

## Physicist 61

### Chapter 61: Heavenly Treasure Trading Company (1)

When Ye Jiushang left, Xue Fanxin did not even look at him. She even hoped that he would leave early. Therefore, as soon as he was gone, she immediately entered the Reverse Spirit Heaven Wheel's space to look at more spirit herbs.

"Wow... I'm rich, I'm really rich. Not only have I gotten hold of Grandpa and Xue Feng's medicine, but if I sell the rest, I'll definitely be able to make a fortune.

"But..."

What the Hundred Herb Hall had lost were all top-notch spirit herbs. If she openly sold these spirit herbs, it would easily arouse suspicion. It was very likely to attract an even greater disaster. Therefore, she definitely could not sell these spirit herbs directly.

If that was out of the picture, how could she sell it?

Xue Fanxin tried her best to think of a way. Suddenly, she recalled that the Myriad Spirit Record had quite a few pill and spirit potion formulas. With a flash of inspiration, she thought of a method to achieve her goals.

If she concocted the spirit herbs into a spirit potion or refined it into a pill and took it out to sell, wouldn't all the problems be solved?

With this in mind, Xue Fanxin immediately got to work. She first prepared the herbs Xue Batian and Xue Feng needed and got Jasmine to save them. Then, she returned to the Reverse Spirit Heaven Wheel's space and continued to concoct spirit potions.

With her current ability, she could at most make the simplest Spirit Awakening Potion. As for medicinal pills, she currently lacked the skills.

However, it didn't matter. The Spirit Awakening Potion should fetch a lot of money.

Xue Fanxin spent an entire night concocting two bottles of Spirit Awakening Potion. She left early the next morning. After dressing up and wearing a veil, she went to the most famous trade association in the Imperial City.

The Heavenly Treasure Trading Company was a famous trading company in the Nanling Empire. There were all kinds of rare and strange treasures sold there. As long as you could pay the price, you could basically buy whatever you wanted here.

Not only that, but the Heavenly Treasure Trading Company also specialized in acquiring rare treasures. Their prices were often higher than those offered by ordinary pawn shops. However, ordinary pawn shops would accept things like gold and silver jewelry, but the Heavenly Treasure Trading Company did not deal with ordinary items. Unless it was a rare treasure, they would not accept any.

Xue Fanxin did not know if the Spirit Awakening Potion she had concocted could be considered a rare treasure. She had only come this time to test her luck. If the Heavenly Treasure Trading Company did not accept her, it would not be too late for her to sell it elsewhere. In short, it was enough as long as she could sell it for money.

The Heavenly Treasure Trading Company was like a high-class commercial street. Stores that sold all sorts of rare treasures were lined up neatly on the two sides of the spacious street. There were guards specially stationed to maintain order here. If anyone dared to cause trouble, even if they were from the royal family, the consequences would be very serious.

The entire commercial street belonged to the Heavenly Treasure Trading Company. This was their territory. Forget about the troublemakers, even beggars could not enter.

“Wow... This place is so prosperous!” Xue Fanxin exclaimed at the liveliness of the Heavenly Treasure Trading Company. Walking on the spacious streets, she scanned the surrounding shops and was stunned.

This place was ten times more prosperous than the most prosperous street in the Nanling Empire’s Imperial City. It was simply not a place that the Nanling Empire could govern.

Just by feeling the rich spiritual energy emitted by the rare treasures in the surroundings, one could tell that they were very valuable.

Would such an extraordinary place accept her Spirit Awakening Potion?

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Xue Fanxin toured the Heavenly Treasure Trading Company first. After understanding the situation here, she went to look for a place to buy herbs.

Although she had been here for a while, she did not know much about many things, especially the value of many items. She even believed that the Spirit Awakening Potion in her hand was not very valuable. The Heavenly Treasure Trading Company might not even be willing to accept it.

However, this was the only spirit potion she could concoct. The Duke’s Estate was too short of money now. Her grandfather was injured in bed and had yet to wake up. She had to support everything within the Duke’s Estate. Therefore, no matter how little money the Spirit Awakening Potion could be traded for, she had to do it. She would just sell more to make more money.

Xue Fanxin walked into a store. There was a poster placed outside the store about purchasing all kinds of natural treasures, so she chose this place. After walking in, she directly asked the shopkeeper at the counter, “Shopkeeper, do you accept the Spirit Awakening Potion here?”

The shopkeeper knew that someone had walked in, but he felt that this person did not look like a big customer, so he ignored her. Only when he heard the other party say ‘Spirit Awakening Potion’ did he look up. Seeing that it was a fifteen or sixteen-year-old girl, he did not think much of it. “Little girl, don’t joke around. Spirit Awakening Potion is not something that can be casually obtained.”

“Is the Spirit Awakening Potion very valuable?” When Xue Fanxin heard the shopkeeper’s words, she was overjoyed. However, she tried her best to remain calm and ask around first.

“Not only is it valuable, but it’s also nearly priceless. The Spirit Awakening Potion is not something that a small place like the Nanling Empire can have, so don’t come and waste my time. Go somewhere else to play.” The shopkeeper continued to count his money. Although his attitude was not that good, it was not bad either. At least, he was willing to talk to Xue Fanxin nicely.

Xue Fanxin’s impression of the shopkeeper was not bad. She took out a bottle of Spirit Awakening Potion and placed it on the counter. “There’s a bottle of the Spirit Awakening Potion here. Can you tell me its price?”

The shopkeeper was suspicious. Seeing that Xue Fanxin looked very serious, he took the bottle of the Spirit Awakening Potion and studied it. A moment later, he got frightened and quickly put the lid back on. He held it carefully. “Little girl, is... is this really the Spirit Awakening Potion?”

“Shopkeeper, didn’t you see it with your own eyes? How is it? Are you taking this Spirit Awakening Potion or not?”

“Yes, yes yes. I’ll take whatever you have. Do you have any left?”

“Then, we’ll have to see how much you pay. If the price is good, we can talk about the rest later.”

“One million taels...”

“A million taels...” Xue Fanxin was shocked when she heard the price and was even more excited. However, she had to work hard to maintain her composure. She could not show any joy or even pretend to be dissatisfied.

However, what she heard next shocked her even more.

“Gold.” The shopkeeper added, “This bottle of Spirit Awakening Potion for one million taels of gold. Are you satisfied with this price?”

A million taels of silver and a million taels of gold were worlds apart. If she had a million taels of gold, the Xue family army would have enough to spend. They would not need to rely on the royal family at all.

However, who would complain about having too much money?

“Shopkeeper, is a bottle of Spirit Awakening Potion really only worth one million taels of gold?” Xue Fan continued to bargain. Even if she was already satisfied with the price tag, she still had to raise it if possible.

At this moment, someone appeared out of nowhere and said mockingly, “Shopkeeper, this Spirit Awakening Potion is indeed worth more than a million taels of gold, but the premise is that it’s really the Spirit Awakening Potion. Are you sure the Spirit Awakening Potion in your hand is real?”

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The shopkeeper was originally talking with Xue Fanxin when he was suddenly interrupted by a voice. He was a little displeased, but businessmen generally valued harmony. Even if he was irritated, he would not immediately turn hostile. Instead, he greeted her with a smile, "So it's the Third Young Master of the Imperial Preceptor's Estate. I wonder what the Third Young Master meant by those words just now?"

The Third Young Master of the Imperial Preceptor's Estate was called Yan Jinlu. He was an out-and-out hedonistic son. He had ordinary talent, was lazy, greedy, and lustful. In short, he had an extremely bad reputation. Because he had a father who was the Imperial Preceptor, he had been lawless and bullied others since he was young.

Yan Jinlu walked into the store and didn't even look at Xue Fanxin by the side. He said arrogantly, "Shopkeeper Qian, did you receive any spirit medicine of unknown origins today? The Heavenly Treasure Trading Company should be very well-informed. You must have known when the spirit medicine in the Hundred Herb Hall was stolen. If someone is selling the spirit medicine in the Hundred Herb Hall, Shopkeeper Qian is a smart person and should know what to do."

"Third Young Master, I naturally know what to do about this kind of thing. It's just that I didn't receive any spirit medicine of unknown origins today. As for this Spirit Awakening Potion, as far as I know, it's not something your Hundred Herb Hall can create, so this is definitely not something your Hundred Herb Hall can obtain." Although Shopkeeper Qian spoke to Yan Jinlu politely, he did not lower his attitude at all. Clearly, he was only patronizing Yan Jinlu.

"Hmph, naturally, a treasure like the Spirit Awakening Potion is not something our Hundred Herb Hall can create. That's why I reminded Manager Qian to take a closer look and not be deceived. For something like the Spirit Awakening Potion, if it isn't a fake, only an idiot would sell it here."

Xue Fanxin clearly heard Yan Jinlu's words from the side and started thinking about it seriously. One could guess that the Spirit Awakening Potion was very valuable, so much so that no one was willing to trade it for ordinary money.

Cultivation resources were not something that ordinary treasures could be traded for. Therefore, although many cultivators had talent, because of the limited resources, they did not have many achievements. Unless they were born in a relatively good family and were valued, it was very difficult to stand out with just individual cultivation.

"Shopkeeper Qian, I can guarantee with my life that this is definitely the Spirit Awakening Potion. If you're unwilling to accept it, I'll take it to another place to sell it." Xue Fanxin reached out and pretended to take the Spirit Awakening Potion back.

However, Shopkeeper Qian protected it tightly. "Miss, don't be anxious. When did I say that this Spirit Awakening Potion was fake? Although the Spirit Awakening Potion is very rare, I have seen it before. This is indeed the real deal. As for the price, you can give me a number. I will definitely try my best to fulfill your requirements."

"Two million taels of gold, plus one condition."

"There's no problem with the gold, but the condition..." Shopkeeper Qian was clearly worried that Xue Fanxin would raise too harsh a condition, so he was in a difficult position.

Xue Fanxin did not have any doubts and said straightforwardly, "The condition is that this bottle of Spirit Awakening Potion must not be sold to the Imperial Preceptor's Estate."

Yan Jinlu was still standing by the side. When he heard Shopkeeper Qian say that it was really the Spirit Awakening Potion, he wanted to go back and report it to his family so that they could buy it. Who knew that the woman beside him would say that she wouldn't sell it to the Imperial Preceptor's Estate? This made him very angry.

"Stupid girl, what did you say? How dare you not sell it to our Imperial Preceptor's Estate? Let me tell you, you can only sell this bottle of Spirit Awakening Potion to the Imperial Preceptor's Estate.. Otherwise, don't even think about selling it."

#### Chapter 64: A Big Gamble

Xue Fanxin did not care about Yan Jinlu's threat at all. She did not even look at him and only spoke to Shopkeeper Qian, "Shopkeeper Qian, can you fulfill my request?"

Shopkeeper Qian did not take Yan Jinlu seriously either and said to Xue Fanxin politely, "Miss, don't worry. I guarantee that I can fulfill your requirements. If you still have the Spirit Awakening Potion to sell next time, you can come to me. I'll definitely give you a satisfactory price."

"Sure, sure. Then, when can you give me the two million taels of gold?"

"Miss, this is a huge sum. It's very difficult for me to raise it now. I can at most take out 100,000 gold taels. If you believe me, you can leave the Spirit Awakening Potion behind first. I'll write a note for you. Three days later, you can come here with the note to receive the remaining money. How about that?"

"Sure, I'll take it as a big gamble."

"Miss, you are really a forthright person!" After Shopkeeper Qian and Xue Fanxin came to an agreement, he started to busy himself. He took out all the banknotes and handed them to her. "Miss, these are banknotes worth 100,000 taels of gold. Take them. These banknotes can be exchanged for silver at the Heavenly Treasures Bank at will."

"Alright, thank you!" Xue Fanxin took the banknotes and did a rough count. After confirming that there was nothing wrong, she put them away.

However, these banknotes made Yan Jinlu stare in bewilderment, his eyes filled with greed.

When Yan Jinlu heard that Shopkeeper Qian had agreed to Xue Fanxin's request, he was furious, but later on, he could not interject at all. When he could, all his attention was attracted by the thick stack of banknotes. He had already forgotten everything and was only thinking about the banknotes.

If the 100,000 taels of gold were his, he would be rich.

100,000 taels of gold. Even if he recovered all the spirit herbs that the Hundred Herb Hall had lost, he wouldn't be able to trade for that much money.

Xue Fanxin left after only selling a bottle of Spirit Awakening Potion. She did not take out the other bottle. After she had money, she strolled around the Heavenly Treasure Trading Company. Initially, she wanted to buy something, but she realized someone was following her. She stopped window shopping and left early.

After leaving the Heavenly Treasure Trading Company, Xue Fanxin deliberately went to a deserted alley. When she reached a dead end, someone blocked her way.

There was someone blocking the way behind her.

“Yan Jinlu, what do you want?” Xue Fanxin took the initiative to ask.

Indeed, the person following her was Yan Jinlu.

“As long as you hand over the 100,000 taels of gold obediently, I will consider sparing your life,” Yan Jinlu said shamelessly, revealing his true nature as a bully.

“I didn’t expect that the grand Imperial Preceptor’s Estate would actually have a scumbag living in it. If word gets out, I wonder how much reputation the Imperial Preceptor’s Estate will lose?”

“Hmph, if I kill you, no one will know about this. Do it. Don’t waste your breath on her. Kill her and search her body.”

Following Yan Jinlu’s orders, another person attacked Xue Fanxin.

This person was a warrior. Although he was in the Spirit Awakening Realm, his cultivation was much higher than Xue Fanxin’s, and his foundation was stable.

However, Xue Fanxin’s movement technique was relatively agile, and she had cultivated a heaven-defying cultivation technique. It was not easy for people in the same realm to kill her.

“Courting death.”

Chapter 65: Being Followed

Xue Fanxin used a special movement technique to dodge her opponent’s attack. She came behind him and took out an ordinary dagger she always carried with her, directly slitting her opponent’s throat.

The person was facing Yan Jinlu as he died. His eyes were wide open as he looked at Yan Jinlu. His body slowly fell, and he died with remaining grievances.

Yan Jinlu was so frightened that his legs turned weak. He ran away, shouting as he did so, “Help!”

Although this was a deserted alley, if the noise was too loud, it would easily attract the attention of the people outside. Therefore, when Yan Jinlu ran while screaming, he had already attracted some eyes.

The reason Xue Fanxin had lured Yan Jinlu to an empty alley was to secretly resolve this matter. Coupled with the fact that her current identity was not suitable to be exposed, she did not chase after Yan Jinlu. Before anyone noticed her, she quickly left and hid in an isolated place to take off her clothes. After changing, she went out openly on the streets.

Because of the theft of the Hundred Herb Hall, soldiers were searching everywhere in the Imperial City. As long as it was a suspicious person, they would be investigated and even captured, making everyone panic.

"I wonder who is so bold to dare steal from the Hundred Herb Hall?"

"Isn't that so? Who doesn't know that the mastermind behind this Hundred Herb Hall is the current Imperial Preceptor? This thief actually dared to steal from the Imperial Preceptor. He's simply tired of living."

"This is hard to say. I heard that there are quite a few capable people outside. Forget about the current Imperial Preceptor, even the current emperor can't compare to them. Perhaps it's some expert who passed by the Nanling Imperial City who was a little tight on money or had a grudge with the Imperial Preceptor's Estate, so he attacked the Hundred Herb Hall."

"Forget it, forget it. This has nothing to do with us. Why talk so much? Be careful not to say anything wrong."

"That's true. The Nanling Imperial City hasn't been too peaceful recently. First, something happened in the Duke's Estate. Now, it's the Imperial Preceptor's Estate. The city is probably going to be chaotic."

As Xue Fanxin walked back, she heard quite a few rumors in the market. She filtered out some useful pieces and pondered over them.

The Imperial Preceptor's Hundred Herb Hall had been robbed, and the emperor had actually mobilized the Imperial Guards to help search for the thief. However, when the Duke was assassinated, the emperor didn't even express any concern. Even if this matter was planned by the emperor in secret, for the sake of the overall situation, he should at least act like he cared and ask about the Duke's wellbeing.

From this, it could be seen that the emperor really could not tolerate Xue Batian. He was not even willing to put on a show now. Although he did not say it, his actions had already expressed his thoughts clearly. He wanted Xue Batian to die.

Under such circumstances, if they still guarded the Xue family army, it would undoubtedly worsen the conflict.

Xue Fanxin touched the banknotes she had just obtained and made a decision in her heart. Then, she quickly walked towards the Duke's Estate.

However, just as Xue Fanxin walked into the Duke's Estate, the person who was following her secretly left.

"Are you sure that the person who came to sell the Spirit Awakening Potion is that stupid and useless Miss from the Duke's Estate?" A young man in a purple brocade robe was shocked when he heard the person's report.

Ever since he found out that someone had sold a bottle of Spirit Awakening Potion in his Heavenly Treasure Trading Company, he had immediately sent people to tail that person, hoping to find out who it was as soon as possible. However, the result was really unexpected.

The useless Miss of the Duke's Estate, Xue Fanxin, was not only not useless, but she also possessed something like the Spirit Awakening Potion, which was rare even in the various large family clans and sects.

"This Xue Fanxin is quite interesting."

"Young Master, should we continue to monitor Xue Fanxin?"

"No need. As long as we know who it is, the rest is unimportant."

A person who could take out the Spirit Awakening Potion was definitely not simple.. Before he figured out where Xue Fanxin's Spirit Awakening Potion had come from, he did not want to offend this little girl who had hidden herself.

#### Chapter 66: Dismissing the Xue Family Army (1)

When Xue Fanxin returned to the Duke's Estate, the butler came to inform her that Xue Batian had woken up.

"Grandpa, you're finally awake. Thank god."

Although Xue Batian had woken up, he was in very bad shape. His cultivation had been lost, his meridians had all been broken, and his dantian had been shattered. He was undoubtedly a cripple now, so how could he be in good shape?

However, no matter how bad it was, Xue Batian still forced a smile in front of Xue Fanxin. He did not want his precious granddaughter to worry. "Little Xin'er, Grandpa is fine. It's all thanks to Little Xin'er this time, or else my old life would have been gone. I didn't expect Little Xin'er's medical skills to be so good. It looks like Grandpa's Little Xin'er has really grown up."

"Grandpa, you don't have to bear with your sadness and force a smile on me. I know that you're feeling very uncomfortable now, but Grandpa, believe me. I'll definitely help you repair your meridians and dantian."

"How is that possible? There are no spirit pills in this world that can heal the meridians and dantian, so you don't have to waste your time on me. Seeing you grow up, I don't have many regrets anymore. Even if I die, I can die in peace."

"Ptui, ptui, ptui. What do you mean you can die in peace? I'll let Grandpa live a long life. Grandpa, I want to discuss something with you." Xue Fanxin hesitated for a long time, but she still chose to tell Xue Batian her decision.

"What is it?" Xue Batian was no longer so sad. Seeing his precious granddaughter grow up and become smarter, he felt happy even if he had become a cripple.

"Grandpa, I want to disband the Xue family army."

"What?"



“Grandpa, don’t be anxious and let me finish. With Grandpa’s intelligence, you should be able to guess that this assassination must have something to do with the Nanling Emperor. The Nanling Emperor can no longer tolerate you. He failed to kill you last time, so there will definitely be a second time. Furthermore, he won’t let the Xue family army live a good life. Previously, with the help of the Ninth Imperial Uncle, the Nanling Emperor agreed to distribute rations to the Xue family army, but up to now, there has been no sign of rations.”

Hearing this, Xue Batian’s expression was very stern. He sighed helplessly, “How could I not know about these matters? But without the Xue family army, it’ll be even easier for the Nanling Emperor to kill me. With the Xue family army in hand, he’ll at least have some misgivings and won’t dare to act recklessly. Moreover, disbanding the Xue family army requires a lot of money. I can’t just let them go. They’re all brothers who have gone through life and death with me. I want to ensure their future lives are comfortable.”

“Grandpa, I’ll pay for the disbanding. Two million gold taels should be enough.”

“What did you say? Two million taels of gold? Little Xin’er, where did you get so much money?” Xue Batian was extremely shocked.

Two million taels of gold. There was not so much in the entire Nanling Empire’s treasury!

“Grandpa, this is 100,000 taels of gold. I’ll be able to obtain the rest in a few days. As for this money, just consider it as what the Ninth Imperial Uncle gave me.” Xue Fanxin did not want to explain too much. After all, she had too many secrets.

She did not mean to hide it from Xue Batian. However, the more people knew about such a secret, the more dangerous it would be. Even if she wanted to say it, she had to do it when there was no one around.

Xue Fanxin would glance out of the window from time to time, feeling that someone was eavesdropping.

Which was indeed true.

Li Yaoyao had been searching around in the Duke’s Estate recently, but she couldn’t find it no matter what. In a moment of desperation, she could only take the risk and secretly monitor Xue Batian and Xue Fanxin’s every move and eavesdrop on the corners of the wall to see if she could gain anything.

If she still couldn’t find what that mysterious person wanted, she would be in trouble.

Chapter 67: Dismissing the Xue Family Army (2)

Li Yaoyao was eavesdropping outside the window. When she heard Xue Fanxin say that there were 100,000 taels of gold, she was so shocked that her jaw almost fell off. Her heart was churning, and she wished that the 100,000 taels of gold were hers.

She had not expected the Ninth Imperial Uncle to be so good to Xue Fanxin that he easily offered her 100,000 taels of gold. Even if she sold the entire Duke’s Estate, she would not be able to trade for that much money.

This stupid and foolish Xue Fanxin was so lucky. She had even obtained the favor of the Ninth Imperial Uncle despite being so useless. Could it be that the Ninth Imperial Uncle was blind? Didn't he realize that she was even more outstanding than Xue Fanxin?

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Li Yaoyao was angry, but she didn't dare to make any noise and continued to eavesdrop.

Xue Fanxin had already sensed that something was wrong outside the window. She could guess who was eavesdropping. However, she did not mind and continued to discuss serious business with Xue Batian. "Grandpa, the Nanling Emperor really can't tolerate the Xue family army anymore. If anything happens at this time, the Nanling Emperor will definitely send the Xue family army to be the vanguard to die. Can you bear to see your brothers, who have risked their lives with you, end up in such a state? Even if there isn't a war, the Nanling Emperor will use other means to get rid of the Xue family army."

"Little Xin'er, I understand everything you're saying. Actually, I've long wanted to disband the Xue family army and let them go out to seek another life. But I didn't want them to leave empty-handed, so I kept wasting time. I didn't expect..."

He was the one who had raised the Xue family army. There was no way he could make them leave without giving them anything.

Moreover, with the Nanling Emperor treating him like this, he no longer wanted to serve that person. He might as well resign and live a carefree life.

But he really did not have money!

"Grandpa, I'll immediately get the bank to prepare the silver. When the time comes, I'll distribute it all and give the Xue family's soldiers a sum of money. At the same time, I want to leave behind a thousand elites..." Xue Fanxin didn't say it too clearly, because there were some things that couldn't be revealed to too many people.

Even if Xue Fanxin did not say it, Xue Batian understood. He nodded and said, "Good child, you've grown up. I'll leave this to you. After the Xue family army is disbanded, I'll write a letter and resign from my position. From now on, I'll have nothing to do with the Imperial Family of the Nanling Empire."

He had risked his life to help the Nanling Emperor build his empire, but all he had gotten in return was distrust. How could he serve such an ingrate?

Back then, he had been blind. He had chosen to support the Nanling Emperor as emperor. What a huge mistake.

"Grandpa, don't worry. I'll settle this matter properly. When the silver is here, I'll distribute it and let the Xue family army leave in batches."

The Nanling Emperor had always been afraid of the Xue family army. If he had no conscience, he might not even let go of the disbanded Xue family army. Hence, for safety reasons, it was best to let the Xue family army leave in batches.

As long as the Xue family army was scattered everywhere, it would be difficult for the Nanling Emperor to eliminate them.

Li Yaoyao heard a lot outside the window, but she didn't care about the Xue family army or the Nanling Emperor. She only wanted to hear about the golden wheel. However, after listening for a long time, she didn't gain anything. Afraid of getting discovered, she had no choice but to leave first.

The black-clothed person was waiting for her in her room. Seeing Li Yaoyao return, he immediately sent her flying and questioned coldly, "Where's the thing I want?"

"I've been looking for it, but I didn't find any golden wheels, so—"

"So you're a useless person?"

"No, no, no. I'll definitely think of a way to help you find that golden wheel. These days, I've been asking around about Xue Fanxin and Xue Batian's various actions. The only strange thing is that some time ago, Xue Fanxin took three empty books from the study. From the servant who cleaned it that day, Xue Fanxin seemed to have seen something from those three blank books."

"Three blank books?" The black-clothed person pondered for a moment, then ordered Li Yaoyao, "Find those three blank books for me immediately."

"Yes.." In order to live, Li Yaoyao didn't care what she had to do and just nodded.

#### Chapter 68: A Plot (1)

Li Yaoyao received a new mission from the black-clothed person. After adjusting her condition, she first went to ask about Xue Fanxin's whereabouts. Learning that she was accompanying Xue Batian, she secretly entered Xue Fanxin's room and rummaged through it again.

It was just that her luck was a little bad this time. She had just started searching when Jasmine bumped into her.

"Miss Li, what are you doing in Miss's room?" Jasmine was secretly spying on Li Yaoyao. This time, she was worried that Li Yaoyao had stolen something, so she deliberately bumped into her.

Now that the matter had been exposed, Li Yaoyao wished she could kill Jasmine. However, she would definitely be kicked out of the Duke's Estate.

The task that the black-clothed person had given her had yet to be completed. She could not leave the Duke's Estate, so she could only keep Jasmine for now.

"Jasmine, I heard that Cousin took three blank books from the study and was curious, so I wanted to borrow them to take a look. Jasmine, you are Cousin's personal maid. You should know where those three books are placed, right? Can you show them to me?"

"How can a maidservant like me casually make the decisions about Young Miss's things? Miss Li, if you want to borrow a book, then borrow it. There's no need to be sneaky, right? Wait for Young Miss to come back. As long as Young Miss agrees, you can naturally see the book."

"You..."

"Miss Li, if you still refuse to leave Miss's room, I'll call for help."

“You’re ruthless,” Li Yaoyao said through gritted teeth. She held back the killing intent in her heart and left angrily.

Based on her current relationship with Xue Fanxin, she would definitely not lend her the books. She had to find another chance to steal the three empty books.

Not long after Li Yaoyao left, Xue Fanxin returned. Jasmine quickly reported Li Yaoyao’s every move truthfully.

“You mean Li Yaoyao came to my room to look for those three empty books?” Xue Fanxin had always known that Li Yaoyao was looking for something in the Duke’s Estate, but she didn’t know what she was looking for. Learning about her intentions now, she had an idea.

Presumably, Li Yaoyao was looking for the Reverse Spirit Heaven Wheel. However, even her grandfather did not know about the Reverse Spirit Heaven Wheel. How did Li Yaoyao know?

Li Yaoyao must have interacted with some mysterious person.

“Jasmine, prepare three empty books for me immediately. Also, get me these things.” Xue Fanxin handed Jasmine a list filled with many things.

Jasmine looked at the list and asked in confusion, “Miss, why do you want calcium hydroxide and sulfur?”

“To execute my scamming plan.”

“Ah?”

“Don’t ask so much. Quickly get these things ready for me. Also, get me three blank books.”

“Yes.” Jasmine did not ask further. She did as Xue Fanxin asked and returned with these things in less than half a day.

Xue Fanxin spent the entire night fiddling with more than ten explosive packets. She chose a relatively remote place in the Duke’s Estate and buried them in a small room containing groceries.

Jasmine had been following Xue Fanxin the entire time and was watching her actions, but she could not understand anything. “Miss, what exactly are you doing?”

“Scamming someone!” Xue Fanxin didn’t say it clearly. After burying the explosive packets, she clapped her hands and left.

As soon as she walked out of the provision house, she noticed Li Yaoyao eavesdropping nearby and sneered in her heart.

She was originally worried about how to trap Li Yaoyao without anyone noticing.. Unexpectedly, Li Yaoyao delivered herself to her doorstep. God was indeed on her side!

Chapter 69: A Plot (2)

After Xue Fanxin sensed that Li Yaoyao was secretly eavesdropping, she stopped in her tracks and deliberately pretended to be careful. She took out the three blank books Jasmine had prepared for her and solemnly instructed, "Jasmine, these three books need to be buried underground for a day and night for the contents to appear. I plan to bury them in that provision room."

"Miss, what are you talking about?" Jasmine did not know that Li Yaoyao was by her side and even asked foolishly, "Miss, Li Yaoyao came to your room today to rummage through your things to find those three blank books. You—"

Xue Fanxin was afraid that Jasmine would spoil the plan. Before she could finish speaking, she quickly interrupted her. "It's precisely because Li Yaoyao is looking for these three books that I'm hiding them."

"Miss..."

"Jasmine, from now on, you have to keep a close eye on Li Yaoyao. You can't let her approach this provision room even half a step. If she dares to barge in forcefully, shout a few times. I'll arrange for some people to patrol the vicinity."

"Alright, Miss." Although Jasmine did not know what Xue Fanxin was planning, she nodded seriously.

"If this matter is done, I'll definitely reward you well. It's said that these three empty books have some treasure map drawn on them. When I find the treasure in the future, I won't forget your share. Alright, hurry up and keep an eye on Li Yaoyao. Go now."

"Miss, you want me to keep an eye on Li Yaoyao at night?"

"Right."

"Oh." Jasmine was still in a daze. She went to carry out the mission Xue Fanxin had given her.

Li Yaoyao hid in the dark and heard everything Xue Fanxin and Jasmine said clearly. Then, she left quietly and returned to her room.

"I finally know where the three books are. Even if I can't get them myself, I can at least give an explanation."

"Explain what?" The mysterious person suddenly appeared in Li Yaoyao's room. Hearing her talking to herself, he asked casually.

Li Yaoyao was just thinking about how to contact the mysterious person, but unexpectedly, the other party came looking for her himself. This suited her wishes. "Your Excellency, there's news about the three blank books. They are hidden in a small grocery room in the Duke's Estate's West Courtyard. However, Xue Fanxin already knows that I'm looking for these three books and has her maidservant keeping an eye on me. I have no way of getting those three books."

"What's so difficult about that? I'll go get it myself."

"Your Excellency, I've already done what you asked. May I know what I..."

"Don't worry. When I obtain what I want, I'll naturally make your dream come true."

“Then I hope you can get what you want as soon as possible, Sir.” Li Yaoyao was filled with confidence in the mysterious person. She felt that as long as he took action personally, he would be able to obtain the three books.

When she became the Third Prince’s wife, killing Xue Fanxin would be a simple task.

Xue Fanxin, your good days are coming to an end.

Li Yaoyao was still dreaming, but she didn’t know that she had already fallen into Xue Fanxin’s trap.

After Li Yaoyao left, Xue Fanxin found a suitable place to hide and wait.

She thought that she would have to wait for a long time before the fish took the bait. Unexpectedly, in less than two hours, her prey was here.

A mysterious black-clothed person appeared in the Duke’s Estate in the middle of the night and walked towards the provision room in the West Courtyard.

“Is this the mysterious person who’s working with Li Yaoyao?”

“Who cares who it is? Just blow him up first.”

“Little girl, who are you going to blow up?”

“You?” Xue Fanxin was shocked by the person who had suddenly appeared and almost shouted.. Fortunately, she quickly covered her mouth with her hand.

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Ye Jiushang suddenly appeared by Xue Fanxin’s side and hid in the dark with her. He stared at the nearby provision room, looking very curious.

What was this little girl playing at now?

“Why are you here again?” Xue Fanxin had not seen Ye Jiushang in the past two days and had momentarily forgotten about him. Who knew that he would suddenly appear again and even shock her? He was really annoying.

“Little girl, you have to get used to me appearing by your side at any time, okay?” Ye Jiushang gently flicked Xue Fanxin’s forehead and teased her.

“I have something to do now. I can’t be bothered with you.” Xue Fanxin did not want to waste her time with him. She turned her attention back to the provision room. Seeing a man in black enter the place, she immediately lit the fuse by the side and watched as the sparks approached the storage room.

Ye Jiushang was also looking at the sparks on the fuse. He could even sense a strange smell. He really did not know what Xue Fanxin was up to, but he was very interested, so he kept staring.

His intuition told him that something interesting was about to happen.

At this moment, the black-clothed person was rummaging through the provision room. He saw a trace of digging on the ground, so he started to dig up the dirt, wanting to take out what was hidden inside.

There were many miscellaneous items in the provision room. The smell was heavy and unbearable, perfectly covering the smell of gunpowder. Even when the fuse was burnt to the provision room, the black-clothed person did not feel anything. He continued to dig, dig, and dig...

It was not that the black-clothed person could not sense the burnt smell of the fuse, but he was completely unaware of this kind of thing. He did not understand it at all. Even if he smelled something wrong, he would think that it was because of the stinky things piled in the provision room. He would not think of anything else.

Just as the man in black was digging desperately, the fuse had already been burned. Then... Boom...

With a loud bang, the entire provision room was blown up into pieces. Sparks flew everywhere, and many items were thrown into the air before being burned to ashes.

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The black-clothed person was also sent flying by the explosion. First, he was blown into the air, then he fell and landed heavily on the ground. His entire body was severely burned. If not for him having some ability, he would probably have been blown to pieces.

“How could this be?” Although the black-clothed person was seriously injured and unable to move, he had not fainted. His consciousness was still very clear. Even now, he could not understand why things had turned out like this.

Before coming, he had suspected that this might be a trap. But even if it was, he could deal with it with his ability. He had always thought so, but now...

Why had such a terrifying explosion taken place in the provision room?

The explosion was too loud, startling everyone in the Duke’s Estate. Everyone hurried over, and even Xue Batian came with the support of the butler.

Ye Jiushang looked at Xue Fanxin in shock. Even he did not know how such a powerful explosion had been made.

This little girl was getting more and more interesting. He was liking her more as time passed.

Xue Fanxin was indifferent to these things, though. After blasting the black-clothed person out, she walked over to take a look. She kicked him a few times first and was relieved after making sure that he really had no power to resist.

“So you’re Li Yaoyao’s business partner!”