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She intended to continue nurturing them as they settled into the Bai Clan. Along with enhancing their spiritual power, she also focused on teaching them strategic thinking and agility for the upcoming competition.

Understanding the situation within the Bai Clan was her first priority. Once they were seated, Gu Chaoyan turned to Dao Seeking with a serious expression and inquired, "How is Si Kangning faring within the Bai Clan?"

Si Kangning? Hong Fang and the others pondered the question carefully.

"He can be considered one of the more remarkable individuals in the Bai Clan, but Si Kangning tends to be ostentatious and openly displays most of his cultivation. On the other hand, other equally exceptional individuals have concealed their true depths, so we are unaware of their true capabilities," Hong Fang responded cautiously.

Gu Chaoyan nodded in understanding.

She believed that these few individuals possessed great potential and an advantage— they knew how to think. Even if their cultivation levels were not particularly high, they approached life with earnestness.

Gu Chaoyan had a general sense of Si Kangning's cultivation level.

For them, attaining the position of Tribe Chief would still be relatively straightforward.
"Continue cultivating in the following days. Lingyun has refined a substantial amount of elixir pills to aid you in breaking through to the Martial Warrior level. Once you reach that level, I will guide you into the mountains and back out again. Acquiring the position of Tribe Chief will be a simple task for you, "Gu Chaoyan assured them.
She instructed them to cultivate peacefully and informed them that she had no plans for the next two days. Her main responsibility was to protect them.
Given the numerous tasks within the Bai Clan, she feared that any missteps could prove detrimental.
Sword One continued his cultivation, while Lingyun diligently crafted pills.
In this tumultuous world, alchemists were exceptionally rare.
The two courtyards quickly fell into silence.
At the Bai family residence.
Once the matter was fully resolved, the head of the Bai family discussed it with a select few family members.
Bai Ruiguang, being the eldest son, had always maintained a commendable cultivation level.

Curiously, he asked, "Why would that lady from the Haitian Market, who possesses such fine Spirit Stones, pills, and magical weapons, want our Bai family's courtyard?"
Today, the head of the Bai family was suddenly taken aback. However, after regaining composure and careful consideration, he had a rough idea.
It was likely that she desired the courtyard because the Wu brothers had been driven out, and it was evident that she had brought them along.
Just moments ago, he had dispatched someone to inquire and learned that this girl was the master of the Wu brothers, Hongfang Fu, Huarong, and the other two seemingly worthless individuals.
Things were starting to connect.
A certain understanding began to take shape.
For the Bai family, it remained uncertain whether this was a favorable development.
"I suspect that Wu Zimo, Wu Ziming, Hongfang Fu, and Huarong encountered a Noble Lady. This Noble Lady is assisting them," the head of the Bai family solemnly remarked.
If that were the case, he wondered if Ruiguang and the others had a higher chance of success.

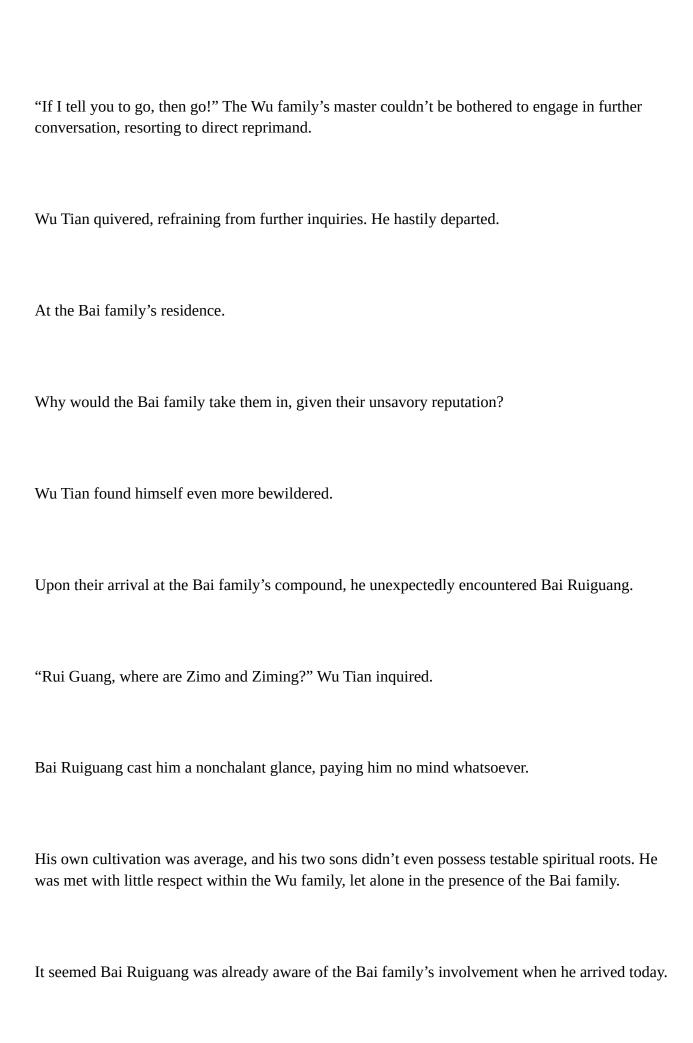
Bai Ruiguang initially frowned but then expressed confusion. "A Noble Lady helping them? The four of them are renowned as trash. What's the point of assisting them?"
"I do not know the reason. However, it's possible that they are onto something. By frequently venturing outside for training, they may stumble upon opportunities. On the other hand, we are closely monitored, which limits our chances," the head of the Bai family regretfully stated. Bai Ruiguang did not share the same sentiment
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So what if they encountered a Noble Lady?
Now that the Noble Lady was within the Bai Clan, or even within the Bai family itself, and she possibly possessed something valuable, what of it?
Bai Ruiguang believed that he could contend for it.
However
He refrained from expressing this aloud.
The head of the Bai family was fair. If he voiced his intentions, his other two brothers would likely have to share the spoils. But if he remained silent, all the benefits would be his alone.
Bai Ruiguang nodded. "His cultivation level may not be impressive, but his luck seems to be quite good."

The head of the Bai family agreed with a nod.
After dividing the acquired items, he distributed them to the three brothers.
"The three of you possess formidable cultivation levels. I have given you equal shares. The outcome of the competition will depend on your abilities," the head of the Bai family remarked.
The three brothers collected their belongings and departed, each lost in their own thoughts.
Following the sudden commotion, silence settled upon the Bai family.
This incident could be regarded as an unexpected gain for the Bai family.
News of this development quickly reached the Wu family.
The Bai family had their reasons for accepting the Wu Brothers. After inquiring around, they discovered that Gu Chaoyan had concealed nothing.
Upon learning this, the expression of the Wu family's head turned unpleasant.
Had they known that Wu Zimo and Wu Ziming were under the patronage of such influential figures and possessed valuable assets, the Wu family would have readily handed over the courtyard. The



Wu family's head seethed with anger. "Summon Wu Tian here."
Although he was the head of the Wu family, he was not the biological father of Wu Zimo and Wu Ziming. They were Wu Tian's sons. If there were any matters to be discussed, it would be more fitting for Wu Tian to address them.
Wu Tian arrived promptly.
Upon his arrival, he quickly replied, "Master, Zimo and Ziming's decisions are their own, and they have nothing to do with me. I have no intentions of leaving the Wu family either. Regardless of what may befall them in the future, please rest assured, Master."
Wu Tian wanted to ensure that he would not be implicated in this matter, hence his swift clarification.
The Wu family's head seethed with fury upon seeing him.
"Bring Zimo and Ziming here and convey to them that I drove them away out of disappointment, not because I truly meant it. Tell them to return home—we are still a family!" the head commanded.
Wu Tian was taken aback.
Callingl them back?





For the time being, it seemed implausible to bring them back to the Wu family.
"Uncle Wu, please return. Since your Wu family has already driven them away, let them have some peace and refrain from disturbing them any further. If there's anything to discuss, we can address it later. Today is not an opportune time," Bai Ruiguang declared.
He signaled to his attendant to escort Wu Tian out, wearing a faint smile upon his face.
He had been concerned about finding a suitable occasion to converse with him, and now seemed to be the perfect moment.
Bai Ruiguang approached the entrance of the two courtyards.
Upon reaching the door, Sword One warily inquired, "Who are you?"
Bai Ruiguang responded with a warm smile upon seeing Sword One. "I am Bai Ruiguang, the Young Master of the Bai Family. I have something to discuss with your master, or perhaps Zimo and Ziming are here as well."
At the Bai family's residence.
Sword One sought instructions first.

Gu Chaoyan emerged from the courtyard and asked Dao Seeking, "What's the matter? Zimo and Ziming are currently unavailable to see anyone."
"It's like this. Just now, their father, Wu Tian, came to the Bai family, expressing his desire to see them. Given what transpired today, I initially prevented him from doing so. However, in light of the recent events, I believe it's important to inform Zimo and the others," Bai Ruiguang explained.
Gu Chaoyan nodded.
"They are immersed in their cultivation and cannot be disturbed by visitors during this period." Gu Chaoyan replied.
"Cultivation?" Bai Ruiguang appeared slightly surprised. He then continued, "Zimo and Ziming underwent testing on the Spirit Testing Platform. Their spiritual roots weren't particularly remarkable, so it's likely that cultivating would be twice as effective for them.'
"Lady, you have previously visited Haitian Market and possess a high cultivation level, indicating your exposure to the wider world. If you require any assistance, I am willing to lend a hand. Although you have exchanged your belongings for this courtyard, our Bai family has indeed received a significant favor. It is only fair for us to offer our support."
Gu Chaoyan furrowed her brows, feeling a hint of irritation.
She acknowledged that her own conspicuous actions had led to this situation  Chapter 1984 - Experience 1



Bai Ruiguang cleared his throat lightly, attempting to conceal his embarrassment. He had initially expected some room for negotiation when Gu Chaoyan mentioned leaving leeway, but he had not anticipated such a thorough rejection.

This was the first time he found himself in such a predicament. He couldn't understand why she had extended so much help to Wu Zimo and Wu Ziming while keeping her distance from him. Bai Ruiguang believed that the assistance he could provide far surpassed what the two brothers could offer. It was perplexing to him.

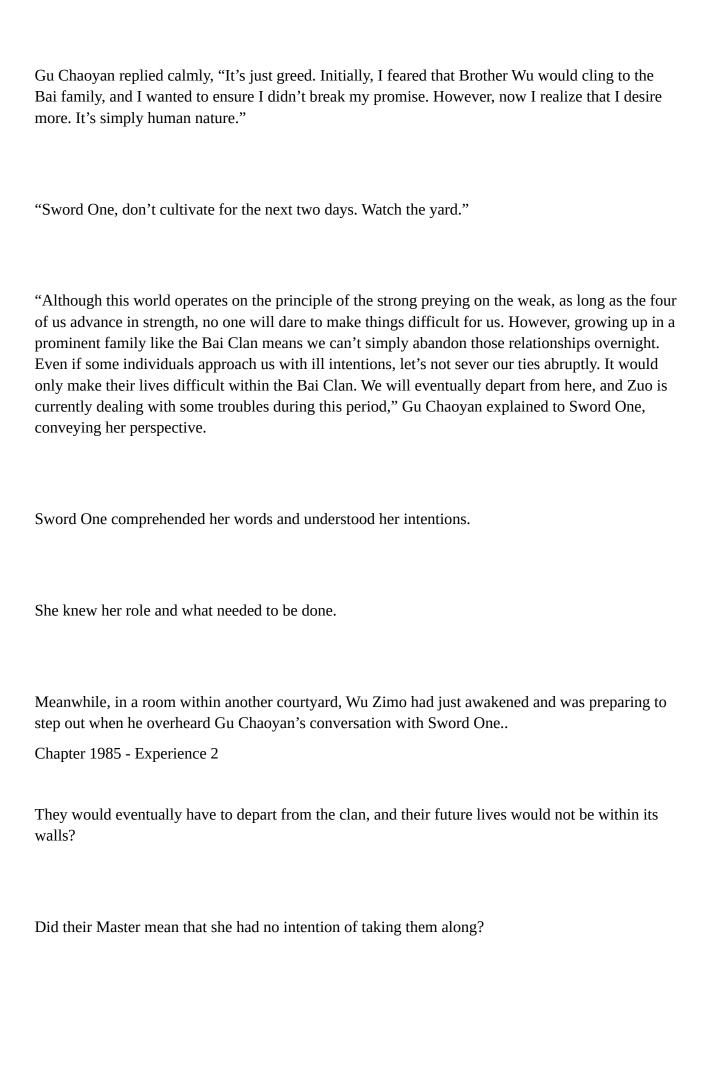
Despite the awkwardness, Bai Ruiguang decided to stand up. As the young master of the Bai family, he understood the art of navigating social situations, knowing when to push forward and when to retreat.

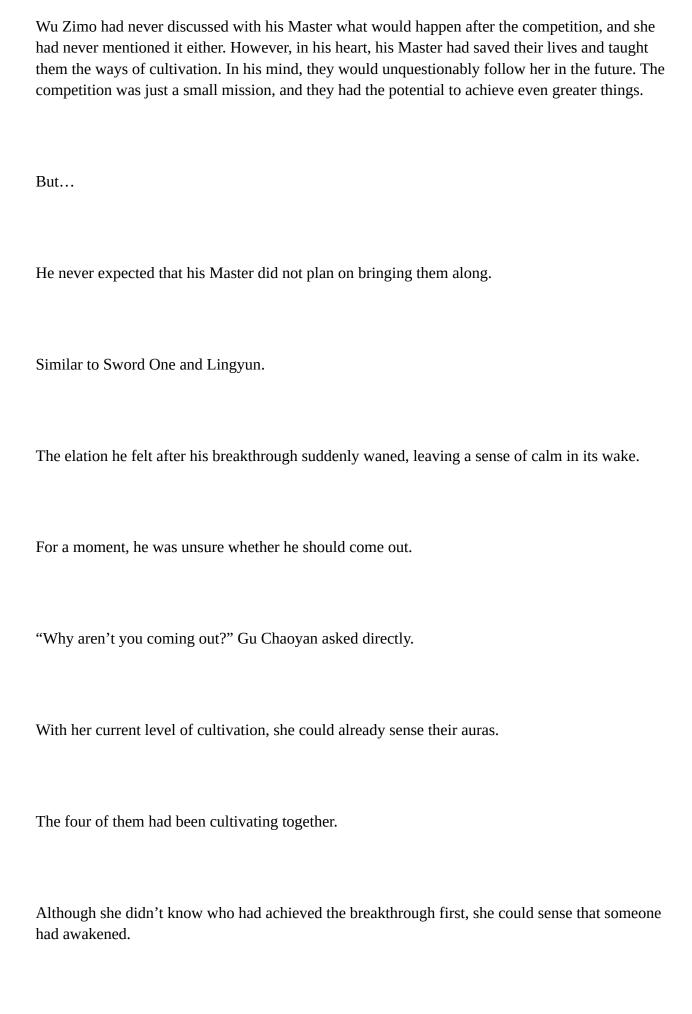
"Since you don't currently require any assistance, I shall return to focus on my cultivation. Although the transaction is complete, we are now neighbors. If you ever find yourself in need, you can come to the Bai family and seek help from Ruiguang," he offered, leaving some room for future interaction.

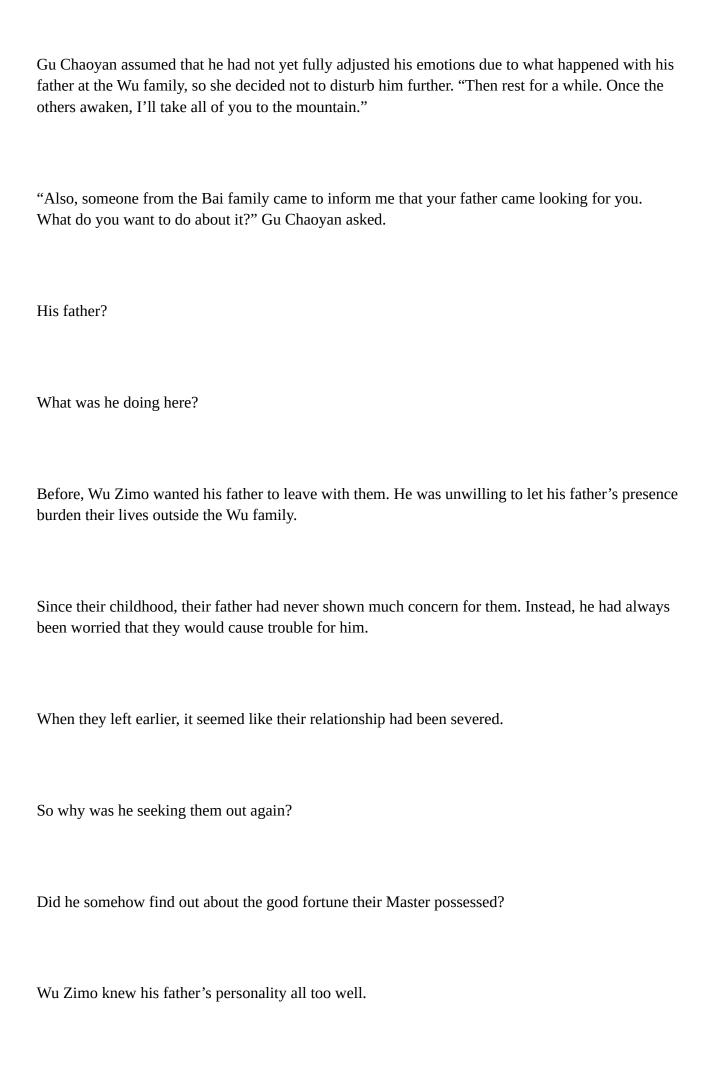
However, he did not linger any longer. Bai Ruiguang stood up and prepared to take his leave.

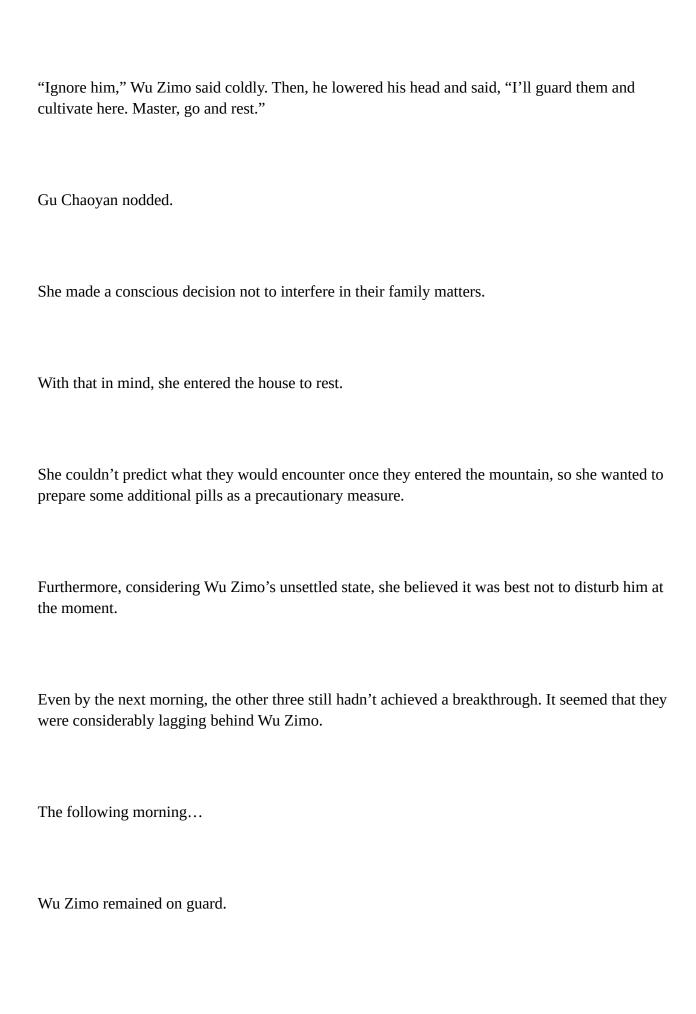
Gu Chaoyan furrowed her brow as she took a sip of tea. Sword One accompanied Bai Ruiguang on his way out.

Upon his return, Sword One still appeared perplexed. "Earlier, the head of the Bai family seemed afraid that we would cause trouble for them again. But this young master of the Bai family came over, trying to help in every way possible. I truly don't understand what is going on with the Bai family."



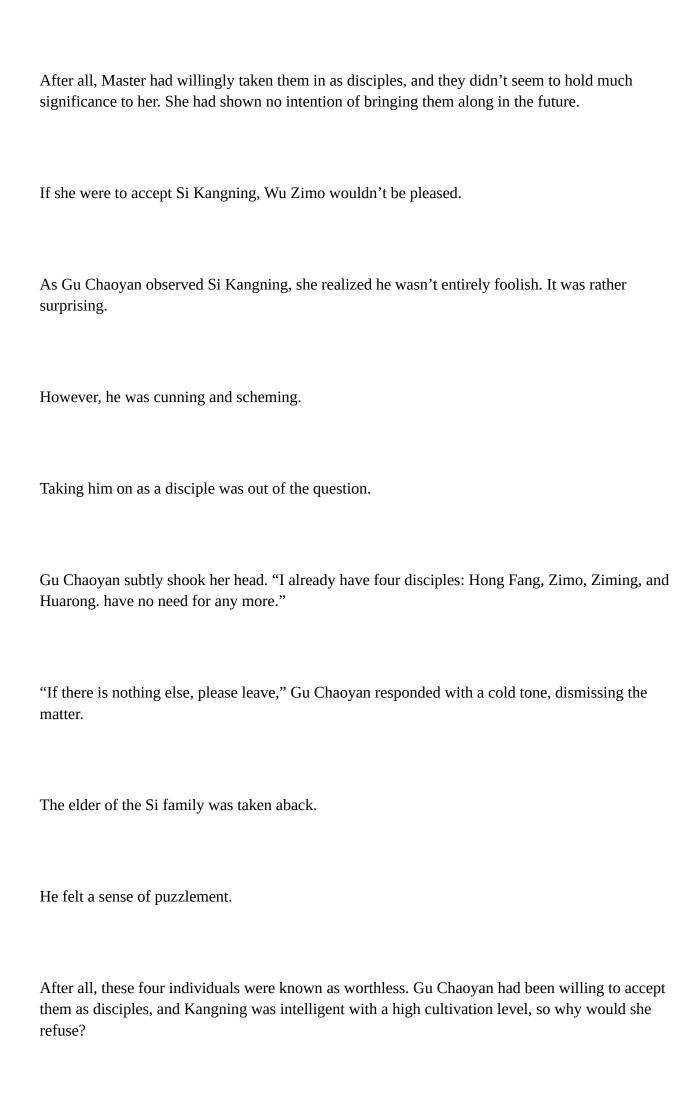




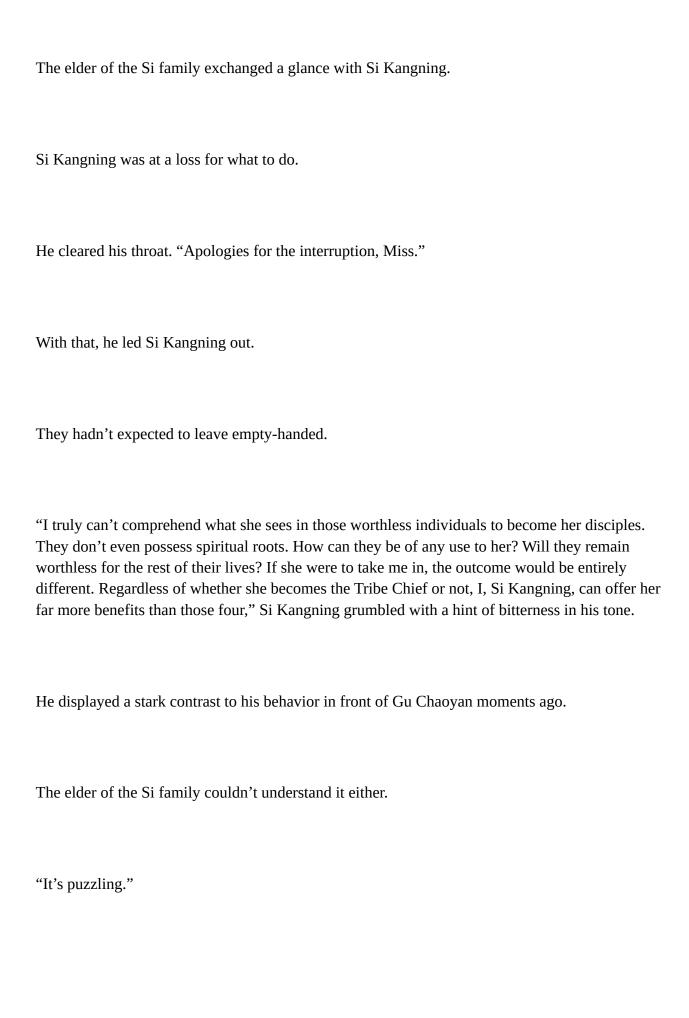






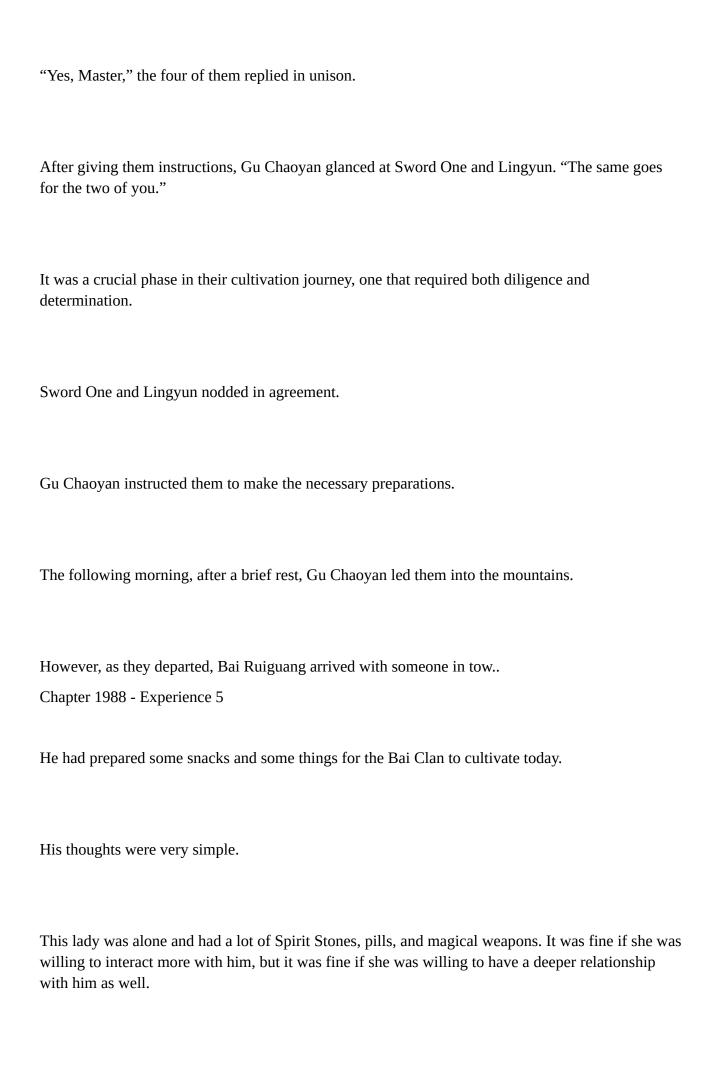


The Si family's elders were caught off guard. They had assumed that a simple request would be enough, but they were met with rejection.
Momentarily, they exchanged uncertain glances, unsure of how to proceed.
"Kangning is a well-behaved and respectful child, " the elder of the Si family continued, attempting to persuade Gu Chaoyan.
"Zimo, please escort our guest out," Gu Chaoyan instructed Wu Zimo.
A glimmer of joy flickered across Wu Zimo's face, unable to conceal his delight Chapter 1987 - Experience 4
He had initially expected Master to agree, but he was taken aback when she didn't even consider it. Did that mean the four of them held a special place in her heart?
At least, they couldn't be easily replaced by anyone else.
Wu Zimo couldn't contain his joy.
However, in front of the Si family, he maintained a serious expression. "Uncle Si, Si Kangning, Master is unwilling. Please return. Master values peace and solitude. It's best not to disturb her here."





Regardless of who emerged victorious in the competition, as long as one of the four could stand as a barrier for Master, their initial aspiration would be fulfilled.
Hence, it was a cause for celebration whenever anyone's cultivation level soared.
They were pleased that Zimo had consistently remained ahead of them.
Gu Chaoyan nodded.
The progress of the four disciples exceeded her expectations.
With their breakthroughs in place, it was time for them to prepare for their venture into the mountains.
During their stay in the Bai Clan over the past few days, various disturbances had occurred, hindering their cultivation. It would be best to enter the mountains early and return for the competition. This way, they could avoid such interruptions.
"Now that you've made your breakthroughs, make your preparations.
Tomorrow morning, we will venture into the mountains. What awaits us there is uncertain, so be ready," Gu Chaoyan declared.



In short, it was not bad to slowly move her with these small things.
As long as he spent more time and energy, Bai Ruiguang felt that there would not be much of a problem.
He had just arrived with his men.
No matter how hard he knocked, no one answered.
He got someone to take a closer look and reported that no one seemed to be around.
If they weren't there, where did they go?
Bai Ruiguang could not figure it out.
In the meanwhile
Gu Chaoyan and the others had already entered the mountain.
There were definitely demons in the mountains near the Bai Clan.

After all, when the people of the Bai Clan cultivated, there would be spiritual energy wherever they cultivated. Where there was spiritual energy, it would naturally attract the demons and some of them could even breed inside.
However, the cultivation levels of the Bai Clan were generally not high, so there were no high-level demons in the nearby mountains.
Gu Chaoyan thought that they could handle it, and even if they could not, she could still protect them.
"There are quite a lot of wild fruits on this mountain," Hong Fang said with emotion. "There are also people from the Bai Clan who will arrange for them to enter the mountain. Usually, they will pick some wild fruits and don't dare to approach for fear of danger. The four of us have never come here. Our families are unwilling to bring them along, and secondly, we're afraid that we won't be able to return after entering. This is our first time here."
Gu Chaoyan nodded.
There were indeed many wild fruits here, and they all showed signs of being picked.
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This meant that there were demons here.
She did not remind them. After all, they were here to train.

Since it was a training experience, they had to face these sudden situations themselves.
Actually, when one went to a place, observation was also very important.
As Gu Chaoyan was thinking about this, Hong Fang was already standing in front of her with a cautious look on his face.
Moreover, she said softly, "Most of the wild fruits here are glutinous. Typically, white tigers like to eat glutinous hair. White tigers are already more ferocious than humans. Moreover, the white tigers that grow under the nourishment of spiritual energy are probably even more ferocious. Let's be careful." Gu Chaoyan nodded in satisfaction and continued walking.
It would be good if she could meet the white tiger.
After this experience, they would be more at ease in the competition.
Sure enough
Not long after Hong Fang finished speaking, they heard a commotion.
The few of them had vigilance on their faces. When the white tiger suddenly attacked at a high speed, the four of them directly went up.

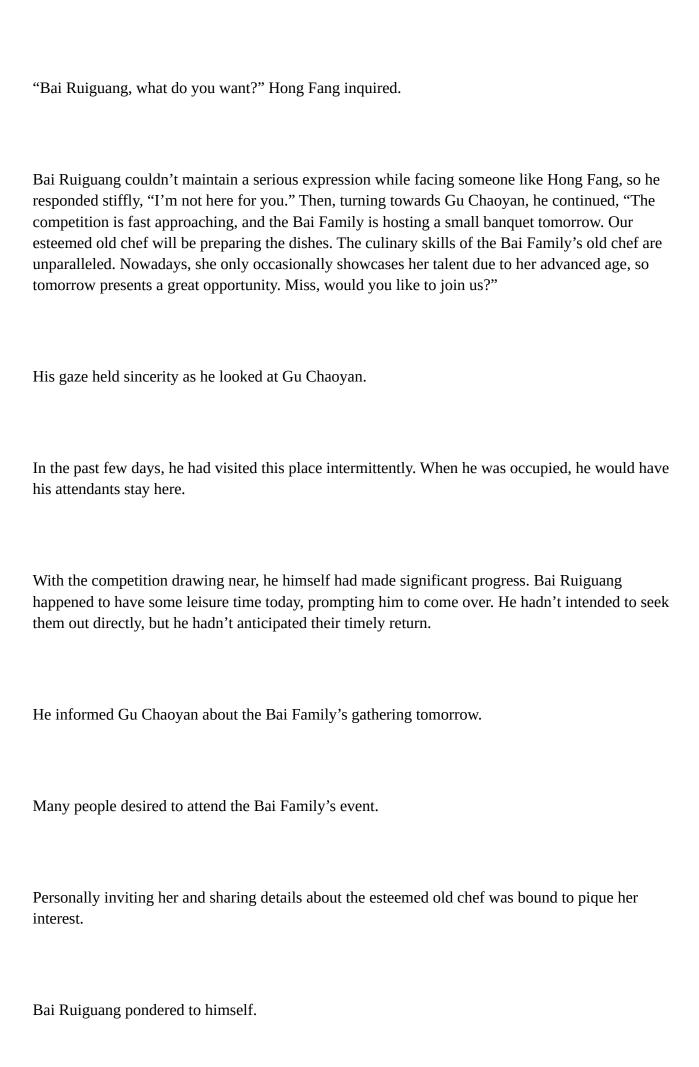




For now, they still had the capability, but their energy would inevitably be depleted.
When their energy was depleted, the vines would ensnare them.
It became clear why they hadn't encountered any demons along the way and why it had been eerily quiet. There were hidden monsters lurking here.
The group grew increasingly anxious.
As Gu Chaoyan looked after her companions, she also surveyed the surroundings.
The vines and branches they were dealing with were merely extensions, not the main body. That explained their relentless growth. Merely cutting these branches proved almost futile.
If only they could locate the main body,
Eliminating them would be a simple task.
While they focused on cutting the branches, Gu Chaoyan observed intently.
Suddenly

Hong Fang let out a cry.
The vines overwhelmed them, rendering it impossible to handle. Hong Fang held Little Tiger in his arms, leaving him unable to fend them off.
Gu Chaoyan scanned the area.
Instead of directly rescuing Hong Fang, she flew towards the old tree and channeled all her spiritual qi into cutting it down. Instantly, the vines ceased their growth and withered away.
The vines binding Hong Fang loosened as well.
A collective sigh of relief escaped their lips.
"Let's get out of here," Gu Chaoyan declared. The group swiftly made their way out.
This mountain was truly peculiar.
Little did they know, such a demon, Fey, and demonic spirit tree did not exist.
Their journey had been unusually smooth, almost too smooth. They had become somewhat complacent, but this encounter served as a stark wake-up call.

During their return, Gu Chaoyan chose not to bring up the incident again.
The competition was drawing near.
Without any further interruptions, they made swift progress and soon arrived at the entrance of the courtyard. Gu Chaoyan spotted Bai Ruiguang waiting for her.
As he caught sight of Gu Chaoyan, he approached her with a smile. "Where have you been all these days? I have something important to discuss with you"  Chapter 1990 - Bai Ruiguang's Thoughts 1
Bai Ruiguang stood outside the courtyard, accompanied by his attendant, wearing a smile on his face.
Subconsciously, Hong Fang, Wu Zimo, and the others positioned themselves in front of Gu Chaoyan, casting wary glances at Bai Ruiguang.
In the past, a young master like Bai Ruiguang would have kept a considerable distance from them, fearful of being tainted by their lowly status. Now that he sought them out, they couldn't help but wonder what his intentions were.
Their eyes were fixed on Gu Chaoyan. Perhaps he had some scheme against her.
Plotting against their Master was out of the question. At the very least, they would stand as a protective shield before him.



Gu Chaoyan glanced at him casually. "I don't have the time. If the Bai Family is truly sincere, Hong Fang, Zimo, Ziming, Huarong, you can go tomorrow if any of you are available."
Considering their future ties with the Bai Clan, it was inevitable for them to have some form of interaction.
The four of them nodded in agreement.
Visiting the Bai family wouldn't pose a problem for them.
Bai Ruiguang's expression instantly soured.
Allowing the four of them to go? The Bai Clan had no intention of inviting these individuals. If news spread, it would be a source of ridicule within the Bai
Clan.
"Miss, aren't you coming? The dishes prepared by the old chef are truly delectable," Bai Ruiguang protested reluctantly.
He couldn't comprehend why she always remained so obstinate.

Gu Chaoyan subtly shook her head.
She didn't have extravagant food preferences. In the past, she may have had a slight fondness for tea and snacks, but it wasn't a necessity. Moreover, she harbored something hidden within her heart, an encounter she had on the mountain. Consequently, she had no desire to invest her time in such trivial matters.
"Hong Fang, attend to the guests. I have matters to attend to," Gu Chaoyan stated coldly before entering her room.
Sword One and Lingyun followed her inside.
Hong Fang was instructed to stay behind. The other three didn't depart immediately but stayed with Hong Fang.
After all, they were tasked with attending to the guests.
Hong Fang's attitude was still very good, and he was especially polite. "Young Master Bai, would you like to sit inside?"
Bai Ruiguang looked at them angrily.
Bai Ruiguang, on the other hand, felt dejected. The four of them were trash, but she treated them as family What was going on?!