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The King of Hell's Genius Pampered Wife

Chapter 211: Greeting Gift

It seemed that this little girl had a lot of secrets up her sleeve!

The old beggar man rolled his eyes, and suddenly fishing a jade ring out of his pocket, he waved it in front of Dandan and asked, "Like it?"

Dandan blinked his big eyes, then nodded repeatedly.

The old beggar man laughed. "If you like it, then I'll give it to you! All you have to do is; the next time there's food, remember to save a bit for me!"

Dandan quickly rushed to him, and accepting the jade ring, he held it close to his chest. Then, glancing at the old beggar man, he eagerly ran to Hexi. "Mother, Mother, the spiritual energy in this jade ring is so abundant, it's a very good item! If we were to sell it, it would certainly make a lot of crystals, so I'll give this ring to you!"

Up until now, Dandan still remembered that Hexi continuously said that his eating habits were making her poor.

Therefore, whenever he now saw valuable things, he wanted to give them to her. If she were to then sell them, she would be able to buy food materials and cook delicious food.

Hexi took the jade ring, and without needing to use her Divine Sense to check, she could already feel through her hand that it was something valuable.

She couldn't help but extend her hand and stroke Dandan's head while praising him, "Dandan really is a good child."

A corner of the old beggar man's mouth twitched as he watched this scene from the side.

His Abundant Dragon Ring that everyone in the Mi Luo Continent would forcibly take if the chance occurred...these two guys didn't know anything! They actually wanted to sell it; they were simply too ungrateful!

The old beggar man glared at them, and after grunting, he then continued to gnaw on the last roasted sheep leg in his hand.

Hmph, for the sake of...the food, he, Daoist Spiritual Master Xuan Qing, wouldn't lower himself to the level of these two common people.

Finished devouring the sheep leg, the old beggar man gazed at Hexi, yet this time, his expression became somewhat grave. Unlike before, he now no longer had the mischievous and lecherous expression of a wretched old man.

"Baby Doll, you really don't want to consider paying your respects to me as a Master?"

Hexi's expression was indifferent as she replied, "I'm not interested in a person with an unknown origin and unclear objective. Who knows if you harbour evil intentions towards my safety? Moreover, if I pay

my respects towards you as a Master, apart from cooking for you every day, what benefits do I get? This is a losing transaction that I don't want to do!"

Hearing this, the old beggar man's eyes flashed and he unexpectedly laughed, mysteriously saying, "What a joke! If you pay your respects to me, the Daoist Spiritual Master Xuan Qing, how could you not receive any benefits?"

"If you don't believe me, I'll give you a greeting gift!"

Finished speaking, the old beggar man's left hand lightly waved, and suddenly, a gale erupted within the forest, while a plume of intense pressure abruptly filled the air.

Hexi still hadn't figured out what that crazy old beggar man meant, when suddenly, she felt extremely dizzy; her body feeling as if it was being ripped apart.

When she returned to her senses, it was to discover that she was now in a strange place.

Before her eyes stood a closed stone door. The stone door was so tall, that even when Hexi looked up as far as she could stretch her neck, she was still only barely able to see the top of it.

Right above the stone door, there were three words scrawled in a blood red script; Sealed Dragon Domain.

Hexi was startled. Yet when she tried to figure out where this place was and turned around, it was only to find that there was a seemingly endless dark passage behind her.

From a distance, it seemed as if it lead to the underworld.

As soon as the cowardly Dandan saw this, he immediately threw himself into Hexi's arms, shivering as he said, "Mother, is this the gate of the underworld? I'm scared~~"

This little guy's IQ wasn't very high; but his memory was particularly good. Having heard ghost stories, he clearly remembered something like Yellow Springs[1], Hell, the gate of Hell, and Old Lady Meng's soup[2]...unfortunately, his courage happened to be particularly small.

Hexi was also somewhat tense, as things seemed to have exceeded her expectations and control. What was that smelly old man up to?

Right at this moment, Hexi abruptly heard the old beggar man's happy laugh in her mind, and he cheekily said, "Baby Doll, didn't you say that if you pay respects towards me as a Master, you wouldn't get any benefits? Here, I'll give you the benefits now!"

[1]In ancient Chinese religion, the Underworld was called Yellow Springs(Huángquán 黄泉) — possibly a reference to the ubiquitous Yellow River. The Yellow Springs were not a 'hell' where one suffers retribution, but rather a place where the souls of the departed were supposed to reside; the destination of the whitesoul (pò 魄).

[2]Meng Po is the Lady of Forgetfulness in Chinese mythology.

Meng Po serves in Diyu, the Chinese realm of the dead, in the 10th court. It is her task to ensure that souls who are ready to be reincarnated do not remember their previous life or their time in hell. To this end, she collects herbs from various earthly ponds and streams to make her Five Flavoured Tea of Forgetfulness, which is then given to each soul to drink before they leave Diyu. The brew induces instant and permanent amnesia, and all memories of their other lives is lost. Having been purged of all previous sins and knowledge, the dead spirit is sent to be reborn in a new earthly incarnation, and the cycle begins again. Occasionally people are able to avoid drinking the brew, resulting in past life memories surfacing in children.

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Chapter 212: The Secret Territory Opens

Benefit? Just for her to 'benefit' he had to send her to such a ghost place like this?

Hexi unhappily said, "Where am I? And why on earth did you send me to such an odd place?"

"Hahaha, such a stinky girl, unable to appreciate the value of things! Didn't you see all the martial artists waiting outside Cang Mountain? They're all rushing towards here," The old beggar man laughed loudly, then continued, "That's right, behind this door is the Sealed Dragon Domain; the secret territory that everyone is looking for! The greeting gift that this old man has given to you is pretty good, right? Go, quickly go inside and find your destiny!"

"The Sealed Dragon Domain is the secret territory?!" Hexi turned pale. "Smelly old man, didn't I say that I didn't want to enter the secret territory?! Hey! Oi!..."

She no longer heard any voice in her mind; only Dandan's echoing sobs reached her ears.

Hexi's mouth twitched, and after quickly sizing up that endlessly dark passage, she had no choice but to give up. So turning back around, she tried pushing the iron door open.

At first Hexi had thought it would be impossible to push open such a mountain-like iron door with only her own strength. But who would have thought just when her hand touched the carved pattern on the door, that a sudden burst of golden light would shine brightly before her eyes.

The entrance that was originally an unremarkable grey colour momentarily lit up, as if it had electricity running through it. All the carved lines on it were glowing a bright gold, lighting up the narrow passage she was in for a moment.

Dandan covered his eyes with his small hooves, and leaned against Hexi's shoulder as he shouted, "Mother, we're going to enter the door of Hell? Will there be a lot of ghosts inside?"

Hexi ignored him as she was watching as the golden light finally disperse, and the tightly closed iron door slowly open with a creak. In between the iron door, there was a gap only big enough for one person to pass through.

This time, Hexi no longer hesitated as she directly stepped forward and walked through the gap.

Since Hexi had now entered the secret territory, she was unaware that the moment the iron door had opened, the once quiet Cang Mountain suddenly issued a violent rumble, followed by the entire mountain peak shaking.

Countless crushed stones tumbled from the top of mountain, while beasts incessantly stampeded and ash rained down from the west side of the mountain. Abruptly, an innumerable number of golden lights exploded into the sky.

Moreover, following Cang Mountain's non-stop shaking, these rays of light continued to spread until they completely covered all of Cang Mountain.

At the base of Cang Mountain, all of the calmly waiting martial artists sitting in meditation soon started a commotion, one by one standing up to take a look.

Only, they were shocked to see that erupting out of Cang Mountain were thousands of golden lights, and slowly, a pale golden arched door was revealed in the lights. The peak of that arched door extended higher than they could see; standing tall and proud, it seemed to reach through the clouds.

This door was so eye-catching and humongous, that people within several hundred kilometres of it could see its presence.

"What's going on here?" All of the waiting martial artists' faces showed their shock. "Why would a door abruptly appear at this time?"

"Secret territory...the secret territory has opened!" Someone exclaimed. "Quickly go and inform the Sect Elders, the secret territory has opened!"

In just a moment, the base of Cang Mountain erupted in complete chaos.

In Yan Jing Imperial Palace, the Supreme Emperor's throne incessantly shook along with the Earth's tremors.

On the throne, a middle aged man quickly stood up, his eyes staring at the dazzling golden lights in astonishment. "Someone come! What has happened?!"

"Answering Emperor, it's Cang Mountain! Cang Mountain started the earthquake and The Door Of Emptiness has been raised!"

Cang Mountain? The Door Of Emptiness? Does this mean that the secret territory has opened? However, isn't it too early?!

The expression on Shangguan Wen Ji's face became one of uncertainly, and it was a while before he gravely said, "Immediately send people over to enter the secret territory and make sure to get all the treasures inside. Granted that if we can't obtain anything, we absolutely can't allow other people to obtain anything either, do you hear me?"

"Yes, Emperor!"

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Chapter 213: Greedy People

Nalan Manor.

At this moment, Nalan Zhengze was respectfully sitting in a seat slightly lower than an elderly man, quietly saying, "I've already received reliable information; this time, only Gold Core stage and Nascent Soul stage martial artists will be able to enter the Sealed Dragon Domain. Great Elder, we of the Nalan family hope to seize the treasures from the secret territory, and it's only you who are able to help us."

The person who Nalan Zhengze called Great Elder, was a long bearded old man. He looked about thirty five to thirty six years old, but his hair and beard were completely white, while his wisdom and high cultivation base were visible in his gaze.

This person was called Nalan Yanming; his cultivation base was currently the highest amongst the Nalan family, and he was also the Nalan family's prestigious Great Elder.

Listening to Nalan Zhengze's words, a cold, sharp blade flashed in Nalan Yanming's eyes as he unhurriedly said, "The Ancient Pill Prescription, Primal Chaos Inheritance, Millennium Spirit Fruit; no matter which one, all are priceless treasures. As long as we can get these things, our Nalan family will be able to stabilise our place in Jin Ling Kingdom."

"But, it's not determined yet which expert will enter the secret territory. I'm afraid that I might not be able to take advantage of them."

Nalan Zhengze slightly laughed, and fished out two bottles of medicinal pills from his chest pocket. "Therefore, I've prepared these two bottles of medicinal pills for Great Elder. One bottle contains Devouring Spirit Powder; it's able to corrode the meridians and spiritual power of a Gold Core stage martial artist. And the remaining bottle contains a miracle elixir capable of stimulating Great Elder's cultivation base within a amount of short time. Believe me, if you have these two bottles of medicinal pills, you will be able to gain the upper hand in the secret territory."

Nalan Yanming's eyes lit up, and he quickly took the two bottles of medicinal pills. Yet just as he was about to open the lid on one of the bottles, the ground suddenly started to violently shake.

Dust from the ceiling rained down on them, while the antiques on the shelf clattered loudly.

"What's going on? The Earth dragon has freed itself?" Nalan Zhengze asked in bewilderment.

"Not good!" Nalan Yanming's complexion changed, and his figure flashed as he dashed out of the room.

At this moment, the earthquake was becoming more severe. The street and public square filled with panic-stricken and shocked people.

They all looked in the direction of Cang Mountain; where there were continuous bursts of harsh light.

Inquiring voices could be heard here and there, while everyone wore an expression of dread.

Suddenly, someone pointed in the direction of Cang Mountain and shouted, "Look, what is that?!"

Everyone looked over to the direction that person was pointing in, only to see twinkling golden lights appear as The Door Of Emptiness slowly rose. Standing tall and imposing between heaven and earth, it was like a giant looking down at tiny ants occupying Yan Jing City.

“Secret territory...that’s the door to enter the secret territory!” Someone exclaimed, his voice filled with excitement. “Cang Mountain’s secret territory has finally opened!”

As soon as these words were spoken, Yan Jing City was immediately in an uproar.

The long heard about Sealed Dragon Domain and the legendary treasures found in Cang Mountain; both had been a hot topic these past few days. Just thinking of the chance to gain all the treasure hidden in the secret territory caused every martial artists’ eyes to shine brightly.

This kind of treasure, as long as one was able to take possession of just the tiniest bit of it, that would be a meteoric achievement in one’s career. Who didn’t have such a dream? Who didn’t long for such a great opportunity?

After only a moment’s hesitation, a crowd of greedy people began to frantically rush towards Cang Mountain. Their eyes were shining brightly and a their faces were flushed; all of them deluding themselves with dreams of grandeur.

At the base of Cang Mountain, on the west side, a woman dressed in white and covered with a veil gazed at the groups of people rushing about on their Flying Swords from a distance. Her mouth revealed the traces of a cold sneer. “People are always easily blinded by greed and desire. Focusing only on possessing the secret territory’s treasures, they’ve forgotten that just based on their own ability that they would first have to make the unreasonable request of surviving in the secret territory.”

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Chapter 214: The Door Of Emptiness

“Little sister Lian Ying is kind-hearted,” Standing beside the woman dressed in white, a man dressed in purple robes laughed and said, “In my opinion, since this group of ants is incapable of recognising their own abilities, it would only serve them right if they were to die. In Mi Luo Continent, the weak are prey for the strong; they simply don’t have any other value. If they have delusions of snatching away things that aren’t rightfully theirs, then that’s their own fault for overestimating their capabilities.”

Feng Lian Ying slightly laughed, but otherwise didn’t respond to the man in purple robes. Instead, she gazed at the handsome young man beside her. “Brother Yu, why do think the secret territory has opened so early?”

Nangong Yu shook his head, and as he stared up at The Door Of Emptiness bathed in a golden light, his eyes flashed.

The man in purple robes laughed, “Who cares why it’s opened so early! No matter what the reason, we must be the ones to get the things found inside. Little sister, when we find the treasure, you get to choose what you want first.”

A bright and beautiful smile plastered itself across Feng Lian Ying's face. "You promising alone doesn't count. What if by chance Brother Yu and the other don't agree."

"What's the relationship between you and Nangong, how could he not agree?" The man in purple robes laughed as he spoke, but his tone was somewhat sour as he looked at Feng Lian Ying and implied more than friendship. "As for the rest, Tian Rui is your biological brother. How could he not yield to you, his baby sister?"

Hearing this, Feng Lian Ying smiled bashfully and secretly glanced at Nangong Yu.

But Nangong Yu just looked at the sky, his expression grave.

Feng Lian Ying's heart sunk, and a dark light appeared in her eyes. Standing beside her Zi Yan observed the mood of her Young Miss fall, so suddenly moving closer to her ear, she whispered, "Miss, I wonder whether or not that Young Master Xi will also join in the fray of entering The Door Of Emptiness? His cultivation base is only at Qi Refining stage, so if he goes in, most likely he will die on the peripheral of the secret territory. Perhaps he won't even make it to the borders of the Sealed Dragon Domain! If he were to die inside..."

A corner of Feng Lian Ying's mouth stretched into a shallow arc. As this was happening the beautiful eyes of the man in purple robes; which were like tranquil lakes reflecting the sun, watched as her expression became blank.

At this moment, a man's deep and cold voice was heard, "Nangong, everything is ready, we can enter now."

At this time, Hexi had just stepped foot into the Sealed Dragon Domain's most inner enchantment and was completely unaware that because of her, the secret territory had opened earlier than planned.

After barely entering the narrow crack in the door, Hexi abruptly felt like her body was being ripped apart and twisted; even her soul seemed to be squeezed out.

When she could finally stand firmly with great difficulty, she slowly opened her eyes, and she couldn't help but be stunned by the scene before her.

Here is...a strange mountain forest? Hexi's feet stepped on the dark green lawn. In front of her, there was a verdant and lush ancient tree forest, while extending into the distance, she could make out a river and mountain peaks. There even appeared to be pure white snow covering the summits.

Hexi turned around and discovered that there was no longer an iron door behind, rather, there was now a towering cliff. Growing across the surface of the cliff were hundreds of brightly coloured, fragrant flowers.

What is this place? How come there were all kinds of landforms centralised in one area? Especially the soil and stones of the cliff. Many different kinds of colours were visible, so it seemed like several different mountains jumbled together!

Hexi took a few steps towards the direction of the forest. The trees in here were all very tall, and all extremely rich in spiritual energy. Looking into the distance at the clouds and mist curling around the

tops of the trees with the bright contrasting colours; Hexi thought that it looked as beautiful as a fairyland.

Dandan had already hopped down from Hexi's shoulder, and striding a few steps forward with his short hooves, he inhaled deeply through his small nose and said, "Mother, the smell in here is so nice~ There's something delicious in here!"

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Chapter 215: Golden Bodhi Tree

He had barely finished speaking, when his eyes suddenly lit up, and he ran towards the forest. He was going so fast, that Hexi had to use all her strength just to keep up.

Dandan ran for a quarter of an hour before abruptly stopping, allowing Hexi to heave a sigh of relief. Yet just when she was about to tell him not to go running off again, she noticed something in front of her and her expression suddenly changed.

Less than five metres away from Dandan and herself, there was a Golden Python curled up motionlessly.

Golden Python! The Golden Python was a sixth ranked magical beast. Amongst the existence of magical beasts, it belonged to a powerful class; its strength equal to that of a Nascent Soul stage martial artist. A magical beast of such rank, how could it appear here?

Hexi sucked in a cold breath, and slowly turned around to retreat.

What a joke! With her current level being Gold Core stage, she would barely be able to hit him. Against a Nascent Soul stage Golden Python, she would instantly lose!

However, just as Hexi was about to run away, she noticed that Dandan had returned to his original appearance, and with his small and short legs, he ran straight towards the Golden Python.

Hexi's eyes widened in shock, and she stared blankly as she watched her small and foolish pet clinging to the giant snake's body. Releasing a hiss, the Golden Python started rolling its body and continuously turning over.

What the f*ck! Is that even possible?!

Hexi watched as Dandan climbed passed the Golden Python's spiralling body, and ran towards the base of a tree. Holding onto the thick and solid trunk, he started to climb up it.

Hexi followed Dandan's movements with her gaze, and was once again shocked.

It unexpectedly turned out to be a Golden Bodhi Tree?! Compared to the Yuan Yang Fruit, this tree's high level spiritual fruit simply couldn't be found anywhere on Mi Luo Continent!

Even the All Living Things Record said that the Bodhi Tree only bloomed once every thousand years, and that it took ten thousand years to bear any fruit. For a Bodhi Tree to become a Golden Bodhi Tree, it had to have bloomed and borne fruit at least ten times, causing its worth to be beyond measure.

A single Bodhi Fruit didn't only enhance a martial artist's cultivation speed, but was able to strengthen a martial artist's dantian and meridians, while it also helped to purify their spiritual power. As for the

effects of a Golden Bodhi Fruit, it could be said that the advantages were in defiance of the natural order of things.

Hexi's heart leapt. If she were to plant the Golden Bodhi Tree in her space; then wouldn't she be able to get rich?

However at this time, Dandan had rapidly been climbing up the Golden Bodhi Tree, plucking the Golden Bodhi Fruit, and then stuffing each and every one into his mouth. He also stuffed the last fruit into his mouth even though it had yet to ripen.

A corner of Hexi's mouth twitched. This little good for nothing glutton, how could he eat this much again?! Her Golden Bodhi Tree and dreams of getting rich were just completely destroyed by him!

Hexi no longer hesitated. With power fluctuating from her body as she used her Qing Gong and not her spiritual power, she lightly land at the base of the Golden Bodhi Tree. Then, using her hand, she gently knocked on the roots of the tree.

In the blink of an eye, the Golden Bodhi Tree disappeared and Dandan fell from mid-air, his stomach distended from eating so much. As he landed on the ground with a thump, he looked up at Hexi with a foolish yet adorable expression.

Hexi pointed at his small head and just as she was about to scold him, her expression suddenly changed. Grabbing Dandan and throwing him into her space, she then leapt to the side, narrowly avoiding a fatal blow from the Golden Python.

The Golden Python released a furious snarl, its big blood-red eyes staring menacingly at Hexi. And as the venom dripping down its fangs landed on the ground, a sizzling noise could be heard as the ground corroded.

Why would Hexi dare to stay? Condensing the spiritual power within her body to her feet, she then rapidly ran away as fast as lightning.

But no matter how fast her speed, the Golden Python was even faster. Obviously its body was gigantic, yet it could somehow still move freely amongst the forest.

With a fishy stench, black venom unceasingly hurtled towards Hexi. And wherever the venom landed, not even a single blade of grass was spared.

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Chapter 216: Dragon's Cry

The spiritual power within Hexi's body was slowly depleting, and realising that the Golden Python was about to catch her, she decided to do something unexpected. So using her left leg, she abruptly kicked off a large tree and twisted in the air, pouncing towards the Golden Python.

The Golden Python apparently didn't think that such a petty and low human, who would steal its Golden Bodhi Tree, was actually worth its time and would have the strength to attack back. So for a moment, it stared blankly in shock.

And it was exactly at this moment when the Golden Python was frozen, that Hexi all of a sudden jumped on top of its head, fiercely stabbing down on one of its blood-red eyes.

However, the Golden Python reacted faster than Hexi had imagined it would. Just as her dagger was about to pierce its target, the Golden Python promptly closed its eyes.

The dagger capable of cutting iron as if it was clay stabbed at the Golden Python's eyelid. Unfortunately, it failed to pierce its eye, and Hexi only managed to leave a shallow cut.

The Golden Python let out a furious hiss, and fiercely shaking its head, it roughly flung Hexi's petite body away from itself. Next, it released a stream of rock-corroding venom.

Throughout his long life span, he had never seen such a brazen tiny human! While he was in the middle of cultivating this human had not only stolen all of his Golden Bodhi Fruit, she had even stolen the entire Golden Bodhi Tree! For this crime she deserved to die ten thousand deaths! She thought she could injure me, the King of Pythons with just her small dagger, what a joke...

The Golden Python abruptly stopped shaking its head, while pain and shock were visible in its eyes.

The small scratch that Hexi had made, in a speed visible to the naked eye, suddenly started to rot and turn grey. Next, the eyeball itself began to blacken and shrivel up until finally, all that remained was an empty eye socket.

The Golden Python had been rolling around on the ground in non-stop pain, yet suddenly, a powerful wave of spiritual power unexpectedly burst out of its body. At the same time, the Golden Python's tail swept towards Hexi.

Hexi was still dizzy from being previously thrown off, so unfortunately, she was too late to dodge the tail. When the Golden Python's tail filled with strong spiritual power knocked into her, her body immediately flew into the air, before heavily crashing against an ancient tree.

She felt like her internal organs were in so much pain from being shaken about, that she couldn't breathe. And as blood trickled out from a corner of her mouth, it slowly dripped down onto a jade ring.

That jade ring was the thing that Dandan had received from the old beggar man, and when Hexi's blood landed on it, a glaringly bright light abruptly burst from her body.

Then, it was like the Golden Python's swaying head suddenly hit a transparent screen. A loud bang echoed in the area, and the Golden Python's body severely flew backwards.

The next moment, an earth shattering dragon's cry resounded over the entire secret territory; it was if an ancient legend had once again begun.

Hexi felt cool liquid flowing down her throat. This liquid was sweet and aromatic; once it entered her body, it instantly changed into strong spiritual power and flowed throughout her body. This in turn made the areas of her body that were burning hot due to pain immediately cool down and become comfortable.

"Mother, Mother, are you alright? Don't scare Dandan~~"

Hexi drowsily opened her eyes, and the first thing she saw, was Dandan's small tear-streaked face.

In his left hand he held a slice of Golden Bodhi Fruit, and in his right, he held a cup of spiritual spring water. It was apparent that he had been feeding her both as he tried to see which one could save his Mother.

Hexi slowly stood up and discovered that she was actually in her space. The Golden Bodhi Tree had now been planted in the Ancient Rhyme Spiritual Field, while the few remaining Golden Bodhi Fruit had become plump from the nourishment of such rich spiritual energy.

After checking her own body, she found that the injuries she sustained due to the Golden Python's attack had now completely recovered. Unfortunately, she didn't know whether it was thanks to the effects of the Golden Bodhi Fruit, or the effects of the spiritual spring water.

The experiences this time in the secret territory had made Hexi become somewhat nervous. If she were to casually run into anymore spiritual beasts that were sixth rank or above, someone of her skill set wouldn't be in any way equipped to handle them.

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Chapter 217: Golden Dragon

That deranged and smelly old man, did he really want to give her a greeting gift, or did he want to kill her?

Hexi grit her teeth as she cursed that smelly old beggar man. And after ordering Dandan to remain in her space, her consciousness then returned to her corporeal body.

But once Hexi returned from her space, she was shocked at the scene that greeted her.

Before her eyes wasn't the forest from her memories, rather, there was now an absolutely empty room.

In this room, there were several arched doors with surfaces that resembled mirrors. At this moment, they were all broken and emitting random bursts of silvery light.

Laying lifeless on the ground at Hexi's feet was the Golden Python's body. One of its eyes was wide open and filled with dread, while its remaining eye was corroded down to the bone by Hexi's poison.

Grabbing the Golden Python's tail and slightly lifting it up, Hexi was shocked to discover that every one of the python's bones were unexpectedly fractured; as if it was forcibly beaten by something.

She then recalled that before she fainted, she had heard the sound of a dragon's cry and a glaring white light...in the end, who was it that saved her?

Hexi took the Golden Python into her space; this was the fresh corpse of a sixth rank spiritual beast. Its skin and venomous fangs could be made into a powerful weapon, while its meat was a rare ingredient used in refining specialist supplements. This was the perfect opportunity to make use of the python in three ways.

After sorting out the Golden Python, Hexi began to examine the strange room she now found herself in.

The room had no ceiling, so a few grey clouds were visible in the sky. At this moment, the clouds were constantly condensing and spreading, causing a shadow to form.

Hexi was baffled at the sight of the forming shadow, when suddenly, a burst of glaring golden light exploded out from the centre of it!

Following that, something fell on her head with a 'thump', and the skin on her face felt icy smooth to the touch!

"What was that?!"

Hexi was often described as having lightning fast reflexes, so she managed to quickly grab the thing on her head and held it up in front of her eyes. When she was able to clearly see the thing in her hand, a surprised expression spread across her face.

Is this a snake? This tiny golden thing that was no bigger than the thickness of her thumb...was a snake? No wait...since when did horns grow on the top of a snake? What actually is this thing?

Just then, the tiny snake in her hand slowly opened its eyes and revealed a pair of golden-purple irises.

In the beginning, the tiny snake appeared weak and powerless, but after it clearly saw Hexi it slowly said, "Brat, are you the person who helped me to undo my seal?"

Brat? This little guy that was only the size of her palm actually dared to call her a brat with such a sweet voice?

Hexi was dumbfounded and didn't know whether to laugh or cry. "What sort of thing are you?"

The tiny golden snake's eyes suddenly opened wide in a glare, and it angrily said, "Audacious brat! I'm the Guardian Beast of this secret territory; the Divine Golden Dragon. You're only a small Foundation Establishment stage martial artist, and yet you dare to call me a thing?!"

Golden Dragon? Oh, so it turns out that this guy was a small dragon! No wonder horns were growing on its head.

But compared with a majestic dragon that her imagination conjured up, this little thing had a puny and smelly appearance.

The little Golden Dragon shook its small head, and asked again, "I'll ask once more, was it you who helped me to undo my seal?"

"What seal?"

The little Golden Dragon's body shimmied, and suddenly, a jade ring appeared in Hexi's hand. With a glance, Hexi recognised that this was the jade ring that the old beggar man had given her, but now, the once dark green jade ring had abruptly turned a half gold half red colour.

The little Golden Dragon sniffed the jade ring, then sniffed Hexi's body, before it snorted and said, "As expected, it's you; this useless little brat, who helped to undo the seal on this King. As such, this King unfortunately has no other choice but to reluctantly accept you."

"Reluctantly accept me? Reluctantly accept me for what?"

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Chapter 218: Conclusion Of A Contract

The little Golden Dragon raised up half of his body and scowled at Hexi. "From now on, I have decided to let you become my Master. In the future you are mine, the Divine Golden Dragon's Master! How is it, are you happy now? Why don't you quickly kneel and thank this King for his kindness!"

A corner of Hexi's mouth twitched, and she became speechless as she looked at the tiny snake in her palm that could easily be killed with just a slap.

Shaking her hand, the little Golden Dragon fell from her palm and landed on the ground with a 'plop'. He cut a sorry figure as he stared up at Hexi from the ground.

Towering over the little snake, Hexi looked down at him and sneered, "I see that you've become foolish since you were sealed away for such a long time. You want me to thank you for your kindness? Believe me, I can step on you and squish you to death instead!"

"Audacious mortal! Do you know what this King's identity is? I'm a Divine Golden Dragon; the highest class of Dragon from the Dragon race..."

The little Golden Dragon was furious and stomped on the ground in frustration, but when he noticed that Hexi was refusing to acknowledge him and was instead turning around to leave, he panicked. He'd only been unsealed mere moments ago so his strength was still weak; he wasn't even yet able to defend himself against a low level spiritual beast! If he wanted to survive until maturity then there was only one way, and that was to establish a contract with a human!

He had been waiting in this secret territory for a thousand years; waiting for a martial artist capable of establishing a contract with him to come. If he were to let her escape, then there was every chance that he would have to wait another thousand years before the next suitable martial artist would come along.

All of a sudden, the little Golden Dragon's eyes flickered with desperation, and launching his body into the air with a 'swoosh', he wrapped himself around Hexi's wrist. Then, without waiting for her to react, he opened his tiny mouth and fiercely bit into one of her delicate fingers.

Hexi's reaction speed was also extremely fast, and just moments after she had been bitten, she had already ripped the little Golden Dragon off and thrown him away from her.

But it was too late. Golden light suddenly radiated from her body, and a pattern of fine gold lines appeared engraved around the bite mark on her finger. After flashing brightly for a moment, the pattern then disappeared without a trace; as if it had never even been there. Yet, if one were to use their Divine Sense to examine her body closely, it was possible to see a golden pattern within her dantian.

The little Golden Dragon rolled about on the ground and burst into a fit of laughter. "We've already concluded a Master and spirit pet equality contract! Now, you won't ever be able to abandon this King!"

Hexi waved her finger in the air, even though the wound on it had already healed. Then, with a gloomy expression, she unhurriedly made her way towards the little Golden Dragon.

The little Golden Dragon was intimidated by her imposing manner, and shrinking his body as much as he could, he immediately raised his voice and said, "Don't...don't you dare hit me! We've already concluded a Master and spirit pet equality contract! Due to the contract, if you use any martial artist techniques on me, you'll also experience any injuries that I do!"

Hexi lifted the little Golden Dragon up and pinched it as she sneered, "You think I need to use a martial artist technique on you to beat you up? Are you joking? Believe it or not, all I need to do is slowly peel your skin away, then slice your flesh into thin strips, and I'll have succeeded in making eight treasures snake soup!"

The little Golden Dragon stared at the dark smile on girl's face and became terrified; his courage freezing with his fear.

Whaa~~ She's obviously only a useless Foundation Establishment stage martial artist, yet why did he feel so much dread when he faced her, compared to when he faced his previous Masters?

The little Golden Dragon had always gotten away with bullying his previous Masters, but now, Hexi's intimidation tactics were more than enough to make him shiver with fear. His loftiness immediately disappeared without a trace as he pleaded, "Master, don't...don't get angry! Now that the Master and spirit pet contract with me has already concluded, you're...you're able to obtain countless benefits!"

Hexi raised an eyebrow as she looked at him with distrust. "What benefits?"

The little Golden Dragon saw that there was an opportunity to placate her, and he promptly became excited. Twisting his tiny body to and fro on Hexi's hand, he rapidly began to chatter away. "Master, the reason you entered this secret territory was to hunt for treasure, right? I'll tell you a secret! This secret territory was made for me by my previous Master, so all the treasures in this secret territory belong to me. It's up to me who I wish to grant them to!"

Hexi looked at him suspiciously. "With just your words alone, why should I believe you?"

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Chapter 219: Inheritance

"What's wrong with me?!" The little Golden Dragon's body twisted in anger. "I said that I'm a Divine Golden Dragon! If you don't believe me, then look for yourself!"

After saying this, a fine golden ball of light abruptly shone out of the little Golden Dragon's mouth. Next, it floated down and lit up with a reflective surface in front of its body.

Suddenly, the surface of this mirror-like ball that was shrouded by a golden light began to ripple. Then, as the ripples began to spread outwards, the scene of a desert slowly became visible.

In this desert scene, countless giant fire ants were attempting to devour many martial artists who were screaming as they fled in fear. Amongst the martial artists, there was one that was slower than the rest. And unfortunately, this martial artist happened to stumble, allowing the giant fire ants the opportunity to catch up to him. In the blink of an eye, the giant fire ants converged on him as one, completely devouring his flesh until nothing but chalky white bones remained.

"This is...?"

The little Golden Dragon was clearly pleased with himself as he said, "This King's previous Master was very powerful! In this secret territory, he created various kinds of locations with different atmospheres, and every location is unusual as each one has a different trial. The further in the secret territory a martial artist explores, the crueler and more severe the trials become. Of course, the greater the trial,

the greater the treasure hidden in that location will be. Take this group of martial artists for example; it's obvious that they lack strength, and yet they still dared to enter the third domain of the secret territory! Blinded by their greed, it's only natural that they would die!"

The little Golden Dragon spat out several more golden light balls, allowing Hexi to see what was currently happening in other locations across the secret territory.

These golden light balls showed miniature copies of locations in the secret territory. Each scene would show things like deserts, forests, marshlands, and also glaciers. Furthermore, every location seemed to be filled with some sort of dangerous secret, as from time to time a martial artist would appear, only to perish not long after in a violent disaster. Amongst these martial artists, there were even a few experts at the peak of Meridians stage.

Although, Hexi was somewhat puzzled; why did it seem like her experiences were different compared to everyone else's? Even though she was the one who had found the Golden Python, it clearly wasn't as bad a trial as what others seemed to be dealing with now.

The little Golden Dragon seemed to know what Hexi was thinking, and appeared proud as he said, "Master, you directly entered the inner core of the secret territory through the Sealed Dragon Domain door. Of course you wouldn't need to pass through those trials!"

After saying that, he couldn't help but be smug as he said, "Hehe, so how is it? This secret territory is awesome, right?"

Hexi stroked her chin as she asked, "You said this secret territory belongs to you?"

"Of course!" The little Golden Dragon proudly wagged his tail.

"Then, can you get the hidden treasures for me?"

The little Golden Dragon's figure stiffened, before his tiny claws started waving in the air.

"That...that...unfortunately that's out of the question for the time being! My previous Master said that he had left the treasure hidden in this secret territory for Mi Luo Continent's chosen person. Even if you're now my Master and want those treasures, you still have to pass a trial."

Seeing the contempt on Hexi's face, the little Golden Dragon immediately felt that his dignity was wounded and promptly shouted, "But I know where the most precious treasures are, I can take you there!"

Hexi blandly asked, "Oh, then what is the most precious treasure found in this secret territory?"

"It's me, of course!" The little Golden Dragon didn't have a trace of modesty as he used his claws to pat his chest.

Hexi's expression remained unmoved and caused the little Golden Dragon to feel wronged, so he poked a claw at her as he said, "Originally, I was the most useful...anyway, apart from me, the most precious treasure here is certainly my previous Master's inheritance! My previous Master's inheritance is on the level of being Divine; there's only one in all of Mi Luo Continent!"

"Inheritance? What kind of inheritance?" Hexi inquired.

“Ahh!!” The little Golden Dragon suddenly exclaimed. “A group of people just entered the inner core of this secret territory, it’ll certainly be because they want to snatch the inheritance for themselves. Quickly! We have to go to Zijin Palace!”

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Chapter 220: Determination

Hexi glanced at what the little Golden Dragon was looking at, and saw a woman dressed in a white muslin dress. The woman’s face was covered with a veil as with a burst of spiritual power, she landed on the patch of grass that Hexi had previously been standing on.

Her beautiful eyes gleamed like water reflecting sunlight as she examined her surroundings, and as she turned to look in the direction of the forest, a determined expression appeared on her face.

Just then, a gentle breeze reached the woman and lifted her veil, revealing an elegant, exquisite, and cold mien.

It’s Feng Lian Ying—!!

Hexi’s brows rose in surprise, and suddenly, before her eyes, a towering and majestic palace appeared before her.

The entire structure of this palace was enveloped by a purple light, and next to it, countless silver bells hung around an octagonal pavilion. When the wind swept passed, a sweet, melodious sound could be heard.

The little Golden Dragon looked at the forest behind him and relief spread across his face. “Fortunately, she’s only just arrived at the Verdant Golden Forest, so there’s still some time left. Master, quickly go in! You must pass the test to receive the inheritance before she comes!”

Hexi’s deep eyes glanced back at the forest, before she then walked into Zijin Palace.

While standing in the forest, Feng Lian Ying held a jade tablet in her hand; the corners of her mouth showing the hints of a cold smile.

This jade tablet was a treasure that her Master had given to her before she departed. With this jade tablet, she had been able pass through The Door Of Emptiness and bypass layer upon layer of restrictions, until finally, she had been delivered to the inner core of the secret territory.

While other people were still fighting for their lives in the outer layers of the secret territory, she was now close to the treasure hidden in the secret territory’s inner core.

In addition to the Inheritance hidden in Zijin Palace, she was also determined to get a treasure her Master had told her about; a priceless Golden Bodhi Tree. As long as she was able to get her hands on a few Golden Bodhi Fruit, she would be able to immediately advance her cultivation base.

That’s right, when she was finally able to give one Golden Bodhi Fruit to Brother Yu, he would certainly be very grateful towards her.

Thinking of Nangong Yu, a shy yet happy smile appeared on Feng Lian Ying's face. Unfortunately, even though she had followed the directions on the tablet to the location of the Golden Bodhi Tree, when she arrived, she was shocked to discover that it had disappeared!

Even the Golden Python that her Master had warned her was guarding the Golden Bodhi Tree...both of them had completely disappeared! How could the Golden Python and the Golden Bodhi Tree both have disappeared without a trace. How could this be?

Abruptly Feng Lian Ying noticed something, and crouching down, she lightly stroked a few marks on the ground.

This is...human blood? So someone came, defeated the Golden Python, and took away the Golden Bodhi Tree?

However, how was this possible? The Golden Bodhi Tree needs to be planted in Divine Soil to survive. If it's planted into ordinary soil, it will immediately wither and die.

In the end, which wretch stole the Golden Bodhi Fruit?! Even going so far as to destroy the entire Golden Bodhi Tree, since Divine Soil is impossible to find in Mi Luo Continent!

Feng Lian Ying gnashed her teeth as she looked at the empty hole where the tree had been. Suddenly, her expression changed.

These marks are new, so obviously someone came here just a moment ago, in that case...wouldn't the person who stole the Golden Bodhi Tree, also be aiming to snatch away the Zijin Palace Inheritance?!

Thinking of this, Feng Lian Ying suddenly froze, before her figure was as swift as a phantom as she rapidly flew forwards.

She was thoroughly prepared when she entered the secret territory; she even had a way to deal with a high level martial artist on Nascent Soul stage!

The Golden Bodhi Fruit and Zijin Palace Inheritance were the two things she was determined to win! For the Golden Bodhi Fruit, it was first come first served. So even though she felt distressed at the thought of someone else having them, with her skills, sooner or later she would find a method to force that person to spit them out.

However, there was only one Zijin Palace Inheritance. If it was snatched by someone, even if she were to kill that scoundrel, she still wouldn't be able to get it back!

Therefore, she must hurry and catch up to that hateful thief before he receives the Inheritance, and kill him!