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Monster cores, in the Dou Qi Mainland, they are also known as Magic Crystals. The Monster Core is the energy nuclei within a magic monster. The monster core is filled with extremely violent world energy. When facing this kind of violent world energy, even a Dou Wang wouldn't risk absorbing a monster core.

Even though Monster cores cannot be absorbed directly, it is a core ingredient in alchemy. A monster core that goes through an Alchemist's refining can be infused with some herbs to become desirable and expensive pills that can increase one's strength.

Furthermore, monster cores can be placed on weapons. The weapon that has been fused with a monster core does not only have increased destructive power, it can also have special Dou Qi effects, and becomes a highly sought after commodity in the Dou Qi Mainland.

Besides weapons, Monster Cores can also be added to armors and defensive equipment. The defensive equipment that have Monster Cores have an extreme defense and give their users an extra safety net when they're in danger.

With that many uses, monster cores are naturally the most sought after items within the Dou Qi Mainland. Not only Dou Zhes but even respectable Alchemists search in person for high level monster cores in order to create higher quality level pills.

Under such demand, the supply for monster cores on the mainland is always unable to meet the demand from the buyers, thus whenever a high level core appears in any auction or other setting, it was bought immediately at a high price.

Because of the high value of monster cores, many mercenary groups specialize in killing magic monsters for a living but getting a monster core is not a simple task.

First, magic monsters are not only extremely strong but also very cunning. Because of their devious nature and special attacking methods, magical beasts can be much stronger than humans of the same rank. Hence, without outstanding power of your own, trying to kill a magical beast on your own is impossible and may possibly lose your life without getting a magical core.

Even if you do kill a magic beast, not all magical beasts possess a magic core, the probability of a magical beast having a core is almost random so a mercenary group could have half of their force killed trying to kill a magic monster and yet not find a core. These kinds of incidents happen all the time in Dou Qi Mainland...

Thus the price of monster cores in Dou Qi Mainland are all very expensive.

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Bringing Xun Er through twisting alleys, Xiao Yan finally arrives at a market that's slightly south in the city. In Wu Tang city there are a few medium sized markets and all of them are controlled by one of the three clans. The market Xiao Yan is going in is under Xiao clan's control.

Even though it's under Xiao clan's control, Xiao Clan is actually only maintaining order and safety in the market. And for compensation, be it mercenaries or merchants who set up stalls, they have to pay taxes to the clan, this is the rule of Dou Qi Mainland for a long time and rarely anybody would try to go against it.

At the front entrance of the market, there were two guards from Xiao clan. They undoubtedly knew Xiao Yan and Xun Er, judging from when the guards saw them coming, the guards paused and immediately bowed.

Slightly nodding his head, Xiao Yan walked inside and looking at the neverending stream of people, he couldn't help himself from licking his lips. No wonder the clan keeps the market under strict control, with this many people visiting the market, the profits for the clan can't be low...

"Third young master, Miss Xun Er, would you like to buy something in the market?" Right when the two were dizzy looking at the sheer number of people, a respectful voice sounded behind them.

Hearing the sound, Xiao Yan turned his head. Behind him were seven to eight guys that were wearing the Xiao Clan's uniform. The speaker appeared to be a 30 years old mature man, wearing a badge with 6 gold stars, he is obviously a six star Dou Zhe.

Noticing the doubt in Xiao Yan's eyes, the man honestly smiled and said: "Third young master, I'm called Pei En. The clan leader appointed me to be the leader of the guards for maintaining safety in the market. Ah! Last year during young master's birthday, I, Pei En came..."

"Oh, it's Uncle Pei En!"

Xiao Yan blinked and even though he does not have any impression of Pei En, his introduction made Xiao Yan smile. Since the man was personally appointed by his father, he would naturally be his subordinate, there would be no issues with loyalty.

Even though the Xiao Clan wasn't some big and influential force, the clan was divided into different factions. If the man standing in front of him was under the control of the elders, he would have never been so kind and would have just said some customary greetings.

“I was bored in the clan so I decided to come out and look around. Uncle Pei En, you should go and do your work, if I have any questions, I’ll be sure to ask you.” Xiao Yan’s young voice didn’t have any hints of arrogance that a normal young master might have; instead, his voice was soft and respectful, anyone who heard it would feel a slight sense of pride and joy.

With another Uncle, the smile on Pei En’s face widened and became more sincere. Nodding his head, he said: “Then enjoy looking around third young master. Our people are all over the market so if you need anything then just call out for us.”

Respectfully nodding his head, Xiao Yan pulls Xun Er and plunged into the horde of people, disappearing from Pei En’s sight...

“Pa Li, bring two men and follow Third Young Master. Also, warn the thieves in the market that if any of them have any ideas on Third Young Master or Xun Er then they don’t need to be in this market anymore.” Looking at the disappearing young boy and girl, Pei En turned around and his honest face was replaced by a cunning and capable face.

“Yes, captain!” One of the men lowly answered and with a wave of his hand, him and two other men also go into the multitudes of people.

“Haha, Third Young Master is still so gentle, it allows people to be relaxed around him...” Looking at the three men mixing in with the crowd, Pei En smiles but in an instant, the smile turns into a frown and he sighed: “Third Young Master is such a nice person, it’s regretful, haa...”

Regretfully shaking his head, Pei En leads his remaining underlings and goes to patrol the streets.

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Lazily following Xiao Yan, Xun Er “accidentally” glance behind her and smiled: “Xiao Yan ge-ge. Pei En’s quite nice.”

Xiao Yan answered with a yup and scans towards a nearby stall. His soul perception was far greater than normal people so he could detect the guards following him. Looking back forward, Xiao Yan slows down and walks side by side with Xun Er. Tilting his head, he jokes: “9 Duan Qi and already able to detect three hiding guards. Xun Er, pretty good...”

Xun Er copies Xiao Yan and cutely shrugged her shoulders, bringing out her trump card: Smile, Stay silent!

Looking at the silent Xun Er, a smile began to form on his lips. Lightly patting her head, he whispers: “Even though I don’t know who you are or where you’re from, I do know

that you are my sister and no matter what happens in the future, I will always protect you.” Lightly smiling, Xiao Yan speeds up and breaks out of his line from Xun Er.

Her feet stopping, Xun Er stared with her beautiful eyes at the back of the young man that just talked with her. After pausing for a while, a smile begins to creep onto her delicate face.

Within the crowd, her figure was swaying back and forth, like a lotus, elegant and pretty...

“Sister? Xun Er is a very greedy girl though...” Tilting her head, Xun Er mutters and then quickly catches up to the young man in front of her.

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Following Xiao Yan while he examines the stalls by the side, Xun Er and Xiao Yan slowly move into the more populated and expensive inner parts of the market. The people that come here to buy and sell usually have decent money or physical power.

While Xiao Yan was engrossed in trying to find a Monster Core, Xiao Xun who was bored, walked up to a clean stall and with her pale-white hand picks up a light green bracelet. The bracelet wasn't crafted with anything special but it had a hint of Ice Silver which made it feel cold to the touch, perfect for hot summer days. In addition, even though the material was quite plain, the craftsmanship wasn't bad...

Right when Xun Er decided to buy the bracelet, she remembered that she had loaned all of her money to Xiao Yan. Slightly turning around and seeing the busy young man, she could only helplessly shake her head and smile at the old stall owner. Putting down the bracelet, she lazily started moving forward... Her calm manner wouldn't let her ask anyone to buy anything for her, even if it was Xiao Yan....

After walking forward for a bit, right when the bored Xun Er decided to go back to Xiao Yan, a clear laughter rings from ahead.

“Huh, isn't this Ms. Xun Er? Hehe, I wouldn't have thought to find you here, it must be fate.”

Her thin brow lightly furrowing, Xun Er tried to find the source of the voice but only saw a group of people. The group was following behind a luxuriously dressed young man.

The young man was only 20+ years old and was quite handsome. His face was slightly pale but his eyes were filled with heat and were staring at the young girl standing in front of him. Within his gaze was also an unrestrained hint of lust.

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Looking at the delighted handsome youth, Xun Er's slim eyebrows wrinkled. Not paying attention to his call, she turned away.

"Miss Xun Er!"

Looking at Xun Er from the side, the handsome but pale young man became immediately anxious and quickly crossed to block her from the front.

Blocked by the youth, Xun Er stopped her steps. Her pair of long and beautiful eyes were lazily narrowed staring at him. Yet she did not utter a single word.

"Miss Xun Er..." Stared at by pupils that were like water drops and despite the fact that he was used to flirting with beauties, his breathing became somewhat hurried. His clever tongue had lost all of its use for the moment.

"Jia Lie Ao young master, if there isn't anything urgent, please get out the way. I still have to do something."

Looking at this somewhat flush youth, Xun Er finally spoke. Her soft and young voice made the young man's pale face flush with a sick red.

"Hehe, Miss Xun Er, have you come to the market to buy something? I'm quite free right now so why don't we look around the market together?" Taking a deep breath within his mind, Jia Lie Ao's smile was open and gentle. This smile along with his status and handsomeness had successfully landed him quite a few girls.

"Jia Lie Ao young master, I already said that I have something to do! Can you move aside?" Xun Er's small mouth curves upward and her voice was smooth without any hint of irritation.

Being rejected by Xun Er, the edges of Jia Lie Ao's mouth twitched but he kept his smile and pulled out a bracelet from his pockets. The bracelet was a light blue gold color and was made from Blue Gold. From the bracelet hanged a smoothed green ball-like monster core. A soft green was emitted from the monster core and scattered its light on the bracelet, giving it a special hue. Looks like this intricate bracelet costs a lot!

"Hehe, since Miss Xun Er has something to do then I, Jia Lie Ao won't block you anymore." Jia Lie Ao tightly clutched the bracelet and smiles: "This was a bracelet that I just bought in the market, even though it's not too expensive, it has a level one wood

attribute monster core which greatly helps in the recovery of Dou Qi. Since Miss Xun Er hasn't become a Dou Zhe yet, this bracelet is perfect for you. This is just a small gift of mine so please don't say no. After all, I would lose face in front of my underlings..." At the end, Jia Lie Ao purposefully lowered his voice and the underlings around him, as if it was a play, grinned on cue.

Looking at Jia Lie Ao's actions, Xun Er's brow lifted. She didn't know how to deal with such a person.

Right when she was about to refuse, her sight fell onto the green monster core on the bracelet and remembered how Xiao Yan was busily trying to find a wood attribute monster core. Her long eyelashes lightly blinked and her impassive face relaxed a bit...

Looking at Xun Er's relaxed face, Jia Lie Ao's heart flutters happily and quickly pushes the Wood Attribute Bracelet forward: "Miss Xun Er, there's no need to be courteous. Jia Lie Clan and Xiao Clan are both in the top three clans of Wu Tang City so exchanging little gifts is common."

"I'll take the bracelet and remove the monster core and give to Xiao Yan ge-ge. As for the bracelet, when he's not paying attention... I'll throw it away." With this mischievous thought, Xun Er didn't hesitate anymore and stretches her hand out, about to take the bracelet. Suddenly a hand grabs her hand and stops her from taking the bracelet.

Right when her hand was grabbed, Xun Er pauses in shock before having the Dou Qi in her body flowing in order to protect herself. But right when her hand was about to go free from the grasp, a young male hmph made her obediently stop struggling.

Looking behind her, Xun Er saw Xiao Yan. When her sight moved a bit higher, she saw a harsh young face.

"Don't you know what he's like?" Scowling at Xun Er, Xiao Yan criticized himself in his mind. Then he looks up and says: "Jia Lie Ao young master, your thought is graciously accepted by Xun Er but as for the gift, you should take it back."

Looking at the destroyed atmosphere, a hint of anger flashed within Jia Lie Ao's eyes. But, in front of Xun Er, he tried to keep his "gentlemanly" air and waxily smiles: "Xiao Yan young master, I saw that Miss Xun Er didn't have any jewelry so I wanted to help her a bit. Do you not want to let her have a few small trinkets to accentuate her beauty?"

Helplessly sighing, Xiao Yan glances at the Wood Attribute bracelet in Jia Lie Ao's hand and took out another green bracelet and with some frustration, asks: "Do you really like bracelets? Here you go, don't take other people's stuff for no reason. I already told you that there is no such thing as a free lunch. The ones who offer free stuff always have a hidden motive. With your innocent look, you may have been sold by someone and still wouldn't know what had happened."

Hearing Xiao Yan's words that were obviously directed at him, Jia Lie Ao's face becomes cold. But when he saw the bracelet on Xiao Yan's hand, he couldn't help but laugh.

The bracelet in Xiao Yan's hands, from a material standpoint, couldn't have costed more than 5 Gold Coins. While, his Wood Attribute Bracelet, which had an authentic monster core, cost an entire 1000+ gold coins. The two bracelets, no matter how you look at it, either price or actual usefulness, had a huge difference and Xiao Yan's bracelet couldn't even compare to the Wood Attribute Bracelet. So, when Jia Lie Ao saw Xiao Yan giving such a poor bracelet to the beautiful Xun Er, he couldn't help but criticize Xiao Yan: "Xiao Yan, I know that you don't have a high position in your clan, but... but why would you give such pitiful thing to Xun Er?"

Ignoring Jia Lie Ao's taunt, Xiao Yan looked at the young girl who was staring at the bracelet in his hand and hurriedly asked: "Do you want it or not? If you don't then I'll just throw it away, it was only 2-3 gold coins."

"Haa..." Hearing Xiao Yan's words, not only did Jia Lie Ao start laughing, his underlings also started to laugh at Xiao Yan with a ridiculing tone.

But the ridiculing laugh didn't continue for long before being cut off as if they had just had their necks cut off. On everyone was a hilariously stunned face.

Xun Er who had been stunned, responded quickly to Xiao Yan's words. Her two hands almost instinctively reached out and snatched the bracelet in Xiao Yan's hand. After getting the bracelet, Xun Er realized what she had done, perhaps she had acted a bit too impatient...

A light red blush appeared on her delicate face but Xun Er wasn't like other people and after a slight period of embarrassment, she graciously hooked the bracelet onto her white wrist. Raising her head and giving a coy smile, she said: "Thank you Xiao Yan gege."

With an ugly face, Jia Lie Ao stared at Xun Er who was quite intimate with Xiao Yan. On his face was apparent jealousy and he said: "Hehe, I didn't realize that Miss Xun Er's preferences were so unique. I guess I've been mistaken."

Xiao Yan glances at Jia Lie Ao in front of him and his gaze landed on the gold star at his chest. He strangely thought: When I saw him last year, he was only 9 Duan Qi right? Who would have thought that he would be successful in compressing his Dou Qi Cyclone. But, to become a Dou Zhe at the age of 21, his talent is barely decent...

Seeing that Jia Lie Ao had no intention of leaving, Xiao Yan pursed his lips. He wasn't affected by the power and status behind Jia Lie Ao and since the Xiao Clan and Jia Lie Clan didn't have good relations in the first place, there was no need for him to act humble. Stroking his nose, Xiao Yan lightly said: "Jia Lie Ao young master, your

womanizer habits are known by the entire Wu Tang City. Xun Er is still young and doesn't have time to play with your flirting games so hopefully you can go after other girls in the future."

"Stay away from him!"

After speaking to Jia Lie Ao, Xiao Yan ignored the green-faced Jia Lie Ao and used his age as an advantage to arrogantly speak to Xun Er.

"Okay."

Xun Er's agile eyes blinked and nodded without any hesitation. To her, Jia Lie Ao was just a stranger that she saw a couple of times while Xiao Yan, for her, was irreplaceable. Since Xiao Yan told her to stay away from Jia Lie Ao, she'll just stay away from him.

The choice wasn't a hard one for Xun Er.