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Chapter 1021: Improve by Leaps and Bounds, Ning Biluo

It was the same night.

There were different people having a sleepless night in three different places for different reasons.

- Puff! -

Ning Biluo's clothes were tainted with blood. He stabbed his sword into a middle-aged man's throat in a precise and difficult angle. It took him just a few seconds to finish the series of movements. The middle-aged man was dead.

One sword took one life. He maintained his vigilance. He immediately dashed forward and fled away. Behind him, the crowd burst in exclamation. Before the exclamation stopped, several people rushed over to chase him like crazy.

"Kill him! Don't let him go!"

Ning Biluo was crazily fleeing. He had no time to rest. He didn't even have time to taste the joy out of the instant kill.

What led him to the current situation was something he did three months before this night. He killed a young man who was trying to rape a girl.

That young man wasn't powerful in cultivation. He was only level one of Dream Origin Stage, however, he had a strong background. He was the youngest son of the Prime Master of Sky Voyage Sect, which was one of the biggest sects in the world.

That was a surprise for Ning Biluo. However, what happened had happened. Regret wouldn't help. The only thing he could do was to try his best to survive!

In the three months after that, he was having quite a lot of fun living in chaos and misery. He had to face life and death crises over a dozen times a day for the three months.

Sky Voyage Sect must think quite highly of Ning Biluo. They never stopped sending out people to kill him. Ning Biluo had worked so hard and finally reached level one of Dream Origin Stage before he got into such a huge trouble. He was like half into hell!

The only thing that he felt comforted for during these days... was that he had been improving quite fast because he was being hunted and facing fatal dangers every day. He had to fight all the time without stopping.

To practice in real fights was definitely efficient. He was improving all his fighting skills. He even got lots of enlightenment after every life and death moment. He understood much deeper about the martial art he had been cultivating.

Now he realized how powerful the martial art was, even though it was given by Ye Xiao in a casual way!

As he cultivated longer, he understood more. He got to know how profound his sight could be with that infinite martial art.

He had escaped from death for many times. Eighty percent of the times he survived from death was due to a sudden enlightenment before death seized him.

He had experienced life and death challenges so frequently. It made him improve greatly by leaps on cultivation. As he was getting better in cultivation, he appreciated Ye Xiao more for what the latter had done for him.

His martial art was in top class even in the seven great sects. Ye Xiao had handed it over to him when they were in the Land of Han-Yang.

When everything went well, he might not get to know how precious the martial art was. However, after surviving from death for many times and the martial art always burst with great power, he realized how valuable the martial art was.

In fact, what he was facing now was mostly because of Ye Xiao. Of course, he himself worked hard for it too.

Ye Xiao knew how valuable the martial art was. That was why he gave it to Ning Biluo.

He knew that it was perfect for Ning Biluo.

Most importantly, he didn't need such a martial art since he already had East-rising Purple Qi! For Ning Biluo, such a martial art was a great opportunity!

If Ning Biluo cultivated the martial art to the top level, he might enter the three supreme phases the three great elders of Cold Moon Palace had mentioned!

In fact, this martial art had an infinite potential supreme martial art!

The martial art, which was mainly about sword play art, required only 'fast, accurate, and concentrated'. The three simple requirements included the purest particularity of martial art in the world!

When he was in the Land of Han-Yang, he was already doing quite well in his martial art. When he stabbed his sword through Boundless Saint to avenge himself with blood, this martial art contributed a lot!

However, even though it seemed the requirements were quite simple, it was utterly difficult to get improvement. It depended on strong cultivation foundation too much. It didn't only require a strong foundation though. What it depended on the most was the cultivator's 'fast, accurate, and concentrated' capability. Almost all cultivators couldn't reach the standard. Whoever cultivated this martial art would always fail in making any great achievement!

Ning Biluo had a pure heart. He was naturally fit to this martial art. The three basic requirements were always from practice and real fights. Ning Biluo was recognized as the world's best assassin in the Land of Han-Yang. He had a great score in daily practice as an assassin. However, he had one shortage, real fights!

How was it possible that a famous assassin lacked real fight experience? That was the truth. He always killed with one strike because he was an assassin. He would get away fast and quick after killing. That made it difficult to fight against somebody face to face. What he was cultivating now needed him to keep the balance between his own cultivation level and the martial art level. When his cultivation level was low, the shortage might not appear. When he was improved, if the martial art failed to catch up, it would be a failure. If he didn't correct it soon, when he reached Dao Origin Stage, it would be too late!

However, he was lucky. He killed a young lord of a big sect who was in the same cultivation level with him. It led to the continuous hunt and made him fight for survival on the edge of life and death. Those who were hunting him were all beyond him in cultivation. He wanted to survive so he had to fight with his life. One after another fight like that made him improve greatly!

He had new understandings about 'fast, accurate, and concentrated' after every fight!

He had to be fast, so that the enemy couldn't notice his moves. That guaranteed a hit on the enemy! As long as he was faster than the enemy, he could hit the enemy earlier!

He had to be accurate. He had to make sure every hit went on the right spot. It was always the most possible way to kill the enemy!

It wasn't enough to just be fast and accurate. To kill an enemy, he had to break the shield of spiritual energy. When he was facing those who were beyond him in cultivation, he had to fight even harder to break the shield. He had to concentrate his spiritual power into a certain purity when he made every attack, so that it could make the most effective strike!

Time and time again, he fought against the enemies for his life. He was improving by leaps and bounds! At the moment, he was already in level four of Dream Origin Stage!

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Chapter 1022: That Night!

Although people were hunting him, even though he was still too weak in Qing-Yun Realm, he still believed that as long as he stayed alive, he would reach the top of this world with his marvelous martial art!

All that he could achieve was because of the help from Ye Xiao!

Ning Biluo was always a grateful man. He would cherish the kindness of others in his heart. He knew how much he owed Ye Xiao.

He knew that it was impossible to repay the great favor!

No matter how he felt, he had to run from death. As the Sky Voyage Sect kept failing for so many times, they sent out more stronger men for it. It made the situation even harder for Ning Biluo.

However, he didn't feel fear at all. Instead, he felt a thirst for it.

[Come!]

[Come fight harder!]

[Every time when I win a fight, I improve in desperation!]

[Improved! Upgrade! transform!]

[One day, I will root you up, you rubbish sect!]

He was calm and steady, disappearing in an area full of bushes.

After a while, several men arrived. They were cursing and swearing while searching the entire area.

After them, Ning Biluo's eyes lit up all of a sudden. He showed up again from nowhere like a ghost. He quietly followed the several men.

The sword in his hand was twinkling.

One sword, one man; invincible!

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Zhao Pingtian was also having a sleepless night. However, he was in quite a different situation from Ning Biluo. Ning Biluo was hunted by the people, whose young lord was killed by him. He was forced to get through a sleepless night. Zhao Pingtian chose not to sleep himself. For quite some days, he had been sneaking here and there, as a greedy and shameless thief.

At least, within ten thousand miles, his reputation had become quite bad.

He was worse than a mouse on the street, or a man who was hated by both god and evil at the same time.

Unlike Ning Biluo who was forced to be an enemy to everybody, Zhao Pingtian became an enemy to everybody on his own initiative!

Basically, he stole or even robbed people of whatever he liked.

One thing he was the same with Ning Biluo was the fast improvement of cultivation.

He didn't get blessed like Ning Biluo, but he had a loyal supporter.

Although his wife still appeared as a ghost, she could offer him lots of help.

When he was in a fight, she would stay with him trying to help. When he was free from danger, she would leave to find spiritual materials. Because she was free from physical attacks, she was able to find lots of medical materials.

This night, Zhao Pingtian chose to sit in meditation down below a cliff. Rou'er was out for medical material collection. She found a collapsed cave. It was actually a small hole on the mountain rather than a cave.

She smelled something with a dense medical scent.

The hole was too small for a person to get in, but she was a ghost. She entered the cave and found that it was a residence of a powerful cultivator from ancient time. Behind the hole, it was such a spacious area.

She hurriedly returned to Zhao Pingtian and told him about the cave. They excitedly came back to the cave. He excavated the hole until it was big enough for him to get through. After that, he put some disguise to cover the hole before he got into the cave.

He was thrilled.

[This... This is the residence of a super powerful cultivator of Saint Origin Stage?]

[But... since when was there was such a powerful figure in Qing-Yun Realm?]

No matter what, the truth was in front of him. He was so excited and he wouldn't get to sleep this night!

The sects and clans around this place within ten thousand miles started to have some peaceful days after this night.

The frightful thief Zhao Pingtian would disappear from the martial world for quite some time.

However, when he returned to the public, he would become much more horrible and difficult to defeat. He would be horribly improved! In other words, there would be a more terrible frightful thief traveling the realm!

That was certain!

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Unlike Ning Biluo and Zhao Pingtian, Liu Changjun was having a much tougher time. Since he arrived in this world, he barely had any peaceful days. He was being hunted every single minute...

This night, he was just like Ning Biluo, being hunted and running from death.

He had at least done one thing well. He was now improved to level two of Dream Origin Stage.

Liu Changjun had left the area that used to be the only place he could live in after ascending to the new world. Not that he decided to leave though, he... was unable to stay anymore.

Ning Biluo was heroic; Zhao Pingtian was shameless; and Liu Changjun must be heinous!

He kept running to the east, escaping from the hunt. On the way to the east, he kept robbing and offending people. More and more people started to chase him. He got to improve during the nonstop running. When he was stronger, he kept messing with more people... That kept him escaping to the east.

Maybe it was destiny guiding him to the east. He was now quite close to the area where Ning Biluo stayed...

In the darkness of the night, Liu Changjun was like a rat searching for food. When he was fleeing, he basically did every disgraceful thing. However, no matter what he did, he always kept silent and moving in the direction he decided to go.

[When I become a super powerful cultivator, I will turn around and kill all the way back! You bunch of bastards hunt me and make me run like a dog! Wait and see!]

He swore in the heart.

Soon, he disappeared to the east...

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It was finally dawn.

Ye Xiao had been waiting for this moment a whole night in silence.

When the wind blew over the Mountain of All Medicines, the light was appearing in the east. Endless purple qi burst and rose up from the horizon!

Ye Xiao's eyes lit up. East-rising Purple Qi was operating in full power!

The purple light was glowing.

Han Bingxue had moved a few times in the night. However, Xuan Bing didn't even move her finger.

She was covered under the huge black robe as if she was part of the darkness. She was actually traceless.

When the purple qi was rolling from the east, Xuan Bing started to look to the east.

She was stunned.

Then she took a breath.

Who was she? A recognized super master cultivator in Qing-Yun Realm. She was only below Wu Fa, who hadn't shown up for a long time, on the list of most powerful figures. She was recognized as the second most powerful figure according to how powerful she had been a long time before. Nobody knew how powerful she was now after her disease was completely gone. Was she truly going to be defeated in a fight against Wu Fa?

Xuan Bing was asking herself about it too.

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Chapter 1023: Forefather of the Ye Clan

Xuan Bing had marvelous power that was more powerful than people could imagine. Her rich experience and profound view were naturally beyond normal people's recognition. At this moment, although she didn't see the enormous purple qi from the north or used it, she felt the change of the world. She had a weak sense of the energy flows change. It was a huge wave that influenced the entire world!

She hadn't been stunned like this for a long time because she was too powerful. However, at this moment, the strange flows in the world shocked her greatly. She was lost in astonishment!

She could feel that the truth was exactly like what Ye Xiao told her!

She didn't realize how mysterious the mountain was, but she could feel that the mountain must be special because of the great change of the energy flows.

It proved that what Ye Xiao said earlier was all true!

"It turns out... this mountain is the key to everything here!"

Xuan Bing looked at Ye Xiao and made a sigh. She didn't know whether she should be happy or not.

[He is in a low level, but he can actually sense something that even I can't...]

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Noise sounded. Over a dozen people were striding over to them.

They were Li Clan people, who had been hiding around for the night. Now it was dawn, so they showed up hurriedly.

They only wanted to get on the road to go up the mountain as soon as possible. The later they were, the easier to get into trouble. They clearly knew it!

When they arrived the last night, Ye Xiao, Han Bingxue and Xuan Bing had sensed them. They just didn't say it.

Now when they saw those men showing up in a posture like they were some mysterious figures, they just wanted to laugh. [That was pretentious.]

"Is that Brother Ye? I am Li Zihao. I am Qingzhou's uncle. Please accept my warm greeting, Brother Ye!" A middle-aged man smiled friendly and made a fist salute. He was apparently trying to be nice.

Ye Xiao didn't reply yet when he heard the sound of fighting and shouting from a distance. A fierce and loud voice was shouting, "Li Zihao, you Li Clan want to keep the treasures to yourself. You have to make sure you have the power to do so! A man whose heart is not content is like a snake which tries to swallow an elephant! How true! You have to realize that your greed has no limit and you should be scared!"

His voice was like the sound of blasting. He broke through the Li Clan's force like a lightning, shooting over to them.

All the Li Clan people who were standing on his way were all blasted away and bleeding. Nobody could stop that man.

"Ye Tianchen!" Li Zihao's expression changed as his pupils shrunk.

He never thought that Ye Clan's forefather would actually come out again.

That was right. Ye Tianchen was the most powerful figure in the Ye Clan at the moment. Ye Tianchen, the forefather of Ye Clan, level two Dao Origin Stage cultivator!

In this district, level two of Dao Origin Stage was already as powerful as god!

Ye Clan people wanted to break through Li Clan's blockade but failed in every attempt for nearly the whole night. They didn't want to bother Ye Tianchen. They wanted their forefather to stay at home. However, in the end, they had to.

After all, it was the do-or-die situation for Ye Clan. If their forefather didn't come and make an effort, Ye Clan might fall below Li Clan and stay suppressed for thousands of years.

Besides, if their strongest man joined the fight, it would bring them confidence!

Ye Tianchen did not fail them. It was more than seven hundred miles he had traveled after he departed from Ye Clan to get to this place. He was rushing all the way and then broke the blockade of Li Clan. It only took him four hours to enter the Mountain of All Medicines.

That was overwhelming!

Now, the forefather of Ye Clan had passed all the men of Li Clan. He was standing right in front of Ye Xiao, staring at him with his sharp hawk eyes.

Ye Xiao looked back at him blandly, calm and steady. His eyes were like clear water, peaceful, quiet, and emotionless.

Ye Tianchen was not strong enough to move Ye Xiao. Even if he didn't have Han Bingxue standing aside, even though Ye Tianchen was much more powerful in cultivation level than Ye Xiao, Ye Xiao didn't take him seriously. He had the experience and profound view of a top-level Dao Origin Stage cultivator. He might still win a fight against a level two Dao Origin Stage cultivator!

Xuan Bing was still calm and steady. Han Bingxue had lazily stood up, half closing his eyes, like he just woke up from a deep sleep. He was staggering like he would fall asleep again soon.

Ye Xiao and Xuan Bing both knew that if Ye Tianchen dared to touch Ye Xiao, no matter whether Ye Xiao would fight back or not, Han Bingxue would rage up and kill him before anything else.

Ye Xiao might be able to defeat Ye Tianchen, but he wouldn't give up any precaution. There was always a surprise. Nobody knew whether the old man had any special tricks or not. It was never too cautious!

"You are the young man? Ye?" Ye Tianchen looked at Ye Xiao and smiled. He seemed nice.

Ye Xiao spoke calmly, "That's right. I am also Ye."

He didn't have respect for this forefather of Ye Clan. He didn't like him.

Not that Ye Tianchen was impolite to him, it was... when what happened to Ye Nantian in the old days, Ye Tianchen, as the strongest man in Ye Clan, never said anything. Even when Ye Nantian was going to be expelled, he still never said anything righteous.

Ye Xiao just couldn't feel comfortable thinking about it.

What also annoyed him was that Ye Nantian wasn't allowed to join them this time!

It was already the last moment of Ye Clan. They should have sent out every force they had to help. Even the forefather was out! Yet Ye Nantian wasn't here. What did that indicate?

Apparently, the conflicts between different groups of people in the clan were always there. Even at the last moment of the clan, they still didn't want Ye Nantian and his people to have an opportunity to rise. Maybe they didn't see this as a crisis at all. Maybe in their heart, they thought this was a great opportunity to get more power in the clan. That was why they would rather let the others step away and not to share the profits!

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Chapter 1024: Survival Rule

Ye Xiao had seen a lot in the world. He knew the truth about Ye Clan. He knew what those men were planning!

"I am a member of the senior generations. We are of the same clan." Ye Tianchen took a breath and said, "We are named Ye. I don't understand why you wouldn't help us but instead join the Li Clan's power?"

He sighed and said, "At the very least, Ye is Ye."

Ye Xiao blandly said, "There are over seventy billion people in Qing-Yun Realm. The name Ye is not a common surname, but there should be over two hundred million. Did you mean all these two hundred million people should always stay on the same side?"

Ye Tianchen frowned and seriously said, "We have the same surname. That means in the ancient days, our ancestors are one kin. Every one of us should do what benefits our kin."

Ye Xiao smiled and sneered, "Do you mean that we can sacrifice an individual for the interests of our clan? We can even sacrifice our own kin? We can also kneel and disgrace ourselves if it needs us to? Is it correct?"

There was grief in Ye Tianchen's eyes when he heard that. He probably knew what Ye Xiao was talking about. It must be how Ye Clan hurt Ye Nantian and expelled him.

Ye Xiao's sneer also told Ye Tianchen why he would be so hostile to Ye Tianchen since the beginning.

[Is that why he chose Li Clan over Ye Clan?]

[This young man... Why is he so interested in this case? Why did he particularly bring it up?]

Ye Tianchen cautiously asked, "Young man, what you mentioned is something that has passed. It is our own business. I don't think it concerns you or anything, does it?"

Ye Xiao smiled and spoke in a deep voice, "Oh? Is it none of my business? Well, I guess you were joking when you said we are the same clan and all those bullsh*t. You are right. Ye Clan has nothing to do with me. I am just a stranger! How true! That is inspiring! I am impressed! I am encouraged to make my own choice without consideration for Ye Clan. Thanks!"

That was obvious sarcasm!

Ye Tianchen made a long sigh. "We did all that for our clan's rise. Compared to an entire clan, an individual never suffers too much!"

Ye Xiao coldly said, "You have such an advanced and exclusive view, old man. You stooped to compromise, bent yourselves, and destroyed the talented man in your clan by yourselves. Now you are telling me that is what you will do to make your clan rise? Really?"

Ye Tianchen made a sigh and felt depressed. "That's right!"

"That's right?"

Ye Xiao's pupils shrunk. [He actually just admitted it!]

At this moment, he truly felt impressed!

[Expelling their own talented man, watching the mediocrity take charge of the clan, how muddleheaded! Yet he actually just admitted it?]

"All in all, there is only one reason for everything. Ye Clan is not strong enough!" Ye Tianchen looked so old on the face. He said while sighing, "I never felt good about what happened. I never stopped reliving the pain afterwards.

"However, if I have a chance to go back and make the choice again, I will still do the same thing.

"I know it is cruel. I know it is shameful. I know it is unfair for Ye Nantian." He spoke sadly, "But... There is not much room for justice and fairness in this realm. If Ye Nantian didn't leave, the entire Ye Clan would be destroyed by Qiong-Hua Palace. We would all be killed.

"Ye Nantian was wronged. He was expelled. But his sacrifice saved the entire clan.

"No matter how he was feeling, Ye Clan would never fight against Qiong-Hua Palace just because of him. We destroyed one man to save the clan. I feel ashamed but never regret!

"I am too weak to protect Ye Nantian. All I can do is to sacrifice him and bend my knees to save my clan.

"One day when Ye Clan rises, what we did will be the reason. No matter how we were ashamed of what we did, we have to keep our people alive.

"If we chose to fight, all we needed was only a word of mine! As long as I encouraged them, everybody would fight until the last drop of blood was drained. It would certainly be heroic and warm-blooded, but should we sacrifice everyone to just exchange for a name in the history? Really? Is it truly meaningful? I will never do anything to cut our bloodline!

"That's my reason.

"Ye Nantian is not here, so I said this. Even if he is here with me, I will say the same thing!

"I wouldn't change my decision!

"I am not afraid to be sacrificial, heroic, brave, and honorable. I long for it. However, I was not a boy anymore. I couldn't."

His eyes were full of deep emotions. "I am old. I have no chance to improve anymore. I don't have many days to live. Ye Clan can never die out. This is the only choice I, a member of Ye Clan, who is not strong enough, can make.

"I can't lead the clan to the great glory, to the top of the world. I won't lead the clan to destruction either. The only thing I can do... is to save our blood, even though I may have to bear the shame and regret, even though I may never be qualified to see our ancestors in heavens.

"I feel ashamed, but never regret any of it!

"This is the clan business.

"This is what a clan has to sacrifice.

"We had no choice. We were facing Qiong-Hua Palace. We could only compromise. That was our only choice."

Ye Xiao was silent. For a long while, he didn't say a word.

Not only Ye Xiao, but also Han Bingxue and Xuan Bing, even the people of Li Clan who were hostile to Ye Tianchen were in sorrow.

Ye Tianchen's hair were all grey, fluttering in the morning air. He looked sorrowful as he blandly said, "Big sects live in the world for a long long time because they have their own glorious past. We small clans also have our own ways to survive.

"Otherwise, we won't live long."

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Chapter 1025: Equal Match

Ye Xiao was lost in thoughts.

When he was Xiao Monarch in the previous life, he had only experienced the difficulty at the beginning of his life. After that, he had been living like a dragon and become a super powerful cultivator at the end.

He had the power and social position to do all those glorious and heroic things!

However, he never knew the rules all those small clans should follow to survive the world because he was never a member of any clan.

Just like Ye Tianchen said, Ye Clan was not a big clan. It seemed to be a conqueror of a certain area, but was, in fact, nothing in the eyes of the true powerful figures. That was awkward. They could have been wiped out just because they accidentally pissed off a powerful man.

It was such an awkward situation for a clan because of the position the clan was in. They were better than the worst but much worse than the best. They had no powerful support from outside. The real powerful figures never cared for such an unimportant clan. They were living to survive in the crevice of the society.

What they had to pay for the survival were always too sorrowful and insufferable to tell!

The young generation of Song Clan, Ye Clan, and Li Clan seemed to be riding the high horses in Oracle District, like they were only second to god, but the leadership of these clans clearly knew that they were just nothing in people's eyes when they went out this district. They were too weak.

That was the reason why people in Oracle District barely left their hometown to seek for more successful achievement!

For those powerful sects, any forces from Oracle District were just some weak medicine collectors.

They were only useful for medicine collection, nothing more.

After all, people in powerful sects would never go to the wild only to collect some medicines. That was wasting time and reducing their value.

It was perfect to let the native people in Oracle District do the meaningless work!

"He meant every word he said. He was telling the truth," Xuan Bing talked to Ye Xiao through mind communication.

In fact, even if Xuan Bing didn't say anything, Ye Xiao knew it himself. This forefather of Ye Clan was telling the truth. He meant every word he just said. He was being honest because he wanted to explain it to Ye Xiao. He wanted Ye Xiao to stop blaming the leadership of Ye Clan.

Ye Xiao blandly said, "I have no interest in your clan business. However, I appreciate your explanation. And I am sorry to hear it."

Ye Tianchen spoke bitterly with a smile, "No need to appreciate me. No need to feel sorry. I have been feeling the pain for many years. I am old. I guess I should at least tell the public why we made that decision.

"It has been buried inside my heart. It tortured me. I am afraid that the truth from my side will be buried with my dead body one day and nobody will ever get to know it, nobody will understand why we did it.

He smiled bitterly and said, "When we knew Nantian might become friends with a saintess in Qiong-Hua Palace, we were so happy because it was such a great thing for us. We might get a long-term connection to Qiong-Hua Palace. That was definitely a great opportunity for Ye Clan to rise.

"However, Nantian should never become lovers with the saintess and even dream about marrying her. The step he took in their relationship caused a disaster in Ye Clan."

"Dragon to dragon; phoenix to phoenix; mouse to mouse..." Ye Tianchen seemed self-mocking. He smiled bitterly and said, "It is the basic standard for a couple to be equally matched. Ye Clan is so much weaker than Qiong-Hua Palace. We are in two totally different leagues. They didn't get the right to marry each other. Besides, Ye Nantian was going to marry a saintess of Qiong-Hua Palace.

"For example, if a millionaire's daughter is going to marry a guy who was poor and heavily-indebted, he might want to cripple his own daughter, but he would definitely disable that stupid man.

"It wasn't just about respect... It concerns a lot of things. It concerns one's dignity, emotion, friend circle, reputation... Qiong-Hua Palace could never accept such an embarrassment. Ye Clan was never qualified enough to be connected to them in such a way. It is fine if a toad only dreams about marrying a swan, but it will be courting death if it attempts to do so."

What Ye Tianchen said was understandable for Ye Xiao. Ye Xiao totally got it.

If Ye Nantian and Yue Gongxue were only friends, even close friends, she would still be the saintess of Qiong-Hua Palace, so she was definitely capable of benefiting Ye Clan to help them rise soon.

However, if they were married, it meant Qiong-Hua Palace's saintess was stained.

When a toad married the swan, the swan was no longer anything graceful, elegant, and special. A saintess who married a man from a low clan was no longer a saintess. When that happened, if the great palace only blamed the person who stained their saintess but spared the others in his clan, it would be a great mercy.

In fact, if Ye Nantian was in a higher position in the martial world, things might end up differently. If he was a disciple of one of the seven great sects, he might be considered an equal match to her.

However, he was not!

He was only a man of a local clan of Oracle District. Even though he was known as a talented man in his clan, it wouldn't help.

That was where the tragedy began.

"Equal match..." Ye Xiao made a long sigh.

"There may be lots of unworthy men in the clan. We may have made many decisions that destroyed our talented members, but... it is something we have to do."

Ye Tianchen spoke seriously, "The clan has to live on. When the water is too clear, there are no fish. One should not demand absolute purity, otherwise, he will have no friends.

"I decided to come today because deep in my heart, I know I have to do this. I have to seize the opportunity to ask for your help so that our clan will live on."

He made a long sigh and looked at Ye Xiao. "Please, little brother, I am begging your forgiveness. I have explained about the past. This time, the trip to the mountain, Ye Clan has to be a part of it."

"No! No way!" Li Clan people jumped out and shouted before Ye Tianchen finished. "Brother Ye is our honorable guest. We made a deal... Why do you Ye Clan have to make such demand..."

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Chapter 1026: Enter Together!

As expected, Li Clan and Ye Clan started a debate. It was a fight of words now.

In the end, Ye Tianchen ended the debate with the last statement.

"If you Li Clan truly won't agree, I will declare war. We will fight against Li Clan from now on until the last person of us dies!" Ye Tianchen coldly said, "Let's just splash the blood here. You are going to cut off our path to life after all. We will not let you go. If we are going to hell, you are coming with us. Nobody enters the third layer alone! Nobody keeps the treasure alone!"

He left Li Clan people no other choice but only to give in. Ye Clan was threatening them with their lives. If Li Clan didn't give in, it would lead to a fatal combat. It was always said that the sorrowful side always won. However, even if Li Clan won the fight, there was no prize for the winner.

After a debate, an agreement was eventually made. Each clan would send ten people to enter Heaven Treasure Mountain at the same time.

Li Clan people led the way.

No matter where they were going, nobody should start a fight. Ye Tianchen was not allowed to enter.

Li Clan people insisted that Ye Tianchen stayed outside.

Ye Tianchen certainly couldn't go for fairness. He was much more powerful than others. If he got in, he could kill Li Clan's ten people immediately. All the treasures would become Ye Clan's. That would leave no arguments! All Li Clan did would be helping Ye Clan.

Ye Tianchen agreed.

In fact, he knew that Li Clan would never let him enter. It was meaningless to argue for that.

In fact, when they were negotiating, none of them ever asked for Ye Xiao's opinion.

Ye Xiao was shocked.

He never expected things to change like this.

If Zuo Wuji was here, he would probably be impressed by the two clans. People on both sides were good at being politicians, changing their views according to circumstances, and circumventing for their own interests... Any of the two clans could rule a kingdom in the Land of Han-Yang, even conquer the world!

What Ye Xiao had been planning was to let Li Clan people lead him into the mountain and then he would kill all the Li Clan people in there, maybe to hand them over to the beasts...

Now that the two clans were going in together, how could he proceed such a plan?

Should he kill them all? Was it appropriate?

For strangers, he truly didn't have compassion, but he wasn't always a merciless person. Besides, Ye Clan was more or less related to him!

As the two clans had reached the same conclusion, he figured he shouldn't be a dissenter. He rubbed the nose and blandly said yes, but he made a condition.

"The three of us will go together." Ye Xiao looked at Han Bingxue and Xuan Bing.

"Yes!"

"I am not going in."

Two voices sounded at the same time. They were shocked.

Han Bingxue would love to go. It was Xuan Bing who wouldn't.

Ye Tianchen's face twitched.

[How come his attendants have different views.]

Xuan Bing looked at Ye Xiao and said, "I have been there too many times. I am not interested."

Ye Xiao was enlightened. He realized he was being stupid.

Misty Cloud Palace was badly in need of Regeneration Ink Lotus. They needed it to save their lives. Xuan Bing was the Prime Elder of Misty Cloud Palace, the most powerful figure, of course, she had already been to this mountain by herself. She must be quite familiar with this place. She must have searched every inch of this mountain except the area on top of the mountain which wasn't accessible.

Ye Xiao had such a powerful figure beside him, yet he actually looked for support from others. What he had planned was just a fruitless and redundant approach. He did want to seek for other things from the mountain, but that wasn't the point...

He looked at those men of Li Clan and Ye Clan. He thought, [They are probably going to waste their time. Xuan Bing must have searched every inch of this place for several times... It is very likely that there is no Regeneration Ink Lotus inside anymore...]

He was smart, but he didn't fully understand what Xuan Bing was thinking.

She didn't want to go because first of all, she had been there for too many times; second... it was Ye Xiao's blessed fortune since he was the only person who sensed the energy!

Xuan Bing wanted Ye Xiao to take the blessed opportunity himself. If she went with them, even though Ye Xiao didn't know she was Bing'er, he would still share some of whatever he found to her!

She surely would love to have it, but she knew that Ye Xiao needed it more than her!

That was why Xuan Bing didn't want to go. [I don't want any of it. I want you to have it all!]

In fact, she didn't want Han Bingxue to get in either. However, she was concerned that Ye Xiao might need help when he got in.

Han Bingxue could keep Ye Xiao safe in case anything happened!

So she didn't stop Han Bingxue.

Otherwise, Xuan Bing would rather disable Han Bingxue immediately than let him follow Ye Xiao into the mountain and share the profits...

Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue were going in. However, Li Clan and Ye Clan both had conflicts among themselves. Everybody wanted to get in. They nearly started an internal fight.

However, they came to a final decision eventually.

Ye Clan sent ten middle-aged men, who were all energetic and spirited. Ye Xiao glanced at them and looked away. Ye Nantian wasn't there.

None of the ten men looked a bit like Ye Nantian.

He figured that he should make sure which group were the ten middle-aged men from. It concerned his safety after all!

"You must be the elites of Ye Clan, all of you?" Ye Xiao casually asked, "Which group are you from?"

Ye Tianchen was surprised. He looked at Ye Xiao and smiled. "They are all from second and fourth. They might not be that powerful, but they are not bad."

Li Clan had chosen ten people. They were walking over.

They looked at each other. None of them disagreed with the leadership's decision. They looked at Ye Xiao, wanting to see if Ye Xiao had any other opinion.

Ye Xiao was lost in thoughts. [These men lead my father into such a difficulty. Should I find a chance to feed the beasts inside with these men?]

[Li Clan's ten people must also be some vile figures. Should I just let them die in it too? To bury some more men with the dead men from my own clan. It sounds fair!]

The flame of fierceness was rising in Ye Xiao's heart. He had come up with dozens of evil ideas in his head in a short time. Every idea could make the twenty people die in pieces in the Mountain of All Medicines!

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Chapter 1027: Mudslinging of Both Sides

Ye Xiao was being lost in thoughts. It seemed to be sending a signal to Li Zihao and Ye Tianchen that he was terrified by the people who were sent by both teams.

For Ye Tianchen and Li Zihao, it was reasonable and understandable that he was terrified!

How could such a young man not be frightened by groups of their elites!

Those who had lower views and less experience always had a smoother future. Ignorance brought happiness. How true!

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Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue were lazily walking in front. The twenty men from the two clans were following them. There was a clear boundary between the two teams.

Ye Tianchen and Li Zihao were staying behind, with hundreds of their people.

They all felt like they were watching their brothers die in the battle without any reason.

Twenty-two men walked to the Mountain of All Medicines. After taking a turn, they disappeared.

They had entered the Manifestation Mystic Array.

An old man, who was a forefather of Li Clan, looked at Ye Tianchen and said, "Old Ye!"

Ye Tianchen answered, "Hmm. Good boy. What is it?"

The old man raged up, "God damn it. Stop taking advantage of me."

Ye Tianchen was speechless.

The old man nagged for a while and then lowered his head before sighing. After a while, he remembered he should go on, so he smiled. "I heard that your great grandchild, Ye Nantian is back?"

Ye Tianchen's expression changed. "Just cut the bullsh*t! What is it?"

"It is such a pity, Old Ye. Your great grandchild, he is such a good lad." The old man seemed gloating. He wanted Ye Clan to fall into chaos. "In fact, you should let him..."

Before he finished, Ye Tianchen realized what he was going to say. He shouted and then rushed over with a fist.

The old man was prepared for that. - Bang! - He blocked the fist attack and then kicked out one foot. Two forefathers got into a chaotic fight...

Hundreds of superior cultivators from both clans all seemed to be ignoring them as if the two old men were just some strangers to the two clans.

In fact, they all knew that the two old men had some weird connection. They used to be sworn enemies hundreds of years earlier. They had been against each other since they were children. One beat the other up one day and the other way around the next day. They were still the same now, fighting against each other, but none of them died!

Whenever they met each other, they would fight.

Many people assumed that they were cherishing each other. Even if any of them had a chance to kill the other, they wouldn't. However, as time passed by, people would get to know that the hatred in their hearts against each other was real. They hated each other to the bottom of their hearts.

They couldn't wait to watch each other die the next moment. For so many years, none of them could kill each other. They were equal.

Ye Tianchen was definitely the best among both Li Clan and Ye Clan people. However, he was just a little bit stronger than the old man of Li Clan...

If Ye Tianchen wanted to defeat that old man, he had to make a perfect plan. However, if he wanted to kill the old man... it was just impossible.

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Ye Xiao didn't know what was happening back there. Even if he did, he would just ignore it.

He and the others had gotten into an area that was filled with a dense fog.

"This is the first layer of Heaven Treasure Mountain." Li Clan people, who was leading the way, moved so fast in the fog like they could see through it. They were just so familiar with this place. They could walk into the mountain with their eyes closed. "There is nothing in the first layer... Not even a grass."

From Ye Clan, a middle-aged man coldly said, "There used to be medicines in this place. It is over exploited. Nothing is left."

The leader of Li Clan people coughed and said, "Not far away, on the other side, the fog will be thinner. It is the second layer of the mountain. There will be something to collect there. Between the first and second layers, there are about five thousand meters of height."

The leader of Ye Clan people coldly said, "How is that not far away? It will take nearly two thousand steps uphill, three hundred steps on flat road, and about eight hundred steps uphill again to reach the second layer. It is not just five thousand meters in height either. It is 5695 meters. This is the exact number."

The man of Li Clan was annoyed. "Ye Shangxin, do you have to be so hostile to me? You just have to set yourself against me all the time, don't you? Or are you just bored?"

The man of Ye Clan, Ye Shangxin, coldly said, "I just don't like it when you do everything in the most vicious way. You wish you could dig out every inch of the land, yet keep something left behind every time..."

"Just stop talking sh*t. Li Chongshan, listen to yourself. Tell me, isn't it Li Clan who ripped the entire first layer off? You actually said 'not even a grass'... Of course not. The first layer is like the back yard of your clan. It is definitely clean..."

Ye Shangxin was disdainful.

Apparently, he disliked Li Chongshan.

Li Chongshan's face turned red with anger. He said, "What do you mean? You Ye Clan was only too slow. You wanted to do this too. How can you blame us? Do you want us to do it after you get all the good stuff? There used to be Regeneration In Lotus in this layer. There may be some seeds of the lotus in the grasses. We took everything back because we didn't want to give up any possibility to plant the lotus. The seed is the key to get the plants... You know nothing."

Ye Shangxin coldly said, "Oh? So we don't know the importance of the seed? Brilliant Li, please tell me how many Regeneration Ink Lotus have you planted now? One thousand and two hundred acres of land to plant the grass, yet you haven't planted even a piece of sh*t out of it... Don't you think that we didn't know it! All forces around our area know that you Li Clan are a bunch of fools!"

Li Chongshan raged up, "Nonsense! Your views are short! Wait and see. It is just a matter of time. We will get the lotus eventually..."

Ye Shangxin interrupted, "Our views are short? Fine. Let's say you are right. But... Why didn't you take all the grasses in the second layer back too? There should be more seeds in the second layer, right?"

Li Chongshan was breathing heavily because of anger. He kept walking ahead. After a while, he spoke through his teeth, "We have a deal between our clans. I can't violate it. When we are outside the mountain, I will kill you! Ye Shangxin, wait and see!"

Ye Xiao nearly laughed out. He got to know that Li Clan had apparently done something stupid once...

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Chapter 1028: Heaven Treasure Mountain

Ye Shangxin casually said, "That isn't quite honest. It is the 753rd time you said so to me since we first met. However, you have never been able to touch me even one finger. For as long as I can remember, you've had my lessons many times! Let me give you a warm warning. If you want me to torture you, you better find some other words to say. I am bored with what you just said. It is dishonest!"

The two clans were sworn enemies. Their men could start a quarrel inside a dense fog. It began when they were in the first layer. Now as they were in the second layer, it seemed they weren't going to stop yet...

Even though they were in the foggiest place filled with spiritual qi, they still wouldn't shut up.

The others were just listening to them at the beginning. In the end, some Li Clan people said a word first, and then a person of Ye Clan replied. That was it. It upgraded. In the end, twenty men started a chaotic quarrel.

Urh... A quarrel.

Longer as they disputed, the more energetic they became!

They seemed enjoying it, but Ye Xiao was so annoyed.

It was the first time he ever saw clans like these two.

They obviously hated each other so deeply into the bones. They wanted each other to die in pieces so bad. However, they barely fought each other with their lives...

All they did was squabbling and squabbling.

They always squabbled like they couldn't be angrier, yet never truly started a fight for decades...

"Unbelievable!" Han Bingxue and Ye Xiao looked at the sky and made a long sigh. Maybe they were praising?

Maybe they were. When they listened to the quarrel, they found one thing that was quite impressive. They would say all different kinds of abusive words but never insulted any females or ancestors of each other. No matter what they said, they never humiliated them.

"Why don't they abuse each other's ancestors?" Han Bingxue was curious. "No ancestors? No mothers? It has always been abusive words against one's mother out there..."

As he asked, the people of both clans stopped abruptly. They were suddenly quiet.

Li Chongshan awkwardly said, "We are just trying our best not to insult their families. Once we do, maybe this is going to be a life and death conflict... We surely want to kill each other, but we don't want to risk our lives. Lives for lives. That is not wise... So..."

Han Bingxue and Ye Xiao were both shocked.

"Unbelievable!" they shouted at the same time. Believe it or not, that was definitely a praise!

It was the first time they had ever heard of such a theory.

[You guys hate each other. You compete against each other. You cultivate yourselves like crazy to become stronger. You search for medical materials like crazy. You would sacrifice almost everything to raise the power of your clan. However, you never actually fight, but just open your mouths and abuse each other like women...]

[The reason is that... you are all afraid of death!]

Ye Xiao couldn't be more wordless.

[Holy heavens!]

[The world is peculiar indeed.]

[Truth is always beyond imagination!]

[More importantly, one of the two clans is Ye Clan, my father's clan...]

After an awkward silence, Ye Shangxin said, "We truly want them to die... We do want to fight and take revenge. However, we two clans are both on the edge of collapse. If we start the fight, we will be weakened... I am afraid that will be benefiting others."

"Our clans... can't afford any loss anymore."

After that, Li Chongshan and Ye Shangxin made a long sigh together.

Ye Xiao was speechless.

[Holy heavens. I heard that Ye Liangchen and Li Qingzhou were shouting about how powerful Li Clan and Ye Clan were among the strongest forces in Oracle District. Were they lying? Were both clans already in a desperate situation?]

He was lost in thoughts. Suddenly, something lit up in front of them...

[Hmm? The second layer is ahead.]

This was his first time to come to the second layer of the Mountain of All Medicines. He felt something lighting up in his sight. The fog was disappearing. It was still foggy, but a huge garden seemed to show up in his sight. Every piece of the boundless green and all the splendid colors filled his sight.

The second layer of the mountain was actually just like a huge grassland. Standing in this place, he felt like they were no longer standing on a mountain.

His face looked calm, but he was stunned inside his heart.

[This is definitely not just a mountain... There must be something behind the scenes.]

[Does this mountain create its own world inside as the myth says?]

[If it is not a self-created world, it must at least be a self-created space!]

The first layer had a huge area, however, it was much smaller than the second layer.

The second layer was at least twice bigger than the first!

That was against nature's rule...

Normally, the lower layer should be broader than the upper ones. However, from what he could see, this mountain was in an opposite situation. What he saw were all true. No matter how experienced Ye Xiao was, this place was too strange for him. The only explanation he could think of was a self-created space!

However... If this was true...

How broad should the third layer be?

Twice bigger than the second?

What about the fourth?

Even bigger? That was unbelievably huge!

There was an important question about this mountain. How many layers did the mountain have?

Ye Xiao felt terrified just thinking about it.

[What is the secret buried in this Mountain of All Medicine?]

Not many things in the world could terrify Ye Xiao. This was his second life after all. However, this mountain actually terrified him! That was some negative emotion he hadn't felt for a long time!

Twenty-two men entered this layer. They were not as careful as earlier anymore. It suddenly burst into chaos in the second layer. All kinds of beasts ran and flew away in a panic.

Countless animals were running among the colorful plants...

There were actually many level three and level four spiritual beasts among them.

As they could see, the animals were running away like the ebb tide... moving far away...

What a grand scene!

It seemed they had gotten used to it for a long time. Watching the animals fleeing, they were emotionless. They just kept doing what they should do and ignored it.

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Chapter 1029: Gradualness

"This is the second layer. It is over ten thousand acres, including valleys and other landforms. I can assure you that there is not even one Regeneration Ink Lotus in this layer."

Li Chongshan, the only person of the Li Clan team staying beside Ye Xiao, spoke, "There are some normal medicines in this place, which are much less valuable compared to Regeneration Ink Lotus."

The other man who stayed with Ye Xiao humphed and coldly said, "It is 13735 acres, including forty-seven cliffs, seventy-three valleys, and two depressions. There are still some Regeneration Ink Lotus here. They are just too small yet. Some of them cannot offer enough efficacy, while the others are impossible to transplant. What we can do is to set protection on them until the day they can be collected. We Ye Clan have set the protection. I believe only Ye Clan did, too Don't argue on this absolute truth. It will be meaningless and only lower your position, even though you vicious bastard never had a position in the righteous world for a long time!"

When he said those words, he didn't even look at Li Chongshan. What he did was just to satirize as much as he could.

Li Chongshan looked utterly awkward. His eyes were full of viciousness. "Ye Shangxin, we never have any life and death fights. However, if we both can get out of this place alive, I will kill you! I swear in the name of my ancestors!"

Ye Shangxin coldly said, "Isn't it the twenty-eighth time that you swore in the name of your poor ancestors? Twenty-eight times that I know and a lot more that I don't! I guess you would love to take a vow in the name of your ancestors. You don't get to fulfill it anyway. You never did. You never will. That's why you are so audacious.

"I guess your ancestors never mean anything to you... considering how casually you swear in their name..."

"From now on, you can announce that I am not a match to you on this aspect. I officially admit it. I am so much weaker than you in humiliating our ancestors. I admire you! I can't admire you more!"

Li Chongshan gritted his teeth and showed a dark expression. "Good! Fine! Wait and see!"

He nodded fiercely and then left fast.

Ye Xiao coldly watched them and thought, [How possible is it that they will start a fight when they are out? Will Li Chongshan keep his vow?]

His conclusion was, [There is only a five percent possibility.]

The reason why there was still a five percent was that maybe Ye Shangxin would be seriously injured in this place. Li Chongshan would dare to do it. Although it was not very likely going to happen, there was still a possibility!

In the second layer, there were a few wide roads that became narrower after an unknown amount of walking. There were too many people who had come to this place, and their footsteps created the roads.

Ye Shangxin humphed and explained to Ye Xiao about this place.

Ye Xiao pretended to be interested in the topic. He didn't go search for medical materials like the others, so that as time passed, the three of them were left behind the group.

Ye Shangxin was leading way and explaining things in this layer to Ye Xiao and Han Bingxue. However, he was leading Ye Xiao through the second floor to the third.

Ye Xiao understood what Ye Shangxin was doing. He knew that Ye Shangxin didn't want him to waste time in this layer for those materials. He sighed that even though Ye Shangxin seemed more righteous than Li Chongshan, he was narrow-hearted. The materials in the second layer were never attractive to Ye Xiao. In fact, even Regeneration Ink Lotus or even Regeneration Jade Lotus couldn't draw his interests. After all, he had so many of them in the Space. He would never waste time on such useless things in this layer.

[Even if you give all of them to me, I will not bother to find a place to put them!]

However, Ye Shangxin was doing quite well as a guide. He explained everything, all in detail to Ye Xiao all along the way. Even if Li Chongshan heard him and wanted to tease him, he couldn't find any mistake Ye Shangxin made in the explanation.

It was so difficult to be picky sometimes!

Maybe because Li Chongshan couldn't find anything to tease Ye Shangxin, the two of them stopped arguing afterwards.

However, it was not always so peaceful. They encountered some dangers. For example, they encountered a bunch of huge bees that suddenly rushed over like blowing wind. Besides, they met some poisonous snakes that suddenly appeared in the bushes and rushed over so fast.

They also got attacked by some beasts that none of them recognized.

Luckily, the men from Ye Clan and Li Clan were all elites of their clans. Most importantly, the beasts in the second layer were not in any high levels. They were not strong. The beasts that attacked them eventually became spirit crystals. Those were something good to acquire.

What troubled Ye Xiao was the Manifestation Mystic Array's continuous changes. As they walked further, the array was changing all the time. The roads under their feet were changing and twisting...

After all the effort, they barely collected any valuable materials.

Most of the materials were normal. Not to mention Ye Xiao, even the others scorned it!

Ye Xiao felt like he was walking in a mysterious colorful world which kept twisting and turning.

However, Ye Clan and Li Clan people seemed quite familiar with all that. After searching for a while, they started to move fast and got together somewhere in the second layer.

There was a huge rock cliff.

There was only one stair they could see on the cliff. Apparently, it must be the road to the upper layer.

However, the upper stairs were all hidden in the dense fog. They couldn't see what was up there.

Ye Xiao tried reaching his hand into the fog. He could see that a part of his arm was lost in the fog.

When he withdrew his hand, he found his sleeve was all wet.

"This is the entrance to the third layer." Ye Shangxin took a deep breath and said, "The third layer of the Mountain of All Medicines. It is absolutely a taboo area of Oracle District. In the young generation's eyes, it is somewhere nobody can reach. A mysterious area. However, for the leadership of all the big clans, there are countless opportunities inside it, even though there are lots of dangers too. According to the men of the older generation who once entered and returned luckily... the beasts inside are all over level seven. There are many in level eight, level nine, and even beyond level nine. For us, it is somewhere a small careless mistake can take our lives. A really dangerous place. However... because it is such a dangerous place, the materials should be much more abundant than the second layer."

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Chapter 1030: Triple Layers of Heaven

Ye Shangxin sighed. He seemed upset. "It is full of treasures. That is not a lie. However, one could only risk his life to prove it. It is mostly just an attempt, not an exchange, because even if you give up your life in there, you may still not be able to get the materials back."

"There is one thing that is strange. The fog is much denser than the first layer. Our vision will be restricted." He turned to Ye Xiao and said, "Brother, you said you have once entered the third layer... I wonder if what I said is right?"

Ye Xiao nodded and blandly said, "That's true. But... I am afraid it is much more dangerous than you think... According to what I have experienced in there, I reckoned those people that you mentioned who survived didn't really go far in it before they started to run out. They simply stopped when they realized it was too dangerous. That was the right thing to do after all. They were risking their lives. It was clever to give up when they realized the danger."

Ye Shangxin took a breath of relief and said, "I see. After all, the third layer is too dangerous."

"The experience of Ye Clan people surely helps me a lot. However, as far as I know about the third layer, there may not be many Regeneration Ink Lotus. I can understand your expectation, but I am afraid you will be disappointed if you wish for too much!" Ye Xiao was being frank.

The men of both clans all stayed silent.

Suddenly, the twenty men started to stare at each other with viciousness in the eyes.

Ye Xiao just took a smart move to stir up the tension among the two clans by saying those words.

'There may not be many Regeneration Ink Lotus.'

It was true. Although he hadn't really been to the third layer, he knew that Xuan Bing had been there many times. Since Xuan Bing had entered the third layer, she definitely would focus on the lotus. How many Regeneration Ink lotus would be left after her visits then?

Ye Xiao figured it wouldn't be a lot!

However, the question wasn't truly about 'not many'.

Not many...

What did that mean?

First of all, he indicated that there were Regeneration Ink Lotus. Second, he wanted them to know that there were not many left.

If there were many, the two clans would just be busy collecting the lotuses. Maybe one would get more than the other, and some of them would feel annoyed, but nothing serious would happen.

The 'not many' brought up a big problem now...

As Ye Xiao knew, there would be just a few lotuses left.

Since there were only a few... it was most likely that none of the two clans could get enough lotuses as they were required to. They would think of snatching the lotuses from one another!

No matter what the result would be, whoever got all the lotuses would become the winner!

The twenty men were all considering the same thing. They were thinking about how to kill the other ten people to keep them in this place!

They had to kill all ten. If any one of the ten survived, things would go chaotic. It had to be a wipe-out!

Ye Xiao's eyes lit up too. He suddenly spoke in a deep voice, "When we came in, you two clans had a deal. You can't fight in here!"

Ye Shangxin spoke, "Heh, heh!"

Li Chongshan said, "Haha!"

Ye Xiao rubbed the nose and said, "Fine. Let me see if I can get you all in. This is what we should do in priority."

Apparently, the two men of the two clans had made up their minds. Once they got into this place, what they promised outside didn't mean anything anymore...

Ye Xiao went to the entrance and closed his eyes as if he was thinking. In fact, he was trying to recall something. He noticed the Manifestation Mystic Array had changed again.

Some changes were so strange to him even though he knew so well about how the array changed.

At the moment, Ye Clan people were standing beside him while the Li Clan were behind. Li Chongshan now understood why Ye Shangxin kept teasing him. He just wanted to take his place to be the guide.

Now it was obvious. He wanted to be the guide because when Ye Xiao opened the entrance to the third layer, Ye Clan people could go with him in advance.

Li Clan people were staying in a negative position. No matter how fast they moved, they had to wait until Ye Clan's men all got in!

It was just a short time, but it was a very important difference. If there were Regeneration Ink Lotus inside, this difference would lead to a certain result. Ye Clan wouldn't have enough time to notice the lotus and collect it...

Even if there were beasts protecting the lotuses, they could even collect the lotus and ran away fast, even leaving the beasts to deal with the men behind them. That would create a horrible situation for Li Clan people...

If that happened, Li Clan's ten people would be serving Ye Clan's interests. They might even get themselves killed by the beasts. They would fail to get any profits!

"Ye Shangxin, you vile bastard! Now I know what you are!" Li Chongshan scolded while gritting his teeth.

Ye Xiao casually put both his hands into the fog that separated the second layer from the third layer. He moved his hands slowly and then asked, "By the way, according to what you said, there are people among you who once have entered this place before. Why can't they do it again now? It doesn't make sense."

Ye Shangxin said, "Those who entered this place all did it by accident. In recent years, the array on the mountain changes frequently. The methods that might lead us in are now all useless."

Ye Xiao said, "Oh?"

"Besides, even if we did go in, it might not be a good thing. After all, there are level nine spiritual beasts according to the myth. Nobody wants to go in there to risk their lives unless there is no other choice... Please be careful too, master," the more Ye Shangxin explained, the harder it was to make it reasonable. He couldn't justify his story.

However, Ye Xiao just smiled. He apparently didn't care at all!

[Be careful?]

[That is not something you can keep away by just being careful!]

There are many spiritual beasts in Qing-Yun Realm. Normally, a level seven spiritual beast was equally powerful as a level three of four Dream Origin Stage cultivator. It wasn't that terrifying. However, a level nine spiritual beast was equal to a Dao Origin Stage cultivator.

A beast at the peak of level nine could be as powerful as a level eight Dao Origin Stage cultivator!

There were also hyper-nine spiritual beasts...

Hyper-nine beasts were rare. Ye Xiao hadn't seen any before. However, a hyper-nine beast should be as powerful as Han Bingxue or Xiao Monarch in his previous life!

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