

Myth Beyond 1381

Chapter 1381 Situation

Yun Lintian retracted his hand and carefully checked Ning Yue's condition. After seeing her vocal cords were completely healed, he gently covered her with a blanket and got up, preparing to go out.

Standing at the door, Yun Lintian's Divine Sense cautiously spread out, slowly prying the outside.

Several huts, similar to Ning Yue's one, emerged in his vision one after the other. The place where he was right now seemed to be a flat land at the foot of the mountain, surrounded by a relatively sparse forest.

For the other area above, it should be a place where the outer division was located. Yun Lintian had no intention of looking at it for the time being.

He quickly located the two men that he used his mental power to shock their minds. The two of them clearly had a higher status than other servants here as they lived in a much better condition house with complete furniture.

Yun Lintian carefully checked the surroundings one last time before adjusting his appearance, concealing his aura and vanishing from the place.

In the next moment, he appeared inside the house where the two young men lived and said calmly. "Answer my question."

The two young men stood there like lifeless dolls, waiting for Yun Lintian to ask them.

"Who is the strongest person here?" Yun Lintian asked.

"It's the Grand Sect Master Cai Yuan. The rumor said he has already reached the peak of the Divine Spirit Realm." The tall man answered.

"Are there many Divine Foundation Realm experts here?" Yun Lintian asked further.

"There are around thirty people. The weakest one is Elder Shang Li, the outer division elder." The tall man replied.

Hearing this, Yun Lintian could roughly estimate the overall strength of the Profound Pill Sect. As long as there were no Divine Origin Realm experts and above, Yun Lintian didn't have to be afraid of anyone here.

"How's the hierarchy system here?" Yun Lintian asked.

"There are three main divisions. The outer, inner, and true disciple divisions. As for us servants, unless we break through into the Ruler Profound Realm, we can forget about entering the outer division." The tall man answered.

Yun Lintian touched his chin and pondered. From the conversation between Chen Xue, Huang Yuchun, and Qin Weizhe, they were undoubtedly outer disciples but seemed to possess a high status.

"What kind of status do Qin Weizhe, Huang Yuchun, and Chen Xue have?" Yun Lintian asked.

"Qin Weizhe comes from the Qin Clan, one of the five major clans in the Lou Country. He has an older brother, who is a true disciple, called Qin Jun." The tall man replied.

"Chen Xue is similar to Qin Weizhe. She is a second young miss of the Chen Clan, and her older sister, Chen Lan, is also a true disciple. As for Huang Yuchun, his Huang Clan is the weakest among the five major clans, having a good relationship with the Qin Clan."

Yun Lintian nodded in an understanding manner as they were within his expectation.

"There should be other sects in the Lou Country, right? Why would these clans send their descendants to this sect?" Yun Lintian was puzzled.

"There are indeed other sects here, but none of them can be considered top sects. And the Profound Pill Sect can provide people a quota to compete for the Heavenhold Divine Academy's entries." The tall man responded.

"Heavenhold Divine Academy?" Yun Lintian's eyebrows raised slightly. From its name, it was clearly related to the Heavenhold Realm.

"The Heavenhold Divine Academy is the biggest academy in the Heavenhold Realm. There are many branches around the world." The tall man explained.

Yun Lintian waited for further explanation from him, but the tall man didn't say anything more. This should be the limit of his information. It was already a miracle that a servant like him knew this much.

He thought for a moment and asked curiously. "Why would Huang Yuchun, Qin Weizhe, and Chen Xue pay attention to Ning Yue so much?"

"It's because Ning Yue has the ability to detect a high-rank medicinal herb and can pick them up without harm." The tall man replied.

A strange light flashed through Yun Lintian's eyes as the green sprout in Ning Yue's body appeared in his mind. Perhaps Ning Yue's talent had something to do with it.

"Since that's the case, why don't they tell the elder about this? Her talent should be pretty rare here, isn't it?" Yun Lintian asked in doubt.

"No one knows except for the three of them and us." The tall man answered dully.

"Oh?" Yun Lintian was slightly surprised. It seemed those three reached an agreement to keep Ning Yue's ability secret and exploit it themselves.

Yun Lintian asked a few questions about the general regulations of the sect before saying. "Tomorrow, the two of you will forget everything about this."

"Yes." The two young men replied dully and collapsed to the ground, unconscious.

Yun Lintian simply manipulated their memories, making that they drank too much wine and went to sleep.

After scanning the surrounding, Yun Lintian immediately returned to Ning Yue's hut.

Looking at Ning Yue sleeping peacefully, Yun Lintian sat on her plank bed and continued to treat his injury.

The following morning, Ning Yue slowly opened her eyes and looked at the dilapidated ceiling in a daze. For the first time in her life that she had such a good sleep.

Suddenly, she thought of something and subconsciously exclaimed. "Ah!"

Hearing her own voice, Ning Yue was stunned on the spot and subconsciously touched her neck.

"Your vocal cords have fully recovered now. However, because you have never used them before, you will need to practice how to make a sound and speak properly." Yun Lintian opened his eyes and looked at her.

"Ah...Ouh..." Ning Yue came back to her sense and tried to speak but discovered it was difficult to say a word.

She quickly got up and knelt on the ground, kowtowing. To her, this was no different from being rebirth.

Yun Lintian quickly waved his hand to pull her up and said. "You saved my life before. This is what I should do."

"I have also opened all of your profound entrances. From today onward, your profound strength will be improved by leaps and bounds as long as you practice diligently."

"Ah?" Ning Yue's eyes widened in disbelief, and she subconsciously checked on her body. After noticing the change in her body, she raised her head to look at Yun Lintian blankly, not knowing what to say.

Yun Lintian didn't bother to explain. He took out two porridges and said. "Let's eat first."

Chapter 1382 Innate Talent

"So, your job is to gather second-rank herbs on the Herb Valley?" Yun Lintian asked while eating.

Ning Yue nodded and happily drank the porridge.

Looking at her carefree appearance, she obviously had no idea about her talent.

Yun Lintian thought for a moment and said. "I'll go with you."

"Ah?" Ning Yue was confused.

"For some reason, I cannot leave here for the time being. So, I will stay with you here during this period." Yun Lintian explained. "However, we must put on a disguise and conceal your voice recovery first."

"The poison Huang Yuchun used on me yesterday was called the Heart Eating Poison, and the pills Chen Xue gave us could only slow down its escalation. Coupled with my previous condition, I shouldn't be able to walk today."

"Hence, you should act as if you are desperate to find a herb to detoxify the poison today."

Yun Lintian smiled faintly and said. "I had already checked the Herb Valley last night and saw a few of the Heart Nourishing Grass over there. Since I could think of this, Huang Yuchun should have also predicted that you would go there to find the grass."

Ning Yue's mouth opened slightly as she looked at Yun Lintian in astonishment. She couldn't understand that Yun Lintian seemed to know everything in just one night.

"He's likely to bully you but won't dare to harm you recklessly," Yun Lintian said further.

"Ouh?" Ning Yue tilted her head in confusion.

Yun Lintian asked. "Do you know why the three of them keep looking for you?"

Ning Yue frowned slightly and shook her head. She thought it was normal for an outer disciple like Huang Yuchun to treat her like a tool.

Yun Lintian didn't explain anything. He took the Twin Souls Flower out and asked. "Can you recognize this flower?"

Ning Yue looked at the flower and wrote something on the paper nearby.

Glancing at the paper, Yun Lintian clearly saw she had written the correct name of the Twin Souls Flower.

Yun Lintian took a sixth-rank magical plant out and asked. "What about this?"

Ning Yue stared at the plant for a while and gave the correct answer.

Yun Lintian smiled and said. "Tell me. How did you know them?"

Ning Yue shook her head and explained that she could recognize the plants just like that as if the name popped up in her mind on its own.

Yun Lintian took another plant out. This time, it was a third-rank poisonous flower. "Hold it for me."

Ning Yue didn't think about it and reached out to grab the flower. She then looked at Yun Lintian in doubt, as she didn't know what he wanted to do.

Seeing this scene, Yun Lintian immediately came to a conclusion. Not only did Ning Yue recognize all the magical plants, but also immune to poison.

Yun Lintian took a deep look at her and said. "Now you know what kind of talent you have."

Ning Yue was taken aback momentarily, and her eyes gradually widened in astonishment.

Seeing this, Yun Lintian said further. "If I guess correctly, you should be able to recognize all the plants since you were young."

Ning Yue hurriedly nodded her head.

"This is your innate talent." Yun Lintian said faintly. "Huang Yuchun, Qin Weizhe, and Chen Xue obviously know about this. That's why they keep looking for you all this time."

Ning Yue was, in fact, very smart, but because she was inexperienced and lived her life as if she was resigning herself to the fate that made her failed to understand this in the past.

Moreover, she wasn't aware of her own talent in the past. It was almost impossible for her to make a guess about the intention of the three.

Now, listening to Yun Lintian, she fully understood everything. It was no wonder the three always forced her to pick higher rank herbs every day.

"They didn't tell anyone as well. It seems they want to keep it secret among themselves. So, you're unlikely to be sent to those higher-ups. At least, not now." Yun Lintian said calmly while pouring her a cup of honey milk.

Ning Yue nodded heavily while making gestures, indicating she understood what he meant.

Yun Lintian took a blue pendant out and handed it to her. "Hide this inside your robe, and don't lose it."

Ning Yue didn't ask anything. She accepted it and carefully put it inside her tattered robe.

Immediately, she felt a warm current envelop her entire being, giving her a sense of security.

"With this pendant, you don't have to worry about those three. At the same time, it can also conceal your aura and the fact that your vocal cords have recovered." Yun Lintian explained briefly.

As his voice fell, Ning Yue tried to utter a sound but discovered she couldn't.

"If you want to speak, you can touch the pendant with your hand," Yun Lintian said.

"Ah...Oh." Ning Yue touched the pendant and tried to speak.

"The rest depends on your acting ability." Yun Lintian smiled. "You can take this chance to train yourself because you will face a lot of this kind of situation in the future."

The pendant could block any attack from a Divine Foundation Realm expert, but Yun Lintian didn't want her to rely on it too much. Hence, he didn't tell her about it.

Ning Yue held the pendant tightly and nodded heavily. Her eyes were full of determination.

Yun Lintian waved his hand, and his appearance appeared to be the same as yesterday when he was poisoned and suffered a serious injury.

Although Ning Yue knew that Yun Lintian was powerful, she was still astonished by his magical power.

"Drink it before going out." Yun Lintian pushed the milk cup and laid on the plank bed like a cripple.

Ning Yue blinked a few times and carefully sipped the warm honey milk. An intoxicated expression appeared on her face as it was the first time she had such a delicious drink.

At the same time, she noticed a warm current flood into her body, nourishing her bones, organs, and muscles. Ning Yue immediately understood this milk wasn't an ordinary drink.

"There is plenty of it here. You can drink it later. However, with your current physique, you can only afford to drink one cup a day. Otherwise, the medicinal power will be too much for you." Yun Lintian said softly.

Chapter 1383 Herb Valley (1)

After having breakfast, Ning Yue cleaned herself up and took a bamboo basket, preparing to leave. Her task today was to gather the second-rank herbs as much as possible.

Standing at the door, she nodded gently at Yun Lintian and took a deep breath. Her expression gradually became depressed before she opened the door and walked out.

Looking at this scene, Yun Lintian nodded inwardly. It seemed Ning Yue could still put an act on her face.

He closed his eyes and continued to recuperate, thinking of a way to contact the Land of Beyond Heaven.

After leaving the hut, Ning Yue immediately saw many people head toward the Herb Valley. She didn't know why there were so many people more than usual, but she didn't care about it much. Perhaps the sect urgently needed a lot of medicinal herbs.

Traveling along the familiar road for an hour, Ning Yue soon arrived at a deep valley between two mountains.

A dense forest could be seen at the end of the valley path, suitable to nourish a higher rank herb. However, not many people dared to venture deep into the forest. Especially a servant with a pitiful strength like Ning Yue.

At the valley's entrance, Ning Yue saw many outer disciples gather, seemingly preparing to go in. Without a doubt, their goal should be the forest at the end of the valley.

"Ning Yue!" Just as Ning Yue was about to move forward, a familiar male voice resounded from behind. The owner was a thin young man clad in a tattered robe.

Ning Yue returned with a nod.

Similar to her, the thin young man, Hao Lie, was a servant. He was usually bullied by other servants, but he seemed to possess an indomitable will as he was unwilling to resign to a fate like others.

The two knew each other because Ning Yue once gave him some food and medicine when he was in a difficult situation. Since then, Hao Lie had always remained grateful to her.

Hao Lie arrived beside Ning Yue with a big bamboo basket on his back. "I heard you have picked up a wounded man from the river. How's he now?"

Ning Yue's face drooped slightly and wrote something on a book she carried. The content was about how Huang Yuchun poisoned the already crippled Yun Lintian.

If Yun Lintian was here, he would give her ten out of ten for her perfect acting.

Hao Lei was immediately angry and cursed in a low voice. "That bastard is really hateful."

He glanced at the outer disciples in the distance and whispered. "However, you should be careful. Last night, the inner division issued an order for everyone to gather the second-rank herb and above. I'm afraid they are going to make things difficult for us again."

Ning Yue frowned deeply upon hearing this.

"If you're fine with it, we should stick together today." Hao Lie said cautiously. He didn't want Ning Yue to misunderstand him.

Ning Yue hesitated briefly and nodded

Hao Lie nodded heavily and said. "Wait until they go in first, and we can follow from afar."

At this moment, a sturdy man, who seemed to be the leader of the group of outer disciples, yelled loudly at Ning Yue and the others. "Hey! All of you trash, come here."

The other servants glanced at each other before quickly walking toward the sturdy man tremblingly.

"I know it. There is nothing good coming out of these bastards' mouths." Hao Lie cursed in a low voice and followed the group behind.

Ning Yue subconsciously touched the pendant to find a sense of security. Feeling the warm aura from the pendant, she took a deep breath and took a step forward, following Hao Lie.

Seeing all the servants were here, the sturdy man said loudly. "Listen carefully. Today, all of you have to go inside the forest and pick a second-rank herb back for us. You can go back as long as you can gather a kilogram worth of amount."

"What?" The crowd uttered in shock. Most of them here were nothing but Essence Profound Realm practitioners at most. Forcing them to the forest where countless high-level profound beasts resided was no different from sending them to die.

Moreover, he actually told them to find a kilogram worth a second-rank herb. A single sprout was already rare. How were they going to find all of them?

"Why? Do you have a problem?" The sturdy man glared at the crowd coldly, and an intimidating aura immediately enveloped everyone.

The group of servants immediately lowered their heads in fright and didn't dare to say anything further.

Hao Lie clenched his fists tightly while glaring at the sturdy man with hatred. Unfortunately, he was too weak to do anything here.

On the side, Ning Yue lowered her head slightly and remained silent. She usually went to the forest to find a second rank herb, and this task was actually pretty easy for her.

However, she didn't want to see these people die pointlessly like this.

"This is the world we are living in. Only strength could allow you to have the right to control the fates of you and others." Yun Lintian's voice suddenly resounded in Ning Yue's mind, causing her to tremble slightly.

Ning Yue wanted to glance around to find Yun Lintian, but she didn't dare to do it as it would be looked suspicious.

"I talk with you through my Spiritual Sense. You don't have to search for me... Don't worry about others. Some people are destined to die here. You can't help everyone." Yun Lintian said further. "Take care of yourself well and strive to improve your strength so that you can avenge them in the future."

Hearing this, Ning Yue grabbed the pendant tightly, and her eyes gradually filled with firm determination.

"Ning Yue! Step forward. Senior Brother Huang has a task for you." The sturdy man swept his gaze over everyone and paused at Ning Yue.

Hao Lie stepped forward to block Ning Yue and was about to say something, but Ning Yue stopped him and indicated she was fine.

"You..." Hao Lie didn't finish his sentence because he saw the calmness in Ning Yue's eyes. It looked like the calm before the storm somehow.

Ning Yue walked out of the group and looked at the sturdy man calmly, waiting for him to speak.

The sturdy man didn't waste his time. "You're lucky. Senior Brother Huang wanted you to pick a third-rank herb for him. One kilogram like everyone."

Chapter 1384 Herb Valley (2)

"What!? How could you do that?" Hao Lie came forward and yelled angrily.

The sturdy man frowned and looked at Hao Lie coldly. "Why? Do you want to help her? How about I give you the same task?"

"You!" Hao Lie trembled in anger but couldn't say anything.

Ning Yue wrote something on the paper and showed it to the sturdy man, asking whether she could go in now.

"Oh?" The sturdy man looked at her in surprise. "It seems you are so eager to die. Go ahead... Don't think that you can escape."

Ning Yue didn't respond to him. She tightened the basket's robe and quickly entered the valley.

Hao Lie opened his mouth, wanting to say something, but no word came out in the end. He could only let out a long breath and follow her into the valley.

Watching the two enter, the sturdy man sent a signal to a few young men nearby, and they responded with a nod before quickly walking into the valley.

Ning Yue shuttled through the old paths she usually used and ignored other low-rank herbs along the way. Her pace was fast as if she was in a hurry to do something.

"Ning Yue!" Hao Lie shouted from behind while quickly following Ning Yue's footsteps.

Ning Yue slowed down and turned to look at him in doubt.

"Let me go with you." Hao Lie caught up and said. "Although I'm not powerful, two should be better than one, right?"

Ning Yue frowned slightly, but she didn't refuse him.

"We will find the third-rank herb for you first. I won't take a share." Hao Lie hurriedly said, fearing Ning Yue would misunderstand him.

Ning Yue wrote something on the paper, indicating it would be better to share equally among them.

Seeing this, Hao Lie had no objection to it. He glanced back and said with a frown. "There are four people following us. I guess they are coming here to watch us."

Ning Yue shook her head, telling him that it didn't matter. Perhaps it was because of the pendant that she wasn't afraid of these people.

Hao Lie wanted to say something but held back in the end. Anyway, both of them couldn't beat these outer disciples. There was nothing he could change the situation.

Inside the hut, Yun Lintian retracted his Divine Sense from Ning Yue's side and tried to figure out a way to connect with the Land of Beyond Heaven.

After summoning the Gate of Beyond Heaven, Yun Lintian tried to push it open several times, but it was futile. It was as though there was an invisible wall blocking him from opening it.

Yun Lintian frowned deeply. He racked his brain up for a long time but couldn't find what the problem was, much less a solution.

Could it be it needs to adapt to the new environment here?... He thought.

If that was the case, Yun Lintian had no way to solve it. He could only let it slowly fix itself.

Calling the gate back, Yun Lintian laid down on the plank bed and looked at the dilapidated ceiling, wondering how Lin Xinyao and the others were doing right now. They must be thinking of him, right?

Just as he was idling around, a footstep sound could be heard from the outside. Clearly, someone was approaching this hut.

Yun Lintian's brows raised slightly as he saw Chen Xue walk over. Although Chen Xue seemed to care about Ning Yue's well-being, Yun Lintian knew that it was because of Ning Yue's unique ability. There was nothing more than that... Why would she come here?

Soon, the door was open, and Chen Xue stepped into the room before creating an isolating barrier.

She looked at Yun Lintian, who happened to look at her and said. "Who are you?"

Yun Lintian's lips quivered slightly as he pretended to struggle to speak.

Seeing this, Chen Xue arrived beside Yun Lintian and took a black pill out. "This is the antidote to the Heart Eating Poison."

Without waiting for Yun Lintian to respond, she simply forced the pill into Yun Lintian's throat.

The pill was quickly dissolved under Chen Xue's profound energy and spread throughout every vein and meridian of Yun Lintian.

The next moment, the black spot on Yun Lintian's chest gradually shrunk and disappeared afterward. Obviously, the pill was working well.

However, as a top spirit doctor himself, Yun Lintian naturally saw through the hidden danger inside the pill. Although the pill could detoxify the Heart Eating Poison, it was mixed with another traceless poison called Soul Devouring Poison.

If Yun Lintian was a weak practitioner, his soul would have been devoured and become an empty vessel by now... This Chen Xue was surely ruthless.

Knowing this, Yun Lintian widened his eyes, looking at Chen Xue angrily before the light in his eyes gradually dimmed down.

Chen Xue looked at Yun Lintian coldly. "I don't want to do this either, but I can't let you stay with Ning Yue. Otherwise, her ability will be leaked to outsiders sooner or later."

She pointed her finger at Yun Lintian's forehead and asked. "Answer my question. Who are you, and how did you come here?"

"My name is Lin Tian from the Great Zhou Capital City. I was hunted down by my enemy and fell into a river." Yun Lintian replied dully.

Chen Xue's expression changed slightly. "From the capital city? What is your background?"

"My parents are ordinary people. We open a restaurant there." Yun Lintian answered 'truthfully.'

Chen Xue was relieved after hearing this. If Yun Lintian had a powerful background, she might be in trouble and could even implicate her Chen Clan.

After knowing this, Chen Xue had no intention of interrogating him further. "I can see that Ning Yue cares a lot about you, so I won't kill you for the time being. However, you can't escape death anyway. The day Ning Yue loses her value is the day of your death."

Chen Xue stared at Yun Lintian for a while and sighed. "I see now. You're such a handsome man. It's no wonder Ning Yue wants to keep you."

She touched Yun Lintian's chest and his abdomen briefly and muttered. "Such a good figure. It would be a pity to kill you."

A moment later, she shook her head and laughed to herself. "What are you thinking, Chen Xue? You actually lust after a man?"

Shaking her head, Chen Xue turned around and left without looking back.

Seeing her leave, Yun Lintian's eyes flickered slightly as he muttered to himself. "How could she become this vicious at such a young age?"

Chapter 1385 Poison (1)

Yun Lintian left a tiny portion of the Soul Devouring Poison inside his body in order to deceive Chen Xue later.

"This woman has interrupted my plan." Yun Lintian shook his head annoyingly.

At first, he planned to work as a servant here, but with Chen Xue's poison, he was destined to stay inside this hut forever. From now on, he could only sneak out to find information.

Naturally, Yun Lintian could leave this place directly, but that would also be leaving Ning Yue to death. Moreover, he had no clue about this Heavenhold Realm. The Profound Pill Sect was undoubtedly a good place for him to hide and slowly gathered information about this world.

Thinking of this, Yun Lintian didn't know where to start as he couldn't even find a trace of the other Beyond Heaven Relics through his mind.

"Forget it. I can afford to stay here for a while." Yun Lintian sighed to himself.

Anyway, he could ask Hongyue, Lauya, and Madam Leisure for a clue later once the connection between him and the Land of Beyond Heaven recovered. They should be able to come up with a good suggestion. After all, they were natives here.

"Let's see how she is now." Yun Lintian thought of Ning Yue and spread his Divine Sense to locate her.

At this moment, Ning Yue and Hao Lie had already arrived at the forest's entrance. A faint roar of a profound beast could be heard from time to time from a far distance, making Hao Lie tremble slightly.

Ning Yue looked at him and suggested that he could stay in the perimeter area.

Hao Lie quickly shook his head. "No. How could I let you go alone?"

Ning Yue looked at Hao Lie strangely and nodded.

Afterward, Ning Yue quickly entered the forest and followed her usual paths.

Hao Lie slapped his face lightly and said to himself. "Hao Lie, oh, Hao Lie. You have to be braver."

With that, he quickly chased Ning Yue into the forest.

With Ruler Profound Realm's strength, the four outer disciples were unconcerned. They unhurriedly followed the two into the forest.

Along the way, Ning Yue would point at the second-rank herbs she found and let Hao Lie pick them up.

At first, Hao Lie didn't feel anything wrong with it, as he knew that Ning Yue was talented in this regard.

However, as time passed, he began to understand how terrifying Ning Yue's talent was. She could basically identify the herbs with a glance, and the accuracy was a full hundred percent.

"You are extremely talented. Why don't you apply for an herb appraiser position?" Hao Lie asked curiously. If Ning Yue could become an appraiser, her status would be even better than an outer disciple. She didn't have to suffer a bad treatment like this at all.

Ning Yue shook her head, refusing to reply.

In fact, she had applied for it a few times in the past, but all of them were rejected unreasonably by the outer division's elder. Later, she learned that it was Qin Weizhe who bribed the elder to reject her application.

Since then, Ning Yue ultimately gave up the intention of becoming an herb appraiser. As long as Qin Weizhe was there, she would never be able to rise. This was also one of many reasons she resigned to her fate.

Seeing her like this, Hao Lie didn't continue the topic further.

"Hey! The harvest is quite rich, isn't it?" Suddenly, a tall man with a long sword on his waist appeared beside the two and glanced at Hao Lie's bamboo basket.

Hao Lie recognized this person. He was Liang Zun, Huang Yuchun's lackey.

Hao Lie looked at him coldly and asked. "What are you going to do?"

Liang Zun's face darkened slightly. "If it wasn't because I still needed you to gather the herbs for me, you would have become a cold corpse by now. How dare you speak to me?"

Hao Lie snorted coldly and said nothing further. "Hmph!"

Liang Zun waved his hand and took all the herbs in Hao Lie's basket away. "Heh. Go ahead. Don't let me see you slack off."

Hao Lie was so angry that his entire body trembled, but he couldn't do anything. This powerless feeling wasn't new to him, but he could never get used to it, no matter what.

Ning Yue was relatively calm, as she had expected this beforehand. She took a step forward, resuming her journey.

Hao Lie took a deep breath and followed Ning Yue deep into the forest.

"It's good that you have a great tolerance, but how long are you going to endure this?" Yun Lintian's voice resounded in Ning Yue's mind. "If you want to play with them, you can pick some strong poisonous plants and let them take them away. This could also be considered a first step to improve your strength."

Ning Yue was taken aback by Yun Lintian's suggestion. After a brief hesitation, her gaze quickly darted around, looking for a poisonous herb that few people could recognize.

After traveling for another twenty minutes, Ning Yu finally found a gorgeous feather-like grass nearby a creek. This white flower was similar to a third-rank herb called the Star Feathering Grass, but in fact, it was an extremely poisonous plant—Bone Withering Grass.

"Is that a third-rank flower?" Hao Lie was attracted by the beautiful appearance of the Bone Withering Grass. In his opinion, this must be a third or higher rank herb without a doubt.

Ning Yue nodded. Her heart throbbed from nervousness but soon calmed down as she took a few deep breaths.

"Do you want me to pick it up?" Hao Lie asked.

Ning Yue shook her head, indicating that she would go by herself.

"Alright. Be careful." Hao Lie naturally had no objection.

Ning Yue cautiously arrived in front of the Bone Withering Grass and took a small hoe out, digging on the ground around it. Her slow and cautious movement made Liang Zun and the other three disciples look over in doubt.

"We hit the jackpot, Brother Liang! That should be the third-rank Star Feathering Grass." A thin young man beside Liang Zun said excitedly.

"Oh?" Liang Zun's eyes lit up. He looked at the three and said in a low voice. "Don't forget to shut your mouth tightly when we go out."

The three nodded firmly and made a zip-locking gesture on their lips.

The four had no idea what kind of disaster they were about to face...

Chapter 1386 Poison (2)

After clearing the surrounding area, Ning Yue carefully dug the Bone Withering Grass up and put it in her bamboo basket. Her movement was meticulous, as if afraid of breaking the grass.

As she had expected, Liang Zun and the other three had already arrived beside her the moment she put the grass away.

An evil grin appeared on Liang Zun's face as he spoke. "You know what to do."

The thin young man beside him stepped forward and snatched Ning Yue's basket away, causing her to fall to the ground.

"Bastard!" Hao Lie was furious upon seeing this. He quickly rushed forward and was kicked away by the thin young man.

"Noisy. Are you tired of living?" The thin young man clicked his tongue in dissatisfaction as he looked at Hao Lie contemptuously.

Hao Lie spat out a mouthful of fresh blood as he glared at the thin man with hatred. He hated himself for being weak, but he couldn't do anything about it, no matter how hard he tried.

Ning Yue got up from the ground and walked to Hao Lie's side, checking on him.

"Are you alright?" Hao Lie wiped the bloodstain out of his lips and asked.

Ning Yue shook her head, indicating she was fine. She secretly glanced at Liang Zun and the others before writing something on the paper and showing it to Hao Lie.

Hao Lie's eyes widened in shock when he saw the content. It turned out the grass was highly poisonous, and Ning Yue asked whether he could still run.

He quickly concealed it and got up from the ground, preparing to escape.

The thin man looked at the grass he mistook as the Star Feathering Grass with greed and said. "Hurry up and put it away, Brother Liang. I'm afraid those people will come soon."

"Hmph! It's just a third-rank herb. Why are you making a fuss about it?" Liang Zun snorted in dissatisfaction and reached out to grab the grass.

Plop!

All of a sudden, the Bone Withering Grass burst into pieces and scattered in the air above Liang Zun's group.

"Argh! It's poison!" Liang Zun reacted quickly, but it was too late. His entire body was already smeared with the Bone Withering Poison, causing his skin to melt.

The other three were even worse. They were completely caught off-guard and accidentally inhaled the poison. Immediately, blood flowed out of their seven orifices as their bones began to crack and wither.

No matter how hard they tried to stop with their profound energy, it was futile in the end.

At this moment, Hao Lie immediately pulled Ning Yue and ran away with all his might.

"How dare you!?" Liang Zun caught a glimpse of the two running away and roared furiously. His aura surged as he released his fire domain with everything he had.

The embarrassment and endless fury in his heart made him completely forget to hold back. An outer disciple like him was actually deceived by a mere servant. If this matter went out, he would certainly become a forever laughingstock.

His mind was fully occupied by boundless killing intent as Liang Zun controlled his fire domain to kill Ning Yue and Hao Lie.

"Shit!" Hao Lie's expression changed drastically as he saw scorching flames approach at lightning speed.

He didn't hold anything back and released all of his profound energy to pull Ning Yue away.

Unfortunately, the gap between the Essence Profound Realm and the Ruler Profound Realm was like a world apart. It was impossible for him to out-speed Liang Zun's domain.

Meanwhile, Ning Yue's face turned pale as a white sheet. She was surprised that Liang Zun was able to protect himself from the Bone Withering Grass.

Her mind was a complete mess at this moment. She had no idea how to deal with this situation.

Seeing death approach, Ning Yue subconsciously held the pendant tightly as if her life depended on it.

"First lesson. Before planning to kill someone, you have to prepare for the worst-case scenario and leave a life-saving solution for yourself." Yun Lintian's calm voice suddenly resounded in Ning Yue's mind.

"Secondly, you shouldn't trust anyone easily, including me. Why did you believe in my words so much? What if this Liang Zun recognized the Bone Withering Grass in the first place? Wouldn't you die horribly before you could do anything?"

Ning Yue's face became paler upon hearing this. Yun Lintian's words were like a thunderclap exploded in her mind... That was right? Why would she trust Yun Lintian's every word so easily?

"Remember these two lessons well." Yun Lintian's voice resounded again.

Buzz—

All of a sudden, a powerful aura shot out of the pendant, and the approaching scorching flames instantly disappeared.

"What!?" Hao Lie watched as the flames disappeared in confusion. He couldn't comprehend the situation.

When he returned to his sense, he hurriedly pulled Ning Yue away. No matter what happened, it wasn't the time to find out.

On Liang Zun's side, he spat out a mouthful of blood while looking at the scene in confusion. Similar to Hao Lie, he had no idea what had just happened.

Before he could do anything further, his body was suddenly ignited with a ferocious scarlet flame, directly reducing him and the other three people to ashes without leaving a trace behind. It was as if they had never been there before.

Inside the hut, Yun Lintian nodded slightly. The space wall here might be extremely sturdy, making him unable to tear it apart and shuttle through space as he did on the Azure World. However, he could still send his attack across space through a medium like the pendant he gave Ning Yue.

"I really need time to adapt to this world." He muttered to himself and retracted his Divine Sense from Ning Yue's side.

"Hah... Hah..." Hao Lie panted heavily and looked at the surroundings vigilantly. He didn't know where he was right now, but it should be deep inside the forest.

"How are you?" He turned to look at the paled Ning Yue and asked concernedly.

Ning Yue took a few deep breaths to calm herself down and expressed gratitude to him.

Hao Lie wiped the sweat out of his forehead and said. "You were so bold. I didn't expect you to come up with that plan."

Ning Yue bit her lips and didn't express anything.

Hao Lie said further. "I don't know what happened earlier. Maybe Liang Zun couldn't withstand the poison."

"Roar!"

Suddenly, a ferocious roar resounded from a far distance, causing Hao Lie and Ning Yue to involuntarily shudder...

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Hao Lie sweated profusely as he cast his gaze around, trying to determine the direction of the roar. His intuition told him the roar's owner was far stronger than him. Perhaps it was even stronger than Liang Zun.

After waiting for a long while, Hao Lie couldn't hear or see anything, and the threatened feeling in his heart had also dissipated.

"Maybe it's already gone." Hao Lie looked at Ning Yue and said in a low voice.

Ning Yue nodded slightly while holding the pendant tightly.

"Can we find a third-rank herb here? I don't think it's a good idea to venture deeper." Hao Lie asked.

Ning Yue looked around briefly and shook her head, indicating it was probably not enough here.

Hao Lie frowned deeply and said. "How about we search around here first? We can go further after we can't find it."

Ning Yue had no objection. The two of them immediately began their search.

"How is it?" After Chen Xue walked into a spacious room, Qin Weizhe, who had initially sipped tea, asked immediately.

Chen Xue glanced at him and said. "It's done. He's nothing but a hillbilly from the capital city."

"You actually called someone from the capital city a hillbilly? Don't you find it ridiculous?" Huang Yuchun looked at Chen Xue strangely.

Chen Xue merely glanced at him and offered no explanation before finding a vacant seat nearby to sit down.

Qin Weizhe put the cup down and said calmly. "It seemed I was overthinking about it."

"I told you, Brother Qin." Huang Yuchun chuckled. "How could he be an expert as you thought?"

Qin Weizhe took a sip of tea and changed the topic. "There are five months before the assessment. I think it's time for us to enter the inner division now."

Chen Xue furrowed her brows. "Did you hear something from your elder brother?"

Qin Weizhe smiled and said. "The academy entry quotas this year have increased twice the previous year's number. It's a good opportunity for us."

"What?" Huang Yuchun was shocked. "Then, it would be twenty places this year?"

Chen Xue was also surprised. She thought for a moment and said. "What a pity. Ning Yue's ability is handy."

"Who said we are going to kill her?" Qin Weizhe said.

"You mean?" Chen Xue looked at him suspiciously.

"We will give her to the sect master. This will increase our chances," Qin Weizhe said with a dark smile.

Chen Xue frowned slightly and soon relaxed. "Well, you're right."

On the side, Huang Yuchun's eyes lit up as he hurriedly asked. "Brother Qin, can you give her to me before sending her away?"

Although Ning Yue was malnourished and unkempt, her facial features were relatively high. If she was properly fed, she would undoubtedly be a great beauty.

Hearing this, Chen Xue rolled her eyes at him in disgust, but she didn't say anything. To her, Ning Yue was nothing but a tool she raised. The reason she deliberately helped her from time to time was to make Ning Yue trust her so that she could manipulate her easier.

Qin Weizhe glanced at Huang Yuchun and said. "Don't break her. She still has a value."

Huang Yuchun became excited upon hearing this. He immediately patted his chest and said. "Don't worry. I know how to hold back."

At this moment, the door was opened, and a handsome young man and a beautiful woman walked into the room. The man's appearance resembled Qin Weizhe, but his temperament was more sophisticated.

Meanwhile, the beautiful woman was full of charms. Every step she took seemed to make a flower bloom.

"What are you talking about?" The man asked calmly.

"Elder brother. Sister Chen." Qin Weizhe stood up and greeted the two. "It's nothing. Huang Yuchun just bragged about his new woman."

Hearing this, Huang Yuchun quickly put on an embarrassed smile and greeted the two. "Greetings, Young Master Qin and Young Miss Chen."

"Elder sister. Senior Brother Qin." Chen Xue also greeted the newcomers politely.

The man, Qin Jun, smiled and looked at Huang Yuchun. "Although you're young, you should learn to restrain yourself."

On the side, the beautiful woman, Chen Lan, curled her lips and said in contempt. "If you put your mind on your practice like you were indulging in women, your father probably wouldn't have a headache right now."

Huang Yuchun scratched his head in embarrassment and said nothing. Although the Huang Clan was considered one of the five major clans of the Chu Country, their strength was far weaker than the Qin and the Chen Clans. Facing the two, who represented the future of the clans, he simply couldn't do anything.

Qin Weizhe asked. "Why are you coming here, elder brother?"

Qin Jun sat down and took the teacup that Huang Yuchun hurriedly handed it over. "I'm here to tell you about the upcoming royal banquet."

Hearing this, Qin Weizhe and Chen Xue glanced at each other in surprise. The so-called royal banquet was a grand banquet the Great Zhou's royal clan organized every ten years.

Although it was called a banquet, it was, in fact, a competition to find top practitioners among the younger generations.

Qin Jun looked at the two and said. "I know why both of you are unwilling to enter the inner division."

The expressions of Qin Weizhe, Chen Xue, and Huang Yuchun changed drastically when Qin Jun spoke this.

Seeing their expressions, Qin Jun smiled and said. "Don't worry. I won't snatch that little girl away from you. Although her talent is good, it doesn't benefit me."

The trio heaved a sigh of relief upon hearing this.

Qin Jun said further. "I want all of you to enter the inner division and participate in this royal banquet."

Qin Weizhe frowned slightly and asked in doubt. "Isn't the banquet required a divinity level to enter? It has nothing to do with us, right?"

Qin Weizhe's true strength was already at the peak of the Divine Ascending Tribulation Realm, but it was still miles away from reaching the Divine Foundation Realm.

It was Chen Lan who took the initiative to answer. "This year is special. The Heavenhold Divine Academy issued a special recruitment notice yesterday. They are going to recruit anyone above the Monarch Profound Realm."

The Great Zhou Royal Clan got twenty quotas for a practitioner below the Divine Foundation Realm and fifty for the ones above. Hence, they are eager to find youngsters willing to represent the kingdom."

She took a deep look at Chen Xue and Qin Weizhe. "This is a great opportunity for you."

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The eyes of Chen Xue and Qin Weizhe lit up when they heard this. This was indeed a great opportunity for them. As long as they could enter the divine academy, they would be no different from soaring to heaven in one step.

Seeing their expressions, Qin Jun said calmly. "Although you have a chance, don't forget that there are countless talented people out there. Especially those from the top clans."

His words were like cold water pouring on Chen Xue and Qin Weizhe.

"I will try my best." Qin Weizhe said solemnly.

Qin Jun took a jade box out and placed it on the table. "Father sent this to you."

Qin Weizhe opened the box curiously, and his eye widened in surprise when he saw a snow-white pill like a pearl inside.

"This Snow Pearl can protect you against any Divine Foundation Realm," Qin Jun explained. "Since no rule prohibits an artifact, you can use this during the banquet."

"I understood." Qin Weizhe said with a serious expression. "I won't let everyone down."

Chen Lan looked at Qin Weizhe and Chen Xue meaningfully. "We will leave next month. Do what you need to do."

Qin Weizhe and Chen Xue glanced at each other and nodded.

Meanwhile, Huang Yuchun was angry inwardly as he was treated like an air here. He secretly swore that he would make them kneel once he successfully entered the academy.

Chen Xue asked curiously. "Why did the academy suddenly want to recruit more?"

Chen Lan shook her head and said. "We have no idea as well. However, our elders guessed it should be related to the Heavenhold Realm King."

Chen Xue, Qin Weizhe, and Huang Yuchun were surprised to hear this. The Heavenhold Realm King was the most powerful person in this Heavenhold Realm. It was said he was a half-step away from stepping into the Divine Emperor Realm.

Once he became a Divine Emperor, the Heavenhold Realm would be automatically upgraded to the upper realm, according to the Divine Realm's regulation.

At that time, everyone here would gain massive benefits.

"Next year will be the ten thousandth anniversary of the Heavenhold Realm King. Maybe he's looking to accept a new disciple." Qin Jun added.

Although Chen Xue, Qin Weizhe, and Huang Yuchun were aware of their strength, it didn't prevent them from getting excited by this. After all, becoming the Heavenhold Realm King's disciple was like everyone's dream.

"Hmm?" Suddenly, Qin Jun frowned slightly and spread his Divine Sense out.

Chen Lan noticed this and asked. "What's wrong?"

Qin Jun carefully scanned the surrounding for a while and shook his head. "Maybe I was overthinking. I felt as if someone was watching us earlier."

Chen Lan and the others were surprised. This room was protected by a divine-rank isolating formation. Even a Divine Spirit Realm expert couldn't penetrate it with their Divine Sense... Who could it be?

Qin Jun got up and said. "Prepare well."

"Yes." Qin Weizhe and Chen Xue responded solemnly and watched as Qin Jun and Chen Lan left.

Inside the hut, Yun Lintian retracted his Divine Sense and said to himself. "The royal banquet?"

Naturally, Yun Lintian had no intention of participating in this pointless competition. After all, he wasn't interested in joining the academy.

However, this information allowed him to roughly understand the general situation of this Heavenhold Realm. Unlike the Azure World, the Heavenhold Realm King seemed to have absolute power here. It was understandable why everyone wanted to become his disciple.

Yun Lintian shook his head slightly. Although this information was useful for him, it wasn't something he was looking for.

This Qin Jun's perception is not bad. He almost caught me. It seems a practitioner here cannot be underestimated in the slightest... Yun Lintian thought.

Qin Jun's profound strength had already reached the peak of the Divine Foundation Realm at sixty years old. Although Yun Lintian didn't think Qin Jun's talent was anything special, it was still impressive, counting how remote the Chu Country was.

It could be seen how high the ceiling of the Divine Realm was. Even someone from a remote place could actually reach the divinity at the age of sixty. What about those people in the capital city or higher?

According to Hongyue, only achieving divinity below the age of twenty could be considered a heavenly talent. As for the rest, it didn't count.

Thinking of this, a sense of urgency was born in Yun Lintian's heart. His strength might be several times better than his peers, but he was no different from an ant in front of those giants.

It could be said that he was fortunate enough to appear here and meet Ning Yue instead of others. Otherwise, he might have become a cold corpse by now.

Yun Lintian took a deep breath and closed his eyes, starting his first training session after coming here.

"We are truly lucky. There are so many third-rank herbs here." Hao Lie said happily while carefully picking a blue orchid up according to Ning Yue's guidance.

Ning Yue wiped the sweat from her forehead and looked at the bamboo basket on her back with a contented smile. Although these herbs would eventually fall into Huang Yuchun's hands in the end, she was still happy about the harvest today.

In the future, she could come here to find a third-rank herb and sell it to the Medicine Hall for some good meals and materials.

"Let's go back. It will be night soon." Hao Lie put the blue orchid into his basket and looked at the dimmed sky.

Ning Yue nodded gently.

"Roar!"

Just as the two were about to leave, a familiar deafening roar suddenly echoed, causing them to freeze on the spot.

Hao Lie quickly scanned the surroundings but couldn't find anything as usual.

Without hesitation, he quickly grabbed Ning Yue's arm and prepared to run.

Bang!

The moment Hao Lie started to run, he immediately crashed into something, causing him to fall backward.

Ning Yue looked at the path ahead in confusion as she didn't see anything at all. It was as if Hao Lie had just hit an invisible wall.

Hao Lie's face was pale as a white sheet. He didn't care about the pain as he got up from the ground and said grimacingly. "How could there be a formation here?"

Ning Yue turned to look at Hao Lie in puzzlement as if she wanted to ask him what the formation was...

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Hao Lie stepped forward and raised his hand to touch the invisible barrier several times. "It should be a very high-level one... We're in trouble now."

"Roar!"

A ferocious roar resounded once again, but this time, it wasn't far away from Hao Lie and Ning Yue's position.

At the same time, both of them could feel a terrifying cold rapidly approaching them.

Crackle!

Countless trees in the far distance were gradually covered by layers of frost, and the ice constantly expanded toward Hao Lie and Ning Yue.

A freezing light abruptly flashed in front of them, and the silhouette of a beast that was about three meters tall appeared quickly. Its entire body was snowy white, with claws that were like frozen blades and eyes that were blood red. It was an ice wolf releasing its bloodthirsty aura!

This was a terrifying profound beast with the strength of the Divine Ascending Tribulation Realm!

The faces of Hao Lie and Ning Yue went ghastly pale at the appearance of the ice wolf. They were petrified on the spot, unable to make a move.

The ice wolf wasn't in a hurry to attack. It stared at Ning Yue and Hao Lie coldly, as if it was trying to see what these two preys would do.

Hao Lie tremblingly reached out to grab a small knife on his waist and said. "I will buy time for you. You have to run as fast as you can. Do you hear me?"

He knew that the two of them couldn't escape from this ice wolf. He wanted to try his luck by letting Ning Yue run alone.

Ning Yue's body shook as she looked at Hao Lie. Her hand subconsciously grabbed the pendant as she uttered a sound. "Ah... Oh! R-Run!"

Hao Lie was stunned by Ning Yue's voice. He looked at her in disbelief as he stammered. "Y-Your voice?"

Perhaps Ning Yue's voice aroused dissatisfaction from the ice wolf. It instantly let loose a bloody roar and pounced on her directly.

Hao Lie's expression changed drastically. He instinctively slammed his entire body onto the incoming wolf while stabbing the knife out with all his might.

The ice wolf didn't have any emotions, and its goal was to do everything to tear Ning Yue apart. It casually made a slap in the air and blew Hao Lie away with a gust of cold wind.

Ning Yue was petrified in the place as she watched the ice wolf fly over. She unconsciously dropped her head in fear, gripping the pendant with both hands and calling for Yun Lintian in her mind.

"No!" Hao Lie shouted desperately as he crashed onto the ground violently. As much as he wanted to save Ning Yue, it was impossible for him to do anything now.

Boom!

All of a sudden, a golden light shot out of the pendant in Ning Yue's hand and blasted the incoming ice wolf away.

"W-What!?" Hao Lie was stunned by the scene.

Hearing the crashing sound, Ning Yue opened her eyes and raised her head to look at the scene. She immediately saw the ice wolf twitch on the ground painfully as a giant hole appeared in its chest.

A moment later, she breathed a sigh of relief and looked at the pendant gratefully. Without it, she would become the ice wolf's food by now.

Hao Lie came back to his sense and jumped to his feet before rushing toward the ice wolf.

He grabbed the knife tightly and stabbed the ice wolf's head with all his might. "Die!"

Ding!

The dagger managed to penetrate into the ice wolf's head a little and broke in half directly.

"Roar!" Feeling the pain in its head, the ice wolf roared furiously as countless ice spikes infested in the air and shot toward Hao Lie.

Hao Lie hurriedly avoided the ice pikes, but his speed was too low. All he could do right now was helplessly watch as the ice pikes rushed toward him with an incredibly sharp noise.

At this moment, Ning Yue stepped forward, and a golden light suddenly shot out of the pendant, forming a golden barrier around Hao Lie and herself.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The ice pikes crashed into the barrier and exploded into ice particles directly.

At the same time, another golden light rushed out of the pendant and smashed onto the ice wolf's head, reaping its life instantly.

Hao Lie and Ning Yue looked at the headless ice wolf in a daze for a while before returning to their senses.

Hao Lie turned to look at Ning Yue. More precisely, at the pendant in her hands. "What is that?"

He raised his head to look at her and asked further. "And how did your voice recover?"

Ning Yue let out a long breath and looked at him. "Ah... R-Run... F-First."

Although she could pronounce the words properly, Hao Lie could understand her.

"You're right." Hao Lie nodded heavily. He glanced at the lifeless ice wolf hesitantly and said. "We can't leave it here."

As he spoke, he quickly crouched beside the corpse and used the small hoe to pry the wolf's chest open.

After a while, Hao Lie managed to get the wolf's profound beast core out, as well as some of its bones, before wrapping them with his clothes.

"We will share it later." Hao Lie said with a serious expression. "Can you break the formation?"

Ning Yue didn't say anything. She walked to the invisible barrier and touched the pendant. However, nothing happened.

Seeing this, Hao Lie frowned deeply. It seemed there was no way to escape from here.

Ning Yue took held the pendant tightly and tried to contact Yun Lintian. "Ah...L-Lin..."

"A profound beast?" Yun Lintian's voice suddenly resounded in Ning Yue's mind.

Ning Yue was overjoyed and tried to explain something, but she couldn't communicate properly.

"No need to say anything. Wait for me there." Yun Lintian's voice resounded.

Ning Yue was slightly puzzled upon hearing this. This place was obviously sealed by the formation. How would Yun Lintian come?

On the side, Hao Lie looked at Ning Yue in confusion. He didn't understand what she was trying to do.

"Let's get out of here first. I'm afraid the blood will attract other beasts." Hao Lie said.

Ning Yue hesitated slightly and nodded. Anyway, Yun Lintian should be able to find her location.

Swoosh!

Before the two could move, Yun Lintian suddenly appeared beside Ning Yue like a ghost.

"A Divine Spirit level formation? Looks like there's a big secret here." Yun Lintian glanced at the invisible barrier briefly and said.

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Hao Lie came back to his sense and quickly stepped forward to block Yun Lintian. "Who are you?"

Judging from Yun Lintian's clean appearance and unique temperament, Hao Lie was aware this person wasn't ordinary. Not to mention he could actually enter the formation without a trace.

Yun Lintian looked at Hao Lie and said with a faint smile. "You're not bad. Courageous enough."

While Hao Lie was frowning, Ning Yue walked to Yun Lintian's side and pointed at a strange black dot on Yun Lintian's forehead. "W-What?"

Yun Lintian touched his forehead slightly and said. "This? Oh. It was Chen Xue who came to poison me not long ago."

Ning Yue's mouth opened, and her eyes widened in disbelief. She couldn't believe that Chen Xue, who usually treated her well, actually did this.

Yun Lintian looked at her and said gently. "Did you forget what I told you previously? Don't trust anyone easily just because they are good to you. In Chen Xue's case, she's obviously trying to gain your trust in order to manipulate you easier."

Ning Yue stared blankly at Yun Lintian as she tried to comprehend what he said. The scenes where Chen Xue showed her kindness to her appeared in Ning Yue's mind like a movie. It turned out all of them were fake...

Yun Lintian turned to look at Hao Lie and said. "My name is Lin Tian. The one that she picked up from the river."

Hao Lie nodded slowly but didn't relax his vigilance toward Yun Lintian. For some reason, he felt that Yun Lintian had a motive for Ning Yue.

Yun Lintian glanced around briefly and said. "Do you want to go back or come with me? I am planning to go deeper."

Hao Lie frowned and asked. "Why do you want to go deeper?"

Yun Lintian smiled and said. "Don't you find it strange? This forest has existed for a long time, but no one seems to care about it."

With a glance, Yun Lintian could see that no one had come to this forest for a long time, which was too strange. After all, the Profound Pill Sect was alchemy-related. It should require a lot of rare medicines.

Hao Lie went silent immediately as he seemed to think of something. Indeed, he couldn't remember anyone who came here. Even a slave like him, whom they should regard as worthless grass, had never received a task to come here.

Huang Yuchun's order was the first in so many years that Hao Lie had stayed here.

"This could be an opportunity for you. Who knows?" Yun Lintian chuckled.

At this moment, Ning Yue finally calmed down. She tugged Yun Lintian's sleeve and tried to speak. "I... With... You."

Yun Lintian looked at her and patted her head gently. "Good job. You learned faster than I thought."

Ning Yue's dusty face turned slightly red as she felt Yun Lintian's warm hand on her head. This was the first time in her life to come into contact with a man intimately.

On the side, Hao Lie looked at this scene uncomfortably. He suddenly felt as though someone had stolen his money.

He took a deep breath and said. "I will go with you two."

Yun Lintian glanced at him and said with a faint smile. "Trust me. This is going to be the best decision you have made."

Hao Lie frowned slightly as he couldn't understand what Yun Lintian was trying to convey.

Yun Lintian naturally didn't explain anything to Hao Lie. Through his Divine Sense, he already discovered an extraordinary aura at the heart of the forest. If there was no mistake, it should be some inheritance or powerful treasure.

Yun Lintian glanced at the ice wolf and waved his hand, dissecting them into pieces. This scene stunned Hao Lie directly. One had to know that he spent so much effort just to obtain some bones, but Yun Lintian could do it by simply waving his hand.

What kind of strength was this?

"Its meat is passable in terms of taste. I will help both of you digest its power later." Yun Lintian waved his hand again, putting away all the wolf's meat.

Hao Lie looked at Yun Lintian and didn't know what to say at the moment.

Yun Lintian glanced at him and said. "Your talent is actually not bad. It's just that you lack a good profound art."

"Let's go." Yun Lintian didn't waste time further and brought the two into the forest.

Inside the Profound Pill Sect, a middle-aged man's eyes opened, and he looked toward Herb Valley.

This person was the Profound Pill Sect's Grand Sect Master, Cai Yuan.

"Someone stepped into the formation?" He said with a frown.

Normally, no one dared to go into the forest behind the Herb Valley as it was filled with countless powerful beasts. Even the elders and true disciples of the sect wouldn't dare to go over.

Cai Yuan looked toward the door and said. "Come in."

The door was opened, and a tall man walked into the room before kneeling in front of Cai Yuan. "Master."

"What's going on over the Herb Valley?" Cai Yuan asked.

"To raise strength for the upcoming assessment, the First Elder has issued an order for those outer disciples and servants to gather medicines." The tall man replied respectfully.

Cai Yuan nodded slightly and waved his hand. "You can go."

"Yes, master." The tall man turned around and left.

Cai Yuan's eyes flickered slightly as he muttered to himself. "I hope it's just an accident."

Puff!

Yun Lintian waved his hand slightly, and a few profound beasts were directly beheaded.

Hao Lie and Ning Yue were numb by such a scene already, as they had witnessed it many times throughout the journey.

"These profound beasts are clearly protecting something." Hao Lie said with a frown.

"You're correct." Yun Lintian dissected the corpses and stored them away.

He turned to look at Hao Lie and said. "You're obviously knowledgeable. It seems your background is not ordinary. How did you end up here?"

During this period, Yun Lintian noticed something about Hao Lie. Although this person didn't know much about alchemy and medicine, he was quite well-informed about profound beasts, contrasting with his young age.

Hao Lie went silent immediately, but a trace of deep hatred could be seen in his eyes. Clearly, he was someone with a story.