

My Crown 1601

Chapter 1601: A Girl With No Cultivation at All...

This strike of the little lady's looked extremely ferocious.

Senior Brother Xu Liang couldn't help but be both frightened and dumbfounded. From this little lady's methods, it was evident that she was not someone easy to get along with.

What good ending could these two junior sisters, You Xin and He Wei, expect to have after making things so difficult for the girl?

On the other hand, the mammoth elephant let out a mournful wail as if it had a true body after suffering a heavy smash from the club Goldie.

The little lady stepped on its head and somersaulted in mid-air.

In an instant, she had already shifted to the side. She gripped the big club with both hands and walked into mid-air. As she hovered in the air, her eyes emitted a cold light.

Suddenly, she dived down and abruptly attacked the mammoth elephant again.

The huge impact rang out in everyone's ears as if they were hearing the battle happen for real.

But in reality, not a single sound from Qiao Mu and the mammoth elephant's isolated battle would be entering anyone's ears.

Yet for some reason, it was like everyone had heard that world-shaking collision in person.

Even high-pitched bird calls kept ringing in their ears.

The atmosphere all around them instantly turned quiet.

Everyone looked dumbfoundedly at the mammoth elephant. It scattered to the wind like ashes, turning into a cloud of spiritual dust. After that, it slowly vanished from Qiao Mu's eyes.

This kind of visual clash was huge.

One move, it only took one move!

Qiao Mu had finished dealing with the entire mammoth elephant.

She landed on both feet and slowly walked forward, her ears echoing the words You Xin had said earlier.

You Xin's meaning was that she could leave this place after finishing off five huge beasts.

Since that was the case, then she would first go find these beasts before dealing with them one by one.

Ruuuumble!

Heavy footsteps, accompanied by a big iron hammer dragging on the ground, moved in Qiao Mu's direction.

Qiao Mu focused her gaze and saw that this swatch of spiritual mist had morphed into a soldier clad in huge armor.

This soldier was around two meters tall, with a big iron hammer in its right fist.

His iron hammer was extremely huge. It was precisely this iron hammer that had been making that sound while dragging on the ground.

At this time, this soldier was staring at Qiao Mu alertly, with a ruthlessness emitting from his eyes.

Qiao Mu also stared back at him coldly and noticed the shining raven-black armor on his shoulders.

That should be a specially-made armor. Even though it was formed from spiritual energy, its defensive capability was enough to ward off all attacks made by mystic cultivators level 15 and below.

The club in Qiao Mu's hand, Goldie, lengthened again. Qiao Mu stomped off the ground and shot toward the soldier like an arrow.

She never had thoughts of fleeing whenever it came to battle.

Fight! Fight to the end! This was her modus operandi.

The people outside the transparent barrier were practically stupefied.

Senior Brother Xu Liang swept a silent glance toward the daughter of the dean.

Junior Sister You Xin was truly too reckless. She had actually activated the simulation environment's highest level, in which even level-five spiritual cultivators might appear.

While the girl in front of them... even though there wasn't a slightest mystic energy ripple from the girl in front of them, Senior Brother Xu Liang would not view her as an ordinary girl without any cultivation anymore.

The truth proved that this girl's cultivation was extremely high.

She had probably used some kind of Dharma treasure to conceal her aura to keep it low-key.

Soon enough, Qiao Mu brandished her huge club, smashing it down toward the soldier's head.

Chapter 1602: Savage Strength

The soldier brandished his thick and heavy iron hammer to block. A loud clang rang out when the club and iron hammer clashed and grated against each other.

Even so, Qiao Mu did not budge an inch. The soldier, on the other hand, tottered.

This caused You Xin and He Wei who were situated outside the barrier to be simply gobsmacked.

How was this possible? This soldier was already a level-15 mystic cultivator, but he still wasn't Qiao Mu's match?

What exactly made this girl Qiao Mu so peculiar?

Why wasn't there a hint of an energy ripple coming from her body?

Qiao Mu of course was unaware of the two women's thoughts. She was currently battling the soldier to her heart's content.

She leaped and flitted around the soldier, toying around with him like a puppy or kitten.

It wasn't until several dozen moves later when Qiao Mu felt that it was enough and time to let this soldier formed from spiritual energy dissipate.

The club in her hand, Goldie, radiated a golden light as mystic energy gathered into a beam and shot toward that soldier's head.

Acting like a sharp blade, the mystic energy skewered the soldier's brain and made him disintegrate in an instant.

The suit of armor the soldier was clad in had also completely disintegrated into wisps of spiritual energy before melding into the surrounding environment.

After finishing off the second soldier formed from spiritual energy, Qiao Mu had already accumulated experience and knew how to search for her next opponent to engage in battle.

As long as she completed five battles, she would be transferred out. That's why she needed to end things quickly.

Everyone outside the barrier stared on numbly.

When the little lady was battling the soldier with the iron hammer, she had a somewhat more serious expression.

But now, when clashing with a level-one spiritual beast, the little lady had completely abandoned her serious attitude. She finished off the spiritual beast in two moves.

Afterwards, she went to seek out the fourth spiritual beast. This time, this fourth spiritual beast had already reached level three, but it still did not last past three moves before transforming into spiritual energy and dissipating into the simulation environment.

Everyone was no longer in shock and they were instead numbly watching the little lady inside the barrier roam about to select her fifth opponent.

This time, it was a person who could manipulate the water spirit who showed up in front of her.

The other party's water spirit had already begun to take shape. Qiao Mu creased her brows when she watched a single stream of water spiritual energy shuttling between his fingers. She raised her petite hand, and there were five water streams weaving between her fingers like wriggling snakes.

Qiao Mu observed that water spiritual cultivator coldly and with a hint of seriousness.

Senior Brother Xu Liang and company discovered that the little lady would only show a serious attitude when battling people.

The opposing water spiritual cultivator condensed a sword and lunged for Qiao Mu without leaving any room for objection.

Qiao Mu scoffed, and a black ferule landed in her right palm with a turn of her hand.

She put her golden club away, and the fire beam from the ferule spurted toward the water spiritual cultivator's hand.

After a sizzling sound, the ferule's fire attack got extinguished by the other party's water spiritual energy...

Qiao Mu blinked and examined the other party's water spiritual sword. She swiped her petite hand in the air and also produced a water spiritual sword.

Both the ferule in her left hand and the sword in her right speared toward the water spiritual cultivator.

The water spiritual cultivator's body exploded with a faint glow.

He had originally wanted to rapidly evade backwards but did not expect the little fellow to play her cards so unconventionally.

Chapter 1603: Leveling Up

You see that both her right and left hands have weapons right? But that was actually just a cover!

If you thought she was going to use either her right or left hand to attack you, then you had fallen for her trick!

Qiao Mu summoned the Startled Swan Dagger out from her conscious pool for the time being. As the two possessed a mental connection, the Startled Swan Dagger shot forward like lightning and slit open the water spiritual cultivator's throat at once.

The water spiritual cultivator formed from spiritual energy thereupon transformed into a faint mist and dissipated in front of Qiao Mu.

There was a flash of light, and the little stoic came out from the barrier and stood in front of everyone with an expressionless face.

You Xin and He Wei looked at each other in dismay. No matter how much they were unwilling to admit it, they could only acknowledge that this little stoic had directly passed the second round of testing and had become Sunlight Academy's student!

"Congratulations, Little Miss." Xu Liang, on the other hand, was evidently very happy. He stood up with a nod toward Qiao Mu and stated, "You are now a member of our Sunlight Academy!"

Just as he finished speaking, a bright light exploded from the little lady and directly reached the skies, while spiritual energy in the surroundings gushed over from all directions.

Almost as if alive, the spiritual energy rushed over in a mad dash to be the first, afraid that they would be abandoned by the organization should they be a second late.

What??

You Xin and He Wei stood there gawking at the scene in front of them.

“She’s... leveling up??”

Miss Qiao was leveling up. Miss Qiao was leveling up for real.

This time, she was indeed leveling up under the pressure of battle with the Xuanji Core’s support!

In the entry rank of level-15 mystic cultivation, one could generate a connection with heaven and earth for spiritual energy to enter the body.

This was a little fellow who was already a quasi-spiritual cultivator.

On the side, Qi Xuanxuan’s jaw had long dropped to the ground in astonishment.

Qi Xuanxuan stretched out a petite hand to quickly fix her jaw back into place. She blinked her eyes several times before suddenly bouncing to Qiao Mu and holding the latter’s arm. She cried in a crisp voice, “My heavens, Qiaoqiao, you leveled up just from fighting several battles! As expected, the energy in Shuntian Prefecture is dense and helpful toward advancement.”

“Mhm.” Yet Qiao Mu’s attention had been drawn away in surprise by the inner world that had suddenly opened in front of her.

When she looked over, she discovered that the original space of 180 cubic meters had increased by a lot. It had probably reached 500 cubic meters by now.

Some areas shrouded in fog inside her inner world were now showing themselves one by one. They revealed even more... gems and riches!

Heavens!

Did she go sack some royal palace’s treasury when she was dreaming??

Her gaze stopped on the chests of gold bars. Qiao Mu shut her eyes and then opened them again...

When observing those rows of three-story-high stone statues inside her inner world now, she realized that there were not only 800 pairs. She reckoned that there were 3000 sculptures.

Could it be... gold was actually hidden inside these stone statues?

Qiao Mu could not help but be highly suspicious. She just might be the treasure thieving expert of legends!

She had perhaps once buried various sorts of gems and riches inside the stone statues?

Otherwise, why did she place so many stone statues that could only be looked at and not eaten inside her inner world?

Didn’t she feel that they took up space?

Even though her inner world had already expanded to 500 cubic meters, more than half the space was stuffed full with these stone statues.

The contour of the serpent sculpture behind the stone statues had already become clearer now. It had arched its neck toward the skies in a long cry, and there were two small mounds protruding from the top of its head.

Even though it took the shape of a snake, it looked stranger the more she examined it...

Chapter 1604: Preferential Treatment

“Qiaoqiao?” Seeing Qiao Mu in a daze, Qi Xuanxuan couldn’t resist tugging at her.

Qiao Mu guided her spiritual conscious out of her inner world and watched its gates shut before returning to the present.

She then turned to nod at Qi Xuanxuan. “It’s fine.”

However, her current situation required a somewhat quieter environment for her to complete her advancement.

It was not suitable for her to continue staying here right now.

Seeing that Qiao Mu was about to turn around and leave, Xu Liang hastily ran up and cupped his hands toward her. “This little junior sister, you... have passed our Sunlight Academy’s test. Please come over to complete your registration.”

Qiao Mu glanced coldly at him before responding with a shake of her head, “Apologies, but I am in a hurry to prepare for my advancement. I do not have time to do this registration.”

Senior Brother Xu Liang quickly stopped her and said with a smile, “Oh, that’s totally fine. Junior Sister only needs to give me your name. It will not take too much time for us to prepare an academy card for you, only several minutes...”

Yet Qiao Mu gave him an indifferent glance before curving her lips in derision, “Perhaps I have not made myself clear enough. I will not join your academy.”

After saying this, she walked off.

Beside her, Qi Xuanxuan also gave a cold harrumph and caught up to Qiao Mu without another word.

“Wait!” Senior Brother Xu Liang’s heart jolted, and he even raised his voice by several pitches.

“Will this young friend please wait.” A hoarse voice came from beyond the crowd.

It was only a moment before an elder with a white beard and hair hurried over swiftly. He inspected Qiao Mu before apologizing with a nod, “This young friend, it was our academy’s students who have been impertinent and greatly offended you.”

“Master.” Xu Liang hastily stood up and greeted that elder.

It turned out that Xu Liang had hastily sent his master a message when he saw that the situation was going downhill and that he would be unable to stop Qiao Mu from leaving. This was why the elder was able to hurry over in time.

“Elder Xu!” All the disciples greeted the elder.

This Elder Xu was Sunlight Academy's honorary dean. He himself was also an extraordinary pill alchemist.

That was why even the dean himself also maintained a very respectful attitude toward this elder.

You Xin, as the daughter of Dean You, was of course aware of this point. She simply did not dare offend the elder.

When You Xin and He Wei saw Elder Xu appear, they knew that things had gone south.

Sure enough, Elder Xu glared fiercely at You Xin and He Wei before amiably smiling at Qiao Mu. "Little Miss, as long as you join our Sunlight Academy, this old man can waive your academy fees for three years."

"In addition, this old man can be your recommender for participating in this year's Six Prefectures' Academy Ranking Competition in November!"

"Wow—" Everyone had perked up their ears, so when they heard the elder make this assurance, they all gasped in astonishment.

Elder Xu was actually vouching for a young, newly-admitted student and promising to send her to this year's Six Prefectures' Academy Competition in November?

It had to be known that the Six Prefectures' Academy Competition was a league match every three years between all the academies on the Six Prefectures Continent.

It was a grand occasion that grabbed everyone's attention in all of the Six Prefectures.

In addition, it involved each academy's distribution of resources on Blinsheet Island for the next three years.

Blinsheet Island was a necessary place the Six Prefectures had to fight over.

Plentiful mineral resources and medicinal materials were dispersed throughout the island, which was half the size of Shuntian Prefecture..

Chapter 1605: Rejection

It was one of the few rare spiritual grounds on the Six Prefectures Continent.

Three spiritual domains had been discovered on Blinsheet Island as of now. They were currently in the possession of the winners of the academy tournament three years ago.

They were respectively Shuntian Prefecture's Sunlight Academy, Anyi Prefecture's Jiaqing Academy, and Polan Prefecture's Godsend Academy.

One can well imagine how important this academy tournament was to the entire Six Prefectures Continent. It also concerned each student's interests.

Yet Elder Xu was actually... sending a newly-admitted student there by recommendation?

Elder Xu believed in this girl so much?

He had great confidence in the little lady's cultivation and strength huh.

You Xin opened her mouth to speak. "Elder."

"Shut up." Elder Xu swept You Xin a cold glower again.

This You Xin had been getting more and more undependable handling affairs as of late by taking advantage of her identity as the daughter of Sunlight Academy's Dean You.

She actually wasn't thinking of admitting such a talent into Sunlight Academy but was repeatedly pushing the other party away instead?

It simply went without saying how much her selfishness contributed to it all.

Everyone present couldn't help but look at each other in bewilderment.

Even though they believed in Elder Xu's judgement, it couldn't be helped that the girl really was very young!

Even though her cultivation was nearly about to reach the spiritual realm, there were plenty of strong spiritual-realm contenders in the academy tournament.

At her age, the little lady was naturally clever and gifted with extraordinary talent when compared to people like them with mediocre aptitude.

But the Six Prefectures Academy Tournament in November was a competition between people in the spiritual realm. Their average age was a bit over twenty, and the contestants were senior students in at least their fifth year.

The little lady would not necessarily distinguish herself from these battle-hardened senior students with excellent aptitude, right.

In addition, other people wouldn't show you mercy just because of your young age, alright.

With each academy's interests hinging on the results of the competition, they would naturally go all out with their lives on the line!

How would these two girls who had just arrived in Shuntian Prefecture for several days have heard of this academy tournament?

The two greenhorns looked at each other before turning their gazes toward Elder Xu.

"Sorry, but I have already made my decision!" Qiao Mu replied flatly.

Elder Xu couldn't help but get anxious. "Little Miss, you might not understand what it means to participate in the academy tournament."

"Each student that participates in the academy tournament can obtain the privilege of cultivating in Blinsheet Island's spiritual domains for 15 days."

"If your ranking is in the top 100 of the tournament's ranking competition, you will receive a hefty reward. Of course, the higher your ranking, the greater the reward. You can think it over some more..."

Merely the privilege of cultivating in a spiritual domain for 15 days was enough to drive everyone present crazy.

Even if you were only the academy's substitute team member, treading upon Blinsheet Island meant that you had obtained the privilege of cultivating in its spiritual domains for 15 days.

This truly was alluring!

Many people present looked at Qiao Mu enviously.

It was said that cultivating in a spiritual domain was completely different from their normal cultivation.

People just entering a spiritual domain could more or less increase their cultivation by a bit after merely ten days of cultivation.

To cultivators in the spiritual realm, this small bit was usually only accomplished after half a year's worth of hard work under normal circumstances.

"Little Miss, what are you hesitating for? Quickly agree to Elder Xu's proposal." Several Sunlight Academy disciples urged.

Where would one find such a good offer of qualifying for the tournament just after getting admitted into the academy?

Chapter 1606: Did Not Believe It

Not to mention Elder Xu also promising to waive three years of her academy fees!

If it had been someone else present, they would have long agreed.

But Qiao Mu was unwilling.

Her disdainful gaze surveyed You Xin and He Wei's faces as she spoke out forthright, "Your academy's environment is awful! I don't want to bump into retards every time I walk out the door."

Qi Xuanxuan pressed her lips together to hold in her laughter, and she also deadpanned with a nod, "That's right! We don't want mad dogs chasing us around relentlessly every day."

"Who are you calling a mad dog!!" You Xin's expression immediately sunk as her eyes were filled with anger. She looked as if she wanted to eat Qi Xuanxuan alive.

Qi Xuanxuan made a silly face at her and giggled, "Whoever answers is the mad dog."

"You!" You Xin could not suppress her fury.

"Shut up!" Elder Xu glared at You Xin with displeasure for suddenly jumping out to meddle. "You Xin. I will make a full report to Dean You of everything you have done today."

At this, You Xin couldn't help but get anxious and pleaded at once, "Elder Xu, listen to me explain."

Elder Xu gave a cold harrumph. “It’s not necessary! No need to explain! This old man is fully aware of what you are thinking.”

On the other hand, Qiao Mu was not in the mood to watch You Xin continue arguing with the elder of Sunlight Academy. She turned around and left with Qi Xuanxuan in tow.

Elder Xu was incredibly regretful when he saw this.

He regretted that he had come too late and did not stop You Xin at the very start from deliberately making things difficult for Qiao Mu.

But right now, it was too late for regret.

Elder Xu sighed. “After letting this young genius slip by today, it is difficult to determine the fortune of the academy when we meet again!”

“If such a young genius goes to the other five prefectures’ academies, it will be difficult to say whether our Shuntian Prefecture’s Sunlight Academy will be able to successfully get first place again at this year’s academy tournament in November.”

You Xin found it absurd as she looked at Elder Xu. “Elder, are you not overestimating this young girl? She is very impressive, but... She may not be the other five prefectures’ match.”

“After all, she is a mere mystic cultivator who has yet to reach level 15! While level-five and level-six spiritual cultivators can practically be found everywhere in the academy tournament!”

“Short-sighted!” Elder Xu chastised as he swept You Xin a cold gaze. “How can you purely look at a person’s cultivation to determine their actual combat ability?”

“It’s not like you didn’t see how that young girl performed in that highest-level simulation environment!”

“Did you think she found it difficult to deal with a level-three spiritual beast when she isn’t even yet a level-15 mystic cultivator?”

You Xin couldn’t help but shudder when she saw Elder Xu’s hairs raised in anger.

She truly was very surprised!

Why did Elder Xu have such confidence in Qiao Mu when it was only their first meeting?

Just because that girl performed a bit out of expectations in the simulation environment?

But this wasn’t anything much. After all, the opponents formed from the spiritual energy inside the simulation environment were illusory. Their combat strength completely could not be compared to that of level-three and level-five spiritual cultivators in real battle.

Moreover! She was only a young girl with meager ability who had just come from a Lower Star Domain.

Could she really change the playing field of the Six Prefectures’ Academy Tournament?

Ha!

She did not believe it! She would not believe such a thing would happen even if you beat her to death. How could it happen?

You Xin couldn't help but get a headache when she saw Elder Xu turning around to leave.

Chapter 1607: Advancement

The most important task on her agenda was to think of a good reason and excuse to explain to her father.

Elder Xu was not someone easy to communicate with.

If he had made up his mind to report this incident to her father, then he would definitely do as he said.

At this time, He Wei walked up to her from the side and gave a harrumph. "It's only passing the second test. What's so incredible about it. Back when we entered the academy, didn't we all pass the second test? I feel that Elder Xu is overestimating her cultivation by saying all that."

You Xin swept her an indifferent look.

When she recalled how it was this woman who had whispered in her ear to add fuel to the fire, causing her to be unable to restrain her fury, she felt so dumb. It seemed like this woman had taken advantage of her!

He Wei had said that Senior Brother Xu had looked upon that girl favorably, which naturally made her very angry.

If it weren't for this woman who was sowing dissension, perhaps she simply wouldn't have noticed such a minor figure who had just come from the Lower Star Domain.

Hence, she naturally would not have offended Elder Xu because of this.

You Xin couldn't help but be troubled regarding Elder Xu's displeased attitude toward her right now.

After all, her father viewed Elder Xu extremely highly, and the pills the latter produced were also excellent.

When she thought of this, You Xin quickened her footsteps to find her father to discuss how to redeem Elder Xu's favorable impression of her.

On the other end, Qiao Mu and Qi Xuanxuan had returned to the inn.

They had just returned after heading out early in the morning, but to the both of them, this was just a complete waste of time.

They had arrived at Sunlight Academy for half the day but did not register and had been harassed by a woman instead.

When Qi Xuanxuan recalled this, she felt very upset.

Qiao Mu tugged at Qi Xuanxuan and then said, "I'm leaving for a bit. You should rest first."

After saying this, she tossed her small pouch of spirit currency. "You don't need to struggle to help me save money. Go buy whatever you want to eat. You don't need to treat yourself too shabbily."

After saying this, she disappeared from the room. Qi Xuanxuan turned about curiously on the spot and realized that Qiao Mu truly had vanished without a trace.

Even her presence had completely vanished from this world!

Qi Xuanxuan wasn't too worried.

Since Qiao Mu had already alerted her beforehand and said that she was going to leave for a bit, then she was probably going to find an isolated and quiet place to level up in closed-door cultivation.

But this Xiao Qiaoqiao truly had many secrets!

Could it be that she carried some kind of treasure akin to a mystic domain?

Qi Xuanxuan shook her head and did not investigate further. She took the small pouch of spiritual currency Qiao Mu gave her and happily headed downstairs.

After entering Paradise Planet, Qiao Mu got enveloped by the mystic energy that swarmed toward her from all directions.

Before she could ponder over it, she had already settled into a meditative state, focusing on her breath to prepare for advancement.

Mystic energy billowed around her and enswathed her in layers, forming a giant transparent cocoon.

The water child rolled to her feet with a glub-glub. Its glistening onion-like head bobbed as it turned to ask the sapling that had run over while waving its branches, "Qiuqiu, how long will Master be in closed-door cultivation for."

"Three days at the least, and probably five to eight days at the most!"

Master was advancing straight from level-14's phenomenal success rank directly into level-15's entry rank. She had skipped over the last level-14 rank, so her advancement naturally wouldn't be too quick..

Chapter 1608: Settling for Second Best...

Qi Xuanxuan had waited inside the inn for a full four days.

On this day, she was listlessly eating breakfast inside the room when she suddenly felt a fluctuation in the air.

She immediately turned around and widened her eyes in joy.

Sure enough, she saw a slim figure appear through a crack in the air.

"Qiaoqiao!" Qi Xuanxuan bounced over happily. However, just as she was about to pounce over for a hug, she suddenly halted.

Qi Xuanxuan looked her up and down with wide eyes before suddenly exclaiming, “Wow! I can sense that the aura you are emitting is much stronger than mine! Which rank have you advanced to?”

“Initial success of level-15 mystic cultivation.”

“Ho, not only did you tread into the ranks of level-15 great mystic cultivators, you even skipped over entry rank and entered phenomenal success.” Qi Xuanxuan sized up Qiao Mu with a look of worship. “Qiaoqiao, you must have worked hard these few days! You neither ate or slept well for this advancement. You must’ve starved for several days. Come, I just ordered hot porridge. Let’s eat together.”

Qiao Mu had “Thank you, but I’m not a foodie” written all over her face, but she was unable to respond as Qi Xuanxuan pulled her to the small table and pushed her down to sit.

The duo each held a small porcelain bowl with porridge.

After eating two mouthfuls, Qi Xuanxuan couldn’t help asking, “Qiaoqiao, where do you say we should go next?”

“Should we continue looking for your Senior Brother Situ?”

Qiao Mu shook her head in response. “No need. Senior Brother and them should have also encountered their own fortuitous event.”

With their cultivation, there was no need to worry too much.

They would definitely meet in the future anyway. Qiao Mu decided to first put finding Situ Yi and the rest aside and let nature take its course.

“Then good! After contemplating deeply these few days, I feel that we should still find an academy to join. At least we will be able to learn systematically. After studying at an academy, I might advance to the spiritual realm, while you could learn how to better manipulate spiritual energy in advance.”

Qiao Mu nodded her petite head in agreement as she ate a mouthful of porridge.

In any case, it was no good to keep wandering about this Shuntian Prefecture. People needed to find a place to belong to.

“After repeated consideration these past four days and nights, I think that, we might as well go to Apex Academy.”

“Pfft...” Qiao Mu really did spit out a mouthful of hot porridge.

No sooner said than done, Qi Xuanxuan whipped up a tray to block Qiaoqiao’s mouthful of porridge from hitting her face!

“Qiaoqiao!!” Qi Xuanxuan cried out in a huff, “What kind of reaction of yours is this!”

Adhering to the principle of denying any bad deeds done to the end, Qiao Mu composedly pulled out a handkerchief to wipe her mouth. She then stated calmly, “It’s fine. You continue on.”

"Humph!" Qi Xuanxuan stood up and put her paws behind her back before reeling off the advantages of heading toward Apex Academy. "That day, that mentor from Apex Academy had already told us. There are mentors for the five spirits who specially coach students one on one. I think that this treatment is considered rather good!"

Qiao Mu twitched her mouth. "Yeah, we will be coached by 'excellent' mentors like Zhou Danjin!"

Qi Xuanxuan blinked her eyes before admitting with a light cough, "Uh, I've been wandering around the city these two days to find a good academy for us to join."

"But for some reason, ever since we had our bad luck at Sunlight Academy, as long as I go to other academies' registration sites and say I want to register, I get rejected!"

Chapter 1609: Maybe It Is a Good Choice

When Qiao Mu heard this, she creased her eyebrows. "How many academies' registration sites have you been to these past couple of days?"

"At least seven to eight!" Qi Xuanxuan stuck out her petite hand and waved it about as she puffed out her cheeks unhappily. "Those teachers at the registration sites view me as the god of plague and quickly wave me away. At some registration sites, they wave me away before I can even say a word! They tell me to beat it."

Qi Xuanxuan puffed out her mouth like a frog and stomped her foot in anger when she got to the part that aggravated her the most.

Qiao Mu sniggered uncontrollably. "That's naturally because our portraits have already been sent to all the academies within Shuntian Prefecture. This explains that they're targeting us and not letting us enroll."

"Unless we leave Shuntian Prefecture and go to Anyi Prefecture or Luotian Prefecture! Otherwise, perhaps we won't be able to find a single academy in Shuntian Prefecture with the guts to accept us!"

"What?" Qi Xuanxuan wasn't dumb and understood after thinking it over. "It's those two d*mn bitches from Sunlight Academy who're setting us up?"

"Pretty much so."

"I just don't understand! That was only our first time seeing those b*tches. Why do they have to target us?"

"Probably cause they just don't like me," Qiao Mu analyzed flatly. "And you just got implicated. I'm sorry."

Qi Xuanxuan promptly beat Qiao Mu's shoulder with her fist. "What are you saying sorry for! We're lifelong sisters who will enjoy blessings and endure misfortune together!"

Qiao Mu's brows relaxed.

Qi Xuanxuan epically smacked the table with her hand, which caused the empty bowls on the table to jump.

"It's decided! We're going to Apex Academy! I just don't believe that that Apex Academy won't accept us? I heard that Mentor Zhou saying that Apex Academy is located on top of the Lava Mountain Range outside Wengka City."

"Pack up your stuff, and we'll set out now!" Qi Xuanxuan was in high fighting spirits and immediately put her mind to it.

Even the little stoic couldn't resist getting infected by this energetic girl's enthusiasm. She was unable to respond as she symbolically packed up her worn-out bag.

Mhm, it was a bag with a tacky fine flower pattern in indigo. There were two sets of old clothes and several white buns inside. It was for appearance's sake!

Qi Xuanxuan put all the pots, bowls, and utensils in the room in her bag in a huff. As she packed up, she said, "I'm telling you Qiaoqiao, maybe that Apex Academy is a good choice!"

Qiao Mu silently followed her and took out a wrinkled letter from her chest pocket to take a look.

Could it be that every single event is all part of some master plan in life? Forget it, since Murong Xun wanted her to go to Apex Academy, then she would go try it. Master couldn't be harming her...

"Off we go!" Qi Xuanxuan flung her bag over her shoulder and roared with a fist pump.

Qiao Mu weakly asked, "Xuanxuan, why, why did you also pack up the inn's pots, bowls, and utensils to take with you?"

You had ordered a pot of porridge, yet you confiscated their pots, bowls, and utensils. Wouldn't that be being too much of a cheapskate...

Qi Xuanxuan was startled, and then she turned around and said with a giggle, "Let's go!"

Perhaps Xuanxuan was right. Apex Academy might possibly be a good choice.

But Qiao Mu did not know that she would be freakin' regretting it only three days later...

If she had to use a word to describe Apex Academy's distinguishing characteristic, it would absolutely be "screwy"...

Chapter 1610: Deceitful Map

As indicated on the map, the Lava Mountain Range was indeed outside Wengka City, but the two greenhorns with no sense of direction were still unable to find it even after roaming about the mountains for a full two days and nights.

The duo looked at each other in dismay.

"Could it be that the cheap map you bought had drawn it wrong..." Qiao Mu looked at Qi Xuanxuan in exasperation.

"How is it cheap. In any case, I had spent one spirit currency on it." Qi Xuanxuan grumbled before flipping it around to study it. "Wait, could it be that this place marked as a red river is the Lava Mountain Range???"

Qiao Mu huddled over to take a look. She saw that there was indeed a red river across from where there was a big mountain marked on the map.

There was also a small red dot behind where the river was.

Correct, it was that small red dot—a small red dot that simply wouldn't even rouse your attention on a map!

This might be the genuine Lava Mountain Range.

So that meant that the duo had gone in the totally opposite direction and wasted two days on a nameless mountain...

"Heavens! How can there be such a deceitful map! What the hell is this map!" Qi Xuanxuan was so livid she nearly tore the map apart.

Qiao Mu hastily stopped her and concluded with a light cough, "Uh, it's our fault that we didn't look at it carefully. It's fine since the entrance exam on July 28th will only be the day after tomorrow. We, cough, will pretty much get there just in time."

"My Heavens, these people selling maps in Shuntian Prefecture couldn't be idiots right! They marked the real Lava Mountain Range so small yet drew a lousy mountain in black!"

"If I encounter that profiteer selling this map next time, I'll whip him to death!!" Qi Xuanxuan gnashed as she once again recalled what that map-selling profiteer looked like.

That fellow had donned a black cloak with a hood. Yet from the looks of it now, his furtive behavior had indicated that he was up to no good.

F*ck, she had actually fallen for this kind of person's trick!

Too bad for that spirit currency!

Qiao Mu: ...

"Oi, the two young older sisters up ahead! Please wait up." A panting voice came from behind the duo.

"Young, Young Older Sisters, let, let me ask you for directions!" The little fatty who had run over was as round as a ball, and his small eyes curved into crescents.

"Who are you." Qi Xuanxuan went into an offensive stance as she put her guard up against the little fatty.

Don't be kidding, they hadn't seen any living people after roaming about this mountain for two days. On the contrary, they had seen two to three zombies and finished them off in passing.

"Don't, don't, don't! Don't hit me!" The little fatty hastily raised his arms in front of him to block. He then quickly shook his head and introduced himself, "I, I, I am a good person. My name is Kou, Kou, Kou. Kou Hongwen."

"Kou Hongwen?" Qi Xuanxuan put down her arms and inquired suspiciously, "What did you come here for."

"I, I. I got a bit lost. I, I wanted to ask you two ladies for directions, to, to Apex Academy!"

"You are also going to Apex Academy?" Qi Xuanxuan and Qiao Mu asked in unison.

The little fatty was immediately invigorated. He blinked his small eyes at them and exclaimed with a smile, "Aiyo, are you two ladies also heading to Apex Academy?"

After saying this, he pulled out a wrinkled and yellowing piece of paper from his pocket and spread it out in front of the duo. "Look, this map clearly used a black and thick line to mark out this mountain range. But no matter how I search, I can't find Apex Academy. Isn't it a bit weird."

The two girls rolled their eyes in unison.