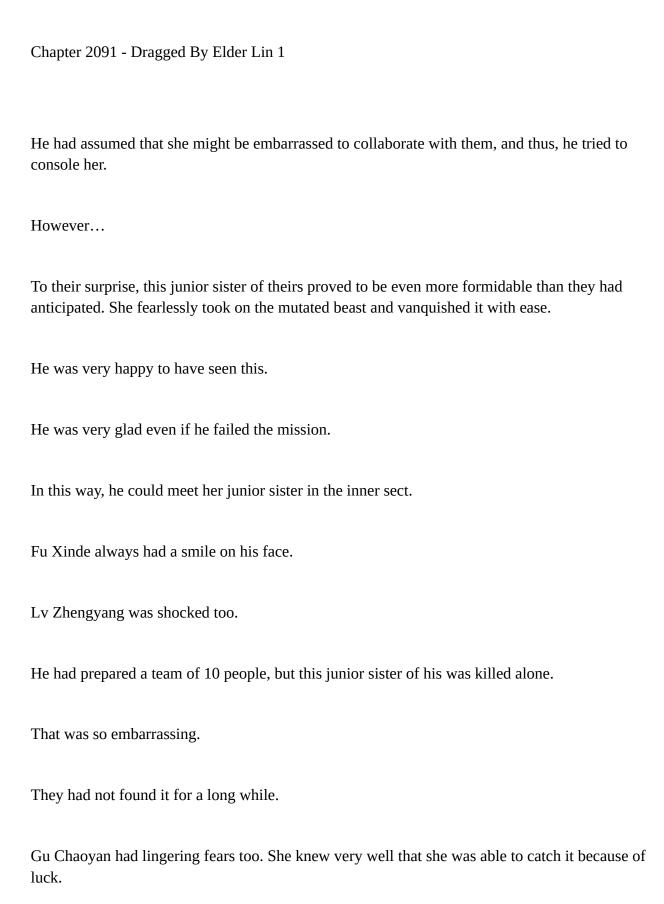
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Having learned about the existence of face-changing pills, she felt compelled to delve deeper into their secrets.

The mission of the mutated beast had come to a decisive end.

The group fell silent, refraining from further discussion on the matter. Upon returning to the Supreme Sect, a noticeable shift had occurred – no longer did anyone harbor any animosity towards Gu Chaoyan. With newfound protection and potential assistance in the future, they were now more open to accepting her.

They resolved not to reject her.

Fortunately, the journey back to the Supreme Sect was uneventful, and they encountered no further trouble along the way.

Fu Xinde and Di Hongyun sustained injuries during the encounter and required time to recuperate. As a result, the rest of the group decided to return to their respective sects.

During the journey back, Gu Chaoyan seized an opportune moment to have a private conversation with Fu Xinde and Di Hongyun. She emphasized the importance of keeping today's events confidential, as they were intertwined with the interests of both sects. Revealing anything could potentially endanger all three of them.

If they deemed it necessary to consult with Lv Zhengyang, they should do so discreetly and avoid sharing this information with anyone else.

The fewer people knew about this, the better.

After the discussion between Fu Xinde and Di Hongyun.

They had no intention of saying anything more.

They could just bury this in their hearts and pretend that nothing had happened.

When Gu Chaoyan returned to Supreme Sect, she went to deliver the mission.

The mission was a mutated demonic beast.
Gu Chaoyan only handed over the mutated beast's body, whilst the stone pillar was kept in the space.
The Bounty Pavilion were all shocked by how Gu Chaoyan completed the mission.
Who would have expected this to happen?
It was she who completed the mission.
Soon, the Bounty Pavilion was in an uproar.
And Gu Chaoyan left with the rewards.
She was in a hurry to go home, because she needed to put to good use the things they had plundered.
However
As they continued on their journey, Gu Chaoyan was suddenly halted by a familiar face—Elder Lin from the Equipment Refining Sect.
Elder Lin greeted her with a smile. "Chaoyan, the Weapon Refining Sect is currently working on a high-level weapon. Your insights would be invaluable.
Come and give us some advice."
Gu Chaoyan felt somewhat helpless. Elder Lin had a habit of putting her in such situations.
"I'm not well-versed in crafting high-level weapons, Elder. I suggest seeking guidance from the Senior Brother of the Weapon Refining Sect. Besides, I'm swamped with three missions—already

occupied with one and two more to go. Time is scarce, and I can't afford to take on this additional task. Elder Lin, I implore you to do me this favor," Gu Chaoyan pleaded, hoping for some leniency.

Despite Gu Chaoyan's attempts to be excused, Elder Lin was persistent and wouldn't let her off the hook so easily.

As they were not official members of the Weapon Refining Sect, Elder Lin insisted that they still had an obligation to contribute and participate in whatever way they could.

"You've completed one mission, and this won't consume much of your time. We only need you to offer your insights, and you don't have to physically refine anything, " Elder Lin asserted confidently.

Feeling resigned, Gu Chaoyan found herself unable to dissuade him any further.

"Just taking a look, that would be enough.."

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"Don't worry, we are just going to take a look." Elder Lin guaranteed.

Gu Chaoyan followed along unwillingly.

No one had seen that. If someone had, they would have been shocked.

One inner sect Elder and one outer sect disciple, the outer sect disciples were not very willing to accept them.

At the Weapon Refining Sect.

The Weapon Refining Sect was indeed using weapons.

But they had run into some troublesome questions, and they had their own opinions.

"Chaoyan, take a look and see what you can do, just like last time, what do you think?" Elder Lin pushed her out and asked Dao Seeking.

The other disciples of the Family of Crafts were staring at Gu Chaoyan as well.

They knew a little about the examination.

But Elder Lin thought too highly of Gu Chaoyan.

That was a high-level weapon, not a random weapon like hers.

She had no good opinions.

The disciples of the Weapon Refining Sect did not think so highly of them.

Gu Chaoyan did not want to waste any more time. She took a closer look at it. "This is a unique and enigmatic black iron with a turbid proficiency, possessing a cold nature. The ideal sword crafted from this cold black iron should be light rather than overly heavy. In my previous attempts, I employed a certain technique, but it demands an exceptionally high quantity of Spirit Stones. Specifically, it requires cold crystals, which cannot be directly incorporated into the sword," Gu Chaoyan analyzed while observing the heap of black iron before her.

Though the black iron wasn't of the highest quality, its distinctive attributes made it truly special. This peculiarity was the reason why the Weapon Refining Sect regarded it as a formidable challenge.

Yet, Gu Chaoyan had thoroughly studied numerous refining books in her space, containing an abundance of refining methods. Utilizing the turbid proficiency of black iron to its fullest potential wasn't a daunting task for her.

Her confidence was well-founded, and the onlookers from the Weapon Refining Sect were intrigued, witnessing her creation of Spirit Stones for the first time. Their gazes were fixed on her, attentively observing each step of the process.

With evident interest, Elder Lin inquired, "What approach do you suggest we take?"

"We should utilize cold Spirit Stones for the sword handle and employ turbid proficiency black iron for the sword body. However, it's essential to note that this forging method comes with a relatively lower success rate and demands exceptional skills from the blacksmith. If successful, the resulting sword will showcase the most outstanding characteristics of this black iron. It will not only possess exceptional sturdiness but can also complement the wielder's cultivation if it suits them.'

"For example, those with mutated spiritual roots, those with super spiritual roots, and those with chaotic spiritual roots." Gu Chaoyan said.

She liked refining tools, so she had done some research.

And since she had already told them, she was going to tell them everything.

However....

Since they were done.

Gu Chaoyan beamed with a smile. "Elder Lin, since I've shared my thoughts, I'll take my leave now..."

"Chaoyan, your forging method is truly exceptional and unique. None of the disciples from the Weapon Refining Sect are familiar with it. Here's an idea:

why don't you take charge of forging the sword yourself? If you succeed, you'll earn the privilege to visit the Weapon Refining Sect whenever you wish. Additionally, we'll offer you discounted Spirit Stones when you purchase our weapons in the future. Moreover, when you forge the sword, the disciples from the Weapon Refining Sect can observe the process together," Elder Lin proposed, clearly delighted by the prospect.

Gu Chaoyan gave Elder Lin a wink..

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Gu Chaoyan did that because she wanted to remind Elder Lin that they had talked about this before they came here. She was here at the Weapon Refining Sect to help Elder Lin with the forging, and he could make the decision himself. Now she was done, and she should be allowed to go back to cultivate. She was not a disciple of the Weapon Refining Sect, and she had no reason to forge here.

Elder Lin must have forgotten about this. She had to remind him.

Elder Lin understood what Gu Chaoyan meant, seeing how she was winking at him.

But he had been planning to give Gu Chaoyan the forging of the weapon.

Only her novel method could make the best use of this piece of black iron.

He did not trust the disciples of the Weapon Refining Sect.

But she had no interest in the Weapon Refining Sect, otherwise Elder Lin would have taken her in personally.

Elder Lin pretended to look at Gu Chaoyan and said seriously, "Chaoyan, what is wrong? Are your eyes not feeling well? We have many pills at the Weapon Refining Sect, eat some and we will start to forge the sword soon."

"We at the Weapon Refining Sect have the good crystals you mentioned, and they are cold-type crystals. I will get them for you now. Forge this sword body now, and when the crystals are here, forge the hilt."

"Speaking of which, you are not a disciple of the Weaponry Refining Sect, and it must have been hard for you to work here. How about this, after the forging is done, I will give you 5,000 crystals. Not bad, right? 5,000 crystals can be used to choose good weapons and pills at the Weaponry Pavilion. Just the crystals alone can help you with your cultivation," Elder Lin said, and the more he spoke, the more satisfied he became, smiling.

The next second, she was pushed onto the casting table.

Then she looked at the disciples from the Weapon Refining Sect and reminded them. "In this way, she is Junior Sister. If she needs any help, you can help her."

With that, Elder Lin left directly.
She even had a smile on her face.
He reminded the disciples of the Refining Faction that they were inner sect disciples and they were proud people. So they did not want to obey Chaoyan. So he gave them the title of advanced so they would not be so against Chaoyan.
Secondly, the disciples of the Equipment Refining Sect could keep an eye out
for her, in case this girl sneaked away. Elder Lin believed that she would definitely do something like that.
However
It would not be possible with him around.
Elder Lin smiled.
He was in a very good mood.
Well
When he was in a good mood, so were the others.
For example, Gu Chaoyan at the forging table.
She had cursed Elder Lin thousands of times in her heart, but she did not dare to utter a word.
They were all disciples of the Weapon Refining Sect, and she did not dare to do so.
Elder Lin was lying to her!

She should not have trusted him. She was just here to see what was going on. Next time. No matter what, she was not coming to the Weapon Refining Sect. She was going to take a detour! When she was done thinking about this... So she lowered her head and started to forge. The forging process of turbid proficiency black iron had to be very careful. If there was any mistake, the sword would be ruined. Gu Chaoyan looked around at the Senior Brothers of the Equipment Refining Sect.. Chapter 2094: Dragged By Elder Lin 4 They encountered a surprising sight—a Senior Brother who defied the typical arrogance often

They encountered a surprising sight—a Senior Brother who defied the typical arrogance often associated with seniority. His warm smile greeted them as he kindly inquired, "Senior Brother, can you do Junior Sister a favor?"

Though he sensed that Gu Chaoyan might be up to some mischief, he found himself eager to assist her nevertheless. During an earlier occasion, he had observed her expertly forge a sword using an unconventional method that proved remarkably effective. Attempting to replicate her technique, he diligently ground crystals into powder and attempted to sprinkle them over black iron, just as she had done. However, despite following the same steps, he couldn't achieve the desired outcome. Puzzled and seeking answers, he approached an Elder for guidance, only to receive an admission of ignorance. The Elder did promise to inquire with Gu Chaoyan in the future if an opportunity arose.

With the intention of seeking an opportunity to inquire about the technique, he hadn't anticipated that his junior sister would approach him directly for help— an unexpected and ideal solution.

Participating in the process would grant them a true understanding of its profoundness.

Shen Heyu rushed over joyfully, asking, "What do you need me to do, Junior Sister?"

Gu Chaoyan was pleasantly surprised by his enthusiasm. Given the general attitude of the Faculty of Refining's disciples towards her, she hadn't expected such warmth from him. Regardless, she brushed aside these minor concerns and focused on the task at hand—completing the forging swiftly to wrap up the project.

She instructed, "Senior Brother, please help me change the water regularly, ensuring it remains ice-cold."

Although Shen Heyu found his Junior Sister's request somewhat puzzling, he readily agreed and paid close attention to her forging technique and the water exchange process.

The process of forging proficiency black iron involved a particular technique that required skillful control—gradually transitioning from light to heavy proficiency, with the weight determined by the proficiency's unique attributes.

Gu Chaoyan was well-versed in this forging method, but it demanded substantial energy and time to craft the proficiency iron. After hours of tireless hammering, the blade finally began to take shape, looking impressive.

Even though Gu Chaoyan was confident in her skills, before plunging the sword into the ice-cold water, it still appeared unsightly, lacking both color and appeal.

Shen Heyu couldn't help but feel a mix of emotions at this sight.

However, as Gu Chaoyan retrieved the sword from the icy bath, a remarkable transformation became evident. The blade emitted a chilling aura and possessed an unprecedented sharpness.

Witnessing this astonishing change, Shen Heyu and others present were left utterly stunned. None of them had anticipated such a profound alteration.

Meanwhile, those who had not witnessed the process of transformation speculated that the sword had undergone some mysterious change, unaware of the true intricacies involved.

"Junior Sister, this is truly magical! How does the forging of black iron work? I've been closely observing your technique, but I couldn't grasp the secret behind it. Initially, I thought it was about alternating one light and one heavy strike, then three light and two heavy strikes. But as it progressed, I found myself completely bewildered," Shen Heyu expressed his confusion. Gu Chaoyan felt so annoyed.

It seemed that she needed to teach her Senior Brothers after she finished forzinz the sword.

That would take up so much of her time.

And she was not going to offend them!

Gu Chaoyan felt so annoyed.

"There is no standard forging method for turbid proficiency black iron.."

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"Maybe there are some basic forging methods in the beginning, but as you progress, you'll come to realize the importance of infusing a weapon with a soul," Gu Chaoyan said to Shen Heyu with utmost sincerity.

However, as Gu Chaoyan glanced at the title page of the book, she realized that her understanding had been slightly off.

Nevertheless, after carefully reading the forging method that followed, she quickly grasped the true meaning of the sentence.

The disciples of the Weapon Refining Sect, Shen Heyu included, seemed to have a sudden realization, yet it was evident that they had not fully comprehended the profound implications behind the statement.

However....

Soon, Shen Heyu had an epiphany.

He realized that refining weapons was akin to the process of cultivation. Just like reaching a certain level of cultivation was necessary for understanding certain truths, the same applied to weapon refining.

If the disciples could decipher the hidden knowledge, it would enable them to achieve a breakthrough in their skills. On the other hand, failing to grasp these insights would leave them stuck at a bottleneck.

Unlike some of his peers, Shen Heyu had not achieved significant success within the Weapon Refining Sect.

While he could forge weapons adequately, they lacked the essence of his soul, turning them into mere replicas devoid of his personal touch.

His junior sister's words acted as a timely reminder, stirring something within him.

He was going to try something else.

"Junior Sister, I humbly ask, will you take me as your disciple?" Shen Heyu's sincerity was evident in his plea.

"No." Gu Chaoyan responded firmly, without a moment's hesitation. She had little regard for her own feelings, and with Elder Lin already a source of annoyance, adding Shen Heyu to the mix would only exacerbate the situation. Furthermore, she had no desire to be part of the Beastmaster Sect if she were to join.

Gu Chaoyan was shouting inwardly.

Well...

She had a bad temper towards Shen Heyu, so she blamed Elder Lin on him.

Having said that, Shen Heyu's expression turned crestfallen, clearly hurt by Gu Chaoyan's refusal.

Gu Chaoyan couldn't help but feel a pang of sympathy. She knew Shen Heyu was genuinely passionate about weapon refining, and his humility only made him more endearing. However, her own commitments and priorities left her with little time to take on a disciple. After pondering for a moment, she decided to explain her position.

"You are a Senior Brother within the Weapon-Refining Sect, and my intention is to join the Beast-Refining Sect in the future. Your Master holds a position as an Elder in our sect, and it would be inappropriate for him to take me as his disciple,"

Having said the words, Gu Chaoyan was about to take a look at the handle.

"I don't mind." Shen Heyu cheered himself up. Gu Chaoyan felt so annoyed.

At this moment, Elder Lin arrived, panting heavily.

Gu Chaoyan glanced at him, holding a blue crystal in her hand, and asked, "Is this acceptable? The Weapon Refining Sect has plenty of dark iron but lacks sufficient crystals. It was quite a task to gather these, wasn't it?"

Shen Heyu couldn't help but feel exasperated by Elder Lin's pretense of ignorance. In reality, Elder Lin had effortlessly obtained those crystals in just one hour, observing Shen Heyu's forging process in the shadows. He had planned to reveal himself once the sword was completed, but upon hearing Shen Heyu's proposal to be his disciple, Elder Lin decided to withdraw, secretly hoping for this very outcome.

He only came out when she turned him down.

What was more...

Cultivators, unless they were in a fierce fight.

Otherwise, no one would get tired after just a few steps.

This Elder Lin...

She was just a disciple! Gu Chaoyan looked miserable. He grabbed the crystals and started to use them to forge the sword handle. The crystal was very large. Elder Lin must have picked it because he knew that it was going to be a sword handle. But it was much more convenient. If it was made into a sword handle, there would be many parts that were not needed. But Gu Chaoyan was not a very stingy person.. Chapter 2096: Cultivate 1 Even though many parts were discarded, such as the sword handle, it could still be utilized to its fullest potential. After Gu Chaoyan transformed the crystals into the hilt, she began gathering the necessary materials. The spiritual energy within the crystal allowed the sword to absorb and harness spiritual energy, amplifying its power even further. To complete the process, they required Spirit Stones and the sword body, tasks that were manageable for everyone. However, the weapons produced using this method were of high-level quality, owing to the easy absorption of Spirit Qi by cultivators.

The most crucial aspect of this forging technique was its ability to lock the spiritual energy of the

sword handle crystals.

This locking mechanism involved fusing the sword handle and the blade into a single entity.
Gu Chaoyan continued to work on it. After that
Gu Chaoyan looked up at Elder Lin.
She did not hold back at all.
"Elder Lin, just put your superpower into the sword, and everything will be fine." Gu Chaoyan said.
Elder Lin looked at her skeptically.
He had been looking at this girl just now. She was about to call it a day, but when she saw his look, she suddenly turned to him and said so.
He was not sure if that was true.
Elder Lin was indeed an Elder.
Even though he pretended to be stupid, he was actually very smart.
That was what Gu Chaoyan thought about Elder Lin.
"Elder Lin?" Gu Chaoyan insisted and asked Elder Lin.
Despite having a sudden inspiration and desiring for Elder Lin to face consequences, she recognized that this method would result in a superior sword.
The divine power of an Elder could potentially save the sword's owner during critical moments.
Although Elder Lin seemed nonchalant and indifferent, he still allocated some of his power, causing the sword to exude an even colder aura.

Glancing at her, Elder Lin realized she was not mocking him. "5,000 crystals," Gu Chaoyan said as she reached out her hand, ready to claim her payment. "Hahaha!" Elder Lin burst into laughter. He found this girl truly amusing. With the sword now forged, he no longer owed any favors to the Weapon Refining Sect or the Elder, as his sole focus was on acquiring the crystals. How interesting. Elder Lin gave her an interspatial ring. "There are 5,000 crystals inside, take it." Gu Chaoyan took the crystals and left. She needed to improve her cultivation and take on the next mission. Seeing Gu Chaoyan leaving, Shen Heyu rushed up. "Junior Sister!" "Heyu." Shen Heyu glanced at Elder Lin nervously, thinking that Elder Lin would blame him. "She seems to have a problem with me right now. Your presence won't be of much use at the moment. It's better to wait until she's in a better mood next time," Elder Lin chuckled, displaying his contentment. As he was feeling cheerful, he became more receptive to their suggestions. Shen Heyu was taken aback by this unexpected turn of events. She nodded and focused on her own tasks. Meanwhile, Gu Chaoyan hurried back home with the crystals.

She spent an entire day at the Weapon Refining Sect, thankful that the weapon she forged was relatively easy, or it could have been an arduous endeavor.

There was no time for rest, so she decided to continue working.

First, she absorbed the 5,000 crystals, which significantly improved her condition.

Then, she began examining the interspatial rings of the two Grand Unity Sect disciples.

She sorted through their collection of talismans, medicinal pills, weapons, and crystals.

Suddenly...

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Gu Chaoyan opened the item and discovered it was securely sealed. Upon closer inspection, she recognized it as a trace of godly power, similar to what Elder Lin had left in the sword. However, this trace of godly power surpassed even Elder Lin's cultivation in terms of strength.

Elder Lin, a Paragon Warrior, held the esteemed position of an Elder in the Supreme Sect's Weapon Refining Sect. Hence, the individual who left this divine power must have been an Elder from the Grand Unity Sect.

It dawned on her that the two disciples they killed were likely followers of that Grand Unity Sect's Elder. Otherwise, why would they possess such a life-saving artifact that they had not used before their demise?

One of the disciples may have underestimated Gu Chaoyan's cultivation, while the other possibly fell victim to her attacks.

Knowing the value of this artifact, Gu Chaoyan felt relieved. If they had used it against her, she might not have had the confidence to withstand its power.

Without hesitation, she placed the item in her spatial storage, believing it could prove useful in the future. Next, she stored away the talismans the disciples had in their possession. As Gu Chaoyan utilized the elixirs and crystals to enhance her cultivation, she found herself progressing rapidly due to the inherited power. Her goal was to reach the level of Martial Immortal before embarking on her second mission. She felt an overwhelming desire to complete the mission as swiftly as possible, but she also understood the importance of not neglecting her cultivation. Especially after witnessing the potency of the divine power left behind. The Elder from the Grand Unity Sect was at the level of a Paragon Martial Saint, a realm far beyond her current status as a Martial Saint. The disparity in their cultivation levels was significant. Even upon becoming a Martial Immortal, she would still need to break through further. Only then could she reach the next realm, the Paragon Realm. The tasks ahead were formidable. Obtaining the One Origin Grass was bringing them closer to their objective. On the other hand, seeking vengeance against the woman and acquiring her spiritual root to save Huaijin's life would demand considerable time and effort. But... She needed to hurry up. She had to. She did not want Huaijin to lie alone on Longmai Mountain. He was alone there, and he had been waiting to go home with her.

Tears welled up in Gu Chaoyan's eyes, as she started to miss him.

In the past..

He had always been their reliable support, despite lacking a cultivation base; he seemed capable of solving any problem that arose. But now, she found herself having to face challenges alone, and it felt as though she had returned to her previous life—a life filled with fear and uncertainty.

As she contemplated the tasks ahead, a wave of tears streamed down Gu Chaoyan's cheeks. However, she quickly composed herself, wiping away the tears, and resolutely continued to meditate and cultivate. The absorption of the 5,000 Spirit Stones earlier had prepared her for a smooth cultivation session.

In the following five days and nights, she was undisturbed, dedicating herself entirely to her practice.

When Gu Chaoyan eventually opened her eyes, she realized she didn't feel tired at all. On the contrary, she felt rejuvenated and light.

This was precisely the outcome she had anticipated and hoped for.

She had reached the level of Martial Immortal by the time she finished the absorption.

The breakthrough was slower this time, but she was already satisfied.

They had planned to take a day off.

But there was no need for that.

She decided to take on the second mission directly..

Chapter 2098: Mission 1

After gathering her belongings and carrying the Dragonman in her arms, Gu Chaoyan made her way towards the Bounty Pavilion.

Curiosity filled her thoughts as she wondered if any new missions had been posted. However, if there were no fresh options, she had almost made up her mind about which mission to undertake.

In high spirits, Gu Chaoyan set off on her journey.

As she departed, Shen Heyu arrived at her room. He had been visiting Gu Chaoyan frequently, hoping to find an appropriate moment to request becoming her disciple. Aware that she was in the midst of cultivation, he refrained from disturbing her and instead waited outside or returned the following day.

The time had come for her junior sister to make a breakthrough.

Shen Heyu decided to be patient and wait for a while.

As he approached her room, he noticed that his junior sister appeared to have awakened. However, upon entering, he found the room empty.

Could she have gone to accept a mission?

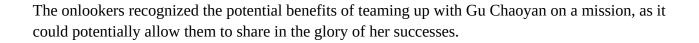
Shen Heyu felt a tinge of disappointment, but he understood that his junior sister needed to take on missions to progress. Hence, he resolved to wait for the next opportunity.

He had numerous questions he wanted to discuss with his junior sister.

After pondering for a while, Shen Heyu decided to return to the Weapon Refining Sect.

Meanwhile, Gu Chaoyan was making her way to the Bounty Pavilion, feeling upbeat and cheerful. However, when she arrived, she noticed that people were looking at her with newfound admiration.

Her recent feat of single-handedly slaying the mutated beast had caught the attention of many in the Bounty Pavilion. It was an achievement that seemed unattainable for most individuals present.



They turned to Gu Chaoyan as they thought about this.

Gu Chaoyan ignored all of these. She was reading the missions seriously.

"Junior Sister!" Di Hongyun looked very happy seeing Gu Chaoyan.

Gu Chaoyan brought back to herself.

Then she saw Di Hongyun.

Di Hongyun's demeanor towards Gu Chaoyan had changed significantly. He now regarded her as one of his own and no longer harbored any previous dislike.

As Gu Chaoyan approached Di Hongyun, he spoke warmly, "Junior Sister, it's quite a coincidence to meet you here. Zhengyang, Xinde, and I are about to embark on a mission. Would you like to join us? We can work together and...

However, Di Hongyun suddenly lowered his voice. "Our mission is to find the

Green Sun Grass, the most essential herb for the Medicine Sect's highest-level pills. Xinde, Zhengyang, and I are all from the same sect, so we are collaborating to locate the Green Sun Grass. The sect is unaware of its exact quantity, but if we do find it, we will have 0...". He shot a meaningful glance at Gu Chaoyan, indicating that she should sense the implication herself.

Gu Chaoyan understood what was going on.

They were going to eat some Green Sun Grass.

Di Hongyun's willingness to share such information indicated that he now regarded Gu Chaoyan as one of his own, making her feel appreciated and included.

The mission he proposed seemed like a perfect fit for her needs. The herbs in her possession were becoming less useful, and if she could acquire better ones, she would have the resources to craft her own potent pills.

"Okay," Gu Chaoyan replied decisively. With her mind made up, she saw no reason to hesitate. Completing the mission as swiftly as possible was her top priority.

"I knew you would agree! Xinde and I were hoping to have you with us, so we waited for an extra day. We should have departed yesterday, but we were concerned that you might miss the opportunity. What a shame!" Di Hongyun boasted proudly.

Gu Chaoyan nodded...

Chapter 2099: Mission 2

She comprehended the situation unfolding before her.

She paid no attention to Di Hongyun's attempt at flattery.

Curiously, she inquired, "Where can I find Senior Brother Zhengyang and Senior Brother Xinde?"

Di Hongyun had been full of enthusiasm, but upon hearing Gu Chaoyan's words, his spirits dampened.

He gestured towards a specific direction and said, "They are over there."

Though Di Hongyun felt a tinge of bitterness, he chose to accept the situation.

A small smile played on Gu Chaoyan's lips.

Di Hongyun was known for his cheerful demeanor, especially when around his family. However, in the company of people he didn't approve of, he reverted to his former annoying self.

Yet, he treated her as if she were one of his own.

Moreover, due to the incident involving the disciples of the Grand Unity Sect, he harbored a sense of gratitude towards her. Despite struggling to find the right way to express it, his actions now spoke volumes about his feelings. However...

Gu Chaoyan was well aware of Di Hongyun's personality, so she chose to overlook his behavior.

In her mind, Di Hongyun and the others were genuinely good people.

Yet, Gu Chaoyan hadn't yet contemplated how she would spend her time with them. For her, this mission was merely an obligation she had to fulfill.

Expressionless, she made her way towards Fu Xinde.

Both Fu Xinde and Lv Zhengyang greeted her with smiles.

"Junior Sister, we're delighted that you've agreed to join us on this mission.

Hongyun mentioned that only he could persuade you, and he was right," Lv Zhengyang remarked, while Fu Xinde simply smiled.

Lv Zhengyang willingly let go of his initial plan to search for the Green Sun Grass alongside his junior sister. He had observed her exceptional abilities in dealing with mutated beasts and was confident in her capabilities.

This team felt more dependable compared to his previous ones.

"He managed to convince me. Now, could you brief me on the mission details?" Gu Chaoyan didn't waste much time on trivial matters, proceeding to inquire directly about the mission at hand.

Lv Zhengyang handed over the authority token and scroll to Gu Chaoyan.

Carefully, Gu Chaoyan examined the Green Sun Grass and studied the map provided.

Soon enough, she grasped the situation.

The Green Sun Grass was situated on a cliff, and it belonged to a Paragon and Martial Immortal demonic beast. This special herb served as the beast's primary food source. Unfortunately, a few days ago, the demonic beast experienced Qi Deviation, causing a cultivation reversal that led to its demise.

Over time, the Green Sun Grass continued to grow, and now there were approximately two mu of it available.

Apart from its cliff-top location, another reason for its significance was that various sects had become drawn to it. Supreme Sect was just one of those interested parties.

In addition to Lv Zhengyang's team, two other teams had accepted the mission. However, these two teams had set out the day before upon receiving the authority tokens. Worried about potential delays and encountering competitors from other sects, they seemed to have lost their advantage, leading to their failure.

It was evident why Di Hongyun took the credit in the end.

"Then let's proceed," Gu Chaoyan stated, acknowledging that the mission might not be straightforward. However, she knew they needed to reach their destination as swiftly as possible.

"Okay," Lv Zhengyang agreed.

With their course of action determined, they set out on their journey...

Chapter 2100: Mission 3

They were all set to embark on their mission.

Lv Zhengyang, Fu Xinde, and Di Hongyun had prepared for this task the day prior, ensuring they had everything they needed. Gu Chaoyan, too, had made the necessary preparations before arriving at the Bounty Pavilion.

The group got along well, and they wasted no time in heading directly to the location of their mission.

The Green Sun Grass grew on Longdi Mountain, situated at the boundary of the Shenyou Continent. Interestingly, this mountain was at the border of the continent, yet no one from Shenyou had ever taken charge of it, making it an uninhabited place.

The primary reason for its emptiness was the presence of a monstrous beast on Longdi Mountain.

Spirit energy in the Shenyou Continent was limited, and those who could reach the Martial God Realm were already considered at the pinnacle. Only sects like the Supreme Sect could boast an Elder who had attained the level of a Paragon.

The reason the demonic beast on Longdi Mountain had achieved the status of a Paragon and Martial Immortal in the Shenyou Continent was largely attributed to its daily consumption of Green Sun Grass. This fact led the Medicine Sects of various sects to eagerly seek the Green Sun Grass for refining pills and enhancing their strength.

They traveled to Longdi Mountain using Sword Kinesis Flight, a swift method that allowed them to cover the distance in one day and one night, arriving at the border of the Shenyou Continent.

During the journey, Lv Zhengyang and Fu Xinde engaged in discussions about their mission, strategizing how to complete it successfully. In contrast, Di Hongyun remained listless and uninterested in joining their conversation.

Gu Chaoyan, on the other hand, remained silent throughout the trip. It wasn't that she didn't want to participate in the discussions, but rather she lacked sufficient knowledge about the Supreme Sect and the Shenyou Continent. Instead of making assumptions without a complete understanding, the group decided to proceed to Longdi Mountain and gather information firsthand.

After one day and one night, they finally arrived near Longdi Mountain.

As they drew closer, Gu Chaoyan's heightened senses detected the presence of someone with a significantly high cultivation level.

"Hold on, let's land and proceed on foot from here," Gu Chaoyan suggested to the group.

"It might not be our disciples; the situation seems more complicated," Gu Chaoyan responded with a serious tone, shaking her head.

She sensed a more significant presence at Longdi Mountain than just their disciples. There were several individuals at the Elder level and even more people gathered in the vicinity.

If they approached the situation too openly, obtaining the Green Sun Grass could become a much more troublesome task.

"Agreed," Fu Xinde and Di Hongyun replied, taking Gu Chaoyan's words to heart.

They decided to dismount from the Sword Kinesis Flight cautiously.

Fu Xinde turned to Lv Zhengyang and suggested, "Let's proceed carefully and approach on foot."

Fu Xinde and Di Hongyun were in agreement with Gu Chaoyan's caution, leaving Lv Zhengyang with no other option but to accept her proposal reluctantly.

Nonetheless, he didn't seem pleased with the change of dynamics.

Initially, Lv Zhengyang had been leading the team, and everyone followed his instructions, including Fu Xinde and Di Hongyun. However, now it appeared that they disregarded his directions and simply followed Gu Chaoyan's lead..