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Chapter 1011: People of the Ye Clan!

Ye Xiao thought Han Bingxue was the best at being pretentious, who could casually and instantly start being pretentious at any moment. However, he now realized there were always better people. Han Bingxue was much worse compared to Ye Liangchen. Ye Liangchen was the real master in being pretentious.

It was something that had fitted into his heart, his soul, and his bones. It was his instinct to pretend!

That was such a marvelous level of pretense!

Comparing to him, Han Bingxue was too much more obvious in pretense. That was a huge difference.

The third young man sighed and said, "Gosh. I mean, can we just focus on the serious stuff? Let's get the medicines back to the clan. I don't care about you making friends or you starving. If we don't get enough credits this month, we will regret it so badly. If we can't even get a spiritual stone, we will be surpassed by Ye Chengzong and his people next month. That will be truly hopeless."

Ye Liangchen smiled and said, "If that really happens, it will be just like your name means. Naihe, Which means there is nothing can be done to help. Hahaha."

He smiled and laughed at Ye Naihe, but he looked worried after all.

Apparently, he wasn't so sure about whether he could collect enough medicines.

Ye Xiao finally got to know their names. Ye Liangchen, Ye Meijing, and Ye Naihe!

[Liangchen, Meijing, Naihe!]

[Weird names!]

[Ye Naihe is fine. It isn't a good name for a boy, but it is not too bad. Lingchen and Meijing, come on! Are these boys' names? That can't be more ridiculous!]

[Besdies... the three names together makes a part of a line in a Chinese play from old days... Liangchen Meijing Naihe... Tian...!] [1]

[I wonder if they have a brother who is named Tian?]

[What if they do...]

He didn't think Ye Xiao was a weird name anymore. If he was named Ye Tian, that would be embarrassing. Ye Tian was fine alone. What if he stood with those three...

He couldn't imagine it. He felt awkward.

Ye Clan people had truly weird names!

Suddenly, he felt curious about the clan he and his father were born.

Ye Naihe had pointed out the problematic situation, but Ye Liangchen seemed more interested in Ye Xiao, Han Bingxue, and Xuan Bing. He just started to talk to them. However, no matter how he pretended to be mature and experienced, no matter how he tried to talk decently, Ye Xiao, Han Bingxue, and Xuan Bing eventually got to know what he truly wanted.

He was trying to get support.

He was actually asking for help.

Maybe he was eagle-eyed, or maybe he wasn't. The three people he was asking for help could be a team that swept the entire Qing-Yun Realm. However, the way he asked for help were provoking the three. Anyone of the three could destroy the Ye Clan. That was right. Ye Xiao might not be powerful enough, but he could let Han Bingxue do it for him. That would be easy!

After the conversation, they finally understood. Ye Liangchen didn't get to them because of what his eyes were like. He just couldn't get anybody else to ask anymore. He just asked whoever he could for support.

"I mean, come on. Ye Clan should be a big clan in the Town of Ye, right? You guys are definitely the young lords in the Ye Clan. How do you end up like this?" Ye Xiao looked at them and asked disdainfully.

That was a frank satire. Ye Meijing and Ye Naihe were both pissed. They were about to rage up.

Ye Xiao was such an experienced man. It was a piece of cake for him to make them angry.

However, Ye Liangchen's eyes lit up and he actually smiled. He said, "Brother, you are frank, but what you said is true. I feel so ashamed. However, the world has many better people. Ye Clan is indeed powerful. We do have lots of superior cultivators. However, we are still not like an overlord after all. It is a long story to tell."

When Xuan Bing heard him saying 'we are still not an overlord', she felt wordless.

Even Misty Cloud Palace, such a powerful organization, didn't dare to mention overlord to describe themselves.

Ye Xiao tried to be patient and continued the conversation. As expected, he easily got the information about Ye Clan's current situation.

"Ye Clan is the landlord house of this place. It certainly has many enemies. There are some matters I don't think I can tell any stranger. However, for the first sight, I saw you three like old friends. We are friends. We should be honest with our friends. I guess it doesn't matter if I tell you more about my clan."

The others rolled up their eyes when they heard Ye Liangchen.

[Look how hard you triy to earn their trust! You have just spoken to them for a while and they became your old friends? Do you know their names? Do you know where they are from? Where they are heading? How powerful are they? What background they have? You know nothing! Yet you actually see them as old friends? You actually want to complain about our clan to them?]

Ye Meijing and Ye Naihe couldn't agree what Ye Liangchen was about to do. However, they didn't stop him. They just stood aside and listened.

Ye Xiao felt that they truly had come to a dead end. They were trying to fetch any possible chances to save themselves!

That was too reckless and risky!

"There are six branches in the Ye Clan. However, the first branch, which used to be the main force of the Ye Clan, fell to the bottom because of a case in the old days. They quit after that case. All they have is the name, but no power anymore. The second and fourth branches are taking charge of the clan at the moment. The fifth branch is associated with the second branch. That makes them bigger in number of people. The sixth and fourth branches are associated, so as to fight against the second and fifth. The two groups have been fighting each other for a long time. They nearly used everything they can, no matter how vicious it was."

"The third branch used to be associated with the first. However, when the first branch fell, the third fell too. That was certain. The other four branches kept suppressing the third. The third branch is better than the first, but still in a quite dangerous situation."

"I, Ye Liangchen, am a member of the third branch."

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Ye Xiao roughly understood most of the truth about the Ye Clan from Ye Liangchen's nagging description.

The first branch was apparently where his father belonged to. The case in the old days was the reason why the first branch would fall.

The other four branches had taken charge of the clan business and forces. They were suppressing the first and the third branches too hard.

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Chapter 1012: Eventful Clan

When people in the Ye Clan were busy on internal conflict, the Ye Clan encountered theft. The three biggest storehouses of Ye Clan were empty. Even mouses would shed tears when they went to the storehouses.

Ye Clan's important materials were all in those three storehouses, including money, cultivation materials, valuable medicines, and some medical materials that they were going to exchange for cultivation resources.

What was more unfortunate was that the people on guard were three third branch members, Ye Liangchen's father and two of his uncles.

Their storehouses were empties by thieves and the three men on guard didn't know anything about it. That was unforgivable.

They were locked by the superior cultivators in the clan and then the entire clan were out to look for the stolen materials.

However, everybody knew that it was just formalization. They would find nothing.

Whoever they were, they emptied the three storehouses of Ye Clan while there were three people on guard. The men on guard actually knew nothing about the theft. It was not easy to find the lost items back.

Ye Clan people were panicking.

If the stolen objects only belonged to the Ye Clan, it was fine. It was a big strike on the Ye Clan, but the Ye Clan was still a powerful clan. It only took time for them to recover. However, the worst thing was that they lost the materials that they should hand to Misty Cloud Palace. They had already given Misty Cloud Palace a list of the materials. In other words, Misty Cloud Palace was expecting the materials.

Ye Clan was waiting for the cultivation materials from Misty Cloud Palace. Besides, they promised to give Misty Cloud Palace the medical materials on that list...

That was such a joke!

In the Qing-Yun Realm, who dared to mess with the Misty Cloud Palace?

Even the most powerful cultivator, Wu Fa, had to show respect to the great elder of Misty Cloud Palace, let alone people in Ye Clan.

She might only need to puff to destroy the Ye Clan!

That was why the Ye Clan was totally freaked out.

This was much more troublesome to the Ye Clan than the case about Ye Nantian!

When the storehouses were stolen, they kicked out everybody of the third branch. They were all sent to the Mountain of All Medicines to collect medical materials. It was impossible to collect all they needed, but it was always better than nothing!

The Mountain of All Medicines was Heaven Treasure Mountain, as the local people called it.

Ye Liangchen and his two brothers had been staying on the mountain for half a month. The others had returned earlier after they had collected some medicines. The three young men figured it wouldn't make any difference if they went home, so they asked to stay longer. They were thinking maybe they could find any valuable materials by luck.

However, the mountain was not a place where youngsters could casually hang around. Heavens didn't bless them more. They had walked round and round the mountain but found nothing. That was why they decided to leave.

When they were leaving, they met Ye Xiao, Han Bingxue, and Xuan Bing.

The three young men were below Dream Origin Stage. They weren't even able to see Ye Xiao's cultivation level, not to mention Xuan Bing's and Han Bingxue's. However, they still had imagination. Ye Liangchen imagined that they had met three super powerful figures. [We can't be more miserable now. What if I make friends with a great figure by luck? They are all beyond the high level we can see. Maybe one of them is a super powerful cultivator!]

[If we can get the support from a super powerful cultivator, the situation... Hmm... At least the suppression on the third branch would be eased.]

He was obviously going to try anything as he was in a desperate situation.

He must have forgotten that it was Misty Cloud Palace the Ye Clan had offended. Who on earth in the Qing-Yun Realm dared to mess with Misty Cloud Palace and the Lady Devil of the realm?

Was there anybody?

Maybe there was. Like Xuan Bing herself?

"Even though we are in troubles from inside and outside, we never fear the heavy burden on the shoulder. I am Ye Liangchen." He took a deep breath and acted like he wasn't concerned at all. "I, Liangchen of Ye Clan, have faith to get through all the toughness!"

"There will be no splendid rainbow before a rainstorm. I, Ye Liangchen, will never forget my true heart!" He tightly held his fists and stared in distance, wth steadiness on the face.

Deep in his eyes, the fear and nervousness had sold him out though. Otherwise, what he just said might make him a brave and fearless man who never gave up!

However, now he was just hilarious!

Ye Xiao smiled.

He didn't just feel hilarious. After all, he could feel that this young man was a righteous man, even though he was pretentious like hell.

The purity in his heart was something Ye Xiao valued!

[This kid seems to be... dreaming about being a hero. He is a bit obsessed in it... He only cares for his own family and his own clan.]

[At least, he is honest to say that he will never forget his true heart!]

[That is already valuable enough!]

"Ye Liangchen, look at you, smiling with joy. Did you find a Regeneration Ink Lotus?"

At this moment, a voice sounded from the top of the ravine. After a second, several figures got down to the floor. - Shoot! -

Ye Xiao was stunned.

Xuan Bing frowned and pulled Han Bingxue's sleeve a little. Xuan Bing and Han Bingxue stepped back a few steps, keeping away from Ye Xiao and the three young men. They both were looking at those men who just arrived.

At this moment, Xuan Bing realized the reason why she had been feeling wrong all the way along.

She and Han Bingxue, two powerful cultivators, had been staying with Ye Xiao. It certainly kept Ye Xiao safe, but also stopped Ye Xiao from improving!

If a man of the martial world was always protected by stronger persons and never experienced any hardships, how could he become one of the best cultivators?

To gain improvement from fights was the right way to become powerful. Flowers in the greenhouse would eventually die in the storms, no matter how rare they were!

That was why Xuan Bing chose to step away this time. She even pulled Han Bingxue over. She wanted Ye Xiao to deal with the situation himself. Han Bingxue might be quite a pretentious man, but he was also smart and wise. Xuan Bing just showed him a hint, and he clearly understood what she meant.

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Chapter 1013: Crisis on the Ye Clan

Han Bingxue kept yelling in the heart. [No Sister! You don't know! My boss doesn't need such practice... All he needs is time. He just needs time to accumulate!]

[Who do you think he is! Deep in his bones he is the famous Xiao Monarch! Besides, he is my boss! He doesn't need any tough-life experience at all!]

However, he would never say it out.

So he had to just step back with Xuan Bing.

He was sure that if he didn't step back as she wanted, if he didn't even step back as soon as she expected, she would knock him out. She would never talk much to him!

That was the image of Xuan Bing in Han Bingxue's heart. She would never talk much if she could solve a problem with an actual move! She just wouldn't waste a second!

Ye Xiao noticed it, but he didn't care. He was focused on the man who just talked.

It was a young man wearing purple clothes. Two middle-aged men were on his sides. They must be two of his guards. They looked quite vigorous. Ye Xiao operated his spiritual mind to check and found out that they were both level three of Dream Origin Stage.

He was shocked.

It was quite normal that some level three Dream Origin Stage cultivators became guards outside Oracle District. However, this was Oracle District. That young man had two guards at level three of Dream Origin Stage. It meant he must be powerful.

The purple-clothed young man were looking at Ye Liangchen and his brothers. He was smiling and gloating.

"What does it matter if I did or did not? What will you do?" Ye Liangchen changed the expression on his face and then started to talk arrogantly, "Li Qingzhou, don't talk like you have the right to gloat. What? Did you... get it?"

The purple-clothed young man, Li Qingzhou, laughed and sneered, "Does it matter if I should gloat or not? What's important is whether you have found Regeneration Ink Lotus. Isn't it? However, I was right.

Your Ye Clan is going to be so f*cked up. We, Li Clan, are going to take over the order from Misty Cloud Palace! We will take it alone! Ye Liangchen, next time when you see me, call me boss. Don't forget!"

Ye Liangchen looked pale. He spoke seriously, "Stop that dream! We will never lose the deal!"

"Dream? Are we the ones who are dreaming? Look at you. Ye Clan has nothing. Don't you think I know it?"

Li Qingzhou laughed. "When you took the order from Misty Cloud Palace, you promised them fifty Regeneration Ink Lotus. Let's just ignore other materials. Let me ask you. Where are the Regeneration Ink Lotus? Can the Ye Clan really make it up in time? Not to mention fifty, I bet you can't even give them five!"

Ye Liangchen was angry with redness on the face. He said, "You... How did you know?"

After all, he was too young. The biggest weak point of his clan was exposed. He couldn't stay calm anymore. What he did was just asking for answers.

"Hahaha. It really isn't confidential anymore. Does it matter if I know it or not?" Li Qingzhou laughed, "Let's forget about how you lost those materials. The reality is that you fooled Misty Cloud Palace. I wonder what the Ye Clan can do to solve this problem!"

He laughed wildly and said, "What kind of a great sect do you think Misty Cloud Palace is? Qiong-Hua Moon Palace can never compare now! Back in the years, Qiong-Hua Moon Palace had made your clan fall to collapse. Now, the history is reliving again. No. This is not just a reliving of history. You fooled Misty Cloud Palace. That means you fooled the great elder Xuan Bing. That Lady Devil. She would probably wipe out the entire district because she is that kind of person who will always protect her own people even though it is wrong! Ye Clan is definitely going to be destroyed! Hahaha. Look at you, after holding Misty Cloud Palace's shoes for so many years, what did you get? You put your entire clan into death! Maybe the god does hold justice!"

"Hmm..." Han Bingxue swallowed. [What are these young generations of the clans in this district? Why is this young man so unlucky? Song Fei insulted Xuan Bing. This Li Qingzhou actually called her Lady Devil. What a brave man. What a lucky man. What an overwhelming fortune. It is just like a novel book!]

He could feel that Xuan Bing was... pissed again!

However, he was wrong about the reason. She didn't care about the name, Lady Devil. It wasn't new for her. She just didn't pay attention to that. She clearly knew that it was better to be feared than to be bullied! That was the rule in Qing-Yun Realm!

What annoyed her was that Li Qingzhou said that she would protect her own people even though it was wrong. [I have a bad temper. I know. Sometimes, I do things to protect my own people. That is normal. Everybody does. At the very least, even if I always protect my own people regardless of justice, do you have the right to judge?]

[You actually said that in front of Ye Xiao! You are ruining my good image! You talked like I am a sneaky person!]

Maybe she didn't notice, but the truth was that she cared about Ye Xiao more and more as Xuan Bing, not only as Bing'er. It concerned her whether he could get experience. She also didn't want Ye Xiao to think her as someone with a bad personality!

Xuan Bing's personality, also Ye Xiao, had great influence on Xuan Bing!

She apparently didn't notice it. Even if she did, she wouldn't admit it!

However, she thought too much about Li Qingzhou's words. Ye Xiao might be reasonable in most circumstances, however, he would only be reasonable to his own people. He would definitely protect his own people when it was against the outsiders!

He would definitely protect his own!

"Ye Liangchen, you are not that naive, are you? You don't think Misty Cloud Palace would just forgive you after that huge mistake you made, do you? If you are truly that naive, I can only sigh for you. There are not so many miracles in the world. Come on. Even if there are, it won't happen to you!

Li Qingzhou started to show viciousness on his face. "All that you Ye Clan owe us these years, we will claim it back little by little. You are going to give it out! When we take over the orders from Misty Cloud Palace, you will only be our servants!

"Ye Liangchen, when that day comes, I will definitely show you special kindness!"

He laughed viciously and said, "You, the four of you, Ye Liangchen, Ye Meijing, Ye Naihe, and Ye Tian... I will pay special attention to each of you carefully!"

Ye Xiao twisted his lips. [It turns out they are exactly... Liangchen, Meijing, Naihe, Tian? Ye Clan must be quite outstanding in giving their people weird names...]

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Chapter 1014: I Have Been There

"To be honest, I always have a dream. I want you all to know that when you mess with me, Lord Qingzhou, you will eventually... beg for death!"

When he said the last few words, his voice came through his teeth. When he said it, he slowly moved forward. In the end, he shouted, "Understand?"

Killing intent erupted.

Ye Liangchen couldn't help but take a step backward.

No matter how steady and calm he was, he understood that his clan was truly going to the end. There was nothing he could do to change.

Li Clan was the sworn enemy to Ye Clan all the time, and also the biggest rival. The two clans were even in forces. Ye Clan might be a little bit stronger because of the connection with Misty Cloud Palace. The Li Clan had been searching for valuable materials and they even planted some of them. All they needed

was the time when Ye Clan made a mistake and they could take over Ye Clan's deals with Misty Cloud Palace. They wanted to replace Ye Clan.

Ye Clan had been lucky for all those years. Every time, they could collect enough materials for Misty Cloud Palace. That left no chance to Li Clan. That was also why Misty Cloud Palace had been dealing with Ye Clan for such a long time and it made Ye Clan a little bit stronger than Li Clan!

However, the two clans both understood that it wasn't a certain thing. If Li Clan got lucky, Ye Clan would be replaced at any time.

That was why the two clans both didn't dare to be slack.

The young generations of the two clans were also competing with each other under the table. Li Qingzhou was the biggest enemy of the youngsters of Ye Clan. He was vicious and ruthless. If Li Clan replaced Ye Clan this time, it would be a disaster for Ye Liangchen and his brothers!

There were many stories that were spreading that this young lord Li wasn't just talking. He had countless methods to torture people. If anybody fell in his hand, it would be difficult to even die easily. When he said he would make people beg for death, he wasn't lying. He definitely would do it. He wouldn't show mercy!

"I don't have it. So what? Do you have it?" Ye Liangchen said, "Did you collect many materials? Did you get inside the third layer of Heaven Treasure Mountain?"

"If you can't get inside the third layer, you can't get the medicine. Even if we don't have enough Regeneration Ink Lotus, you won't get to replace us!"

Ye Liangchen was apparently tough on the mouth.

"Nonsense! Nobody has ever entered the third layer of Heaven Treasure Mountain in history! We can't enter it, and it is reasonable!" Li Qingzhou squinted at Ye Liangchen and said, "Ye Liangchen, did you enter it today?"

"I..." Ye Liangchen didn't know how to reply.

On the other side.

Ye Xiao thought for a while and interrupted for the first time, "You, Li Clan, can't get in the third layer? And you are so sure that nobody else can? Who said that we Ye Clan can't enter it?"

Everybody else was shocked by what he said.

Not only Li Qingzhou, but also Ye Liangchen was shocked. They both looked at this handsome young man and couldn't believe what he had just said.

[What does he mean... 'we Ye Clan'?]

[Since when he becomes member of Ye Clan?]

"My name is also Ye." Ye Xiao rubbed the nose and spoke nicely, "I am not from Town of Ye, but we have the same name. It makes me feel angry that these young men who are also named Ye are attacked."

He stopped and then continued, "All the people of the name Ye are like families. Nobody can insult it."

Ye Liangchen looked at him and spoke after a short silence, "Brother Ye, you are a loyal man!"

Ye Xiao rolled up his eyes.

[What the hell. I forgot this guy's stupid personality.]

[Loyal?]

[I am a loyal man? That's an abuse!]

[You are from Ye Clan. I am named Ye too. You are in the third branch, which was closely related to my father. You have been suppressed because of what happened in the old days. You are more or less my own people... If not for these reasons, I will never step out and be the loyal man in your eyes!]

Apparently, Ye Xiao was truly a person who would always protect his own people. Xuan Bing couldn't compare on this!

Li Qingzhou squinted at Ye Xiao and sneered, "You are named Ye? What a persuasive reason... I don't know which rotting corner do you come from. You are not allowed to talk. You must know that if you claim to be one of Ye Clan people, you are seeking death!"

Ye Xiao didn't get angry. He just smiled and said, "Seeking death? I am definitely not. However, it is true that I am Ye. Even if I want to change it, I can't. No matter where I am from, I am a Ye Clan people. I won't betray my ancestors!"

He looked at Li Qingzhou and asked, "Would you abandon your family name when your clan is in danger?"

Li Qingzhou looked fierce. "That's quibbling. I won't have this quarrel. Let me ask you seriously. Do you really want to step in the Li Clan and Ye Clan's business? I think you don't know the truth!"

He half closed his eyes and continued, "You will die! Ye Clan people may live, but if you stepped out and claimed you are one of them... you will die! Ye Clan badly needs a scapegoat right now!"

Ye Xiao frowned. He could sense the murderous qi from the opponent, but it wasn't threatening for him at all. He blandly said, "Who can escape from death? All men die!"

"Nobody can choose when he or she would be born, but to die at the time he or she wanted to would be the most enjoyable thing in life."

"In fact, it doesn't matter if I will die or not. I just want to tell you that your Li Clan is not a big deal."

Ye Xiao half closed his eyes and said, "You can't even enter the third layer of this mountain. I don't believe you could make lots of Regeneration Ink Lotus. You don't deserve it."

Li Qingzhou was furious. He widely opened his eyes and looked at Ye Xiao. "How did you know there are Regeneration Ink Lotus in the third layer?"

Ye Xiao blandly said, "That's simple. I have been there!"

Li Qingzhou was shocked. He fell silent. His eyes were twinkling.

He was thinking of something.

"You have been into it? Is it the truth?" He stared at Ye Xiao.

Ye Xiao didn't answer. He just blandly smiled and turned his hand over. In his hand, there was a black lotus.

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Chapter 1015: Why Would It Change?

The lotus was all black, but glowing with mysterious and elegant lights. When it appeared, a light scent spread away. The wind was blowing strong, yet it didn't blow away the beautiful fragrance.

It just stayed in the air for a long time.

"Regeneration Ink Lotus!" Li Qingzhou and Ye Liangchen were both stunned when they looked at the lotus in Ye Xiao's hand.

They were both full of excitement and... greediness.

Money always touched one's heart. In fact, the lotus touched more at this moment!

Ye Liangchen was jealous and he wished he could have it from Ye Xiao. Li Qingzhou was vicious and ill-disposed!

In his eyes, there was intent to snatch the lotus and kill Ye Xiao!

That was a top quality Regeneration Ink Lotus. The leaves' petals were going to turn lighter. This lotus was already beyond the top quality. It was soon going to change into Regeneration Jade Lotus!

In other words, it was a super quality Regeneration Ink Lotus. It was precious enough to solve Ye Clan's crisis. However, if it belonged to Li Clan, it was also enough to completely destroy Ye Clan!

Li Qingzhou started to breathe heavily.

The two guards standing behind him were ready to start a fight for the lotus.

"Wait." Li Qingzhou stopped his guards. He looked at Ye Xiao and actually smiled. "I guess you did enter the third layer of Heaven Treasure Mountain. This lotus proves it well. I believe it."

Ye Liangchen stepped forward and wanted to talk. However, Li Qingzhou's two guards stopped him and started to operate their martial art to create qi suppression.

Ye Liangchen was below Dream Origin Stage. Under the suppression of two level three Dream Origin Stage cultivators, he couldn't even say a word out loud.

"You believed it? You just believed it?" Ye Xiao sneered and looked at Li Qingzhou, "Maybe I should say thank you for such a respectful reaction, shouldn't I?"

Li Qingzhou looked vicious. He said, "I should certainly respect you, as you have such a lotus in your hand. Besides, even though you are Ye, you are not the same as these people. What stays between you

and me is merely a meaningless conflict. Am I right? We can just introduce ourselves again and make friends with each other. I don't think you will turn my sincerity down, will you, Brother Ye?"

Ye Xiao slowly nodded. "That's true. Making friends is my favorite, especially friends with kindness."

Li Qingzhou was spirited. "Li Clan will definitely show you our great kindness with respect. From now on, you are our honorable guest forever!"

Ye Xiao seemed smiling but he wasn't. "However, I never think kindness can only be expressed by words. What do I get if I become your honorable guest?"

Li Qingzhou smiled. "As long as you can give us enough Regeneration Ink Lotus, you will have whatever you want! In this district, Li Clan can assure you anything!"

Ye Xiao turned over his hand again to put that lotus away. He shook his head and looked upset. "Well, it is all about Regeneration Ink lotus, isn't it? I found a way in and collected a few of this lotus. After I left, I wanted to enter it again. However, I can't find the way. It was gone."

Li Qingzhou's eyes lit up. He said, "That is normal. Brother Ye, you are new to this place. What happened to you is the nature of this mountain. There will be paths appearing but also disappearing after nine days. The way into the third layer will always disappear nine days after it appears."

Ye Xiao shrugged and said, "I see. I guess it is all decided by heavens. I think I can't help you with your Regeneration Ink Lotus. Even if I said yes, you shouldn't trust me, should you?"

Li Qingzhou half closed his eyes, which were filled with maliciousness. "That is not a problem. You are a stranger. It is reasonable that you don't know much about this mountain. We, Li Clan, has been living around this mountain for a thousand years. We know every path on this mountain. No matter where they go, we can always find them."

"In other words, as long as you can enter it, we will guide you on the path!" he spoke slowly.

Ye Xiao's eyes lit up. "Are you sure? If you have a path that connects to the third layer, I can get into it. It isn't difficult to simply get inside!"

The two of them looked into each other's eyes and then laughed at the same time.

They were both having their secret plans in the heart. However, they wouldn't tell anybody else.

Ye Liangchen, whom Ye Xiao claimed association with, was totally ignored.

"Before we make the agreement, I have one thing to ask for. I have shown you the lotus as my sincerity. I think you should show your sincerity too," Ye Xiao said.

"Sure. Brother Ye, just tell me what do you want. There are few things that Li Clan can't do," Li Qingzhou said.

"I want a share of your medical materials! I will collect Regeneration Ink Lotus for you. You can have all the lotus. I won't take any. But I will take half of all the other materials." Ye Xiao said, "If you don't agree, I guess we will have to quit the association."

He was being decisive.

"Absolutely!" Li Qingzhou was being straightforward. "That is exactly what we should do."

They laughed together again at the same time. It seemed to be a good cooperation.

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On the other side, the three brothers who had been suppressed by the two superior cultivators only felt freaked out.

[This... Brother Ye... was on our side at the beginning... Why does he end up to be Li Clan's ally?]

[The world... changes too fast.]

It was not just fast. It was also cruel. It was truly more than cruel!

The three young brothers felt hopeless about such an outcome... They knew Ye Xiao could enter the third layer of that mountain... They knew he had some Regeneration Ink Lotus...

They thought Ye Xiao was their savior that would eventually bring a bright light to their future. They thought there was going to be a miracle that could bring their clan to life! However, the savior became another enemy. The bright light was gone. Hope became desperation.

Li Clan had such a powerful support. Ye Clan was going to end. Ye Clan was going to collapse soon!

The three brothers all felt despair.

[Are we going to end up Li Qingzhou's servants?]

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When the three of them left that place, they still couldn't understand why things would end up like that.

Why would it change like that?

They didn't understand why the man who was also Ye changed his mind so fast. He said people who were named Ye were families after all. He should be a loyal person.

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Chapter 1016: Different Intentions

Ye Liangchen walked far away and he could still hear the conversation between Ye Xiao and Li Qingzhou.

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"When will we go there?"

"Well... the sooner the better."

"What about tomorrow?"

"Yes, tomorrow morning."

"Good! No problem!"

"Deal!"

"Deal!"

"Brother Ye, you can come to Li Clan and stay over in our place. We can go there together tomorrow. Isn't it better?"

"Don't bother. I don't really like the rules in big clans like you. Let me mind my own business. We will meet again here tomorrow morning."

"Urh... Brother Ye..."

"I am just being honest. I don't trust you. I am afraid I may never going to come out if I go sleep in your place. I will wait for you here tomorrow morning. And I will leave as soon as I finish collecting the materials. I will leave Oracle District. I know the local forces seldom go out!"

"Heh, heh. If you insist, I can only feel sorry. However, I understand your thought. Well then... I'll see you tomorrow."

"See you."

"Take care."

"You too."

Li Qingzhou and his men left with excitement.

Ye Xiao, Han Bingxue, and Xuan Bing were the only people who stayed.

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Li Qingzhou had left.

He was about a thousand meter away from Ye Xiao and he couldn't see Ye Xiao even when he looked back. He looked vicious and ruthless again.

"My lord, are we going to let him take away half of our medicines tomorrow? The third layer of Heaven Treasure Mountain has been a mystical place since ancient times. There must be lots of materials in it. Wouldn't it be..." A guard spoke in a low voice.

"Hahahaha..." Li Qingzhou laughed out loud. He seemed delighted and spirited.

"I see." The guard stopped talking. It seemed he understood what his master meant.

"Hmm. Good. You are not so stupid after all. Tomorrow, when we finished collecting the materials, it will be the end of this story. Things are always unsatisfying for most people. We have to be the satisfied one! Tomorrow... when you do it... gather a few more good men just in case anything goes wrong."

"Yes, I will. However, those two people who stayed around the young man seem to be powerful. We can't see their capabilities. Is it..." the other guard said.

He was apparently more experienced. He wasn't blindly optimistic.

In fact, Ye Xiao had been hiding his own cultivation information. He made himself look like under Dream Origin Stage. That was a successful move. Li Qingzhou and his two guards all believed they had seen Ye Xiao's true cultivation level. However, Han Bingxue and Xuan Bing were both too powerful to hide. No matter how they tried, they still had the aura around showing that they were two powerful cultivators.

That experienced guard didn't know exactly what level Han Bingxue and Xuan Bing were, he felt that they were both stronger than himself. That was also why they didn't fight Ye Xiao at the beginning!

Li Qingzhou understood that a bird in the hand was worth two in the bush. He also understood a man should always be prepared for danger in times of safety!

"I know. I will tell my father to arrange more superior cultivators to help. I will make sure everything goes well."

"Yes. You have a comprehensive thought. I am impressed."

"Hahaha..." Li Qingzhou laughed and said, "I didn't expect this. I just wanted to come out and take a walk, thinking that maybe I could collect some medicines in the mountain. It turns out I met a super valuable treasure. Ye Clan is doomed. Ye Clan will collapse."

"My lord, you are blessed. You are granted felicity!"

"Haha. That man who is also named Ye. He looked smart but in fact is a pig head. He actually wants to take half of our medicines? What a crazy man! He doesn't know the real value of that Regeneration Ink Lotus! If he contacts Misty Cloud Palace, he may have a really good deal with them! However, what he has will belong to me now!" Li Qingzhou laughed viciously and said, "Tell me, where can I find another dumbass like him? I wish I can have ten every day and I won't feel bored!"

"Hahahaha... That's true..."

"He is just an ignorant man. He doesn't know our power at all. If he can find the way by himself, maybe he has entered the third layer many times. He needs us to guide him on the right path. Well. We will guide him the path into the third layer and guide him the path to the hell!"

"That's true, my lord."

"So... the heavens are giving this opportunity to Li Clan, also a great opportunity for me, Li Qingzhou!"

"As long as you get this done, you will be the most valuable member of the clan. You will be the heir! Please, my lord, when you become the heir, don't forget us."

"Sure. Work hard. I won't mistreat my own men!"

"Thank you, my lord! We will be ready to do everything we can!"

The three of them whipped the horses and soon disappeared at the end of the road with laughter.

In front of the ravine.

Xuan Bing looked at Ye Xiao with a complicated expression on the face.

"You are going to enter it," Xuan Bing asked helplessly.

"Yes. I can go up to the peak. This mountain is the key to the problem in the entire Oracle District." Ye Xiao smiled and said, "Once I figured out the secret about this mountain, I will at the same time figure out the truth about the strange atmosphere in this place."

"No matter what, I need to get into it. I didn't know how to, but then those natives wanted to guide. I surely can't turn it down." Ye Xiao laughed.

"But it must be full of danger there." Xuan Bing warned him.

"That's why I need a guide. Natives know better." Ye Xiao smiled.

"That's a good move. It is so good because Ye Clan people are not the guide you want." Xuan Bing humphed. "If you encounter any danger, you won't need to worry because you can just sacrifice the Li Clan people. Am I right?"

"That's right. Lady Xuan Bing knows me well." Ye Xiao laughed.

"Boss, I have a few questions though." Han Bingxue rubbed his head and looked confused. He was asking for answers.

"Say it," Ye Xiao said. He and Xuan Bing were both looking at Han Bingxue as if they both knew what he was going ask.

"As far as I know, this is the first time you came to this mountain," Han Bingxue said.

"That's right. I have never come to this place before," Ye Xiao answered. He didn't need to hide the truth.

"How did you know the path is changing?" Han Bingxue frowned. He didn't understand. "This is my first question."

"You fool!" Ye Xiao and Xuan Bing scolded him at the same time.

They said it together!

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Chapter 1017: Blockhead

Han Bingxue defiantly shouted, "Why?"

"There is a compelling reason to call you a fool. If you look at the mountain carefully, you will find something too. You actually asked such a stupid question. It means you never carefully looked at the mountain." Ye Xiao disappointedly said, "The mountain is full of arrays. The grass, the trees, the rocks. Look at it carefully and you will find it is a Manifestation Mystic Array on the mountain!"

"We can see it is Manifestation Mystic Array, then we can definitely realize the roads on the mountain will keep changing!" Ye Xiao talked to Han Bingxue.

"Urh..." Han Bingxue looked embarrassed. He widely opened his eyes. Deep inside his heart, he knew Ye Xiao was right, however, he just didn't want to submit. He said, "I have never seen any Manifestation

Mystic Array! It is reasonable that I didn't realize it... I don't think you can just disdain me because I didn't know about this special array!"

"Pah! You call yourself a level nine Dao Origin Stage master!" Ye Xiao said, "The only thing you know is swordplay practice. What about the rest of your life? Don't tell anybody you know me! That is embarrassing! That is shameful!" Xuan Bing agreed.

Han Bingxue was awkward. If anybody else in the Qing-Yun Realm talked to him like that, he would have drawn out the sword and started to fight, even if it was Wu Fa. However, facing Ye Xiao and Xuan Bing, he could only endure it.

"Fine! It is my fault. I am stupid. I am ignorant. Alright? I disgraced you two! Alright?" Han Bingxue looked upset. "Here is another question. How did you know they are in need of Regeneration Ink Lotus so badly? How did you figure that out? Regeneration Ink Lotus is one of the best medical materials in Qing-Yun Realm, but there are plenty of other medical materials that have equal value!"

Ye Xiao looked at Han Bingxue like looking at a retard. "I... I truly don't know how to say this... I am wondering whether you are truly so dumb or you are just pretending... Did you hear them? They said they wanted medicines for Misty Cloud Palace. Don't you know what medicine Misty Cloud Palace needs the most?"

"What? How do I know!" Han Bingxue asked like a fool.

"All kinds of Regeneration Lotus!" Ye Xiao actually nearly laughed out. "What else do you have in your head except for all those stupid ideas about being pretentious?"

Xuan Bing nearly laughed out. She was such a decent lady, but the two brothers were having such a funny conversation.

"Regeneration Lotus? Is it that valuable to Misty Cloud Palace?" Han Bingxue was still confused.

"Brother Ye, you don't need to push him. We badly need Regeneration Lotus. It is a secret! It is reasonable that he doesn't know! I guess it is the heaven's arrangement that you got to know it!" Xuan Bing interrupted. She uncommonly spoke for Han Bingxue.

However, she was being honest this time. It was Misty Cloud Palace's biggest secret that they needed Regeneration Lotus to cure their disease caused by their own martial art. Ye Xiao knew about it because of Bing Xinyue and Wenren Chuchu. His East-rising Purple Qi was very effective to ease the disease. He even unconsciously removed the disease from Xuan Bing. However, he didn't know all about the secret.

It was unreasonable for him to laugh at Han Bingxue about it. If even people like Han Bingxue knew about the secret, Misty Cloud Palace might be close to being ended!

Ye Xiao thought for a while and understood Xuan Bing. He realized that he was being unceremonious. He and Xuan Bing knew the secret, but Han Bingxue didn't. Han Bingxue should have never known about it.

However, Ye Xiao wanted to save face. Even though he knew he was wrong, he wouldn't admit it! A boiled duck still had a tough mouth! That was him!

Han Bingxue was living in the rule 'boss is always right'. He didn't even think about whether Ye Xiao was right or not. He just went on to the third question. "Fine. I am ignorant about the lotus and stuff... How did you know that Li Clan knows the way in?" He wouldn't give up.

"If they don't, for thousands of years, Li Clan must have lived like a bunch of stupid dogs!" Ye Xiao was emotionless. "They collected valuable medical materials for the powerful sects and exchange for cultivation materials. Tell me... If you were one of them, would you know the way into a place full of treasures?"

He tried not to say anything offensive since he had wronged Han Bingxue in the last question. He knew Han Bingxue wouldn't mind if Ye Xiao did scold him again. However, Ye Xiao had conscience!

Han Bingxue finally realized what stupid questions he had been asking. He said, "Maybe they are just a bunch of blockheads... so they don't know the way..."

"You are the only blockhead in the world..." Ye Xiao spoke fiercely, "The others are not!"

Han Bingxue was a boiled duck too. It was a waste to speak nicely to him!

"Blockhead!" Xuan Bing spoke after Ye Xiao.

Han Bingxue was upset.

Xuan Bing laughed for a while and then said, "I don't understand one thing though. Why are you so sure that the key to the whole thing is on this mountain?"

Ye Xiao looked at Xuan Bing and couldn't believe it. "It is such an obvious thing... Han Bingxue is a fool so he didn't see it. You too?"

Han Bingxue was more upset. "Boss, can't you stop bringing me up? To what end will you keep striking me?"

"Obvious thing?" Xuan Bing was surprised. "Obvious how?"

She truly didn't understand. Unlike Ye Xiao, she had come to this mountain many times. However, she had never found anything special about this mountain. She never thought that this mountain was the key of the entire strange phenomenon of Oracle District.

The mountain was full of valuable medical materials. That was true. But... nobody could have thought that it had anything to do with the special phenomenon on Oracle District.

Ye Xiao was wordless. He said, "Elder Xuan... Every morning, when the sun comes out from the east, don't you feel the purple qi from the east?"

Xuan Bing was stunned, "Feel? Feel what?"

Ye Xiao sighed. "Everyday when the sun is rising from the east, there will be an enormous amount of purple qi descending to the land. That is exactly the spiritual qi a cultivator needs... In this district, the purple qi will vanish very quickly. Most of the spiritual qi will become part of the air and come to this mountain. Well... You actually don't know?"

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Chapter 1018: Exclusive!

Xuan Bing was shocked. "Really? Is it true?"

Ye Xiao was shocked too. "What? Every morning there is a massive whirl of energy. You are such a powerful cultivator. How could you not know it?"

"I did feel something, but I thought it was because of the special phenomenon. I just didn't pay attention."

"That whirlwind blew to this Heaven Treasure Mountain with the purple qi. The qi in the air suddenly changed after that. Don't you know it?" Ye Xiao couldn't come up with one word.

[Such an obvious thing. Such a strong sign. Even Xuan Bing couldn't notice it? That doesn't make sense!]

"I really don't know." Xuan Bing shook her head. She truly had no idea.

"Gosh!" Ye Xiao made a sigh and didn't know what to say next.

Suddenly, he was enlightened. He realized something.

Every morning the purple qi rose up from the east. Maybe all the cultivators would use the energy to improve their cultivation. However, maybe it was difficult for them to notice the purple qi's movement route... Maybe he was the only person in the world who could see it?

After all, he just asked Xuan Bing about it. Even a super powerful figure like Xuan Bing couldn't see it. Not to mention others!

Maybe that led to a further conclusion... He could see what the others couldn't see... because he mastered East-rising Purple Qi. That was why all the people in the world couldn't sense the movement of the purple qi except him!

For the same reason, he could see through the mystery of this mountain, but others, even Xuan Bing, even the natives who had been living in this place for centuries, couldn't!

Otherwise, there was no explanation for why nobody realized the secret of this mountain and the movements of purple qi.

Now he understood all of it.

He could see the source of the biggest secret of Oracle District.

He could see the mystery of the Mountain of All Medicines because of the martial art he mastered!

East-rising Purple Qi!

The first martial art from the beginning of history!

At this moment, he looked profound.

He turned around and looked at the mountain, which was full of mystery and weirdness.

With no reason, two lines of words showed up in his heart.

Peerless lord of the world and primal spirit in chaos!

It reminded him of Erhuo!

He then realized that Erhuo might have been sleeping for too long.

After they came down from that mountain and met Han Bingxue, Erhuo fell into sleep in the Boundless Space for a long time. It stayed asleep till this moment. It didn't seem to be awaking.

In fact, Ye Xiao wouldn't talk to Erhuo unless he wanted some dan beads. It seemed he had forgotten Erhuo for a long time. He felt regret. He seemed to be a lousy master!

Xuan Bing looked at Ye Xiao with a special look. She seemed in peace, but in fact, her heart was shaking.

[Ye Xiao.]

[Master. It turns out you are full of mysteries. I never knew it!]

[You actually saw the Manifestation Mystic Array at the first sight!]

[It is such an ancient array art. There are just a few people in the entire Qing-Yun Realm who can recognize it. You actually noticed it. You found it out at the same time as I did.]

[Maybe you found out before I did!]

[With just a few talks, you got the chance to enter this mountain...]

[What do you want from this mountain?]

[And that Regeneration Ink Lotus of yours which is about to turn...]

[Do you know you would have gotten yourself killed by that lotus if I weren't Bing'er? If I were any other elder from Misty Cloud Palace!]

[It seems you don't care much about that Regeneration Lotus. I guess you still have plenty, don't you?]

[Maybe... you have prepared lots of the lotus we need, because of... Misty Cloud Palace?]

Xuan Bing's heart was rolling up and down with many questions, but she didn't ask any of them.

She didn't want to.

She wanted to trust Ye Xiao, not to question him.

[Master will do no harm to me.]

She didn't know that the lotus Ye Xiao took out to show the Li Clan people was actually... the worst among the lotuses in his Boundless Space.

It was true!

Since he got the Regeneration Ink Lotus the last time, he put it into the Boundless Space and let it grow freely. It created a lot of it as a return. In the Wood Space, he had three acres of farmland, on which all the lotuses were planted!

Most of the lotuses were Regeneration Jade Lotus already!

Those were all life-saving medicines for the superior cultivators of Misty Cloud Palace.

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That night, Ye Xiao sat cross-legged, intently absorbing the spiritual qi among sky and earth. He was still trying to conquer the spiritual qi in the air.

He didn't believe that the high-quality spiritual qi was impossible to absorb!

Han Bingxue was sitting on the other side. He was in meditation. He knew that Ye Xiao might encounter a fight the next day against Li Clan.

Such a fight would be just a piece of cake for Han Bingxue. He knew it, but he wasn't sure if Ye Xiao could be safe.

He had to be prepared in case anything went wrong!

In the dark.

Xuan Bing's black robe looked like a part of the darkness.

She seemed to melt into the air, but she was surely a real person with a physical body. Her eyes kept glancing over Ye Xiao from time to time, and then turned to other direction.

She didn't want Ye Xiao to notice her intention.

She was both confused and worried.

She believed Ye Xiao. She had faith in Ye Xiao. However, those questions kept rolling in her heart.

[Why?]

[Master, you have so many secrets.]

In Boundless Space.

Erhuo had been sleeping for over a month. Its fur became a little bit transparent from its snowy color. It appeared like every single hair of it was carved from jade stones. It was clean and flawless.

It was still sleeping, but one of its eyes suddenly moved. After that, it slowly opened its eyes.

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Chapter 1019: Sleepless Night!

Erhuo woke up from a long sleep. It lazily stretched itself, reaching its paws ahead as far as it could. Its cute little body was stretched longer and longer. In the end, it fluttered its ears and stood up.

It looked at its own paws like it was trying to see something. Then it walked ahead a few steps in an elegant way. It shook its fur and curled up its back. Eventually, it became lazy again.

During the process, the almost transparent fur suddenly became white and smooth like snow again.

Its eyes were filled with a sense of blankness.

It never appeared in its eyes before.

The next moment, it stood up again and paced back and forth. It looked back and was surprised.

Not far away from it, the dozens of Silver-scaled Golden-caruncled Snake were more than one time bigger than earlier. They abruptly hissed to show allegiance.

They were all stretching their bodies, looking at Erhuo with fears in the eyes.

They were totally submitting to Erhuo!

They were more terrified because they clearly felt that their boss... had become more horrible than before after the long sleep.

Maybe Erhuo was a few times more powerful than before!

The snakes felt fear. It was the instinct of the snakes, the nature of them! It wouldn't be wrong!

However, how powerful was Erhuo if it was times more horrible than before?

Nobody knew yet!

In Xuan Bing's and Han Bingxue's eyes, Ye Xiao was just like usual. He was still concentrating on cultivation, trying to absorb and digest the spiritual qi in this place.

However, for Ye Xiao, it seemed to be a much longer night than before.

He didn't feel it annoying though. In fact, he felt it was great and interesting.

For him, it had been quite a long time since he looked forward to something the last time!

His face was calm. He just sat there with his legs crossed. Deep in his heart, he was delighted.

[A brand new day is coming!]

[I will get into the third layer of this mountain. I will reach down the bottom of this district and reveal the truth about its secret.]

He didn't think he could solve everything at the first time. However, it was an important day the next day!

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It was a night full of excitement and expectation for Ye Xiao. It was also a sleepless night for Li Clan.

Li Qingzhou went back and reported something that caused a blast in the Li Clan.

When they were told that Ye Xiao had the Regeneration Ink Lotus that was nearly turning... When they confirmed what Li Qingzhou said was true...

"How could you just leave them there? What if he runs away? You pig head!"

The elder generation had scolded Li Qingzhou so badly because of this!

"What if Ye Clan people reached him tonight? What if they just take him away or make a deal with him? Wouldn't it become a flash in the pan for us? Wouldn't we be falling down to the bottom soon? Only one lotus, but if we have the same quality as the lotus that young man has, it is enough to please Misty Cloud Palace. If Ye Clan have a few of that, Misty Cloud Palace may support Ye Clan to be the dominator of the entire Oracle District! It would be easy for Misty Cloud Palace!"

"Ye Clan is deep down in the bottom. They won't give up the last hope. For Ye Clan, that young man is not just a hope to save them, but also hope for a boost to the highest position in the district!"

"You bastard actually left him there... You actually came back and acted like you have achieved something great! You actually shamelessly asked for reward..."

After all the scolding and abuse to Li Qingzhou, Li Clan urgently had a leadership meeting.

"We have to make a full preparation for this. We can't allow any mistakes!"

Li Clan gathered almost all the elites in a short time to go to the mountain.

The elites were in two groups. One group spread away to guard all the roads Ye Clan could get on to Ye Xiao. The other group began a watch on Ye Xiao, Han Bingxue and Xuan Bing.

"Just make sure they are still there. Do not approach. Qingzhou's concern is reasonable too. We don't know their capability. If we get closer, maybe they will notice us. If they get to know how important the lotus is for us, they may raise the price. We don't want any accidents. Any delay or mistake could lead to an unaffordable loss..."

Li Clan had sent out hundreds of good men, nearly all the elites. Everybody was carefully on guard.

They were waiting for the dawn. When the sun came out, it was time to move!

Everybody of the Li Clan stayed awake the whole night.

For Li Clan, Ye Xiao was like a savior who was sent by heavens.

Ye Clan was having a huge problem, but it was still not easy for the Li Clan to take over the connection with Misty Cloud Palace. For the recent few years, Misty Cloud Palace's need for Regeneration Ink Lotus had been growing. The lotuses all the clans in Oracle District collected were far less than Misty Cloud Palace needed!

Regeneration Ink Lotus was never easy to find.

It would be a great fortune to find just one from time to time.

They had to take great risks to get the lotuses. If they met the guardian beasts, it was ninety percent possible that the beasts would swallow them alive! That was not a joke!

For example, Li Clan could collect fifty of that lotuses in one year, but Misty Cloud Palace needed about ten thousand!

That was the truth!

Li Qingzhou was so certain that Li Clan could replace Ye Clan. He was bragging.

After all, even if Ye Clan failed to get even one lotus, it was only fifty short compared to the Li Clan.

For Misty Cloud Palace, it was a small number that didn't count.

However, the Regeneration Ink Lotus that Ye Xiao showed them was not the same thing. A Regeneration Ink Lotus that was about to turn into Regeneration Jade Lotus was equal to ten thousand normal Regeneration Ink Lotuses. A lotus like that was rare. One such lotus was equal to the amount that Misty Cloud Palace needed for one year!

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Chapter 1020: Is It Him?

Besides, Ye Xiao said that he had more than one Regeneration Ink Lotus. He told them he had collected lots of it from the third layer of the mountain. Li Clan believed the lotuses Ye Xiao had were at least better than normal Regeneration Ink Lotus. In other words, whoever got the support from Ye Xiao would be valued by Misty Cloud Palace.

That was why Li Clan valued Ye Xiao so much that they would rather sacrifice everything to get him!

As long as things developed as they planned, to replace Ye Clan in the martial world would be the least they could gain. Li Clan could be greatly improved in power and become one of the most powerful clans in Oracle District. It was just a piece of cake for Misty Cloud Palace to help any clan achieves such a position!

"What a moron! He has talked to the man for a long time and even made a deal with him, yet he never asked for the man's name! What an idiot!"

Many of the elders in Li Clan scolded Li Qingzhou.

"Just get into the third layer first. As long as we get into it, that young man won't be able to get out. Everything on the mountain and everything he has in hand will be ours!"

"Do not alert him!"

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On the other side.

After Ye Liangchen and his brothers returned to Ye Clan and reported what had happened, they were also scolded real badly.

"Useless! You idiots! You are a pretentious trash! That's what you are! He is such a blessing from heavens! You actually missed such a great opportunity! And it went to our biggest opponent's hand!"

"Ye Liangchen, you... the only thing you do is to make trouble for us..."

The swearing voice of the elders of Ye Clan resounded in Ye Liangchen's ears for a whole night.

"He was on our side at the beginning. He is Ye too. All who are named Ye are families. Maybe we are exactly the same family a few hundred years ago. What a blessing opportunity yet you let it slip away

from your fingers. What were you thinking? Do you want Ye Clan to collapse? Like father like son..." The elder who said this nearly spat out blood. He was shaking.

"It would be better if you just missed the opportunity... but you handed it over to Li Clan... I... I am going to spit out a mouthful of blood..."

"It is not done yet. We may still have time to make a change... We just need to go over there... Their appointment is tomorrow... We still have the chance to change the result!"

"That's right! Send every good man we have! We must do everything we can to change the result!"

"Better do it soon!"

"Quick!"

"Urh... Well... What about the first branch and the third... Should they come with us?"

"You idiot! Have you lost your mind too? They come with us? Do you want to give them a chance to rise again?"

"Urh... You are right, Elder..."

Ye Clan also gathered a group of capable men to go toward Ye Xiao.

As expected, they encountered Li Clan's men on the way. Li Clan was waiting there to stop Ye Clan. They would never let them pass!

Li Clan had sent out every man they had for the fight. They wouldn't step back a bit.

Ye Clan people would fight to win or die. They wouldn't let the last opportunity go away just like that...

That fight was so dramatic. It darkened the sky... Wait, the sky was dark because if was late at night...

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It was a long night for Ye Xiao, for Li Clan, and also for Ye Clan. In fact, it happened to also be a long night for some other people in the realm...

For example...

Jun Yinglian was standing on top of a mountain, wearing all white clothes. Her eyes were full of amazement.

During the day, when she was running away fast after killing several disciples of the three factions, she glanced at a man... The man's appearance nearly made her lose manner!

The man was about a thousand meters away, so he didn't notice her. He was walking through the forest in a casual way. It seemed he was looking for somebody...

Jun Yinglian saw that man from more than a thousand meters away and nearly freaked out.

She didn't have a weak heart. That man just touched the softest part of her heart!

His shape and face looked too familiar for her!

Ye Xiao!

It was exactly Ye Xiao's body and face!

Jun Yinglian was stunned when he appeared in her sight. Then she staggered in dizziness and leaned on a tree with tears on her cheeks.

When she calmed down and wanted to find that man, he had disappeared.

She could have found him if she insisted.

She had reached the top of level nine of Dao Origin Stage. Her powerful spiritual mind could find him as long as he stayed inside a thousand miles away. It would be rather easy.

Besides, he was only a thousand meters away. It was just in a few seconds, the man could never go away too far!

However, she didn't get on searching right away.

She just kept thinking.

[Is it him?]

[Is it?]

[Was I having an illusion?]

[Was I in the dream again?]

She had been dreaming about him for so many times. She also had been disappointed too many times after the dreams. She didn't dare to try looking for that man because she didn't want to be disappointed again.

"He is dead. All the superior cultivators witnessed his death. His body was broken. His soul was gone. He is never going to return... How could he still be alive? How could he appear in my sight again!"

"People don't lie about his death. What was going on just now?"

"That man is weak in cultivation."

"Does he just look like Xiao?"

She stood there quietly in the wind. Her eyes were filled with grief.

"No matter what, I have to figure out the truth... I want to know... if that man is..." She flew up like a weightless feather and then disappeared in the darkness of the night.

She was approaching somewhere silently...

While she was flying, her face was suddenly covered by a black silk mask... Her clothes strangely became all black like the night all of a sudden...

Jun Yinglian had a longing deep inside her heart. She even didn't want to admit it.

That was...

[What if... Ye Xiao didn't die then? What if he just got seriously injured? What if he just hasn't recovered yet... Maybe he has been hiding to cure himself till now?]

[Wouldn't it...]

[Wouldn't it be...]

She obviously knew that it was absurd to have such a thought. However, when she thought of such a possibility, her heart started to bump fast.

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