

Chapter 201: Sect Mission (3)

Both Su Wan and Ye Qingtang were close to Yun Shu, but there was a huge difference between them.

While Su Wan was also a new disciple, she was far above Ye Qingtang, regardless of her family background or the grade of her spirit root. Although Ye Qingtang was superior in terms of appearance, the feeling that they gave people were completely different.

In the eyes of others, there was nothing good about Ye Qingtang other than her face, and they felt that her relationship with Yun Shu was all Ye Qingtang's one-sided wishful thinking.

Rather, they felt that Su Wan was more compatible with Yun Shu.

Liu Yue uttered words of support for Su Wan as she made a plan for herself as well. Yun Shu's skills were good, and if she could work on a mission together with Yun Shu using Su Wan's relationship with him, Liu Yue believed that her score in the mission would be higher.

"Senior Sister Liu, these are merely our guesses. It is still up to Senior Brother Yun to choose," Su Wan said gently.

According to the rules, Yun Shu and the others were to pick their team members in order of the rank of their spirit roots.

"Brother Yun, which candidate do you have in mind this time?" Lu Xiuwen asked Yun Shu while raising a brow.

Yun Shu gave a faint smile. "It is all our first time participating in a sect mission. I am not very certain as well."

Lu Xiuwen laughed. "Brother Yun, you're too humble. Didn't you take extra care of Junior Sister Ye previously? Though I rarely see you and Junior Sister Ye interacting after entering the sect."

Not many people knew that Ye Qingtang took on a rewarded mission. Among the new disciples, only Su Wan and Yun Shu knew, but they did not tell anyone else about it. Furthermore, the new disciples were too busy familiarizing themselves with matters in the outer sect over the past half a month and never noticed Ye Qingtang's disappearance.

The only thing that everyone knew was that Yun Shu did not really interact with Ye Qingtang in this month and that the person who was always by his side was Su Wan instead.

Thus, many snickered that Ye Qingtang did not manage to cozy up to Yun Shu.

Yun Shu obviously understood the meaning behind Lu Xiuwen's words and frowned slightly.

"You can start selecting your team members already," the warden said.

Yun Shu looked away and towards the new disciples.

If there were no accidents, senior and junior brothers with yellow spirit roots would be the first to be selected. Yun Shu was still thinking of who to pick but saw Su Wan looking at him expectantly. As he thought of how Su Wan cared for him in these few days, Yun Shu who had a kind heart could not bear to reject her.

“Junior Sister Su.” Yun Shu slowly announced the name of his first teammate.

As Yun Shu spoke, Su Wan could not help but smile. Under everyone’s gaze, she slowly walked up while looking at Ye Qingtang from the corner of her eye with a sarcastic expression.

Ye Qingtang, no matter how good you are, the inferiority of your spirit root will not be changed.

Su Wan went forward and stood behind Yun Shu, and this started discussions among many people.

Everyone knew that Yun Shu only had many interactions with Ye Qingtang and Su Wan in the outer sect. Moreover, many noticed Su Wan’s affection for Yun Shu.

Now that Yun Shu chose Su Wan as his team member, wouldn’t Ye Qingtang... be abandoned then?

In a moment, everyone looked at the leisurely Ye Qingtang with a nosy expression.

If a useless red spirit root did not have Yun Shu’s protection, which group would want her?

Ye Qingtang stood calmly and did not take any of those bad-meaning gazes around her to heart. This type of mission for new disciples was of no difficulty to her regardless of which group she joined and, thus, she saw no point in worrying.

Chapter 202: Using Official Regulations As Pretext To Seek Revenge (1)

As the disciples were being called up one by one, the teammates behind Yun Shu and the others were gradually fixed.

At last, only Ye Qingtang was left.

Yun Shu also specifically left a spot where he planned to invite Ye Qingtang to join at the end.

However, just when Yun Shu was about to open his mouth, the warden suddenly looked at Ye Qingtang and said, “Ye Qingtang, there are other arrangements for your sect mission.”

The warden’s words instantly caused a commotion.

Yun Shu, who was about to say something, was stunned as well while Su Wan could not help but break out into an arrogant smile.

She could see that Yun Shu wanted to invite Ye Qingtang, but... the warden did not even plan to place Ye Qingtang in this mission.

Thinking about it, it was true as well. With such an inferior spirit root, which team would she not be a burden in?

Ye Qingtang raised a brow slightly. She did not expect that there would be such a thing.

Just as everyone was curious as to what other arrangements Ye Qingtang had, the warden waved a hand at an area not far away. Then, a tall and good-looking young disciple slowly walked out and appeared in front of everyone.

Once everyone saw that disciple's face, they were all astonished.

His face actually looked a little similar to Zhou Qu, the person who set up an arena to cheat them!

"Ye Qingtang, you will do your sect mission with Zhou Xuan over here. Zhou Xuan will personally tell you about the mission contents later," the warden said without expression.

Zhou Xuan walked forward, and his lips formed into a smile as he looked at the beautiful girl before him.

"Junior Sister Ye, it's our first meeting. Please take care of me."

Zhou Xuan's appearance left many new disciples dumbfounded.

What is going on?

Ye Qingtang's first sect mission is actually with an old disciple?

It should be known that the first sect mission was relatively easier, but missions that Zhou Xuan, an old disciple, took on had many hidden dangers.

Surprise flashed across Su Wan's eyes as well, but once she saw Zhou Xuan's face, an evil thought appeared in her mind.

Zhou Xuan... Zhou Qu...

These two people's faces were so similar, could it be that...

The surprise in her eyes instantly turned into a gloat.

Everyone still remembered how Ye Qingtang beat Zhou Qu up on the arena the other time.

Ye Qingtang raised her brows slightly as she looked at Zhou Xuan before her. She sneered in her heart.

Isn't this Zhou Xuan the older brother of Zhou Qu?

She was initially curious as to why her mission was suddenly changed but did not think that... someone was actually behind all of this.

Looking at the devious-looking Zhou Xuan, Ye Qingtang already guessed that Zhou Xuan most likely bribed the warden in secret, which caused things to become the way they were right now.

"Senior Brother Zhou, that's too polite of you," Ye Qingtang said calmly with a faint smile.

Zhou Xuan sized up Ye Qingtang with a scoff in his heart. Exactly like what Ye Qingtang guessed, he already knew long ago that the new disciples would take on sect missions after entering the sect for a month. Ye Qingtang's teaching warden once taught Zhou Xuan as well, and, thus, Zhou Xuan used this opportunity to change Ye Qingtang's mission.

Disciples were forbidden from fighting amongst themselves in the sect.

But if they left the sect...

Things would be different...

If there were some injuries sustained in the mission, would they not be considered "natural"?

Chapter 203: Using Official Regulations As Pretext To Seek Revenge (2)

Zhou Xuan looked at Ye Qingtang with a smile. There seemed to not be any evil intentions on his face, but there was a vicious look in his smiling eyes. He leaned forward slightly and whispered into Ye Qingtang's ears.

"Previously, Junior Sister Ye received three moves from my brother, Zhou Qu, on the arena, and I thought that you must be very skilled. Wouldn't it be a pity if you went on normal missions? Thus, this time... I hope that Junior Sister Ye will really put your best performance in the mission." Zhou Xuan smiled very kindly, but every word he said emitted a frightening sense of danger.

Ye Qingtang scoffed in her heard, though she did not show any expressions on her face. "Please take care of me, Senior Brother Zhou."

Zhou Xuan laughed. "Of course." Then he stood straight and said, "I still have some matters to settle. I will take a leave first."

Then, Zhou Xuan turned around and left after bidding the warden goodbye.

From the start to the end, Zhou Xuan did not mention anything regarding the mission to Ye Qingtang.

All the missions were fixed, and each team needed to discuss the contents of the mission by themselves. Yun Shu was originally worried about Ye Qingtang and wanted to check on her but was held back by Su Wan, who used the reason that they had to discuss the mission.

Ye Qingtang smiled faintly as she looked at how everyone was gathered together. Then, she left and mentally prepared for Zhou Xuan's 'accident.'

But before Ye Qingtang returned to her room, she saw Qin Huan standing outside the dorm with an anxious expression.

The moment Qin Huan saw Ye Qingtang, he hurriedly ran up to her.

"Junior Sister Ye, there's something I need to tell you. Be careful these few days, someone wants to harm you..." Qin Huan said hurriedly.

Ye Qingtang replied, "Are you talking about Zhou Xuan?"

Qin Huan was taken aback. "How do you know? That Zhou Xuan is Zhou Qu's older brother. He might already know that you injured Zhou Qu the other time. When I was taking on a mission earlier, I heard that Zhou Xuan seemed to have looked for your teaching warden to add you into his sect mission. You must be careful. Zhou Xuan is not like Zhou Qu. He is extremely insidious."

Ye Qingtang laughed. "He has already looked for me, and the warden had placed me in his team as well. In a few days, I will have to go on a mission together with him."

Qin Huan was stunned when he heard Ye Qingtang. His expression changed, and he muttered a curse.

"I knew that bastard Zhou Xuan was sinister. I didn't think that he would take action so quickly. You must be more careful. Zhou Xuan has many means and tricks. He does not dare to do anything to you in the sect, but using this mission, he will definitely not let you off easily. I think... how about you find an excuse to reject this mission?" Qin Huan could not help but be worried about Ye Qingtang. In the outer sect, Zhou Xuan's abilities were not considered weak. Although Qin Huan knew that Ye Qingtang was skilled, it was still too much danger for Ye Qingtang to go on a mission together with such an insidious person like Zhou Xuan.

"How can a sect mission be rejected?" Ye Qingtang replied.

Qin Huan's shoulders slumped down immediately.

Sect missions were missions that must be done. After being appointed a sect mission, one must proceed to complete it, and there was simply no way of rejecting it.

"How about... I'll ask Senior Brother Gu to talk to Zhou Xuan?" Qin Huan suggested. Gu Yanqiu had some status amongst the outer sect disciples, and, perhaps, he might be able to restrain Zhou Xuan.

"I'll go look for Senior Brother Gu now. Don't worry, Junior Sister Ye." Then, he immediately turned around and sprinted away without waiting for Ye Qingtang's reply.

Chapter 204: Using Official Regulations As Pretext To Seek Revenge (3)

Ye Qingtang saw how Qin Huan ran away so quickly and was at a loss of whether to cry or laugh.

If Zhou Xuan was so easy to persuade, Gu Yanqiu would have gone to settle the matter right when he heard the news.

Ye Qingtang could not stop Qin Huan and could only let him go.

Ye Qingtang more or less knew what Zhou Xuan was thinking of.

There were often deaths when disciples were out on missions. Even if they accidentally lost their lives in a battle, the sect would not investigate too deeply into what happened.

Ye Qingtang returned to the room with that thought. It was rare that Lin Long was also in the room today. Ye Qingtang nodded at Lin Long she saw her and then looked at the silver wolf which was sitting below the window. When the wolf met Ye Qingtang's eyes, something seemed to flash across its green orbs, and it immediately turned away before Ye Qingtang sensed it.

"Little..." Ye Qingtang always felt that her little baby was too shy. Every time she massaged it, it always fell out with her.

She was about to caress the wolf, but Lin Long, who had always been silent, suddenly called Ye Qingtang.

“Junior Sister Ye.” A rather aloof female voice sounded from behind Ye Qingtang.

Ye Qingtang stopped in her tracks and looked at Lin Long, who suddenly said something.

“Senior Sister Lin? Is there anything?” Ye Qingtang usually did not spend a long time in the dorm, and even if she returned, she was mostly with the silver wolf. Lin Long had an aloof personality, and the two of them did not really interact with each other. The only time they talked was the day when Ye Qingtang just moved into the dorm.

Lin Long had an indifferent look on her face. She stood up from her table and placed a file in Ye Qingtang’s hands.

Ye Qingtang looked at Lin Long a little confusedly. When she took a look at the file, she actually realized that it was the file for a sect mission.

Why did she suddenly pass her this sect mission file?

“Return it back to me before tomorrow.” Lin Long returned to her seat and took up a book to read after leaving Ye Qingtang with such an unclear sentence.

Ye Qingtang was really at a loss and did not know what was Lin Long trying to do, but she still flipped through the file in her hand.

And this surprised her immediately.

At the last part of the file, there was a line written clearly:

[Participants: Zhou Xuan, Lin Long... Ye Qingtang]

Apart from these three names, there were two other foreign disciples’ names.

Ye Qingtang suddenly looked up. Although she was looking at Lin Long’s cold side-profile, her heart was warm.

Lin Long was also in Zhou Xuan’s sect mission and probably already noticed that something was off; thus, she chose to hand this file to Ye Qingtang.

While Ye Qingtang was not afraid of any difficulties that Zhou Xuan would make, it was inevitable that she would fall for Zhou Xuan’s schemes if she did not familiarize herself with the mission contents before going on the mission. Lin Long’s move indeed resolved Ye Qingtang’s urgent worries.

Ye Qingtang’s grip on the file tightened as she spoke to Lin Long gently. “Thank you, Senior Sister Lin.”

Lin Long looked at Ye Qingtang without emotion and responded with an almost unnoticeable nod. Then, she returned her focus on the book in her hand.

Ye Qingtang immediately walked to her table with a file in her hand without forgetting to pinch the wolf’s ears, which caused the wolf to shoot an annoyed glare at her. Ye Qingtang chuckled after having her way and then focused on the mission file.

The mission which the sect appointed to Zhou Xuan and the rest was to investigate the tragic case of the extermination of a family!

Chapter 205: Spirit Root (1)

Every sect had many powerful forces which depended on them. These forces offered worships to the sect regularly, and the sect would give them protection.

For the mission that Ye Qingtang and the rest were going on this time, they were to go to a mountain village which was under Xuanling Sect's protection, Spirit Condensation Mountain Village. Spirit Condensation Mountain Village had attached itself to Xuanling Sect for a long time, and it had certain fame. It was considered a pretty good family clan. However, it was met with an unexpected calamity a month ago. In just a night, all three hundred and sixty people in the village were murdered, and there was no clue left behind by the murderer.

Spirit Condensation Mountain Village worshiped Xuanling Sect, and normal forces did not dare to massacre everyone in it. Now that the entire village was massacred within a night, it was as good as a slap in Xuanling Sect's face. Thus, Xuanling Sect had to send disciples to investigate the tragic case.

Ye Qingtang frowned slightly. In her previous life, there was a hubbub about Spirit Condensation Mountain Village incident as well, but she had never heard that the killer was found.

It was definitely not one man's doing to be able to massacre over three hundred people in a night.

Ye Qingtang read through the file detailedly and realized that the clues given were very vague. Apart from the information of the village master's family, there were simply no leads in this tragedy.

Ye Qingtang memorized all the information on the file and returned it to Lin Long

When Lin Long received the file back, she was a little surprised as she looked up at Ye Qingtang with a little suspicion.

Ye Qingtang already finished looking through it in such a short time?

"Have you finished looking through it?" Lin Long could not help but ask.

Ye Qingtang nodded.

Lin Long did not say anything further and kept the file as though nothing happened at all, and she looked down at the book in her hand.

Ye Qingtang knew that Lin Long was cold on the outside but warm on the inside and was unwilling to disturb her. Thus, she went back to her area.

All the disciples' missions were already allocated, and what was left was for them to make preparations. The new disciples were rather nervous since it was their first time to do a mission, and, thus, they discussed for a long time.

On Ye Qingtang's side, Lin Long did not like talking, and it was even more impossible for Zhou Xuan to tell her anything. Hence, she was very free, and she took out a Floating Pagoda to nourish her spirit root.

It had been a month since she entered the sect, and she clearly felt that her spirit root seemed to have become stronger. During the sect assessment, her spirit root had traces of making a breakthrough to an

orange spirit root. In this one month, she already felt that her spirit root had gone through drastic changes quietly.

Using the time when no one noticed, Ye Qingtang turned around and revealed the spirit root in her palm. A light shone. At that instant, the spirit root in her palm was covered by a large patch of orange, and there was only a tiny trace of red at the tip of the spirit root.

Ye Qingtang saw that the spirit root was about to be upgraded to an orange color, and happiness filled her heart. She closed her hands, and the image of the spirit root faded away. A steadfast expression emerged in her smiling eyes.

The sect was surging with spirit energy, and the rate of growth of her spirit root here was way faster than that when she was in Lin Town!

In at most half a month, she was very certain that she could raise her spirit root to an orange spirit root!

Ye Qingtang's eyes twinkled. She, who was focused on upgrading her spirit root, did not notice that when she revealed her spirit root just now, the silver wolf in the corner was watching everything. When it saw that the color of Ye Qingtang's spirit root was about to turn orange, a light flashed across its eyes silently.

Chapter 206: Spirit Root (2)

The night was silent.

The faint moonlight entered from the window and was cast on the silver wolf's body.

In the silence, the silver wolf quietly stood up, and its slender limbs allowed it to jump up onto the bed easily. Its deep eyes landed on Ye Qingtang's face.

A small black ball of fog emerged out from Ye Qingtang's chest. It wriggled a little out from the fluffy blanket and looked agitatedly at the mighty wolf above it.

"Would-be father, have you finally come round? Are you finally going to sneak an attack on mother in the middle of the night~" The little black ball was so excited that its voice trembled unconsciously.

It had already been some time since its would-be father came to its mother's side. However, the wolf just remained at a side without saying anything the whole day and completely did not know how to get closer to its mother, which really worried it.

The silver wolf swept a cold glare at the little black ball, which immediately hid in Ye Qingtang's arms.

"I am saying this all for your own good. Otherwise, when will you be able to have a baby with mother..." mumbled the little black ball softly.

The silver wolf's gaze sharpened, but when its eyes landed on Ye Qingtang, the sharpness in its gaze quietly turned into a complicated expression.

When it looked at Ye Qingtang's hands, which were lying outside the blanket, its brow was slightly raised.

It could not help but recall the image of its body being carelessly touched all over by this pair of hands in the past few days...

The silver wolf slightly shook its head and completely cleared that depressing image out of its mind. It slowly raised its paw and placed it on Ye Qingtang's abdomen lightly. A faint light from the silver wolf's paw slowly passed through the blanket and into Ye Qingtang's abdomen.

"Oh! Would-be father, is this a special... copulation method?!" The little black ball secretly peeked out from the blanket, and its eyes were dazzled with stars when it saw the silver wolf's affectionate action.

"..." The silver wolf froze as it cast a cold glance at the little black ball that said shocking things, wondering if it should squeeze the little black ball to death with a paw.

Perhaps, it was because of the fact that the silver wolf stiffened and the strength it exerted changed, Ye Qingtang suddenly felt a little uncomfortable. She opened her eyes sleepily and looked at the silver wolf standing on its bed with sleep in her eyes. "??"

The silver wolf did not expect Ye Qingtang to suddenly wake up and immediately froze.

However...

"Uhm... Don't play around... Tired..." Ye Qingtang, who was still drowsy from her sleep, did not even notice what the silver wolf had done to her. Her hands stretched out to hug and press down on the silver wolf's head while her slim legs flipped out from the blanket and laid across the silver wolf's body. With both her hands and legs, she directly hugged the furry silver wolf in her arms and even rubbed her head on the silver wolf's face in extreme satisfaction.

"Be good... let's sleep..."

The silver wolf was hugged tightly by Ye Qingtang's octopus-like position. With a slight trace of movement, Ye Qingtang, who was in her sleep, hugged it even more tightly instead.

"..." The silver wolf could not do anything.

The little black ball still wanted to take a peak but was hit by the silver wolf's paw.

The silver wolf looked at Ye Qingtang's sleeping face, which was close at hand, and let out an almost inaudible sigh. It finally closed its eyes, and its body, intentionally or unintentionally, leaned against Ye Qingtang.

The little black ball which hid back into the Heart of the Demon God trembled in excitement.

Its would-be father and mother were finally "sleeping on the same bed!"

Mother will be able to have a baby very soon~ Heh heh~ So exciting~

Chapter 207: Spirit Root (3)

The preparation time for a sect mission was very short, and they had to set off the next morning.

When Ye Qingtang woke up, she saw that the silver wolf, which was hugged tightly by her, was looking at her with a numb expression.

Ye Qingtang was a little shocked.

But very quickly, Ye Qingtang returned to her senses and changed her clothes nimbly.

And that scene was on full display in front of a certain someone...

The silver wolf's lips twitched slightly, and it instinctively looked away, although it acted to look at her carelessly.

Too skinny.

A little chubbier would be better.

Ye Qingtang did not even notice the silver wolf's thoughts and took her things after changing. She patted the silver wolf's head and said, "Wait for me to return obediently. I will ask Senior Brother Qin to help me feed you."

After that, Ye Qingtang left the room without waiting for the silver wolf to react.

She did think of bringing the silver wolf on the mission with her, but because this mission was specially "prepared" for her, Ye Qingtang did not dare to risk bringing the silver wolf.

After leaving her dorm, Ye Qingtang only felt that her body was exceptionally light today and that the abdomen area where her spirit root was at was emitting a faint warmth. It was a very interesting feeling.

"Could it be that the spirit root is about to break through?" Ye Qingtang was very curious as well. She obviously felt that she still needed half a month's time, but why was it that her spirit root had traces of a breakthrough after just one night of sleep?

Without thinking any more, Ye Qingtang immediately went to look for Qin Huan to ask him to look after the silver wolf on her behalf during this period of time. Afterward, she left the sect.

Outside the sect, many teams were already gathered. Some teams had already set off. Ye Qingtang saw Lin Long's figure from a distance away and immediately walked in that direction.

"Senior Sister Lin." Ye Qingtang greeted.

Lin Long nodded slightly, and her eyes stopped on Ye Qingtang for a while. She had a feeling that the aura around Ye Qingtang was a little different today, but she could not point out the difference at the moment.

Right at that instant, Ye Qingtang heard noisy footsteps and a sarcastic voice.

"Senior Brother Zhou, why must you bring a useless new disciple on this mission? I think that this group of new disciples don't know anything at all. Even if we bring them, they will just be a burden. How about you rethink it?" A disciple who looked about twenty years old was beside Zhou Xuan, and he mumbled in dissatisfaction.

Zhou Xuan came right after. Other than the person who spoke just now, there was another disciple who was appointed this mission beside Zhou Xuan. Zhou Xuan's eyes quickly landed on Ye Qingtang as though he completely did not notice what the junior brother beside him meant. He said with a smile, "She would require a certain amount of training as a new disciple anyway. Since we are senior brothers, we should take care of her. Moreover... this little junior sister's spirit root is not good. If I don't invite her, other new disciples might not be willing to go on a mission together with a red spirit root."

"Red spirit root? It can't be?!" Those two disciples were shocked when they heard the three words "red spirit root."

A new disciple was already useless enough, and it turned out she was still a red spirit root? Was that not the same as a useless piece of trash?!

Zhou Xuan's voice was neither loud nor soft, but it was enough for Ye Qingtang and Lin Long to hear clearly. When Zhou Xuan finished his sentence, he already appeared in front of Ye Qingtang.

Ye Qingtang's lips curled into a sneer. "Really... thank you for worrying, Senior Brother Zhou."

Chapter 208: Senior Sister Lin (1)

Zhou Xuan chuckled. "Of course. Since we are from the same sect, I will definitely be 'worried' about you." A cold light thoughtlessly flashed across his eyes when he finished speaking.

However, the other two disciples became even more dissatisfied upon hearing Zhou Xuan's words.

Sect missions were different from rewarded missions.

If rewarded missions were a failure, the disciples would lose some time at most and would not receive any other punishments.

However...

If it was a mission appointed by the sect, it had to be completed. Otherwise, the disciples would be reprimanded by the warden and punished correspondingly once they returned to the sect.

Thus, participating disciples were exceptionally meticulous when they were doing sect missions as they were feared that a failed mission would negatively affect themselves and the sect.

Those two disciples sized up Ye Qingtang. Apart from her beautiful face, they despised everything else about Ye Qingtang.

"Junior Sister Ye, it's been a month since you entered the sect. Have you been cultivating hard? Are you familiar with the basics of the Xuantian swordplay already?" A disciple asked meanly. He did not care about Zhou Xuan's reasons for adding this new disciple into the team and was only concerned about whether he could complete his mission.

The young girl before him looked weak and did not look like she had the ability to complete the mission. Even if such a person followed them, not putting in any effort was the greatest contribution already. If she was a hindrance in their investigation, it would really be a big problem.

How could Ye Qingtang not hear the harshness in the person's words? She was very clear that all of this was intentionally created by Zhou Xuan.

These disciples may not know about Zhou Xuan's objectives, but they hated her because of Zhou Xuan's words. Even if she had an "accidental death" in the mission, these two disciples would probably not even ask about it.

Ye Qingtang sneered in her heart, and a sharp look flashed across her eyes as she looked at Zhou Xuan's face of which he concealed his mocking expression.

"I am asking you a question, did you hear me? As a junior sister, how dare you ignore a senior brother's question? Do you have any manners!" That disciple who did not hear Ye Qingtang's reply immediately frowned unhappily and instinctively wanted to grab her shoulder.

A smile passed by Zhou Xuan's eyes when he saw the disciple making things difficult for Ye Qingtang.

These two junior brothers were specially selected out from the outer sect by him. They had an arrogant and self-conceited nature. Even if he did not openly do anything to Ye Qingtang, Ye Qingtang would already be troubled just by the two's verbal attacks.

However...

As that disciple stretched his hand out, Ye Qingtang suddenly looked up. Her eyes were obviously smiling, but the coldness in her eyes caused his hand to freeze in midair.

He did not know why either, but he felt as though he fell into an ice cellar when he was stared at by her.

"Senior brother, you're caring too much." Ye Qingtang scoffed.

"You..."

"If you don't want to do the mission, then get lost quickly. Stop wasting time here." Lin Long, who had remained silent all along, suddenly walked up to stand before Ye Qingtang and looked at the trouble-making disciples coldly.

That disciple saw Lin Long standing in front of him with a cold expression and was taken aback immediately. Fear flashed across his eyes as he said rather guiltily, "Senior... Senior Sister Lin..."

Chapter 209: Ran Away From Home (1)

Lin Long's sudden speech shocked Zhou Xuan, who was waiting for the drama to ensue. He stood up and spoke in a tone different from the arrogant one he was using when talking to Ye Qingtang. "Junior Sister Lin is right. It is time for us to set off now as well. The other teams have already left. If we continue being like this here, we would really waste time."

Zhou Xuan spoke so righteously, but little did anyone know that everything that happened before was all part of his plan.

The only thing that surprised him was that Lin Long, who had always been cold and aloof, suddenly spoke up for Ye Qingtang.

Lin Long looked at Zhou Xuan coldly and then turned around to walk down the Path to Heaven.

With Lin Long's warning, the other disciples did not dare to waste any more time then and walked down the Path to Heaven after giving Ye Qingtang an annoyed look.

Zhou Xuan walked slightly slower. After the three of them were a distance away, he walked past Ye Qingtang and said in a volume that only the two of them could hear,

"Ye Qingtang, I remember your 'kindness' for treating my younger brother, Zhou Qu, that way previously."

Ye Qingtang narrowed her eyes, and her lips tugged up into a seeming smile. "So... that good-for-nothing Zhou Qu is actually Senior Brother Zhou's younger brother..."

Once he heard the words "good-for-nothing," Zhou Xuan's face darkened immediately. He glared at Ye Qingtang with fury in his eyes.

"Good-for-nothing? You are a red spirit root trash. What right do you have to call others 'good-for-nothing?'"

Ye Qingtang's smile deepened. She tilted her head as she casually glanced down at the sword hung on Zhou Xuan's waist. "What a pity... your younger brother can't even crawl up after being beaten by me, a red spirit root."

"You!" Zhou Xuan's expression changed.

Ye Qingtang suddenly looked up, and her clear eyes directly met with Zhou Xuan's. "He is clearly a disciple who cultivated for many years in the Fist Faction but had to lay in bed for days after being beaten by me, a new disciple who just entered the sect for a few days. Senior Brother Zhou, in your opinion... how would I dare to snatch the title of being a 'good-for-nothing' from your younger brother?"

Zhou Xuan's face turned blue. He originally thought that Ye Qingtang would not dare to be too insolent after he established an imposing air for himself. Yet... it was as though this woman's mouth was full of poison, and every sentence she said hit him right in the heart!

"Ye Qingtang, the days ahead are long. Don't say that I didn't remind you. There are many dangers in sect missions. You better take good care of yourself." Zhou Xuan left her a sentence coldly and walked down the Path to Heaven, unwilling to waste time talking to Ye Qingtang who had the gift of gab.

Ye Qingtang looked at Zhou Xuan's back view with a seeming smile and looked down to hide the murderous expression which emerged in her eyes for a second.

Take good care of yourself?

Only that... the one who needed to take good care themselves was not her but Zhou Xuan...

A murderous smile hung on her lips as she walked down the Path to Heaven casually.

How could a devil from hell be offended by an ordinary person as he pleased?

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At the same time, after Ye Qingtang just left, Qin Huan remembered what Ye Qingtang entrusted him with and prepared a plate full of beef as an “offering” to the wolf which Ye Qingtang babied.

However...

Once Qin Huan walked into Ye Qingtang’s room, he was immediately dumbfounded to see an empty room. There was not a trace of the wolf.

“Where... where is the wolf?!!”

In a moment, Qin Huan felt as though the sky was going to fall.

Ye Qingtang just left, but the silver wolf disappeared already?!

If Ye Qingtang returned after finishing her mission, wouldn’t he...

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Qin Huan went berserk. Without caring about the beef in his hands, he sprinted away while screaming. “Senior Brother Gu! This is bad! Junior Sister Ye’s wolf disappeared! Help me to find it, pleaseeeeeeeeeee!”

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At the same time, a tall man was pacing up and down the woods at the foot of the cliff below Xuanling Sect. Worry and anxiety were written all over his face.

“This Lady Ye... She kidnapped His Highness just like that. How... can I ‘rescue’ His Highness without alarming the Xuanling Sect... Lady Ye... you are being a bandit do you know...” Mu Su lingered outside Xuanling Sect for half a month and was about to go insane.

There was only one way to the sect, which was the Path to Heaven. Although he was completely able to fly up to Xuanling Sect on his own, doing that would definitely alarm everyone in Xuanling Sect.

Mu Su had a special identity, and if he suddenly appeared in Xuanling Sect, there would be a big stir in Xuanling Sect. Then, it would take him a lot of effort to find an excuse to deal with those oldies in Xuanling Sect, much less be able to search for someone.

There was no way he could tell the Xuanling Sect people that the noble and holy Palace Lord of the Antiquity Palace was forcefully abducted by their outer sect disciple, right?

And he was even being abducted in a freaking animal form.

If such words spread, all those old elders in Xuanling Sect would definitely be shocked.

Moreover... if His Highness’s identity was exposed, there was no doubt that his highness would behead him.

On one hand, he wanted to bring his highness back, but on the other, he could not let anyone find out about it... Mu Su was so worried that he dropped a bunch of hair, yet he still had not found a reliable method. Thus, he could only stand around and wait for His Highness to leave Xuanling Sect on his own.

After all, with His Highness's skill, Xuanling Sect's defense and perception were as good as non-existent. However, half a month passed...

Mu Su felt that hope was getting increasingly slimmer.

Just as Mu Su was weighed down with worry, he suddenly saw a group of Xuanling Sect disciples coming down from the Path to Heaven and was shocked when he saw a familiar face walking past him.

Ye Qingtang slowly walked down the Path to Heaven, got on a horse that was already prepared for them, and left with a few other Xuanling Sect disciples.

"Lady Ye has left?" Mu Su watched Ye Qingtang leave and trembled in shock as he did not even see a "silver wolf" by Ye Qingtang's side.

Lady Ye abducted His Highness, but why was she going out alone now?

Where was His Highness?

"Your Highness, you must know better... You must not be reluctant to come back after being abducted to be the wife of a bandit chief. Even if you want to woo Lady Ye, you don't have to do it now..." Mu Su mumbled perplexedly. Before he finished his sentence, he felt a gush of cold air from behind him.

"Wife of a bandit chief?" A rather low voice suddenly sounded behind Mu Su.

Once Mu Su heard that voice, happiness filled him. He turned around and saw Han Cangming, whom he had been away from for a long time, standing behind him in his attractive human form.

Mu Su almost burst out crying there and then.

"Your Highness! You're back!" Mu Su wiped a bitter tear away and was only this close from hugging Han Cangming's leg.

However, there was a strange look on Han Cangming's face. His cold eyes slowly looked at Mu Su, and he said softly, "What did you say just now?"