mist carried burning flames in it.

Jewel was surprised when she saw that, and she hid behind Darryl subconsciously.

Darryl did not think further. He activated his internal energy and formed a protective shield behind him as he called for the White Lily Cold Flame at the same time to absorb the flame.

"What? It is the White Lily Cold Flame."

A deep voice was suddenly heard beside them.

Who? Who was that?!

Darryl and Jewel were taken aback and took a few steps forward. They were astonished to see what was in front of their eyes the next second.

They saw a giant python resting under a huge rock in front of them. Its entire body was covered in blood, its aura was weak, but its eyes still looked fierce. Its head was raised, and its entire body had a warrior's aura.

That was the giant scaled dragon that Zhang Jue had chased after.

'Sh*t! That is a scaled dragon? And it can speak?'

Darryl regained his composure; he was stunned.

He knew that a fierce beast would have the ability to speak once it reached a certain level of

cultivation. That was the same with his Rocky. Once he reached a certain level, he could communicate with Darryl. However, Laura had killed him.

It was evident that the giant scaled dragon in front of their eyes had achieved the level where it could speak.

'But that giant scaled dragon looked a little familiar.'

Darryl took a deep breath as he considered the giant scaled dragon. He paused for a moment before he asked, "Have we met?"

"We have met?"

The giant scaled dragon was stunned. It stared at Darryl. Its eyes continued to blink as if it remembered something. "I remember; you were the unlucky guy who fell down the cliff three years ago."

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Unlucky guy?

Darryl furrowed his brows when he heard that. He was not happy when it called him that, but he did not show it.

The next second, Darryl regained his thoughts and asked, "Where is the dragon ball?"

Three years ago, Donoghue was attacked by that same giant python. He fell down the cliff and died. At that time, Darryl had fallen by accident too. Darryl had been trying to track down the giant python for the next three years, but he could not find any trace of it.

He never imagined that the giant python had transformed into a scaled dragon when they met again three years later. It had also caused a phenomenon and was about to transform into a dragon.

"Dragon ball?"

The giant scaled dragon laughed when it heard that. "Young Man, three years have passed. Do you think I will still return the dragon ball to you?"

As it spoke, the giant scaled dragon looked conflicted as it continued to say, "We are fated to meet, so let me tell you the truth. After I swallowed the dragon ball, I combined it with my inner core. I managed to transform into a scaled dragon with the help of the energy from the dragon ball. I am about to transform into a dragon now. In other words, the dragon ball is now my inner core. I will die if I give you my inner core."

What?

Darryl was stunned, but he understood the situation very quickly.

It was all due to the dragon ball. No wonder the giant python's cultivation progress had been so quick.

"Young Man!"

Just as Darryl was deep in thoughts, the giant scaled dragon mellowed its tone. "I was about to transform into a dragon. However, a deviant person led a few ten thousand men to attack me and

caused me severe injuries. If you can heal me and help me to transform, I promise to be your enchanted beast. What do you say?"

The giant scaled dragon was not willing to recognize Darryl as its master. It was about to transform into a dragon and would be able to leap into the clouds and the sky. Nothing in the world could control it then.

However, if it did not have a master, it would not be able to heal over a short period. By then, if Zhang Jue and his men were to catch up with it, the giant scaled dragon might lose its life.

Wow...

Darryl's entire body trembled when he heard that.

'A dragon enchanted beast; wouldn't I be invincible in the future? That is every cultivator's dream and deepest desire.'

However, the giant scaled dragon had sustained too many injuries. The success rate for healing was really slim. Even though Darryl had some knowledge about medicine and had cultivated the Infinite Elixir Manual, the giant scaled dragon was too unique and was about to transform into a dragon. Under such circumstances, even if Divine Farmer was there, he might not be able to do it, let alone Darryl.

No one had ever faced such a situation over the past few thousand years.

"Save it, please, Mister. It is too pitiful." At that moment, Jewel begged him. There were no other people around, so Jewel greeted Darryl as usual.

Darryl smiled bitterly. "I have no idea how to save a scaled dragon that is about to transform into a dragon."

No!

As he spoke, they heard footsteps before ten thousand cultivators surrounded them. A fellow with a horrible face led them; it was Zhang Jue.

Zhang Jue led his followers on a route that eventually took them to the giant scaled dragon's hiding location.

"Darryl?"

When he saw Darryl, Zhang Jue's eyes turned chilly. "Such a small world." Zhang Jue had intended to use the Carter family to entice Darryl to appear. He had not expected to run into Darryl there.

Sh*t!

Darryl's facial expression changed; he was incredibly furious and shocked.

"Let me handle Darryl. The rest of you, capture the giant scaled dragon alive!" Zhang Jue spoke coldly. Then, he exploded his internal energy and charged toward Darryl.

Zhang Jue thought it was equally important to kill Darryl and capture the enchanted beast. Both could not be delayed.

Charge...

The ten thousand followers rushed up toward the giant scaled dragon.

Darryl furrowed his brows discreetly when he saw that. However, he remained calm and shouted at Jewel. "Jewel, help the giant scaled dragon to block that group of men. Let me handle Zhang Jue first. I will then come and help you after that."

Then, Darryl activated his internal energy and went on to meet Zhang Jue.

Darryl was not worried that Jewel would be in danger. Even though the giant scaled dragon was injured, its power was still terrifying. Jewel would not be in danger if she stayed with it.

Jewel nodded and guarded beside the giant scaled dragon.

The giant scaled dragon was incredibly furious when he saw the men charged at it. "You devious humans, all of you deserve to die." It had planned to acknowledge Darryl as his master to retain his life. It never imagined that Zhang Jue would locate it so soon. It could not control itself anymore when it felt the pressure from Zhang Jue.

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Roar!

A loud roar was heard. The air around the giant scaled dragon froze instantly! A strong aura exploded crazily from its giant body.

"Let me save you."

Jewel shouted as she held a longsword. She could not control her intention to battle anymore. She stood beside the giant scaled dragon and helped it to defend against the enemies.

On the other hand, Darryl and Zhang Jue went into an intense battle.

Darryl had complete confidence initially, but his heart became incredibly shocked when he felt Zhang Jue's power was so much stronger than three years ago.

Darryl still did not know that ever since Zhang Jue formed Yellow Sky Trading, he had absorbed many exquisite inner cores and consumed spirit pills simultaneously for some time. One should know that Zhang Jue's elixir production technique was extremely powerful too. He had no problem producing exquisite spirit pills as long as he had the ingredients.

In the blink of an eye, half an hour had passed. Darryl still did not manage to control Zhang Jue.

At the same time, the giant scaled dragon and Jewel were in a dangerous situation too.

If it were not due to the severe injuries that Zhang Jue had inflicted on the giant scaled dragon, it would not bother about those men. However, due to its injury and the attacks from so many people, the giant scaled dragon could barely stand it anymore.

Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh...

After an intense battle for more than half an hour, the giant scaled dragon's energy was draining quickly. A few elite disciples found the right opportunity and pierced through its body. Fresh blood oozed as the giant scaled dragon roared in pain.

"I would rather die than surrender to you."

The giant scaled dragon roared. Its eyes looked determined. Next, it opened its mouth and

vomited a shiny treasure pearl. That was the dragon ball that the giant scaled dragon had swallowed three years ago.

"Young Lady, thank you for helping me. I present to you with this dragon ball," the giant scaled dragon said in sorrow. It curled its tail around Jewel's body and forced her to open her mouth so that she would swallow the dragon ball.

Gulp!

Before Jewel could react, the dragon ball had already gone down her throat!

What?

Everyone from the Endless Sky Organization was furious and shocked; their faces changed when they saw that.

The few hall masters were especially furious; they were the closest to the giant scaled dragon. It had killed many of their disciples, and they were about to capture it. They did not expect it would give its inner core to Jewel.

The giant scaled dragon looked at the sky and laughed loudly when it saw their expressions. He felt incredibly relieved. "You despicable human being. You want to force me to surrender? You made the wrong plan."

After it spoke, the giant scaled dragon used the last bit of its energy and charged toward the crowd again. However, not long after it dashed forward, its enormous body dropped onto the ground. It had lost its breath and died.

The giant scaled dragon had lost its life without the inner core. There was no way for it to live.

Sh*t!

Zhang Jue cursed discreetly when he saw that. His face looked horrible.

He had wanted to tame the enchanted beast that was about to transform into a dragon. He did not expect that the giant scaled dragon would rather die than surrender. On top of that, it had given its inner core to Jewel.

Darryl furrowed his brows too. He had a bad feeling—one could stay innocent until one possessed

a treasure. Jewel's power was not strong and was not a threat to those people; hence, no one would even take note of her. However, she had the dragon ball, so she would be in danger.

Just when Darryl realized there was trouble, all the people around him regained their composure and surrounded Jewel instantly.

"Ouch..."

However, before those people arrived in front of her, Jewel's body started to tremble. Her exquisite face blushed entirely. She looked as if she was in pain. Next, her skin changed colors; she was suddenly red, and then she was blue. She had started to act weirdly too.

It was obvious. The energy of the dragon ball had started to spread in Jewel's body.

Jewel felt as if she had entered hell. Her entire body felt incredibly painful. At the same time, strong and fierce energy rushed through her veins dangerously.

Darryl frowned; he knew that was not good. He wanted to rush over to her, but Zhang Jue blocked him.

Wow!

Everyone from the Endless Sky Organization was stunned when they saw that. They were really excited too.

"That... the energy is too powerful..."

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"Such strong energy. It looks like the inner core of the giant scaled dragon is activating in her body. However, her power is just too weak. There is no way for her to absorb it completely."

"This is the perfect opportunity. Everyone, attack and take her down."

Jewel bit her lips tightly. She panicked when she saw so many people charged toward her to capture her. At that time, Jewel needed to absorb the dragon ball. However, the dragon ball contained the enchanted beast's strong power. She could not absorb it in such a short time due to her weak power.

Jewel could not control it anymore. Her body continued to tremble. She opened her red lips a little and shouted weakly toward Darryl. "Mister, I am suffering—"

Sigh!

Darryl was extremely worried when he saw that. He shouted at Jewel, "Don't worry, Jewel. I am here; you will be fine."

"Go to hell, Darryl!"

When Jewel diverted Darryl's attention, Zhang Jue smirked cruelly and did not hesitate to use his internal energy to punch Darryl.

Zhang Jue had used 90 percent of his internal energy in his punch. The air quickly twisted where the punch passed.

"Mister, be careful!"

Jewel's gorgeous face changed when she saw that. She yelled angrily. Jewel wished to rush forward as well, but her situation was far more severe than Darryl's. It was simply too late!

Whoosh!

The punch was accompanied by a powerful energy storm and appeared in front of Darryl's eyes in an instant!

At that moment, Darryl was still worried about Jewel. He could not react at all, and there was no time to avoid it as well.

Bang!

In the blink of an eye, Zhang Jue's punch landed on Darryl's back! Darryl's body trembled, and he vomited a mouth full of blood. His body bounced off and flew far away.

Darryl vomited more blood while he was in mid-air. He felt as if his internal organs had been crushed. The impact threw him more than one hundred meters backward, and he landed heavily on the ground. He even smashed a few giant rocks.

Wow!

Darryl's face was ashen. His eyes glared at Zhang Jue; he felt incredibly furious and frustrated.

Darryl was not afraid of Zhang Jue at all if they were to battle. However, he was distracted by Jewel's situation, and hence, that allowed Zhang Jue to ambush him.

Wow!

The men from the Endless Sky Organization cheered when they saw that.

'That's our master. He defeated the infamous Darryl from the Nine Mainland. He is so powerful!'

A smile appeared on Zhang Jue's face when he heard everyone's cheer. Then he waved his hand.

"Take both of them, and bring them back to the main altar."

Zhang Jue looked at Darryl's angry face. He was incredibly excited in his heart. 'So what if you are the Nine Mainland's hero? You still ended up in my hands at the end, didn't you?'

"Yes, Master!"

After he finished speaking, everyone responded, and then Darryl and Jewel were promptly tied up.

Sh*t!

Darryl cursed inwardly; his eyes were locked onto Jewel. He was really worried. He noticed Jewel's face was flushed red, and her entire body appeared to be on fire. He felt sorry for her since she looked really pitiful.

Darryl and Jewel were escorted to the Endless Sky Organization's main altar, Lunar Hill, a few hours later.

In the main hall.

Zhang Jue had his people tie Darryl to a pillar, and then he began to examine Jewel's condition.

Jewel was on the verge of passing out at the time. She was exceedingly weak as a result of her inability to contain the powerful energy in her body.

"Hurry!"

"Hurry, bring the treasure chest here," Zhang Jue told his disciples. He needed to extract the dragon ball from Jewel's body before he could open the treasure chest. He would be able to get his hands on the treasure left behind by Emperor Xuan Yuan by then.

After he spoke, a few disciples dashed out. They returned not long after; they carried the stone chest with them.

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What?

Darryl was furious when he saw that.

'When did Zhang Jue get the stone chest? Three years ago, the stone chest was at the Nine Mainland camp under everyone's guard, right?'

Darryl did not know that the stone chest was kept under the Carter family's guard after the war ended, but Zhang Jue had tricked them a few days ago.

Zhang Jue was really excited when the stone chest was brought forward. He started to activate his internal energy; he tried to extract the dragon ball from Jewel's body.

However, after a few minutes, Zhang Jue was shocked to see that, despite Jewel's weakness, her abdomen had absorbed a large portion of the energy from the dragon ball. He would have to put her in the elixir oven if he wanted to get the dragon ball.

"A waste of my time!"

Zhang Jue was enraged at the time. He stated it coldly, then raised his fist and hit Jewel in the stomach.

Puke...

Jewel was really weak; she could not handle that punch. She vomited blood instantly. Her blood seemed to be black in color. It was evident that the punch carried some poison with it.

Two seconds later, Jewel's skin all over her body had turned black.

"Jewel!" Darryl roared. His heart was in pieces. Jewel was such a gentle and kind person, but she had to go through such intense suffering.

Zhang Jue laughed.

He was delighted when he saw Darryl was in deep sorrow. "Your heart is in pain, Darryl? Have you ever imagined today's event when you forced me to consume the Heaven Cult Elixir?"

"My punch is called the Nine Silence Poison Punch. The person I hit will die a terrible death from

the poison."

Then, Zhang Jue ordered coldly, "Tie her up with the stone chest and throw her into the river behind the hills."

Of course, Zhang Jue did not want to throw the stone chest and Jewel away. There was a river north of Lunar Hill that did not face the sun. The water in the river was freezing. Jewel was about to die from the poisonous punch; he wanted to soak her in the icy cold river water to facilitate the elixir production later.

As for that punch, it was simply to make Darryl feel devastated!

Jewel, who was already unconscious, was carried outside with the stone chest after he spoke.

"Jewel!"

Darryl roared as he lost his voice. Tears suddenly obscured his vision!

His heart ached, he was in deep sorrow, and his anger burned! At that time, Darryl was utterly devastated.

Darryl bumped into Jewel at the Great East ten years ago. At the moment, she was venturing everywhere; she was only a young adolescent. She was patient and compassionate, and everyone adored her. Darryl treated her like his younger sister. He intended to give Jewel a beautiful life as the community's situation improved.

He had never expected Zhang Jue would kill Jewel before the day arrived.

He was furious!

Darryl's face was flushed as he glared at Zhang Jue.

Zhang Jue was overjoyed when he saw Darryl's anguish. He smiled coldly. "Your heart is breaking, right, Darryl? Also, I captured the entire Carter family a day ago. They are all now in prison at the back of the hill."

Zhang Jue laughed.

"Are you even angrier now? Don't blame me; you are the obstacle in my dream to conquer the Nine Mainland. Don't worry; after I kill you, I will send the entire Carter family and your friends to meet you in hell."

"I will kill you!" Darryl roared crazily. Insane energy exploded from his body. The steel chains around his body all broke into pieces.

Darryl had released his acupoints forcefully under his intense anger.

"I want you to die!"

Darryl roared angrily as he lifted both his hands. The air immediately twisted. Next, he punched Zhang Jue.

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"Thousand Calamities!"

Thousand Calamities—that was the secret technique Darryl had cultivated at the bottom of the volcano crater. He was not able to use that technique under normal circumstances. It would only explode when he was under extreme sadness and sorrow.

Wow! The Endless Sky Organization disciples took a cold breath when they saw that.

Zhang Jue smiled coldly instead.

"Not bad. You can still release your acupoint forcefully under such circumstances. No wonder you are so famous in the Nine Mainland." Zhang Jue said coldly. His eyes shone coldly. "However, it will not be easy for you to kill me."

Zhang Jue raised his palm fiercely as he spoke, and a golden beam appeared, shattering the heaven and earth as he charged forward!

Zhang Jue wielded a giant golden axe in his hands. The ray from the axe was as powerful as the sun's ray—that was the Sky Breaking Axe.

What?

Darryl's heart sank when he saw the Sky Breaking Axe. He was astonished.

'He has the Sky Breaking Axe. No wonder he acted so fearlessly. That Zhang Jue is too despicable; he had the Sky Breaking Axe all this while, and he did not show it. He only used it during the most critical time. What a hideous person!'

Zhang Jue looked up at the sky and laughed when he saw Darryl's reaction. "Surprised? Well, I already obtained the Sky Breaking Axe a year ago, but I've kept it hidden.

"Darryl, I kept the Sky Breaking Axe hidden because I want to wait for the day I can use it to take your life!"

A cultivator family from the South Cloud World had investigated the Wild Deserted Secret Region a year ago. They came across the Sky Breaking Axe by chance. Zhang Jue learned of it and dispatched someone to destroy that entire family to obtain the Sky Breaking Axe.

For the past year, Zhang Jue had hidden the Sky Breaking Axe so that he could use it against Darryl later. He had wanted to call for the axe in the Valley of Death. However, he managed to capture Darryl because the man was distracted by Jewel, so he did not need to use the axe.

At that point, as he experienced Darryl's rage, Zhang Jue did not hesitate and called for it right away.

Bang, bang, bang...

Darryl's punch collided with the golden beam released by Zhang Jue. A powerful aura vibration erupted. The entire main hall was crushed in an instant, and ashes and dust filled the whole place.

Zhang Jue took ten steps backward among the ashes and dust. His face looked pale, and he had fresh blood smears at the corners of his mouth.

Darryl's Thousand Calamities had a terrifying power. Even though Zhang Jue had blocked most of the energy with the Sky Breaking Axe, he was still injured.

Darryl appeared pale outside the main hall at the same time. His entire body was covered in blood as he rushed down the hill quickly.

Darryl had wanted to end his life with Zhang Jue. However, he kept a glimmer of optimism in the back of his mind when he thought of Jewel. 'What if Jewel did not die, but I did, along with Zhang Jue? Won't that be a loss for me?'

As Darryl had planned, the first thing to do was to escape from that place, then figure out a way to go into the river behind the hill to look for Jewel.

Wow...

Everyone around them was stunned when they saw that. After a few seconds, a few dozen disciples quickly gathered around and helped Zhang Jue.

"Master, Darryl has run away."

Zhang Jue's face looked horrible, but an evil grin still appeared on his face. "Don't worry; he can't run too far. He is someone who treasures relationships. He will definitely return to save that woman."

Zhang Jue ordered coldly, "Strengthen the security immediately. Any issue should be reported to me as soon as possible." Zhang Jue turned around and entered the secret room in the back to cultivate after he said that. He had suffered severe injuries as a result of Darryl's punch. He needed to get back on his feet as quickly as possible.

"Yes, Master!" the men in the main hall replied unanimously.

Meanwhile, Jewel had been tied with the stone chest. She was soaking in the icy cold river; the chill went straight to her bones.

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Time passed, every second and every minute. Jewel felt as if she was going through countless nightmares. In the end, when she woke up, she felt the skin of her entire body and face was in burning pain.

'Did I die?'

Jewel opened her eyes and saw her entire body was soaked in the icy cold river water. Jewel was stunned and sad. Next, she was shocked when she saw her reflection in the water.

She saw her exquisite, beautiful face had turned pitch black like black ink. She looked extremely ugly.

At that moment, Jewel felt utterly hopeless.

'Since I would not live much longer, instead of staying alive for Zhang Jue to use me for elixir production, why don't I die now?'

When she thought of that, Jewel was about to knock her head on the stone chest to commit suicide.

Bang!

However, before Jewel could knock her head on the chest, she felt indescribable energy had covered her. Next, a stunning shadow appeared in front of her eyes.

A person dressed in a light purple long dress had appeared. Her facial features were exceptionally beautiful, and her body figure was alluring. She looked as if she had walked out of a painting. She had an undeniable aura throughout her body.

That was someone she had not met for a while; she was Diaochan.

"Diaochan—" Jewel bit her lips; she was in shock when she saw Diaochan. "Miss Diaochan? Why did you save me?"

Diaochan had stayed with the Carter family for a period. Of course, she knew Jewel.

"Are you Miss Jewel?" Diaochan was surprised.

At that moment, Jewel's face was almost completely destroyed. However, Diaochan still recognized her when she heard her voice.

Diaochan asked when she saw Jewel nodding her head. "Jewel, what happened?"

Ten years ago, Lu Bu's ancient tomb had shocked the whole Nine Mainland. Later, countless sects had rushed into the ancient tomb as they tried to obtain Lu Bu's treasure. Diaochan was resurrected due to some circumstances. Then, she stayed with the Carter family.

Later, due to the changes in circumstances in the Nine Mainland, wars started. Diaochan left the Carter family and went everywhere to look for a place to settle down. All those years, she had been wandering everywhere. That day, she had been walking past Lunar Hill. She noticed that someone had been thrown into the river, and there were guards around. She was curious; hence, she went to take a look. She did not expect to see Jewel.

Jewel's eyes were red. She sobbed. "I am not able to live long, and I turned so ugly—" As she spoke, tears continued to stream down her cheeks; it made one feel heartache for her.

When she heard that, Diaochan observed Jewel. "Did you swallow a huge inner core and also poisoned by someone's punch?"

Diaochan was Lu Bu's woman. She was knowledgeable; she could easily identify Jewel's situation.

Jewel nodded; she was in deep sorrow as she shared what had happened.

When she reached the end of the story, Jewel's eyes were filled with unwillingness and conflict. "I don't wish to die like this. I do not want to leave Mister. However, even if I manage to stay alive, I do not dare to see Mister with this face."

Sigh!

Diaochan sighed in relief when she heard that. 'This little girl is really loyal to Darryl. She is so weak and kind; she makes one feel pity for her.'

As she mumbled in her heart, Diaochan looked at Jewel seriously. "You're unwilling to leave Darryl?"

Jewel nodded; her eyes were filled with determination. "If I can, I would guard him for his whole life, even if I have to sacrifice my life for him."

Diaochan was really touched. 'That is true love in a profound relationship.'

Diaochan said, "You will definitely die based on your condition now. However, I have a way to let you be with Darryl for his entire life, but that requires a great sacrifice from you."

Diaochan lifted her hands and pointed at the stone chest. "Inside that stone chest is a dragon egg left behind by Emperor Xuan Yuan. That is his former enchanted beast dragon's youngling. Your body has been poisoned, and you will not live much longer. However, I have a way to combine your soul and the dragon ball into the dragon egg. You will need to forgo your body as a sacrifice.

"In other words, you will replace the dragon's spirit and soul in the egg and turn yourself into a dragon. On the day you hatch from the egg, you will be able to choose to be Darryl's enchanted beast. With that, you will always be with him.

"However, you must consider it carefully. If you were to do that, you would not be able to communicate with Darryl before you achieve the peak of your power. In other words, Darryl will not know who you are."

Diaochan looked at Jewel with pity when she said the last sentence.

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Indeed, Lu Bu had been behaving cruelly during those years, and he had obtained an ancient book that mentioned the incident about the dragon egg that the Yellow Emperor left. Diaochan knew about it because she was there.

She did not make things up regarding inserting Jewel's soul into the dragon ball because she had helped someone do that before.

"I—"

Jewel bit her lips and pondered.

After a few seconds, she decided and nodded. "Alright, I will do it."

She was very certain when she said those words. Even though she would not be able to communicate with Darryl for a long time after she turned into a dragon, she was content enough to stay by his side all the time.

Diaochan nodded at Jewel's consent. She raised her delicate hand and waved it to bring Jewel afloat while avoiding the Endless Sky Organization disciples. Then, they flew swiftly before disappearing in the night sky.

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Meanwhile, at the Endless Sky Organization's main altar.

Dax, Yvette, and the others sat dispirited and dejectedly in the prison cell at the back of the hill.

Wham!

The door was pushed open abruptly. The disciples near the entrance collapsed to the floor before they could respond; a figure walked into the cell briskly.

He emitted an elegant aura despite his formidable manner. It was Chester.

"Brother Chester?"

"Master Wilson!"

Yvette and the crowd were agitated and surprised to see him.

Chester approached them and gestured for them to be silent. "Shush, don't alert those guards outside. I'm getting you guys out of here as soon as I can."

Chester had returned to the Carter family a day ago and found only Eira there. He learned that Zhang Jue had captured everyone. He was extremely infuriated; he looked for clues along the tracks and followed them there.

The group suppressed their emotions and did not make a sound when they heard him.

Chester opened the prison cell quickly and unshackled them before all of them left the cell quietly.

They were extremely nervous as they went down the hill, but they managed to keep out of the guards' sight.

They reached the fork of the hill in only a few minutes. They were almost out of danger!

Whoosh!

Suddenly, blazing flames appeared right in front of them in that split second!

Crap!

Chester looked up; his mind went blank! Yvette, Dax, and the others were also shocked.

Countless fire torches were erected at the fork in front of them. There were nearly a thousand men from the Endless Sky Organization. The leader had a grim expression on his face as he smiled sinisterly. It was Zhang Jue.

"Master Wilson, it's you!"

He smiled with a hint of ridicule and sinister. "I was wondering who could be so bold to sneak into the altar to rescue them! But did you not think of this?"

Chester's eyes glistened. He did not reply.

Zhang Jue smiled lightly and continued to say, "I've set an ambush earlier because I knew that someone would come to the altar for a rescue attempt tonight. I did not expect you to fall into the trap so soon, though."

Indeed, he had set an ambush, but it was to capture Darryl. He did not expect Chester to appear at the altar that night.

However, he was excited; it was not a disappointment. He knew that Chester was Darryl's sworn brother, and Darryl would crumble if he took Chester hostage.

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Phew!

Zhang Jue had been famous for thousands of years as a strategist who planned far ahead. No wonder he was recognized by Yang Jian and became the North Moana continent's Military Adviser in the past.

His shrewdness and comprehensive thinking were astounding!

Chester stared at Zhang Jue and said nonchalantly, "Your Excellency, I'm impressed at how clever you are."

He maintained his composure, but he was unsettled.

He racked his brain to think what they should do. He initially thought that he could rescue Dax and the others without breaking a sweat; he did not expect to be ambushed at all. Dax and the others were unable to fight because they were still weak, so he was the only one able to combat.

Zhang Jue sniggered; he did not say another word.

Whoosh...

The Endless Sky Organization elites rushed toward them to surround Chester and the others between them like iron bastions.

"F*ck..."

Dax's eyes shot crimson as he shouted, "Brother Chester, we should fight."

He figured that they should go all out and fight for as long as they could since they might not be able to escape that day.

He was about to charge when Chester stopped him.

"Dax, hold on," Chester said with a solemn expression as he shook his head at Dax's action. He was worried; Dax still maintained his hot temper even after so many years.

It was clear that they would die if they resisted based on their situation.

Chester took a step forward as he pondered. Then, he turned toward Zhang Jue and said, "Your Excellency, what must we do for you to let us go?" Chester had always been a cautious person, and he would never give up his life for nothing.

Besides, he guessed that Zhang Jue would not kill all of them at that moment.

Zhang Jue smiled as he stared at him. "I've heard of the reputation of one elegant Master Wilson from the Eternal Life Palace Sect, and it seems like it is indeed true. It's great that you can keep your composure despite the hopeless situation."

His expression became solemn. "There's no way that I'll let you go, but I can consider sparing your lives on one condition."

Chester froze for a second and asked with his brows furrowed, "What is it?"

"Pledge your allegiance to me."

A smug smile emerged on Zhang Jue's lips as he said, "You have to serve me devotedly from now onward."

'What?'

Dax and the others gaped in shock and anger when they heard that.

'It is despicable of Zhang Jue to ask Brother Chester to submit to him! There is no way he will give in to others as he is a righteous person, not to mention, to someone as evil as Zhang Jue.'

"You want Master Wilson to submit to you? You must be dreaming—"

"Brother Chester, stop wasting your time with him. Let's fight."

"That's right; we'd rather die than surrender!"

The group erupted into angry shouts as they criticized Zhang Jue. However, Chester stood there and pondered in silence.

Phew!

He finally snapped out of his daze and looked straight at Zhang Jue. "Fine, I agree."

He was repulsed at the idea of submitting to Zhang Jue, but he had no other option other than surrender for the sake of everyone's safety.

He planned to obtain Zhang Jue's trust for the time being to keep Dax and the others' safety. He would wait for a chance to release them to safety.

Dax and the others were dumbfounded.

"Brother Chester, are you crazy?" Dax stared at Chester with shock. "Why'd you agree? He's a scoundrel!" He was shocked that Chester would give in to Zhang Jue as he had always respected Chester.

The others joined in after Dax.

"Master Wilson, we'd rather die than surrender!"