

# Ghost Doctor 2641

## Chapter 2641: Replenishing Stamina

“Elder Brother!”

Xie Shisi limped forward and looked at the bloody wound on his body. Her eyes reddened: “Elder Brother, does it hurt? I’ll apply some medicine for you.” She said in a choked voice and looked for the wound medicine in space.

Xie Yutang was still holding the sword, and his hand was shaking. He looked at Feng Jiu, his body still taut: “I killed those beasts.”

“Yes, I saw it.” Feng Jiu said. She reached out and patted his shoulder: “You did a good job.”

Xie Yutang’s body softened when he heard this, he fell to the ground and gasped.

Xie Shisi wanted to apply medicine and bandage his wounds, but Feng Jiu took over and said: “Sit aside! I’ll do it!” She stepped forward and cleaned Xie Yutang’s wound on his body, then she applied the medicine and bandaged it.

After she had finished bandaging the wound, she walked over to the two beasts and dug out the beast crystals and handed them to him: “These are your trophies.”

Xie Yutang held the two beast crystals in his hand and couldn’t help but be startled. After he calmed down, he felt agitation in his heart, and felt the blood boiling in his body.

His trophies! It turned out that so long as he could overcome the fear in his heart, he could also fight beasts!

“Feng Jiu, two beasts have died here, and my Elder Brother is seriously injured. The scent of blood is so strong, will it attract other beasts? Do we need to leave now?” Xie Shisi asked worriedly.

Now that her elder brother was injured and she had a sprained foot, she couldn’t walk very well. Feng Jiu was the only one left, if a beast were to be drawn by the scent of blood, would they...

Feng Jiu smiled slightly. She glanced at Xie Yutang and Xie Shisi, then she said to Xie Shisi: “Your Elder Brother killed two beasts, not only is he injured, he is also physically exhausted. At this point in time, we should just rest here first! We can cut the meat of the beasts and roast it too. Roast meat is good for replenishing your stamina.”

“What if another beast comes?” She was still a little worried.

“Don’t worry, it won’t happen!” As long as she released the ancient coercion in her body, the beasts naturally wouldn’t dare to approach.

The two of them didn’t say anything when they heard this, but their hearts were still wary. The scent of blood was so strong, how could it not attract the other beasts?

Because they were worried and they were resting here at this time, the two of them didn't dare to be careless and paid vigilant attention to the surrounding movements.

Feng Jiu picked up some branches and busied herself while the siblings sat under the tree. They watched Feng Jiu's skillful movements, as if she had done this a thousand times, and couldn't help but feel a little surprised.

"Did you use to roast meat very often in the past?" Xie Yutang asked.

Upon hearing this, Feng Jiu glanced at them and said with a smile: "If I didn't have the skills to survive in the wild alone, how can I survive till today?"

The siblings watched as she waved her hand and the flames ignited. Their eyes moved slightly. Fire attribute? Feng Jiu had a fire attribute? They had never seen her use it along the way.

The strong scent of blood here made the beasts not far away a little restless. They approached quietly. However, after they had reached a certain distance, they stopped and didn't dare to go forward. They just let out a low roar and stared at the front with a trace of fear.

When they heard the roar of the beasts from not far away, the siblings' hearts raced. Especially Xie Yutang, whose body was tense, and he stood up abruptly.

#### **Chapter 2642: Worry**

"It's the fierce beasts!" Xie Yutang said in a low voice, he held his sword in one hand and stared ahead.

Feng Jiu, who was roasting the meat, replied without looking: "There are fierce beasts in here, it's not surprising to hear the roar of beasts." She cut off a piece of roast meat and wrapped it in a big leaf, then handed it to Xie Yutang: "Hold it."

Xie Yutang saw this and took the roast meat. He looked around and only heard the roars of the beasts but there was no sign of any beasts, so he gradually calmed down: "Little Sister, you eat first." He handed it to her.

"Elder Brother, you eat first! I'll eat later!" Xie Shisi said. She smelt the aroma of the roast meat and limped over to Feng Jiu's side and sat down: "Why is it so fragrant? I've never smelt such fragrant roast meat before."

Upon hearing this, Feng Jiu smiled lightly: "That's because I'm the one roasting it."

Upon hearing this, Xie Shisi laughed: "Feng Jiu, you are really amazing. You are not afraid in here and you are even making us delicious food to eat. You are so kind."

Xie Yutang also stepped forward and came to sit by the fire. He looked at Feng Jiu who was smiling as she used a knife to cut a slice of meat and handed it to his sister, and felt a little strange.

"That's right! Why aren't you afraid? Aren't you afraid that the beasts will eat us?"

"Of course I am afraid, but you're around aren't you?" She glanced at him, her eyes overflowing with a smile.

Xie Yutang wanted to say something, but when he heard this, he was speechless for a moment. Him around? Did he think that he was very strong and could protect him?

When he saw Feng Jiu's fearless face still smiling at this moment, the corners of his mouth twitched and he couldn't help but secretly pondered: Was he really not afraid, or did he just have no fear at all?

Feng Jiu cut off a piece of meat and ate it, then she took out some wine from space and took a sip with a satisfied smile on her face.

"You even have wine? I want to drink too." Xie Yutang said, and reached for it. However, Feng Jiu dodged.

"The injured can't drink." Feng Jiu glanced at him with a smile.

Upon hearing this, Xie Yutang looked down at the injury on his body and moved his lips. Finally, he muttered: "Stingy." He bit into the roast meat and ate it. When he swallowed the meat, he felt a trace of spirit energy flowing out of his body.

"Huh?" His eyes were filled with surprise: "I've eaten beast meat before, but it's never felt as good as this."

"How do you feel?" Feng Jiu asked, as she tore off a piece of meat and ate it.

"Like the spirit energy from the roast meat is running through my body."

"That's normal, the strength of the beast meat that you usually eat is not high. The strength of the two beasts you killed this time is not low, naturally their spirit energy is good." She glanced at the two of them and said: "Eat more, it's good for you."

Xie Shishis' eyes lit up when she heard this: "Well! I want another piece."

"Fine, I'll cut it for you." She smiled and cut another piece of meat and handed it to her.

"If we can't finish eating it, we can take it away with us. As for the dead one, why don't we take it with us too. I can put it in my space ring and we can let Mother taste it too." Xie Yutang said. But when he spoke of this, his voice couldn't help but soften and his expression became a little sad.

When she saw his mood seemed a little down, Feng Jiu asked: "What's the matter?"

"I was just thinking about whether we will be able to get out of here alive." He said quietly, with anxiety and worry in his eyes.

### **Chapter 2643: Don't Take Advantage**

"Of course we will get out of here alive!"

She looked at them and said: "Danger is also an opportunity, just like this time. If you didn't try, how would you know that you could kill those two beasts? Even if you encounter another beast, can't you just kill it like you did before?"

She paused and said with a smile: "Besides, this is a rare opportunity for you to practice, you should cherish it well. I've also said it before, maybe you can take a contract beast back with you."

Upon hearing Feng Jiu's words, the siblings looked at each other: "Can we?"

"Of course you can. As long as you want to, there is nothing you can't do." She smiled and encouraged them.

The siblings stopped talking at this point and stuffed their mouths full of food.

After they had finished eating, they rested for a while. As Feng Jiu had said, not a single beast had approached them. Although they were puzzled, they didn't give it much more thought.

"I want to take this fierce beast back so that Father, Mother and Grandfather know that I killed it." Xie Yutang said, and put the fierce beast into his space ring.

After they had rested, they extinguished the fire and left. Due to the clutter of the trees in the forest, it was not easy to use flying artifacts. Xie Shisi's foot was still injured, so Xie Yutang had to carry her on his back. However, he also had injuries on his body, so it was more difficult to carry a person on his back through the forest.

Feng Jiu looked back and asked: "How is it? Can you manage?"

"Of course!" Xie Yutang said, as he walked step by step with his sister on his back. Sweat dripped from his forehead into the weed: "I will carry my little sister myself, don't think about taking advantage of her."

Upon hearing this, Feng Jiu couldn't help but cry with laughter: "Fine fine, carry her by yourself! I won't ask anymore." Take advantage of her? What could she take advantage of?

"Elder Brother, why don't you let me down? You can support me and I'll walk." She felt uneasy having her elder brother carry her on his back when he was injured.

"No, it's fine. I will carry you on my back." Xie Yutang said in a muffled voice and walked step by step. His clothes were drenched with sweat but he didn't say anymore. Feng Jiu was impressed.

At this time, it was noon, even though there were trees in the forest, it was still a little hot and stuffy. They didn't walk very fast. When they encountered beasts along the way, they stared at them then turned around and ran away just as Xie Yutang had stretched his body and was about to let his sister down to fight.

"Why do the beasts stare at us for a while then turn around and run away?" Xie Shisi asked in confusion.

"Who knows?"

Feng Jiu shrugged and bit the Dog's Tail Grass in her mouth. When she caught a glimpse of a poisonous snake on a tree branch about to bite Xie Shisi, she shot the Dog's Tail Grass she was biting with a breath of spirit energy at the poisonous snake.

"Ah! Snake!"

Xie Shisi had just happened to see the snake and couldn't help but squeezed her elder brother's neck tightly and exclaimed. But the next moment, she saw the poisonous snake fall from the air into the weeds, its body twitched and then it died.

Xie Yutang hadn't even had time to react to this when he saw that the snake had died. He looked at the Dog's Tail Grass that had penetrated into the poisonous snake and he turned back to Feng Jiu.

### **Chapter 2644: Lost**

The root of the Dog's Tail Grass was only slightly longer than a needle. More importantly, it was root grass, not a needle! But a root grass that broke off so easily had pierced through the body of a snake. How strong did one's internal strength need to be to be able to do this?

For a time, he watched Feng Jiu, and was speechless. The things that he was unable to figure out and ignored by him reappeared in his mind one by one.

Why in this forest full of beasts did those beasts stare at them for a while, then turned around and left? Why were they not in danger when Feng Jiu was by their side? Why were they still alive after they fell into this place?

Those scenes flashed through his mind one by one, when he thought of the dangers that she had secretly overcome for them along the way, he only felt shock in his heart.

No wonder, no wonder she was not afraid nor did she panic even when she fell into this strange dangerous place. In such an environment, the only reason for not being afraid or panicking would be because one had sufficient self-protection abilities.

Feng Jiu didn't know what he was thinking, but she stepped forward and took out a dagger and removed the gall of the poisonous snake, then she placed it into a small bottle. When she saw that he was still standing still, she was slightly surprised and asked him: "What's wrong?"

Xie Yutang was still carrying his little sister on his back, the two of them just looked at Feng Jiu dumbfounded. After a while, Xie Yutang opened his mouth slightly, but his words ended up being: "I'm a little thirsty, I want to sit down and have a drink."

"Well, let's do that up ahead! Go and rest under the tree." She pointed to an open space in front of her. As soon as she had spoken, she took the lead and stepped forward.

Xie Yutang followed quickly with his little sister on his back. When he got there, he let her down, then he took some water out and took a few sips. He glanced at Feng Jiu, then lowered his head, no one knew what he was thinking about.

"Oh?" Feng Jiu raised her eyebrows and stood up suddenly.

"What's the matter?" Upon seeing this, Xie Yutang also stood up and held the sword in his hand guarding his little sister behind him.

"It seems someone is here." Feng Jiu said, her spirit intent released and went to a place to investigate. After a while, she withdrew her spirit intent and smiled: "It seems we can leave here after all."

"Someone? Who is it? Is it someone from the Ruan Family that has come to look for us?" Xie Yutang asked.

"No, they should be some clan disciples who have come here for an experience."

Feng Jiu said: "Since there are experienced clan disciples who have come here, it proves that there are ways to get out of this place besides the teleportation array. Come on! Let's go and ask."

Upon hearing her words, Xie Yutang quickly carried his little sister and followed her in that direction.

About one hundred metres away from them, an old man and a middle-aged man opened their eyes at the same time and looked in one direction. At the same time, the middle-aged man made a gesture with his hand, and the people who were sitting down and talking stood up quickly and took a defensive posture.

Not long after, when they saw the figure walking out from behind the rustling weeds, they couldn't help but be startled. A young man amongst them in front shouted sharply: "Who is it?"

The Xie siblings were overjoyed to have found someone. They glanced at Feng Jiu and said: "We are from the Xie Family, because..." Feng Jiu interrupted him before he could finish speaking.

"Because we got separated from our family, we are lost." Feng Jiu took over and said.

### **Chapter 2645: Guo Family**

Her voice paused, her eyes swept across the young people, then fell on the old man and the middle-aged man behind. She said: "When we realised that there was someone here, we decided to come over to ask for directions on how to get out of here."

Upon hearing Feng Jiu's words, the family clan members didn't answer but only stared at the three of them.

The young man talking who was dressed in azure had an ordinary appearance and was unremarkable. On the contrary, the young boy and girl in the back had outstanding looks and the robes they wore were also extraordinary. However, the boy was covered in blood and he seemed to have suffered a lot of injuries, and he was still carrying the girl. The girl wasn't wearing training clothes but a gauze dress instead.

In comparison to the young boy and girl, the youth in azure robes had an inconspicuous face and there was a simple and honest bearing between his eyebrows. He appeared to be a servant. It was just that, the Xie Family? Which Xie Family?

The strength of the three people was not strong, the three of them were at the Foundation Formation Stage and yet they dared to enter here? They didn't know what kind of family the Xie Family were, but they actually allowed their weak children to enter such a place?

The weakest children in their team were already at the Golden Core Stage.

"The Apex Poison Forest is full of dangers and ferocious beasts. You dare to come here to practise with your strength? You've been separated from your family?" A young man said, he looked at them and said: "How did you survive until now?"

This question was a little rude. However, except for Feng Jiu and the Xie siblings, no one in that family thought that there was anything wrong with that question.

That's right, the strength in front of their eyes were three Foundation Formation Stage cultivators, why would they think anything of them?

However, one of the young men stepped out after he had looked at Feng Jiu for a while.

He walked up to the old man and the middle-aged man and said: "First Elder, Uncle Sun, the three of them look like they are only in their teens, it's dangerous in here with no family clan protecting them. Since we are also going back, why don't we take them with us? When their family finds out later, they will be grateful to us."

In his opinion, the three Foundation Formation Stage cultivators were too weak. Without the protection of powerful people, they wouldn't be able to get out of this forest alive. As for them, those three people are not a threat to them, naturally they didn't have to worry about any plot as such.

The old man and the middle-aged man looked at each other and said a few words. Finally, the old man stood up and said: "We are the Guo Family of South Ridges. Since you have met us here, it is also your good fortune. We are getting ready to go back, you will come with us!"

Upon hearing this, the Xie siblings had a look of joy on their faces and they thanked them immediately: "Thank you Senior." They stepped forward and came to the Guo Family.

The younger generation of the Guo Family sat back down, but their eyes remained on the three of them. When they came on this trip, everyone in their family were all men, no women followed them. At this time, when they saw such a charming girl, they couldn't help but take a few more glances. As for Feng Jiu in her azure robes, she was ignored by them.

"Are you siblings?" The middle-aged man asked, his eyes on the Xie siblings.

"Yes, we are siblings. My little sister sprained her foot, so I've been carrying her on my back." Xie Yutang replied. He saw the middle-aged man's eyes shift to the side and fell on Feng Jiu, who was beside him.

### **Chapter 2646: Who Is This?**

"And who is this?" The middle-aged man asked.

"His name is Feng Jiu and he accompanies me." Xie Yutang replied quickly while glancing at Feng Jiu. He couldn't help but quietly exhale a sigh of relief as he observed her smiling in a simple, honest manner while standing motionless and remaining silent.

"Since you want to come out with us, you must follow our rules. You must not run around or cause any problems for us while we're in this place." The middle-aged man remarked and motioned to them. "Sit down and rest!" As he spoke, he turned away from them and returned to his seat next to the elderly man.

"Thank you so much, Senior." Xie Yutang smiled, gave Feng Jiu a quick look, and then sat down to rest.

The others just gave them a passing glance when they joined the group, while the young man who had talked to them earlier came over and stopped in front of Xie Yutang and others and inquired, "Is Miss Xie's foot seriously injured? Has she been given medication?"

“Yes, I have given the medication to my sister.” Xie Yutang rose to his feet and saluted him with cupped fists. “Thank you for speaking on our behalf earlier.”

The young man smiled. “My name is Guo Xinning. I’m only a few years older than you, so you can call me Big Brother Guo.”

“Big Brother Guo.” Xie Yutang smiled and called out.

Xie Shisi quickly looked at the kind man in front of her, lowered her head slightly, and murmured, “Big Brother Guo.”

Feng Jiu observed the scene with a simple and honest look and a smile on her face. She only wanted to ask them how to get out and then leave on their own, but they ended up travelling with them.

In that case, let’s just follow them! She sat aside, listening to Guo Xinning and Xie Yutang talk, and then looked at him quietly.

Seeing this man dressed in black, durable outfits for the experience trip with swords at his waist, his ink hair bound up, his skin as clear as jade, his gentle disposition, and his demeanour that indicated him to be a noble young master, Feng Jiu couldn’t help glancing at Xie Shisi with a snicker.

Guo Xinning was handsome, spoke with great care, and exuded the aura of a young master through his bearing. No wonder the girl’s cheeks were flushed and her gaze was filled with adoration.

Nevertheless, based on this group’s cultivation and bearing, you could deduce that they were members of a large, influential clan. Particularly Guo Xinning, who must have been a highly esteemed direct line disciple. It would be undesirable if the girl became carried away.

“All right, get ready to continue the journey!” The elderly and middle-aged men stood up. As soon as the sound was heard, the young disciples around them stood up as well.

Xie Yutang carried his sister on his back and followed after them, while Feng Jiu walked beside the sibling. Guo Xinning, who was walking ahead, saw them at the rear and approached them.

“Why don’t you move to the front with me? It is safer to walk in the middle.” Guo Xinning stated in a gentle tone that he would take them ahead.

“Isn’t that inappropriate?”

Xie Yutang was also aware that walking in the back was unsafe, but it was already considered satisfactory that the Guo family was willing to take them out of the area. It would be impolite to walk in the middle and allow these people to protect them.

“Never mind, come on!” Guo Xinning smiled gently and led them forward.

The other young disciples just glanced at it and said nothing.

The Guo family’s breathing did not become erratic after a distance of walking, but Xie Yutang was gasping for air because he was carrying his sister on his back.

**Chapter 2647: Nowhere To Be Seen**



Xie Yutang's forehead was drenched in sweat and he appeared exhausted. Guo Xinning, who walked beside him, gave him a puzzled look. After watching Feng Jiu walk leisurely, Guo Xinning couldn't help but wonder. "Why not ask Feng Jiu to carry your sister? You are injured. You will be unable to continue walking with a heavy burden on your back."

"I'm not going to let another man carry my sister on his back. It's improper." Despite the sweat running down his back and his breath coming in gasps, he didn't slow down or consider asking Feng Jiu for help.

He thought that his sister was a girl who would get married one day. Her reputation would be harmed if he allowed other men to casually carry her. He couldn't let that happen as a big brother.

Guo Xinning was taken aback by Xie Yutang's remark, but then laughed. He didn't say anything else, but his gaze grew more appreciative.

Feng Jiu, who was walking beside them, simply smiled when she heard Xie Yutang's words. While travelling with the Guo family's team, she observed that the elderly and middle-aged men who led the expedition were very experienced.

They were able to avoid mists that appeared in some areas and continue their journey.

When they came across some ferocious beasts in the forest, as soon as the two men in front gave a signal, the young men in the rear would set up their battle formation and ready for battle.

During the journey, she observed them avoiding two poisonous mists and killing three groups of about a dozen ferocious beasts with no casualties.

While they were following the Guo family, a team sent by the Ruan family entered the forest from the teleportation array in search of Xie Shisi.

But, finding them in such a large forest was easier said than done.

The beautiful woman who had returned to Xie's family sat dazed in the courtyard, her eyes slightly swollen from crying. When she heard a noise outside the courtyard, she looked quickly and saw that her husband had returned, so she stepped forward and asked, "How are things going? What did the Xie family have to say?"

"The Xie family has dispatched a search team." Xie Yan sighed, hugged her, and patted her on the shoulder gently. "Don't worry."

"How could I not worry? Little Shi is just a girl. Even an adult would struggle to survive in that environment." She sobbed as she covered her ears and threw herself into his arms. "It's all my fault, it's all my fault."

"You have nothing to do with this. The third daughter of the Ruan family is to blame. She has no regard for propriety!" He said it calmly, with a stern expression on his face. "If something is wrong with Little Shi, I will definitely demand an eye for an eye!"

Following a bout of crying, the beautiful woman's voice abruptly ceased and she stepped out of his embrace. "Where is our son, Little Jiu? Have they been found?"

"Not yet."

Xie Yan shook his head. "It's strange. The Xie family's gatekeeper claimed they did not leave, but they aren't here either. The dark guard in the mansion didn't sense their whereabouts. They, too, had no idea where they had gone."

The beautiful woman was taken aback when she heard this. "Do you think the two of them have also entered the Ruan family's Earth Spirit Array?" She asked hesitantly.

Without thinking, Xie Yan answered, "No, I don't believe so. I've seen the Ruan family's Earth Spirit Array. There is a Confining Spirit Array in the courtyard area which when one enters, a Mechanism Array is laid out. How could outsiders know how to open that Mechanism Array?"

### **Chapter 2648: A Secret Deception**

When the beautiful woman heard this, she started crying again. "Little Shi is in danger and it is unknown if she is alive or dead. Yu Tang and Little Jiu are missing as well. It's all my fault. It's all my fault. Had I known this would happen, I would not have brought them to the Ruan family."

"Don't blame yourself. Perhaps the Heavens will intervene and they will return safely in a few days." Now that things had gotten to this point, he could only comfort her in this way.

Meanwhile, the sky in the forest got darker and darker. The Guo family's team stopped as the sky darkened.

"Let's have a rest here tonight! Xinning, arrange for the others to take turns keeping watch. Xin Jie, bring some people to pick up some branches nearby." The middle-aged man stated, handing over the matter to them. Then he sat cross-legged to cultivate under the tree with the elderly man.

Guo Xinning arranged the people who were on night watch, and another young man led a group of disciples to pick up branches. When he passed Xie Yutang and others, he stopped and told Feng Jiu, "Kid, follow us as well."

"Alright." Feng Jiu stood up and told the siblings, "Get some rest. I'll go get some branches." She then followed after them.

"Pick some branches around here! Don't go too far." Guo Xinjie stated, even though he was resting under the tree with his arms folded across his chest.

Feng Jiu collected a handful of branches and was ready to go back. When she was about to leave, Guo Xinjie, who was resting under the tree, came to her.

"Kid, that's not enough. Go and pick some more. I'll take these back first." He reached out to take the branches Feng Jiu had picked up and glared provocatively at her. "What are you looking at? Go ahead!"

Feng Jiu looked at the branches he took away but she kept silent and turned around to gather more branches. When the man saw this, he laughed and winked at the others, and several of them went back.

Since the nearby branches have already been taken, you must go a bit further to get enough branches for tonight. Hence, after looking back, she moved further away.

At the rest stop, Xie Yutang was worried when he noticed that other people had returned but Feng Jiu had not. He looked back and wanted to look for him, but he felt uncomfortable leaving his sister here by herself.

“Where did Feng Jiu run to? Why has he still not returned?” He whispered and started to pace about uneasily.

“Big Brother, why don’t you go have a look? It is dangerous for him to go too far alone.” Xie Shisi voiced her apprehension.

“But, you...” His sister’s foot had not healed. How could he feel at ease leaving her here alone?

“Yutang, what’s wrong?” Guo Xinning came over after putting things in order. When he saw that the Xie siblings were worried, he swept his gaze around and saw that the young man in azure was nowhere to be found. “Where is Feng Jiu?” he asked.

“Big Brother Guo.” The two greeted him.

Xie Yutang said, “He went with them to get some branches just now. The others have already come back but Feng Jiu hasn’t. I’m worried.”

“I’ll ask,” Guo Xinning said after hearing his explanation. He approached the young man sitting under the tree, laughing and talking with several men, and asked, “Xin Jie, what about Feng Jiu? Didn’t he accompany you when you went to pick up branches? Why hasn’t he returned yet?”

The man gave a shrug. “I have no idea. I cautioned them not to go too far when gathering the branches. Who would have thought that we have already returned but he has not? I guess he hasn’t gathered enough branches yet!”

### **Chapter 2649: Guo Xinning**

Guo Xinning frowned slightly when he saw this. He gave him a long, thoughtful look before turning around and returning to Xie Yutang and his sister.

Don’t worry, I’ll take a look.” He told them before walking into the forest.

Xie Shisi remarked to her brother, “Big Brother, Big Brother Guo is so kind.”

“Mm, it was very nice of him to do that.” Xie Yutang concurred.

Feng Jiu was picking up branches when she saw a small spring not far away. She washed her face, took her shoes off, and soaked her feet.

The spring water’s chill permeated her skin, causing her to squint her eyes and smile.

When Guo Xinning came, he saw the figure in azure seated on a stone with his hands propped slightly behind him, gazing up at the sky with a contented grin.

When he saw the young man’s ordinary face light up with a smile, he stopped and his eyes flashed slightly. At the time, he only felt that the young man was enveloped by a veil of light, and the relaxed and cheerful smile on his face made him unable to take his gaze away.

As a result, when the young man who was smiling with his eyes narrowed suddenly looked back and stopped smiling, their eyes met and his heart was struck hard. Looking into his quiet eyes, he felt as if he had fallen into an abyss from which he could not extricate for a long time.

Feng Jiu frowned imperceptibly and looked at Guo Xinning who was staring at her from a place not far away. After averting her gaze, she pulled her feet from the cool spring water, dried the water spots with a cloth she took from the space and put on her boots. Only then did she take the branches she had set aside and go to Guo Xinning.

“Do you need some water? There’s a spring here.”

As Feng Jiu spoke, she saw that his eyes were wide open in amazement at her. Then she remembered that she had just soaked her feet there and smiled sheepishly. “Even though I soaked my feet in the water, the water was not stagnant but flowing downwards.” She turned around and walked back. “I’m going back.”

Guo Xinning was taken aback as the young man walked back past him. It took a while before he returned to his senses. He laughed and shook his head before going to inspect the spring and then returning with the young man.

“Feng Jiu, you are back. What took you so long? I thought something bad had happened to you!” Xie Yutang rushed to her side as soon as he saw her return.

“I’m fine. I got distracted while gathering branches and found a spring, so I only returned after washing my face.” She smiled while sending an unnoticeable glance at Guo Xinjie.

When Guo Xinjie saw Feng Jiu coming back, he snorted and turned away.

“Big Brother Guo looked for you. Did you meet him?” Xie Shisi asked with her head tilted back.

Feng Jiu smiled and looked at her, “Yes, he should be behind me.” Looking back, he noticed Guo Xinning walking slowly back not far away.

Seeing this, Xie Shisi couldn’t help laughing and her face wreathed with smiles.

When Xie Yutang saw his sister in this state, he was astonished, took a deep look at her, and then took another glance at Feng Jiu. It was difficult to tell what he was thinking.

“Sit down! I’ll pile up the branches. The sky is getting darker.” Feng Jiu said, putting the branches next to the place where they were sitting.

Guo Xinning walked back and stopped beside Feng Jiu to take a good look at her.

### **Chapter 2650: Smells Amazing**

His gaze was intense, three parts probing, seven parts inquisitive.

The Xie siblings were taken aback when they saw his eyes locked on Feng Jiu. They followed his gaze and saw Feng Jiu. They had no idea what he was looking at.

Feng Jiu, who was tidying up the branches, was obviously aware of it, but she paid no attention to it and didn’t even look back.

“Do you eat fruit, Big Brother Guo? I have some fruit here.” Xie Shisi said as she took out the fruit her brother had given her and handed it to him.

Guo Xinning came to his senses, took his gaze away from Feng Jiu, and smiled gently at Xie Shisi. “No, please keep it for yourself!” He left and returned to the front after nodding to them.

When Xie Shisi saw this, she couldn’t help but bow her head with melancholy.

“Do you like Big Brother Guo, Little Sister?” Xie Yutang hesitated before asking in hushed tones. They were sitting on the opposite side and no one spotted them, so nothing they said was heard.

Xie Shisi looked up at her brother with confusion and responded, “No, Big Brother, why do you ask?” Despite her denial, she was unable to deceive Xie Yutang with her evasive glance and flustered look.

He pointed out to his sister the black-clad Guo Xinning who was discussing with the middle-aged guy. “Little Shi, Big Brother Guo is already a Nascent Soul Peak cultivator. He achieved this cultivation level with his own efforts, without the aid of medicinal pills. His standing within the Guo family is likewise quite special.”

He did not state it explicitly, but instead told her the distance between him and them in the hope that her sister would figure it out.

How could a girl’s heart not be stirred by a man with such an excellent appearance, temperament, and strength? They were, however, simply a collateral line of the Xie family. Moreover, he did not believe that their siblings had anything exceptional to recommend.

It might be all right to get acquainted with each other as friends, but when it came to marriage, he didn’t think his sister would be accepted by the Guo family. This was not because he looked down on his sister, but because the circumstances were placed in front of him.

With a curve at the corner of her lips, Feng Jiu listened in the back. The silly boy saw it clearly. It appeared that he had made some progress in enduring adversity.

Xie Shisi hung her head sadly and whispered, “I understand, Big Brother.”

Xie Yutang said nothing more, but simply looked at Feng Jiu and said, “Let’s light the fire, too! After walking all day, I’d like to replenish my strength with some meat.”

“Alright.” Feng Jiu smiled, lit the fire, and then took out the meat they had roasted earlier and heated it before eating.

When the others in the two fire pits in front, who were also roasting meat, smelled the meat aroma from the opposite side, they couldn’t help but look back and saw the three young people eating a piece of barbecue that they didn’t know where to get. They couldn’t stop themselves from gulping because it smelled so good.

“Where did they get the meat? Why does it smell so good?” A man asked, his gaze fixed on the barbecue they were enjoying.

“It seems that the meat was previously roasted and is being reheated.” Another person asked, staring at his own barbecue. “Why doesn’t our barbecue smell that appetizing? Did they add some seasoning?”

“Your barbecue smells so appetizing. Can you share it with me?”

The three people eating the barbecue were taken aback by the sudden sound. When they looked up, Guo Xinning stood in front of them, staring at their roasted meat.

### **Chapter 2651: Bossing Around**

“Here you are.” Xie Yutang responded by slicing and wrapping a piece of roasted meat in leaves before handing it to him.

Guo Xinning accepted it with a smile, thanked, and sat down next to their small fire. Instead of picking up and chewing the entire piece, he pulled out a knife and chopped off a little portion to eat. Seeing his graceful and refined manner, Xie Yutang reddened in embarrassment.

How could he eat with such grace and elegance? It was as if he were not enjoying a picnic in the mountains, but rather eating dinner at home. Each and every one of his graceful movements made him blush with embarrassment.

In any case, he came from the Xie family, and while he was a collateral side and his family was not lacking in anything, the difference in standing could be seen now.

“It smells so appetizing.” Guo Xinning said, smiling. “It’s rare to eat such delicious food out here.”

“It was roasted by Feng Jiu. He’s an expert at roasting meat.” Xie Yutang answered, looking at Feng Jiu who was eating the barbecue.

Guo Xinning looked at the young man sitting and eating barbecue with surprise. Feng Jiu was engrossed in her food, not even looking up to recognise him. His thoughts moved slightly and he said, “Feng Jiu, the meat you roast is very fragrant. Have you added any seasonings?”

He wanted to talk to this young man for some unknown reason.

Feng Jiu gave him a sidelong glance, chewed the meat, and replied, “Mm hmm.”

Guo Xinning saw this with his eyes flickered. Seeing the young man’s bulging cheek move with the chewing, like a lovely little squirrel, made him feel like watching a novelty.

How did this young man give him the feeling that he was cute? Clearly, the young man’s appearance was unremarkable, yet it caught his attention.

Even if he had a good appetite, Feng Jiu couldn’t eat while being stared at like this. She ate the barbecue in two or three gulps, wiped her mouth, and stood up, “I’m done eating. Take your time.”

Seeing that she was about to leave, Xie Yutang inquired hurriedly, “Where are you going? Don’t run around at such a late night.”

“I’m not running around. I’m going to have a rest in the tree.” She pointed to the big tree behind them. With this response, she leapt up.

Guo Xinning observed her gracefully jump the tree and find a place to rest atop it. He couldn’t help but smile as he remarked, “He seemed extremely carefree.”

“Carefree?” Xie Yutang was astonished and then smiled. “How can he be so carefree? I think he’s a simpleton. He is unconcerned about danger.”

When Xie Shisi noticed Guo Xinning’s gaze was drawn to Feng Jiu, she couldn’t help but bow her head and look at herself. She was not particularly ugly either! But how come Brother Guo never looked at her? Why did he not pay her even a little attention?

When Guo Xinjie, who overheard their conversation, learned that the barbecue they ate was roasted by Feng Jiu, he came, stood beneath the tree, and looked up at the sleeping young man on the tree. “Feng Jiu, since you know how to roast meat, please help us roast some!”

When he heard this, Xie Yutang frowned slightly but said nothing. They were following the Guo family team and had the obligation to protect each other. To be honest, he didn’t know how to say no if they asked them to help with the barbecue.

Guo Xinning got to his feet and said, “I think your meat is nearly done roasting. Why do you need his help?”

“It’s almost done, but I just heard you say that Feng Jiu has a spice that can make the barbecue tastier, so isn’t it fine to call him for help?”

#### **Chapter 2652: Underhanded Tricks**

After hearing Guo Xinjie’s remark, Feng Jiu leapt from the tree, took out a small bottle, and said, “This is the seasonings. Just sprinkle it on the grill.” Then she handed him the condiment, which he unexpectedly declined.

“You have nothing to do, anyway. Since you can roast, come and roast for us, so that it won’t taste bad if we sprinkle too much or too little.” Guo Xinjie’s gaze was drawn to Feng Jiu; as if he knew she couldn’t refuse.

Guo Xinjie smiled as he saw Feng Jiu standing still, just looking at him. “Why? Can’t I ask you for help?” He was smiling, but there was no smile in his eyes. On the contrary, his contempt and provocation were visible between his brows.

Feng Jiu responded with a simple and honest smile. “No, it’s just that I’m a little worried.”

“What exactly are you worried about?” Guo Xinjie asked.

“I’m afraid if you eat what I bake, you’ll hold me accountable for everything. I really don’t want to do something so thankless.” She answered with an embarrassed expression.

Guo Xinjie laughed when he heard this. “Do you think so many of us are blind that we will give you the chance to do underhanded tricks?”

“So, if something is seriously wrong, it’s none of my business?” She inquired with a smile.

“Nonsense! What could possibly go wrong? When you cut off a piece of food after roasting the meat, I don’t think you dare do anything.” He snorted and motioned for him to follow him.

Feng Jiu smiled and took a look around. She didn't say anything because everyone was staring at them and had clearly heard their conversation. Guo Xinjie led her to the fire where the meat was being roasted.

Guo Xinning followed them and came over to Feng Jiu. Seeing her hand him the bottle after she took it out, Guo Xinning was taken aback. "What am I supposed to do with it?"

"Check it! This is an ordinary spice. Let someone check it to avoid the accusation that I made a mess for you."

After hearing this, Guo Xinning wanted to advise him that there was no need for it. Seeing that all eyes were on him, he took it, handed it to the middle-aged man in front of him, and returned quickly.

"Uncle Sun has seen it, and it is indeed a meat-seasoning spice." With that, he returned the item to Feng Jiu.

So, Feng Jiu took a knife, cut meat from the grill, and seasoned it. People sat and conversed while observing him grill meat.

When a powerful meat aroma spread, everyone surreptitiously swallowed and gazed at the grill on the fire rack.

The golden crispy skin and the strong meat aroma made the people drool and swallow their saliva. They averted their gaze from the unremarkable-looking young man, unaware that he possessed such skill.

"Alright, you may now eat." Feng Jiu threw away the leftover seasonings and then chopped a little piece of the meat with a knife. "I'll eat this piece!"

Knowing that people would not feel reassured if she did not eat the meat, she cut a small portion and started eating.

After the others watched Feng Jiu eat the barbecue, they took a knife and cut some roasted meat, first sending some to the elderly and middle-aged men before sharing the rest.

Feng Jiu observed Guo Xinjie eating the barbecue with a smile as a glint flashed by her eyes and the corners of her lips slightly lifted. She then turned and walked towards Xie Yutang.

### **Chapter 2653: Removal**

Xie Yutang opened his mouth and apologised as he watched her return. "It's all our fault, we're sorry. You wouldn't have to help them barbecue if it weren't for us."

He bowed his head. Along the journey, he had a vague feeling that Feng Jiu's strength was greater than his, but he didn't know how powerful her cultivation was. He knew, though, that Feng Jiu normally wouldn't have agreed to barbecue for them at all. She had agreed to it, all because of them.

Feng Jiu was stunned for a moment after hearing this and then smiled. "It's nothing, I have nothing else to do anyway." She smiled, sat by the fire, and told him, "You must change the medication for your wound. Come, I'll take a look for you."

"Oh." Xie Yutang said nothing but took his coat off, revealing the wounds bandaged inside.



“What to do? There is only one bottle of medicine left.” Xie Shisi’s face wrinkled. She feared that the medicine would run out before the wound healed.

“I have one here. Store that bottle away first.” After removing the binding from Xie Yutang’s wound and examining it, Feng Jiu retrieved a bottle from the space and assisted him in administering it to the wound.

She frowned upon noticing the wound turned severe and festered due to sweat and the humid weather. “The wound is festering and must be treated.”

“It’s fine, just put some medicine on it.” He was aware that the conditions were limited in this place, only bandaging of the wound was available.

Feng Jiu gave him a quick look and then pulled out her knife. “I’ll help you remove the rotten flesh.” She burned the knife on the fire as she talked.

When they heard what she said, the Xie siblings were shocked. “Remove the rotten flesh? You, how does that make sense?” She didn’t know anything about medicine, so why was she taking a knife to his skin? How could he allow it?

Xie Yutang’s face was pale and his forehead was wet as he looked at the sharp knife in Feng Jiu’s hand. “No, there’s no need for this. I’ll get it treated once we’re back! There should be nothing...” He couldn’t finish what he was saying because he was cut off.

“When you get back, you won’t be able to use your arm.” Feng Jiu said indifferently and gave him a quick look. “Could it be that you are afraid of pain? You don’t dare to let me scrape your flesh?”

Xie Yutang took a nervous gulp. “The issue is not afraid of pain at all, do you understand? You don’t even know...”

He halted as he held his breath and tensed his body because the person holding the knife did not wait for him to finish speaking before scraping at his wound. He was so tense that he could not even say a word.

“Relax, don’t be nervous; practice makes perfect; I’m just going to practice a bit on you.” Feng Jiu stated while removing the festering flesh from his wound.

Xie Yu Tang’s eyes widened as he stared at her. What exactly did she mean by “Practice makes perfect?” Using him to practice a bit? Why was this person so cold-hearted? His body was taut, but he dared not move his gaze up to the wound and focused on the person in front of him instead.

Feng Jiu cleaned up his wound after removing the festering flesh, then reapplied her medicine and bandaged it.

“It’s all good now.” She left to wash her hands and then returned. “I’m going to get some sleep. Call me if you have any needs.” Immediately after saying this, she jumped on the tree to relax.

Xie Yutang inspected the wound which had been rebandaged. He thought that the wound did not hurt as much after getting treated. On the contrary, there was a cool sensation. He could not resist stealing a glance at Feng Jiu on the tree.

## Chapter 2654: Stomach Cramps

A pffft sound could be heard not far away at this time. As soon as the sound was heard, the people around him quieted down and looked at Guo Xinjie, who suddenly stood up and his face changed slightly.

“Pffft!”

Another sound came accompanied by a foul odour, which caused the people around him to retreat with a look of disgust.

“Xinjie, what’s the matter with you? I can’t believe you farted in front of so many people. It stinks.” A young man who didn’t get along with Guo Xinjie pinched his nose, fanned the wind, and looked at him with disdain.

The others retreated slightly, held their breath, but did not chastise him like that man, staring at him with astonished eyes instead.

Guo Xinjie blushed and clasped his buttocks tightly, but he had no idea what was going on. Another “pfff” fart sounded. The people around him stood up with a swish and retreated a few metres away this time.

When Guo Xinjie saw this, he gave them an angry look. “Everyone farts, so what is there to dislike?” As he talked, his stomach grumbled and cramped up, making his forehead sweat.

“Hiss! I think I got this upset stomach from eating too much.” He ran to the darker part of the woods as he spoke, covering his buttocks without preserving his image.

The crowd stood there stunned for a moment, then burst out laughing: “Hahaha...I think he ate too much barbecue. You didn’t see it. He chose only the tender and fatty parts.”

“It’s good in moderation, but you can’t consume too much. Look, he is the only person with diarrhoea, nobody else does.” The other individual smiled and shook his head while conversing with the one next to him.

When Guo Xinning witnessed this incident, his eyes flashed. Instinctively, he turned around to search for the figure in azure, but the person was nowhere to be found... Finally, he peered up at the tree and saw that the young man had fallen asleep while leaning on the tree.

Was it a coincidence?

Xie Yutang looked at the scene and was stunned for a moment. He looked up at the figure on the tree, and couldn’t help but wonder: was it a coincidence?

Xie Shisi covered her mouth and smiled, her brows arched with delight. “Big Brother, that man is truly embarrassing. How funny that he did something so vulgar in front of so many people.”

Xie Yutang turned around and grinned “I think he got sick because he ate too much. Don’t laugh when he comes back so as not to offend him.”

“Mmm hmm, I get it.” Xie Shisi gave a smile and a nod.

Surprisingly, Guo Xinjie ran back and forth no less than seven times. The diarrhoea caused him to collapse and fell unconscious. As the night grew darker, everyone else started to fall asleep except for those keeping night watch.

A rustling voice awakened Feng Jiu in the tree in the middle of the night. She looked around and noticed a pair of eyes glowing strangely cold in the night about 50 metres away from them.

It's a wolf!

It was a large wolf pack, too! There were at least a hundred pairs of eyes twinkling in the dark, indicating the presence of at least hundreds of wolves, and not just any wolves, but a certain level of wolf beasts!

She remained motionless because she noticed the old man and the middle-aged man standing up and looking around warily.

### **Chapter 2655: Unable to Contend**

"Be vigilant! There are wolves are out there!"

Right at this moment, the patrol made the warning, and the other eight people on night watch in the area immediately retreated.

When they heard the cry, the others who were sound asleep awoke and took their swords from their waists, ready to attack at any moment. At that very moment, the atmosphere around them became solemn and there was an oppressive feeling in the air.

Feng Jiu had already jumped down when she heard the warning and was standing next to the Xie siblings.

"Feng Jiu, there are wolves!" Xie Yutang said nervously.

"Yeah, I know. Carry your sister on your back and stay close to me." She spoke in a hushed tone.

"Alright." Xie Yutang gradually calmed down after hearing Feng Jiu's words. He carried her sister on his back and stood next to Feng Jiu.

The Guo family's team gradually formed a battle formation, with their backs to each other and everyone facing outwards, sword tips pointing outwards in all four directions. As they detected the wolves' movements, the initially hidden wolves were also approaching step by step.

Concerned for Feng Jiu and the siblings, Guo Xinning approached the three of them and remarked, "Those are wolf beasts. You should be cautious. Try to stay in the middle and don't go outside our circle of protection." He looked at Feng Jiu as soon as he gave this warning.

"Alright, we got it." Xie Yutang gave a reply. Seeing him glance at Feng Jiu, he couldn't help but look as well, wondering why he feels Guo Xinning pays such close attention to Feng Jiu.

After alerting them, Guo Xinning left and returned beside the elderly man and the middle-aged man. Even though they were mentally prepared, the people could not help but gasp when they saw the wolf pack closing in on them.

"Aren't there more than a hundred of them?" A Guo family's disciple spoke in a tremulous voice.

“Hiss! There are not only over a hundred wolf beasts, but half of them are also Saint Wolves!” The other person exclaimed, feeling only a sense of impending disaster.

They numbered no more than thirty or forty people. How could they possibly defeat more than a hundred wolf beasts? Moreover, the level of these wolves was not low. Perhaps...

They could only look at the elderly man and the middle-aged man who were in charge. They didn't know if they could win in this situation.

“Awooooo!”

Suddenly, the night sky was filled with the howl of a wolf. It wasn't clear where the sound was coming from, but it was made by the wolf king.

As soon as the wolf howled, the other wolves, with ravenous eyes on their prey, howled and swooped out one by one, baring their teeth and pouncing on their prey.

The pace of these wolves was incredibly fast, and their sharp claws and teeth dropped simultaneously, along with their enormous number, causing the Guo family surrounding them to be temporarily overwhelmed and the formation to gradually disperse and become disoriented.

“Hiss! Aaah!”

“Whoosh!”

The roar, the low cry, accompanied by the sound of the sword's fierce airflow when drawn, spread through the night, between the light and shadow of the sword, the blood spattered, and the smell of blood pervaded the air.

“Don't panic! Hold on! Maintain the formation!”

The middle-aged man yelled, but all he saw were people fighting in chaos due to wolf attacks, and the formation had long been out of shape, and as a result, most of them, who were unable to cope, were scratched by wolf claws.

“Come with me to deal with the wolf king! Let's go! ”

### **Chapter 2656: No Injuries**

The elderly man told the middle-aged man and instructed Guo Xinning. “I'll hand this over to you. Keep persisting. When we repel the Wolf King, the wolf pack might also flee!”

Guo Xinning slew a wolf with his sword and said, “All right, Elder and Uncle Sun, be careful!” As soon as he uttered these words, he observed that the two men raised their vital energy and set off to find the Wolf King.

Due to the small size of their team and the large number of wolves, there was no question that they would be defeated after a prolonged battle. The present strategy was to repel the Wolf King so that the wolves would retreat.

It's just...

He looked at the disciples around him who were red-eyed and their bodies were covered in blood. The wolf beasts' fierce onslaught caused them to lose their usual composure so that they had become agitated and panicked.

He couldn't help but search the crowd for the Xie siblings and Feng Jiu. He wanted to go over to them after seeing them forced to retreat to the corner, but he couldn't because of the crowd. All he could do was fight while walking toward them.

Xie Shisi had never seen so many wolves emerge at once, especially with their sharp teeth exposed and saliva flowing from their mouths as they attacked. The wolves' ferocious and bloodthirsty appearance terrified her. She hid behind her brother's back and dared not look again.

Xie Yutang continued to hack and kill the wolves with the blade in his hand. He heeded Feng Jiu's advice and used the large tree behind him as cover so that he did not have to worry about the wolves behind him and could concentrate on the ones in front of him.

However, he had to fight with his sister behind his back, and his physical strength was quite limited. After a battle, his physical strength gradually diminished and his attacks and defences got slower as a result.

When he saw a fierce beast coming, he turned white with fear. At that moment, the sword in Feng Jiu's hand pierced the wolf's body and flung it away. He looked at the person in front of him with his heart pounding and his lungs gasping for air.

He was sure he was going to die.

"Lean on the tree and take a rest behind me." Feng Jiu said without turning around, acting as a barrier in front of them to protect them from danger.

These wolves were child's play to her, but she had no intention of solving the Guo family's problem. One reason was that their battle strength was not weak. Even if they were to sustain injuries as a result of this battle, they would not be fatal. The other reason was that if she did anything in her current identity, it would naturally draw people's attention and cause unnecessary trouble.

So, she would fight! In any case, all she needed to do was protect the Xie siblings. What difference does it make whether the others are dead or alive to her?

She cast a glance at Guo Xinjie's weak legs, and a faint smile appeared on the corners of her lips. Guo Xinjie had diarrhoea the entire night. He was attacked by wolves before his physical strength had recovered. His bloody wounds were severe, and if it hadn't been for the men who stood by him, he would have been devoured by wolves by now.

After a lengthy battle, it appeared that the Guo family could no longer bear it. Even Guo Xinning was scraped up by wolf claws. Suddenly, in the midst of the night, a wolf's howl was heard. The other wolves in the pack howled in response to this cry. Despite their reluctance, the wolves ultimately left quickly.

The Guo family fell to the ground one by one as they watched the wolf beasts run away.

When Guo Xinning went to check on Feng Jiu and the two siblings, he saw that none of them had any injuries. He couldn't help but just stare at them blankly.

## Chapter 2657: Shock

In the dark of night, an azure-clad young man stood in front of the Xie siblings. He was holding an ordinary sword without a hint of fear on his face. Behind him, Xie Yutang carried his little sister on his back with a tinge of panic in his eyebrows.

There were no injuries on the bodies of the young man in azure or the Xie family's siblings, only a few blood stains on their clothes.

For a brief moment, he was stunned by the three people's conditions. He instinctively surveyed the disciples of the Guo family surrounding them. He observed that none of them was in decent shape; each had injuries and some were dying. These people possessed far greater strengths than the other three.

Did they not get hurt because the Guo family protected them?

Even thinking about it made him laugh. Even if the Guo family hadn't been wounded, he didn't think they would risk their lives to protect the three when the battle formation broke up and the wolves attacked.

"I'm glad you didn't get hurt." After a long time, he just said this and turned to look at the other people who were wounded.

Perhaps Guo Xinning's look of surprise and the way he was staring at them prompted Xie Yutang to consider something. He examined the three of them and discovered that they indeed had no injuries.

They were unharmed because Feng Jiu had been constantly protecting them.

Feng Jiu, it's all thanks to Feng Jiu.

He gazed at the small figure in front of him, who was obviously not as tall as he was, but who constantly stood in front of him to protect them from danger. Without him, how could they defend themselves against the wolves and keep themselves intact?

"Big Brother, go and see if they need any help, and help them bandage the wound." Xie Shisi only felt that the atmosphere was a little strange, but she didn't dwell on it. She spoke quietly, breaking the strangeness of the moment.

"Alright." Xie Yutang replied, letting her down and told Feng Jiu, "Take a rest with Little Shi here. I'll go and see if they need any help."

Feng Jiu nodded. She sat by Xie Shisi, pulled out a piece of cloth, wiped the sword, and sat with her eyes closed; as if she were oblivious to the sounds of anguish and crying around her.

Xie Shisi observed the wounds on those people. Some had blood all over their clothes, while others had been scratched by wolf claws with deep wounds that the bones were visible. She could not help but shrink with fear.

"Little Jiu, aren't you afraid?" Xie Shisi inquired quietly.

"I'm not afraid," Feng Jiu said as she opened her eyes and looked at her. Her gaze fell on the injured and screaming people in front of her, and her voice returned. "Because I am capable of protecting myself."

Xie Shisi just stared at her. "Little Jiu, you're amazing."

"Mm, I'm amazing." She looked at her with her head slightly tilted and smiled.

Xie Yutang helped people at the front to bandage their wounds. As he looked at the wounds, his heart was pounding. If he had been hurt at home, he would have cried for his father and mother because he was in so much pain that he would die. But when he got here, he found out that these were all necessary experiences for people who travelled outside to gain new experiences.

"Let me first help you stop bleeding. Do you have any medicine for wounds? I'll help bandage on the wounds." Xie Yutang's voice came from the crowd.

Feng Jiu was sitting in a corner with Xie Shisi. With a slight curve in her lips, she watched Xie Yutang move through the crowd.

### **Chapter 2658: Medical Treatment**

"In fact, your brother is a good person." She said something unexpected.

Xie Shisi laughed as soon as she heard this. "Yes, yes. My brother is very kind. He treats me very well. When I was little, whenever others bullied me, he would fight with them. People in the town where we used to live called him 'Little Overlord'."

Feng Jiu smiled at her and said, "Remove the bandage from your feet! I'll examine it."

Xie Shisi was taken aback. "Do you want to see it right away? In fact, my foot is only sprained. I think it will get better tomorrow."

"Mm, I'll take a look when your brother isn't around, so he won't think I'm taking advantage of you when he gets back." Feng Jiu smiled and said.

When Xie Shisi heard this, she smiled and said, "You won't take advantage of me." As she talked, she took off her shoes and the cloth that had been wrapped around her feet. However, after being bandaged for a full day, the skin where the medicine was applied was wrinkly.

Xie Shisi gasped when Feng Jiu touched her foot. "It still hurts when touched."

Feng Jiu covered the wound with her hand and looked at Xie Shisi when she heard this. "Are you scared after seeing these things on this trip?"

"I'm scared, but I'm not as scared when you're around."

Xie Shisi stated truthfully while looking at Feng Jiu. "I was scared when I fell into this place, but not when you and my big brother arrived. I was terrified as well when I saw the wolves just now. I've never seen so many wolves before. Even though they are strong, those people have been severely injured. I thought for sure we were going to die!"

As Feng Jiu talked to her, the hand that was on Xie Shisi's ankle turned just a little bit. In the dim night, no one saw a blue light coming from under her hand and slowly moving into Xie Shisi's ankle.

"It's fine now. You can't always use medicine to bind this foot. Allow it to breathe." Feng Jiu motioned for her to put on her boots while she retrieved the water and washed her hands.

The elderly man and the middle-aged man returned, and they were also hurt, especially the elderly man, who turned pale and his grey robes became stained with blood.

Guo Xinning greeted them and helped the elderly man take a seat. Looking at the injured Guo family, the elderly man coughed and asked, "How many people have died and how many are injured?"

"Please be at ease, Great Elder. There were no fatalities, but several of the disciples were badly hurt while the rest were moderately injured." Guo Xinning stated.

The elder who had just sat up stood up again and said, "I'll go take a look."

"Great Elder, you've been hurt as well, so sit down and rest." The middle-aged man said, holding him down and refusing to release him.

Guo Xinning was stunned when he noticed blood seeping from the elder's shoulder, but because the clothes were not torn. He asked with surprise, "Is the Great Elder badly hurt?"

"For fear of causing you concern, we only returned after the wound was casually bandaged and the clothes were changed." The middle-aged man sighed as he looked at the pale great elder.

When Guo Xinning heard this, his heart plummeted. He feared that the great elder was severely injured.

"Alright, I'm fine. I'll just have a rest." The elderly man spoke and gestured, "Go and visit with the others! I have no need for you here."

Despite his concern, Guo Xinning yielded and went to see the others.

Except for Xie Shisi, no one noticed Feng Jiu, dressed in azure, walking around with a stride in the dark night...

### **Chapter 2659: Night Patrol**

No one knew that during this dark night, Feng Jiu quietly scared away a few dangerous beasts that were drawn to the smell of blood. An ancient pressure spread faintly in the air in the outer part of the circle centred around the Guo's family, intimidating those ferocious beasts that were greedily watching their prey so that they dared not come near this side.

At this time, the Guo family's elderly man and the middle-aged man were anxiously scanning the area. "The stench of blood is too strong here. I'm afraid it will result in another attack by ferocious beasts. Now that our people are injured, they cannot withstand a second attack."

"Don't be concerned, Great Elder and Uncle Sun." Guo Xinning replied, observing the people around them. Suddenly, a figure in azure emerged from the shadows and sat beneath the tree.

"Make caution your first priority." The elderly man spoke in a feeble voice. "We really shouldn't stay here at this time if it hadn't been for the crisis in the middle of the night and our people being exhausted."

"I'll send two more people to patrol the area." Guo Xinning replied. He walked away after giving them a salute.



When Xie Yutang noticed Guo Xinning about to patrol around, he came forward and said, "Brother Guo, your wound has not yet been treated. It will become inflamed if left untreated."

After hearing his remark, Guo Xinning glanced at his wound and smiled gently. "It doesn't matter, because it's just a small cut."

"Small wounds still need to be cared for."

Xie Yutang turned around to ask the person close by for the wound medicine, but he heard the man say, "We've run out of wound medicine. Several others still have not received medical attention. There are too many injured people and not enough medical supplies."

Xie Yutang was taken aback when he heard this and glanced at those people. Seeing Guo Xinning smiling, Xie Yutang dragged him over to where Feng Jiu was and said, "Feng Jiu still has half a bottle of wound medicine. I'll ask him to bandage your wound."

As he brought Guo Xinning to Feng Jiu beneath the tree, Guo Xinning's eyes flashed when he saw the young man in azure sitting with his eyes closed, but he remained silent.

"Little Jiu."

Xie Yutang smiled flatteringly. Instead of calling her Feng Jiu, as he usually did, he called her affectionately Little Jiu. When he saw Feng Jiu open her eyes, he quickly said, "This is what happened. They are out of wound medicine. I recall you still have half a bottle of medication. Let's do this! Bandage Big Brother Guo's wound with that medicine."

Feng Jiu took out a half-bottle of medicine and motioned to Guo Xinning. "Sit down!"

Guo Xinning sat down and removed his coat, exposing the wounds on his chest and arm. He cocked his head to the side to observe Feng Jiu and saw her disinterest. She took out the medication, sprinkled it on the wound, and then applied a basic bandage.

"It's alright." Feng Jiu said and stood up. "Will you be on the night patrol? I'll take care of it." She then walked into the darkness by herself.

"Hey, Little Jiu." Xie Yutang tried to stop him, but she had gone into the darkness.

"Don't worry, I'll follow." Guo Xinning spoke, turned back to give directions to the other two men, and then disappeared into the darkness.

Feng Jiu walked around, holding branches she'd found somewhere and fiddling with weeds here and there. Her pace was slow. It was more of a walk than a night patrol.

She turned around when she heard a noise behind her and saw Guo Xinning. "What brought Young Master Guo here?"

"Why don't you call me Big Brother Guo?"

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Guo Xinning approached Feng Jiu and cast a sidelong glance at the young man who was half a head shorter than him.

“I’m only a servant in the Xie mansion, so I can’t break the rules.”

“But I don’t think you look at all like a servant. You look more like a master than Yutang.” He looked at her as if he was trying to deduce the answer from her expression.

Feng Jiu chuckled. “That’s because he’s laid-back and lacks the arrogance of a master.”

“Is that really so?” Obviously, he didn’t believe it.

They stopped speaking and simply walked around slowly, observing the movement around them. After a lengthy period of silence, Guo Xinning finally spoke again. “Why were you not injured when you confronted the wolves?” He wanted to ask this question ever since he saw that they weren’t hurt. However, he had endured it until he finally posed this question.

Feng Jiu cocked her head to look at him with a look of surprise. “Does Young Master Guo want us to get hurt?”

Guo Xinning, who hadn’t expected this question, was taken aback. He shook his head and gave Feng Jiu a deep look. “No, I just have some doubts.”

“What room is there for doubt? Because of your protection, we were not injured!” She spoke in a matter-of-fact tone as if what she said were true.

Guo Xinning would have believed her statement if he had not witnessed the situation and known that the Guo family could not protect them under such conditions.

Since he couldn’t get an answer, he didn’t ask any more questions and instead quietly patrolled the night. But as the night got darker and quieter, he couldn’t help but stop and look into the dark forest.

“What’s wrong?” Feng Jiu also stopped.

“It’s strange.” Guo Xinning responded.

Feng Jiu’s eyes flickered as she inquired, “What’s so strange?”

“The blood of the wolf pack and the injured Guo family’s disciples had been permeating the air for a long time, but there’s no more ferocious beasts coming when the stench of blood is so strong. It makes no sense.” Guo Xinning pondered, unable to pinpoint what made the night so peaceful.

Anyone who has travelled outside to gain experience knows that in the woods infested with ferocious beasts, the reek of blood at night would incite the beasts. Except for the wolves who had previously attacked them, the smell of blood here had not attracted any other beasts.

This did not make sense. He expected another tense battle tonight, but he was surprised by how peaceful it was.

When she heard his musing, Feng Jiu chuckled. “Do you always have so many thoughts? Isn’t it a good thing that no more ferocious beasts are on their way here?”

She had been releasing her ancient pressure in the area, but because Guo Xinning’s cultivation strength was not particularly powerful, he was naturally unaware of its existence.

“How long will it take to get out of here, by the way?” She still had her medicinal pills in the Treasure Exchange Building! She said she would pick up the exchange seven days later, but she would have missed it if she had to stay here the whole time.

“Our family set up a teleportation array in this place. We can leave the Poison Forest as long as we get there.”

Guo Xinning said, his brow furrowed slightly. “It’s just that now everyone is hurt and it appears to me that the Great Elder is badly wounded. I fear there will be numerous beast attacks along the way. It will most likely take some time to climb the mountain to the teleportation array.”

Feng Jiu’s curiosity was piqued. Teleportation array? The Ruan family seemed to have a teleportation array in this forest as well