

Ghost Doctor 2601

Chapter 2601: Entering The Xie Ancestral Home Cloud Translations

The old man shook his head and smiled: "We are all members of the Xie Family, since the ancestral house has ordered us to go back, of course we should go back. What's more, this would be considered a great thing if it were to happen to other people. Besides, we still have to rely on the ancestral house while we are outside. After we arrive at the ancestral house, our family also has a separate courtyard."

"It's still not as good as our own home." Xie Yutang said. He lowered his head thinking about something.

"Grandfather, we are the Xie Family's side concubine's family, will the legal wife's family look down on us? Will they bully us?" Xie Shisi asked worriedly.

Upon hearing those words, the old man said: "No, Grandfather has already said, we are all one family. What's more, you have to be reasonable when you're outside, and fighting between family members is not allowed. You can rest assured."

"But what if they bully us?" She still asked worriedly.

"Hehe, then you will tell Grandfather and Grandfather will handle it. However, you are not young anymore. You were too sheltered at home in the past, you have to learn how to get along with people." The old man said meaningfully.

The carriage moved along the path. Because she hadn't slept all night, Feng Jiu leant against the side of the carriage and fell asleep. She didn't know how long she had been asleep for, and only woke up when she heard the voice of the dark guard outside the carriage.

"Old Patriarch, we have arrived at the main gate of the ancestral home."

The old man in the carriage got off first, then Feng Jiu and the others also got off the carriage. The middle-aged man and the beautiful woman in the carriage behind came to the old man's side.

"Go and knock on the door!" The old man motioned for the dark guard to step forward.

"Yes." The dark guard responded, then he knocked on the door and announced their identity.

When the old man who opened the door heard that it was the Xie Family's side concubine's family, he glanced outside and invited them in. At the same time, he ordered someone to report their arrival.

As soon as the Patriarch of the Xie Family heard the announcement, he ordered everyone in the Manor to gather in the main hall, and he himself headed there.

In the main hall, the old man and the others were sitting down, while Feng Jiu stood behind Xie Yutang with her eyes lowered slightly. It wasn't until she heard the laughter from outside that she raised her eyes slightly.

"Hehehe, as soon as I heard that Uncle Dechuan was here, I rushed over immediately." A middle-aged man dressed in a brocade and jade robe stepped inside with a smile on his face as his eyes fell on the old man.

“Uncle Dechuan, it’s been a long time since we’ve seen each other.” He bowed to the old man.

“Patriarch.” The old man stood up when he saw the middle-aged man come inside, and he also bowed to him at this time. Then he said to the middle-aged man and beautiful woman: “Come and meet the Patriarch.”

“We are all family, don’t stand on ceremony. This must be Brother Yan and sister-in-law!” Patriarch Xie said with a smile. His eyes fell on the middle-aged man in front of him and the beautiful woman beside him.

“Greetings Patriarch.” Both of them bowed, Xie Yan smiled and said: “This is my wife, and these are my two children.”

“Patriarch.” Xie Yutang and Xie Shisi also stepped forward and bowed.

“What are your names?” Patriarch Xie asked with a smile as his eyes fell on the boy and girl.

“Patriarch, my name is Xie Yutang.”

“My name is Xie Shisi. It’s Shi for poetry and Si for thoughts of longing.” She said with a smile.

“Hahaha, good good good. It’s the first time we’re meeting. Come here. This is a present for you.” He took two jade pendants out from his sleeve and handed them to them.

When the two of them saw this, they couldn’t help but look at their grandfather.

Chapter 2602: Living Alone

“Since it’s a present from the Patriarch, you should accept it!” The old man smiled.

The two of them were overjoyed when they heard this and smiled: “Thank you Patriarch.” They happily took the present happily and thanked him.

Feng Jiu, who was standing on the side, glanced at it and saw that the two jade pendants were magical artifacts, and the quality of the jade was also quite good. She thought to herself: This Patriarch was quite lavish, especially to the children of the side concubine’s family.

However, her eyes glanced calmly at the people who had entered from outside, and she couldn’t help but be surprised at their extraordinary strength. The Xie Family members seem to be very strong, and the Xie Family’s manor was most likely centuries old. However, as she looked at the expressions of those people, some were disapproving, and some were contemptuous, it seemed that the Xie Family were not a peaceful place after all.

“Come over here! Let me introduce you all.” Patriarch Xie turned and looked at the people behind him and told them to step forward. Then, he introduced them to each other...

Feng Jiu stood quietly at the side and listened and watched. After they had been introduced to each other and greeted each other, Patriarch Xie called the steward.

Uncle Dechuan, my Father is currently in seclusion and hasn’t come out yet. However, he has left instructions and a mansion in the South of the Manor has been assigned for you to live in. I knew that

you would be arriving these few days so I have already ordered people to clean up the place and you can stay there now.”

As soon as Patriarch Xie had spoken, the expressions of many of the people present moved slightly. The mansion on the south side? It seemed that the Patriarch and the Senior Patriarch still valued the side concubine’s family very much. By giving them the mansion on the south side of the Manor showed their importance.

In that case, they still had to have a good relationship with them in the future. After all, even though the old man’s strength was strong, it was still unmatched by the people present today. In that case, they should let this slide. After all, he was the same generation as the Senior Patriarch. But his son’s strength was above theirs, this couldn’t be ignored.

Patriarch Xie smiled and said: “As for the servants in the mansion, just tell Brother Yan to go to the slave market and buy some back. If you need anything in the future, feel free to let me know.”

“Thank you Patriarch Xie.” The old man responded and thanked him.

“Tell you what! You are all probably tired from the journey, so I will tell the steward to take sister-in-law, Yutang and the others back to the mansion to rest first. As for Uncle Dechuan and Brother Yan, please stay for a while. I have something to tell you.”

“Alright.” The two of them responded. After they explained this to the beautiful woman, they asked them to follow the steward back to rest first.

Feng Jiu followed and left with them. When she was outside, she heard faint voices...

They followed the steward and came to another mansion. To Feng Jiu’s surprise, the Xie Family had assigned an independent mansion which was adjacent to Patriarch Xie’s mansion. The mansion had everything in it, and the design of the courtyard was also very pleasing to the eye.

Upon seeing this, she saw how highly valued the Xie Family’s side concubine’s family was. Also, although the strength of those people in the main hall earlier were strong, they were not stronger than the two people in charge of the side concubine’s family.

However, according to the Patriarch, there were still a few elders who hadn’t arrived. Naturally, there was no way of knowing the strength of those people.

“It’s so good that we have our own place to live in by ourselves and we don’t have to live with them.” Xie Yutang’s eyes were full of joy.

Chapter 2603: Selecting People

“Yes! This place is so beautiful, it’s even nicer than our own home.” Xie Shisi also said excitedly as she looked around.

The beautiful woman smiled gently and brought them to look around. Once they had familiarised themselves with their environment, she let them choose their courtyard.

“Little Jiu, you can share a courtyard with Yutang!” The beautiful woman said and looked at Feng Jiu.

Feng Jiu nodded in agreement.

Xie Yutang glanced at Feng Jiu when he heard this, but he didn't object. He just said: "Mother, although our house is big, we still need to buy servants. When are we going to buy servants?"

"We will talk about it after we've settled in. We are all tired today, let's take a rest first!" She said softly, then asked them to return to their courtyards, while she herself walked to the main courtyard.

After about half an hour, the old man and Xie Yan also returned. The old man chose a courtyard to stay in, while the middle-aged man went to the main courtyard. After resting for a while, Xie Yan called them all together and said to them: "I'll take you out to eat today! Later on, we will go to the slave market and buy some slaves back."

"Is Grandfather going?" Xie Shisi asked.

"Your Grandfather wants to rest. He told us not to disturb him and just bring him something to eat when we come back." Xie Yan said, then went out and led them into the carriage.

After they had eaten in the restaurant, Xie Yan took them to the slave market. He smiled and said to the pair of children: "Today, the task of picking servants will be up to you, I'll be testing your judgement."

"That's not difficult at all."

Xie Yutang raised his chin slightly and walked forward. He looked at the cages where the slaves were being kept. After a long time, he frowned and walked back: "Father, all these people have cultivation! The ones locked in the cages look so cruel, I wonder where they got them from?"

"The ones in the cages have higher cultivation bases, they are usually selected to be guards. But we have enough guards, we don't need anymore. As for servants, we need to find one of the stewards here so that he can pick some out for us to choose." He said, and pointed to one of the stewards inside.

The beautiful woman had a smile on her face, but she just watched quietly.

Xie Yutang stepped forward and told the steward that he wanted to buy some servants. The steward then brought out fifty men and women with the help of other people. Those people were between the ages of thirteen or fourteen to twenty years old.

Feng Jiu glanced at them and saw that those people only had low cultivation bases. They stood there with their heads lowered in tattered clothes.

"All of you raise your heads." Xie Yutang shouted. Next, he looked at his sister beside him and said: "Younger Sister, you pick first."

"Ah? I pick first?" Xie Shisi was stunned for a moment, then she looked back at her mother. Although her mother had taught her how to select people in the past, she had never done it herself!

"Go! Give it a try, if you really can't, Mother will help you." The beautiful woman said, and encouraged her to go forward.

So, Xie Shisi stepped forward and looked at the ten people in the first row. Finally, she picked two cute looking twins: "Mother, I want these two. They are twins and look exactly alike. Let them serve me by my side in the future!" She looked back at her mother with a smile.

The two twin girls couldn't help but look at the beautiful woman. They heard it earlier, the Mistress had the final say.

Chapter 2604: Let Feng Jiu Choose

The beautiful woman glanced at the two thirteen fourteen year old girls and smiled. Then she turned to Feng Jiu and asked: "Little Jiu, do you think these two people are good?"

Upon hearing this, Xie Yan looked at his wife in surprise. He hadn't expected her to ask for Feng Jiu's opinion.

Not only were Xie Yutang and his younger sister stunned, Feng Jiu was also shocked. She looked at the beautiful woman with undisguised surprise, as if she was surprised that she would ask for her opinion. However, she glanced at the twins, and nodded.

Xie Shisi's judgement was quite good. Those two little girls were quick-witted. Although they were happy when Xie Shisi had picked them, they also looked at the beautiful woman with a worried look knowing that she had the final say in the end.

Moreover, the cultivation base of those two people were neither strong nor weak, their appearance was also pleasing to the eye. They were fine to be bought and placed by Xie Shisi's side.

When she saw Feng Jiu nodding, the beautiful woman smiled softly and said to her daughter: "Since Little Jiu has agreed, then let's go with these two! You may also pick some slaves."

Xie Shisi couldn't understand why her mother wanted Feng Jiu's opinion, but seeing that she had agreed, she smiled happily and asked the two of them to step forward first.

"Thank you Madam." The two little girls quickly bowed to their knees in joy in gratitude, then they stood respectfully aside.

Xie Shisi picked a dozen more and asked them to step forward. Then she asked her mother: "What about these? Are they good?"

The beautiful woman looked at Feng Jiu. Although she didn't speak, she smiled.

When she saw that smile, Feng Jiu couldn't help but feel embarrassed. She lowered her head and felt a little dispirited. Why was she always looking at her? Surely she wasn't going to ask her to pick again?

Just as she was thinking about it, she heard her soft voice: "Little Jiu, come over and help Shisi look at these people!"

As soon as he heard those words, Xie Yan's eyes moved slightly. It was fine once, but a second time? This Feng Jiu was only a simple and honest boy, why did his wife treat him so differently?

Inevitably, his eyes fell on Feng Jiu.

Xie Yutang and his sister felt strange. They looked at their parents and then at Feng Jiu, but didn't speak.

Pairs of eyes fell on her body, some with good intentions, some inquiring, some with doubts, they all made Feng Jiu's scalp tingle. She raised her head and glanced at the beautiful woman.

"Go!" The beautiful woman smiled softly and motioned for Feng Jiu to choose.

So, Feng Jiu had no choice and stepped forward. She pushed back several girls with beautiful eyes and flirtatious intentions between their brows. In the end, out of the seventeen eighteen people, only ten remained.

"Those people are very good-looking, why didn't you pick them?" Xie Shisi asked suspiciously. Her mother had told her that the servant's face is also the face of the Master, and that she had to choose ones with good looking facial features! She had chosen servants using this motto, but the best looking ones were rejected by Feng Jiu.

Feng Jiu scratched her head with her hand and revealed a simple and honest smile, but laughed softly in her heart: "Little girl, these few haven't even entered the Manor and they are already shamelessly ogling, can you imagine what will happen after they enter the Manor?"

"Yes, listen to Feng Jiu." The beautiful woman nodded with a smile and looked at her son: "Yutang, you pick some!"

Xie Yutang's eyes turned, and he looked at Feng Jiu and said: "Mother, why don't we let Feng Jiu choose! Son thinks that his choices are quite good."

Chapter 2605: Test

Upon hearing this, Feng Jiu's mouth twitched. What on earth was going on with this family?

Xie Yan smiled when he saw this: "Well, I think the people Little Jiu has picked are not bad, let him pick the rest!" He looked at the twelve people next to him and said to Feng Jiu: "There are twelve here, so pick eight more to make up twenty people."

As soon as he had spoken, he told the steward to change another batch of slaves. However in addition to young men and women, there were also old men in this batch of slaves. Therefore, there was a real mixture of slaves in this batch, and some of those slaves also had higher cultivation bases.

Feng Jiu sighed softly. She knew that the beautiful woman was probably trying to test her, or perhaps see what kind of person she was. Although she could pretend to be stunned and pick randomly, she didn't do so.

Since she was going to be staying in their house for a while, she knew that it was useless to hide her clumsiness all the time. What's more, her throat would be fine a few days later and she would have to speak! She couldn't possibly pretend to be dumb and say nothing all the time.

Therefore, after the steward changed the batch of people, she walked past them and looked at them one by one. Four women and four men were finally selected from fifty people.

Two of the four women were around sixteen or seventeen years old, and their appearance seemed proper. She had picked them for the beautiful woman. The other two were in their thirties and forties. She had inquired earlier and these two were going to be the cooks in the kitchen.

As for the other four men, one was about the same age as Xie Yutang and going to be his servant boy. The other two were around fifteen or sixteen years old and would be errand boys. The last person was a young man.

The strength of this person was not the highest amongst those people, but between his eyebrows exuded integrity. She was going to use this person as a steward for them, and she felt that this person had the ability.

After the final selection, she wrote all the arrangements down on paper for the beautiful woman to see. Since she wanted to test her ability, naturally, she had to show it. Besides, the ability to employ people was easy for her.

When the couple saw Feng Jiu's arrangements, their hearts moved slightly. The husband and wife looked at each other and smiled, and finally, the beautiful woman said: "Well, we will take these!"

"Go to the carriage to wait for me and I will take care of the rest." Xie Yan smiled. After he had spoken to them, he told the steward to bring those people forward and handle the handover.

"Mother, are the people Little Jiu picked all very good?" Xie Shisi asked, holding her arm. Even Xie Yutang at the side pricked up his ears and listened.

Feng Jiu sat outside the carriage and smiled when she heard their words.

In the carriage, the beautiful woman smiled softly: "Yes, Little Jiu's judgement is very good, everyone she picked is suitable."

"Why don't I see that he has good judgement?" Xie Yutang snorted softly, but he agreed in his heart. When those girls looked at him seductively, he wanted to punch their eyes till they swelled up. Luckily those people hadn't been picked.

The beautiful woman smiled and didn't say much, she just said: "We will go to the clothing store later and get some clothes made for everyone in the house."

Upon hearing this, Xie Yutang nodded in agreement: "Mother, we should do that. Look at how old Little Jiu's clothes are, and he doesn't have any new clothes to replace them. If he follows me in the future, others might even mistake him for a beggar that's appeared out of nowhere!"

Chapter 2606: Fabrics

"Who said Feng Jiu will follow you?" The beautiful woman smiled. She looked at Feng Jiu and said: "In the future, you will be the Chief Steward of the house! Everything in the household will be handed over to you."

Feng Jiu was stunned when she heard this, and quickly waved her hand to indicate that she couldn't do it.

Xie Yutang glared: "Chief Steward? Him?" His eyes fell on Feng Jiu, he couldn't see what was so good about him.

Xie Shisi blinked and looked at Feng Jiu, then she said to her mother: "But Grandfather said Feng Jiu is going to be the servant by Elder Brother's side."

“That’s because we didn’t have any servants in the Manor before. It’s different now.” She said softly. When Xie Yan returned, she said to them: “Tell you what! I’ll take them back first. If there is anything you need, you can go and buy them.”

“Alright Husband, then you can go back first! We’ll be home later.” The beautiful woman said, and lowered the curtain of the carriage.

As for Feng Jiu, who was sitting by the side of the carriage, nodded at Xie Yan and drove them to the biggest clothing shop in the city upon hearing this.

Feng Jiu parked the carriage outside the clothing shop and lifted the curtain to let them out. Xie Yutang was the first to come out. After he jumped off the carriage, he stood by the carriage and looked around.

Xie Shisi also jumped out of the carriage like Xie Yutang with one hand for support. The beautiful woman behind her frowned slightly: “Xiao Shi, you are a girl, you have to be mindful of your behaviour.”

“Elder Brother also came down like this!” She turned back with a smile, then she looked at the clothing shop pleasantly surprised: “There’s so much beautiful cloth, wow! There are even ready-made clothes.” As soon as she had spoken, she ran inside without waiting for them.

“That crazy girl!”

The beautiful woman shook her head helplessly and was about to get out of the carriage when she saw Feng Jiu had stretched out her hand to help her get off the carriage. She glanced at Feng Jiu and smiled tenderly, then she stretched out her hand and held his hand. However, when she held Feng Jiu’s hand, she was slightly surprised and couldn’t help but glanced at the hand holding hers, her eyes moved ever so slightly.

After she got off the carriage, the beautiful woman said to Feng Jiu: “Just leave the carriage here, you can come in to pick some clothes too.”

Feng Jiu nodded and followed her in.

“Mother, this cloth is so beautiful, I want to use it to make clothes.” Xie Shisi held her mother’s hand and said.

“If you like it, buy it!” The beautiful woman said, and told them to choose. She went to the side with Feng Jiu and picked some fabrics for the servants in the house. Then she looked at Feng Jiu again and asked: “Little Jiu, which one do you like?”

Feng Jiu took a look and came to the side, then she picked out two sets of azure clothes and showed the beautiful woman.

“Well, this style is fine too. Since you like azure, then I will pick some azure coloured fabrics and have them make a few more pieces for you.” The beautiful woman said, then she picked out a few more pieces of fabric and told the shop assistant to send them to the counter and made the clothes according to his measurements.

When Feng Jiu saw her buying so much, her mouth twitched. It was the same everywhere, women were scary when they shopped.

“Mother, this piece of fabric is very good, it will surely look very nice on you if you make clothes with it.” Xie Shisi came over with a piece of silk fabric. The piece of sky blue fabric with floating flowers on it was incomparable to anything else in terms of quality and texture.

The beautiful woman glanced at it and thought it was pretty. Just as she was about to speak, she heard a voice...

Chapter 2607: Conflict

“Shopkeeper, I want that piece of ice-silk satin.” Feng Jiu and the others looked back at the cold and arrogant female voice that drifted over.

They saw that it belonged to a beautiful lady in a white veil. There were several guards around her. Judging from their clothes, they were probably members of an aristocratic family.

Xie Shisi saw the woman’s eyes had fallen on the piece of fabric she was holding and snorted softly: “What ice-silk satin? I picked out this piece of cloth, I want to make clothes for my Mother with it.” She held the piece of fabric tightly as she spoke, as if afraid of being robbed.

The lady dressed in white glanced at Xie Shisi with contempt, then her eyes swept over to the beautiful woman and Feng Jiu with a proud look and said: “You don’t even know what ice-silk satin is, what’s the use of buying it?”

She moved step by step and walked in and came to Xie Shisi. She reached out and touched the piece of fabric and spoke in a soft voice filled with pride: “Ice-silk satin is woven from silk spit out by ice silkworms. When you wear it, flames won’t be able to get near your body. Especially in the summer, it will feel cold when you wear it on your body.”

Her voice paused and her chin lifted. She glanced at them arrogantly: “Ordinary people can’t afford to buy this kind of fabric.”

“What do you care? Besides, I saw it first and my family can afford it.” Xie Shisi was dissatisfied about being looked down upon and stared angrily. She ran over to the counter with the piece of fabric in her hands.

“Shopkeeper, I’m buying this piece of fabric as well. Take the measurements for my mother and choose the style, you have to make the best looking clothes.”

When the beautiful woman heard this, she smiled gently and touched Xie Shisi’s head dotingly. She looked at the lady dressed in white and asked in a warm voice: “Young Miss, did you reserve this piece of fabric?”

The lady dressed in white was startled. Her mouth moved and she glanced at the beautiful woman, then she said: “I have been here many times.”

“Did she pay a deposit?” The beautiful woman asked and looked at the shopkeeper.

“Well...”

The shopkeeper hesitated for a moment, then he looked at the beautiful woman and said: "No, it's just the Young Miss Ruan has been several times, and I told her that the piece of fabric will arrive in the next two days. The piece of material has only just arrived today and Madam has taken a liking to it."

The piece of fabric was good, and there was only one piece! The Ruan Family was a big family in the city. This lady had just told him to deliver the clothes to the Xie Family when they were ready. The Xie Family was also a big family in the city. Neither of them were to be offended.

"So, that means that this piece of fabric hasn't been ordered by anyone yet. Now that we have taken a fancy to it first, naturally we should buy it first. Shopkeeper, do you think this is reasonable?" The beautiful woman's voice was gentle, like a spring breeze, which made people feel different when they heard it.

Feng Jiu watched from the side and thought to herself: No wonder Xie Yan married her even though she was unable to cultivate. It seemed unusual indeed.

"You dare to snatch with me? Do you know who I am?" The lady dressed in white was only sixteen or seventeen years old. She was no match for the beautiful woman, and she was unable to hold back her anger.

The beautiful woman turned her head and looked at the lady dressed in white with a gentle smile and said softly: "I've not asked what your name is?"

"I am the Third Young Miss of the Ruan Family! I was going to buy this fabric for my Mother's birthday!"

Upon hearing this, the beautiful woman's expression moved slightly and she touched the light blue fabric on the counter with one hand and smiled.

Chapter 2608: Old Acquaintance

"Third Young Miss Ruan, everything should be based on a first come first serve basis. Besides, I also have the means and ability to buy this piece of fabric. Why don't you choose another one? This clothing store is so big, there must be a lot of good fabrics. Isn't that so, shopkeeper?" She asked, and looked at the shopkeeper.

"Yes yes yes, there are still some good pieces of fabric. Third Young Miss Ruan, why don't I show you?" The shopkeeper asked cautiously.

"I only want the ice silk satin." The lady dressed in white insisted, and stared at the piece of material.

Upon hearing this, the shopkeeper felt awkward: "This... there is only one piece, there is none left in the whole city. Even if the goods are transferred from somewhere else, it will take at least half a month before it arrives."

The beautiful woman settled the bill silently, she paid the money and explained the styles of the clothes that were to be made with those pieces of fabrics. The lady dressed in white flung her sleeves up angrily when she saw this.

When she saw the lady dressed in white leave with her guards, the beautiful woman smiled and asked: "Shopkeeper, is Third Young Miss Ruan's mother the Mistress of the Ruan Family, Fang Yu Rong?"

“Yes, that is Third Young Miss Ruan’s mother. I heard that it’s her birthday in a few days. Third Young Miss Ruan has been here several times already. Usually ordinary folk can’t afford the ice silk satin, and I didn’t expect Madam to take a fancy to it.” The shopkeeper shook his head and smiled helplessly.

Upon hearing this, the beautiful woman smiled and said: “Shopkeeper, you mentioned that there are a few pieces of good fabric earlier? Take them out and let me see it!”

“Yes, yes.”

The shopkeeper hurriedly took out a few pieces of material from inside and put them in front of her: “Madam, please take a look. These pieces are all top quality materials. They are extremely comfortable to be worn on the body, and there is only one colour of each piece of material, so even if you wear it, no one else will have the same.”

The beautiful woman’s hand touched the pieces of fabrics and finally, she picked out a dark golden and said to the shopkeeper: “Pack this piece of material along with the ice silk satin in a beautiful box then send them to the Ruan Family to the Mistress of the Ruan Family, Fang Yu Rong!”

Xie Shi Si shouted when she heard this: “Mother, why are you giving such a good piece of material to the Mistress of the Ruan Family? We don’t know her.”

Xie Yutang was also a little puzzled. His mother was not the kind of person to make connections with other people. Although these were only two pieces of cloth, her behaviour was still puzzling.

Feng Jiu stood still with her eyes lowered. She wasn’t surprised by the beautiful woman’s arrangement.

At this time, the shopkeeper asked with some doubts: “Madam, you want to send this to the Ruan Family’s Mistress?”

“That’s right.”

The beautiful woman smiled: “She is an old acquaintance of mine and I haven’t seen her for many years. I didn’t expect to meet her daughter here. Since it’s her birthday in a few days, then I’ll have to bother shopkeeper to send the gift to her!”

Xie Shi Si was a little dumbfounded, her mother was an old acquaintance of the Ruan Family’s Mistress?”

After she had left instructions, they took some of the ready-made clothes back first. The group got into the carriage, they went to a few other places before they returned to the Xie Mansion.

When they arrived at the Mansion, Feng Jiu took her new clothes and went to have a bath first. After she put on her new clothes, she looked much more presentable than she did before.

In the evening, the clothing store delivered some clothes that were ready to wear, so the servants put them on. After the beautiful woman told them the rules of the household, the originally quiet and deserted manor gradually became more lively.

Chapter 2609: Information

Ruan Mansion

Fang Yu Rong looked at the two pieces of cloth placed in front of her and thought about the words the person who delivered the pieces of cloth had said, then she whispered softly with a slightly surprised expression: "It's her?"

She leaned against the table and pondered for a while, then she said to the people around her: "Go and call Third Young Miss here."

"Huh? Why is this ice silk satin in our house? Mother? Where did it come from?" As soon as she entered, she saw the two pieces of cloth placed on the table, one of which was the one she saw when she was out today.

"Let me ask you this, did you meet a beautiful woman when you were out today?" Fang Yu Rong asked slowly, her eyes on her daughter.

"How did Mother know?" Third Young Miss Ruan was stunned. When she looked at the cloth, she suddenly realised: "I see, did that woman not dare to take the cloth and send it here instead?"

"Don't talk nonsense!" She reprimanded in a low voice. "Tell me, what did the woman look like? She... Does she not have cultivation?"

She was surprised by her mother's attitude. Even though she was puzzled, she replied: "She was quite good looking, but I don't think she is as beautiful as Mother. As for the cultivation base, indeed she had no cultivation base, she looks like an ordinary beautiful woman. There was a boy and girl with her at the time, they were her children."

Upon hearing this, she pondered, then she said to a middle-aged woman beside her: "Get someone to find out where she lives. In addition, prepare an invitation for her and her children to come to my birthday banquet."

"Yes." The middle-aged woman beside her responded, then retreated.

"Mother, why do you want to invite them? I don't like seeing that woman." Ruan San said in displeasure.

Upon hearing this, she frowned and said: "You are the Third Young Miss of the Ruan Family, you should pay attention to your words and actions. You should have more sense of what to say and what not to say, leave! Don't go out these few days, stay home and help to prepare for the banquet."

"Yes." Upon seeing her mother's moody face, she responded and retreated.

That night, Feng Jiu was lying on the bed thinking about today's events. The more she thought about it, the more she found that the beautiful woman was truly unfathomable. When she sensed with her spirit intent that Xie Yutang, who was staying in the same courtyard, had fallen asleep, she got up quietly and changed into some black clothes, then went out quietly into the night...

After she avoided some of the dark guards in the mansion she was about to go to Patriarch Xie's library to find the clues about the Immortal Ascension Ladder. When she passed by the old man's courtyard, she faintly heard the voices of conversation. Therefore, she gathered her breath and quietly came to the roof and saw two people sitting and talking through the slit.

It was Xie Yan and his father.

“This trip here, he wants me to act as the Third Elder of the Main Family and assigned this South courtyard to us. In the eyes of others, this is an excellent thing, but even more so, it worries me even more!” The old man sighed and shook his head.

“I know what Father is worried about. I also know why the Patriarch and his family value our family so much.” Xie Yan said in a calm voice: “The Immortal Ascension Ladder only opens once a year, there is only about seven or eight months till the next time the Immortal Ascension Ladder appears! There are not many people in the Xie Family left with the strength to climb the Immortal Ascension Ladder.”

“It’s understandable that they have pinned their hopes on me. However, if the ancestors couldn’t climb the Immortal Ascension Ladder back then, I’m afraid what if something happens to me when I am on the Immortal Ascension Ladder, then...”

Chapter 2610: Banquet

His voice paused, and he took a deep breath. He knew very well where this treatment came from. If something had happened to him, he was afraid that the status of his father and his wife in the Xie Family would plummet and no one would be able to protect them.

“This Immortal Ascension Ladder is one step to Heaven and one step to Hell. Those who can climb up are immortals, and for those who can’t climb up, it would be worse than being knocked down into the mortal world! Sigh!” The old man sighed: “Even so, there are still people who want to climb this ladder every year, but there are often very few successful people.”

“I’m afraid I won’t be able to stay in the Mansion for too long now. The boundary barrier to ascend the Immortal Ascension Ladder will open in seven or eight months, so I must go there in advance to wait.” Xie Yan said. He thought about his wife and children, and couldn’t help but feel heavy hearted.

“When the time comes, give it a try. If you can’t, come down quickly. Don’t let the array knock you back down. You must know that if you come down by yourself, you can keep your strength. But if you get knocked down by the array, that is difficult to say.”

“I know.” He nodded, then he remembered something and said: “Father, what do you think of Feng Jiu?”

“Feng Jiu? Why? Why do you ask this?” The old man looked at him in surprise.

Feng Jiu, who was lying on the rooftop, raised her eyebrows and listened to the conversation.

“Well, it’s just that today...” He told his Father about letting Feng Jiu pick the servants, and finally said: “I originally thought that Feng Jiu was a simple and honest boy, but after today, I think that he is not someone ordinary.”

Upon hearing this, the old man stroked his beard and thought for a while, then he said: “If it is as you have said, then it is indeed a little unusual. However, one thing is certain, and that is this young man bears no ill will towards our family. What’s more, we met him along the way, even if he has any secrets, that’s normal, as long as he doesn’t do anything to endanger our family.”

After Feng Jiu heard this, she left quietly and avoided the dark guards and returned to her room secretly the way she came out.

She had originally wanted to go to the main manor to look for information, however, it seemed that she didn't need to do so now. As long as she followed Xie Yan, she would naturally be able to reach the place where the Immortal Ascension Ladder is.

The next day.

The doorkeeper had received an invitation from the Ruan Family, the invitation was handed over to the beautiful woman by Feng Jiu.

"Mother, whose family did this invitation come from? What is it for?" Xie Shisi was eating the fruit in her hand while she looked at her mother opening the invitation.

After the beautiful woman glanced at it, she smiled: "It's an invitation from the Mistress of the Ruan Family. She invited us to attend her birthday banquet in two days."

"Is Father going too?" She asked curiously.

"Your Father won't be attending. This is just a banquet for the family members and children of some influential families where you can make friends with the noble families in the city." The beautiful woman replied and put away the invitation.

"Then will Xiao Jiu come with us?" Xie Shisi thought about it and asked: "Will the men and women be seated together?"

"No, they will be seated separately." The beautiful woman said, then she looked at Feng Jiu who was standing beside her and asked: "Xiao Jiu, is your voice better? I have told the kitchen to boil some soothing drinks for your throat, have some later."

Feng Jiu was stunned when she heard this, and nodded.

The beautiful woman looked at him and smiled, then she said warmly: "When the time comes, you will come to the banquet with us! I will watch Xiao Shi on the women's side, and you will have to keep an eye out on Yutang's side."

"Who needs him to watch over me? It will be fine if he doesn't cause trouble." Xie Yutang walked in from outside and glanced at Feng Jiu who was beside him.

Chapter 2611: Compare Skills

The beautiful woman shook her head and said: "You have to learn to restrain your temper. It's one thing being at home, but you will get into trouble easily if you are always like this when you are outside."

"Mother, I'm here to see Feng Jiu, I won't speak more to you." Xie Yutang said, then he turned to Feng Jiu: "You come out with me." Having said that, he strode out.

Feng Jiu bowed to the beautiful woman, then followed Xie Yutang out. When he came outside, he saw that Xie Yutang had turned back and said in a low voice: "The Patriarch's children have invited me to compare skills, come out with me and don't let my parents know."

Upon hearing this, Feng Jiu glanced at him. She took out a piece of paper and a brush pen and wrote that she had to go to the kitchen first.

"It's not even time to eat yet, why do you need to go to the kitchen?" Xie Yutang frowned and said: "Alright, alright, just go! I'll wait for you at the gate, hurry up."

After Feng Jiu watched him leave, she walked to the kitchen. The beautiful woman said there was something in the kitchen to soothe her throat, so she would go and take a look first.

As she walked to the kitchen, the maids in the manor bent down and bowed to her as they respectfully called out Chief Steward. Yes, the beautiful woman had briefed the entire manor, she was the Chief Steward, and she was in charge of all things big and small in the manor.

In actual fact, she only took care of the affairs of the servants in the manor. As for the rest, the beautiful woman was in charge. She couldn't understand why the beautiful woman valued her so much.

In her opinion, she had only presented herself as mediocre, there was nothing striking about her. On the contrary, it was the beautiful woman whom she was unable to see clearly.

On this side, she went to the kitchen while Xie Yutang was waiting outside for Feng Jiu at the gate. He looked back from time to time, but couldn't see Feng Jiu's figure. Finally, he got a little impatient and was about to send someone to go to the kitchen to take a look, when he saw the cyan figure coming outside.

"Hurry up, hurry up, everyone is waiting for you." He beckoned and strode towards Patriarch Xie's manor.

Feng Jiu followed him into the Patriarch's manor to the martial arts training ground in the Patriarch's manor. Before they got close, they saw more than a dozen young people the same age as Xie Yutang standing there. They were talking in groups of three to five, and when they saw Xie Yutang coming, they looked at him up and down and sized him up.

"Are you Xie Yutang, from the side concubine's family who moved into the Southern Manor two days ago?" A teenager asked. His eyes swept up and down, then he said: "I thought you would be an outstanding young man, but you are just ordinary!"

"Who are you?" Xie Yutang frowned and stared at the young man in front of him in displeasure.

"My Grandfather is the Chief Elder of the Xie Family." The boy raised his chin proudly.

"Oh? I wondered who you were. So you're the grandson of the Chief Elder." Xie Yutang said, not looking at him as he stepped forward and said: "Didn't you say you want to compare skills? I'm here."

The other teenagers looked at each other, one of them stepped forward with a smile: "Infighting is prohibited in our family, so while we compare our skills, we cannot hurt each other."

"I understand." Xie Yutang nodded.

"Yutang, everyone in our family is familiar with each other, it's just you who's only just arrived. The quickest way to get to know each other and get along with us men is to compare skills, so don't blame us for getting to know you this way." The teenager smiled gently and looked away from Xie Yutang, and looked at Feng Jiu.

Chapter 2612: Dangerous

Before waiting for the teenager to speak, Xie Yutang said: "He's my attendant, I told him to come with me to watch."

Upon hearing this, the teenager looked away and shifted his focus from Feng Jiu. All the teenagers gathered together and discussed the rules of comparing skills.

Feng Jiu watched from the side, and when she saw that all the teenagers were in high spirits with excited expressions on their faces, the corners of her lips couldn't help but raise slightly.

At this age, they had their family to protect them, so they could do whatever they wanted without any worries. Although she was quite free, she had too many enemies and too many problems, it had been a long time since she had been so carefree like these teenagers and done something like this.

She found a place to sit, then she took out a piece of fruit from her sleeve and ate it while she watched the teenagers sparring. Well, as they said, it was a matter of learning, it didn't hurt anyone.

After she had finished eating the fruit, she found it boring to watch. After all, from her point of view, they were like children playing, it was nothing worth watching.

She didn't know why Xie Yutang had dragged her along.

Seeing that she had nothing to do here, she thought of finding a place to relieve herself. She was just about to leave when she saw a cold light that flashed across the corner of her eyes. She stopped immediately and looked at the cold light.

Xie Yutang and a teenager were in the sparring field while the others watched from outside. One of the teenagers held a small flying dagger in his hand under his sleeve. The flying dagger had glinted under the sunlight, that was how she had discovered it.

She glanced at the boy with the flying dagger and remembered that he was the grandson of the Chief Elder. But what did a flying dagger have to do with comparing skills?

Just as she was thinking about it, a sinister smile appeared on the corner of the teenager's mouth, his vicious eyes fixed on Xie Yutang, who was sparring with the young man. The next moment, he took a step back and while no one was paying attention, he injected spirit energy into his hand and the flying dagger shot out.

Suddenly, the flying dagger shot out towards Xie Yutang, which surprised the surrounding teenagers. They whispered: "Why is there a flying dagger? Xie Yutang, quickly, dodge!"

Xie Yutang was just fending off the teenager, and when he turned around, he saw the flying dagger coming towards him. He instinctively tried to avoid it, but his reaction was not as fast as the flying dagger.

"Sss! Get out of the way!"

Upon seeing the flying dagger was aiming for his fatal point, all the teenagers turned pale with fright. They were only comparing skills and sparring with each other, they hadn't expected anyone to take action secretly. If Xie Yutang were to be killed by the flying dagger here, they were afraid that none of them would be able to escape the responsibility!

When he saw the flying dagger heading towards Xie Yutang's fatal point, the heartbeat of the grandson of the Chief Elder couldn't help but quicken. He hadn't wanted to kill him, he had only wanted to teach him a lesson and make him suffer. The flying dagger wasn't meant to be aimed at his fatal point, it had changed with the movement of Xie Yutang's body when he tried to avoid the flying dagger. Now that the situation had gotten out of hand, he was too shocked to say a word.

Feng Jiu swept a glance at those people, her glance fell on the teenager retreating, then she condensed a breath of spirit energy and knocked the flying dagger to the ground.

"Clang!"

A crisp clanging sound could be heard when the flying dagger fell to the ground with a sharp breath, only a fist distance away from Xie Yutang...

Chapter 2613: Sharp Eyes

Xie Yutang gulped, a drop of cold sweat dripped down his cheeks from his forehead. His hands trembled slightly and his eyes moved to the ground. In the next moment, his shock was replaced by anger.

He picked up the flying dagger and held it in his hand, he stared at everyone: "Who? Who is trying to plot against me? You better admit it, otherwise, I will bring this matter to the Patriarch!"

Upon hearing this, the face of the grandson of the Chief Elder paled and his body trembled slightly. He was impulsive and hadn't thought of the consequences. Now that Xie Yutang had threatened to bring the matter to the Patriarch, he panicked.

If his Grandfather found out, he would definitely kill him!

"It wasn't me."

"It wasn't me either."

"I didn't do it."

"I wasn't even standing in that direction."

The surrounding teenagers waved their hands one by one and said they didn't do it.

"Who is it? Who would do such a wicked thing?" Xie Yutang asked angrily, his eyes swept across the crowd and suddenly landed on the pale faced grandson of the Chief Elder. He strode fiercely before him: "Was it you? Did you do it?"

"No, no, no, it wasn't me! It wasn't me!"

He stepped back and waved his hands as he spoke, but didn't dare to look at him. Everyone understood when they saw the panic in his face.

Feng Jiu watched from the side, her eyes swept over the teenagers, then fell on Xie Yutang's body. It could only be said that this kid had a lucky life. If he hadn't dragged her here with him, and she just happened to be watching, he would have been in trouble.

She watched as Xie Yutang pressed and questioned, then walked forward step by step as that young man retreated step by step until finally his legs gave way and he fell limply onto the ground and admitted it with a pale face.

She raised her brows in surprise as Xie Yutang only scolded the young man and warned him not to do it again, then he told him to apologise to him and promise not to do it in the future again. He then returned the flying dagger to him.

“Why did the flying dagger fall down suddenly earlier?” When they saw that Xie Yutang hadn’t pursued the matter, the others started to discuss it.

“Yes! It scared me to death earlier. Yutang, when the flying dagger was coming towards you, were you also stunned? I saw you frozen there and didn’t move.”

Maybe it was because of the way he had handled the matter, so the other teenagers had accepted him. All at once, they surrounded him and asked him questions, their arms around his shoulders.

“When I saw the flying dagger coming at me earlier, an air current seemed to have knocked it to the ground.” Xie Yutang recalled, as he remembered that when the flying dagger was right there in front of him, an air current knocked it away. That air current had brushed across his face and he felt it clearly.

“Air current? How is that possible? It’s probably because Xie Yuliang’s strength wasn’t strong enough so the flying dagger fell.”

“How is that possible? It shouldn’t be like this.” Another one said.

“Or else? There isn’t even a dark guard in this large place. Don’t tell me that it was a dark guard who had shot down the flying dagger.” The teenager said and pointed to the open space.

Feng Jiu listened to their discussion, then turned around and planned to leave first. Before she left, she had drunk several bowls of the soup that helped to soothe her throat. She wanted to find a place to relieve herself.

However, when she turned around, the sharp-eyed Xie Yutang raised his voice and called out to Feng Jiu: “I’m not leaving yet! What are you doing?”

Chapter 2614: Inquire

Feng Jiu stopped and looked back at him. She wrote something in the air with her finger, and regardless of whether he understood or not, she left.

“Yutang, what is that kid doing? Is he really just your attendant? Why doesn’t he look like it?”

“Yes, and what did his hand gesture mean? He can’t speak?”

Xie Yutang listened to their words, then said: “That kid is my attendant, his throat is a little uncomfortable at the moment but he will be fine in a few days. Let’s end here today, I’ll buy you a drink another day.” He patted the shoulders of the people around him then pushed them aside and quickly chased after Feng Jiu.

“You’ll have to remember you said you will buy us a drink another day!”

The people behind him were still shouting, they all laughed happily, and only the grandson of the Chief Elder left quietly...

"What are you doing? I haven't left yet!" Xie Yutang said beside him.

Feng Jiu handed him a note and walked back quickly without speaking.

"Toilet?" When he saw the words, Xie Yutang's mouth twitched and he returned to the manor with him without speaking. When they arrived at the manor, he said to him: "Go on! When you're finished, come to see me in the courtyard. I have something to ask you."

He didn't see who had shot down the flying dagger, but Feng Jiu was watching, so he would have seen it, right?

On this side, Xie Yutang didn't know that after he and Feng Jiu had left, a dark guard had reported what happened in the training field to the Patriarch...

When Feng Jiu returned to the courtyard, Xie Yutang asked her if she had seen who had shot down the flying dagger. Naturally, she shook her head and told him no, and the matter was over.

However, in the evening, the Chief Elder had brought his grandson Xie Yuliang over with an apology gift. This matter had also been made known to Xie Yan and the beautiful woman.

In the main hall.

"Yuliang was ignorant. After bringing him here to apologise, I will imprison him in purgatory for three months as punishment." The Chief Elder spoke and looked at Xie Yan: "I've also brought some small gifts for Yutang's shock. What happened this time is all Yuliang's fault, I will definitely discipline him. I just hope that our family's relationship won't suffer because of this."

Xie Yan and his wife looked at each other when they heard this, finally, they said: "If Chief Elder hadn't come, we wouldn't have known about this matter. However, since Yutang hasn't said anything, I think he has forgiven Yuliang. Chief Elder shouldn't worry about this anymore."

"Good, good, I'm so relieved to hear you say that." The Chief Elder smiled and nodded with a sigh of relief. After a while, he said: "The Patriarch has also asked me to ask, who is the young man following Yutang?"

Upon hearing this, Xie Yan and his wife looked at each other and briefly told the Chief Elder.

"Oh, I see." The Chief Elder nodded: "In that case, I will take Yuliang back first. The Patriarch has ordered him to go to get his punishment tomorrow."

The two of them sent the Chief Elder out after they heard this, then they called Yutang to inquire what had happened. Finally, they told him to retreat and they called Feng Jiu over.

Feng Jiu entered the main hall and looked at the two people sitting in front of him. She walked forward and bowed, then she raised her eyes to look at them and asked silently.

"Feng Jiu, we know what happened to Yutang today at the Patriarch's manor. We called you here to ask if you saw anyone save Yutang."

Chapter 2615: Red Robes

Upon hearing this, Feng Jiu shook her head.

The two of them looked at each other and didn't ask anymore: "Alright then! Go back first!"

So, Feng Jiu turned around and walked out.

After she left, the two of them in the main hall whispered.

"According to the Chief Elder, there weren't any dark guards around at the time. The closest ones to them were unable to take action. At that time, only Feng Jiu was standing not too far away, so there is some doubt." Xie Yan said and frowned slightly: "The condensed air that can form and shoot down the flying dagger so accurately shows that this person is not weak."

"Since Yutang is fine, even though we don't know who it is, at least we know that this person has saved Yutang." The beautiful woman said softly, then added: "I'm going to the Ruan Family's home in a couple of days, the invitation says to bring our children. So I thought I will bring Feng Jiu with me and let him look after Yutang, and not let him cause any trouble."

"Well, you decide. I want to let you know that I will be going into seclusion to practice. Now that my Father is also in seclusion, you will have to manage more affairs in the household."

"I understand, don't worry!" The beautiful woman smiled and responded.

Feng Jiu squinted as she hid in a large tree and listened to the faint whispers in her ears.

"Apparently there are all sorts of treasures in the Treasure Exchange Pavilion in this city, I really want to go and take a look."

"Ordinary people can't enter the Treasure Exchange Pavilion, it's impossible for people like us to enter."

"Yes, I have also heard that only people of wealth and status can enter the Treasure Exchange Pavilion. We won't be able to enter no matter how good we are."

Feng Jiu, who was hiding in the tree, opened her eyes. That was the voices of dark guards chatting in the dark, talking about a Treasure Exchange Pavilion in this city.

Treasure Exchange Pavilion?

Since she was idle here, she might as well go outside to take a look at night. After she had made up her mind, she went back to her room and prepared some things, then left the manor alone in the dark of the night.

After she left the Xie Manor, she found a place and changed into a red robe, then she removed the disguise on her face. At the same time, she took out a mask to wear, and she walked out of the dark. She inquired about the location of the Treasure Exchange Pavilion, then walked towards it.

Outside the Pavilion, there was a written guide for entering the Pavilion. Feng Jiu only glanced at it, then she smirked and took out a badge from space and pinned it to her chest, then she stepped inside.

When the person guarding the door to the Pavilion saw the badge on Feng Jiu's chest, he didn't dare to stop her. On the contrary, he bowed respectfully and invited her in, then someone went upstairs quickly.

"Steward, there is an alchemist wearing the badge of the Saint Rank Alchemist." There were very few of them who could reach the level of Saint Rank. The few Saint Rank Alchemists in the city were known by all the people here, they have never seen the one who came tonight.

Upon hearing what the guard had said, the Steward knew that this person was a stranger, so he asked: "Have you invited him inside? Where is he now?"

"He is in the third wing-room on the second floor, I've already told the maids to attend to him first."

"Alright, you may leave! I will go and take a look." The Steward waved his hand and stood up with his arms crossed. He paused thoughtfully, then he walked out.

In the wing-room, Feng Jiu was sitting at the table drinking wine. The two beautiful maids had been chased out of the room by her. As she sat in the room drinking wine, the corners of her lips curled up and revealed a faint smile when she heard the voice outside...

Chapter 2616: Seventh-grade medicinal pill Cloud Translations

When the steward came in from the outside, his gaze was drawn to the masked man in red sitting by the table. Despite having seen many outstanding men and women, he was astounded to see the person whose face was hidden from view.

What surprised him was not the man's appearance, but the aura he exuded.

He simply sat there, resting his head on his hand and shaking his wine cup gently. He was dressed in dazzling red and his demeanor was even more impressive. Even though the mask concealed his face, it added an air of mystery to him.

His demeanor was relaxed, with a carefree languor. His devilish charm was free-spirited and unrestrained, drawing people's attention to his every move. His bottomless eyes behind the mask as well as his noble temperament rendered the steward incapable of producing even the slightest neglect in both actions and thoughts.

He gathered his thoughts, bowed to the man in red, and politely inquired, "I am the steward of this establishment. My surname is Lin. How should I address you?"

"Ghost Doctor." Feng Jiu answered slowly.

Steward Lin was momentarily stunned to hear this answer. Ghost Doctor? He seemed to have never heard of such a character as Ghost Doctor.

"How can I assist you, Ghost Doctor?"

"This is the medicinal pill that allows Immortal Sacred Peak cultivators to break through into Immortal Venerable," Feng Jiu said as she placed a medicine bottle on the table.

Steward Lin narrowed his eyes as he heard this, his attention was immediately focused on the small bottle on the table. A pill capable of making Immortal Sacred Peaks break into Immortal Venerable? Was it even possible?

“Ghost Doctor, the medicinal pill capable of advancing Immortal Sacred Peaks is at least of seventh-grade level. May I inquire whether this pill...” His gaze landed upon Feng Jiu with caution and curiosity.

“Since this is a venue for exchanging treasures, you ought to have an appraiser on hand. Why don’t you just ask him to identify it?” Feng Jiu stated casually as she proceeded to drink wine.

Steward Lin paused for a brief moment before speaking. “All right, take a seat for a moment.” He bowed, retreated, and went to the part of the building where the appraiser was.

This evening, several appraisers were drinking and conversing together, discussing the recently identified treasures. When they saw Steward Lin walk in, they all stood up and gave him a salute.

“Steward Lin.”

Even though Steward Lin’s role was that of a steward, the building’s owner held him in great regard. He was responsible for all aspects of the building, both internally and externally. Consequently, even though the appraisers were of exceptional stature, they all respected him

“Please continue to enjoy your drinks. Elder Chen, kindly go with me.” Steward Lin said as he approached them.

Everyone was astonished upon hearing this. “It is already extremely late in the day. Why do you appear to be in a rush, Steward Lin? What’s the problem?”

“Indeed, a Saint-rank Alchemist is currently visiting our building. He retrieved what he claimed was a seventh-grade medicinal pill, and it was also a seventh-grade medicinal pill that might enable Immortal Sacred Peak cultivators to advance. Now he is still in the side room, so I need to find Elder Chen quickly to appraise it.”

“The seventh-grade pill cannot be refined by an Alchemist of Saint rank. Did someone play tricks on you, Steward Lin?” The elderly man referred to as Elder Chen stroked his beard. “There is a threshold between sixth and seventh grade for alchemists. Many people are unable to break through here. How is it possible for an alchemist to refine a seventh-grade pill?”

Chapter 2617: Playing Tricks

“That person must have played tricks on you,” he said after a brief pause.

“Indeed. Even in our city, finding seventh-grade medicinal pills is rare. How could someone have come here with some seventh-grade medicinal pills? That person must be here to play pranks!”

Another man smiled and sipped wine. “This person is quite courageous. He dares to cause trouble without even knowing what kind of place this is.”

As he listened to them, Steward Lin shook his head with a serious expression. “I don’t believe that man was playing a joke.” He looked at several of them. “You haven’t seen him. Could such a person be considered ordinary? Perhaps he did bring the seventh-grade medicinal pills.”

They were shocked that Steward Lin thought so highly of the person. They exchanged glances before setting their wine cups down. "In that case, let's all go take a look. We're also curious as to how someone could obtain such an opinion from Steward Lin." As they spoke, they each brushed their robes and stood up.

Steward Lin couldn't help but smirk wryly upon observing that seven or eight of them all stood up. "This is how we should do it! Elder Ke and Elder Chen will come with me! That person does not appear to be an ordinary person to me. I'm afraid he won't like it if I bring so many of you there at once."

Except for the two top appraisers of medicinal pills and pharmaceuticals, the other seven or eight people are all appraisers of treasures and magical artifacts who had previously been unable to appraise medicinal pills. To avoid annoying Ghost Doctor, it would have been preferable to invite only the two who were familiar with medicinal pills.

Upon hearing this, several of them were stunned for a moment and then laughed. "That's all right. We won't go there because you said so, but you must tell us the result of the appraisal later." They smiled and sat down again.

"You all continue, but don't drink until late." Steward Lin left with the two appraisers as he spoke.

When Steward Lin returned to the side room, he introduced them to Feng Jiu. "Ghost Doctor, these two are the top appraisers of medicinal pills in our building. Here we have Elder Chen and Elder Li."

When Steward Lin introduced them, the two elderly men were observing the man in the red suit and mask. When they saw the man in red, they understood why Steward Lin held him in such high respect.

They had to admit that this person would have astonished people just by his temperament and imposing demeanor. They had never seen a more remarkable person than him among those that passed through Treasure Exchange Pavilion.

They didn't take it seriously when they first arrived, but when they saw the man in front of them, they couldn't help but look forward to that medicinal pill.

Would it truly be a seventh-grade medicinal pill?

"Let's not waste time, please check it!" Feng Jiu motioned for them to quickly examine the medicinal pill.

After taking the tools to test the medicinal pills, the two of them walked forward to the table. They couldn't help but look at each other with shock in their eyes when they opened the lid of the bottle containing the medicinal pills and smelled their rich and fragrant medicinal scent.

This medicinal fragrance...

The expressions on their faces became solemn. Elder Chen poured the medicine into the white jade plate in front of him. As the medicinal pill rolled onto the white jade plate and its aroma reached their nostrils, they felt instantly revitalised, and the spirit energy breath in their bodies began to circulate rapidly...

Chapter 2618: The Appraisal

“There are seven pill marks on it. This, this is the seventh-grade medicinal pill!” The two men spoke at the same time. They couldn’t help but take a deep breath when they saw the pill that exuded pure spirit energy breath.

“Let me have a look.”

Elder Chen suppressed his excitement, took the pill using special pliers for testing medicinal pills, and analysed its colour, scent, and shape to determine which grade the pill belonged to.

“The pill’s scent and colour indicate it as a top-quality seventh-grade medicinal pill.” The two spoke simultaneously. They both looked at Feng Jiu and asked, tremblingly, “May we venture to ask, where is the Senior who refined this medicinal pill now?”

Seventh-grade medicinal pills required not only age-old spirit herbs but also exquisite refining techniques and profound pill attainments. Only by clearly understanding the medicinal properties could one refine and process medicinal pills more precisely. They’d seen the seventh-grade pills before, but the top-quality seventh-grade medicinal pills were rare.

Feng Jiu raised her eyebrows and smiled when she heard the two elderly men ask her where the senior who refined the pills was. “I have refined these medicinal pills.”

The two elderly men looked at her in disbelief and amazement as soon as the words came out of her mouth.

Feng Jiu shifted her gaze away from them and toward the surprised Steward Lin. “I brought the medicinal pill to you to make a deal,” she explained.

Steward Lin calmed down as soon as he heard it was a deal and asked, “I wonder what kind of deal Ghost Doctor wants to make?”

Feng Jiu fiddled with the wine cup in her hand while speaking slowly. “You may keep this medicinal pill or send out words about it. The premise is that only if you come up with anything comparable to this medicinal pill shall we trade. In addition, I want to know everything about the Immortal Ascension Ladder in the heart of Peng Lai Immortal Island. This pill will eventually belong to the person whose information is complete.”

“The news of Immortal Ascension Ladder?”

For a brief moment, the three of them were stunned. It was difficult to come up with something that matched this medicinal pill, let alone the news about Immortal Ascension Ladder. However, they had a vague feeling that Ghost Doctor wanted the news of the Immortal Ascension Ladder more than the exchange of items similar in value to the pill.

However, this information was not accessible to everyone. Even they at the Treasure Exchange Building only had partial knowledge of the news.

Steward Lin contemplated this as he looked at Feng Jiu. “Ghost Doctor, do you have a time limit?”

Feng Jiu looked at him, sipped the wine in her cup, and then replied slowly. “Seven days. If I don’t get what I want in seven days, I’ll take this medicinal pill back.”

“Alright, then it will be limited to seven days. However, this pill must be placed in our Pavilion within the next seven days. Don’t worry about anything else, Ghost Doctor. I’ll assist you with the formalities later.” Steward Lin said this while looking at the pill on the table.

The two elderly men were about to store the pill when the man in red held up his hand to stop them.

“What do you mean, Ghost Doctor?” Steward Lin inquired.

Feng Jiu rose to her feet and spoke nonchalantly. “I would not have stored it in a bottle if it were not for your appraisal. Now that it has been confirmed, I must seal and store it.”

Chapter 2619: Getting Away

Hearing this, the three men were dumbfounded and did not appear to understand what she meant until they saw her use the candle to seal the medicinal pill into a pellet.

So this is what he meant. Unexpectedly, he still used this method to seal and preserve the medicinal pill. This ancient method was really the most effective way to keep medicinal pills. Not only did it prevent the scent of the pill from escaping, but it also made it last longer.

The two appraisers looked at Feng Jiu’s technique with trepidation. They were appraisers, so they were well aware of the demanding nature of this sealed preservation method. However, this man made it look as simple as melting a candle and sealing the pill.

They were sceptical when he said he had refined the medicinal pill. But when they saw him seal the pill in that manner, they knew that Ghost Doctor was the one who refined this seventh-grade medicinal pill.

Feng Jiu placed the sealed pill on the white jade plate before turning to face Steward Lin. “Let’s go through all the necessary procedures!”

“Alright, Ghost Doctor, please have a seat for a while. I’ll return shortly.” Steward Lin turned around and left the room. After some time, he returned with something and completed the process of handing over the medicinal pill.

Steward Lin personally escorted Feng Jiu out the door until he watched her figure disappear into the night, at which point he turned around and walked back.

As she exited the Treasure Exchange Pavilion, Feng Jiu was aware that several tails were following her.

Was she such an easy person to track?

After crossing a few streets in the dark, she flashed into the space when she reached an abandoned corner.

Immediately after she entered the space, four black-clad cultivators arrived. When they discovered that the figure in red they followed had vanished, everyone was astonished.

“Where is he? Why has he disappeared?”

“Not even the divine sense remains.”

Several of them exclaimed, exchanged glances, searched again around the area until they realised they could not locate the person, and then returned...

In the Treasure Exchange Pavilion.

“What? You lost track of him?” Steward Lin couldn’t help but be taken aback when he heard this. “His cultivation is low! With your cultivation levels, how could you possibly lose him?”

“He should have found us, and at the time, we locked his divine sense and followed it, but later, even his divine sense vanished, and we concluded that his strength was not what Steward saw.”

Steward Lin’s eyes narrowed as he heard this. “Not the strength I saw? How is this even possible?” It was difficult for him to believe that an alchemist who could refine a seventh-grade medicinal pill would also be a cultivation genius.

“Steward, do you need to send more people to look for him in the city?” One of them inquired.

When Steward Lin came back to himself, he waved his hand. “No, you may withdraw!”

Since they had already lost him, they must have been discovered. Attempting to find Ghost Doctor once more would likely offend him. In any case, he would inquire again in seven days, when Ghost Doctor would return.

What’s more, the Immortal Ascension Ladder. Since he requested information about the Immortal Ascension Ladder, he must have intended to go to where it was located, which was a simple matter.

For the time being, he should notify his master as soon as possible.

Feng Jiu, on the other hand, returned to the mansion, took a bath to remove the smell of alcohol from her body, changed her clothes, and went to bed.

Chapter 2620: Attending a Banquet

Just as she was about to fall asleep, she heard Xie Yutang’s voice outside.

“Feng Jiu, are you still up? I’m coming in.”

As he talked, Xie Yutang attempted to open the door by pushing it, but the door would not budge, leaving him with little choice but to glare with anger. “How come you locked the door? When you sleep in the same courtyard as me, you lock the door? Are you on the lookout for thieves?”

Feng Jiu, who was lying on the bed, paid no attention to him. Regardless, the door was locked, and he couldn’t get in through the window. After all, with Xie Yutang’s nature, he couldn’t do something so dishonourable as climbing in.

‘Did you lock the door because you knew I was coming? I know you’re awake, but what have you been doing all night? I haven’t seen you since the evening, and I didn’t know you were leaving until the steward told me.’

Outside, Xie Yutang asked with resentment. He became increasingly irritated when he didn’t see Feng Jiu appear. “You went back to the courtyard without me after all the time I waited in the front courtyard

for you? I wouldn't have known you returned if it hadn't been for the servant in the mansion saying so. Are there any other servant boys like you?"

Hearing him keep on griping, Feng Jiu erected a soundproof barrier and went to sleep. Xie Yutang continued talking to himself until his lips were parched and then he returned to his room indignantly.

The following day, when Feng Jiu exited the room, she spotted Xie Yutang standing in front of the door glaring at her, so she asked, "So early? Is there anything you'd like me to do?"

As soon as she spoke, Xie Yutang was surprised and pointed at him with a startled look. "You, you can speak?"

"Yes! I went to town yesterday. I went out and bought some throat medicine, and I feel much better today." With a pensive expression, she touched her throat.

Hearing this, Xie Yutang, who was still upset, stopped staring at him fiercely and instead appeared perplexed. "Why is your voice sounding so peculiar? It is different from mine."

"Is it strange? I feel fine."

At this time, Xie Yutang recalled that he had stood outside his room for an extended period of time the night before, but received no response. He said indignantly, "Why didn't you say something last night? I spoke outside for so long that you did not even respond."

"Ah? Did you talk outside my room last night? I had no idea!" She stated, with an innocent expression on her face. "After taking the medicine, I fell asleep. I did not hear anything."

Xie Yutang only felt his breath bottled up in his heart after hearing her reply and he had no way of venting it. He flourished his sleeves angrily and walked away after glaring at her.

Feng Jiu looked at him with bewilderment, patted her belly, and then entered the kitchen.

She was free here. She didn't have to spend much time in front of the Xie family and could instead do whatever she wanted. Even though she was in charge of the manor's servants, she spent her idle days happily as long as they did nothing wrong and followed the rules.

That day, she had nothing to do in the manor other than wandering about. She occasionally interacted with the two Xie Yutang siblings in the front yard until the day of the Ruan family's banquet, when she became rather preoccupied.

She had the carriage ready early in the morning. She was serving as a coachman today. She packed the luggage before driving the carriage to the front door and waiting for them.

"Little Jiu, do you think my dress looks nice today? This is a brand-new set." Xie Shisi ran over to Feng Jiu as soon as she spotted her and asked her cheerfully.

"Very nice." Feng Jiu remarked. She saw the beautiful woman approaching from behind.