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Chapter 1331: Spiritual Tea Tree Seed

"And it's not only the seeds that Second Uncle gave. The seeds that City Lord Luge of Shuwang City gave have basically all been planted." The little treant wagged his leaves while inquiring, "Master, Master, do you have anything else you want Qiuqiu to plant?"

Qiao Mu couldn't help but laugh. She had wanted to remark "what else more did she have to plant" when she suddenly thought of something.

A seed appeared at her fingertip, and she presented it to the treant's branches. "What kind of seed is this?"

"Ah, it looks like the seed of a spiritual tea."

Mo Lian's eyelid jerked when he heard this, and he cleared his throat. "Is it that seed you picked up from the House of Treasures last time?"

"Mhm, my younger sister gave it to me that time I pocketed five million."

Mo Lian: ...

What to do, he suddenly really wanted to laugh.

This little fellow was a riot!

A lousy seed she randomly picked up was actually a spiritual tea seed, he...

"What is a spiritual tea seed? Is there a use for it?"

"There is, there is!" The little treant Qiuqiu nodded furiously and explained, "After planting this spiritual tea tree, you'll be able to drink spiritual tea once you advance to the spiritual realm. Not only will it aid your spiritual realm cultivation, the most important thing is that it can imperceptibly influence and ameliorate your entire mystic domain."

"In other words, Master, as long as this spiritual tea tree gets planted, when the time comes, the entire Paradise Planet might evolve from a mystic domain into a spiritual domain. What do you think of that change?"

No matter how ignorant Qiao Mu was, she knew that a mystic domain only produced mystic energy, while a spiritual domain could generate spiritual energy. They of course could not be mentioned on equal terms.

"Qiuqiu, can you really nurture this spiritual tea?"

Qiuqiu bonked its own treant head. "But of course. It's me we are talking about here, after all. But it would be even better if Little Earth were awake. With its sacred earth's nourishment, ha ha, I guarantee this spiritual tea tree can grow into a sapling in three days."

As for right now, it could only get planted first and have the great Qiuqiu accelerate its growth to see if it could sprout.

"Qiuqiu." Qiao Mu grabbed his tree branch. "Thank you for your hard work."

Qiuqiu was drunk with happiness: Wow, Little Master has been praising Qiuqiu so much, Qiuqiu is about to fly from joy...

"Remember to perform well!" Qiao Mu flicked his head. "Have Little Water and them woken up?"

"Not yet." Qiuqiu shook his head.

When he looked up, he saw a colossal ape lumbering behind Qingluan, and his beady eyes turned round. "Wow, Master, who is this baboon?"

"Master!!" Qingluan transformed into a little chick and dashed over while flapping its wings.

"Oh, I picked up a giant ape and an egg while you weren't here."

The sapling: ...

Shock, shock, shock! He was gone for just a short few months. Why, why, why the heck were there several more random creatures around Master!

This, they were all here to compete with Qiuqiu for Master's favor! Wuwuwu!/

"Qiuqiu, don't learn to howl like a wolf." Qiao Mu rubbed his treant head. "First bring Qingluan and them into Paradise Planet."

Qiuqiu grunted reluctantly and then asked while staring at that giant ape, "It is going in too??"

"Mhm. Bring it to where Senior Xuanji's cottage is."

The giant ape's beady eyes lit up, clearly having understood.

Qiao Mu then cast a sidelong glance at Qiuqiu. "Qiuqiu ah, let me ask you something else."

"Didn't you mention black spirit jade to me before. You should have some on you, right!"

Chapter 1332: Found It

Qiuqiu immediately waved his two tree branches. "No, no, no, Qiuqiu doesn't have anything at all."

However, Qiao Mu knew from his sheepishness that he was hiding something.

She tried her best to crack open a smile on her taut, stoic face and caught one of Qiuqiu's tree branches in her hands. "Qiuqiu ah! Master is telling you. Master only needs 997 pieces of black spirit jade, and the rest is yours!"

The sapling was stupefied.

Wh-Why the heck did these words sound so strange? I-If he didn't hand it over, not only would the rest be his, all of it would still be his!

"No, no, no, I don't have any! Master, Qiuqiu is very poor." Qiuqiu flipped over his two tree branch palms in helplessness, showing how broke he was.

On the side, Mo Lian couldn't resist laughing out loud upon seeing their interaction.

"Qiuqiu, I'm not having you hand over black spirit jade right now, I just want you to do me a small favor! First lend your black spirit jade for Master to use! When I find a black spirit jade mine, I'll give them all back to you!"

But what if you don't find one? Qiuqiu shivered all over and then shook his head repeatedly. "Master, I only have a hundred some black spirit jade. It's all for replenishment in times of crisis as a life-saving measure."

"Qiuqiu?"

The sapling widened his cute beady eyes and then turned to face her with his tree butt. "I-I have to go, Master! I just remembered that I need to go in and rest! So that my cultivation state can stabilize! Mhm, mhm, see you later Master."

After saying this, Qiuqiu cut to the chase and pulled Qingluan, the little fat squirrel, and the giant ape into Paradise Planet together with him.

This left behind Qiao Mu, who shook her head in helplessness. "Egg, I've already done my best. Looks like you have to find black spirit jade on your own."

"Master, how about you also let me go to that Paradise Planet! I can sense a dense mystic energy from that treant!"

Qiao Mu thought that made sense. The dense mystic energy on Paradise Planet would aid in incubating the phoenix egg.
"How about I refine two mystic breakthrough pills for you to help you hatch?"
The egg:
"Master, do you think I can eat pills in this state right now??"
That's right! Qiao Mu coughed lightly before promptly changing the topic, calling out to Qiuqiu, "Qiuqiu, bring the egg into Paradise Planet."
After settling everything, Qiao Mu blocked out the little ones' chatter on Paradise Planet. She then looked up at Mo Lian with a tilt of her head. "Was the wait long?"
"Not long at all." Mo Lian pinched her petite nose and whispered close to her. "I'm very curious right now as to how Paradise Planet has transformed."
Qiao Mu's petite face couldn't help but soften when she recalled the charming mystic domain, and she whispered back, "It looks so nice."
"Cough!" An untimely cough came from beside them.
When they looked over, they saw that guy Duan Yue squatting beside them since some time ago. He also inquired curiously in a whisper, "What Paradise Planet?"
Qiao Mu stroked his dog head. "I'll bring you to see when the opportunity arises."
Duan Yue:

Mo Lian held back his bellyful of laughter as he pulled Qiao Mu up. Subsequently, they heard a teammate shouting, "Found it, found it! All of you come over quickly!"

Everyone cheered, running over in high spirits.

The underground storehouse in Jiaozhong Base was, sure enough, underneath the corridor. Brother Axe and several others had unearthed a storehouse as big as two small plazas.

Chapter 1333: The Riddle

Everyone kept oohing and ahhing, their eyes and mouths curving with smiles.

This trip was not made in vain. Not only did they clear up the bulk of the zombies in Jiaozhong Base, but they also made such bountiful gains.

The underground storehouse basically only stored grain. There were very few fruits and veggies due to the fact that they spoiled easily.

There were some basic medical supplies, but not a lot.

Qiao Mu glanced at Mo Lian after surveying the situation. "If we bring this all back to the Mo capital, it will suffice for two months' worth of rations."

Should they bring back so much stored grain, Official Song from the Ministry of Revenue would probably cry his eyes out again...

"Ah, but there is so much. Even if we fill up all of our inner worlds, we won't be able to bring all of it back! We would still have to cart it back," a female mystic cultivator commented, troubled.

Brother Axe concurred with a nod, "That's right. How about we make a round in the city and see if we can secure several carriages."

"Forget about it, the zombies from before have probably torn apart all living things inside the city. Where would you find a horse."

"Haha, with our Qiaoqiao here, what do this bit of supplies amount to!" Liang Qingqing laughed heartily as she embraced and patted Qiao Mu's shoulders. "Come, Qiaoqiao. Bring out the storage talismans!"

Qiao Mu could not help but be amused, and she instructed while looking up at everyone, "Go gather some grain."

Yet Brother Axe stammered, "Ah, b-but we g-get compensated for this trip, this..."

"You really are a big dummy. Quickly go and fill up a sack of grain. Each person can fill up one to two hundred pounds of grain. Consider it as an extra bonus! Everyone performed satisfactorily this time." Duan Yue waved his hand, dismissing those team members, who then joyously went to fill up their sacks with grain.

Most importantly, these teammates were all very obedient and did not show any brainless behavior.

They worked together to finish this mission beautifully and with zero casualties. Qiao Mu was actually very delighted on the inside.

The four superhumans in the team felt a bit embarrassed.

They did not do much after joining this team, instead receiving the others' protection and care. Being in such a team was just too agreeable.

Qiao Mu and them chatted with Situ Yi and Liang Qingqing for a bit.

When their team members cheerfully returned after gathering their grain, Qiao Mu then flung out several dozen storage talismans and collected everything inside the storehouse. Subsequently, she handed it all to Mo Lian.

"Minister Song will die from happiness." Mo Lian shook his head in amusement.

"After so many bad things have happened, let him go and be happy." Qiao Mu looked up distantly at the sky.

"It looks like it's about to rain," a female mystic cultivator commented lightly.

Qiao Mu's brain tensed up like a taut string. "Rain?"

"Rain!" Mo Lian and Duan Yue strangely spoke in unison.

The three people confirmed that they had thought of the same thing after they exchanged glances.

"Ah, that sure enough is a good plan! Tsk-tsk." Eldest Qin smacked his fan against his palm as he murmured this.

Beside him, Situ Yi also understood their meaning and widened his eyes in shock. "Will it really be like this?"

"Hey, hey. Hey! Why are you people talking in riddles? What are you guys talking about!" Liang Qingqing jabbed Situ Yi with her finger as she eyed everyone in confusion.

"Someone poisoned Jiaozhong Base with corpse poison."

"You mean that these zombies did not occur out of the blue? But were made by humans!?"

Chapter 1334: Solved

Eldest Qin's eyes flickered as he said with an involuntary smile, "You didn't find out just now, right."

"I..." Liang Qingqing was tongue-tied before nodding a second later. "That's right, I only found out just now!"

She really wanted to cry. Everyone else was a smart person, while only she was a dummy.

Everyone could not help but laugh as they eyed her again.

"Junior Sister Liang, we were saying that the reason Jiaozhong Base's water sources got contaminated was that someone had stealthily released corpse poison from up above, allowing it to blend in with the rainwater," Situ Yi explained.

"So that is the case!!" Liang Qingqing was finally enlightened and turned to ask Mo Lian, "Your Highness the Crown Prince, will the other fortifications also suffer from this kind of transgression?"

"If there is a 'one,' there is bound to be a 'two." Mo Lian spoke coldly, "The most important task on hand now is to issue an order to all fortifications to add covers to their water sources for protection."

To do this, a large amount of spending would be required. Additionally, some poorer fortifications may not have large-scale defensive mystic weapons and the like.

"Right, right, right!" Liang Qingqing nodded like a chick pecking at rice. "Particularly those pools of water inside the city. Since those are the easiest to manage, we would first bring them under our control. From the looks of it, just having people stand guard there at the water sources was kind of useless. We need to add protective barriers to them!"

"I can provide some defensive talisman matrices, which last longer than protective barriers. For the moment, they can approximately hold out for half a month," Qiao Mu commented with a nod.

"Little Junior Sister, thank you for your hard work." Liang Qingqing nodded gratefully on behalf of all the common people in the entire Mo Kingdom.

Liang Qingqing simply could not imagine what kind of hell this world would turn into if they were to completely lose all of their clean water sources.

"That absolutely won't happen," Qiao Mu said resolutely.

She had already experimented with cleaning up the filth in the water. However, a lot of people had died from thirst after losing the water sources, and this kind of death drove people to despair.

"Protect the water sources!" Everyone clenched their fists and hollered with high morale.

"Protect the water sources!"

Eldest Qin gazed at everyone with a chuckle. "Alright, we've pretty much finished resting now. Have you guys detected quite a few zombies hurrying over after the two huge explosions happened? Although there are not as many as before, they still number in the several hundreds to a thousand."

"Then let's fight!" Everyone was in high spirits.

"Let's go up first."

At this, everyone nodded. Just as they walked up from the underground storehouse, they ran into the dozen-member team from Rice City.

Those people's expressions all changed when they saw Qiao Mu and her party. They quickly ran over and looked over at the underground storehouse.

Afterwards, one of the burlier members of their team started cursing, "Sh*t! They didn't leave behind a single grain of rice for us!"

"That is such a rotten thing to do! Only a dozen have survived out of our 200 team members! How are we supposed to turn in our mission if we aren't able to nab even a single grain of rice!"

This mission of clearing up zombies plus gathering supplies in Jiaozhong Base had actually killed off 90 percent of their team. How could they stomach leaving without gaining anything at all?

Eldest Qin's eyes flickered as he taunted, "Who can you blame for having such short arms."

"You people!!" Just as Kali was about to take a step forward, she was pulled back by Rice City's operation squad leader.

That leader, who was in his thirties, wore a full suit of green armor.

Chapter 1335: Medicinal Power

That leader, who was in his thirties, was big and tall in his full suit of green armor.

This person spoke rapidly to Mo Lian and the rest, rattling off like spilling beans, "I believe that everyone came to Jiaozhong Base for the same purpose and mission: clearing up the base as well as gathering supplies."

"We set out from Rice City, but after coming here, we got besieged by many zombies. We have finally broken out of their encirclement after sacrificing 90 percent of our team members. Accordingly, should you not treat us a bit more friendly? We will not ask you to give us half of the supplies, but we should at least get a fifth or two-fifths of it so that we can turn in our mission after returning to Rice City!"

"Otherwise, this would be too unjustified."

"Tsk." A female mystic cultivator in Qiao Mu's team scoffed, "Puh-lease, we are not a charity house. As everyone is here for their missions, we will not interfere with each other, and that's all. Yet you make it sound like we owe you. That does not make sense, huh?"

"This friend, what you are saying..."

"Leader, what are you bickering with them for." Kali suddenly pulled out an engraved token from beneath her dress and flourished it before everyone. "Jiaozhong Base was originally part of Rice City's territory, so all of its supplies belong to Rice City. Right now, I order you all to hand it over, or else..."

"Oh! F*ck!" A small commotion came from the Rice City team.

Just as Kali was jabbering away, a middle-aged team member suddenly pounced over and latched onto her from behind. He then widened his mouth and bit the back of her neck.

"Ahh, oh!" The people from the Rice City team screamed.

"Heavens, this person has mutated!"

The leader turned around and used his blade to behead the team member that had pounced onto and bit Kali.

All the members of the Rice City team had scattered, emptying out a large area in the middle for Kali and that leader.

Kali held the back of her neck that was stabbing with pain as she let out a heaven-quaking screech.

"Don-Don't be anxious!" The leader was about to speak when he saw everyone in Qiao Mu's team positioned and ready to attack Kali.

"Don't! Don't, don't! Don't attack, don't attack!" The leader motioned for everyone to stop as he sweated in anxiousness. "It will be fine! Nothing will happen!"

"You are just fooling yourself!" Brother Axe berated, "Someone in your team had actually mutated, yet you were all in the dark!"

"N-No, that is not it!"

"Stop wasting your breath, kill this woman!"

"No, don't attack. Don't, don't! You're all not allowed to move!" The leader retreated with Kali while protecting her. He then glared at Brother Axe and them as he questioned, "What are you people doing?"

"Did you not see that she has gotten bitten? She will mutate soon, alright?" Liang Qingqing remarked while knitting her brows. "You aren't helping her by doing this. You are harming your entire team."

"We have a way to inhibit the mutation." The leader roared, "Nichang, Nichang come out!"

A 17 to 18-year-old girl with rosy cheeks, whose hair was tied up into braided pigtails, walked out from the back of the team.

That girl bit her finger as she cracked a silly grin. She stared besottedly at Duan Yue, unable to turn her eyes away nor move her feet to walk.

Qiao Mu and company all turned to look at Duan Yue.

The latter had originally been fanning himself with the raven bone fan in an elegant and restrained manner, but when he saw that girl's infatuated gaze, his handsome face stiffened...

Chapter 1336: Apothecary

"Pfft." Eldest Qin chortled in schadenfreude. "Aiyo, so you're to her liking."

"Qiaoqiao!" Duan Yue hid behind Qiao Mu at once.

The little fellow stuck out two fingers and motioned back and forth to determine the distance and direction of the other person's gaze. Suddenly, she raised a petite hand and blocked Duan Yue's face as she hollered, "What are you looking at?"

Standing up in front of everyone like this made her feel so reliable!

Although the little lady was petite, her image in everyone's eyes right now promptly turned lofty.

Situ Yi twitched his mouth as he tossed Duan Yue a glance that disdained him for being a good-fornothing. Afterwards, he walked up and asked, "This leader from Rice City, do you mean to tell us that this Miss Nichang from your team can help inhibit the corpse poison's mutation?" "Correct." The leader nodded and then glared at the still starry-eyed Nichang. "Hurry! Come and treat Kali."

Nichang gave Duan Yue several more infatuated looks, even getting kicked twice by the leader, before reluctantly retracting her gaze and walking up to Kali.

"The wound is here, Nichang. Be quick about it." The leader pointed at the back of Kali's neck where she had gotten bitten, beckoning her to treat Kali quickly.

Nichang smacked her lips before covering the back of Kali's neck with her right hand.

Everyone saw her right hand emit a faint glow, and a faint medicinal fragrance also wafted past their noses.

"Wow." A female mystic cultivator in Qiao Mu's team gave a sniff before commenting, "What a rich medicinal fragrance."

Mo Lian, who was standing next to Qiao Mu, glanced at that girl called Nichang with flickering eyes before retracting his gaze.

"You haven't seen apothecaries before, right." The leader of the Rice City team told Qiao Mu and the others proudly, "It is normal to not have."

"What apothecary." Brother Axe and a portion of their team members had indeed never heard of apothecaries before.

After all, apothecaries were an extremely rare superhuman, so it was normal that they had not seen them before.

"They are a kind of superhuman!" The leader pointed at Nichang with his thumb as he boasted loudly, "She is the only apothecary in our team! Unlike those pill alchemists who painstakingly pursue pill-refining techniques, apothecaries like Nichang possess an inherent medicinal power that is like no other!"

Brother Axe and the others look at each other in bewilderment.

The female mystic cultivator couldn't resist questioning doubtfully, "You mean that she can save those mutated zombies?"

Qiao Mu's hundred-person team was in an uproar.

The appearance of this whatever apothecary was the savior of their entire Sikong Planet?

"Don't listen to his nonsense." Qiao Mu's impassive voice abruptly threw a bucket of cold water on their fervor. "If apothecaries really can completely treat the corpse poison, then that member of their team wouldn't have mutated just now."

Everyone felt that made sense and thus gazed dubiously at that leader.

The leader hemmed and hawed, arguing, "Al-Although it temporarily cannot treat the root cause, as long as Nichang's special ability evolves, then, then..."

Brother Axe and the others hissed and booed as they all tried to get a word in. "You are harming your teammates, do you know that?"

"A guy whose brain has gotten kicked by a donkey!"

"Not being able to treat the root cause means that she will go berserk at any time, right?"

"He still doesn't know how to learn from his lesson."

"Alright!" Mo Lian suddenly spoke up. "No need to pay them any attention. We will set out immediately for Rice City first."

Chapter 1337: Premonition

"Captain, it's awful, hundreds, almost a thousand zombies have come again outside!"

"They are pressing on towards us in this direction!"

The leader of the Rice City team was alarmed when he heard this. He quickly grabbed Kali's wrist and took the token from her hand before flourishing it before Mo Lian and the others. "I do not want to do this, but this is the token of Rice City Base, which is as if seeing the city lord himself. Right now, I order you to hand over all the supplies you have collected."

Together, everyone rolled their eyes at him.

"Hey, are you here to make us laugh?" Brother Axe snorted contemptuously at this level-10 mystic cultivator.

This person was absolutely sick in the head. Otherwise, how could he still be thinking of snatching the supplies in their hands when the enemy was upon them?

Exactly who gave these small fry the courage to talk so pompously to their team of one hundred great mystic cultivators?

Mo Lian did not waste his breath on him and directly took out a black token from his sleeve, flourishing that in front of the leader in return. "Mo Capital Fortification has confiscated all of Jiaozhong Base's supplies. If you have a problem, have your city lord discuss it with me."

The eyes of Rice City's team leader were about to pop out.

Of course he recognized the token in Mo Lian's hand that was imprinted with a dragon's claw. *That was the token of the highest-level Mo Capital Base, uh...*

The sounds of cracking and breaking came from the bursting earthen walls, and around a dozen zombies appeared before them at the same time.

"Go, go, go, go! Go!"

The leader of the Rice City team could only temporarily give up on collecting supplies and started running along with his team.

Liang Qingqing couldn't resist sniggering as she shook her head. "Where did this crackpot come from. He can be a captain like this? No wonder the entire team is basically wiped out."

"Let's go!" Mo Lian led Qiao Mu along by the hand as their team ran out of the collapsing City Lord's Estate.

The entire way, everyone continuously turned back and struck out mystic energy to exterminate the zombies that wanted to draw near.

They had already experienced getting chased by more than ten thousand zombies, so this mere thousand was simply a piece of cake to them.

To finish off the zombies as soon as possible, the hundred-person team automatically split into 20 smaller teams consisting of five people each to cooperate in killing the remaining zombies.

They ran as they fought, soon leaving the City Lord's Estate's grounds.

"Since that woman called Kali has been affected by the corpse poison, we still need to find a chance to resolve that." After exterminating a zombie behind Situ Yi with a strike of mystic energy, Liang Qingqing swept another zombie flying with a roundhouse kick.

Around a dozen waves of mystic energy struck the head of that zombie that had fallen to the ground, turning it into a sieve.

Rumble! A bolt of lightning flashed past the sky.

Everyone looked upwards.

"It's about to rain." As Qiao Mu squeezed Mo Lian's palm, an inexplicably bad premonition rose up in her heart. "Say, will they attack again?"

"It's very possible."

"We have to hurry to Rice City Base before the rainstorm." Mo Lian gave a shout, summoning the golden dragon Seventh Yan out.

The hundred team members immediately lined up and jumped onto the golden dragon's back simultaneously.

Several team members from Rice City even squealed excitedly, "Wow, th-their mystic beast. It's actually the dragon of legends!"

"My heavens, you're wrong! It isn't some mystic beast but should be the sacred beast golden dragon."

"Quick, quick, let's follow them too! This golden dragon's speed must be super quick. We must be able to return to the city before dark."

Just as the members of the Rice City team were about to walk forward, they heard the golden dragon's cry as they saw it leave with a whisk of its tail.

Chapter 1338: Rice City

The members of the Rice City team: !

These people actually left them behind, running to Rice City straightaway!

How abominable...

Kali touched the wound on the back of her neck and then told the leader, "Zhong Hua, even if they reach Rice City's entrance, they may not be able to go inside."

"That's right," another person yelled in consternation. However, when he looked back, he suddenly shrieked as a zombie with bared claws and brandishing claws abruptly pounced on him.

Bang! The person and the zombie crashed to the ground like a human pyramid, which induced a round of shrieks.

Kali hastily jumped onto the mystic beast that the leader Zhong Hua had summoned. The two people then berated their other teammates, "Let's go!"

The remaining ten people quickly abandoned that teammate that was being held down by the zombie, making a swift escape.

"Save me, save..." In between the zombie's tearing, that member of the Rice City team reached out with his bloody and mutilated palm, which slowly lost strength and dropped to the ground.

Qiao Mu watched the chaos below while sitting beside Mo Lian. Afterwards, she blocked out the shouts from the Rice City team.

"These people really are ludicrous," Qiao Mu commented with a shake of her head.

Did that leader even look like a truly responsible leader with capability?

He was simply treating this mission like a joke.

Mo Lian embraced her by the waist and pinched her lightly. "Qiaoqiao, I only worry about you."

"What is there to worry about with me." Qiao Mu turned her head to look at him. "But speaking of which, I've discovered after fighting this time that my body is still quite weak. When facing spiritual realm experts, my body's weaknesses become apparent."

"Silly girl." Mo Lian shook his head with a smile. "You have yet to break through to the spiritual realm after all, so the resilience of your body naturally cannot compare to that of spiritual realm experts."

"There must be a way to improve it." She looked at him with shining eyes as she said this.

Such as her refining several body cultivation pills suitable for her, or...

"Master, Master, I have a bone forging pill here. Do you want to give it a try?" Qiuqiu suddenly interrupted her thoughts and communicated with her mentally, "Master, this bone forging pill is a bit

intense, so you will be uncomfortable for a while after consuming it. But after three days, your body and bone marrow will definitely become enhanced."

"Since it has such an effect, why didn't you give it to me before?"

Qiuqiu grumbled, "How could Qiuqiu take it out before. Besides, Master would be unable to endure this formidable bone forging pill with your previous cultivation state."

"If so..." Qiao Mu contemplated before yielding, "Alright, we'll talk about it when we return to the capital."

There was naturally nothing to say about Little Seven's flying speed. He had brought everyone to Rice City's city gate by the time night fell.

What Leader Zhong Hua imagined of Rice City denying them entry did not happen.

In reality, when the crown prince revealed his identity, the city guards were alarmed and rushed to notify their superiors.

When Rice City's city lord heard that His Highness the Crown Prince had come in person, he pissed in his pants in terror and frantically came to welcome them with his staff.

This City Lord Sun led everyone into the City Lord's Estate and ordered for dinner to be prepared with an obsequious smile. At this time, rain finally poured down from the looming clouds overhead!

Mo Lian went up to the window and lifted the curtain with his slender fingers to look outside.

Quickly walking up next to him, Qiao Mu poked her head over to catch a glimpse when he suddenly grabbed her petite hand.

Qiao Mu blinked her eyes and asked curiously, "Did you see something?"

Chapter 1339: Recovery

"I didn't." This rainstorm came down quite hard, and the chilly raindrops pattered against the window.

Mo Lian draped a cloak lined with silver thread around Qiao Mu before pulling her to sit at the table. "I'll go out to take a look later. You stay inside and don't come out."

However, Qiao Mu shook her head, objecting, "I also want to go out to take a look."

Mo Lian's grip on her hands froze, and just as he was about to dissuade her, a knock was heard on the door.

He turned his head and airily instructed, "Come in."

A line of servants filed in with trays of food. Once inside, they curtsied deferentially before setting the food on the table one by one.

"Your Highness, do you have any other instructions?"

Mo Lian waved his hand to dismiss them, and then, while holding Qiao Mu's petite hand, he coaxed, "It's raining hard outside. I'll go take a look first, and if there's any activity I'll call for you."

"You got injured today." He pulled her into his arms as he murmured, "Don't let me worry anymore."

Qiao Mu made a frown before nodding in resignation.

"Stay here and eat." Mo Lian held her petite hands as he lightly kissed the side of her forehead. Afterwards, he released his grip and smiled faintly at her.

Subsequently, he stood up and quickly strode outside. The moment Crown Prince Mo walked out the door, he called out towards the next room, "Duan Yue, what are you waiting for."

Duan Yue heaved a long sigh before flashing to his side. "You never call me whenever it's something good, but you always bring me when it's something annoying!"

"Say, where are you guys going? I'll go, I'll go too!" Situ Yi also darted out of his room quickly before catching up to them.

Meanwhile, Qiao Mu propped her chin on her hand as she picked up her chopsticks and jabbed the food on the plates. After taking two random bites, her eyes wandered back to the rain outside the window.

Actually, those minor injuries of hers...

Qiao Mu gently lifted a corner of her garment and saw the glossy skin on her left abdomen.

She was also a bit confused.

The old witch's fire dragon had clearly swept this part of her body with its tail, but before she could even treat it with any medicine, this wound magically disappeared on its own.

She had asked Qiuqiu if it was due to its wood spiritual energy's overflowing vitality, but Qiuqiu also found it strange, remarking that even the wood spirit's restoration did not occur so quickly.

If the injuries were to heal completely though, she would have to take until tomorrow.

But now, her injuries had already healed by themselves while she was unaware.

Additionally, she could not feel anything wrong with her internal organs, which had taken a hit from the black double-headed crow's acoustic attack. They must have gotten healed together.

This was rather weird, alright!

While propping up her chin, she stuffed a piece of braised meat that looked appetizing into her mouth and chewed on it. Afterwards, she knitted her brows and spat it out.

The texture was tough and unpalatable. It was obvious that the ingredients had been sitting for a while and were no longer fresh.

But at this time of year, it was already quite good to be able to pig out on food like they did at the City Lord's Estate. Qiao Mu was never too picky if there was food to eat.

But this braised meat was too... too disgusting!

She then ate several mouthfuls of veggies, and she felt sleepy after finishing.

Her mystic energy consumption was considerable after several successive battles today.

She had originally wanted to lie on the bed casually. Afterall, she had to continue paying attention to Mo Lian and the others' movements in the middle of the night. Yet who knew that she would fall asleep unawares!

She did not wake up even once the entire time until dawn...

The sun was already high in the sky by the time she got up.

Qiao Mu was dazed when she sat up on the bed.

It wasn't until she heard the creak of the door that she turned her head blankly toward the two maidservants who had entered the room.

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Didn't she vow to personally subdue the nightcaw birds?

How did she just fall asleep!

Qiao Mu's short-circuited brain finally got wired again, and those two maidservants also cried out as they came forward.

"Crown Prince Consort."

"Crown Prince Consort, you have woken up!"

Qiao Mu glanced at them bewilderedly before nodding mechanically. "Where is the crown prince."

"Crown Prince Consort, you have no idea. Late last night, His Highness the Crown Prince along with three masterful young sirs shot down eight monstrous birds." That young maidservant's face glowed the moment she started talking about this, as if she were the one who had shot down those eight nightcaw birds.

The other person cupped her face with her hands as she gushed besottedly, "Heavens, the huge commotion last night woke up the entire city. The four young sirs' heroic bearing at the city gate tower simply compels admiration."

Qiao Mu deadpanned, "I'm asking you where is the crown prince!"

What the hell were you yapping about! Qiao Mu bounced off the bed and trotted over to wash her face.

"Crown Prince Consort, do you know how incredible His Highness was! His Highness broke that squawking monstrous bird's wings with his bare hands, pulling it down from mid-air."

"Right, right! That Young Sir Qin, truly is amazing..."

The heck, were you done with your starry-eyed infatuation yet? Qiao Mu pulled over one of the young girls who was cupping her face with her hands and then clobbered the latter's forehead. "I'm asking you, where is the crown prince!!"

Her shout was light and crisp, but the volume was almost about to break through the highest heavens...

Five minutes later, that maidservant pursed her lips into a frown and held her throbbing forehead as she led Qiao Mu toward the City Lord's Estate's rear garden.

After the rainstorm yesterday, the ground had been flushed clean from the rainwater.

Glistening droplets hung from the tree branches. When one looked into the distance, the world seemed to have brightened from this downpour.

After bringing Qiao Mu to a round arched door, that maidservant probed her head inside while still pursing her lips. "His Highness had instructed that he not be bothered. He is inside with the other young sirs."

Rolling up her small sleeves, Qiao Mu asked in surprise as she turned to point at the numerous females hanging onto the outer wall, "What are they doing?"

Frick, these women couldn't be crazy right? Why were some of them also holding banners?

"They've come to the City Lord's Estate to demand for wages?"

"What demand for wages!"

"Aiyah, Crown Prince Consort, you do not know." Speaking of this, that young maidservant's voice became gentle as she recalled with a flushed and smitten look, "Late last night, His Highness the Crown Prince and the three young sirs rapidly charged to our Rice City's tallest city gate tower and fought fiercely with those monstrous birds. Their martial skills truly were too dashing, alright!"

However, Qiao Mu merely raised her hand and smacked the back of that maidservant's head. "Get to the point!"

"As they saved all the citizens in the city, they are now the best husband candidates of all the young girls in Rice City. At present, the girls have already designated them as the four great beaus of Rice City, as well as successfully jumped to the top of the ranking for the ten great beaus of Rice City!"

Qiao Mu gave a chortle before subsequently pulling her little stoic face taut again.

Afterwards...

She was freaking unable to keep a poker face and started howling with laughter.

The maidservant who had been leading the way was dumbfounded, and then she asked confusedly, "Crown Prince Consort, are you unhappy that His Highness is so popular!"

This laughter was probably faked right? Otherwise, why was it so stiff, like an artificial smile. She was probably ballistic on the inside!

Qiao Mu: The four great beaus of Rice City, hahahahaha! What a grand special honor!