

551 CHANGBAI MOUNTAINS

It was no easy feat to attract the attention of the big families, because each of them had their own arrangements and main areas of activities. Hence, those based in regions too far away from Luo City would not bother to take a chance in such competitions.

Most of the clans were prudent risk-takers. They could reach sensible conclusions after weighing the pros and cons of their decisions. Thus, they would not hastily jump at the seeming benefits despite their full understanding of the importance of cultivation and the power struggle for secret resources.

There were specially-trained geniuses within each family, such as Chen Zuan from the Chen family, Xu Wenxin from the Xu family and Gao Shenyin from the Gao family of Dianzhou. It was extremely resource-consuming to cultivate geniuses, and the abundance of resources was a privilege not entitled to ordinary Daoyuan Class students and other apprentices of the families. Find authorized novels in Webnovel, faster updates, better experience, Please click for visiting.

Nie Ting believed in the improvement of cultivation accessibility for Practitioners from less privileged backgrounds. Hence, his leadership was strictly principle-led, with no tolerance for fake military contributions and no back doors for influential families. To him, the sole criterion was one's cultivation aptitude.

He recognized that the Heavenly Network would thrive only with the removal of big families' monopoly over cultivation opportunities, because this era was one of limitless talents!

In fact, Lu Shu was not aware that when he was sent to Japan, all other Class A aptitude geniuses who had participated in the special training, including Cao Qingci

and Chen Zuan, were on their own missions too.

Chen Zuan was very unlucky. He had once imagined that it was a blessing to be able to attend the training with other geniuses, but it turned out that he had successfully caught Principal Nie's main attention...

As a matter of fact, the ultimate goal of their current assignments was to stain their hands with more blood, so that they would gain a deeper insight into the real face of the cultivation realm.

Those Class A aptitude geniuses would only be truly qualified as future mainstays after they had gone through hardships and bloodshed.

Would Nie Ting feel sorry for the loss of Class A aptitude geniuses when they were executing their missions? Yes, he would.

But it was imperative that elite fighters underwent tough training, just as iron must be smelted to form steel.

Hence, in the meantime, Nie Ting was exerting pressure on the other geniuses as well. At the moment, Cao Qingci had buried herself in the sand for a day and a night for an ambush mission in the desert.

The Heavenly Network had created a more stressful and harsh growth environment for the geniuses. Otherwise, how could they establish their footing amidst wealthy, more privileged apprentices from big families?

Meanwhile, Li Yixiao sent a message to various big families, requesting for their assistance in getting rid of thousands of magical stones in his pocket. He claimed that

he was about to abandon the Luo City black market and assured them of the truthfulness of his words...

The families wondered, why does he sound like a street vendor? Li Yixiao's message was clear, though. He who is able to accept the stones at a reasonable price gets the black market.

That sparked immense interest among the families. Was Heavenly King Li planning to retreat from the marketplace after this last transaction of his? However, they were slightly confused about the source of the stones, since this Heavenly King was widely known for his non-existent savings.

Regardless, there was no harm to take a look. It might be a bit difficult to take in tens of thousands of magical stones, for billions of bucks could always be invested in other more worthy causes. In spite of their need for stones, too many of them would not be helpful either.

In the past, there existed speculation about the possibility of trading in magical stones as a universal currency among the cultivation realm. But now they had realized it was not that easy, because they had to take into consideration the amount of supply and currency rates. However, the spatial distribution of stones in the world was still unknown.

As a result, a new order based on magical stones currency was yet to mature.

Hence, at the moment, these stones only served as cultivation resources.

Big families were already on the move upon receipt of Li Yixiao's message. As Luo City was situated on the holy ground of one of the seven Cultivation Colleges, the

location of its black market was geographically strategic!

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Thousands of miles away in the Capital, Nie Ting's brows knitted together as he read through the report in his hands. "He certainly has not learned his lessons from his reflection letter..."

The report stated that Li Yixiao had contacted 11 famous families in the country, and spread the information about the black market trading that involved thousands of magical stones. Among them, five families chose to stay put because of geographical distance, and they were afraid that other families might rob their fruits even if they could take down the market.

It was like a chess game. Every move made must be calculated well, to take into account its potential benefits and costs.

The remaining six families had sent representatives to Luo City. They were both interested in rolling in the stones for their apprentices' use and gaining control over the Luo City black market which was of strategic significance.

Shi Xuejin asked curiously, "He must have collaborated with Lu Shu, don't you think? How else could a poor man like him churn out so many magical stones..."

"Certainly. In that case, our speculation is proven right. The thousands of stones stolen from the Collection of Gods are indeed in his possession." Nie Ting smoothed his knitted brows.

"Are you considering breaking the ice to have a good chat with Lu Shu?" Shi Xuejin

put his book aside and said, "I think there's no harm doing that."

Nie Ting's brows quivered slightly. "Doesn't matter. It's only a few thousand stones. Not a big deal. Who knows, maybe this incident will teach him about the abundance of resources overseas."

After a long silence, Nie Ting suddenly continued, "The Puppet Master wants to establish himself in Europe, but he failed to defeat the Department of Faith Theory. I guess he may divert his attention elsewhere."

"The Americas have Phoenix Society and the Saint, so his chances there are slim too. I'm afraid he may be interested in the Middle East and Australia, though I am more inclined towards the former," Nie Ting said.

Shi Xuejin deliberated and asked, "Is it possible that he may roll in Indian Practitioners?"

Though outwardly flourishing, India nowadays had actually dried up in its cultivation scene. Most of their top fighters had fallen. Coupled with their rich cultivation resources and big population, many Practitioners had exchanged their souls for powers with the devils. Thus, it was perfectly possible, even though they might be aware that the Puppet Master was not human.

Besides, the Puppet Master could do evil!

Nie Ting commented, "Be more careful about his directions. However, I have no time for that. I am leaving for the Changbai Mountains the day after tomorrow."

Shi Xuejin gave a nod of understanding. "Sure. That's more important."

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"Watch out for Li Yixiao's movements. He can sell his magical stones but not the black market. It is located too close to the seven Cultivation Colleges," Nie Ting instructed calmly, "It is a matter of principle."

Shi Xuejin was slightly distressed. Why did Li Yixiao and Lu Shu purposely choose to cause trouble at this time, when Nie Ting was going to be away from the Capital? However, he had certain confidence in adhering to Nie Ting's "principle".

For some reason, Shi Xuejin was not very concerned. He believed that the two fellows were aware of the bottom lines.

Just when the big families were rushing to Luo City and Nie Ting was about to leave for the Changbai Mountains, Lu Shu and Li Yixiao were busy discussing how to inconvenience others... No, they were discussing how to make money.

As for Lu Xiaoyu, she had reached the camp at the peripheral region of Yuzhou.

This time, there were more than ten thousand Daoyuan Class students from the three provinces. It was not a big number, but they could form a sea of people when all of them gathered together.

The entire military camp seemed to have been constructed specially for new recruits from Daoyuan Class every year. The officers were dressed in official training uniforms and girls and boys were strictly separated into two regions. Now, it was obvious that there were slightly fewer girls than boys.

It was not because girls had weaker aptitude. Actually, it had long since been verified

that the number of potential female Practitioners were about 10% more than that of males for some reason. But it was a different situation here, because the students were allowed to quit before the camp, and more girls chose to do so.

Gender equality remained a hotly disputed topic. In fact, however, even females themselves sometimes considered themselves as physically weaker than their male counterparts, though it may not be true in reality. Yet, historical stereotypical views ingrained in people's minds had to take the blame.

Lu Xiaoyu was an exception. She had a reasonably good height, because puberty happened to coincide with her cultivation training.

Many people had noticed an improvement in their appearance following their training, including better skin texture and height. Some students even soared to 178cm from 170cm within merely one year. This was because cultivation could help to remove impurities from their bodies, which served to compensate for their inborn physical defects. Hence, they tended to be more physically flawless than common teenagers.

However, instead of covering for her defects, Xiaoyu was gifted with the skills of animal whispering since youth. She was almost a perfect being. Consequently, she was also stronger than her peers when it was time to grow.

The students collected their uniforms and were allocated to various rooms. Lu Xiaoyu made her bed quietly. There were 20 people and 10 bunk beds per room. She chose the bottom bed for easier accessibility.

The room was packed with people. When Lu Xiaoyu was still making her bed, someone suddenly threw her blanket and pillow onto Lu Xiaoyu's bed. "Go and sleep on the upper bed, little bean sprout."

Lu Xiaoyu raised her head to see a tall girl with a finely developed figure. She had an arrogant air, and there were five girls standing beside her giggling at Lu Xiaoyu.

Little bean sprout? Lu Xiaoyu raised her eyebrows and looked at her own chest...

Under Lu Shu's protection, Lu Xiaoyu had never been bullied by other students. She did not know that sometimes her attractive appearance could become the target of other girls' jealousy.

But bullying among school girls was simply too commonplace.

Usually, being surrounded by so many people, the victim would naturally feel scared. But they had really picked the wrong person...

Lu Xiaoyu fixed the girl a calm stare. She should probably have said something such as "Excuse me?" "What for?" "Who the hell are you?"

But Lu Xiaoyu was not like anybody else...

Before the girl could react, she had been kicked into the wall with a bang. Find authorized novels in Webnovel, faster updates, better experience, Please click for visiting.

Since all of them were Practitioners, Lu Xiaoyu thought it would be fine so long as nothing serious happened. She could pepper the room with her deep sea white sand bullets if she felt like killing and no one could stop her...

The girls' followers were dumbfounded. They were freaking waiting for Lu Xiaoyu to

say something!

But she was too straightforward! She did not act as expected!

"Officer! Officer!" A girl immediately dashed out of the room. "Doctor! Doctor! One girl has fainted!"

Lu Xiaoyu asked the other girls with a sneer, "I reckon you were quite happy a minute ago?"

All of a sudden, the entire room devolved into chaos.

She was not a fan of courtesy, but more of a mocker after beating others up. After all, she had to be decisive to be a future Heavenly King!

Lu Shu's words were engraved in Lu Xiaoyu's head. She had to be strong and able to convince the public in order to be qualified as a Heavenly King!

So how about this? At the moment, her action could show her power and make people succumb to her at the same time. Perfect!

Two female officers entered the room and asked the girls, "What happened?"

Lu Xiaoyu replied calmly, "They wanted to bully me. So I beat them up."

At first, the girls had expected some punishment for Lu Xiaoyu, but the officers only carried the injured girl out without a word.

"Officer, don't you think you should do something about her?" a girl demanded.

One of the officers turned and looked into her eyes. "She alone can take down so many of you. So why did you offend her? First lesson of the cultivation world, no one should judge a book by its cover. One's power is not determined by his or her look nor the number of followers, but the amount of effort he or she puts in."

Lu Xiaoyu thought to herself that actually she had not put in much effort, but she chose to remain silent...

After this incident, Lu Xiaoyu could be certain that the public would now listen to her. As expected, everything was under her control.

For cases of school violence, it was usually a bunch of girls bullying one girl. But Lu Xiaoyu was better. She could bully a bunch on her own...

At this moment, Lu Xiaoyu noticed a rapid increase in her celestial strength. Apparently Lu Shu was eating abyss fruits.

However, she was somewhat confused. Was there some sort of connection between abyss fruits and her bullying others?! She must figure out what Lu Shu had been hiding from her after she went home this time!

All of Luo City Daoyuan Class students knew Lu Xiaoyu. But this time there were many from other cities too. Many Luo City Daoyuan Class students were secretly worried when they heard about the noise in Lu Xiaoyu's room, because they knew how destructive she was!

A group of girls spectated along the corridors and waited... As expected, before long, a casualty was carried out of the room...

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All the Class A aptitude geniuses had been sent out on tasks by Nie Ting. There was no one in the military camp who could stand up to Lu Xiaoyu.

She did not deal with it too harshly. Lu Shu had talked to her about this earlier. Even if she got into a fight with the Daoyuan Class students, she could not injure or kill them. She had to set proper limits on her strength.

Thus, when those girls regained consciousness, they did not suffer any major injuries. After they returned to the dorm from the infirmary, Lu Xiaoyu sat on the edge of her bed and texted Lu Shu while coldly laughing. The girls hid and whispered to one another in a corner. Lu Xiaoyu did not bother to know what they were discussing about.

"Still haven't convinced the public," Lu Xiaoyu softly sighed as she glanced at them. Find authorized novels in Webnovel, faster updates, better experience, Please click for visiting.

She had thought that convincing the public would be very easy, but it seemed like she had thought too lightly of it. But this wouldn't do. She wanted to become a Heavenly King!

In reality, some girls were very narrow-minded. The girls that Lu Xiaoyu had beaten up were from the same Daoyuan Class.

People joined forces more easily when they were on away ground. The girls discussed that they would wait until Lu Xiaoyu fell asleep, then subdue her. Lu Xiaoyu holding back her strength had made these girls misunderstand, they were taken down one by one just now because they were careless. This time, they would wait until nightfall before they launched their sneak attack. They would definitely be able to take

revenge!

Normally, people would be troubled when they encountered these kinds of girls. You could not stay awake for the whole night, can you? But these girls have come well prepared to retaliate. What would you do?

Normally, people would be slightly worried. But Lu Xiaoyu was more impressive. Once the lights were out at night, Lu Xiaoyu sat up straight on her bed.

The entire dorm fell silent...

Before the girls could make their move, Lu Xiaoyu once again beat them up. The painful wails in the dorm sounded as if they were in hell...

The girls were speechless. What was this? Before they could even do anything, Lu Xiaoyu had already made the first move.

Can't you follow the plan?!

As Lu Xiaoyu attempted to convince them, all the girls in the dorm realized one thing, this young girl that they had underestimated was much stronger than they had imagined!

Lu Xiaoyu was also very vexed. Why was it so difficult to convince them?!

Um...

He felt that there was something wrong with Lu Xiaoyu's understanding of "convincing the public"...

"How are you doing it...?" Lu Shu asked with caution.

"With my strength!" Lu Xiaoyu replied with pride.

In reality, Lu Xiaoyu did not think that she was wrong. If she submitted to humiliation, she would be the one being convinced. Why not be the one convincing the public, right?

Someone else had initiated it. She was not the one who made the first move.

Lu Shu was rather depressed. Lu Xiaoyu's talent with the Chinese language was somewhat twisted...

The Heavenly Network realized one problem during the training process. Many people did not have the right mentality towards the training.

Lu Xiaoyu had completed every task well. After all, she was a future Heavenly King and she should set a good example.

But many of the other girls were not as good. Even though they had become Practitioners, they were still very delicate and fragile.

At 5am, an emergency assembly alarm suddenly sounded throughout the entire camp! Everyone, no matter if they were boy or girl, was in a frenzy. When everyone had assembled at the training ground, many had not worn their clothes properly. Many of the command officers' faces were as black as coal.

The overall commander stood at the flag raising podium and coldly gave everyone an

admonishing talk. "The performance of the girls during this training has been very poor. This is not because of the lack of your abilities. It is because of your complete lack of fighting spirit."

This was a common fault among many female Practitioners. Take for example Aimi who had engaged in back-door deals with the Phoenix Society back at the Koh Chang Island remains. She had no fighting spirit, because she did not think about depending on her own abilities to fight.

"Do you think that if a large-scale war breaks out between Practitioners, your male comrades should risk their lives for you? While you sing and dance in your culture groups to express your sympathy, or simply join the medical team?" The commanding officer laughed coldly. "That is in the past. All of you will step on the battlefield. Don't leave it to luck. There is no difference between male and female on the battlefield. From what I know, there is a genius girl in the Luo City Daoyuan Class who is much stronger than all of you. The Heavenly Network has just reported her military achievements. Her name is Cao Qingci."

"There are always girls complaining during the training. As Practitioners, if you cannot even endure standing at attention for an hour, only death awaits you on the battlefield in the future. Do you think that the enemy will take pity on you because you are a girl? Ha ha, from my knowledge, not only will they not take pity on you, they will use more cruel methods to defeat you."

"Is it very strenuous to run ten kilometers with a heavy load on your back? The normal military troops run five kilometers with a heavy load. You all are a few times stronger than them, maybe even more than ten times stronger than them," the commanding officer lectured. "So I see that you have not changed your mentality. From now onwards, you will receive cruel training."

Some girls softly whispered, "Is there a need for this? I thought this was just normal military training."

"Military training?" The commanding officer laughed coldly. "Do you think that we brought you here for some painless training? To let you rest after every half an hour? To let you chit chat and use your phone while resting? Wake up. The aim of this training is to wake you up from your sweet dreams."

Everyone had thought that this would be a simple lecture. They did not think that the commanding officer would actually carry out what he had said. The commanding officer said, "Everyone will line up and engage in actual combat. Those who lose will run for 12 hours with a heavy load and have no food to eat for a day. Those who cheat will be sent to the military court. I believe that I do not have to explain the consequences. Don't trust your luck."

Actual combat?

What was happening? Why the sudden actual combat? They had not gone through combat training, but they were starting actual combat?

Everyone looked at one another in blank dismay. Not only were the girls shocked, even the boys were in shock as well.

If Lu Shu was here, he would make the following judgment. Perhaps Nie Ting had sense that the form of the Practitioners' world was unpredictable. Or, different remote races like the Puppet Master had revived, giving the human race great pressure. Thus, Nie Ting would make such a harsh decision. They had completely given up on making steady progress incrementally during the training process. A decisive action in

a complex situation would allow all the Daoyuan Class students to climb out of their warm nest and prepare to face the chilly winter.

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But the one thing that Nie Ting did not want to see the most would be, that one day in the future, the Heavenly Network would have people who lacked strength of character and end up putting their fate in the hands of others when they were on their last legs. He hoped that since everyone who joined the Heavenly Network did so willingly, they would have the courage to pick up their weapons and protect themselves.

Not only did they have to protect themselves, they also needed the courage to protect their home behind them.

One company consisted of 90 to 120 people. Here, it was set at 100 people. This meant that 100 boys and girls of the Daoyuan Class were about to engage in actual combat. Those who won had food to eat and those who lost would go hungry.

These groups of boys and girls were arranged by the commanding officers. Each company stood 50 meters away from each other. The atmosphere became heavy. Everyone knew that this was the real deal.

To speak the truth, the boys did not quite dare to attack the girls. Their gentlemanliness made them think they should let the girls have a chance. They did not mind running and eating less.

In reality, a majority of the guys thought the same way. There was no harm letting the girls have a chance. This could even make them more liked by the girls.

Of course, they could not cheat in public. When the first company of boys and girls started their combat, some boys seemed to be attacking fiercely, but in reality they

were just acting. But after one second of combat, the overall commander stopped them. He laughed coldly, "I had wanted to execute one of you as a warning to the rest. To think there were people who were actually willing to sacrifice themselves."

He pointed at two boys and said, "Bring those two away. Don't leave them here to make a fool of themselves. Bring them to the secured waiting room. They will wait for their punishment."

Everyone was in awe and shock. Were they for real?

The overall commander glanced at everyone. "Don't do something that you will regret for the rest of your life. You may be willing to sacrifice yourself to help others, but will others do the same for you?"

The girls were slowly breaking down. Some had even given up all hope. These girls did not even do housework at home, but on their third day of training, they already had to fight each other?

They began to hope that there would be boys who were willing to go easy on them. But when it came to the second group, the boys were made very clear of the rules. They had to fight!

The girls could not help but want to retreat. But at this moment, Lu Xiaoyu passed through the troop and came to the front of the girls. She looked at everyone and calmly said, "Follow me".

It was as if the sun and the moon were once again fighting over control of the skies.

Everyone's impression of Lu Xiaoyu was not very good. She had beat people up for a

whole day. How could one have a good impression of her? Thus, throughout these three days, Lu Xiaoyu had been eating alone and washing her clothes alone, as if she had been isolated.

But many people did not intentionally isolate her, they just did not dare to approach her. Find authorized novels in Webnovel, faster updates, better experience, Please click for visiting.

But when Lu Xiaoyu stood in front of everyone and said the two words "follow me", the girls behind her suddenly seemed to have found their pillar of support.

During times like this, someone had to stand up and call for action. Lu Xiaoyu was that someone. She only felt that these girls were too terrified, there was nothing to be afraid of, But everyone else thought differently. The girls felt that Lu Xiaoyu was like a hero, going out into battle while facing the sun. When she made her triumphant return, they would drink hard liquor. They would once again set their eyes on the edge of the world in the distance!

Even Lu Shu had probably not thought that Lu Xiaoyu would be able to convince the public by accident...

Even the girls who had been beat up by Lu Xiaoyu felt that Lu Xiaoyu had become much bigger, but Lu Xiaoyu's figure was undoubtedly thin.

The next moment, Lu Xiaoyu moved her body and rushed into the boys' team head first like an arrow at lightning speed. In an instant, she threw the boys into confusion. No one could avoid her attacks. One by one, everyone was thrown down to the ground with a punch.

These boys were indeed much stronger than the girls. But Lu Xiaoyu had killed people with Lu Shu before. The fresh blood she had experienced put her on a completely different level from the rest!

Upon seeing this, the girls looked at one another in blank dismay before gritting their teeth and following Lu Xiaoyu's lead. At first, they were very cautious. But as time passed, the boys realized that these girls were ruthless when they attacked. This was their true strength!

They were Practitioners. There was no difference between the genders! This the was the cruel reality!

The commanding officers were in shock. "Who is that girl?!"

"The one who had given Lu Shu the title of national hero, Lu Xiaoyu..." Another commanding officer said in annoyance while biting his gums.

"Lu Shu's little sister?" The overall commander picked his eyebrows. "The brother is violent and the little sister is so violent too?"

"Hm? Have you seen Lu Shu before?" A command officer asked curiously.

"Yes..." The overall commander somewhat awkwardly nodded his head. "I came into contact with him in the Capital..."

These commanding officers had been transferred from the Heavenly Network. As for where they were before they had been transferred...

Back then, he was a soldier under Hao Zhichao. He had even been chased and beaten

up by Lu Shu when he was left alone...

He could not bear to look back on the past... Lu Shu probably did not think that the person he had beaten up in the past would become the current overall commander...

Lu Xiaoyu charged into battle quickly and finished the battle quickly too. She had completely overpowered everyone else with her own abilities. She had shuttled back and forth in the battle, making it hard for her opponents to ward against her.

This was like playing a 5v5 game, where nine of them were rookies and one had overbearing power. This normally led to one person carrying the entire battle.

If these boys had gone through training for military strategies and learned to work together, the situation would have been much better. But now, it was different. They did not work together. Furthermore, their abilities were lacking. The only thing they could do was wait to be beaten up.

When all the boys had collapsed to the ground, Lu Xiaoyu quietly stood in the middle of the battle ground and sighed. "No worthy opponent here. What a far cry from Lu Shu."

The boys were in so much pain that they could not speak. But they had one question. Who was this Lu Shu?

At this moment, everyone suddenly thought of the recent official announcement from the Heavenly Network. It couldn't be the Lu Shu who had killed a Class B expert at Koh Chang Island, right?

How could they compare against his strength! He was a legend!

"I am not targeting anyone. I am just saying that everyone on the floor is rubbish." Lu Xiaoyu had gotten into character...

She had not realized that the girls behind her were looking at her in a different light...

Humans had the habit of thinking that internal violence was not true violence. But when Lu Xiaoyu was able to lead them to win a fight, everyone would acknowledge her abilities.

On the other hand, Lu Shu was earning an endless flow of distress points. There was too much for the eyes to take in!

Earlier, the points had been earned from female names, but this time it was a wave of male names!

555 GATHERING AT LUO CITY

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Far away in Luo City, Lu Shu was not quite sure of what had happened over on Lu Xiaoyu's side. It was not that he had not asked Lu Xiaoyu about this, it was just that he had never told Lu Xiaoyu about the distress points. He could not just open his mouth and ask what had happened. Lu Xiaoyu would suspect that something was wrong.

Thus, Lu Shu asked indirectly, "Xiaoyu, how are you getting along with your comrades?"

Lu Xiaoyu replied happily, "I've beaten them into a consensus."

Lu Shu was dumbfounded. "You mean metaphorically, right?"

“Nope. I’ve beaten them into a consensus,” Lu Xiaoyu replied with confidence.

Lu Shu did not dare to ask further. As for how the students were doing, it had nothing to do with him...

Now, Lu Shu spent the day meticulously revising his content. At night, he would change his appearance and go to the black market with Li Yixiao.

The representatives of each family had arrived. At this age, transport was very convenient, thus, they only took a few hours before they reached Luo City.

Some felt that this was not good. They yearned for the past, where cars, horses, and mail were all slow. It was as if they could only love one person throughout their entire life.

But Lu Shu felt that people did not cease to be loyal because of this. Were there so few people in history who were fickle and heartless? Not at all.

Even if the cars, horses and mail were all slow, there would be times when people ceased to be faithful even before mailing out their letter.

After the families reached Luo City, they did not rush to interact with Li Yixiao. Before they had left home, they were all rather panicky. But after reaching Luo City, they realized that there was no need to do so. In reality, they were all afraid that Li Yixiao would demand an exorbitant price. Li Yixiao would also have to talk to all the families before making his decision, right? Thus, they were waiting for Li Yixiao.

The bell rang, signaling the end of school. Lu Shu calmly walked out. It was as if the

moment the school bell rang, normal life and the Practitioner's life were split apart.

A few boys who were in their sophomore year did not plan to study hard. After school ended, they either ran to the internet cafe or the field.

A student passionately engaged in a discussion as he walked out of school. "Did you guys hear? Luo City is now very lively. Many Practitioners and big families have come here."

"I've heard. There have even been discussions on the Golden Foundation forum. It seems like all of them came here for something. But no one has specified what exactly they are here for."

"It would be great if I could awaken too. Who is the one who organized this large occasion?!"

As the two students chatted happily, they suddenly looked up and saw Lu Shu in front of them. They hurriedly stopped talking and walked past Lu Shu. After they had created some distance between them, they once again restarted their discussion. They did not know that what they were talking about was because of this very student that they disliked.

Lu Shu turned back and looked at the school building against the dusk sky. He then turned his body and walked towards the black market.

He suddenly thought of one problem. He had returned from the Collection of Gods in the middle of January. Chinese New Year was coming, yet Lu Xiaoyu was to be at training for three months. Did this mean that he had to celebrate the New Year alone?

As he thought about this, he reached the entrance of the black market. The iron gate had specks of rust.

Lu Shu knocked on the gate. A new face opened the small window above the door. When he saw Lu Shu, his eyes lit up and smiled obsequiously. “The Venerable! You’re here!”

Lu Shu was still using Gao Shenyin’s face. His nickname was still Kasyapa. Now there were two important figures within the black market, one was called the Lord, while the other was called Kasyapa. The two names sounded quite natural next to each other.

Wang Zhe had disappeared. This low level secret practitioner had taken advantage of the chaos to steal one of Lu Shu’s magical stones and make a run for it. This was not new. Lu Shu felt it was best that Wang Zhe did not appear in front of his eyes again...

To Lu Shu, stealing one of his magical stones and running away was equivalent to asking for murder! Not even one magical stone could be stolen!

Lu Shu walked along the bomb shelter and then entered it. The secret practitioners on the street greeted him very politely. One middle-aged, big-sized man saw Lu Shu enter and his face lit up in pleasure. “The Venerable, I have some good alcohol here. How about a taste?”

Lu Shu laughed and tactfully rejected him. “No thanks. How good can your alcohol be?”

“From Zhang Tiangou’s distress, +199...”

After Lu Shu walked away, a group of old men sighed in annoyance. “The Venerable is so harsh when he rejects others...”

But they rather liked dealing with Lu Shu. Lu Shu was just too kind.

This made Lu Shu’s classmates rather unhappy. But these old secret practitioners were comparing Lu Shu to the people they had met in the past. Those people were thick-skinned and ruthless. One wrong word and they were as good as dead.

But Lu Shu gave off a different feeling. They felt that as long as they paid their processing fees, Lu Shu would not make things difficult for them. Everyone knew that Lu Shu was the sword expert from that night. He had displayed his frightening destructive power that night. He was not someone that these secret practitioners could go against.

But they did not know that Lu Shu’s true identity was that of a Captain in the Heavenly Network. They similarly did not know that Lu Shu was able to come to an agreement with their Lord.

The secret practitioners had also heard the rumors. According to the rumors, the big families had come to Luo City to make a deal with the Lord.

Two may keep counsel putting one away. Lu Shu thought that since the secret practitioners all knew about this, then on Nie Ting’s side... they had no choice but to carry on. Withdrawing was not an option. He could only silently wish Li Yixiao all the best.

Once the secret practitioners knew that the big families were coming, they immediately called their companions over. In the eyes of the secret practitioners, these

families were all rich. They did their business precisely because they wanted to change their lives and have a better future. This time, secret practitioners from all over the country were gathering in Luo City.

If he had not seen it for himself, Lu Shu would find it hard to believe that there were so many practitioners who had fallen through the cracks across the country. Many people did not inherit their abilities. A large majority had embarked on this path because they had suddenly undergone an awakening. This was similar to what was happening overseas.

Some female secret practitioners saw that Lu Shu was young, strong and rather good-looking. They wanted to hook up with him. If they could do so, they would no longer have to rush about with these old men.

But Lu Shu did not fall for them. This made the girls disinterested. From their point of view, there must be a lot of girls outside who liked him. He was rich, strong, and most importantly, young...

Lu Shu walked all the way in to Li Yixiao's office. Before he had even reached the entrance, he could hear Nalan Que angrily shouting at him. "Look at all these trivial things you have done!"

Li Yixiao unhappily said, "Can you think about my good points as well?!"

Nalan Que fell silent for two seconds. "Look at all these good things you have done!"

Li Yixiao was speechless.

556 UPSET STOMACH

Lu Shu had thought that they would get into a fight upon meeting. But they had slowly started to peacefully get along with each other. This made Lu Shu rather

surprised.

There were people who said that the relationship between Li Yixiao and Nalan Que would not rekindle. Lu Shu absolutely did not believe this!

But this was a slightly awkward situation. Nalan Que was also a representative of one of the families they wanted to do business with. They could not possibly discuss business face to face with Nalan Que, right?

Lu Shu knocked on the door and walked in. Nalan Que glared at him as he entered. Although she knew that he had shown mercy when they fought the previous time, this did not stop her from bearing grudges.

The grudge that Nalan Que bore was not because Lu Shu had attacked her. It was because Lu Shu had punched Li Yixiao!

Lu Shu glanced at Li Yixiao's work desk. Two large bags of snacks were laid out on the table. They seemed to have been bought from the supermarket.

Lu Shu was curious whether Nalan Que had bought these for Li Yixiao. It felt as if the two of them were dating once again...

"Ahem," Li Yixiao said to Nalan Que slightly awkwardly. "Do you want to go back first?"

Nalan Que did not stay for long. She glanced at Li Yixiao and said, "The two of you, discuss what you have to discuss. The Nalan family will fight fairly with the rest of the families."

With that, she turned and left. This time, she was representing her family. Thus, she did not request for an advantage in this deal because of her relationship with Li Yixiao.

Lu Shu felt that Nalan Que was a very logical person. But she was constantly at odds with Li Yixiao, it might simply be because they were just not fated for each other.

Li Yixiao waited for Nalan Que to leave before asking, "Representatives from six families are coming this time. Are you certain that you will earn so much money?"

Lu Shu laughed. "No worries."

Li Yixiao muttered, "My stomach is not feeling good. I can't digest the large pancake that you made for me. Just don't mess up when the time comes. Shi Xuejin even came to warn me yesterday!"

"Your stomach is not feeling good?" Lu Shu was dumbfounded. "You, a Class B expert, and your stomach is poor?"

"I don't know why either. I have suffered from diarrhea from a young age. Back then, I didn't make it in time to use tissue paper, so I used talismans instead," Li Yixiao said as he dug through the plastic bag of snacks on his table.

He took out a pack of cranberry biscuits and passed it to Lu Shu. "Here. From that crazy woman."

Lu Shu fell silent. "... it's fine. I prefer it this way."

Were you eating a dried noodle snack? Did you have to add seasoning? Don't you

think that the taste is off?!

As expected of the physique of Practitioners. He was lucky to only suffer from diarrhea. That stuff was fatal if ingested by others...

Lu Shu suddenly solved the mystery of Li Yixiao's stomach. But why had no one reminded him not to eat that? Lu Shu suddenly felt that something was not right. Nalan Que was together with Li Yixiao from morning to night and how could she not know? She did not remind Li Yixiao either.

Lu Shu looked inside the plastic bag and realized that all the snacks had a drying agent...

She wasn't here to court him and send snacks. Evidently, she still had some grievances towards Li Yixiao. She knew his habits too. Thus, she had intentionally sent these snacks to harm Li Yixiao! It was as if she was clearly stating. Come! If you hurt me, I'll hurt you back!

Lu Shu shivered in fear. Women were frighteningly vicious!

"Although that crazy woman has a short temper, she still treats me well. She sent me snacks even after knowing that I am at the black market," Li Yixiao laughed as he praised Nalan Que.

"As long as you're happy..." Lu Shu secretly put back the biscuit...

Lu Shu really wanted to meet Nalan Que's grandmother. He just wanted to know the demeanor of the nobility. At the same time, he wanted to ask for advice regarding horoscopes...

Li Yixiao ran to the toilet after less than half an hour. As he ran, he muttered in puzzlement, "This is strange. I've been taking special care of my stomach recently."

Lu Shu sat alone in the office and pondered. This time, six families had come. According to Li Yixiao, it was not a problem for each family to take in a few thousand magical stones. Although the price of magical stones had been inflated, the families would still likely be willing to pay a certain price in order to gain control of this black market.

The problem was, he could not sell the magical stones to each family one by one. He had to do it all at the same time!

There was definitely some level of communication between the families. If the family that had bought the magical stones first leaked information to the rest of the families, then it was likely that Lu Shu would have no choice but to slowly sell the remaining magical stones he had.

Li Yixiao had intentionally urged the families again and again that they could bring mythical objects or training resources to exchange for the magical stones. Lu Shu certainly wanted to strengthen his and Lu Xiaoyu's power.

Lu Shu felt that this was not a loss for the families either. If he did not put up the magical stones for sale, they would not have been able to get their hands on so many stones. But he felt that the families would likely be unhappy with the process and result.

But it did not matter. Lu Shu felt that they would eventually understand his earnest thoughts.

What time the negotiation would take place had not been decided. The families were waiting for Li Yixiao and Lu Shu to contact them. On the other hand, Li Yixiao and Lu Shu wanted to see how patient these families were.

As more and more Practitioners came to Luo City, the flow of people into the black market also increased steadily. In order to cater for this demand, Li Yixiao personally brought the secret practitioners to dig up a few more bomb shelters...

These bomb shelters were filled with abandoned construction materials. No one was willing to clean up the mess. In the end, Li Yixiao did it all by himself... Find authorized novels in Webnovel, faster updates, better experience, Please click for visiting.

Lu Shu earned 99% of the shares from this deal, while Li Yixiao only earned 1%. On the other hand, the ratios for the black market earnings were the other way around. Lu Shu earned 20%, while Li Yixiao earned 80%.

The black market was managed by Li Yixiao. But without Lu Shu's magical stones, there would not be such a heavy flow of people into the black market.

Before the actual negotiations started, the families had sent people to observe the situation in the black market. Unlike Lu Shu and Li Yixiao, they were not careless in how they did things.

These families had even sent people to secretly calculate the handling capacity of the black market, as well as the frequency of rare training materials appearing. Overall, they wanted to determine whether this black market was worth investing in or not.

The result. It was definitely worth it!

557 THE SCRIPT IS WRONG

After Lu Shu confirmed a few details about meeting the families with Li Yixiao, he left. These details mainly consisted of some points that they had to pay attention to. First, the families had to discuss at the same time. Only after they finished their discussion could they have the chance to interact. Secondly, they could not give up on this black market. They would have to wait until the deal was completed before they could go into detail on how to operate the black market.

To Lu Shu, this black market was a business that was up to standard. His earlier businesses, such as selling stinky tofu by the roadside or selling Chinese chives, did not quite qualify as actual businesses. If Li Yixiao could continue to control this black market, he would also continue to receive 20% of the profits. This black market would become his first business that could act as a steady source of income.

At first, Lu Shu was worried that Li Yixiao would spread the word that they were selling magical stones and extricate himself from the black market. Then, after the deal he would once again have control of the black market. Wouldn't this make things difficult for Li Yixiao?

But after their discussion, Lu Shu realised that he had underestimated Li Yixiao's principle. From the start, Li Yixiao had no intention of allowing the black market to fall into someone else's hands. He was the Lord of this territory!

Li Yixiao's principle was that he had no principles.

The two of them complemented each other well. Li Yixiao thought about it and said that he had not thought about how to deal with the families after the deal. But Lu Shu was not worried about this.

Lu Shu walked out of Li Yixiao's office and prepared to go home. He still had to wake up early to practice his sword. He had saved up enough distress points to break through the third Nebula. Thus, he did not even dare to draw the normal lottery, let alone buy chi fruit.

If he wanted to rebuild the snowy mountain, he had to rely on his own hard work.

Lu Shu also felt that Li Xianyi's sea of chi had been accumulated through his own hard work. Only Lu Shu had taken the shortcut.

Taking the shortcut had its own benefits. But you would miss out on a lot of things, for example some details and epiphanies about training. Lu Shu decided that he would take the rebuilding of the snowy mountain as a form of tough training, to make up for what he missed when he had taken the shortcut.

Lu Shu had not walked far before he stopped in shock.

Gao Shenyin was in shock too.

"From Gao Shenyin's distress, +666!"

Lu Shu was dumbfounded. Why was Gao Shenyin here?

Gao Shenyin rushed back home to discuss this with his parents. Li Yixiao had happened to contact the Gao family as well, thus the Gao family rushed over too!

Lu Shu did not know that Li Yixiao had contacted the Gao family. Li Yixiao did not talk about the black market with Nalan Que and Nalan Que also did not talk about the

information she had received with Li Yixiao. Thus, this was a very awkward situation.

Lu Shu suddenly felt that the process of working together with Li Yixiao was like a textbook example of a mutually harmful relationship...

Now that the person himself had appeared, what could he do? The secret practitioners by the sidelines were all dumbfounded. Everyone had just seen the Venerable enter Li Yixiao's office. And then, another Venerable followed closely behind. Ha ha, did you trust that they were real?

But the secret practitioners had interacted with Lu Shu for a few days now. Lu Shu's symbolic harsh words had left a lasting impression on them. This characteristic was as conspicuous as a bright lamp in the dark night...

So the secret practitioners knew that the person who had entered first was the Venerable. The person who had followed behind looked exactly the same, but was not the same person, as Gao Shenyin did not speak at all.

Lu Shu quickly pondered about his reaction. "You..."

Before Lu Shu could react, Gao Shenyin said, "Elder brother!"

Lu Shu was dumbfounded.

The script... doesn't seem right?!

Gao Shenyin said, "Elder brother, what have you been doing these few years? Mom and dad are here too, but they were afraid that you wouldn't want to see them. So they sent me here. Let's go home."

Lu Shu said: "... do you have an older twin brother?"

"Elder brother, stop it. Is there any meaning in your words?" Gao Shenyin asked.

Um...

Lu Shu did not know how to explain this.

Earlier, when he had bumped into Kitamura Hirono, he had said that he was Hirono's twin brother from different parents. Now that he had disguised himself as Gao Shenyin, why did the real Gao Shenyin suddenly have an elder twin brother?!

"I'm not. You've gotten the wrong person. Goodbye," said Lu Shu, wanting to leave. He had to think carefully whether he wanted to change his identity and continue working together with Li Yixiao...

At this moment, Gao Shenyin suddenly pulled Lu Shu's arm. "Mom and dad were wrong to not respect your wishes. But after so many years, I think you should forgive them. But didn't you want to conceal your identity and leave? Why are you practicing the sword now..."

Lu Shu was going crazy. What drama was this?! But he did not want to continue playing along!

He patted Gao Shenyin's shoulder. "I need to use the toilet. I'll talk to you later."

Lu Shu immediately slipped into the newly-renovated toilet in the bomb shelter. He quickly changed his clothes and appearance before walking out. When he walked past

Gao Shenyin, he still saw him waiting eagerly at the entrance of the toilet...

I've let you down, brother...

That night, news suddenly broke out in the realm of training. It was said that the expert that had appeared at the Luo City black market was the genius from the Gao family that had ran away from home. He was also the elder twin brother of Gao Shenyin.

Because it had happened a long time ago, and the younger generation like Gao Shenyin did not receive much attention in the magical energy-scarce era, thus no one paid attention to this information.

The big families were all shocked. They did not think that the Gao family would also produce a Class B expert!

Lu Shu sat on his bed. As he sang Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, he felt that the situation was very messy. He had to sort it out...

Shortly after, Lu Shu saw the distress points in the system's back-end increase. "From Gao Shenzai's distress, +199, +201..."

No one would let the distress points from the two brothers slip through their hands.

As Lu Shu was thinking about what identity he would use from now on, the big families had formed a thought. They now knew Gao Shenzai's true identity. Furthermore, Gao Shenzai had come to Luo City so quickly and even dared to tussle with the Heavenly King. Did this mean that the Gao family have had their eyes on the Luo City black market for a long time?

It looked like the local black market at the Cultivation College had roused the interest of many. The Dian Nan Gao family had actually taken precautions so early on!

From their point of view, Gao Shenzhai's appearance could not be a coincidence. Which family did not have children who ran away from home, only to come back very quickly? Blood is thicker than water. There could not be that much hatred between family members.

Gao Shenzai was definitely the Gao family's secret weapon! Find authorized novels in Webnovel, faster updates, better experience, Please click for visiting.

558 BEGIN THE NEGOTIATIONS

After experiencing the clamor from the fall of the Collection of Gods from their peak position among the Practitioner organizations, the new year seemed to bring a rare peace to the realm of training.

Chinese New Year was approaching. The outside Practitioners suddenly realized that the Heavenly Network seemed to be very silent. Those who knew the Heavenly Network's disposition would know that they were preparing to slaughter pigs and sheep for the new year...

At this very moment, the Practitioners in Luo City were extremely excited. The six families of power and influence were trying to seize control of the place. Who would emerge as champion?

It was the weekend. The sophomore students were supposed to go to school for lessons, but Lu Shu did not go.

Lu Xiaoyu was not at home. Lu Shu had sung Twinkle Twinkle Little Star for the

whole night. At 3 am, he practiced his sword. His control got better with every swing. He went to the black market with his original appearance, conscientiously looking for broken weapons from the secret practitioners.

Up till now, in terms of increasing the volume of mystical water, it was more cost-effective to buy broken weapons.

Lu Shu squatted in front of a store and looked at the broken weapons sold by a secret practitioner. "How much for five weapons?"

The secret practitioner thought that this unfamiliar face was a newbie. He started to exaggerate. "Legend has it that this tool I have found was able to move mountains and fill seas in ancient times. But now, it is quiet, waiting for its fated owner. You can have it for a hundred thousand yuan. I accept magical stones too."

Lu Shu got up and left. The secret practitioner shouted from behind. "You might be its fated owner! Young man, come and get one."

Lu Shu turned around and laughed. "It's fine. What impressive tools can you find?"

The secret practitioner was speechless.

"From Wang Zhiguo's distress, +199..."

The Venerable, was that you?

The secret practitioners knew that this was definitely not the Venerable, since their appearance was different. His words made them feel that they had met him before...

While Lu Shu was sauntering about, Li Yixiao was busy preparing the black market bomb shelter. When night fell, the usually locked rusty gate was instead wide open. Li Yixiao personally welcomed his guests at the door. "Thank you for coming all the way here. Excuse me for not going out to meet you. I don't have any tea for all of you. Shall we get to the main point?"

The representatives of each family were silent. Li Yixiao used such a blunt tone to get straight to the point. Was he in such a position to start the discussion even before offering tea?

His voice was soft, but the families could still hear him...

The serious atmosphere suddenly vanished. The families looked at the young man behind Li Yixiao with some surprise. This young man looked somewhat familiar, but they could not recall who he was.

They wanted to conduct a check. But since they were already here, it was too late.

Only two or three people from each family were present. Some of them looked around. Didn't Gao Shenzai from the Gao family become a well-known figure in the black market? Where was he?

Gao Shenyin recognized Lu Shu but did not care to talk to him. His family was also finding Gao Shenzai...

The other families started to laugh sarcastically at them. Why were they complicating matters? Did you not know where your family member was?

Li Yixiao did not speak any nonsense. He brought the six families into the six rooms

he had prepared earlier to start their negotiation.

The families exchanged glances with one another. There seemed to be a secret agreement among the families. These families were not groups with completely no dealings with one another. On the other hand, the families had many opportunities to work with one another in different domains.

When they had just entered the bomb shelter, one of the family representatives took out his phone, planning to contact another family. Outsiders would think that they were in constant conflict. But an alliance had been established within the families. Even in the worst case scenario, two families would unite to control a black market. This was also acceptable!

There was once someone who said that one bedroom would be occupied by six girls, but in the end seven places were built. When the big families started to think seriously about their profit, they would be a hundred times more extreme than the girls' bedroom.

Under these circumstances, forming an alliance was one option. But betraying the alliance was also another option.

At this moment, Lu Shu laughed buoyantly. "The mobile signal in this bomb shelter may be quite weak."

One of the family members looked at their phone. There was no signal at all! They were unhappy. "Your black market facilities are too simple and crude! Even if it is underground, it won't cost much just to buy some equipment, right?" Find authorized novels in Webnovel, faster updates, better experience, Please click for visiting.

When Lu Shu heard this, he became unhappy too. "We have bought equipment."

"If you have bought equipment, why is there still no signal?"

"We bought a mobile signal jammer."

"From Li Yunchu's distress, +666..."

"From Li Yunmu's distress, +666..."

Lu Shu laughed coldly and walked out of the room. Since they wanted to prevent communication between the families, they had to do their preparations. It would be hard to handle if even one family leaked the information.

One of the children wanted to walk out of the room in a fit to show his anger. In the end, Li Yixiao immediately became the good guy and said, "Everyone, please don't be angry. This deal is very big, thus this is very important. This will also ensure that everyone is on a fair playing field, right? If you leave now, others will have an advantage."

The person did not walk any further and returned to the room. Now, there were six families. They could walk backwards, but could they ensure that the other families would walk backwards with them?

Li Yixiao stood at the doors of the rooms to keep guard. Lu Shu was the one who was in charge of talking to each family.

After softly discussing it with Li Yixiao. Lu Shu entered the first room. He looked at Li Yunchu and the others before saying, "I believe that Heavenly King Li has

explained the conditions to everyone, am I right? We have magical stones that we need everyone to buy before we can safely leave this black market. Heavenly King Li also asked everyone to bring their weapons, right?"

Li Yunchu was now calm. His anger just then was only for show. In the face of profit, he could give up his personal feelings and emotions. Li Yunchu was now judging the form of this discussion. Now that all the families were on the same starting line, they were at a disadvantage as the first family.

For example, if they quoted a price of 350 thousand for one magical stone, Lu Shu could go to another family and say, "The Li family gave me a price of 400 thousand per stone. Is there any other family who can give me a higher price?"

The Li family would then become a set-up!

559 DEAL

Li Yunchu said, "The weapons we have brought are much better than the rest. Furthermore, we are very sincere towards you and Heavenly King Li."

"I don't care about sincerity. It only counts if I see the goods for myself," Lu Shu said as he smiled. "The Luo Shen Cultivation College has just been built. The promotion of this deal has attracted too many secret practitioners here. The turnover in the Luo City black market right now may be the highest in the country. I am not exaggerating. This is not a small business."

"But you also have to understand," Li Yunchu calmly said, "that if the families are to compete seriously with one another, I'm afraid that your financial resources..."

This fellow was even prepared to fight back, huh. Lu Shu laughed. "I feel that the other families would have the same thought. Allow me to confirm this with you. Are you planning to fight us?"

"... no. You are mistaken."

"From Li Yunchu's distress, +299!"

Li Yunchu suddenly realized the benefit of Lu Shu and Li Yixiao completely splitting up the families. Since they had no way of communicating with one another, they would also have no way of reaching a common consensus.

There is no knowing what is in a man's heart. In this kind of competition, the big families were at a disadvantage.

Lu Shu had other backup plans, as he could still discuss with the other families. But Li Yunchu had no backup plan.

Lu Shu sat facing Li Yunchu and carefully thought about what to say next. "The price of the magical stones is secondary. The main aim of this negotiation is to see what weapons and training resources everyone has brought. Magical stones only cost so much. We will not lose money if we sell it to you. But if we simply give up this black market, it will be a great loss for us. Thus, our condition is that, when purchasing the magical stones, everyone must hand over a weapon in return."

"Wait. Did you say hand over a weapon in return? Does that mean we are simply giving away the weapons free of charge?" Li Yunchu furrowed his eyebrows. "These weapons are not cheap!"

Lu Shu laughed. "There are both cheap and expensive weapons in the Darkness Kingdom, but on average they cost about a hundred million yuan each. Wouldn't it be worth it to exchange one weapon for a black market?"

Li Yunchu realized that Lu Shu had completely skipped the matter of the magical stones. Although it seemed like a fair trade, where they exchanged money for magical stones, but wasn't it worth it to exchange a weapon for the black market?

The problem was, they were definitely buying the magical stones at a price higher than their market value!

Lu Shu said, "Let's take a look at the weapons you have first. Who knows you might have weapons that are stronger than that of other families? This is one of the important factors contributing to our final decision."

The families probably did not think that Lu Shu would be so greedy. He had split the families apart and occupied a superior position in the negotiation. Now, they could not leave even if they wanted to.

Li Yunchu thought deeply about it. Now, the most important thing was that Lu Shu was demanding for too much. After some careful thought, their family could accept this condition. But did Lu Shu plan to take their weapons just like that from the start?

Up till now, Li Yunchu did not even know Lu Shu's identity. He was somewhat surprised. Why was the dominant figure in the deal this young man and not Li Yixiao? On the other hand, Li Yixiao was like a hired roughneck who made sure that the families did not act on their own.

Who exactly was this young man? Was he Li Yixiao's expert in negotiation? He did not seem like one. He was very meticulous in his behavior. His words and logic were a far cry from an expert negotiator.

Li Yunchu glanced at his younger cousin beside him. Li Yunmu took out a purple jade pendant from his pocket. Li Yunchu said, "This piece of jade has been passed down in my family for many generations. Wearing this on your body will help you to concentrate. It can also improve blood circulation and delay aging. It will ensure that you are not too absorbed into your training as well."

Lu Shu received the jade and put it in his pocket. "Any others?"

Li Yunchu was dumbfounded.

You put it in your pocket just like that? Without even confirming the deal? And... how many do you want, brother?

"From Li Yunchu's distress, +666!"

Lu Shu said, "Did you really think that this piece of jade would be enough? Although this would ensure Practitioners do not get too absorbed in their training, but its effects are normal. Did you think that I do not know anything?"

In reality, this kind of jade was very expensive on the market. But it suited the needs of young ladies more than that of Practitioners. A celebrity had once paid 120 million yuan to buy a jade. This was much more affordable than receiving injections and undergoing plastic surgery. This promoted health and allowed one to preserve their youthful looks!

But this had no use to Lu Shu. The Li family was also very clear that the tool they had put out could only be exchanged for money, but not for an equal amount. This was because female Practitioners did not need this item, while male Practitioners were particular about pure strength. The jade was actually of very little value. While it

would sell well in a normal market, it did not have much use to Practitioners.

Although Li Yunchu was in an unfavorable position, he would not be controlled by others. "If you cannot accept this, then the deal is over."

Lu Shu wanted to continue with the deal. The both of them refused to budge for a long time. Lu Shu finally realised that the families had a stubborn attitude towards their weapons. Even the children of the families were not dumb. Although the weapons had value, there was no market for them.

No one would carelessly put such an item on sale, right?

Lu Shu laughed. "I will hold on to this jade for now. I'm sure that you will not be afraid that I will run off with it, right?" Find authorized novels in Webnovel, faster updates, better experience, Please click for visiting.

Li Yunchu laughed nonchalantly. "We still have the spirit and vigor over here."

Li Yunchu had said so, but on the inside he was somewhat worried. After all, he did not know who exactly he was dealing with."

"I am very satisfied with the jade. Let us discuss the price of the magical stones," Lu Shu said as he laughed.

Li Yunchu glared at him. Weren't you obviously unhappy just now?

Li Yunchu asked, "What is your price?"

"The price is definitely not up to us." Lu Shu calmly sat on the chair. "I believe that

you have mentally prepared for this. Whoever pays more will get it."

What Li Yunchu dreaded the most had happened. He was most afraid that Lu Shu would use his price and demand a higher price from the other families. The Li family would have come here for nothing.

Li Yunchu unconsciously started to tap his palm against the armrest. This was a sign that he was thinking deeply. What was their best choice now?

He thought about it and decided to put out a high price, in an attempt to make Lu Shu confused. He said with confidence, "To allow you to see the Li family's sincerity, we are willing to pay 400 thousand per magical stone!"

"Deal," said Lu Shu.

Li Yunchu was dumbfounded.

560 PLEASE PARDON ME

"How many magical stones do you have?" Li Yunchu asked hesitantly. Was Lu Shu planning to split a few thousand magical stones between a few families?

Lu Shu laughed. "Ten thousand."

Four billion yuan worth of magical stones. Li Yunchu was suddenly in a mess... he could not figure out what made him so confused even after some thought.

Wait a minute! He sat on the chair and looked at Lu Shu sitting opposite him. Lu Shu seemed very calm. Li Yunchu felt that something was not right. He obviously wanted to make things difficult for the other families. After the price was so high that no one could not afford it, Lu Shu would sit down and begin the talks again. At that moment, the Li family would not be in the awkward position of being the first family in line.

He could afford this price, but the reason behind why he had suggested this price was to make things difficult for the other families. Logically, Lu Shu would discuss with the other families first, right? How could he just accept the deal just like that!

This fellow did not conform to the logical flow of actions!

Li Yunchu had also thought that Lu Shu would have other hidden intentions. But the problem was, ten thousand magical stones was the limit. It could not be the doing of the Heavenly Network either.

As the families all knew Nie Ting's attitude towards training resources, they knew that Nie Ting wanted to suppress the families, whether consciously or unconsciously. How could he have taken out so many magical stones to convert to cash?

According to their calculations of the Heavenly Network's production and mining levels, the Heavenly Network did not have so many magical stones in stock. The Heavenly Network had never taken pains to store their magical stones for future use. Instead, they used the stones to level up members with outstanding contributions, in order to prepare for the future unpredictable realm of cultivation!

These figures could not be concealed, thus Li Yunchu immediately rejected this idea.

They also had an estimate of the number of magical stones Li Yixiao possessed. He could not have gotten this from the black market alone. It was most likely that Li Yixiao had found his ill-gotten wealth from the Koh Chang Island remains. This made more sense.

But a hundred thousand magical stones was probably the limit. They could not sell the

stones to another family.

Li Yunchu laughed. "Then we look forward to working with you. Thank you for good management of this black market. The Li family will not hold back."

Lu Shu left the room and retrieved ten boxes of magical stones from his Seal of Lands. He had packed the stones into smaller portions earlier. Each box had one thousand magical stones.

Li Yixiao was dumbfounded when he saw this. "Have you finished the negotiations with the first family?"

"Yes."

And since when did Lu Shu have the time to pack the magical stones?!

After Lu Shu had taken out the ten thousand magical stones, he moved the stones into the room. He opened the box in front of Li Yunchu. "Please check the quantity."

"Sure. Please give me some time. This is a big deal and we have to be more careful."

Li Yunchu brought Li Yunmu and two other people to check the magical stones.

When he saw that the words on every magical stone were in Japanese, Li Yunchu could finally heave a sigh of relief. These were definitely not from the Heavenly Network. It seems like Li Yixiao had really gotten these magical stones through other means.

Could these magical stones have come from Nogiwa Takenobu, who died in the Koh Chang Island remains. Li Yunchu was making too many guesses, but these were not

important now. Receiving these magical stones meant that they had accepted Li Yixiao's initial promise. This black market belonged to the Li family!

Lu Shu grabbed a laptop. He had brought a network cable with him, but did not turn off the mobile signal jammer. After Li Yunchu finished the transfer of funds, Lu Shu smiled. "The Li family is too generous!"

"Then we will take our leave. We will send someone to accept the black market at a later date," said Li Yunchu.

"No hurry," Lu Shu said with a smile. "Please take some time to rest here."

With that, Lu Shu left the room. Li Yunchu wanted to ask why he did not let them leave, but Li Yixiao had appeared at the door and prevented them from leaving.

At this moment, Li Yunchu suddenly had an unpleasant premonition. But it couldn't be!

To speak the truth, Li Yixiao was also somewhat puzzled. Didn't Lu Shu sell all of his magical stones? Why was he making his way to the next family?

In less than half an hour, Lu Shu left the room and took out ten boxes of magical stones from the Seal of Lands before going in again...

Li Yixiao's expression was nothing but shock...

The families did not know the truth, but Li Yixiao saw for himself how Lu Shu brought out twenty thousand stones, then thirty thousand... forty thousand...

Li Yixiao did not think that this would happen, let alone the families!

Each family had thought that Lu Shu could only have so many magical stones on his hands, thus he could only sell them to one family. Find authorized novels in Webnovel, faster updates, better experience, Please click www.webnovel.com for visiting.

Nie Ting had thought that Lu Shu only had a few thousand stones, thus he decided to continue observing.

Li Yixiao had thought that Lu Shu only had a few thousand stones, thus he felt that 0.1% was too small a share.

In the end, the most unthinkable thing had happened. Everyone had thought of all the possibilities, but they had never thought that Lu Shu would have so many magical stones.

This was like thinking that you are very skilled in a game. Ha ha, I can carry the entire match even if I carelessly attack! But in the end, this would appear on your screen. What a cheater!

Would you be shocked? Would you be surprised?

When Lu Shu reached the fifth family, he suddenly felt that there was something wrong with the weapons the family had shown. When they had taken out the weapon, he felt his heart's white flame jump suddenly. It was just like when he had first come face to face with the Puppet Master. What was happening?

He did not waver in his tone and continued discussing with the family. When the opportunity came, he played the same old trick as he did with the other families and

he put the weapon into his pocket.

After Lu Shu finished the deal with the sixth family, he dragged Li Yixiao and left.

"Let's hurry up and go. If we leave any later, we'll get into trouble..."

The families could only sit in the room and wait. But after one hour, they felt that something was not right. Someone opened the door and looked outside. Lu Shu and Li Yixiao were gone!

Nalan Que shouted, "Li Yixiao, where in the world are you?"

Nalan Que was still rather happy then. She felt that Lu Shu had been straightforward in the deal because Li Yixiao had dealt with it earlier. Honestly! This fatty, not telling her in advance that he wanted to dote on her.

The other families started to come out of their rooms. Nalan Que was all smiles when she said, "Everyone, please pardon me..."

"Please pardon me...."

"Please..."

Everyone fought to say this, but in the end they realized something. What were they asking pardon for? It was all over for them!

"From Nalan Que's distress, +999!"

"From Gao Shenyin's distress, +999!"

"From Li Yunchu's..."