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Chapter 2681: Sky Sect 7

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect let out a sigh of relief, recognizing that bringing him to Xing Sect was a preferable option compared to remaining by the Heaven Emperor's side.

With the possibility of joining the Xing Sect, Gu Chaoyan no longer needed to linger in her previous position. She could now be taken under the wing of the Xing Sect.

Initially, she had felt the odds were against her and had contemplated finding a way to meet the Heaven Emperor in the future. The Third World still held a glimmer of hope.

Just as she was considering her options, she was abruptly taken away, prompting her shocked inquiry, "Where are you taking me?"

"To the Xing Sect. You will become a part of the sect. Report there now," the two individuals responded with stoic expressions.

The revelation that she would end up in the Xing Sect caught everyone off guard.

"What?" Gu Chaoyan was dumbfounded, finding it to be a delightful surprise. Was entering the Xing Sect akin to entering the Sky Sect? Despite being told she had no hope of entering the Sky Sect, it seemed their judgment was more discerning than she had thought.

Without resistance, Gu Chaoyan followed, and the Xing Sect was not far away. Given their responsibility for the Sky Sect's logistics, the journey in the palace was brief.

In almost an instant, it was over, leaving Gu Chaoyan pleasantly surprised.

She didn't know what the Sky Sect was like, or what the Sky Sect was like.

After arriving.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect didn't personally greet Gu Chaoyan; instead, he casually delegated the task to a female official.

Gu Chaoyan wasn't someone he had handpicked due to any personal preference; rather, he chose her out of necessity. Additionally, he found her to be somewhat unintelligent, with no intention of investing effort in grooming her for a potential introduction to the Heaven Emperor—too much trouble.

Opting for a more straightforward approach, he assigned her a standard position within the Xing Sect and considered his duty fulfilled.

Gu Chaoyan had just arrived when the female official from the Xing Sect approached her, giving her a once-over before inquiring, "You're a new disciple of the Xing Sect, right?"

"..."

"Let me introduce the Xing Sect to you first."

Gu Chaoyan stood there obediently, ready to hear what was going on.

"The Xing Sect is derived from food, clothing, accommodation, and transportation. In other words, the Xing Sect is in charge of the food, clothing, and transportation of the entire Sky Sect. Therefore, we are the Xing Sect."

"..."

"Speaking of which, you should understand now."

"..."

"We are in charge of the chores."

"..."

“Logically speaking, no Sect Leader of the Sky Sect was willing to accept you. In the end, it was the Sect Leader of Xing Sect who reluctantly accepted you.”

“...”

“In that case, work hard in the Xing Sect in the future.”

What?

‘In charge of chores?’

It had nothing to do with cultivation?

‘So what’s she doing here?’

She would rather the Sect Leader of the Xing Sect not take a fancy to her. She would still have a chance when she went to other places in the Third World!

Gu Chaoyan showed no gratitude on her face, but helplessness.

She was chosen by the Xing Sect.

Seriously...

The female official in charge did not care what she was thinking and continued, “In the future, you will follow me and do complicated chores.”

“...”

“Let’s get familiar with each other today. Starting tomorrow, we’ll officially start work.”

“...”

“I’ll take you to your place now.”

The female official brought her people over.

Gu Chaoyan followed him helplessly.

Ordinary people in charge of washing were all living together.

Gu Chaoyan got a bunk too.

At this moment, the others were not around. They were probably working.

Gu Chaoyan looked very complicated.

“Can I leave the Sky Sect or go to another sect?” Gu Chaoyan could not help but ask.

The female official looked at her with an indescribable expression.

“No Sect Leader from the other sects is willing to choose you.”

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Typically, individuals who sought refuge in the Xing Sect were those not held in high regard by other sects. The rest were generally acceptable. Some might carry certain motives from their previous sects, and recognizing this, the Sect Leader of Xing Sect opted to let them pursue other opportunities. They moved on to different sects, and perhaps those sects found value in having them.

However...

She was different.

She was the one that Sect Leader of Xing Sect did not want, let alone the other sects.

Wanting to go to other sects was simply fantasize.

This female official looked at her as if she was looking at a fool.

Gu Chaoyan looked a bit embarrassed. She did not seem to be lying, because no one wanted her, so she came to the Xing Sect.

Gu Chaoyan did not know whether to laugh or cry.

It seemed that she could only stay here.

“Our Sect Leader of Xing Sect doesn’t want it either. We really have no choice but to accept it, so don’t be so picky,” the female official continued to say impolitely.

Gu Chaoyan was caught between laughter and tears, but now she felt very awkward.

Even the Sect Leader of Xing Sect did not want her.

How bad was she?

Gu Chaoyan did not know what to say.

Without allowing Gu Chaoyan a chance to respond, the female official pressed on, stating, “Now that you’ve arrived at the Xing Sect, there’s no turning back. Bringing the Guidance Scroll to the Sky Sect implies your willingness to become a part of it. In these circumstances, your only option is to remain in the Sky Sect. You don’t have a choice.”

“...”

“Just work in the Xing Sect obediently. Perhaps you’ll have a chance to go to other sects in the future.”

She said this to almost everyone who came to Xing Sect.

However, this action was merely a means to settle these individuals.

In reality, very few who sought refuge in the Xing Sect had aspirations to join other sects. Only those with exceptional skills stood a chance.

While others might still harbor hope, the female official recognized that Gu Chaoyan's prospects were slim. Despite this realization, she kept her thoughts unspoken, opting instead to stabilize Gu Chaoyan and encourage her to contribute effectively to the Xing Sect. The absence of mishaps was already considered a positive outcome, and the female official had tempered her expectations accordingly.

Gu Chaoyan nodded in apparent acceptance of her fate.

The female official felt a sense of relief and departed peacefully.

Sighing, Gu Chaoyan laid down on her bed.

How unfortunate.

In the second world, she had commanded as the formidable Clan Leader of the Demon Clan. Even if she didn't hold the highest position, her influence was undeniable.

Upon arriving in this new place, she never anticipated not only facing disdain in various forms but also being assigned menial tasks like laundry and cooking.

If the First Elder and others from her previous world were aware of this, their disapproval would undoubtedly be palpable.

Yet, she found herself with no alternative but to acquiesce.

Anticipating her journey to the Sky Sect, where she would be in closer proximity to the Celestial Thearch, gave her a glimmer of hope. She believed things would improve, and the chance to meet him seemed more plausible.

This perspective brought a slight sense of comfort to Gu Chaoyan.

Waiting for tomorrow.

Early in the morning.

Guided by the female official, she found herself at the Xing Sect's workplace, which was primarily divided into three distinct areas.

One section served as a training ground for maidservants, providing an opportunity for them to later attend to influential figures from various sects. However, those who could undergo such nurturing were typically handpicked and favored by the Sect Leader, with arrangements made soon after their sect entry.

Regrettably, Gu Chaoyan did not seem to be among those fortunate individuals chosen for maid service, evident from her assignment to cleaning duties.

Two areas still remained.

One was dedicated to culinary responsibilities.

The other was precisely where Gu Chaoyan found herself, immersed in the cleaning tasks.

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She was led to the side of a huge barrel.

There were many clothes in this huge bucket. They should be the clothes of some people from a certain sect.

And Gu Chaoyan's daily task was to wash the clothes in the bucket.

That was the mission.

After washing up, she could go and cultivate on her own.

The Sky Sect extended humane treatment to individuals from various sects, allowing them time for cultivation, a policy that applied even to those assigned to tasks like washing.

Gu Chaoyan found solace in this consideration as she diligently went about her washing duties.

In the midst of her chores, news spread that the Sect Leader of Xing Sect had arrived.

Curiosity got the better of Gu Chaoyan, prompting her to steal a glance at the person who had shown disdain towards her.

As her eyes met with the Sect Leader of Xing Sect, a mutual sense of disdain hung in the air. Despite his contempt for someone he deemed unintelligent, the Sect Leader reluctantly acknowledged her presence.

However, Gu Chaoyan couldn't help but feel a sense of disgrace at being looked down upon by the Sect Leader responsible for cleaning tasks.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect couldn't hide his disdain as he threw a disparaging look at Gu Chaoyan. He pondered the Heaven Emperor's interest in such a seemingly foolish girl who had managed to ascend to the Sky Sect, even expressing a desire to keep her by his side. The Sect Leader couldn't fathom the Emperor's reasoning.

For the time being, she decided to remain in the Xing Sect, anticipating that with the passage of time, the Heaven Emperor would naturally forget about her. As that forgetfulness took hold, her existence would become inconsequential.

As long as she avoided causing trouble within the Xing Sect, the Sect Leader displayed a nonchalant attitude, allowing her to stay.

In the few seconds he observed her, the Sect Leader of Xing Sect contemplated his next steps. Once he determined the course of action, he diverted his gaze, finding satisfaction in surveying the various aspects of the Xing Sect.

Gu Chaoyan, on the other hand, resumed her tasks after some initial nagging.

The Sky Sect prioritized fair treatment, ensuring that even those in the Xing Sect weren't burdened with an excessive number of daily tasks. They could complete their assignments within half a day, leaving the remaining time for cultivation.

Once Gu Chaoyan finished her duties, she took the opportunity to rest.

While walking quietly, she noticed the girls from the Xing Sect approaching someone with evident joy. Intrigued, she stopped one of them and inquired, "What's happening? Why are they all going in that direction?"

"It's because Xiaoyun is there. Everyone naturally wants to be close to her," the person responded cheerfully.

"And who is Xiaoyun? Why is everyone so eager to be close to her?" Gu Chaoyan questioned, perplexed by the distinctions among individuals performing similar chores.

"Xiaoyun," the person who spoke said with envy and yearning. "She's the one who washes the Heaven Emperor's clothes."

Haha.

Gu Chaoyan could not help but laugh.

The one who washed the Heaven Emperor's clothes?

It seemed like such a simple task, yet he portrayed it as something extraordinary. Was someone's worth in the Xing Sect truly judged by the act of washing the Heaven Emperor's clothes?

Gu Chaoyan couldn't help but chuckle.

"Moreover, those who launder clothes for the Heaven Emperor and those in the celestial realms have the privilege of personally delivering the freshly washed garments. Despite their mundane task, they get a monthly opportunity to see the Heaven Emperor. That's why we envy them," explained the person, shedding light on the source of their admiration.

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Hearing the reason, Gu Chaoyan looked helpless.

Alright...

It was actually because of this.

The moment Gu Chaoyan displayed a look of disdain, she suddenly realized that it might actually be a desirable job!

In a place like the Sky Sect, one's status depended on their elevation. Those in the clouds held the highest status, while those in the Xing Sect had to gaze upward to catch a glimpse.

Given her current circumstances, aspiring to reach the clouds seemed like an unattainable dream.

God knew the amount of effort required to ascend to the clouds.

However, the prospect changed if the task involved cleaning for the Heaven Emperor. It offered the chance to see the Emperor monthly, providing Gu Chaoyan with an opportunity to question him whenever she pleased.

It sounded like a fantastic opportunity.

She believed it was possible. Entirely possible.

"How can I become the one washing the Heaven Emperor's clothes?" Gu Chaoyan earnestly inquired from Dao Seeking.

Her question carried a serious tone, while others viewed it as nothing more than wishful thinking.

The person who spoke to her couldn't help but burst into laughter. She then remarked, "Both of us aiming for that job? It's simply a fool's dream!"

“...”

“Those selected to wash the Heaven Emperor’s clothes are individuals of talent and experience, recognized by the Sect Leader of Xing Sect. You and I are tasked with laundering the garments of ordinary new disciples, tasks considered beneath the Sect Leader’s notice. Don’t harbor illusions about washing the Heaven Emperor’s clothes.”

The speaker acknowledged it was too late to approach Xiaoyun now. Attempting to do so would likely result in not even getting a glimpse. Since a chance to chat was rare, engaging in conversation here seemed like a reasonable idea.

She continued chatting with Gu Chaoyan.

Earning the recognition of the Sect Leader of Xing Sect?

Gu Chaoyan’s thoughts dwelled on how the Sect Leader perceived her. Yet, considering the Sect Leader’s apparent disdain, she dismissed any hope of genuine appreciation.

Upon her arrival at the Sky Sect, she had swiftly ascended. The Sect Leader of Xing Sect must have witnessed this. Undoubtedly, he looked down on her from the very beginning.

She pondered if there was any alternative path.

Gaining the recognition of the Sect Leader of Xing Sect appeared to be a formidable challenge.

Gu Chaoyan felt a bit frustrated.

As for the one called Xiaoyun, she got swept away by the crowd at that moment. Left alone were only the two of them, and they decided not to follow the commotion.

Gu Chaoyan gazed up at the clouds. Despite both being part of the Sky Sect, the Xing Sect felt like a world apart.

Attaining recognition from the Heaven Emperor and washing his clothes seemed challenging. Instead, she contemplated sneaking into the clouds to catch a glimpse during a quiet moment. Perhaps she might come across someone.

With her decision made, Gu Chaoyan felt a sudden enlightenment and regained her composure.

“What’s your plan?” the person asked, furrowing her brows as she observed Gu Chaoyan.

“I’m thinking of sneaking into the clouds, maybe catch a glimpse of the Heaven Emperor. But keep it between us,” Gu Chaoyan confessed openly. Grateful for the person’s previous kindness, she found it only fair to share her intentions.

“I know the way. Shall we go together?” the person whispered.

Their eyes met, expressing mutual understanding.

With their minds made up, they nodded in agreement.

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In the Xing Sect, their primary responsibility was cleaning. As long as they excelled in their assigned tasks, they had the freedom to organize their own schedules. With this flexibility, the two of them aimed to swiftly complete their duties and discreetly slip away to the clouds during the remaining time.

With a silent understanding between them, they agreed upon a specific time and location for their venture.

Returning peacefully at that moment, they decided to patiently wait until the next day to carry out their plan together.

Gu Chaoyan laid down when she got home.

As for the others, they should have returned from Little Yun’s place. Their faces were filled with envy.

At this moment, they were discussing. “If only I could make it to the Heaven Emperor’s laundry mountain one day. That would be the only one in the Xing Sect.”

“Not to mention the Heaven Emperor, even for the other people in the clouds would do.”

“We don’t know how long we’ll have to work on this.”

Hearing the voices, Gu Chaoyan found herself at a loss for words.

To outsiders, gaining entry into the Sky Sect was considered an unparalleled honor and a coveted achievement for many. However, within the Sky Sect, there existed various hierarchical levels.

In places like the Xing Sect, the original aspirations of many were shattered by a lifestyle that deterred higher cultivation pursuits. Instead, they aimed to become individuals tasked with washing clothes for more powerful figures, transforming into entities envied by everyone in the Xing Sect. Nevertheless, even if one could wash clothes for the Heaven Emperor, it didn’t guarantee security. If the Sect Leader of Xing Sect decided to look down on them one day, such a position could easily be taken away.

Gu Chaoyan released a sigh of relief, pondering her plans for the following day.

As the sun rose, Gu Chaoyan and those she had made plans with the day before gathered to freshen up together. The earlier they completed their morning routine, the sooner they could slip away.

When the female official in charge of them saw this situation, she was more or less relieved.

After all, she knew that diligence could make up for her lack of intelligence, and diligence could make up for her stupidity.

With Gu Chaoyan’s arrival in the Sky Sect, she found herself perceived as nothing more than a fool by the residents.

Helpless and unable to prove herself, Gu Chaoyan had no option but to accept her assigned role.

Once their morning routines were complete, Gu Chaoyan and the man rendezvoused at the designated meeting place. Smiling at each other, they proceeded.

“The rules in the Sky Sect are stringent. Each sect has its designated attire, and ascending without the authority token is a challenging feat for those lower down the hierarchy. Yet, for us, it’s remarkably simple,” she remarked, producing two plain white garments—one for herself and one for Gu Chaoyan. They adorned the shirts, and she added with a mysterious smile, “I took these. In the Sky Sect, only the elite wear plain clothes, and since we don’t have any, no one will suspect us in these.”

Gu Chaoyan couldn’t help but laugh. The acquaintance she had made proved advantageous, saving her the trouble of devising her own plan.

The two stealthily ascended, encountering almost no obstacles along the way.

As they neared the clouds, providing a chance to meet the Celestial Thearch, Gu Chaoyan inquired, “What brings you here?”

“Seeking someone differs from your desire to meet the Heaven Emperor. I have important matters to attend to,” she replied solemnly.

Curious, Gu Chaoyan asked, “What kind of business do you have?”

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Just as she was about to speak...

Suddenly, there was a commotion. Someone shouted, “Take them down, they are trespassing into the clouds!”

What?

No one had noticed them along the way. Why were they caught now?

The two of them ran around.

However, they were caught very quickly.

Gu Chaoyan had to accept her fate.

Her cultivation level in a place like the Sky Sect was at the lowest tier. Even many individuals in the Xing Sect would pale in comparison, let alone those in the clouds. Resisting was out of the question.

She maintained an innocent smile as she was escorted away.

Observing from the clouds, the Heaven Emperor, hands behind his back, furrowed his brow. How long had she been in the Sky Sect, and she had already brought people here without detection? If he hadn't sensed it, she might have seen him.

While he had enticed her to the Sky Sect, he hadn't planned on meeting her so soon. Besides, her current cultivation level was negligible, and he wasn't prepared to confront her as the Heaven Emperor just yet.

Therefore...

For now, let it be. No changes.

Certainly, those accompanying Gu Chaoyan did not anticipate that the success of the plan would hinge on the people she was leading. If she hadn't brought Gu Chaoyan along, the plan might have succeeded.

However, whether this turn of events was positive or negative, a complete judgment was yet to be made.

However, the duo found themselves in a tight spot.

They were brought before the Sect Leader of Xing Sect, who, with hands behind his back, sighed heavily as he regarded them.

“I can’t say you’re stupid; you’re quite clever. Climbing to the entrance of the Sky Sect outside its borders and then ascending to the clouds upon reaching the Xing Sect—truly unique. Not many can pull off such feats.” The Sect Leader of Xing Sect, however, was not generous in his appraisal.

He hadn’t desired such an individual in the first place.

She seemed naive and unaware.

Having been in the Xing Sect for only a few days, she had managed to ascend to the sky’s limits and was even discovered.

Ironically, the female official overseeing her had commended her performance, claiming she had improved and become more diligent.

Little did they know, it was all part of her strategy to swiftly climb to the clouds.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect fixed his gaze on Gu Chaoyan, subjecting her to a two-hour scolding. After all, he never wanted her in the first place, yet she forced her way into the sect, causing trouble. How could he not be infuriated?

The person next to Gu Chaoyan observed the scene with confusion.

Both had made the mistake together, so why was the Sect Leader solely berating Gu Chaoyan? It left her feeling embarrassed, as if she had brought the trouble upon them, only to be scolded in the end.

“Sect Leader, I was involved in the same actions,” she volunteered.

“You’re not blameless either.” The Sect Leader glanced at her before resuming his pointed scolding directed at Gu Chaoyan.

Helplessly shrugging, she looked at Gu Chaoyan sympathetically.

How unlucky.

Gu Chaoyan had already been unfortunate enough to join the Xing Sect and incur the displeasure of its Sect Leader. Her misfortune, however, continued to escalate.

After six grueling hours, the weary Sect Leader of Xing Sect finally released them.

“From now on, both of you will be responsible for cleaning the back mountain. Don’t cause any more trouble. If you do, I won’t hesitate to take severe measures,” the Sect Leader of Xing Sect declared.

In a more straightforward situation, expelling someone from the Sky Sect would be a minor consequence.

However, higher authorities didn’t permit it.

He was still obligated to retain her. Otherwise, why would he be so infuriated?

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After delivering this reprimand, the Sect Leader of Xing Sect couldn’t bear to look at the two of them any longer. He turned away in anger and departed.

While the Xing Sect might not hold a high status in the Sky Sect and was tasked with miscellaneous duties, they had always been diligent, seldom making mistakes. The Heaven Emperor was generally content with their performance.

However, this fool had caused significant trouble since arriving at the Xing Sect. What impression would the Heaven Emperor now have of the Xing Sect?

Years of conscientious leadership as the Sect Leader had been jeopardized. It was infuriating. He wished to cast these two individuals as far away as possible.

Once the Sect Leader of Xing Sect left, the pair prepared to head to the back mountain.

Exchanging glances, they sighed. Uncertain whether going to the back mountain was a positive or negative turn of events, their moods soured.

Still.

Before leaving, Gu Chaoyan bowed to the female officer in charge of her.

The female official even spoke up for her, but she went to cause trouble.

She wondered if this matter would implicate her.

The female official waved her hand. She did not think much of it.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect didn't make things excessively difficult for her. Perhaps fueled by his initial displeasure with the girl, he placed almost all the blame on her.

However, it was a regrettable outcome.

Being assigned to the back mountain meant there was likely no future for her in the Sky Sect.

She sighed, recognizing that their fate hinged on their own actions. She felt truly helpless.

"Is this the back mountain?" Gu Chaoyan inquired, eyeing the modest elevation.

"Yeah, usually, there's no one here, and there's not much to it. Just some chickens, ducks, and geese that the human world consumes, along with a few vegetables. There aren't even any wild beasts on this mountain. It's like being in exile when you come here, and no one pays much attention afterward," the other girl explained, her tone somewhat melancholic.

Despite having more free time each day without laundry duties, the chances of reaching the clouds seemed almost impossible for her.

Always feeling melancholic, she regarded the place with a sense of resignation. According to her description, they were now at a lower level than the laundry tasks, a considerable difference.

Meeting the Heaven Emperor felt like an unattainable dream.

“Don’t worry, we’ll find an opportunity. What matters most right now is not giving up,” Gu Chaoyan reassured. Even though there seemed little they could do, she refused to let her beliefs crumble. Losing that would mean losing everything.

She nodded along.

“Lin Xue, my name,” she introduced.

“Gu Chaoyan!”

The two of them could be considered to be familiar with each other.

Of course, it should be hard for the Sect Leader of Xing Sect to imagine that it was these two people who did such a huge thing without even knowing who they were.

Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue had not expected that they would have such a tacit understanding.

After the introduction, Lin Xue asked dispiritedly, “What should we do now?”

Gu Chaoyan looked around.

What should they do?

With no pressing tasks to attend to in the back mountain, they were to reside there in the future.

Since they were already there, they decided to take things as they came. Regarding the prospect of reaching the clouds, they figured they’d slowly brainstorm a plan. There was always a way.

Now, it was time to unwind.

“Let’s roast some meat first. It’s pretty dull here anyway. We’ll have the energy to think after we eat,” Lin Xue suggested optimistically, looking at her with a sense of responsibility.

This optimistic outlook provided a much-needed boost.

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As for cultivators, they almost didn't need to eat anything anymore. They had their own cultivation to maintain the circulation of their lives.

Of course.

Everyone would also eat something. Firstly, eating was sometimes a form of enjoyment. Secondly, they had once needed grains.

Therefore...

Lin Xue thought it was weird.

But she also knew that it was a good idea.

"Alright then," Lin Xue agreed.

Gu Chaoyan smiled.

This smile was naturally for the good life ahead.

He killed the chicken skillfully, and then Gu Chaoyan started the fire with the fire of the phoenix and started to roast the chicken.

The aroma of roasted chicken filled the air, carrying with it the familiar fragrance of the human world.

Both of them eagerly anticipated the moment when they could savor the delicious roasted chicken.

Worriedly, the Sect Leader of Xing Sect inquired, “What are those two doing now?”

The individual responsible for keeping an eye on them replied, “They’re roasting chicken.”

“Two fools!” The Sect Leader of Xing Sect couldn’t help but curse again, his anger evident.

How could his Xing Sect harbor such individuals?

After causing considerable trouble, they were now casually roasting chicken and enjoying themselves. He couldn’t comprehend where they found the audacity.

Despite the Sect Leader of Xing Sect seething with anger, the two individuals roasting chicken remained blissfully unaware.

It was about to be completed.

It was too fragrant.

Having transitioned from a tense state to relaxation, the prospect of indulging in roasted chicken brought immense joy to Gu Chaoyan.

Just as the chicken was perfectly roasted and they were about to enjoy their meal, an unexpected visitor appeared. “What are you guys eating? It smells amazing.”

Startled, Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue had assumed they were the only ones at the back of the mountain. The sudden appearance of someone else left them shocked.

“Who are you?” Gu Chaoyan inquired warily.

The Heaven Emperor, dressed in a green robe, looked at the two of them. “I’m a junior disciple from another sect. I followed the fragrance here.”

“Don’t worry, I don’t have any ulterior motives. I just want to have something to eat,” the Heaven Emperor reassured them enthusiastically. The aroma had piqued his interest, and he had come to investigate what they were cooking, only to find them roasting chicken.

Observing his attire, Lin Xue noted, “The Sky Sects are differentiated by the color of their clothes. For instance, the Xing Sect wears black and green. There are also smaller sects within the Sky Sect.”

He appeared to be a junior disciple.

Being confined to the back of the mountain, they had limited interaction with other aspects of the Sky Sect. Reaching the clouds seemed nearly impossible for them.

Considering the situation, Lin Xue nodded and gestured at Gu Chaoyan. “Let him have some.”

Initially displeased, Gu Chaoyan let go of her reservations when Lin Xue signaled her approval.

“Alright, you don’t have a choice.” Gu Chaoyan said calculatively. She did not want to give him the best part at all.

The Heaven Emperor threw a look at Gu Chaoyan.

A doting smile appeared in his gaze.

Uncertain whether she appeared favorable or unfavorable now, Gu Chaoyan no longer possessed the arrogance and dominance of her previous life. Instead, she appeared somewhat simple and human, even expressing excitement over roasted chicken—something she wouldn’t have bothered with in the past.

Feeling uneasy under his scrutiny, Gu Chaoyan glared at him and snapped, “Why are you staring at me?”

The Heaven Emperor pretended innocence and offered a smile.

Taking charge of distributing the meat, Gu Chaoyan reserved the choicest pieces for herself and Lin Xue, leaving the remainder for him. The Heaven Emperor didn't mind and happily accepted his portion.

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The three of them ate heartily.

At this moment, everyone was extremely happy.

The roasted chicken was quickly finished.

After eating, the three faces looked at each other.

Gu Chaoyan frowned slightly as she looked at the intruder, feeling a bit confused and displeased. Why was he still here?

She wanted to eat, but she had already fed him. Moreover, she had already finished her food. Why wasn't she leaving?

That was what Gu Chaoyan was curious about.

Observing that Gu Chaoyan was on the verge of asking him to leave, the Heaven Emperor took the initiative and exclaimed, "You're incredible! You actually made it to the clouds! You're the top talent in the Sky Sect! I greatly admire you!"

"So what? I didn't see the person I wanted to see, and I was discovered and thrown back here," Lin Xue replied with a hint of dejection.

"There will always be another chance. If you fail once, there will be two more opportunities," the Heaven Emperor offered encouragingly. "Do you know how you were discovered?"

Curious now, Gu Chaoyan engaged in the conversation. "What is it?"

“Obviously, it’s because your cultivation levels were exposed. In a place like the clouds, how could they not be aware of the cultivation levels of those residing there? The auras of your cultivation levels can be sensed at a moment’s notice. Let’s not talk about anything else,” the Heaven Emperor explained, conveniently leaving out that he was the one who discovered them.

Upon hearing this, Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue found themselves nodding in agreement.

How else could they explain their sudden discovery?

“As long as you frequently roast food for me, I’ll help you out. However, you also need to enhance your cultivation,” the Heaven Emperor promised.

“Really?” Lin Xue expressed a hint of happiness. This was precisely what she had hoped for.

“Why are you helping us?” Gu Chaoyan questioned cautiously, displaying a lack of trust in his intentions.

“Because I believe you will succeed. And when you do, you have to take me with you,” the Heaven Emperor declared.

Gu Chaoyan remained silent for a moment, contemplating whether she should agree to the proposition.

After a prolonged pause, she finally relented. “Alright then.”

“Then I’ll return tomorrow,” the Heaven Emperor announced. Realizing he had lingered for an extended period, he acknowledged the potential risk of being discovered. Leaving now would ensure things remained entertaining.

He left in a hurry.

After he left...

Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue looked at each other and found it strange.

After coming here, a bunch of strange things followed them.

However, the appearance of this person was still a hope.

They had to cultivate.

Lin Xue immediately began to meditate.

But Gu Chaoyan had a headache.

Her cultivation method had always been different from others.

She had passed through the Chaotic Space to cultivate. Only by cultivating in the Chaotic Space could her cultivation increase.

But...

Cultivating in the Chaotic Space required a certain amount of time.

She still needed to make proper arrangements for this matter.

Witnessing Lin Xue already engrossed in cultivation, Gu Chaoyan ventured into the Chaotic Space.

The Chaotic Space, seemingly concerned, promptly inquired, "How did it go?"

Wearing a displeased expression, Gu Chaoyan replied, "Not much. When I arrived at the Sky Sect, I was initially assigned to the Xing Sect. Now, I've been relegated to the back of the mountain. What do you think?"

"That's impossible. You were..." The Chaotic Space, appearing greatly surprised, nearly divulged something.

In the past, when she ascended to the Sky Sect, she held a prominent position.

She reached the clouds in no time.

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What was she saying now? In the Xing Sect, in the back mountain?

What kind of place was this? These were the lowest level existences in the Sky Sect. If he remembered correctly, it was a place for cleaning.

Why was he doing this?

The Chaotic Space felt its head hurt.

“How far am I from being able to free him?” Gu Chaoyan pondered within the Chaotic Space.

“I need to cultivate, but I can’t stay here for too long like before. Only by enhancing my cultivation will I stand a chance to reach the clouds,” Gu Chaoyan declared earnestly. Of course, when she mentioned going to the clouds, she meant infiltrating sneakily.

However, the interpretation in the Chaotic Space differed completely.

The Chaotic Space assumed that an elevation in her cultivation level would eventually lead her to the clouds.

Then...

A solid plan had to be devised for her.

“You can undertake swift missions. These tasks can be completed within a day or two. However, the rewards are not as profound as the spiritual energy gained from the prior missions,” the Chaotic Space suggested.

“As long as it aids in advancing my cultivation!” Gu Chaoyan abandoned any pickiness.

“Return in two days,” instructed the Chaotic Space.

Gu Chaoyan was satisfied.

As long as it could increase his cultivation, it was fine.

Her physique diverged from the norm. Within her body, it seemed like two forces were in constant opposition. Only through cultivation within the Chaotic Space could she genuinely elevate her cultivation.

With the Chaotic Space’s assurance, she felt completely at ease.

Now that she had emerged from the chaotic space, she found herself with idle time on her hands.

Lin Xue was engrossed in her cultivation.

Gu Chaoyan opted to take a leisurely stroll around the back of the mountain.

It was an exceptionally tranquil place.

If it were a peaceful retirement, it would be truly idyllic.

After a while, boredom set in, prompting Gu Chaoyan to consider exploring elsewhere. However, she found herself unable to depart from the back of the mountain.

It was really tragic.

On the second day, Lin Xue ended her cultivation.

Coincidentally, Gu Chaoyan found herself grilling chicken once again. Lin Xue approached with a smile. “I’m not sure if that guy is coming or not.”

Gu Chaoyan rolled her eyes, convinced he would show up.

For the first time, a glutton had found his way to the back of the mountain.

How could he resist such an opportunity?

As if on cue, just as Gu Chaoyan pondered this, a figure approached with a cheerful smile.

“Just in time,” declared the Heaven Emperor gleefully.

One had to appreciate the effort it took for him to make it here. The Sky Sect was bustling with tasks, and he had to expedite his work to squeeze past those in the clouds.

Nevertheless, the chance to enjoy her roasted chicken made it worthwhile.

“Let me share some news. There’s a grand banquet in the Sky Sect in ten days. Every sect is invited, except you two. But, fear not, I can bring you along. How about it? Aren’t I a good person? I didn’t enjoy your food for free, right?” proclaimed the Heaven Emperor proudly.

Gu Chaoyan rolled her eyes at him.

It was quite good, but there was no need to praise himself like that.

Still.

Seeing that he was willing to take them with him, Gu Chaoyan gave him a chicken drumstick. “Eat it, it is for you.”

“...”

“Also, I’m going to focus on training for the next two days, and I won’t have any roast meat to offer. You can come back in a few days,” Gu Chaoyan declared.

The Heaven Emperor seemed a bit displeased, as he had intended to visit daily.

Nevertheless, considering her dedication to cultivating, he refrained from intervening. He nodded in agreement, saying, “Alright.”