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Chapter 1941 Yuehua Continent 2

"Hmm?" Huang Fu maintained a calm demeanor, seemingly unfazed by her words. His composed reaction indicated that these circumstances were not unexpected to him.

Recalling his previous warnings, Gu Chaoyan held no doubts regarding his attitude.

He began to explain, "Indeed, something has occurred in the Haitian Market. The market is currently enveloped by a barrier, preventing outsiders from entering and those inside from leaving."

"I arrived here with the intention of obtaining the Heaven-Cleaving Sword, but upon arrival, I discovered that the Xuantian Sect plans to award not only the Heaven-Cleaving Sword but also the Golden Rolls. The situation has become more complicated, as it is likely that numerous individuals will strive to acquire the Golden Rolls. Furthermore, I am concerned about my own cultivation level..." Gu Chaoyan's expression revealed her deep worries.

At present, her cultivation level was undeniably low. Despite her confident demeanor in front of Zhao Dier, a sense of guilt had permeated her thoughts.

Huang Fu smiled in response.

He appeared rather unperturbed by the situation.

With assurance, he stated, "The Yuehua Continent is abundant in spiritual energy. Cultivating here will allow you to obtain the Golden Rolls and the Heaven-Slaying Sword."

"Truly?" Gu Chaoyan's worry began to subside slightly.

"It is true." Huang Fu turned around and produced several thick books. "From this point forward, focus solely on your cultivation. The methods are detailed within these books. Once you have followed the cultivation techniques outlined within, exit the interspace and visit the stone gambling den in the Yuehua Continent to collect Spirit Stones. Endeavor to select the highest quality Spirit Stones available. Upon completion, return here to continue your cultivation. With these measures, you will undoubtedly succeed in the upcoming competition."

After Huang Fu concluded his instructions, it became apparent that he had already arranged everything.

"I'll be quite occupied in the next few days, so I might not be available. If you don't see me around, don't be alarmed. Just follow my guidance," Huang Fu stated with a serious tone.

Gu Chaoyan nodded in understanding.

With determination, she immersed herself in the realm of cultivation. Having built a solid foundation before, she was now well-acquainted with the practice.

She could sense her body constantly undergoing transformations as she consistently pushed her limits, completely engrossed in the world of cultivation.

Finally, she experienced a breakthrough that felt as light as a feather, as if she could effortlessly employ Sword Kinesis Flight without the aid of the Flying Heavens Pill.

In that moment, she abruptly snapped back to reality.

Observing the changes within the space, she noticed substantial growth in the herbs and fruits it contained.

Only then did she realize that she must have spent a significant amount of time inside.

With the absence of Huang Fu, she deduced that he had not yet returned. Given his previous explanation, she remained composed and swiftly exited the space.

As she emerged, intending to seek out Li Mu, she encountered him standing just outside the door.

Observing Gu Chaoyan's untroubled demeanor, Li Mu inquired, "Lady Chaoyan, what happened? You were inside for seven days. I was concerned that something might have befallen you, but you instructed me not to disturb you, so I remained outside, hesitant to enter."

Gu Chaoyan nodded, impressed with his dedication.

She had not anticipated spending such a prolonged period in cultivation. She felt a tinge of remorse for causing concern to Li Mu. It seemed he had been genuinely worried.

"I'm fine. I was immersed in my cultivation and achieved a significant breakthrough, hence the extended duration. Don't worry about me in the future," Gu Chaoyan assured him.

"...."

"By the way, what is the current situation outside?" she inquired.

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"Apart from guarding here these two days, I went out to observe the situation. Now many people have appeared in the Yuehua Continent. They should be here for the Golden Rolls. Fortunately, we came early and can stay in an inn. Many people outside no longer have a place to stay. They all live in the forest in the suburbs," Li Mu said.

Other than that...

There was more important news. Li Mu was also the most worried about this matter, so he said, "And many of them are people with extremely high cultivation. I'm afraid our trip will be a little stressful."

"...."

"In addition, we need to go out and gather more Spirit Stones. Our current supply won't be sufficient to sustain our stay at the inn. If we can't replenish them, we might have to give up our lodging," Li Mu informed her.

He faithfully reported the recent situation but refrained from inquiring about Gu Chaoyan's cultivation. He understood that his role was to support and assist her, not interfere with her personal cultivation matters.

Gu Chaoyan acknowledged his words with a nod, having already gained a general understanding of the situation in the Yuehua Continent. It unfolded as she had anticipated.

Coincidentally, she required Spirit Stones for her ongoing cultivation, making it a suitable time to acquire them. With this in mind, she closed the door and declared, "Let's proceed and obtain some Spirit Stones."

Li Mu nodded, faithfully following her lead.

Having gained a general understanding of the surroundings upon reaching the inn, Gu Chaoyan decided to explore a nearby stone gambling den to see if they could find the Spirit Stones they needed.

Apart from the Xuantian Sect, numerous other sects were in close proximity, indicating that the nearby stone gambling den should offer a decent selection.

As she emerged from the inn, Gu Chaoyan sensed an increasing influx of people. Spiritual energy permeated the air, accompanied by the aura of advanced cultivators. It was evident that the allure of the Golden Rolls had attracted a multitude of individuals.

However, these circumstances were as anticipated, and Gu Chaoyan didn't linger due to the crowd.

She made a beeline for the casino.

Upon arrival, Gu Chaoyan observed that the establishment was teeming with people. The casino was spacious yet unpretentious. On the first floor, numerous unremarkable stones were stacked, available for opening at the cost of five ordinary Spirit Stones. It was uncertain whether these stones would yield higher-quality blue Spirit Stones or simply prove to be ordinary stones with no significant value.

Most of the patrons present had limited Spirit Stones and were trying their luck. If they managed to exchange five ordinary Spirit Stones for a blue Spirit Stone, it would be a lucrative outcome.

As for the stones on the upper floor, they were progressively categorized into different levels.

However, accessing those upper-level stones required a more substantial number of Spirit Stones to open. Consequently, fewer individuals were able to ascend to that floor.

Gu Chaoyan gazed at the stones, initially assuming they were ordinary. Yet, upon utilizing her consciousness to examine them, she discovered an ability to sense their spiritual energy.

What?

This was something she could not do previously. She pondered why this capability had suddenly manifested within her.

Why was it possible now?

Could it be...

Chapter 1943 Stone Gambling 1

Was it because she already had cultivation that she possessed this ability?

If that were the case, it would make selecting the Blue Spirit Stones a much easier task for Gu Chaoyan.

Lost in thought, she was about to retrieve some Spirit Stones to begin picking stones when a familiar voice echoed in her ears. "Isn't this Gu Chaoyan? Why are you here at a place like the casino for stones?"

"...."

"Not everyone can come to a place like the casino for stones. Most people end up losing everything. You should be careful," sneered Zhao Dier.

Not to mention Gu Chaoyan, because even a girl like Zhao, who was already at such a high cultivation level and grew up in a pile of Spirit Stones, often suffered losses when she came to the casino for stones, let alone someone like her.

Gu Chaoyan glanced at Zhao Dier, then shifted her gaze to the person beside her.

It suddenly dawned on her why Zhao Wuhuai had instructed her to come to the Yuehua Continent alone. It seemed she had an acquaintance here.

Accompanied by numerous elegantly dressed maids, the person beside Zhao Dier appeared to be the eldest daughter of a prominent royal family.

They naturally came here to gamble on stones.

However, the casino for stones was open to the public, allowing anyone to enter and try their luck.

As for the outcome of their choices, it was determined by the stones they selected. There was no restriction on who could participate.

"Elder Miss, are you implying that only you and your companions are allowed in the casino for stones?" Gu Chaoyan addressed her directly.

Whispers broke out among the onlookers.

After all...

Most of the onlookers were gathered around the pile of ordinary stones, and some of them joined in mocking Gu Chaoyan after Zhao Dier's comments.

Observing the situation, the person accompanying Zhao Dier grew a bit annoyed.

Zhao Dier continued, "Gu Chaoyan, don't be so stubborn. I'm only giving you a friendly warning. Don't you understand what's in your best interest?"

"...."

"Am I really at a disadvantage?" Gu Chaoyan casually retorted, turning her attention to the inexpensive pile of stones and selecting the ones she desired. She had been focused on her cultivation and had no time to be bothered by Zhao Dier, the Elder Miss. Whatever she said, Gu Chaoyan could easily maintain the upper hand in the conversation.

Seeing Gu Chaoyan's calm demeanor, Zhao Dier grew increasingly frustrated. She was about to say something more, but the person beside her pulled her back, restraining her.

Observing Gu Chaoyan's lack of spiritual power and her unaffiliated appearance, the person accompanying Zhao Dier couldn't comprehend why Zhao Dier was wasting her time engaging with such a woman, especially during such a crucial moment.

Their primary objective for coming today was to acquire Spirit Stones.

To obtain the Golden Rolls, they needed to swiftly increase their cultivation to ensure a successful acquisition.

For some inexplicable reason, Zhao Dier was indulging in a pointless encounter.

Feeling restrained, Zhao Dier refrained from further pestering Gu Chaoyan. She snorted and followed along as they proceeded to the upper floor, where the finest stones were located, unlike Gu Chaoyan, who was selecting the cheapest ones.

As they walked, Gu Chaoyan had already picked out the stones with the highest spiritual energy.

She handed over the Spirit Stones directly to the casino staff and requested them to open the stones.

The first stone was opened...

Chapter 1944 Stone Gambling 2

It was an abundance of blue Spirit Stones.

The person who opened the stone couldn't hide their surprise. While it was not uncommon to find blue Spirit Stones in these piles, it was quite rare to have multiple consecutive openings yield blue Spirit Stones.

After each stone was opened, they exclaimed, "Blue Spirit Stones."

Upon hearing this, Zhao Dier and the people around her couldn't help but turn their heads in astonishment.

"She actually obtained blue Spirit Stones." Zhao Dier was taken aback.

However, Gu Chaoyan remained unfazed. Whether it was skill or luck, it didn't matter to her. She continued making her way upstairs.

In the following moments, the exclamations continued, "Blue Spirit Stones!"

"Blue Spirit Stones."

"Blue Spirit Stones."

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A few of them turned out to be blue Spirit Stones.

Out of the seven stones Gu Chaoyan picked, five were blue Spirit Stones, while the remaining two contained nothing of value.

This unexpected outcome left the casino for stones in awe. They had never encountered such a situation before.

Gu Chaoyan accepted the blue Spirit Stones and decided to move on to another location.

The stones downstairs were indeed priced accordingly. Most of them were worthless, with only a few possessing slightly more spiritual energy in her hands.

As she examined the Spirit Stones, she realized that her accuracy in identifying them was almost 100%.

Earlier, in an attempt to remain inconspicuous, she deliberately chose two stones without blue Spirit Stones. However, even with that intention, she couldn't help but attract attention.

But well...

Never mind. It was fine to draw attention. This was the Yuehua Continent, and being noticed was not a problem.

Most importantly, she didn't want to waste any more time.

Zhao Dier and the woman beside her also halted their progress and didn't continue walking.

Initially, Gu Chaoyan didn't pay much attention when she opened just one piece. However, upon hearing that she had opened five pieces, it became impossible to ignore her.

No wonder Zhao Dier had singled her out. Such a woman was undeniably bothersome.

After all, she herself might not have been able to accurately identify five Blue Spirit Stones in that pile.

Was this woman's stone-identifying ability even stronger than hers?

A sense of disgust involuntarily crept up within her.

But she wasn't as foolish as Zhao Dier.

There were times when it wasn't necessary to target or defeat someone stronger.

Sometimes, they could be utilized.

If used properly, it would be the most advantageous.

As she was about to break through to the intermediate stage, she needed high-quality Spirit Stones.

If this woman could be of use to her, it would save her a considerable amount of time.

That's why she had been patiently waiting here.

When Gu Chaoyan arrived, she introduced herself gently, "I am Mu Weiran, the daughter of the leader of Wuji Sect."

Gu Chaoyan paused for a moment, realizing that Mu Weiran was addressing her as there was no one else behind her.

However, Mu Weiran's introduction didn't bring Gu Chaoyan any joy. Instead, she felt a sense of regret for rushing and not handling things properly. She had unintentionally caught the attention of someone who had noticed her, and she worried that it might cause trouble for herself from the Elder Miss of Wuji Sect in the coming days.

"I'm Gu Chaoyan," she introduced herself briefly and added with a hurried tone, "I have something urgent to attend to, so I must take my leave."

"Hold on..."

Chapter 1945 Stone Gambling 3

Mu Weiran disapproved of Gu Chaoyan's reaction and attitude, but she managed to maintain her composure. As the daughter of the Wuji Sect's leader, she was accustomed to being respected wherever she went in the Yuehua Continent. This was the first time she had been disregarded by someone like Gu Chaoyan.

It was no wonder that Zhao Dier held such animosity towards Gu Chaoyan. She lacked the decorum expected of the Elder Miss of the prestigious Piaomiao Pavilion.

However, this was a crucial moment, and Mu Weiran needed allies. There was no need for her true disposition to be revealed at this point.

Mu Weiran maintained her gentle demeanor.

She then spoke, "You have a remarkable eye for identifying stones."

"...."

"I appreciate that about you."

"...."

"Even without any spiritual power, the Wuji Sect is willing to extend an offer of collaboration to you."

"...."

"In return for your service to the Wuji Sect, we can provide you with the benefits you desire."

"...."

"The Wuji Sect only accepts the top fifty disciples each year, but we can make an exception in your case," Mu Weiran proposed, adopting a more diplomatic tone.

The conditions offered by Mu Weiran were already generous and considerate.

Gu Chaoyan furrowed her brows.

It was no wonder that this person had initially displayed such arrogance and disdain, only to later approach her with a more humble demeanor. It seemed that he had taken an interest in her skill for stone gambling.

What a shame.

The Wuji Sect?

It wasn't exactly her cup of tea.

She gently shook her head. "I appreciate your kindness, Lady Mu Weiran, but it's unnecessary. Gu Chaoyan doesn't belong under anyone's control."

"...."

"I have some stones to examine, so I'll be taking my leave," Gu Chaoyan said politely.

Given that Mu Weiran had always maintained a polite attitude, Gu Chaoyan reciprocated it naturally.

Mu Weiran furrowed her brows. She hadn't anticipated such a strong refusal despite her efforts to persuade.

She couldn't quite understand what was going on with this person

Mu Weiran, being the daughter of the Wuji Sect's leader, couldn't beg Gu Chaoyan any further, even though she was magnanimous. She had already made her position clear.

Sometimes, playing hard to get was a strategic move.

Maintaining her politeness, Mu Weiran apologized, "I apologize for the intrusion," and made way for Gu Chaoyan to walk ahead.

Such gestures were part of her etiquette as the Elder Miss of the Wuji Sect.

It also showcased her generosity.

She had upheld this demeanor for years, even in front of Gu Chaoyan.

On the side, Zhao Dier couldn't help but mutter, "Weiran, what are you trying to achieve? Who does she think she is? Why should you give in to her?"

"It's alright," Mu Weiran responded calmly.

However,

She followed Gu Chaoyan into the same room.

This particular location was renowned for its high-level Spirit Stone drops, precisely the reason Mu Weiran had desired to visit.

In the midst of the ongoing frenzy for the Golden Rolls, no one had the luxury of leisurely utilizing mid-level Spirit Stones to enhance their cultivation. The quickest route was to employ the highest-grade Spirit Stones.

That understanding was shared by Gu Chaoyan and Mu Weiran, which led them to occupy the same room.

Nevertheless, even though they were sharing the space, each of them selected their own rooms.

Zhao Dier stood beside Mu Weiran, sporting a flattering expression. "Weiran, could you help me choose some stones as well? Your expertise in stone selection surpasses mine, and I find myself at a loss."

Mu Weiran nodded.

With that, she immersed herself in the task of examining the stones.

These stones had never been opened before, rendering them impervious to energy sensing.

Chapter 1946 Stone Gambling 4

Mu Weiran's approach to selecting stones relied heavily on her accumulated experience. Growing up in the Wuji Sect, she had been exposed to numerous stones from a young age. Her expertise in stone selection was developed through years of hands-on practice, enabling her to make judgments based on factors such as stone patterns, size, and weight.

Differentiating between Spirit Stones and regular stones was one of her techniques. Spirit Stones tended to be heavier, so if Elder Miss Mu possessed any Spirit Stones, her stones would have a noticeable weight advantage. However, even armed with this knowledge, the likelihood of successfully discerning Spirit Stones was only 50-50.

Upon finding a visually appealing stone, Mu Weiran handed it to Zhao Dier and invited him to examine it. "Take a look at this," she said.

Although this particular rock contained Spirit Stones, they were of mediocre quality and not particularly large. Nevertheless, they would suffice for dealing with Zhao Dier. Mu Weiran knew that she would not underestimate such a stone if she were in his position.

After investing a full two hours, Mu Weiran finally selected five stones for herself and three for Zhao Dier. The process had drained a considerable amount of her energy. Despite feeling a bit fatigued, she was content because she believed she had achieved something worthwhile today.

Curious to see Gu Chaoyan's choices, she turned around, only to discover that no one was there.

She found it peculiar, almost odd.

The sight of Gu Chaoyan startled her, causing a sudden reaction.

She gathered a small stack of stones, not limiting herself to the high-level Spirit Stones but also selecting from the middle-level ones.

Consequently, there was a diverse assortment of stones in various shapes and sizes.

Mu Weiran couldn't fathom her intentions.

"Are you aiming to win through quantity? I've never witnessed someone relying on quantity in high-stakes stone gambling," mocked Zhao Dier.

Despite the mockery, Mu Weiran didn't intervene.

Because...

She couldn't find fault in his statement.

It was genuinely amusing.

Stone gambling demanded a serious examination of stones, not a haphazard selection based on quantity.

"Assist me in opening the stones," Mu Weiran maintained her composed demeanor.

Upon noticing Mu Weiran's intention to open the stones, the casino staff accorded her priority due to her esteemed reputation. In contrast, Gu Chaoyan was relegated to waiting at the rear.

Gu Chaoyan acknowledged the casino's influence, albeit begrudgingly, and resigned herself to silent anticipation.

Regardless, she didn't possess a substantial quantity of stones, so waiting seemed to be her only option.

Amidst the rocks, Gu Chaoyan displayed remarkable patience as she waited.

Meanwhile, Mu Weiran commenced the task of opening the stones.

With just a fraction of the first stone exposed, its vibrant colors burst forth, accompanied by a continuous release of spiritual energy. The stone's surface appeared delicate, indicating the likelihood of it being encrusted with Spirit Stones.

The person handling the stone evidently grew excited, as it had been quite some time since they last encountered such a specimen. They meticulously proceeded, wary of unintentionally damaging any Spirit Stones within.

As the stone was fully unveiled, an exquisite crystal-red gem revealed itself before them.

"Congratulations, Elder Miss!" the individual who opened the stone exclaimed, extending the Spirit Stones to Mu Weiran.

Maintaining her composed demeanor, Mu Weiran graciously accepted the offering, her heart naturally brimming with excitement.

Simultaneously, she cast a challenging gaze in Gu Chaoyan's direction.

She possessed formidable gambling skills, making her an exceptional player in her own right. The absence of her participation would undoubtedly result in her own missed opportunities.

Continuing her endeavors, Mu Weiran proceeded to open several more stones. However, unlike the initial one, subsequent stones failed to exhibit the same level of perfection. Some stones showcased vibrant hues but were diminutive in size, while others, though larger, displayed unfavorable colors.

Chapter 1947 Stone Gambling 5

Towards the end, Mu Weiran's expression clearly turned worse than before.

After all, it was a little different from what she had expected. She had originally thought that she would have at least two perfect Spirit Stones. In that case, she could continue to break through her cultivation tonight.

She could directly break through to become a Great Warrior. This way, she could become the youngest person in the Yuehua Continent who could use Sword Kinesis Flight.

Not only could she successfully obtain the Golden Rolls, but she could also let the Wuji Sect hold their heads high for once.

However, it was obvious that things were not going well today. These Spirit Stones were not enough and were still a little short.

Mu Weiran felt that it was a pity.

Zhao Dier's stones had been opened without any merits or mistakes. It was worthy of the price she had paid for it.

Zhao Dier was clearly a little disappointed, but having these stones was already very good.

After their stones were opened, it was Gu Chaoyan's turn.

Mu Weiran and Zhao Di'er stayed behind, not leaving immediately, as they planned to witness Gu Chaoyan's potential failure.

When Gu Chaoyan arrived to open his stones, his enthusiasm had noticeably diminished. The reason was simple – he looked at the pile of stones, a situation he had encountered countless times before.

It was evident that he was one of those individuals who lacked knowledge about stones.

It was highly unlikely that he would acquire as many Spirit Stones as Elder Miss Mu and the others.

As the designated stone opener, he carried out the task but held a disdain for those ignorant about the process.

With a somber expression, he selected the first stone and painstakingly opened it, only to find no trace of color. It was indeed a worthless piece.

Just as expected.

Mu Weiran couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief.

Zhao Dier burst into mocking laughter.

The individual responsible for opening the second stone clearly lacked the seriousness he had displayed earlier. He absentmindedly considered it a worthless stone and casually proceeded to open it. However, just as he was about to swiftly reveal its contents, something unexpected appeared within.

Startled, the stone opener abruptly halted his actions, yet he had already damaged a few Spirit Stones—a grave taboo.

He hadn't anticipated the presence of such a considerable quantity of Spirit Stones, and they were... Green Pillar Stones with vibrant hues. He couldn't afford to be negligent any longer and proceeded to open them with utmost care.

Indeed, there was a green stone resembling a goose egg in size.

The Spiritual Qi emitted by the Green Pillar Stone was remarkably potent, surpassing even Elder Miss's Red Crystal Stone in intensity. Unfortunately, it was slightly smaller in size. Had it been larger, it would have surpassed the Red Crystal Stone in power.

With a newfound seriousness, he continued opening the remaining stones.

Almost every stone contained Spirit Stones. Moreover, although they were small, they possessed significant spiritual energy. Some were even quite sizable, though the quality of the stones themselves was not exceptional.

Finally, he arrived at the last stone, the largest one of all.

Usually, the Spirit Stones that came out of such large rocks were extremely small, so very few people chose such rocks.

However, the person who opened the stone had made a mistake previously. He did not dare to neglect it now.

He opened each one very slowly and carefully.

Sure enough...

He didn't drive much before he saw the color.

"What!" The person who opened the stone was also surprised. "Tea crystals. And the purity is very high. Such a stone is rare."

He kept opening the stones.

Until the stones were all opened.

This was a tea crystal about the size of the stone itself.

"Congratulations, Miss. I'm afraid the spiritual energy in this stone can directly allow you to break through to the Great Warrior realm," the person who opened the stone said happily.

Gu Chaoyan was surprised too.

The other stones were all supplementary. This spirit stone was what she really wanted.

On the other side...

Mu Weiran was looking at the stone.

Chapter 1948 Targeted 1

Greed consumed her gaze.

If she managed to acquire that stone for herself, she couldn't even fathom the possibilities it held for her breakthrough.

She had caught a glimpse of the stone earlier, but due to its size, she had given up on it. Never had she imagined that such a sizable tea crystal would be hidden within!

She had to obtain that Spirit Stone.

She had to use it to make her breakthrough.

Observing Gu Chaoyan claim it as her own, Mu Weiran approached her. "Lady Chaoyan, can we discuss the possibility of selling that tea crystal to me?"

"...."

"This tea crystal holds immense significance to me. What do you desire? Name your price. As long as it lies within my capabilities as Mu Weiran, I promise I can fulfill it," Mu Weiran pleaded, her gaze still fixed upon the tea crystal.

Gu Chaoyan gently shook her head.

She had no intention of antagonizing anyone, but she desired the tea crystal for herself.

It was because she yearned to make a breakthrough and reclaim the Golden Rolls rightfully belonging to her.

Mu Weiran could sense that Gu Chaoyan harbored no fondness for her. Nonetheless, since Gu Chaoyan had conducted herself in an exemplary manner from start to finish, she remained polite.

"I apologize, Elder Miss Mu, but I have a personal need for the tea crystals, so I cannot sell them to you," Gu Chaoyan responded as she stored the tea crystals in her own space.

She intended to return and devote herself to cultivation and achieving a breakthrough.

Mu Weiran felt a strong reluctance to accept such a rejection.

However, there was nothing she could do within the confines of the stone gambling establishment.

She was now only lacking a tea crystal.

If she could acquire one, her cultivation would undoubtedly reach new heights.

"Is there truly no room for negotiation?" Mu Weiran inquired.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head.

Then, she directed her gaze towards the individual responsible for opening the stone. "The stone has been opened, and you have inadvertently damaged the spiritual energy of this Green Pillar Stone. How can we resolve this?"

The stone opener also appeared troubled.

Being a seasoned professional, he rarely made mistakes.

The slight emotional surge he experienced while opening the stone had led to this unfortunate occurrence.

He admitted his mistake.

"As you wish," the stone opener acknowledged.

Gu Chaoyan nodded, content with his response.

This individual indeed possessed a fondness for these stones, but having spent considerable time in a place like the stone gambling establishment, he had likely gained some power.

Her loss wasn't significant. In the future, she might need to return to this place for stone openings. There was no need to create enmity with him.

Since he had taken responsibility for his actions, she decided not to pursue the matter further.

"Just be more careful in the future. It's a shame to damage the Spirit Stones," Gu Chaoyan remarked.

After putting away all the Spirit Stones, he did not intend to pursue the matter.

Mu Weiran had been trying to change Gu Chaoyan's mind, but Gu Chaoyan had no intention of doing so. She left in a hurry.

"Let's not go back to the inn. Let's find a mountain to cultivate." Gu Chaoyan whispered to Li Mu and then gave him the Flying Pill.

Then, she used Sword Kinesis Flight and left.

Mu Weiran's companions trailed behind them, unable to keep up as they watched Gu Chaoyan soar away using Sword Kinesis Flight. They had to return empty-handed since their cultivation levels were not advanced enough to employ such a technique.

With Gu Chaoyan's departure, a sense of relief washed over her, prompting her to seek out a suitable location for cultivation.

Eventually, she halted near a range of mountains, where she ventured in search of a suitable cave.

As she walked, she muttered to herself, "I was too hasty today and didn't handle things properly."

"...."

"I've become a target."

Chapter 1949 Targeted 2

"Let's cultivate here for the next few days," Gu Chaoyan stated.

She then retrieved some high-quality Spirit Stones from her storage space and handed them to Li Mu. "These are for you, and the rest are for me. You can go over there to cultivate, and I will stay here. If you manage to make a breakthrough before me, please wait."

Li Mu hesitated, refusing to accept the Spirit Stones. He appeared slightly fearful.

These Spirit Stones were all of exceptional quality. How could he possibly take them?

They belonged to Lady Chaoyan.

Observing his reluctance, Gu Chaoyan directly handed the Spirit Stones to him. "You have a task to fulfill, and your strength is not yet sufficient. Go and cultivate."

With those words, she departed.

Li Mu held the Spirit Stones, feeling both grateful and uncertain. He didn't know how to express his gratitude.

Eventually, he proceeded to the location indicated by Gu Chaoyan, Spirit Stones in hand.

Meanwhile, Gu Chaoyan had little time to ponder over other matters. She entered her personal interspace to commence her cultivation. Not finding Huang Fu present, she assumed he had yet to return. Thus, she began her cultivation in solitude.

The spiritual power emanating from the tea crystal was undeniably potent. From the moment she started absorbing it, she experienced a comfortable state of breakthrough.

She persisted, her determination unwavering.

Although Gu Chaoyan remained uncertain about her current cultivation stage, she could sense her growing strength with each passing moment.

Gu Chaoyan felt refreshed after absorbing all the tea crystals.

By this time, it was already three days and three nights later.

Then, she continued to absorb the spiritual energy of these small Spirit Stones.

The little Spirit Stones were absorbed very quickly.

Huang Fu walked up to her and clapped. "Congratulations."

"Master, what stage have I reached?" Gu Chaoyan asked excitedly.

Huang Fu was silent for a while.

Her physique was completely different from other people who cultivated.

The others cultivated slowly.

After her cultivation breakthrough, she would obtain abilities that others did not have at all.

For example, he could directly sense that there were Spirit Stones in a massive ground.

How should he answer her when she asked this question?

"You're already good enough to win the Golden Rolls," Huang Fu replied.

"Really?"

"It's true. Go back now and the competition is approaching," Huang Fu said.

Gu Chaoyan nodded, her concern lingering over the fact that they were not currently at the inn, fearing they might miss the competition.

Urgently, she exited the interspace and sought out Li Mu.

In Li Mu's hand, there was something peculiar.

"Have you made a breakthrough?" Gu Chaoyan inquired.

"I achieved a breakthrough yesterday. Thank you, Lady Chaoyan," Li Mu replied, presenting something to Gu Chaoyan. "It's the tongue of a mid-rank snake monster. Please take it, Lady Chaoyan. It will aid you in assimilating its cultivation."

Li Mu appeared awkward and uncertain, unsure of how to convey his gratitude.

Hence, he found this offering.

Observing the bloody tongue, Gu Chaoyan experienced a mild sense of trepidation. Compared to the Spirit Stones, she had a stronger inclination towards those.

Nevertheless, Li Mu's sincerity shone through, preventing her from refusing.

After contemplating for a moment, she accepted it. "Thank you, Li Mu."

"Keep it here and consume it when you make your next breakthrough," Gu Chaoyan instructed, stowing it in her interspace.

Li Mu beamed foolishly.

The two of them prepared to depart from the mountain. Gu Chaoyan had already given Li Mu the Flying Heavens Pill, but she intended to test her own aptitude for Sword Kinesis Flight.

She might stumble initially.

However, she swiftly found her rhythm.

Li Mu's eyes widened in astonishment.

"Lady Chaoyan!"

Chapter 1950 Zhao Dier's Plan 1

Li Mu was astonished. He realized that Gu Chaoyan was capable of using Sword Kinesis Flight without relying on the Flying Pill, indicating that she had reached at least the Great Warrior level. In his entire life, he had encountered only three individuals who achieved such a feat without years of cultivation. Lady Chaoyan was the only one who managed to attain it within a short period!

How could he not be taken aback? How could he not be amazed?

Observing Li Mu's reaction, Gu Chaoyan remained composed. The training had progressed smoothly, devoid of any unexpected twists. It perfectly aligned with Huang Fu's expectations, leaving Gu Chaoyan uncertain about what he was experiencing at the moment. However, she felt that everything was just right, or perhaps, just a little better than expected.

Because, truth be told...

She hadn't possessed complete confidence in achieving this.

As she handed the pill to Li Mu, Gu Chaoyan spoke, "Yes, I've made a breakthrough. I'm unsure of my current level, but I can perform Sword Kinesis Flight. I'm 90% confident for the upcoming competition."

Gu Chaoyan felt a surge of assurance as she declared her 90% confidence.

Securing the Golden Rolls was her ultimate goal.

Upon hearing her words, Li Mu felt a sense of relief. Simultaneously, he set aside his astonishment and followed Gu Chaoyan as they returned from the mountain, utilizing Sword Kinesis Flight.

Both of them exuded unwavering confidence.

However...

At the Wuji Sect.

Mu Weiran was not as confident as Gu Chaoyan.

Mu Weiran's assigned men had lost track of Gu Chaoyan as soon as they caught up with her. Gu Chaoyan's utilization of Sword Kinesis Flight made it impossible for them to catch up. Seeking information from Zhao Dier, Mu Weiran discovered that Gu Chaoyan was using the self-refined Flying Pill, further fueling her anger.

In contrast, Mu Weiran had been relying on the Spirit Stones in her possession to support her training. However, it was evident that her Spirit Stones were not as effective as the one in Gu Chaoyan's possession. If she had that particular spirit stone, she would have experienced significant breakthroughs instead of the slight improvements she had achieved thus far.

This lack of progress left Mu Weiran with wavering confidence in securing the Golden Rolls.

The more she dwelled on these thoughts, the more frustrated she became. Her expression had turned extremely sour over the past couple of days, and she had even ceased her cultivation efforts.

Now, with the competition looming closer, Mu Weiran was growing increasingly exasperated. To make matters worse, Zhao Dier persistently whispered in her ear, intensifying her frustration.

If it wasn't for the temper that she had cultivated over the years, Mu Weiran wouldn't have the patience she had now.

A short while later...

Mu Weiran was called over by Mu Yan.

She suppressed the hostility on her face and approached Mu Yan. Zhao Dier, upon learning that he was the leader of Wuji Sect, promptly trailed behind her.

In addition to her primary goal of obtaining the Golden Rolls, Zhao Dier had other objectives during this journey. If acquiring the Golden Rolls proved unattainable, she needed to establish a favorable relationship with the Wuji Sect. Piaomiao Pavilion relied on maintaining a close

partnership with the Wuji Sect, and if Zhao Dier failed to secure the Golden Rolls, the Wuji Sect could serve as their lifeline.

Skillful in handling such matters, Zhao Dier was not one to let go of such an opportunity. She recognized the power and influence of the Wuji Sect, which was in stark contrast to Gu Chaoyan's attitude.

Mu Weiran allowed Zhao Dier to proceed and join her in visiting the leader's pavilion.

Mu Weiran respectfully bowed to Mu Yan. "Father."

"Greetings, Sect Master of Wuji Sect." Zhao Dier bowed obsequiously.