

## God tier Farm 361

### Chapter 361: Light at the end of the tunnel (2)

After Chen dongbai announced the bronze prize, he paused for a moment, then changed to another piece of paper and continued, "Next, I'll be announcing the flowers that have won the silver medal."

The teachers and students in the audience immediately perked up their ears, afraid of missing out on important information.

Vice – Principal li, who was sitting beside Chen dongbai, was also a little nervous. He wanted to sneak a peek at the award results on the paper, but he had to maintain his dignity as a leader in front of so many people. So, he only had a slightly stiff smile on his face as he sat upright.

"The winning works for the Silver Award are ..." Chen dongbai paused for a moment, then said, "a water fairy from Dongnan Normal University, a lilac from Dongnan Police Academy, and ... A lilac from Dongnan Agriculture and Forestry University ..."

When Chen dongbai said this, he paused slightly. The eyes of the students of the Sanshan University gardening club below the stage couldn't help but light up as they shouted in their hearts: "Suhe of the Yang family, suhe of the Yang family ..."

If yang suhe from Agriculture and Forestry University won the Silver Award, then their jade lion Mo Lan was very likely to win the Gold Award!

However, Chen dongbai clearly didn't hear the inner thoughts of the students from Sanshan University's gardening club. He smiled and continued, ""Melon chrysanthemums!"

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Yay!

The sighs at the front were from the students of Sanshan University's gardening club, and the louder cheers came from the Agriculture and Forestry University.

Two of the pots of flowers that they had sent to the exhibition had been shortlisted for the final round, and the relatively weaker sunflower had actually won a Silver Award. That meant that the pot of yang suhe should have definitely won the Gold Award!

As the host, winning both the gold and silver Awards at the same time, this was really an honor!

Chen Song was the loudest on the side of Agricultural University. He even exaggeratedly made a fist – waving gesture, and then looked at the side of Sanshan University with a threatening expression.

The students of Sanshan University, on the other hand, were a little disappointed. They did not think that the pot of yang Lotus would not even win the bronze prize. Since there was no announcement now, the pot of yang Lotus was most likely the one who won the gold Prize.

He had really lost completely this time ...

However, the Jade lion Mo Lan from his side should not be unable to even get a bronze prize ... Could it be that the teachers of their school were not part of the judging panel, so they were treated unfairly?

Professor Tian had only arrived later, and he had not been involved in this work in the beginning. He might not even know that the Jade lion Mo Lan was selected and sent by Sanshan University.

The smile on vice – Principal Li's face finally became more confident and affable.

Professor Tian, on the other hand, had a calm smile on his face. No one could tell anything from his expression.

Jiang Yue's eyes were already teary. Xia ruofei, who was standing beside her, saw this and comforted her softly, "Jiang Yue, don't be so anxious. The award hasn't been announced yet, right?"

"But ... Yang suhe from Agricultural University ..." Jiang Yue said in a depressed mood.

Her eyes were a little red. Everyone had put in so much effort for this flower exhibition, and Xia ruofei had miraculously saved the mo Lan from the brink of death twice. Then, he spent three days to help the mo Lan undergo a complete transformation.

She felt that Xia ruofei must have put in a lot of effort in the process. It would be too unfair if they did not gain anything from the exhibition and lost the bet with Chen Song.

"As long as there's no final announcement, anything is possible!" Xia ruofei said with a smile.

"Yes ..." Jiang Yue nodded slightly. After hearing Xia ruofei's words, she calmed down a little.

Xia ruofei squinted his eyes and looked at the stage. He also felt that the results of today's announcement were a little strange. If yang suhe really won the Gold Award in the end, and jade lion Mo Lan didn't even get the Bronze Award, this result would probably be questioned by everyone!

After all, in the next two days, these flowers would all be on display, and the public's eyes would be sharp!

Unless the judges were blind, how could such a result appear?

At this moment, professor Tian, who was on the platform, glanced at Xia ruofei. When their eyes met, Xia ruofei felt a smile in professor Tian's eyes and immediately felt more at ease.

After a small commotion and celebration, the venue quickly quieted down.

Everyone knew that the biggest award of this year's flower exhibition, the Yingying gold medal, was to be revealed.

Whoever won the gold medal would undoubtedly be the biggest winner of this exhibition.

Chen dongbai, who was on the stage, seemed to be deliberately keeping people in suspense. He put down the paper in his hand unhurriedly, then slowly picked up the last piece of red paper and slowly unfolded it.

Everyone held their breath.

"Next, I'm very honored to announce that the gold medal winner of this year's Southeast province flower exhibition is ..." Chen dongbai said with a smile.

Chen dongbai looked around and saw the nervous faces below the stage. He seemed to be very satisfied with the effect of keeping people in suspense. He smiled and continued, "The orchid yang Lotus chosen by Dongnan Agriculture and Forestry University ..."

Chen Song had been holding his breath the entire time, his eyes fixed on Chen dongbai's mouth on the stage. When the words "yang suhe" came out of Chen dongbai's mouth, Chen Dong jumped up from his seat, clenched his fists, and cheered loudly. His face was flushed red, and the excitement in his heart was beyond words. Even the president of the gardening club, Meng Zhou, who was beside him, didn't show such excitement.

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Chen Dong's cheers also exploded in the entire venue, and the area where the students from Agricultural University were gathered became a sea of jubilation.

On the contrary, the side of the three mountains University was dead silent. Everyone could not accept this result.

He had lost, and he had lost so badly that he didn't even get a bronze prize.

How did this happen?

This didn't make sense ...

Everyone's heart was filled with mixed feelings. There was unwillingness, resentment, helplessness, and confusion ...

Only Xia ruofei was looking at professor Tian who was still smiling on the stands.

Just as the cheers and celebrations were getting louder and louder, Chen dongbai spoke into the microphone, "Students! Students! Everyone, please quiet down!"

Chen dongbai called out a few times before the crowd slowly quieted down. An awkward smile appeared on his face. He didn't expect the students to be so enthusiastic. They didn't even say a word before they started cheering.

Yes, Chen dongbai hadn't finished his sentence.

When he saw that everyone had gradually quieted down, he continued to speak into the microphone, "Students, please let me finish! The quality of the flowers and plants that everyone had brought to this year's flower exhibition was very high. The overall level was much higher than the last flower and plant exhibition two years ago. In particular, the quality of the two pots of flowers is comparable and quite excellent. The experts and teachers of our Evaluation Committee have been arguing about these two pots of flowers, which is why it took so long in the final selection stage."

When Chen dongbai said this, the audience was already very quiet. Everyone was listening quite seriously.

Chen Song from Agricultural University seemed to have realized that something was not right. 'This President Chen seems to be implying something ...'

On the side of the three mountains University, everyone's despairing mood was somewhat revived at this moment. Could it be ...

As expected, Chen dongbai continued,"In the end, our expert judges reached a unified opinion. One of the two pots of flowers is yang suhe from Agriculture and Forestry University, and the other is the Jade lion Molan from Sanshan University. In the end, our opinion is that the two pots of flowers are tied for first place, so there are actually two gold medals in this year's flower exhibition. Congratulations, Agriculture and Forestry University! Congratulations to the three mountains University!"

Chen dongbai finished his sentence in one breath. He didn't dare to keep them in suspense any longer, in case he was interrupted by the excited students.

As soon as Chen dongbai's words fell, the students from Agricultural University looked at each other. How did they get a tied gold medal?

Originally, they had won the only Gold Award and a Silver Award. It could be said that they were unparalleled in their glory. Now, this most valuable award had to be shared with Sanshan University. It was as if half of what originally belonged to them had been snatched away by someone else. Naturally, everyone was very unhappy.

Naturally, Chen Song was the most displeased. He had thought that he had already won the bet, and that he had completely won the pot of Black Orchid from the three mountains University in Xuanji without even getting the bronze prize! He didn't expect the final result to be a tie for first place.

After being at the end of their rope, Sanshan University did not expect to find a way out. Their mood rose from the bottom to the peak. This kind of surprise was far greater than winning the gold medal directly.

"We won the gold Prize!" Jiang Yue jumped up in excitement and hugged Xia ruofei tightly."Brother Xia! We've really won the Gold Award ..."

Xia ruofei stood there awkwardly. He did not know where to place his hands and his body was stiff.

A young and shy girl was hugging him so tightly. The girl's delicate fragrance entered his nose. To Xia ruofei, it was hard to accept this Beauty's grace.

Jiang Yue quickly realized that something was wrong and quickly let go of Xia ruofei. Her face was burning.

The two of them felt extremely awkward.

Lu You, who was watching from the side, couldn't help but giggle. Lu You's laughter made the two of them blush.

Fortunately, Mo Lan had won the Gold Award. Everyone was overjoyed and no one else noticed this scene. Xia ruofei and Jiang Yue parted ways very quickly.

Everyone laughed and made a scene. It was as if all the hard work during this period of time had been vented.

But soon, Jiang Yue realized something. She frowned and said, "Brother Xia, Youyou, now that both pots of flowers have won the gold Prize, how are we going to deal with our bet with Chen Song?"

### Chapter 363: A duel (1)

Xia Cheng and the others also thought of this problem. Everyone stopped celebrating and started to think.

After a while, Xia Cheng said without much confidence, "Mr. Xia, why don't we ... Consider this bet a draw! Both of them won the Gold Award, so it's a happy ending!"

From Xia Cheng's point of view, Sanshan University's gardening club had already exceeded their expectations by winning the Gold Award. There was no need for them to compete with Agricultural University.

Of course, the most important thing was that he had no confidence at all.

Yang suhe from Agricultural University had such a high chance of winning the championship, and this was her home ground. If they had to fight for first or second place, then their jade lion Mo Lan would most likely lose.

If that was the case, then the value of the tied gold medals would be greatly reduced. Agricultural University would always be the first and Sanshan University the second.

Taking such a big risk for a bet, wasn't it not worth it?

Xia Cheng and most of the students from the Garden Club had the same thought, but someone else didn't.

The moment Xia Cheng finished his sentence, someone immediately said in unison, "No!"

Xia ruofei and Lu You spoke.

Xia ruofei looked at Lu You in surprise. He did not agree to a draw because of the black stone in Chen song's hand. He did not understand why Lu You was so strongly against it.

If she lost this bet, Lu You would lose a pot of orchid that was at the level of a gold medal at the Expo!

"Youyou ..." Jiang Yue gently tugged on Lu You's sleeve.

"Lu You," Xia ruofei said, "everyone thinks that it's good to be happy. Why are you against it?"

"There's no reason. I just don't like that Chen Song!" Lu You said indifferently, "that arrogant look is asking for a beating! Besides, the bet has already been made, what's the point of a draw?"

Xia ruofei grinned and said, "Great minds think alike!"

Lu You said in her heart, 'slightly the same ghost! If I didn't see your eyes light up after seeing the stone in Chen song's hand, I wouldn't even care about this stupid bet!

Of course, Lu You would not say this out loud.

Xia Cheng furrowed his brows. "Since Lu You has decided to bet to the end, we can't really object to it. But, both of us will win the gold Prize. How are we going to decide who's better?"

"Isn't that simple?" Xia ruofei chuckled and said, "our previous agreement was that if both parties received the same award, the judges would decide the specific ranking. Of course, this kind of thing should be left to the judges."

Xia ruofei smiled and said, "Let's go! Let's go and meet the people from Agricultural University."

Xia ruofei took the lead, and the students of the gardening club of Sanshan University surrounded him as they walked towards the area where the teachers and students of Agricultural University were.

When Chen Song saw Xia ruofei walking over, his face darkened and he snorted coldly.

Meng Zhou also frowned slightly. He took two steps forward and said, "Xia Cheng, congratulations!"

Although he was a little unhappy that Sanshan University had won their Gold Award, as the president of Agricultural University's gardening club, Meng Zhou still had some basic manners.

Xia Cheng smiled and said, "thank you! Congratulations to you guys too!" You've already won the gold and silver Awards. "

"It's a pity that we didn't achieve the expected results. " Meng Zhou said indifferently.

It was obvious that they were not planning to share the Gold Award with others.

"Xia Cheng, what's the matter?" Meng Zhou continued to ask.

"Mr. Xia, the consultant of our gardening club," Xia Cheng said indifferently, "he had a bet with your club's Chen Song. You should have heard about it, right?"

Meng Zhou raised his eyebrows and glanced at Xia ruofei indifferently. "Chen Song told me that the Gold Award has been decided. How are you guys going to handle it?"

Xia Cheng turned around to look at Xia ruofei.

Xia ruofei smiled. "The bet has been made. It's only natural that we decide who's the winner. Both pots of flowers are gold prizes. I think you guys want to know who's first and who's second, right?"

Meng Zhou smiled noncommittally and said, "Then how do you want to decide the winner?"

"Student Chen Song said that if both parties win the same award, the judges will have to work a little harder to decide which flower is better." Xia ruofei smiled and said, "I think this is a good idea."

"The judges discussed for more than two hours and even came up with a tie for the gold medal. This means that it's hard for them to distinguish between the two." Meng Zhou squinted his eyes and said.

"Do you have a better idea, Meng Zhou?" Xia ruofei asked indifferently.

Meng Zhou smiled and said, "I have a suggestion. Since the judging panel can't decide which pot of flowers is higher, why don't we let the audience choose? we can put the two pots of flowers together and ask all the audience who visited the exhibition to vote. At the end of the exhibition, the pot that gets the most votes will be the well – deserved first place. No one can say anything about that, right?"

Chen Song's eyes lit up when he heard that. He said, "President Meng, this is a good idea! Fair and just!"

The students of Agricultural University also agreed.

Lu You laughed coldly and said, "You guys are really good at planning! 'This is your Agricultural University, and most of the audience are teachers and students from the University. Is there any fairness in letting the audience vote? Why don't we just count it as your victory!'"

Meng Zhou put on a fake smile and said, "Student, the public's eyes are clear. You have to believe in the awareness of the teachers and students of Agricultural University! If your pot of jade lion is really good, I believe that most of the teachers and students will not go against their conscience and vote for our pot of yang Lotus."

## **Chapter 364: A showdown (2)**

"Who doesn't know how to say pretty words?" Lu You snorted and said, "as for the awareness of the teachers and students of Agricultural University ... I really don't believe it!"

"I think you just don't dare to!" Chen Song sneered and said, "since that's the case, let's just call it a draw. We don't want to be accused of bullying others!"

The students of the three mountains University were not happy with this and began to argue. Naturally, Agricultural University was not to be outdone. The people from both sides started quarreling.

The teachers and students of the other universities in the hall had not left yet, so the dispute here quickly attracted everyone's attention, and they all turned their eyes to this side.

Agricultural University's vice – Principal Li was about to come down from the rostrum. He frowned and asked loudly, "What's going on over there?"

Xia Ruofei naturally wouldn't let Meng Zhou's plan succeed. When he heard vice – Principal Li's question, he immediately raised his voice and said, "Vice – Principal Li, our students from Sanshan University and Agriculture and Forestry University are discussing whether jade lion or yang suhe will win first place!"

At this time, Xia Ruofei naturally included himself in the ranks of the three mountains University.

Vice – Principal Li frowned and said, "Didn't the judging panel already come to a conclusion? Two pots of flowers won the gold Prize, what's there to argue about?"

Xia Ruofei smiled faintly. "Although there is no first place in literature or second place in martial arts, since there are gold, silver, and bronze prizes in this exhibition, and there was only one gold Prize, it's best to distinguish them clearly. Otherwise, people will say that we have taken advantage of them!"

The president of the florist Association, Chen Dongbai, laughed and said, "Student, since the judging team believes that the two pots of flowers will win the gold Prize, we must have our own considerations. There is no need to separate the first and second place!"

Xia Ruofei said, "but this morning, student Chen Song from Agricultural University said that yang suhe is determined to win the gold medal. He even made a bet with us. He said that our jade lion will definitely not be able to win yang suhe." Since that's the case, I think it's better to distinguish clearly. "

Vice – Principal Li's face turned ugly as he glared at Meng Zhou.

He had said such arrogant words before the start of the exhibition, and now it was said in front of all the universities. This made Vice President Li feel a little embarrassed.

Meng Zhou looked at Chen Song with a bitter smile. He had no way of explaining. Although this matter had nothing to do with him from the beginning to the end, he, the president, could only take the blame.

"Then how do you guys want to decide who's better?" Chen Dongbai said with a smile.

"President Chen, we would like to invite you to visit the exhibition ..." Meng Zhou immediately said.

"President Chen, I feel that I'll still have to trouble the judges for this matter." Xia Ruofei interrupted Meng Zhou's words.

He definitely couldn't let Meng Zhou voice their proposal. Otherwise, if they really did as Meng Zhou said and invited the audience to vote, it would be unfair. Meng Zhou could mobilize many students and teachers to vote for Yang Suhe. There were so many students in Agricultural University, and if each of them voted, there would be no suspense at all in the competition.

"Hmph!" Meng Zhou snorted. "Just now, President Chen said that the judges' decision was to tie for the gold Prize. Now you want the judges to decide who's first and who's second? aren't you forcing me?"

"That's still better than some suggestions that can just buy votes!" Xia Ruofei said bluntly, "I believe that the judges will definitely have a way to give us an objective and fair judgment!"

The teachers and students from other universities were not in a hurry to leave either. They all stayed to watch the show.

Two Gold Award winners going against each other, what a sight to see!

Chen Dongbai's expression was difficult, and he was also very hesitant. In fact, even the judges couldn't tell which of these two pots of flowers was stronger, but at the same time, they both surpassed the other flowers in the exhibition by a lot, which was why they tied for the gold Prize.

If it was so easy to distinguish, then one of the two pots of flowers would definitely only win a Silver Prize. Why would the judges go through so much trouble and even change the award limit at the last minute?

Seeing Chen Dongbai's awkward expression, Meng Zhou couldn't help but feel proud. If Chen Dongbai refused this proposal, then he could only follow his words and give the voting rights to the audience.

In this way, Yang Suhe could win first place without any suspense, which was much better than the tied Gold Award!

Professor Tian, who was also on the stage, looked at Xia Ruofei and smiled. "President Chen, since the children have made this request, I think our judging panel should work a little harder ... After all, our job is to evaluate all the flowers and plants that are exhibited!"

Chen Dongbai could still reject Xia Ruofei's words, but he couldn't beat around the bush when it came to the words of the highly respected professor Tian.



Chen dongbai hesitantly said in a small voice, "Elder Tian, we've been discussing for so long, but we still can't come to a consensus ..."

Professor Tian chuckled and said, "President Chen, I think there's no need for us to discuss this any further. The appraisal of such flowers has always been based on the opinions of the people. Why don't we just do a secret vote? all the judges will have one vote each. The one who gets the most votes in the end will be first place. What do you think?"

When Chen dongbai heard this, he couldn't help but feel a little moved.

### **Chapter 365: A showdown (3)**

There were originally 10 judges today, but professor Tian arrived later, so there were 11 judges in total, which was an odd number.

If there was a secret vote, the result would definitely be decided.

Chen dongbai looked at Xia ruofei and the others and asked, "Everyone has heard professor Tian's suggestion. What do you all think?"

Xia ruofei replied without hesitation, "no problem!" We agree to ..."

Chen dongbai nodded and turned his gaze to Meng Zhou and the others.

Meng Zhou and the others didn't look too good, but now they had been forced into a corner, and everyone was waiting for his answer.

In the end, Meng Zhou could only reluctantly nod his head in agreement.

"Don't worry, President Meng," whispered Chen Song beside him, "the quality of our Yang's suhe is so good. How can it not be better than a jade lion?" The way I see it, they're probably giving professor Tian face by holding a tie for the gold medal ... If it's a secret vote, then the situation would be different!"

Meng Zhou nodded with a bitter smile and said, "I guess that's the only way ... Chen Song, why did you make a bet with them?" If we were to lose ... Our losses would be huge. "

Originally, the gold Prize was supposed to be shared by both parties, which led to a huge drop in the value of the gold Prize. Now, it was also involved in a strange bet that insisted on a higher winner. If yang suhe was really considered by the judges to be inferior to the Jade lion, then this tied Gold Prize would be a joke.

The last thing everyone would remember would definitely be the pot of flowers that won first place.

"Since both sides have agreed, then it's decided!" Chen dongbai said.

Very quickly, the other flowers and plants that had won the shortlisted, bronze, and silver Awards were all picked up by the people from their respective units.

Only the Jade lion and yang suhe were left on the platform.

Everyone took the initiative to step back, leaving a very large space in front of them. This was to not interfere with the judges' judgment, and at the same time, give them some private space. After all, this was an anonymous voting!

Professor Tian didn't avoid the topic. He participated in the evaluation and voting of the new round.

Since Agricultural University also had a teacher on the judging panel, professor Tian and the teacher both participated in the evaluation, so there was no problem of who took advantage of the other.

The judges all walked up to the stage and carefully observed the two pots of flowers from all angles.

In fact, the judges themselves were indecisive, which was why they spent so much time in a meeting to discuss.

Therefore, they had to re – evaluate the situation.

The teachers and students from the various universities also stood quietly on the periphery. No one disturbed the judges' work, nor did they show any impatience.

The judges watched for more than ten minutes before finally returning to their seats one after another.

The staff gave each judge a piece of white paper and a pen. After the judges wrote down their choices, they carefully folded them and personally placed them on the table on the podium.

It was impossible to play any tricks under the watchful eyes of the public, and this was a temporary addition, so there was no voting box or anything like that.

Soon, every judge, including Chen dongbai and professor Tian, had finished voting. There were eleven folded pieces of white paper on the table on the podium. The answers on these pieces of white paper would determine who the well – deserved first place would go to.

The teachers and students of Sanshan University and the Agriculture and Forestry University began to feel nervous, but at the same time, they were also looking forward to it.

Even though the teachers and students from other universities were just watching the show, they were also full of anticipation as they waited for the final answer.

Chen dongbai walked onto the stage, but he didn't count the votes directly. Instead, he picked up the microphone and said, "In order to ensure the fairness of this voting, we would like to invite three teachers or students to come on stage to count the votes. We would like everyone to supervise the voting."

Soon, they recommended three leading teachers from other universities.

The three of them did a simple self – introduction on stage and then began to count the votes.

"Yang suhe!" A teacher opened the first piece of white paper and glanced at it with the other teacher beside him.

The staff had found a white board with "jade lion" and "yang suhe" written on it. After the last teacher in charge of counting the votes heard the counting, he drew a horizontal line under yang suhe.

The two teachers in charge of counting the votes then opened the second piece of paper. After taking a look, one of the teachers said loudly, "Yang suhe!"

The counting teacher immediately drew a vertical line below yang suhe's horizontal line.

Two consecutive votes were cast for yang suhe. The teachers and students of the agricultural University were overjoyed, while the people of the Sanshan University looked solemn.

"Yang suhe!"

The third vote still went to yang suhe.

On the agricultural University's side, Meng Zhou and Chen Song's expressions became very relaxed. Chen Song even waved his fist in a show of force and then glanced at Xia ruofei.

Xia ruofei's expression did not change much, but Lu You and Jiang Yue were obviously very nervous. The two beautiful ladies could not help but clench their fists.

Just when everyone thought that Sanshan University's power was gone, things took a turn.

"Jade lion!"

"Jade lion!"

"Jade lion!"

Three consecutive votes were all Jade Lions. Yang suhe, who had originally been in the lead by a large margin, suddenly lost her lead. Both sides were back at the same starting line.

There were only 11 judges in total, and six votes had already been given out. In other words, the results would be revealed soon.

The seventh ticket was still the Jade lion.

The side of the three mountains University cheered. This was the first time that the Jade lion had managed to reverse the situation.

For the eighth vote, the judges gave yang suhe their vote.

The two sides were tied again.

Following that, the ninth and tenth votes were still equally matched. This way, out of the ten votes that were opened, the Jade lion King and yang suhe each won five.

The competition was extremely cruel and intense.

There was only one vote left on the table, and this vote would determine who the first place belonged to.

Everyone couldn't help but hold their breath, and the atmosphere became more and more tense.

Even the two teachers who were voting were affected by this emotion, and their hands trembled slightly as they took the votes.

The teacher finally opened the vote, and both of them looked at it at the same time.

Then, the teacher in charge of counting the votes opened his mouth ...

### **Chapter 366: A decisive vote (1)**

At this moment, time seemed to pass very slowly, and everything seemed to be in slow motion.

No one dared to even blink their eyes as they perked up their ears to pay attention to the situation on the stage.

The teacher who was counting the votes announced the final result in a firm and clear voice. "Jade lion!"

Boom ... Boom ...

The audience was instantly filled with exclamations, cheers, and regrets ...

The voting process just now was too exciting, including the teachers and students of other universities who were just spectators. They had unknowingly entered a tense situation. When the final result was announced, everyone's long – suppressed emotions were completely released at this moment.

There was a moment of silence on the side of the Sanshan University team, before a huge cheer suddenly broke out. The cheer was much louder than when they had won the Gold Award. Everyone was releasing their tension to their heart's content, and everyone's face was full of smiles.

With the previous awkwardness, Jiang Yue was more careful this time. She hugged her best friend Lu You and was so excited that her face was red. She was even happier than if she had won the bet.

Even Lu You, who had been very calm all this while, appeared very happy. A rare smile appeared on her face.

Xia Cheng and the others were also cheering happily. Only Peng Hui and you Jun had complicated expressions. They looked at Xia ruofei with jealousy and mixed feelings.

Xia ruofei was also a little nervous just now, especially at the most critical moment of the battle. He was already prepared to lose.

To be honest, it was fine to lose a bet with a student. Xia ruofei could afford to lose. As for his reputation, Xia ruofei did not care that much.

But this bet was different.

The stone in Chen song's hand might be a little strange to others, but to Xia ruofei, it was very likely that other than Jade, it was the best item to upgrade his space.

Xia ruofei could feel that this stone might be more efficient than Jade.

Therefore, this was something that could not be lost.

At the most critical moment of the battle, Xia ruofei had even considered that if he lost the bet, he would have to use some unconventional means to get his hands on the black stone.

To Xia ruofei, who was once an elite member of the special Combat Commando, this was not difficult at all.

Moreover, Chen Song was a person who deserved a beating. Even if Xia ruofei used some means to take his things, he would not have any psychological burden.

Fortunately, the Jade lion won in the end and Xia ruofei did not have to go through any more trouble.

He heaved a sigh of relief and a smile appeared on his face.

It was dead silent at Agricultural University, which seemed out of place in the noisy environment.

Meng Zhou, Chen Song, and the others all looked dejected, as if they couldn't accept such a result.

Chen song's face was frighteningly gloomy. He had lost to Sanshan University in front of so many people, and the gold Prize that was originally tied was now inferior to the others. It was all because of his bet.

He would definitely be the one to take responsibility for this matter. It was fine before, but now that he had lost, Meng Zhou would definitely not take the blame.

This wasn't a big deal, but it wasn't a small one either. He had just guaranteed a postgraduate entrance, and the procedures hadn't been completed yet. If this matter affected his admission to graduate school, it would be a big loss.

As he thought of this, Chen Song could not help but feel endless hatred towards Xia ruofei. Especially when he swept his gaze over and saw Xia ruofei's victorious smile, he could not help but clench his teeth.

Agricultural University's vice – Principal Li's face was also very ugly. He looked at Meng Zhou and Chen Song with murderous eyes.

In front of all the teachers and students of the province's brother high schools, this was so embarrassing. It was all because of that stupid bet. After they came down, Meng Zhou and Chen Song would definitely not have a good time.

Chen song's heart trembled. He struggled for a while before he gritted his teeth and said loudly, "President Chen, can we take a look at the votes?"

Chen dongbai's face flashed with displeasure as he calmly said, "Of course you can, this is your right."

Although that was what he said, the entire voting process had been transparent. In the end, he even found a third party that had no interest in the voting process. Chen Song actually wanted to check the votes. That meant that he didn't trust the judging panel at all. Naturally, Chen dongbai wouldn't give Chen Song any face.

Chen Song looked at Meng Zhou. At this time, Meng Zhou wanted to stay away from Chen Song. He didn't want to have anything to do with Chen Song. Therefore, he ignored Chen song's gaze.

The other students of Agricultural University's gardening club also avoided it like the plague. No one was willing to get involved in this muddy water.

Chen Song gritted his teeth. He had already said what he wanted to say. It was hard to take back spilled milk. He had already offended people whether he checked the votes or not. He might as well go up the stage and start to check the votes.

There were only 11 votes in total. Chen Song quickly divided them into two piles. One was for the Jade lion, and the other was for yang suhe.

Without a doubt, the score was 6 to 5. The Jade lion won by one vote.

Chen song's face turned pale.

"Student, do you have any more questions about the results?" Chen dongbai asked coldly.

Chen Song shook his head with a sad expression.

Vice – Principal Li said in a cold tone, ""Are you embarrassing yourself by standing there? Still not coming down?"

Chen song's face turned pale. This time, he had really lost too thoroughly. Not only had he lost all his face, but his future might also be affected ...

Just as he was about to leave the stage, a middle – aged teacher suddenly asked, ""Professor Tian, may I ask, which side did you vote for?"

There was a sudden uproar in the audience. Many familiar teachers recognized him. This middle – aged teacher was called Ren Shouyi and was from the Sanshan software college. He had nothing to do with this matter at all. No one knew why he would suddenly ask such a sensitive question.

Xia ruofei raised his eyebrows and the corners of his mouth curved up slightly. No one else noticed, but he happened to see that Ren Shouyi had made eye contact with vice – Principal li of Agricultural University before he asked the question.

A hint of joy flashed in Vice President Li's eyes, and he immediately put on an act and said, "Teacher Ren, the results of the voting are out. Furthermore, this was originally an anonymous vote, so let's not ask such a question ..."

Ren Shouyi said, "vice – Principal li, professor Tian, this matter actually has nothing to do with me. It's just that everyone is curious. After all, the difference between the two sides is only one vote ... If it's not convenient for professor Tian to answer, then forget it ..."

"Professor Tian, this ..." Vice President li deliberately showed a helpless expression.

Chen dongbai's eyes flashed with a hint of anger. Ren Shouyi and vice – Principal li were obviously echoing each other. How could such a small trick escape his eyes?

However, before Chen dongbai could speak, professor Tian smiled and said very calmly, ""I gave my vote to the Jade lion of Sanshan University ..."

### **Chapter 367: deserved (1)**

Even though this result was expected, professor Tian's generous announcement still caused a small commotion in the audience.

This was especially true for Agricultural University. Some students who were hiding in the crowd even deliberately made a ruckus.

“Chi ...”

“An unfair victory ...”

Vice Principal Li saw the chaotic scene but didn’t say anything to stop it. Instead, he let the students below cause a scene.

Chen dongbai’s brows furrowed as he raised his voice, “Every judge has their own independent judgment. No matter which side they vote for, they must have their own reasons! Besides ...”

At this point, Chen dongbai’s gaze fell on one of the judges below the stage and he continued, “Teacher Lu from Agricultural University is also a member of the judging team. I believe that teacher Lu’s vote should have been for Yang Suhe from Agricultural University, right?”

Chen dongbai couldn’t stand it anymore. They didn’t ask to leave before the vote, and there was a judge from Sanshan University and Agriculture and Forestry University on the judging panel. It was fair to begin with. Now that they had lost the vote, they started to make a fuss about the composition of the judges. Wasn’t this a show of how they couldn’t afford to lose?

Teacher Lu from Agricultural University looked a little embarrassed. He stammered for a long time but did not say anything. However, everyone was not stupid. They knew that this teacher Lu had definitely voted for Agricultural University.

In fact, this was human nature. Even if it was, no one would say anything.

But in this case, it was reasonable for professor Tian to vote for Sanshan University. And objectively, the two sides had a draw, which did not affect the result at all.

On the other hand, the group of people from Agricultural University had deliberately made a ruckus just now, which clearly showed that they had some ill intentions.

Seeing Chen dongbai being so direct, Vice President Li felt a little embarrassed. He knew that at this time, he had to say something to save face. Otherwise, Agricultural University would really lose face again and again this time.

However, before Vice – Principal Li could speak, professor Tian, who had been wearing a kind smile, spoke first.

Professor Tian walked up to the stage with a smile and said, “Dear teachers and students, I didn’t expect that a small bet between students from two schools would cause such a big wave. Since teacher Ren has called my name, then I’ll say a few words!”

The teachers and students in the audience immediately quieted down, and everyone focused their attention on the stage.

Professor Tian still had a friendly smile on his face. He said slowly, “It’s impossible to say that there were no emotional factors in the voting this time. I’ve worked at Sanshan University for decades, and to be honest, this pot of jade lion orchid belongs to my granddaughter.”

Professor Tian's words didn't cause too much backlash from the audience. After all, the situation was already very clear. Sanshan University didn't have any advantage in the voting.

On the contrary, professor Tian's open and aboveboard words won the admiration of many people.

Professor Tian continued, "but before the voting, I did carefully compare the two pots of orchids. Objectively speaking, whether it's this pot of jade lion or the Yang Lotus given by Agricultural University, they are both the best among the orchids. From the perspective of artistic, aesthetic, and even market value, the two pots of flowers should be equal."

Professor Tian spoke unhurriedly, and the teachers and students below the stage also listened very seriously. They knew that a highly respected senior like professor Tian definitely wouldn't just go on stage to say a few beautiful words. There would definitely be more important things to say later.

As expected, professor Tian paused for a moment before continuing, "But in the end, the emotional factors didn't take up a large part of my decision. After careful comparison, I still think that this jade lion is slightly better!"

When professor Tian said this, the people from Agricultural University naturally could not take it. As the leader, Vice President Li could not say anything, but a teacher leading the team could not help but ask, "Professor Tian, you just said that the two pots of flowers are on par in all aspects. So what exactly made you think that the Jade lion is slightly better?"

Vice President Li looked at the teacher with great approval. This was exactly what he wanted to say, but it was not appropriate to ask because of his status. The teacher had helped him throw out the question.

Professor Tian smiled and said, "orchids are known as the gentleman of flowers. Everyone admires her beautiful and graceful leaves." Pure, elegant, and extraordinary flowers; It was a pure, distant, and refreshing fragrance. She was a symbol of character and a portrayal of character. The ancient people often regarded orchid cultivation as an important way to cultivate one's character and temper. In my opinion, the most precious thing about orchids is their gentlemanly and pure spirit. "

Then, professor Tian pointed at the Jade lion on the stage and said, "Everyone can make a careful comparison. This pot of jade lion Mo Lan is filled with a natural charm. No matter which angle you look at it from, we can feel her natural quality and her simple and elegant spirit. In comparison, although this pot of yang Lotus is also very beautiful and has a strong sense of appreciation, it's more ingenious than the Jade lion and lacks a natural charm. "

The teachers and students below the stage listened very seriously. Those who could participate in this exhibition definitely had a certain level of professional ability. At the very least, they had a strong interest in gardening. After professor Tian finished speaking, everyone naturally turned their eyes to the two pots of orchids.

The more he looked at it, the more he felt that professor Tian's words made sense.

The Jade lion was like a natural beauty without any makeup, while yang suhe was more like a well – dressed daughter of a noble family. She was beautiful, but she lacked the otherworldly aura of the Jade lion.



As they thought about professor Tian's words, many of the teachers and students in the audience had thoughtful expressions.

At this moment, the president of the florist Association, Chen dongbai, also stood up and walked onto the stage. He smiled and said, "Professor Tian and I were fated to be together. My vote was actually for the Jade lion, and in my heart, her noble, elegant, and divine charm was also what gave me the bonus!"

As soon as Chen dongbai's words fell, two other judges laughed and stood up at the same time. One of them said, "President Chen, professor Tian, it seems like great minds think alike! Old man Zheng and I were also attracted by the Jade lion's charm, so we voted for her in the end ..."

The expressions of the teachers and students below the stage became a little interesting.

Out of the 11 judges, four of them had already voted for the Jade lion, and they had the same reason.

The most important thing was that these four judges could be said to be influential figures on the judging panel. Needless to say, professor Tian and Chen dongbai, and the two judges who stood up later were also well – known experts in the industry.

In contrast, the remaining seven judges did not express which side they had voted for. Four of them were teachers from major universities. Their professionalism and authority were definitely not as good as professor Tian and the other three.

In other words, the voting result seemed to be a narrow victory for Sanshan University, but in fact, the votes that Sanshan University received were obviously much more significant than that of Agriculture and Forestry University.

This first place could be said to be well – deserved!

### **Chapter 368: The mysterious black Rock (1)**

Vice – Principal Li didn't even want to say anything. He simply greeted professor Tian and Chen dongbai, then looked at Meng Zhou and Chen Song coldly before leaving the stadium.

Chen dongbai also walked down the stage and went straight to the side of the three mountains University. He said to Xia Cheng, "Xia Cheng, congratulations!"

Xia Cheng was so excited that she was almost speechless, but she could only express her gratitude.

He had always been a conservative person, and today's twists and turns almost made his little heart unable to take it.

Of course, Sanshan University's gardening club had gained a lot of face this time. As the president of the gardening club, he was even more honored and his face was red with excitement.

People from other universities also came over to congratulate Xia Cheng, and Xia Cheng expressed his gratitude.

Just as Xia Cheng was busy dealing with the crowd, Xia ruofei, Lu You, and Jiang Yue, who didn't like to join in the fun, quietly squeezed out from the crowd.

Xia ruofei saw professor Tian the moment he came out.

“Xia, congratulations!” The old man said with a smile.

Xia ruofei pretended to be confused. “Professor Tian, this is the result of Sanshan University’s gardening club. Why are you congratulating me?”

“Don’t think I don’t know!” Professor Tian laughed. Youyou’s jade lion was found with my help! But not long after I took it back, I got sick and almost couldn’t come to the exhibition. I know very well what this jade lion looked like back then. It’s like a new person now. Don’t tell me that this has nothing to do with you!”

Xia ruofei chuckled. “I just helped out a little. It’s not worth mentioning.”

“Brother Xia, this is not a small favor!” Jiang Yue said, “if it wasn’t for you, this jade lion might not have been able to live until now!” How could she win the Gold Award?”

Jiang Yue was now Xia ruofei’s die – hard fan.

At this moment, Xia ruofei saw a figure from the corner of his eye. He quickly said to professor Tian, “Professor Tian, I still have something to deal with, please excuse me ...”

Professor Tian turned around and laughed. “You’re going to collect the spoils! Hurry up and go ...”

Xia ruofei immediately strode in the direction of Agricultural University. Lu You and Jiang Yue looked at each other and tacitly followed.

The depressed Chen Song was about to take advantage of the chaos to escape when he heard a voice behind him, “Chen Song, where do you think you are going?”

Chen song’s expression was bitter. He stood still and slowly turned around. He saw Xia ruofei with his arms crossed in front of his chest, looking at him with a faint smile.

The two beauties, Lu You and Jiang Yue, were also standing on either side of Xia ruofei. They looked at Chen Song with a hint of amusement.

“Do I need to report to you where I’m going?” Chen Song said with a cold face.

A bright smile appeared on Xia ruofei’s face as he said, “There’s no need to report, but you seem to have forgotten something. We just made a bet this morning, and it’s only noon now. Your memory can’t be that bad, right?”

“I don’t think he has a bad memory,” Lu You chimed in. “He’s trying to go back on his word!”

“It seems like someone can’t afford to lose ...” Jiang Yue said.

At this time, everyone was leaving the venue, preparing to return to their respective booths to welcome the incoming visitors. However, Sanshan University was in the limelight today, and the two great beauties, Lu You and Jiang Yue, were very eye – catching in the Sanshan University Camp. Therefore, when everyone saw the two of them talking to Chen Song, they all stopped in their tracks to watch.

Xia ruofei did not explain the details of the bet, but Chen Song was very active in questioning the votes. He even went up to the stage to check the votes personally. In the end, he was chased off the stage by Vice Principal li. Thus, everyone knew him.

When the people from the three mountains University and Agricultural University were together, everyone naturally thought of a bet.

Chen Song felt a little embarrassed under so many people's gazes. He coldly snorted and said, "Don't slander me! I don't want to go back on my word, you're the ones who haven't come yet. I still have a lot of things to do at the booth, so how could I have the time to wait for you here?"

Chen Song took out the chain from his pocket and threw it to Xia ruofei. "I admit defeat this time! This is the bet you won, take it ..."

To Chen Song, the stone hanging on the chain was just a little mysterious. He could vaguely feel that the stone was not simple, but he did not value it as much as Xia ruofei did. Thus, even if he lost, he would not feel much heartache.

Chen Song was more concerned that not only had he lost his face, but he had also lost the face of Agricultural University. He had even made an appointment with Vice President Li. His future days would not be good.

At the thought of this, he hated Xia ruofei so much that he didn't want to see his face again.

Xia ruofei reached out and took the chain easily. The string of strange black stones was hanging at the end of the chain.

He caught it with his left hand, so he didn't even need to check to know that Chen Song didn't switch it. This was because the spirit map scroll in his right palm immediately began to tremble with excitement, and a burning feeling came from his palm.

Xia ruofei put the chain and the stone into his pocket and smiled. "Thanks!"

Chen Song coldly snorted. With a gloomy face, he parted the crowd and left without saying a word.

Xia ruofei did not care. He had already gotten what he cared about the most. As for how much Chen Song hated him, it had nothing to do with him. Even if Chen Song hated him to the point of gritting his teeth, Xia ruofei would still live comfortably.

He, Lu You, and Jiang Yue returned to the side of the Sanshan University. The students of the Garden Club were surrounding professor Tian and talking.

Seeing Xia ruofei return, Xia Cheng and the others quickly came forward to express their gratitude.

Xia ruofei's mind was completely focused on the black stone. There was only one thing in his mind, and that was to leave as soon as possible and return to the farm villa to study the stone.

Hence, Xia ruofei replied absent-mindedly, and then said, "Professor Tian, Lu You, Jiang Yue, since the matter here has been settled, I'll be heading back first. The farm is currently under construction, and I have to keep an eye on the construction site ..."

"Brother Xia, it's almost time for lunch. Let's eat before we go back!" Jiang Yue quickly said, "I heard that the food in Agricultural University's canteen is pretty good. Let's go and try it together!"

Xia ruofei was eager to return home. He smiled and said, ""Next time! He really had something to do today. Isn't this exhibition going to last for a few days? If I'm free tomorrow or the day after, I'll come back to see you ..."

Jiang Yue was disappointed, but Xia ruofei had clearly expressed her desire to return. She could only obediently nod her head and said, ""Alright! Then you must come when you're free ..."

Xia ruofei smiled and nodded.

When Lu You saw Jiang Yue's reaction, she could not help but shake her head in her heart.

Professor Tian smiled and said, "little Xia, you can go back first if you have something to do." I thank you on behalf of our school!"

"Hey! It's really a small matter, you don't have to be so polite." Xia ruofei smiled and waved his hand. "I'll be leaving then! Goodbye!"

Xia ruofei waved at professor Tian and the other students and walked out of the stadium.

### **Chapter 369: can't wait\_1**

Hearing this, Xia ruofei stopped in his tracks. He turned around and smiled. ""Professor Tian, if there's anything you need, please tell me."

"Come on, let's talk outside ..." Professor Tian thought for a while and said.

Then, professor Tian pulled Xia ruofei and walked out of the stadium.

Lu You and Jiang Yue looked at Xia ruofei's departing figure. Suddenly, Lu You said something that made no sense, ""Yueyue, indecisiveness only brings harm!"

Jiang Yue's expression darkened. She lowered her head and said with reddened eyes, ""I know ... But I just can't help it ... My mind is filled with brother Xia's figure. When I sleep at night and close my eyes, I see him in that dark alley, protecting me behind him and facing the back of the knife – wielding criminal alone ..."

Lu You sighed and gently put her arm around Jiang Yue's shoulder. ""Yueyue, don't think about these annoying things. We won the Gold Award today, so we should be happy. Let's go! Let's go back to the booth, the visitors should be coming in soon!"

"En!" Jiang Yue raised her head and said, "brother Xia is amazing! He helped us win the gold medal in one move!"

Lu You couldn't help but be speechless.

Fine, I wasted my breath ...

At the entrance of the stadium, Xia ruofei and professor Tian came to a relatively quiet place.

Xia ruofei smiled and asked, "professor Tian, what's the matter?" Why are you so mysterious?"

"Weren't there a lot of people just now?" asked professor Tian. Xiao Xia, Huixin gave me a call yesterday and asked me to ask when it's convenient for you. She wants to bring a friend over to visit you ..."

Xia ruofei was stunned. Tian Huixin had brought a friend to visit him?

However, he quickly recalled that the last time he treated Huanhuan's autism, Tian Huixin seemed to have asked him if the treatment medicine could be promoted. After getting a negative answer, she tactfully said that she had a very good friend whose child also had serious autism and hoped that Xia ruofei could help her.

At the thought of this, Xia ruofei also knew why professor Tian had gone outside to tell everyone about Wanwan's treatment of children with autism. Xia ruofei did not want this to be made public. All this while, Ma Zhiming and his wife had been tight – lipped on his behalf. Naturally, professor Tian would not talk about this in the noisy Hall in front of the students of Sanshan University.

"Professor Tian, is it about the autistic child we talked about last time?" Xia ruofei asked.

Professor Tian nodded and said, "Huixin said that her friend's child is about to reach the age to go to primary school. However, his condition has been very serious. He can't go to an ordinary kindergarten. So, the whole family is very anxious ..."

"Of course," professor Tian said. "If you have any difficulties, I'll help you reject the offer."

Xia ruofei smiled. "There's no difficulty. I promised her back then ... But it's not easy to arrange the time in the near future."

He was considering that the employee's apartment had not been built yet, and Li Zhifu was also staying in his villa for treatment. If Tian Huixin's friend brought the child over, it would indeed be a little inconvenient.

Xia ruofei thought for a while and said, "Professor Tian, if that child is going to go to primary school, it should be around September! There were still about five months left! I should be able to free up some space in one and a half months to two months, and then I'll ask them to come over."

"No problem, I'll give Huixin a call later," professor Tian immediately replied.

Xia ruofei nodded. "Yes, you can tell them not to worry. There's still time. It shouldn't delay their children from attending primary school."

"That's great!" Professor Tian said happily. Thank you, Xia ..."

"You're welcome," Xia ruofei smiled and said, "professor Tian, if there's nothing else, I'll take my leave."

Professor Tian saw that Xia ruofei was indeed in a hurry to go back, so he did not ask him to stay. He smiled and nodded.

Xia ruofei waved goodbye to professor Tian and quickly walked out of the campus.

After collecting his car from the parking lot by the entrance of the farm, Xia ruofei drove the pickup truck towards Taoyuan farm.

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Half an hour later, Xia ruofei was back at Taoyuan farm.

Everyone in the greenhouse and the construction site was busy.

Cao tieshu and the others had been doing farm work for most of their lives, so they did not have the concept of an afternoon nap. After lunch, they rested for a while and consciously returned to the farm to work.

These simple farmers always felt that since they had such a high salary, they had to do this hard – won job well.

As for the construction site, even though Liang Qichao had gone abroad, Liang Weimin was still very grateful to Xia ruofei. Xia ruofei did not even need to ask for it. He urged manager Li to arrange for the best workers to work in three shifts to shorten the construction period as much as possible while maintaining the quality.

Xia ruofei greeted Cao tieshu and continued to drive towards the villa.

On the way, he saw Lei Hu, Hong Tao, and a few others patrolling the farm with all their heart. The four of them were all wearing faded woodland camouflage and walking in an orderly line on the farm Road.

When they saw Xia ruofei's car approaching from afar, Lei Hu and the other three stopped and saluted the car in unison.

Xia ruofei did not disturb them. He honked at them and continued to drive forward.

Back at the villa, Xia ruofei saw that ye Lingyun was still practicing his tea – making skills with Li Zhifu in the courtyard using ordinary tree leaves.

Now that Lei Hu and the others were on duty, ye Lingyun had more time to learn how to make tea. Li Zhifu also felt that he did not have much time left, so his learning schedule was very tight.

Xia ruofei smiled and greeted ye Lingyun and Li Zhifu, then quickly walked into the villa.

On the way up the stairs, Xia ruofei thought for a while and stopped. He called out, "Little fatty!"

"Ai!"

Hearing Xia ruofei's voice, Pang Hao walked out of the guest room that had been temporarily used as the Finance Office. He smiled and said, "Xia Ruofei is back? Have you eaten?"

"I'm not hungry yet. I'll eat later." Xia ruofei smiled and said, "fatty, there's something I need you to do. I see that Lei Hu and the others are still wearing the Army's old camouflage uniform. Go and calculate their size today and buy them two black suits each. The company will pay for them as their work clothes."

"Alright! I'll do it in the afternoon!" Pang Hao said with a grin.

He was not just an accountant for Xia ruofei. Xia ruofei had asked him to do a lot of the company's coordination work, which was equivalent to a Butler.

Xia ruofei thought for a while and said, "also, go and buy some regular security equipment like electric batons. Ask if you need to go to the Public Security Bureau to file it. Anyway, give them as many as you can."

“Alright! I’ll understand the policy later and try to get it done as soon as possible.” Pang Hao said.

“Then I’ll have to trouble you! I’ll go back to my room first.” Xia ruofei said with a smile.

He strode up the stairs and locked the door and windows as soon as he entered his bedroom. Then, he couldn’t wait to take out the chain.

### **Chapter 370: Absorbing the black stone\_1**

The chain was made of pure silver, but it was not worth much. Xia ruofei was most interested in the black stone.

This pitch – Black stone was about the size of a pigeon egg. Chen Song had made a simple button to set it on and hung it on the chain.

Xia ruofei easily removed the black stone and threw the silver chain aside.

He carefully examined the pitch – Black stone.

The stone had a smooth surface. Other than its pure black color, there was nothing special about it. Its appearance was not much different from ordinary cobblestone.

However, Xia ruofei realized that if he stared at the black stone for a long time, he would feel his heart palpitate unconsciously. It was as if the stone had turned into a black hole that could even swallow his sight.

Xia ruofei quickly retracted his gaze.

Ever since he took out the stone, his right palm had been trembling non – stop. The burning sensation was unbearable for Xia ruofei.

He knew that this was the spirit painting creating a ruckus. He could even feel the spirit painting’s impatient emotions.

Yes, it was emotions.

This was not the first time. The last time he saw the strange – looking raw stone in the spirit Jade house, the spirit painting scroll had a similar reaction. It was like a person of flesh and blood, conveying an urgent emotion to Xia ruofei.

In fact, there was a similar reaction before absorbing the Jade.

However, this time, it was more intense than before.

Xia ruofei endured the discomfort and took out his phone. He pointed it at the Black Rock and took a few photos from different angles. He also used the macro camera function to capture some of the stone’s details.

He wanted to save some information in the hope that he could find more of such stones in the future.

This was because Xia ruofei had a feeling that after this stone was absorbed by the painting, the effect would be much better than ordinary jadeite.

Xia ruofei had thought of sending the stone to a professional testing agency for testing. It would be best if they could analyze the composition of the stone so that it would be easier to find another stone in the future.

However, he quickly dispelled this thought.

On the one hand, the spirit painting scroll could not wait to absorb it; On the other hand, it was also because Chen Song had done similar work before. However, it seemed that it was difficult to detect any useful information with the current scientific methods.

Besides, Xia ruofei was worried that if he sent them for testing, there would be a risk of his secret being exposed.

Thus, he decided to let the spirit painting scroll absorb the stone directly.

Xia ruofei took a deep breath and summoned the spirit painting from his palm.

As soon as the spirit painting arrived outside, it started to shake violently. Xia ruofei was caught off guard and almost lost his grip on it.

He quickly grabbed the painting tightly and picked up the black stone with his left hand.

The performance of the spirit map scroll filled Xia ruofei with anticipation. Could it be that after absorbing the energy from the stone, it would level up? Could this pigeon egg – sized, seemingly unremarkable stone have the same effect as a Jade that was worth tens of millions?

With this thought in mind, Xia ruofei held the stone in his hand and slowly approached the spirit map.

Just as the stone was about to touch the painting, Xia ruofei released his hand.

The black stone was pulled into the spirit map scroll by a huge force and disappeared.

Xia ruofei took a deep breath and tried to enter the spirit map space. He wanted to see if there were any changes to the spirit map space after absorbing the black stone and if it could be upgraded.

However, after countless times of doing this, Xia ruofei failed this time. It was as easy as eating and drinking for him.

Xia ruofei felt a repulsive force from the painting. Then, he realized that he was still in the room and the painting was still lying quietly on the table.

Xia ruofei could not help but frown. This was the first time he had encountered such a situation.

Previously, Xia ruofei had put the pieces of jade into the spirit map scroll one by one. Basically, after he threw them in, the scroll would have finished absorbing them, so it could be put into the space immediately.

This time, however, he was rejected by the painting.

Could it be that ... This black stone contained a great amount of energy, and the spirit painting scroll was in the process of absorbing it, so it couldn't enter or leave the space? Xia ruofei suddenly had this thought.



Assuming this judgment was correct, would the process of absorption affect Blackie and the other bees in the space?

Xia ruofei could not help but worry.

However, there was no point in worrying. In the previous few times when he absorbed Jade and upgraded the space, the red Arowana and other animals in the spirit map space were also unaffected. There should be no problem this time.

Xia ruofei felt a little more at ease when he thought about this.

The only thing he could do was to try to enter the space again and again. He believed that the rejection was only temporary, and it was impossible for him to be unable to enter the space in the future.

Xia ruofei calmed himself down. After a while, he would use his mind to connect to the space and try to enter it.

This process lasted for more than half an hour. Xia ruofei was rejected by a force every time he tried. He couldn't remember how many times he had tried. When he tried to connect with the space again, that familiar pulling force came again ...

Xia ruofei felt the slight dizziness again.

The next moment, the scene in front of him changed. Xia ruofei found himself in the spirit map space.

Xia ruofei entered the original space out of habit.

As soon as he entered, he felt that the concentration of spirit Qi had increased greatly. When he looked up, he could see that there seemed to be wisps of fog floating in the air, just like the clouds in the outside world that were thinner.

Xia ruofei curiously used his mind to check and was surprised to find that the mist was made of pure spiritual Qi.

In the past, every time the realm evolved, the spiritual Qi would become denser. However, Xia ruofei could only sense it through his spiritual connection with the realm.

Xia ruofei was shocked that the spiritual Qi in the spirit map space had already turned into mist after absorbing a black stone the size of a pigeon's egg.

The size of the space was as Xia ruofei had expected. It did not change and was still around eight mu.

Xia ruofei was already mentally prepared for this. The last time the space was upgraded, the original space had already stopped expanding, so he was not disappointed.

Xia ruofei walked straight to the unknown plant, which had almost become an indicator for him to judge whether the space had completed its evolution.

Before he even got close to the plant, Xia ruofei could already smell a refreshing fragrance. He immediately revealed a trace of joy and quickened his pace.