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Chapter 171: Spirit Warrior Tier? Is It Something Edible? I

“Your Highness has gone too far. I know that you have always been bratty and spoiled. However, you should know how Shuang’er has treated you all this while. She has saved your life, but you have taken the spirit beast away from her? How could you bite the hand that feeds you?” Liu Yunxiao’s face darkened a few shades.

As Liu Yunxiao had gone for closed-door cultivation for months and Feng Ruqing was only here for about two to three months, naturally, Liu Yunxiao was not aware of the things that had happened in the imperial city recently.

Feng Ruqing suddenly broke into laughter—her gaze was icy cold.

“Master Liu has just returned to the city. It is natural that you are unaware of the things that have happened in the past few months. Lady Liu, don’t you know the things that have happened at the city’s gates? Are you pretending to be ignorant?”

“What is that all about?” Mei Ying’s face stiffened.

What had actually happened in the past few months that Mei Ying was not aware of?

“If you are not aware, you can ask Feng Rushuang. She knows it very well.” Feng Ruqing moved close to Mei Ying with a faint smile on her face.

“Aunt, perhaps you are not aware of this as you have gone back to your parents’ manor. Feng Ruqing is the one who has brought all these spirit beasts back to the city. All the people in the imperial city beheld the whole incident,” seeing Mei Ying’s eyes fixed on her, Feng Rushuang said calmly.

As everyone in Liu Yun Kingdom knew about this, Feng Rushuang would not dare to lie.

“Yu’er I thought you have said that Shuang’er owned this spirit beast?” Hearing this, Mei Ying’s face darkened and quickly turned to look at Liu Yu.

Lost in wonder, Liu Yu only regained his composure after a long while.

“Mommy, I am not sure about that. That’s what Cousin Rushuang has told me. She told me that all these spirit beasts belong to her. I don’t care, I want that snow wolf. If you can’t get the snow wolf for me, I won’t drink or eat anything! I will kill myself!” Liu Yu raised his chin as he snorted with a decisive tone.

Mei Ying was a little worried. However, as the spirit beast did not belong to Feng Rushuang, she could hardly take it with her.

“Yu’er, why don’t I buy one for you from the beast court?”

“No way! I want this snow wolf!”

Liu Yu sat down, rolled all over the ground, refusing to let go of the snow wolf.

As the Liu family and Liu Rong had showered Liu Yu with too much affections and that Feng Ruqing had always been siding him previously, Liu Yu had grown extremely spoilt and demanding.

However, Feng Ruqing was no longer a fool. Liu Yu had not learned his lesson although Feng Ruqing had laid her hands on him.

“Mommy, if you can’t get the snow wolf for me, I will ask Noble Consort Rong to help me. As long as Noble Consort Rong agrees, I will get anything I want.”

“Hey, you! You have always been giving me everything that I wanted previously. What’s wrong with you now? Who do you think you are?” Burning with rage, Liu Yu glared at Feng Ruqing.

It was true that if one gave a beggar money every day, once he stopped giving, not only would the beggar be ungrateful toward him, the beggar would also hold grudges against him.

“Your Highness, it is just a spirit beast. Yu’er is considered your younger brother after all. Why don’t you give the snow wolf to him as a gift? The whole Liu family would be very grateful to you.” Mei Ying peeked at Liu Yunxiao. Seeing that Liu Yunxiao did not stop her, she braced herself, took a step forward, and spoke.

Feng Ruqing’s gaze was growing increasingly cold like the bitter chill of winter that sent a chill into everyone’s heart.

“First of all, I only have a brother and sister—Nalan Dai’er and Nalan Jing. I’m not going to even mention Liu Yu, when even Feng Rushuang has nothing to do with me.”

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“Secondly, the snow wolf is not an item or a gift. It is like my own child. Even if you could give your child away to others, I am not so cold-hearted. I will never do that!”

Mei Ying was infuriated by Feng Ruqing’s words. It was just a wolf, but Feng Ruqing actually treated the wolf like a human?

Apparently, everyone in this world would agree that human was more important. However, Feng Ruqing was treating the wolf as if it were her own child. She could not even differentiate humans from beasts. What kind of monster was she?

Hearing Feng Ruqing, the snow wolf was moved to tears and cried out loudly.

Feng Ruqing was such a good master. Not only did she disregarded her own safety and rushed to the snow wolf’s rescue, but she had also treated the snow wolf as if it were her own child.

The snow wolf had decided to stay by Feng Ruqing’s side for the rest of its life and would never leave Feng Ruqing even when she ran out of Divine-Spirit fruits.

“Your Highness, It’s just a wolf. You can get another one anytime. How could you compare the wolf with my son?” Mei Ying forced a smile.

“You are right. I shouldn’t compare the snow wolf with your son,” Feng Ruqing said apologetically.

“Since Your Highness understand...” Mei Ying smiled wryly.

Before Mei Ying could finish her words, Feng Ruqing’s bright voice started again, “It’s because the whole Liu family is not worthy of even a strand of the snow wolf’s hair. I had actually compared your son with the snow wolf. I feel so sorry on its behalf. I must thank Lady Liu for reminding me. I will never compare the snow wolf with any other human beings in the future.” Feng Ruqing stroked snow wolf’s hair, her eyes filled with regrets.

The snow wolf was so loyal and naïve that Feng Ruqing could hardly find such a great wolf to guard the door and these people actually wanted to take the snow wolf away from her? In their dreams!

“Your Highness!” Mei Ying exploded in rage as she shouted.

At this moment, a glimmer of light flashed in Feng Ruqing’s eyes. She quickly turned around, stood behind Mei Ying, and slapped her hard across her face.

As Feng Ruqing was extremely fast, even Liu Yunxiao did not expect that Feng Ruqing would lay her hands on Mei Ying. Let alone the others.

“Who do you think you are to shout at me?” Feng Ruqing snarled coldly.

“You...” Mei Ying blushed in anger as she pointed her finger at Feng Ruqing.

“Don’t you dare point your finger at me again! I would chop off your finger!” A hint of viciousness flashed in Feng Ruqing’s eyes

Staring resentfully at Feng Ruqing, it was only natural that Mei Ying would hold grudges against Feng Ruqing. Her father-in-law had attained Spirit Warrior tier. Why did she still have to bow her head to Feng Ruqing? However, Mei Ying put down her hand reluctantly as she was afraid that Feng Ruqing would lose her mind.

“Grandpa, I want this snow wolf.” Liu Yu turned to look longingly at Liu Yunxiao, who had not said a word so far.

“Your Highness, don’t you think you have crossed the line by laying your hands on my daughter-in-law in front of me?” Disregarding Liu Yu, Liu Yunxiao’s eyes were filled with a deep and brooding resentment.

As Liu Yunxiao had attained the Spirit Warrior tier, even the emperor would treat him as a noble guest. Simply no one would have thought that Feng Ruqing would slap Mei Ying before Liu Yunxiao.

“Is it wrong that I have slapped her? Who would dare to stop me even if I kill her?” Feng Ruqing squinted at Liu Yunxiao.

“You... I am a Spirit Warrior!” Liu Yunxiao flew into a rage.

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“What is a Spirit Warrior? Can it be my snow wolf’s snack? Otherwise, it’s useless.” Feng Ruqing stretched her arms and pretended that she knew nothing about it.

'This lady truly has no idea what a Spirit Warrior is?' Liu Yunxiao was dumbfounded as all his efforts went down the drain.

"I am in the same tier as your father." Liu Yunxiao took a deep breath and suppressed the anger burning within him.

"Ah... You are eyeing the throne!"

Liu Yunxiao was startled and rendered speechless. Even if he had thought of usurping the throne, now was not the right time to do so.

"Somebody please come over!" Feng Ruqing shouted, her cold voice echoing in the courtyard.

Not long after, a group of imperial guards rushed over from all over the palace, making a besieging formation around them.

When Liu Yunxiao finally realized what was happening, the imperial guards had surrounded him.

"Your Highness, what do you mean?" Liu Yunxiao gritted his teeth.

"Liu Yunxiao wants to usurp the throne! Seize him!" Feng Ruqing's eyes narrowed as she turned to look at the imperial guard leader with a bright smile on her face.

Stunned, Liu Yunxiao felt as if he had been set up. Not only did he do nothing, but he also did not even lay his hand on Feng Ruqing. In the end, he was claimed to be eyeing the throne!

"Your Highness, when did I say that I want to wrestle power from the emperor? Why are you framing me?" Liu Yunxiao's face turned red from anxiety.

"I thought you said that you are the same tier as my father?" Feng Ruqing squinted at Liu Yunxiao.

"Yes, I did."

How did that have anything to do with usurping the throne? As Liu Yunxiao had attained Spirit Warrior tier, naturally, he was the same tier as the emperor.

"There you are! My father is the emperor of Liu Yun Kingdom. Since you said that you are in the same tier as my father, you are saying that you too are the emperor. Apparently, you have the intention to usurp the throne."

Liu Yunxiao had come across many shameless scum and in fact, he was one of them. However, all of them were nothing as compared to Feng Ruqing. She truly was the most shameless of all.

Seeing the imperial guards with weapons in their hands, Liu Yunxiao balled his hands into fists. The spiritual qi coming from him was like a storm.

Suddenly, an old voice spoke. The voice was full of power, and its overwhelming loftiness had shaken everyone on the spot.

"I heard that someone wants to usurp the throne! Who dares to wrestle the power from my son-in-law?"

Feng Ruqing raised her head only to see an old master walking through the door. The corner of her lips subconsciously curved into a smile.

“Grandpa!”

The old master looked extremely imposing in dark blue robe with one hand behind his back. As he had survived years of battle, he was amazingly agile. His murderous aura was blood-curdling and had sent a chill down everyone’s spine.

However, the deadly aura vanished without a trace when the old master saw Feng Ruqing.

“Grandpa, why are you here?” Feng Ruqing broke into a bright smile as her somber mood vanished in a flash.

“I heard that someone had offended my son-in-law and had bullied my granddaughter in the audience hall. How could I let this slide? Although the assembly has ended, I know that you are still in the palace, but...” Master Nalan snorted as he said.

Little did Master Nalan expect, someone was actually eyeing the throne. This fellow had truly disregarded him.

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“That’s total nonsense! I do not intend to usurp the throne. I am here as someone has bullied my grandchildren. I have never thought that Her Highness would actually frame me. Master Nalan, please do me right and justice.” Liu Yunxiao’s face darkened a few shades as his eyes turned malicious.

Master Nalan squinted. These people had forced the emperor to penalize Feng Ruqing in the audience hall. Now they wanted to mess around again? Did they truly think that Master Nalan was too old and senile?

“Do you right and justice? Since you have returned, you really need to do the whole Nalan family right and justice. This little rascal has always been bullying my little Dai’er. Don’t you think you owe me an explanation?”

With a straight face, Master Nalan stood his ground like the warlord he was on the battlefield years ago. He was extremely cold and terrifying!

Seeing this, Liu Yunxiao was lost in awe. Rumor had it that this old coot was seriously ill and could hardly walk without a crutch. Where was his crutch?

Seeing Master Nalan’s overwhelming momentum and loftiness when he was burning with rage, apparently, he was still as strong as he was before.

“Master Nalan! Yu’er is just a child, even if he is messing around, what would he be capable of doing? On the contrary, Her Highness’s spirit beast has hurt Yu’er. Feng Ruqing has even slapped my daughter-in-law. If you don’t straighten this out today, don’t blame me for the things I might do later.” The spiritual qi emanating from Liu Yunxiao had quickly engulfed the whole place.

“Pfft! Who dares to mess with Feng Ruqing?” Master Nalan snorted.

Bang!

Master Nalan could no longer suppress his power. Suddenly, the wind howled furiously. A sudden uncontrollable outburst of momentum destroyed the surrounding trees. The whole inner court sank into total chaos.

“You...”

Liu Yunxiao’s body stiffened as he stared at Master Nalan with his eyes wide open.

“You... You have attained Spirit Warrior tier too?” Liu Yunxiao asked with a sharp and trembling voice.

At his age, even True Warrior tier was a great challenge for Master Nalan, it was almost impossible for him to make a breakthrough with his own ability. It seemed that Master Nalan had some pleasant encounters.

To make a breakthrough, Liu Yunxiao had struggled through years of hardship and hid away from the watching eyes of the people in the palace. However, Master Nalan had actually made a breakthrough so easily. That was so unfair!

Breathing hard, Liu Yunxiao’s face was ghastly pale as he balled his hands into fists. A powerful spiritual qi streamed out between his fingers but quickly vanished without a trace.

“Spirit Warrior tier?” Feng Rushuang rushed forward with her eyes filled with despair.

As Feng Rushuang’s grandpa had finally attained the Spirit Warrior tier, she thought that she could catch up with Feng Ruqing and the emperor would no longer look at her in disdain. However, in the blink of an eye, Master Nalan too had made a breakthrough and attained the Spirit Warrior tier.

‘Why is luck on Feng Ruqing’s side? Why do I always lose to her?’

Feng Rushuang could not resign to her fate. She wanted to trample Feng Ruqing under her feet.

It was great news for the whole realm that Master Nalan had attained Spirit Warrior tier but a bolt from the blue for Feng Rushuang. Seething with anger, Feng Rushuang’s body shook violently.

Chapter 175: Spineless Liu Yunxiao II

“Waaa!”

Liu Yu was stunned and instantly started to bawl. He kept tugging at Liu Yunxiao’s sleeve while crying out loud, “Grandpa, I want that snow wolf. I want that snow wolf.”

Liu Yunxiao frowned showing that he was annoyed and impatient with this child. How could this spoilt brat become so pampered to this extent?

However, despite his dissatisfaction with the child’s spoilt attitude, he must maintain his Liu family descendant’s pride in front of the others.

Slap!

When Liu Yunxiao was about to open his mouth, Feng Ruqing was already in front of Liu Yu in a swift motion. She lifted up the short boy using one hand and gave a loud slap on his bottom.

“If you wail one more time, you’ll be my snow wolf’s meal later,” the maiden threatened him with one raised brow. She maintained her arrogance while acting indifferent.

Awooo!

The snow wolf’s eyes were shining with excitement. It had not eaten humans for a long time. Err, although this little human did not seem appetizing, it could still have him as a snack.

Liu Yu was so terrified that he immediately stopped crying. He looked at Liu Yunxiao who had a stern expression, then he averted his gaze to his mother who was burning with anger and disbelief. Tears of grief filled his eyes as it almost flowed down his cheek.

“Princess, don’t you think your action is a bit too much?” Liu Yunxiao exclaimed with gritted teeth and his fists were balled tightly.

Feng Ruqing glanced at Liu Yunxiao and said coldly, “You want to seize my father’s throne while he wants to snatch my snow wolf. Aren’t the both of you the worst?”

“...” Liu Yunxiao was taken aback and tried to defend himself. “Dethroning the emperor is just a baseless rumor. Regarding the spirit beast... it is just a spirit beast. If Your Royal Highness is willing to give this spirit beast to Yu’er as a gift, I am willing to promise you three conditions.

Feng Ruqing laughed.

She laughed because of Liu Yunxiao’s words.

Feng Ruqing turned to look at the old general, “Grandpa, are his three conditions... worthy?”

The old general stared at Liu Yunxiao coldly and answered, “Not even worth a penny!”

“You ...” Liu Yunxiao was getting caught up in his anger but he knew he had to suppress it.

He did not dare to challenge the old general now based on his current cultivation level.

Nevertheless, he had reached Spirit Warrior tier. Perhaps Feng Ruqing was still young and immature, but how was it be possible for the old general to ignore his new cultivation level?

If Liu Yun Kingdom had three Spirit Warrior tiers, it was definitely good news to His Majesty.

Wasn’t his promise far more valuable than the spirit beast?

“Definitely not worth it at all,” Feng Ruqing smiled. “My snow wolf is only two years old but it is already a Tier-2 spirit beast. I believe it will reach Tier-3 in a short time! On the other hand, a sixty-year-old graybeard who has just reached Spirit Warrior tier like you, what makes you think you are an equal match to my Little Wolfie?”

The snow wolf nodded its head aggressively.

Yes, it was definitely worth more than this old man.

Nobody could separate the Divine-Spirit Fruit from the snow wolf!

“Are you thinking of landing the first blow at me?” Feng Ruqing glared at the furious Liu Yunxiao. Her smile became broader before calling out, “Guards, get my father here now. Tell him that someone intends to seize the throne and land a blow on me!”

“...”

Liu Yunxiao’s wrinkled face became stiff.

He looked more nervous when he saw that the old general was calm and composed in front of Feng Ruqing, ready to protect her from any danger.

Before this, he had dared to have such an arrogant attitude because Liu Yun Kingdom had only one Spirit Warrior tier, Feng Tianyu.

However, there was another one now. Furthermore, he was Feng Tianyu’s father-in-law. This had caused a massive headache for him.

After all ...

If two Spirit Warriors joined hands to fight him together, he would definitely lose to them!

“Misunderstanding. This is totally a misunderstanding.” Liu Yunxiao wiped beads of sweat from his forehead. A sneer was plastered on his aged face.

This was the first time he had acted so cowardly after he had reached the breakthrough of Spirit Warrior tier!

In a blink of an eye, ten years ago did not seem like a long while ago! That old man was fawning people by nodding and bowing to please others.

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Feng Ruqing squinted and smirked sinisterly. “Misunderstanding? I don’t think this is a misunderstanding. You have shown your intention to usurp the throne. Now, I must inform my father about it!”

Liu Yunxiao became speechless. He deeply regretted coming to the palace today. If he had not turned up at the palace to show off his new cultivation level, he would not have stirred up trouble for himself. Why had he provoked this group of people in the first place?

“Your Royal Highness, it was a misunderstanding. I swear that the Liu family has been loyal to His Majesty. In fact, my daughter is one of His Majesty’s consorts. Why should I seize the throne for no reason? Your Royal Highness has totally misunderstood me...”

“Then, why have you nearly landed a blow on me just now?” Feng Ruqing moved closer to Liu Yunxiao with a threatening tone.

The smile plastered on Liu Yunxiao became stiff and more awkward. He admitted that he had almost landed a blow on her. However, he had not done it in the end, had he?

“You are the honorable princess of Liu Yun Kingdom. If I were given a hundred guts, I would not even have the nerve to belittle you, Your Royal Highness.”

If the old general was absent, perhaps Liu Yunxiao would not have managed to control himself.

Unfortunately, this old man had hit the breakthrough of the Spirit Warrior tier as well.

He did not have the courage to deal with two Spirit Warriors on his own. He was not that mad yet...

“Liu Yunxiao, how dare you, you old chap!” Master Nalan was not bothered if it was a misunderstanding or not; he was fuming with rage. He sounded stern and cold when he warned them, “How dare you bully Qing’er in the palace. Today, no one from the Liu family can leave this place!”

Liu Yunxiao broke out in more cold sweat as the sweat ran down his back. He felt that the situation had worsened. He did not want to stay at the palace any longer. If His Majesty knew about this, he could never leave this place.

“Old general, I have already clarified it as a misunderstanding. If I knew how important the spirit beasts are to the princess, I would not have responded this way.”

Liu Yunxiao insisted on claiming it as a misunderstanding. He would never admit that it was done on purpose.

“You claim that it is a misunderstanding. However, Lady Liu herself had said the opposite. According to her, these spirit beasts belonged to Feng Rushuang. She had even forced me to surrender my spirit beast to her. What about this matter? Do I just simply consider it as a mere misunderstanding as well?”

Upon hearing this, Liu Yunxiao’s face darkened and he glared at Feng Rushuang and Mei Ying who standing behind him, coldly.

Feng Rushuang was startled by Feng Ruqing’s accusation. She looked at her in disbelief. Her face had instantly turned pale.

Feng Ruqing actually knew... It was impossible for her to say something like this. Why... Why must she drag her into trouble? She was innocent in this matter!

“Since both of Her Royal Highness and Mei Ying have made a mistake, they have to bear the consequences. Your Royal Highness can do whatever you want to them and I definitely have no qualms about it.”

As usual, the Liu family would inherently prioritize their own needs above the relationship.

Furthermore, Liu Rong and Feng Rushuang were useless to the extent that their existences were barely recognized at the Imperial Palace. Thus, he did not feel like defending them.

Besides, these two women were of little value to him.

If only the master had not given them chances, he would have gotten rid of them a long time ago...

“Grandpa!” Feng Rushuang was shocked. She bit her lip desperately while holding in her tears from flowing down her cheeks.

‘Look at Feng Ruqing’s grandpa. No matter how she had hurt his feelings in the past, eventually he still stuck up for her.’

‘On the contrary, look at her own grandpa... who was a far cry from Feng Ruqing’s. The difference was like heaven and earth!’ Feng Rushuang could only voice it inwardly.

She did not understand this at all. Why? Why was Feng Ruqing always the fortunate one? A lot of people kept protecting and defending her while she had no one to stand up for her. She... had to stand on her own two feet.

“If you say so.” Feng Ruqing’s cold gaze was fixed on him. Her devilish grin flashed for a brief moment. “Grandpa, I heard we have an insufficient sparring partner in the military camp. Is it true? Then, I will send Feng Rushuang there for a few months’ training, perhaps it might improve her attitude.”

That had shocked Feng Rushuang terribly as her face turned pale within seconds. It was as though all blood was drained from her face.

Feng Ruqing wanted to send her to the military camp?

It was a place for toil and hard labor. Was it even fit for humans to stay?

After all, the military camp was the Nalan family’s territory. She would definitely have a hard life there.

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“Feng Ruqing, Father will never allow you to do so!” Feng Rushuang was trembling with shock. She was still trying to put up a weak resistance.

However, she was fully aware that her attempt was basically useless.

“Do you think father will listen to me, or he will listen to you instead?” Feng Ruqing stroked her chin gently. She had a mocking grin plastered on her face. “Let’s not talk about sending you to the military camp. Father will never reject my request even if I find you a beggar husband.”

“...”

It was a saddening truth that made Feng Rushuang’s heart shatter into pieces. It seemed like the end of the world for her.

Her big eyes glittered with tears. She spoke in a shaky voice, “You already knew that I won’t say such things.”

This snow wolf was given to Feng Ruqing by her. Moreover, she had seen these spirit beasts at the city entrance. How was it possible for her to say something so foolish like this?

Feng Ruqing shrugged with an innocent expression. “I have no idea. I only know that your aunt won’t harm you.”

Of course, she was aware that Feng Rushuang would not act foolishly. However... This did not mean that she did not want to send Feng Rushuang away.

Who had asked Feng Rushuang to attempt to climb into the state preceptor's bed?

Getting rid of her for a while would prevent her from becoming an eyesore in the imperial city.

After all within a few months... Who knew what would happen in the imperial city?

Feng Rushuang was speechless. She attempted to say something for a few times but no words came out of her mouth.

Finally, she realized the truth.

Feng Ruqing had done this intentionally. She had been looking for an opportunity to get rid of her so she could monopolize father's affection!

Feng Ruqing averted her gaze to Mei Ying.

Mei Ying immediately lowered down her head as she was having goosebumps. She did not dare to look into Feng Ruqing's eyes.

Feng Ruqing smiled. However, her condescending sneer gave people a chill down their spine.

"Since you are bad at parenting, I do not mind helping you out. Starting today, Liu Yu is required to stay at the palace. I will let other people teach him a lesson about mannerism!"

Lady Liu was rather flustered. She held Liu Yu's body tightly and pleaded, "Your Royal Highness, please spare Yu'er ..."

She could not leave Yu'er alone here. It was impossible for her to do so!

Feng Ruqing gave a signal glance to the snow wolf.

The snow wolf immediately understood it. It howled and moved toward Mei Ying with its head held high in a proud posture.

Mei Ying was too frightened to stop it from approaching. Her body was shivering in fear.

"Your Royal Highness..." Liu Yunxiao unconsciously blocked the snow wolf and attempted to rescue his grandson. "Yu'er is innocent in this matter."

After all, Liu Yu was his precious grandson.

Grandson and granddaughter were treated... differently.

Feng Ruqing gave a contemptuous smile then she commanded, "Guards, get my father here now. Tell him that someone is not only intending to seize the throne, but he had also hit me."

"..." Liu Yunxiao's eyes widened in shock.

When did he hit her? He did not even dare to put one finger on her!

"Wait!" Looking at the imperial guard was leaving, Liu Yunxiao panicked and immediately stopped him.

If someone had managed to inform Feng Tianyu to come here, he would definitely fight him at all costs. He was not that foolish to deal with Feng Tianyu right now.

“Your Royal Highness, Yu’er is still too young...” Liu Yunxiao frowned.

“Exactly! Since he is still very young, he needs to be educated properly.” Feng Ruqing cut him off with a sweet smile. “I will help you educate him for the Liu family’s sake.”

Liu Yunxiao seemed perplexed and bewildered. He had been a coward all the time, that was the reason why he had trained himself outside. He was arrogant before this because he thought only Feng Tianyu alone at the imperial palace was on his par.

Now...

After a brief moment, Liu Yunxiao loosened up his frown.

Perhaps Feng Ruqing would not treat Yu’er badly, or else... That master would not let her off the hook easily...

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“Then, I am sorry to bother you with such trouble.”

Lady Liu’s eyes widened in disbelief.

Did father-in-law just give up without a fight? How could he act like a spineless coward? Yu’er was the only male descendant of the Liu family now. How could he leave him alone at the palace?

“As for Lady Liu...” Feng Ruqing glared at Mei Ying who held her head low before she continued, “Punish her with one hundred strokes of the cane and chase her out of the palace. She is no longer allowed to step into the palace.”

Lady Liu was startled upon hearing about her punishment but she did not dare to protest. Even her father-in-law had surrendered like a coward, she could do nothing alone.

“As for you...” Feng Ruqing turned around to face Liu Yunxiao.

She would never forget that Mei Ying had such an overweening and conceited attitude because of Liu Yunxiao.

He was the real culprit behind this incident.

Liu Yunxiao who was already sullen with grief started to feel angry again upon hearing Feng Ruqing’s words. However, he eventually suppressed his anger.

“Your Royal Highness, this is a real misunderstanding, I...”

“I don’t care whether it is a misunderstanding or not. Today, all of you have made my spirit beasts and Iofrified with this incident. We must get some psychological compensation from you! Little Wolfie, take the bear with you to Liu Yunxiao’s manor later and bring back whatever precious things that you like.”

Liu Yunxiao was speechless. "..."

He murmured silently, 'Are you the princess of Liu Yun Kingdom or a robber who claims yourself as the king of the mountain?'

How could she deceive and take advantage of people in such a way?

"You seem dissatisfied. Guards, get my father ..."

She did not finish her sentence when Liu Yunxiao quickly cut her off with gritted teeth, "As you wish, Your Royal Highness!"

Damn it, Feng Ruqing!

He would definitely take revenge one day!

He felt indignant for what had happened!

"Good!" Feng Ruqing finally smiled with satisfaction. She patted the snow wolf's head and reminded it, "Remember to bring back all the golds and silvers for me after you have finished eating those spirit herbs, do you hear me?"

The Liu family managed to upgrade their cultivation level at a fast speed due to a secret method and also with the help of spirit herbs.

Thus ...

If she could not empty the whole Liu Manor, she would never be easily satisfied!

"..." Liu Yunxiao's old face turned pale instantly.

How did she know about the hidden spirit herbs in Liu Residence?

Those spirit herbs were his precious treasure he had collected from the master throughout the years. He had planned to keep it for Yu'er in the future.

In fact, he had been secretive and careful when carrying out this matter. He was quite certain that nobody knew about it. So, how did she find out with such details?

However...

Liu Yunxiao breathed a sigh of relief when he thought about the hidden location of his sacred spirit herbs.

It was a secluded and hidden place. Even these spirit beasts could not find the hidden treasure. In regard to other money and valuables... those were mere worldly possessions, so he was alright if they were gone.

He had hidden them well in the secret location anyway...

"You should get lost now!" Feng Ruqing's facial expression turned icy cold and she scolded him with a stern voice.

Liu Yunxiao held his fists together to be excused. "I'll make a move now."

Once he finished his words, he averted his icy and emotionless gaze to Lady Liu who kept holding Liu Yu.
“Let’s go.”

“Yes.”

Mei Ying stood up from the ground with her jaw clenched tightly. She looked at the wailing Liu Yu and felt sorry for her son. Finally, she forced herself to turn around and follow Liu Yunxiao’s footsteps.

After Liu Yunxiao had left the place, Feng Ruqing ordered the imperial guards to take Feng Rushuang and Liu Yu away and dismissed the rest.

There were only her and Master Nalan in the back garden.

Master Nalan was still fuming with anger and panted, “Qing’er, why did you let those bastards from the Liu family go easily?”

“Both of you have just hit the cultivation breakthrough not long ago. If there is a battle, it will definitely cause serious injury and damage to both warriors. I am not willing to see you hurt,” Feng Ruqing explained.

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Master Nalan had reached the golden age. He should be enjoying his retired life right now instead of worrying about the battle. She would not bother him with such matters.

Master Nalan understood and appreciated how Feng Ruqing cared for him. His anger subsided slowly.
“We still have His Majesty, don’t we? If both of us join hands to fight him, how would it be possible for us to lose to that old man?”

Feng Ruqing’s smile slowly ceased from her face as she went silent.

Master Nalan was startled and realized that something was wrong.

“Qing’er, did something happen?”

Feng Ruqing forced a smile and muttered, “This is the actual reason I had refused to let Father fight a battle. His health is not very well. I’m afraid... he is unable to fight anymore.”

Since her father had almost fainted that day, she took the opportunity to let Fu Chen check his health.

That was how she found out about her father’s current poor health condition.

Feng Tianyu had been enduring the pain secretly. Even though he had the ability of the Spirit Warrior tier, he was unable to utilize his strength and it would affect his body.

Master Nalan’s heart skipped a beat, he asked anxiously, “What happened? What’s wrong with His Majesty?”

“Grandpa, if I’m not mistaken, Father has been poisoned.”

Apparently, he looked exhausted due to overworking apart from excessive mourning and sadness which had caused the decline of his physical and mental health. However, the truth was, he had been poisoned! In fact, once this type of poison invaded the bone marrow, it was highly undetectable.

Thus, even though Feng Ruqing had met Feng Tianyu so many times, she did not realize that he had been poisoned!

If it was not because Feng Tianyu could no longer bear the pain this time, she would not even have realized it at all...

“What?” Master Nalan was fuming with rage as he nearly fell down. He quickly held on the tree next to him to stabilize himself. He gritted his teeth in anger. “Who is the person who dares to poison His Majesty?”

Feng Ruqing pursed her lips before continuing, “Moreover, this poison... has been in his body for many years. Actually, he was supposed to drop dead that year. Fortunately, someone has managed to control his poison, so he could stay alive until today. However, the poison is not totally cleared from his body. It will invade his whole body sooner or later and weaken his health until the day he dies!”

Based on her father’s current condition, it was evident he did not know he was poisoned—it was probably undetectable.

In fact, other people had not realized that he had been poisoned as they assumed his health was deteriorating due to excessive sadness.

“Then... How long... can His Majesty live?”

Master Nalan asked the question in a trembling voice. His eyes were full of sorrow and pain.

“Maximum... one year...”

Feng Ruqing said it with her eyes closed.

Within one year, if she failed to cure him, he could not be saved anymore.

Once the poison invades his heart, there was nothing else she could do.

‘One year...’ Master Nalan closed his old eyes as he was immensely saddened by the news. After a brief second, he suddenly opened his eyes with a determined glare. “If I find the person who has poisoned him, I, Nalan Hu swear to torture him alive!”

“Grandpa...” Feng Ruqing held Master Nalan’s wrinkled hand gently and assured him, “Believe me, I will not let him leave us! Moreover, the spirit wine... will be able to control the poison for now. As long we can keep the poison slightly under control, it will buy me some time to find the cure.”

It was such a pity that spirit wine could only lessen her father’s pain from the poison but was... unable to cure the result of the poison.

“Spirit wine?” Master Nalan’s eyes suddenly flashed with excitement. But then his joy was instantly subdued. He confessed sadly, “The spirit wine... I have already finished it... every single drop of the wine.”

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Feng Ruqing patted Master Nalan's hand. "It's okay. I've given my father a jar of spirit wine. This spirit wine can stop not only the spread of the toxin in his body, but it can also relieve his pain. However, you need to look after him if I'm not here in Liu Yun Kingdom in the future. Don't ever let him use his spiritual power. If he ever uses it, the toxin in his body will spread even faster."

'This is why I did not let my father fight Liu Yunxiao.

'His condition now doesn't allow him to fight anybody.'

"..." Master Nalan was stunned. Then, he smiled bitterly. "But, how long can he drink this jar of spirit wine?"

"Grandpa, don't you worry. I have a supply of spirit wine. We can have as much as we want."

Master Nalan was shocked beyond words.

'This spirit wine... is unlimited?

'Isn't that too luxurious?'

"Qing'er, just be frank with me. How did you get all these spirit wines?" Master Nalan was serious as he asked Feng Ruqing solemnly.

Feng Ruqing did not mean to tell others about her abilities. But, she could not hide it anymore because of Feng Tianyu's illness.

"Actually, Grandpa must have heard of my ability to brew herbal dish. One day, I tried and changed the prescription of the herbal dish and then it became spirit wine."

"..." Master Nalan was so shocked that he remained silent.

That spirit wine was brewed by Feng Ruqing?

How much was Feng Ruqing concealing?

"Qing'er, don't you ever tell anybody about your ability to brew spirit wine!" Master Nalan looked even more serious and solemn now. "Not even Zhangqian and Jing'er."

Feng Ruqing raised her eyebrows in shock. "Why?"

'I do not intend to conceal anything from my grandpa and my uncle.

'But, Grandpa...'

Of course, he would not tell Feng Ruqing about the incident where Nalan Zhangqian had spread the news of me having the spirit wine.

He wanted to punish Nalan Zhangqian for doing such a thing.

What about Jing'er? He might tell Nalan Zhangqian about this. So, he would prevent all the possibilities of him learning about this.

"You just listen to me. Zhangqian only cares about the Qin family now. If you let him know about this, surely the people in the Qin family would know about this too. Then, maybe the three great families would know about this. This is all for your own good."

Master Nalan said this seriously.

In fact, Nalan Zhangqian knew how to handle things properly. He spread the news because he wanted to take revenge on Master Nalan's stinginess. If he learned about Feng Ruqing's ability to brew spirit wine, he would surely keep it a secret because it mattered a lot.

Who knew that Master Nalan would hold grudges like this? Consequently, Nalan Zhangqian was the last to know about this. When he learned about this and the reason behind its concealment, he nearly threw a tantrum in the Nalan family.

"Ah, that is why." Feng Ruqing understood and she was relieved. "Luckily my uncle did not know that the Divine-Spirit Fruit in Dai'er's hands was actually given by me. If he ever spread about this, I'll be in great trouble."

"... Is the Divine-Spirit Fruit yours?"

"..."

'It seems that I've said a lot.'

Master Nalan's eyes narrowed. "You're the vendor we talked about?"

"..."

Feng Ruqing smiled slightly. 'Should I admit it?'

"Qing'er, you see. I've almost finished my spirit wine." Master Nalan smiled and looked at Feng Ruqing. "Shouldn't you give me a new jar of spirit wine?"

At first, Master Nalan thought that it was a precious jar of spirit wine, so he could not accept it. But, now that he knew of its unlimited supply, surely he would not reject it anymore.