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Chapter 1001: Concubine? Why Not!

Ye Xiao felt warm in the heart.

Song Jue cared for him from the bottom of his heart. That was the bond between families.

It was priceless!

"Good! Kid, you are a man now. Hahahaha. Like father like son." Song Jue was so happy. He laughed loudly and then looked at Xuan Bing, who was wearing black robe and silk mask. His eyes lit up and he laughed even more happily. "Xiao Xiao, good for you. You must know how much I miss you two. You actually came together. I am so happy today. Hahaha..."

"Uh?" Ye Xiao looked at Song Jue with confusion. Apparently, he didn't understand it.

"Stop pretending! Is this supposed to be a surprise? Well, you got me!" Song Jue laughed and said, "You are a good lad. You actually found Bing'er and brought her to me. I have been working so hard trying to find her earlier, but I got nothing. Hahaha. Bing'er is a good girl..."

Ye Xiao's expression changed. He stopped Song Jue. "Uncle Song, this must be a mistake."

Ye Xiao wasn't impatient. What Song Jue said was too much. Song Fei insulted her so all those men were dead because of her fury. What if Song Jue pissed Xuan Bing even though he didn't mean to?

If Xuan Bing felt offended again, Ye Xiao, Song Jue, Han Bingxue, and all the others would have to die!

Song Jue laughed and spoke arrogantly, "Bullsh*t! Stop pretending, you little prick! Your Uncle Song has sharp eyes. I never mistake people. She is Bing'er! If she isn't, I will dig out my eyeballs and step on them on the floor! You may not be as familiar to Bing'er as I do!"

And then he said seriously, "Look. Xiao Xiao. Bing'er is alone. She got nobody. You have to treat her well. You have to at least give her the position as a concubine! I am making the decision for you! I can!"

He pointed at Xuan Bing and said, "The girl is wise and lovely. What? Do you think it is a loss for you to have her as your concubine? Stop nagging. Or I will slap you hard!"

- Bang! -

It sounded loudly.

Han Bingxue fell to the floor after staggering for a while when he heard what Song Jue said. He just couldn't believe what he had heard.

[Concubine?]

[The girl?]

[That...]

"Is this world crazy..." He held his head and shouted, "I don't understand it anymore... What is this... Oh... Heavens..."

The 'concubine' idea had a huge blast on his mind. He felt like fainting when he heard what was said.

[Xuan Bing!]

[That is Xuan Bing we are talking about!]

[Song Jue must be daring. He actually pointed at her and talked about how she would become Ye Xiao's concubine... and even called her Bing'er... like he was so sure about it...]

Ye Xiao smiled bitterly and said, "Uncle Song, it's a mistake. Really. She is not Bing'er. No..."

What he had in mind was to hope Xuan Bing realized how important and irreplaceable Song Jue was, so that she would spare his life. However, he knew he would have to be punished!

His smile was utterly bitter because of it. Song Jue was not Han Bingxue. Han Bingxue was arrogant, but he knew what he should do and what he shouldn't. He knew clearly there was somebody he couldn't mess with. He knew clearly who Xuan Bing was. However, Song Jue had a bad temper. He would do anything he wanted if he was emotional. He would never accept a punishment from a young lady!

Song Jue shook his head and said, "How is that possible? Are you blind? That is Bing'er! Listen, if you dare to abandon Bing'er, I will slap you real hard, kid..."

Then he turned around and carefully looked at Xuan Bing again.

Xuan Bing was standing there, with a huge mass of cold qi around her.

Was she mad?

No. Not really!

She was upset!

She had been trying to hide herself. She even covered her entire body. She didn't want anybody to recognize her. Song Jue, however, didn't even take a close look at her, but he actually knew it was her.

That was why she was upset!

However, she wasn't mad at Song Jue. Song Jue was always nice to her. He was actually kind and gentle like a father to her. What he said to Ye Xiao was for her own good. How could she possibly be mad at such a man?

Besides, Song Jue didn't say anything wrong. Bing'er was actually a concubine to Ye Xiao and she enjoyed it. She wanted to be his concubine!

However, after all, that was Bing'er not Xuan Bing!

She was now the great Elder Xuan Bing of the great Misty Cloud Palace!

What Song Jue said only brought embarrassment to her.

Ye Xiao didn't know Song Jue was right at all.

"Uncle Song, you are wrong..." Ye Xiao hurriedly stopped Song Jue and even started to beg him, "She really isn't her."

Song Jue looked at Xuan Bing. He was shocked. He murmured, "No? Really? But..."

"I said no... She isn't!" Ye Xiao nodded.

Song Jue felt embarrassed.

When he saw Xuan Bing in her black clothes following after Ye Xiao, he just had a strong feeling that she was Bing'er. He was so happy so he just said what he had in mind.

However, after rational observation, the lady was all covered behind the clothes and mask. He had no evidence to tell that she was Bing'er.

Besides... she didn't feel exactly like Bing'er after all...

[Well... that is...]

Song Jue was embarrassed. [It is normal that sometimes I mistake somebody for someone else... but I didn't even see her face earlier... What happened to me? Why would I say it out without thinking!]

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Chapter 1002: Strong Background

"Well... Urh... I am so sorry." Song Jue produced a smile out of embarrassment, "I was being too emotional so I mistook you for someone else... Please forgive me, lady..."

Although he got an ill temper, he was a reasonable man. Well, at least he was reasonable to his friends and families!

He knew that even though the woman in black was not Bing'er, she must be a friend, so he figured he should apologize!

Xuan Bing took a sigh of relief and humphed. And then she said, "It's alright."

For Xuan Bing, this might be the best situation. No matter what Song Jue had said, no matter how nervous and anxious Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue were, no matter how much they realized the situation was serious, no matter how stunned the Song Clan people were, no matter how mad she was, she could have done nothing!

Could she really do anything to Song Jue?

No. No matter what, despite of Ye Xiao's existence, she would never hurt Song Jue!

She would never hurt Song Jue, not to mention the latter had apologized already, so she figured she should accept it!

Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue were so shocked. They could hardly believe it. Ye Xiao felt better. He thought Xuan Bing forgave him because of his ability to give her Regeneration Ink Lotus.

Han Bingxue was totally astonished. His eyeballs nearly dropped out of the eye frames. [What did Song Jue just say? He said she was Ye Xiao's concubine again and again. That should be a huge humiliation to Xuan Bing considering the high position she had in the martial world.]

[Even if what he said was true, which was definitely not... he shouldn't have said that!]

[Xuan Bing doesn't have a good temper. Even if Song Jue had the protection from gods, even if he had Wu Fa, the most powerful cultivator in the world to be his guard, Xuan Bing should have slapped him into a pile of meat!]

[Yet... Xuan Bing just said 'that's alright'!]

[That's it?]

Han Bingxue was almost about to pass out.

He wanted to shout out loudly. 'What is going on, sister? He has frankly humiliated you yet you said that's alright? I don't know you anymore!'

When he saw Ye Xiao, Song Jue, and Xuan Bing were having a good and friendly conversation, he was stunned. He felt that the world had become so terrible, that the ants could talk freely to a dinosaur.

Suddenly, he had something in mind. It was a special idea that scared himself to sweat.

[Wait. This isn't right. It doesn't make sense. I am not an ignorant man. I know what bad temper she's got...]

[After being humiliated like that, she actually didn't rage up? She just accepted the apology like that? Isn't it weird?]

[There... There must be a story hidden behind all this... Is there?] He was confused. He then had that terrifying idea in mind again. [Could it... Could it be true... that Xuan Bing is exactly boss's concubine?]

He nearly passed out again when he thought of it.

Then he slapped on his own face hard trying to refresh his mind.

[What am I thinking? Elder Xuan Bing, such a great figure, how would she become a concubine to somebody?]

[That's stupid.]

[Besides, boss doesn't say anything about it. He doesn't see her as his concubine or something. There are only Song Jue's words.]

He never knew that the truth was always in the hand of the minority. The truth was exactly what Song Jue said!

The truth was too indescribable!

Xuan Bing heard the slapping sound, so she turned around and stared at Han Bingxue with her cold eyes.

She was calm, at least peaceful to Song Jue, because she used to be Bing'er for a long time. Deep in her heart, she was still the super powerful cultivator in the world who had been traveling the realm for countless days. She was so experienced. When she realized Han Bingxue was slapping himself, she had a good guess on the mental state of Han Bingxue, so she was pissed.

Under the cold gaze of Xuan Bing, Han Bingxue ran out hurriedly in an awkward way.

She was full of anger, yet she got nowhere to vent it out She made up her mind, [After this, I am going to beat him up eight times a day!]

[It has to be at least eight times a day!]

[At least!]

"Ahem, please accept my apology, lady. I am old and I guess my eyes are not working so well. I did mistake you for somebody else." Song Jue simile awkwardly. "It's just... I haven't met Xiao Xiao for too long. Suddenly, I saw him, and I was too surprised to find anything to start the conversation... haha..."

"It's fine." Xuan Bing was being polite.

She didn't know how to talk to Uncle Song, so she just said some simple words.

Song Clan people finally said something, "Little Jue, are they your friends?"

Compared to Han Bingxue and Ye Xiao, Song Clan people didn't have any special reaction to what just happened.

After all, in their eyes, although Ye Xiao was the weakest in cultivation, he held the lead. Song Jue might have said something wrong, but he was an old friend to Ye Xiao. Even though he had said something wrong that might humiliate Xuan Bing, but it wasn't a big deal. Besides, what they saw was that Xuan Bing didn't care about it at all!

Song Jue wanted to just ignore his own people. He figured Xuan Bing was quite generous. He liked her. When he wanted to talk to her and ignored his own people, Ye Xiao looked into his eyes with a hint. So he said, "Hmm. He is my sworn brother's son. We haven't met for a long time... Heh, heh."

Xuan Bing heard it and felt annoyed. [A dishonest nephew has a lying uncle. A long time? It's merely about one year!]

Song Clan people were stunned.

[Son of your sworn brother?]

[Holy heavens. Song Jue, you have an incredibly powerful sworn brother. Han Bingxue has been following his son and calling him boss all along!]

[What level is your sworn brother? It must be really high!]

[Why don't you tell us that you have such a powerful brother?]

[You have been leading us to the sh*t hall...]

[That young man could have told us the truth...]

Song Clan people were sweating because of nervousness.

[Holy heavens. Was Song Jue going to wipe us all out? Otherwise, why did he keep enduring and didn't tell us anything?]

Meanwhile, when they looked at Song Jue, they had different expression in the eyes. It was fear.

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Chapter 1003: My Name Is Xuan Bing!

Song Jue was sensitive. He noticed his people being strange. He loudly spoke, "My sworn brother is just my sworn brother. He and I, we are brothers. It has nothing to do with the Song Clan. I don't need you to treat me differently just because of my sworn brother. I don't need it. I don't care. I am just like this. You don't need to look at me like this! I have never been interested in your business in the clan. It has nothing to do with me. It's just rubbish to me."

The elders were embarrassed. They were wordless.

Song Jue shouted out all that. It was disrespecting the elders. They felt embarrassed, however, there was nothing they could do. After all, they had truly failed Song Jue's group in the past.

Song Jue occupied the higher moral position. He could be polite, and he had all the rights not to. There was nothing others could say about him!

Everybody saw that. Everybody knew that.

They all knew that grudges filled Song Jue's chest.

Ye Xiao spoke in a low voice, "Uncle Song, it is too easy to kill. They are your own kin after all. Maybe you should let what happened to stay in the past. Besides, Song Wuyang and his group were all cleaned out. I believe what happened to you would never happen again. Maybe you should let it go... At the very least, Song Clan needs your leadership. I believe your clan is going to rise sooner or later."

What he said had announced Song Jue's leadership. There was nothing others could change!

Song Jue was going to rule the clan.

He humphed and spoke with hatred, "Because of Brother Ye, these assholes not only thought of their own safety, but also hit us when they knew we are down... Did they ever remember I am their own kin..."

Before he finished, Ye Xiao interrupted, "Uncle Song, I won't say different words. Just let it go. We should make sure that the Song Clan will never do the same thing. Isn't it much better than complaining about the past?"

Song Jue heavily humphed. The flame of anger in his eyes were burning the elders. He then turned away and kept silent.

Ye Xiao sighed.

What his father did, no matter for what, affected two clans. One was the Ye Clan, his own clan, while the other was the Song Clan.

That was exactly why Ye Xiao wanted to help the Song Clan.

He did it for Song Jue!

Song Clan people meant nothing to Ye Xiao. He wouldn't care if they were dead.

However, Ye Nantian owed Song Jue.

Song Jue didn't care, because Ye Nantian was his brother!

However, Ye Xiao couldn't just stand and watch it.

If not, he would have wiped the entire Song Clan out because of what Song Fei had done in the town, even though he favored Song Xuan.

He helped to make some arrangements in the Song Clan. Song Jue still didn't show any kindness to the elders. The elders kept smiling in an awkward way. Song Jue led Ye Xiao to his own yard.

What was left to the others in Song Clan was only deep regret.

"I wouldn't do that if I knew things would reach this point." An elder was regretting, "We have been standing aside when Song Wuyang and his people did those filthy things. What we wanted was our own safety... Now... Now, we eventually tasted the fruit that we planted. We don't get to blame anyone else."

"Oh." Another elder sighed.

"This isn't the end though. It isn't too late. No matter what, the Song Clan is settled after all." An elder said, "Song Jue and his people may still have a grudge, but they are still in the clan with us."

"That means they still have feelings to the clan. We should cooperate with them, and support them with whatever we can in the future."

"To think deeper into it, what happened today may be an opportunity for our clan to rise again. Song Jue and Song Sheng, the brothers can take charge of the clan. I guess we will rise again soon."

"That's right. Maybe today will be a Memorial Day for the rise of the Song Clan!"

"True! We are old. We don't have profound views and brave hearts anymore. It is time to let Song Jue and Song Sheng take the responsibility. Maybe we are going to have some tough days afterwards, but we must accept it. Everything should be for the sake of our clan. We can't make a Song Clan on our own after all... We must do whatever benefits our clan..."

The elders, whose hair were grey, sighed and staggered away.

They used to look strong and stand straight up, yet they were stooped now.

However, they also felt like they had dropped down a heavy stone in their heart. At least Song Wuyang died and there would be no more crisis to the Song Clan in the short future.

What happened in the future was left to the future...

Maybe the elders would all be dead when Song Clan was facing another crisis...

They truly only considered the benefits of the clan. They were selfless. That was why the clan could be passed down from generation to generation.

That was also why there was a tragedy from generation to generation.

It was hard to distinguish right from wrong.

Who could judge what had lasted for thousands of years!

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In Song Jue's small yard.

Song Jue was holding his elder brother. "Brother, you are recovered! Great! Great!"

After Song Sheng was fed with Ye Xiao's supreme dan bead, with the help of Han Bingxue's top-level Dao Origin Stage power, he was completely recovered after the time of a meal.

It was such a great news for Song Jue.

He had the supreme dan beads that were given to him by Ye Xiao all the time, but he didn't dare to use them. He didn't want to be targeted. However, there was nothing that could threaten him. Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue were there to help. It was not a problem to cure Song Sheng in a short time!

[Brother is well now. He is even better than before. He has improved.]

[Song Xuan is cured too. He is also boosted in cultivation. There will be a great future for him.]

What had been bothering Song Jue since he returned was now gone.

Song Jue became energetic.

After he knew that man who was commanded like a lackey was Han Bingxue, Song Jue felt confused. [Since when did Xiao Xiao acquire such a capability?]

He looked at Xuan Bing, who was staying aside quietly, as if he didn't exist. He was more confused. [Who is this lady? Why does Han Bingxue, a super powerful cultivator, fear her? Why is she traveling with Ye Xiao?]

Song Jue apparently had a good impression of Xuan Bing. He walked to her and said, "Well, I mistook you for someone else. I am sorry. May I have your name, lady..."

Xuan Bing blandly said, "Xuan Bing."

"Hmm. Xuan Bing, what a good name. Xuan like a goddess... with beautiful bones like ice... What!!!" He couldn't stop praising her at the beginning, until he realized who she truly was. He exclaimed like a cat that was stepped on the tail.

He nearly jumped up to the ceiling.

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Chapter 1004: Because of You

"Xuan... Xuan... Xuan..." Song Jue stared at Xuan Bing in shock. Brave as Song Jue was, he still turned pale all of a sudden.

Song Sheng nearly fell off the chair when he heard it. He had just recovered from a big disease.

The two brothers kept staring at Xuan Bing.

Xuan Bing nodded to confirm.

Song Jue directly sat down on the floor. He started to sweat on the forehead. He didn't forget that he had pointed at this lady and called her Ye Xiao's concubine...

That was such a humiliation to the great elder of Misty Cloud Palace!

[Luckily, Xuan Bing isn't mad at at. How generous!]

[Otherwise, I will be finished. Not only me, but the entire Song Clan is finished. Xiao Xiao and Han Bingxue might die with me too...]

Who was Xuan Bing!

One of the three most powerful cultivators in the Qing-Yun Realm!

The great prime elder of Misty Cloud Palace!

There was a most terrifying title of hers. The first Lady Devil in the history of Qing-Yun Realm!

Xuan Bing!

This name was even more shocking than a thunderclap over the head.

It was much more stunning!

Song Clan had been working so hard to collect medicines for Misty Cloud Palace. They only needed cultivation resources in return.

The most powerful person of Misty Cloud Palace was right there.

Song Jue, after being stunned for a while, finally spoke again, "Song Fei... was in such a bad luck... He was like being hit to death by the iron pie from the sky!"

He was lost in thoughts. He surely remembered that Song Fei insulted Xuan Bing and it led to his own death. Suddenly, he felt kind of respectful to Song Fei.

"Maybe he just... had enough of being alive."

"So he asked for death like that!"

The others didn't think he would say this after thinking for a long time, so they laughed.

Xuan Bing laughed too. She truly appreciated it. She had been full of anger and grudge in the chest, but then it was all gone after the laughter. It seemed Uncle Song, the man who used to make her laugh and care for her in the old days, was still there!

Song Xuan, another young man other than Ye Xiao, had been busy making tea for others, serving others. He looked nervous but excited.

Xuan Bing glanced at Song Xuan. She could see a great potential in him. She lightly said, "The young man has a good potential. This time, Han Bingxue has taken an advantage. He took the young man as his disciple... What a waste..."

Then she continued, "Misty Cloud Palace doesn't recruit males. However, I do have a martial art that fits him so well. In fact, I got that martial art by luck... well, yes, I took it by violence! This martial art doesn't suit women. I guess you can have it."

Song Jue and Song Sheng were both delighted.

The martial art Xuan Bing would take by violence must be great.

Song Sheng urged Song Sheng to kowtow to Xuan Bing.

Xuan Bing blandly smiled and casually took out a jade token. She hit Song Xuan's head with that token and her hand had operated a mystic power to unlock the token. After the time of a meal, the token suddenly became ashes and Song Xuan passed out at the same time.

People in the present were all experts in cultivation. Song Jue and Song Sheng might be still below Dao Origin Stage, but they understood that it was a way to impart martial art. Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue understood it more. They were sure the knowledge in the jade token had already entered Song Xuan's head.

No matter what level the martial art in the token was, Song Xuan must be quite talented to get it within the time of a meal. He might not be a super genius, but at least in the first league!

Xuan Bing casually said, "The kid turned out to be more talented than I expected. Everything went well. As long as he can keep working hard on cultivation, he will get to Dao Origin Stage soon." Then she stopped talking.

That was a simple comment, but what she said was stunning. She actually predicted that he could reach Dao Origin Stage. That was a great compliment!

Song Jue and Song Sheng both nodded. Song Jue sighed and said, "There is no way to express our gratitude. Lady Xuan Bing, the Song Clan won't forget this."

Xuan Bing said, "It has nothing to do with the Song Clan. I just wanted to do something for the young man. No need to thank me. I don't need it."

She seemed smiling coldly behind the silk mask. She blandly said, "Do not have any doubts on me. If Ye Xiao doesn't want to help you, I won't even think of doing anything for your sake, no matter how talented the young man is."

That was frank and a bit cold!

However, she pointed out the core of the whole thing.

She pointed out Ye Xiao to every credit.

What she had just said finally sounded like what people knew about Xuan Bing, that she was always distant to others. After talking, Xuan Bing felt that her burning cheeks with redness were calmed down.

[God damn it, Steward Song. He just wants to prove I am a concubine!]

[Humph! Doesn't he think he gets to do anything he wants just because he is nice to Bing'er? No way!]

However, Xuan Bing, Han Bingxue, and Ye Xiao all didn't know...

What they did this day had helped a supreme master cultivator in the Qing-Yun Realm a hundred years later!

Song Xuan!

After the supreme dan beads from Ye Xiao, and the martial art from Xuan Bing, also the thorough instruction from Han Bingxue, he had gotten to a path toward the prime of martial art with his own great talent.

After Ye Xiao and the others left Qing-Yun Realm, the Song Clan rose up in the realm. Song Xuan became invincible in the realm for hundreds of years.

He replaced Wu Fa.

This was a different story about the future.

Ye Xiao had stayed in the Song Clan for seven days. When he left, Song Jue unwillingly saw him off.

"Tell my brother I will go see him!"

"Tell him to take care!"

"Xiao Xiao, the martial world is full of dangers. Always be careful."

Song Jue kept nagging the same words like a woman. He didn't stop until they were already three hundred miles away.

"Xiao Xiao, I don't know what you have been through since you came to this world. Please, just be careful. Take care of yourself." He had to say it again.

He looked nervous and worried.

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Chapter 1005: Xuan Bing's Worry

Song Jue repeated the same words for so many times. In the beginning, Han Bingxue even felt funny that a tough man was nagging like an old lady. In the end, he only felt touched in the heart.

Song Jue's true heart to Ye Xiao was obvious. Everybody could see it. There was nothing fake. It was all sincerity.

The three people had gone so far. When they looked back, they still saw Song Jue standing high and watching them...

When they were back on the route, Han Bingxue realized something strange.

Ye Xiao would get lost in thoughts from time to time.

Sometimes, when Xuan Bing didn't notice him, he would stare at Xuan Bing and kept thinking about something.

Han Bingxue didn't understand.

He was confused about Xuan Bing since the beginning. [You are such a powerful figure, a famous person. Why do you have to come with us?]

[Don't you have anything else to do?]

[When we said we were coming to Oracle District for some business, you said you did too. We have finished our business in the Song Clan now, yet why do you still follow us? Don't you need to take care of your own matters?]

[It feels like a pin on the back walking along with you...]

Now, he was also confused that Ye Xiao looked at Xuan Bing with a strange look.

[What is it?]

[Doesn't it seem to go wrong?]

He clearly noticed that when Ye Xiao was facing Xuan Bing, Ye Xiao didn't feel stressed at all.

That was even stranger.

[No matter how powerful you used to be when you were Xiao Monarch, you are not anymore. You are not Xiao Monarch now, you are just Ye Xiao. Besides, even when you were Xiao Monarch, you wouldn't be so fearless facing somebody like Xuan Bing, the Lady Devil in the realm?]

[There must be something...]

[Something I don't know yet!]

Han Bingxue was lost in confusion. Meanwhile, Ye Xiao was confused too.

[Why?]

[I am sure Xuan Bing never tried to suppress me with her spiritual power. That's for sure.]

[But she is still one of the most powerful figures in the world. Even though she wouldn't intentionally do it, she should still have a suppression power against everybody around her. Unless she tried to particularly remove the suppression for somebody. I shouldn't have been feeling so relaxed. Maybe I could feel relaxed physically, but never mentally.]

[After all, there is a world's strongest cultivator beside me.]

[No matter how strong my mind is, how natural and casual I am... I couldn't have ever ignored the invisible impact from her power.]

[It should influence me at some point. Unless I have been staying in it for too long so I am kind of immune to it!]

[Such suppression was unique. Each was different. I may get used to Han Bingxue's power after being with him for a long time, so I am quite relaxed with him, but it doesn't mean I get used to other's strong power suppression!]

[Why do I feel so relaxed?]

[Am I used to Xuan Bing's natural power suppression? Because I used to stay with her for a long time?]

Then he started self-mockery. He was the only one who could be completely sure about whether he did or did not stay with Xuan Bing before this. He had never met Xuan Bing before, not to mention staying with her for a long time to get used to her power suppression!

Other than the suppression, he had a few other questions in the head too. [Why is she following us? There seems to be no explanation for it. Why didn't she get angry at me? Even when I offended her by accident, she didn't get mad at all. Is she truly that generous? I don't think so. Han Bingxue is with us all the time. He has just said something she doesn't like to hear, then he was tortured to a dead end. This is another point.]

[Besides, I clearly felt familiar when she sat beside me while we were going to have a meal in that village...]

[When she was facing Song Jue, her attitude... it was ambiguous...]

[Further more, she gave all the credits to me when talking about what she did for others... Why...]

[Weirdest thing is... when Song Jue said she was my concubine... that she was Bing'er, why didn't she get mad?]

[It should be a huge humiliation. Even if she killed Song Jue, I may not accept it and I probably will fight against her risking my life, but she wouldn't be wrong if she did it...]

[However, she just didn't care. She even talked to Song Jue with pleasure.]

Ye Xiao thought he might be the reason because he knew the secret of planting the Regeneration Ink Lotus. However, what he felt was that when Xuan Bing talked to Song Jue, she was sincere. She didn't try to pretend to be happy. There were too many questions in his heart.

Suddenly, he had an idea that seemed quite absurd to him. [Could it be possible that Xuan Bing is Bing'er? If it is true, everything makes sense...] He believed it was absurd, but he just couldn't forget such conjecture afterwards. That was why when he looked at Xuan Bing, he looked weird.

Xuan Bing seemed calm like she didn't notice anything.

In fact, her heart was beating fast.

Every time when Ye Xiao glanced at her with a weird look, she felt like he could see through her heart. Every time when she sensed the warmth of his body and looked at his face, she wanted to rush into his arms.

Such a feeling truly had made her feel helpless.

[Oh... The girl's mind is hard to repel...]

[However, even if I am going to rush over to him, I should get him down, not get into his arms!]

She realized that if Ye Xiao kept suspecting, she would definitely be exposed.]

Yet she didn't want to leave him so soon.

How could she just leave, after being apart to him for such a long time?

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Chapter 1006: The Secret of Oracle District!

[Besides, it is full of danger ahead of Ye Xiao. Han Bingxue might be able to deal with most of them...]

[Hmm... I just have to stay with him. Otherwise, I wouldn't stop being worried...]

It was such a bad excuse she found for herself. Han Bingxue could definitely do more than just deal with most of the dangers. In fact, in this district, Han Bingxue could ignore all the possible dangers. Even Ye Xiao alone would barely encounter anything dangerous.

Ye Xiao was level seven of Dream Origin Stage. It was far more than enough to travel freely in this place.

Xuan Bing made a decision after all the thoughts...

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Ye Xiao had kept the East-rising Purple Qi on operation all the time on the road. He was trying to sense the special spiritual qi in the air. He was enlightened at some point. This place was definitely not as simple as it showed. There must be something mystic behind the scene.

There was an obvious reason for such an idea. The spiritual qi in Oracle District was absorbable. It was just hard to catch because it was too energetic. It was complicated to digest the qi because it had to be conquered in some way. That was why it took much more hard works to absorb the energy.

If he could solve this problem, there would be much more spiritual qi for him to use than other places in the realm!

The spiritual qi in this place was of the best quality among all the other places he ever saw. If he could absorb the spiritual qi in this place without going through this complicated processes, he could get much better spiritual energy than most of the other places in this world!

It would be more powerful and useful.

That was why he had been trying to absorb the spiritual qi which was not easy to catch. However, what he had collected was merely better than nothing.

For example, if there were a hundred portions of spiritual qi somewhere else and Ye Xiao could absorb them all with one breath, and the spiritual qi from a further location would gather over to fill the gap he just had created... The same amount in the Oracle District was of higher quality, but he would fail to collect even one portion of it after a breath!

To collect it was not all. He would have to conquer the qi to digest it, make it a part of himself!

He started to try it since the night started to fall till it was late when the stars filled the dark sky, but he barely got anything. It was a waste of time.

In the moonlight, Xuan Bing walked to him and stayed about ten meters from him.

She had been staying ten meters away from him. They could hear each other so they could still talk, but Ye Xiao couldn't get close to her.

"Miss Xuan, I have a question... that you may know the answer." Ye Xiao thought for a while and frowned.

"That's weird. I have a question for you too," Xuan Bing said.

"Urh? Well, then please ask first!" Ye Xiao was surprised and he decided to listen to her first.

"Maybe it is better to let you ask first. There is a long time ahead. We don't need to be like this."

Xuan Bing stood under the moonlight, wearing all black, like a ghost in the moonlight.

"You are generous. I think I will just cut the chitchat. I remember that you have mentioned this once before. You said the energetic spiritual qi made the medicines better than many places. Is that correct?"

Ye Xiao was pondering about it.

"It is." Xuan Bing said, "I don't know why, but the medicines in this place are with ten times efficacy than those from other places. Some are even better."

"For example, the spiritual ginseng that is only a hundred years old is equally effective than those a thousand years old ginseng from other places. The Regeneration Ink Lotus in this place, which Misty Cloud Palace needs the most, is as good as Regeneration Jade Lotus."

She blandly said, "It stays like this since the ancient time. It is shocking, but nobody gets to know the reason for it."

"Nobody? I don't think so. I guess the main reason is the special spiritual qi," Ye Xiao said.

"Of course. Many people have considered the spiritual qi." Xuan Bing said, "But even so, nobody truly understands the secret behind this strange spiritual qi."

Ye Xiao nodded and was lost in thoughts.

"There was a time when many people believed there was some extremely valuable treasure in this place that caused the mystical spiritual qi. Countless superior cultivators came to this place and searched every bit of this district, but failed to find anything."

"They not only wasted time here searching for years, but also lost the spiritual qi inside themselves because of the long stay in this special area. It only lasted for a few hundred years before everybody gave up on it."

"Occasionally, some people would come again trying to figure out the truth. Most of them just found some valuable stuff and then left. After all, it was too risky to stay here for a long time. If anything went wrong, they might be weakened in cultivation or completely lose their future in the martial world."

She slowly spoke.

Ye Xiao's expression changed.

What Xuan Bing said was exactly his conjecture. However, he didn't know that there were people who had realized it thousands of years before him. Many people had done it already. There were always wise people at any time.

The strange situation about the qi of this place had such a huge impact on cultivators. It could damage their cultivations, also ruin their martial world future. That was horrible!

"To be honest, I have the same thought." Ye Xiao didn't hide it. "There is a balance for everything in the world. The spiritual qi could never become like this for nothing. There must be something behind this."

Xuan Bing blandly said, "There must be. But nobody found it. However, if you spend all your life in finding it, you may waste your life and find nothing. Are you sure you are better and smarter than everybody in the history?"

She was warning him that he might end up finding nothing. What he is planning might get him nothing at the end. Those were such sincere words.

Ye Xiao seriously said, "Thanks. I appreciate it."

Xuan Bing nodded and stared at his face. She spoke in a low voice, "I have answered your question. Now, please answer mine, Brother Ye."

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Chapter 1007: Suspicion

Ye Xiao seriously spoke, "Lady, please. I will tell everything I know."

He promised such, so Xuan Bing was about to ask the question. However, she thought deeper and only found that she didn't truly figure out how to say it out.

That question that had been hidden inside her heart for a long time was just hanging there. She had this question since she got her memory back, however, it was just roughly a feeling rather than an actual question. She didn't really have a specific question.

However, when Han Bingxue showed up, the question was becoming clearer.

"Here is the question..." She thought for a while about how to say it and then she said, "I know where you come from. You are from the Land of Han-Yang, the monarch of Ling-Bao Hall. Your name is not Ye Jun. You are Ye Xiao. You are the son of Ye Nantian the Great Northern General of the Kingdom of Chen. Am I correct?"

When she said so, her heart was beating fast.

"Yes." Ye Xiao looked calmed. "However, since you have put it frankly, I have one more question. How did you get my information? Bing Xinyue and Wenren Chuchu know about me, but not much. Please, could you give me an answer."

Xuan Bing said, "There are more than only two ladies in the Misty Cloud Palace. They are not the only two who know about you."

When she said it, she blushed.

She was telling the truth. However, she didn't tell him that the two ladies didn't tell her anything about Ye Xiao.

"I see what you mean." Ye Xiao was a bit disappointed. [So she isn't Bing'er?]

"Speaking of your name, it reminds me of an old friend." Xuan Bing said, "Ye Xiao."

Ye Xiao was surprised. He hurriedly answered, "I am right here."

He knew she was going to talk about Xiao Monarch, so he hurriedly answered it in order to interrupt.

Xuan Bing gritted her teeth and said, "Are you the Ye Xiao, the young Lord Ye or the other Ye Xiao, Xiao Monarch?"

Ye Xiao said, "I don't get it. I have heard about a great cultivator who had the same name with me in the Qing-Yun Realm, but he died a long time ago. When he died, I was in the Land of Han-Yang. I have no connection to him. The only thing that we shared is our name."

Xuan Bing blandly said, "Is it true? Ye Xiao was suffering from a deadly disease when he was a boy. His background seems to be a secret. He was a stupid foppish young lord, who bullied around when he was young..." She started to narrate Ye Xiao's life.

"He was poisoned once. When he was awakened and cured, his personality totally changed. He became a genius who was good at both martial arts and literature. He had lots of friends and became an enemy to the House of Chaotic Storms. He improved greatly fast in cultivation. When he was young, he already ascended to the upper realm."

Xuan Bing asked, "May I ask, do you think that it is supposed to be what his life should be?"

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "The return of a prodigal son is always laudable. Can't I be a prodigal son? Why not?"

Xuan Bing blandly said, "I just feel it unbelievable. It is too much a change. How is that believable?"

Ye Xiao said, "You worry too much."

Xuan Bing frowned and said, "You said I worry too much. Maybe I do. However, I just feel so sad that my old friend Ye Xiao passed away when he was so young."

Ye Xiao said, "Old friend?"

He pretended to be interrogative.

He knew the truth was he absolutely didn't know this lady in his previous life. He hadn't even met her. She was lying about the "old friend".

[She said I was her old friend. Is she trying to deceive?]

Xuan Bing's eyes lit up. She said, "He is dead for long. It is meaningless to keep talking about him. I worry too much. Forgive me, young Brother Ye."

Then she didn't talk about it again.

Ye Xiao was confused. [Why did she believe me so easily? Is she going to play some other tricks?]

[I just slightly denied it and she actually gave up.]

Xuan Bing stopped talking. She went straight back to her tent.

Ye Xiao faced the stars in the sky alone. Suddenly, he was in confusion.

[What is this?]

[What is going on?]

However, he didn't just waste his time staying there. He never stopped absorbing the spiritual qi. The night just passed in the silence.

He was trying it in a different way than before. He was trying to find a location where he could absorb the spiritual qi faster than other places.

He had failed many times. Xuan Bing had warned him, but she didn't believe there was spiritual qi that couldn't be absorbed.

The cold wind at dawn was blowing over. He felt a bit chilled. When he was about to stand up, he decided to sit still and keep his head, his palms, and soles up facing the sky.

At this moment, he accidentally sensed an enormous purple qi erupting from the east before the sun came out!

The purple qi was like pouring down from a huge hole in the sky.

The entire Oracle District was filled by the purple qi!

Ye Xiao kept absorbing the endless purple qi like he was utterly thirsty. He could clearly feel that the purple qi from the east in this morning was much more enormous than those in any other morning.

What made it special was that the purple qi seemed to have a destination this time. It kept pouring over to the Oracle District.

If there were ten portions of purple qi in the world, at this moment, there were ninety percent filling the Oracle District!

Ye Xiao kept absorbing the purple qi and he could clearly feel the purple qi growing in his dantian. He was just enjoying it, but then he found the purple qi became difficult to absorb.

It started to become difficult after one hour. At the first hour, he absorbed the spiritual qi like usual. He could absorb it as he wishes. After one hour, the purple qi became part of the air in this area. The spiritual qi in the air became utterly energetic.

He could never take in any spiritual qi anymore!

"What the hell is going on? This is supposed to be a great opportunity! Does it just disappear?" Ye Xiao stood up. He was quite upset, looking at the land under his feet.

The purple qi was not the problem. Otherwise, he wouldn't have the first one hour. The only problem was very possibly the land under his feet!

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Chapter 1008: Mountain of All Medicines!

This land changed the spiritual qi.

When the purple qi entered this area, it was changed.

That was the only explanation.

However, even though he finally figured out the reason, there was nothing he could do! It drove him crazy!

In that early morning, the purple qi from the east was over a hundred times more than all the purple qi he had absorbed in his life!

However, it only left him one hour. That was all.

It became a part of the special spiritual qi in this area, like it was some living thing that wouldn't let anybody absorb it.

[This will happen again. No matter what, I have to stop this from happening. I will reveal the mystery of it!] Ye Xiao made up his mind.

Most importantly, he felt that if he solved this historic problem, he would be improved so greatly and became one of the most powerful figures in the world!

The seven days, they were on the road. Nothing special happened.

Every morning, Ye Xiao would feel a thump in his chest and stomp his feet feeling pity about the lost purple qi. Nothing else happened among them.

Even Han Bingxue, such a talker was silent.

That day, when they saw an enormous mountain, they stopped. They looked at the huge mountain and felt how tiny they were at the same time.

The mountain was much more majestic than any other mountains they had ever seen!

The mountain range went from west to east, cutting the world into halves!

"It is Town of Ye on the other side of this mountain." Xuan Bing seemed perturbed. The big rain hat covered her face, and Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue didn't realize it.

"The mountain is known as the mountain with immortal medicines." Xuan Bing glanced at Han Bingxue's face and said, "Mountain of All Medicines!"

Han Bingxue's face twisted.

When he said he wanted to find medicines in this place, he was lying. He never thought that the truth was exactly like he said...

Xuan Bing was sneering at him. However, he could do nothing but accept it, no matter how mad he was inside his heart.

While Xuan Bing and Han Bingxue were having an unnoticeable quarrel, Ye Xiao was lost in his own thoughts. He could clearly feel the spiritual qi being denser in the air. When he tried to capture the qi, it actually moved away as if it was alive!

The air around him became empty. All spiritual qi had moved away.

The spiritual qi in this place was definitely impossible to absorb.

He looked at the mountain range up in the clouds. He had a feeling... [The secret about this land must be inside this mountain.]

"Do not underestimate this mountain. Even I can only get to the middle of the mountain." Xuan Bing looked at the mountain and sighed.

"What? You can't get up to the top? Even you?"

Han Bingxue and Ye Xiao were both shocked.

If Xuan Bing could only get to the middle of the mountain, this mountain must be incredibly powerful.

"Don't doubt it. When you get to the middle of the mountain, you will face the scorching heat in your heart. There will be fire burning, thunder striking, wind blowing..." Xuan Bing blandly said, "Besides, there are spiritual beasts. All are beyond level nine. They are tough. As you go higher, the beasts you will see are in a higher level. When you get to the middle of the mountain, you will see the beasts which are as powerful as level nine Dao Origin Stage cultivators. Not only one or two. They always gathered together as a group..."

"They are everywhere!"

She looked at the fog in the clouds and said, "Wu Fa once tried to get up to the top. He encountered a bunch of Heaven Swallowing Tigers. It was such a big fight. He was badly injured but he was cured afterwards. However, he never came to this place ever after."

Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue both felt their faces were twisting.

[Wu Fa?]

[The well known most powerful cultivator in the realm actually failed to get to the top of the mountain? He was actually badly injured?]

"Then how will we climb over the mountain?" Han Bingxue asked.

"There is a ravine at the foot of the mountain. We can go there. The two sides of the ravine close up on the top." Xuan Bing said, "As it is recorded in the ancient book, it is a fissure that showed up under the mountain range in the ancient time. There is indeed always a way."

"However, the ravine is the only way that connects both sides. There is no other."

The three of them went closer to the ravine. Ye Xiao finally got to see the ravine she was talking about.

It was a ravine, as it was shown. The widest part of it was only three hundred meters wide. As it went up, it became narrower. When it went to about three hundred meters in height, the two sides closed up. It was a triangle tunnel, making a way to link through the mountain.

"Tut, tut. The ravine looks like something upside down. What a wonderful creation of nature. This is impressive." Han Bingxue couldn't stop praising it.

It was Ye Xiao's first time in his two lives to be here. He was obsessed. "It is incredible indeed. Bingxue, do you see it? The rocks are tilting on one side, and the rock on the opposite side are tilting too. The two sides are tilting towards each other. It seemed the two cliffs fell to each other one day at the same time and started to support each other. Day after day, it became like this."

Xuan Bing didn't put it in the heart when she heard what Ye Xiao said. However, suddenly she was enlightened and shocked. She looked at the ravine and realized that it was true. There were two cliffs falling to each other. That was why the rocks were all tilting.

It was exactly like what Ye Xiao said. The two mountains fell to each other at the same time and supported each other in the end so that they didn't fall.

Xuan Bing had come to this place many times, unlike Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue. However, she had never come up with such an idea. She just directly went through the ravine. Not that she was a careless person. It was such a strange scene. Ye Xiao had spent much time with Zuo Wuji so he learned how to see things in different aspects. That was why he could notice it. What he said exactly enlightened Xuan Bing.

If Ye Xiao was right, that the two mountains fell to each other and created a ravine, what kind of power could make it happen?

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Chapter 1009: Lots of Weirdos

First, there must be some kind of power that was strong enough to slant the mountains. That was easy. Xuan Bing herself could do it. It wasn't actually a difficult thing for her. In fact, even Han Bingxue could do it if he tried hard enough.

However, that was the first step!

The next step was the real challenge. The two mountains had to be slanted at the same time. It wasn't difficult for Xuan Bing either. She just needed to work a bit harder. However, the two mountains had to lean on each other perfectly.

That was the most difficult one, but Xuan Bing still could do it.

The real problem was that the two mountains had to prevent collapse. Neither of the mountains could collapse during the process and the countless days after it was finished!

That was the real problem!

Xuan Bing thought for a while and came up with an uncertain possibility. If she did it, first of all, the mountains must be really strong. Second, when she made the mountains fall, it had to be accurate and punctual. That was the only way to keep the mountains from collapsing. That was the only way to keep the ravine existing for countless years!

It seemed to be a doable plan. However, she had a problem. She could think of such a way, but she was not able to accomplish it. It required overwhelming power, fast speed, and perfect precision. It wouldn't work without any of these.

Xuan Bing reckoned that she wasn't able to do it, even after she was free from the divine punishment. Not only she couldn't do it, but also Wu Fa, who was known as the most powerful cultivator in the world. They were two of the most powerful cultivators in the world after all. Wu Fa was better than her in cultivation foundation, but not in other aspects. Besides, Xuan Bing might be even stronger than Wu Fa since she had removed the divine punishment on her. She used to be one of the best before she was greatly improved. Now, she might be even more powerful than Wu Fa!

All in all, Xuan Bing had a conclusion. What Ye Xiao said was possible, but nobody in Qing-Yun Realm could do it!

"This is Mountain of All Medicines. It is known as the mountain of spirit beasts and medicines." Han Bingxue sighed. It reminded Xuan Bing something else—this mountain was impossible to destroy.

She was enlightened. [This mountain has a mysterious power. Nobody could do any harm to this mountain, not even a piece of rock on the mountain. One who wanted to pick up a stone had to use one hundred times of their strength.]

The weirdest thing was that when the stone was taken away from the mountain, one would find out that it was the same weight as the normal stones.

They looked up at the same time, observing the ravine closely. They looked at the rocks pushing each other. They wanted to find traces that proved what the mountains were like before they fell down and

made the ravine. As they spent more time looking at it, they realized what Ye Xiao said was exactly what had happened in the old time. They were terrified.

Han Bingxue was astonished. Xuan Bing was surprised. She figured she still had a lot to improve in the future. Ye Xiao was actually the only one who was calm. Not that he thought he was able to do such a great thing, in fact, not only at the present, even when he was still Xiao Monarch, he still couldn't. He used to be a little better than Han Bingxue and that was all. He couldn't defend himself more than two moves if he had to fight against Xuan Bing.

Actually, because they were in different cultivation levels, they had different knowledge about things.

Xuan Bing and Han Bingxue were two of the most powerful figures in the realm. Xuan Bing was a super powerful figure. However, she was only a super powerful figure in this realm. Ye Xiao had experienced the strength of the cultivators in Human Realm Upon Heavens and also the power of the most powerful people in Qing-Yun Realm's history. He was much more experienced than Xuan Bing and Han Bingxue!

He was sure even the ancient masters of Qing-Yun Realm were unable to do this. However, those in Human Realm Upon Heavens could definitely do it!

It seemed a powerful figure once came to this place from Human Realm Upon Heavens!

When the three of them were looking up at the top of the ravine, a voice sounded in an erupting way.

"Ha. Look at the three fools..."

The three of them felt awkward at the same time.

They were all looking up at the rocks on the top of the ravine... showing the same posture... not moving for a long time... Even though they didn't want to admit it, they were actually just like three fools...

However, the truth was not as it looked like!

It was something so important that it concerned their lives!

"The three people there... Hahahaha... They are stunned looking at the rocks..."

Another voice sounded.

Ye Xiao, Xuan Bing, and Han Bingxue looked to where the voice sounded from. On the mountain beside the ravine, three men were standing in a small path on the hillside staring at them like looking at a new land. They were walking over with excitement on their faces.

Ye Xiao understood what they felt. After all, it wasn't a usual thing to see three fools at the same time in this place.

However, even though he understood it, it didn't mean he forgave it!

They were mocking Ye Xiao, Xuan Bing, and Han Bingxue!

The three men were young. They all wore shorts. They looked energetic, spirited, and casual. They must be people from some big clan. The three of them were carrying a big basket on each of their backs like

Song Xuan did. They were on the mountain for the medicines. They were collecting medicines for their clan so that their clan could exchange for cultivation resources.

When they saw Ye Xiao, Han Bingxue, and Xuan Bing turn their heads at the same time and shifted their gaze, they laughed even louder. They were still like three fools, but just staring at the three young men this time.

Miseries and pleasures were all destined. Those who had extreme joy would get sorrow at the end!

When the three young men got closer, Xuan Bing couldn't bear it.

Every time when Xuan Bing relived this experience with Ye Xiao in her dream, she would feel angry, even if she had felt delighted before the dream. After all, the experience was full of weirdos that were more than all the weirdos she had ever seen in her life. She met every strange person during the time she spent with Ye Xiao in this place.

Some sneered at her, some dally to her, some called her a concubine, some called her ugly, and some even called her a wild woman...

Xuan Bing realized that... there were so many weirdos in the world. There were so many unfair things in the world. Some people bullied others all the time. Some were just always waiting to be bullied.

If one was not powerful enough, he or she might have to just bear the pain in the life, or just die very soon.

In other words, people without power didn't even have the rights to live with dignity. They could only exchange their lives for dignity. Even though they decided to make the exchange, they only had one instant to have dignity!

The world was always unfair!

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Chapter 1010: Eldritch Youngsters

Xuan Bing grew up in Misty Cloud Palace. The toughest time for her would be the time when she was abandoned while she was just a child. Since she reached Dream Origin Stage and got in the martial world, she had always been decisive. Her cultivation rocketed greatly. In the end, she became one of the great master cultivators.

Since she succeeded in martial arts, she had never encountered any misfortunes.

Nobody bullied her. When she traveled the martial world, she always came and left fast and left no traces. She had never come down to see what the normal life was like.

There might be one hardship that she had been through. It was the fight against Xue Danru in the Land of Han-Yang. However, she won that fight. What she unluckily encountered actually brought her a special experience. She never felt regret. She even valued that experience. Besides, she got her illness removed and became even more powerful afterwards!

What she was getting through during this trip brought her different feelings. It was such a new and peculiar experience for a powerful figure who always stayed high in the world.

"Who are you?" Ye Xiao asked the three young men before Xuan Bing did.

It was a clear situation. He could clearly feel the anger rising on Xuan Bing. If she got to reach the three young men first, things would become rather nasty.

If the three young men had to face Xuan Bing directly, there wouldn't be any easy way for them to end this situation. That was why even though Ye Xiao was also annoyed, he still started to talk before Xuan Bing did anything. In fact, he might have saved the three young men's lives!

"This is Sky Treasure Mountain. The other side of this mountain is the Town of Ye. Who do you think we are?" One of the three young men put his hands behind the back and blandly said, "In the Town of Ye, there is a Ye Clan. In Ye Clan, there are three branches. The third branch has three young lords. Among the three young lords, there is a young lord who is the second eldest. People call him Second Young Lord Ye."

Although he was young and looked a bit childish, he tried so hard to talk like an adult and an experienced person. He pretentiously said, "The Second Young Lord Ye's name is Ye Liangchen."

Then he smiled. "I am exactly Liangchen of Ye Clan."

Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue both had twisted expressions.

Ye Xiao showed a weird face and looked at Han Bingxue. That was obvious. [I thought you are the most pretentious man in the world. I thought nobody could defeat you on this. It turns out there is a bloody mincing moron here. He may be even better than you at pretending. You must be careful, Brother.]

Han Bingxue knew Ye Xiao so well. He totally got what Ye Xiao meant only from Ye Xiao's eyes. That was why his face turned dark when he looked at Ye Xiao's eyes.

"Oh, the Second Young Lord Ye descends." Ye Xiao blandly smiled.

When he saw the three young men, no wonder he felt familiar. They were from the Ye Clan.

"I don't deserve that word." Ye Liangchen seemed trying to be humble. Raising his chins, he said, "May I, Linagchen of Ye Clan, ask where you guys are from? It is my favorite to make friends all around the world."

Han Bingxue said, as if he got a toothache, "The honorable Second Young Lord, may I ask if you always talk like this?"

Maybe he was a bit pissed by the look from Ye Xiao, so he actually talked quite respectfully. However, it was obviously sarcasm!

Even though it was obvious, he failed to express the right meaning. Ye Liangchen apparently didn't get it. He smiled blandly, looked at the mountain range far away, kept his hands behind the back, and let his cyan robe fluttering the air. His hair was waving in the air. He said, "In my eyes, it doesn't matter if the mountains are big or small, the water is clear or cloudy, people are noble or lowly, officials are

influential or piddling. I, Liangchen of Ye Clan, treat everything with fairness. I talk as I am used to. I wonder why it concerns you?"

Ye Xiao felt that Ye Liangchen sounded really like a lunatic.

He talked and acted like he was playing on a stage, not in the real life.

Most terribly, he did it so well and left no flaws.

That was the new record of being pretentious!

"I should like to ask, where you are from and where you are heading for?" Ye Liangchen talked casually with a big smile, "If there is anything I can help, please do ask. Ye Clan is the landlord of this place. As a member of the Ye Clan, in the thousand miles land, I, Liangchen of Ye Clan, am more or less an influential person. Maybe there is something I can offer you my help."

It seemed humble, but in fact, it was utterly arrogant. Ye Xiao couldn't bear it anymore. He said, "No. We are good. I don't think we should bother you, the honorable Liangchen of Ye Clan."

Apparently, he shouldn't go on with it anymore. He was affected by the way Ye Liangchen talked!

The two other young men behind Ye Liangchen were showing a weird face. It seemed they were trying so hard not to laugh out loud.

One of them finally talked in a deep voice, "Ye Liangchen, are you ill again? The three of them are just being in a daze. Why do you pretend in front of three fools? We should better get home soon. It won't bother me if you miss the dinner because of this, but I don't want to starve. When are you going to quit being pretentious in front of strangers?"

The tough young man who talked made Ye Xiao realize he was the one who talked impolitely about them at the beginning.

Ye Liangchen turned around and glared at his pal and blandly said, "Ye Meijing, we are sons of the same mother, but we have totally different personalities. I know what I am doing. I always do. Don't push me, or I will operate all forces around one thousand miles against you. You know how horrible it can be. Be honest with yourselves, can you handle it?"

The tough young man, Ye Meijing, didn't know whether he should laugh or not. "Fine. I forgot that nobody could talk to you in human language. Just tell me. Are you leaving with us or not?"

"I, Liangchen, have my own plan. I don't need your nagging guidance." Ye Liangchen spoke steadily, "We don't know where they are from and where they are going. This is the land of our clan. I certainly have to ask. What if they are spies? What if they are true friends? I don't want to regret!"

He smiled and looked at Ye Xiao. He looked casual. "Brother, do you agree?"

"Agree! Agree!" Ye Xiao nodded. He only felt awkward. "Agree so much."

He sighed in the heart and thought, [Eldritch youngsters indeed.]

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