

Spatial Ability 531

Chapter 531 Hourglass

While she was communicating with Wei Na, Qian Jiyun had already paid 40 inner cores for both of them to spend two hours here.

“You paid so quickly?” An Jiuyue was shocked by his speed.

She had the urge to take back all the inner cores.

“Let’s go in.” Qian Jiyun held her hand and walked in.

It wasn’t until she entered the Building of Years that An Jiuyue realized it wasn’t as simple as she had imagined. After a few steps, a female attendant emerged and handed them each a sandglass.

An Jiuyue looked at the sandglass in her hand, confused, before looking at Qian Jiyun.

Qian Jiyun looked at her and explained patiently, “This is an hourglass. Every time you pick up a book, this hourglass will activate. When you return the book to the bookshelf and look for another, this hourglass will stop automatically.”

“In other words, the four hours are not used up based on the time spent inside the Building of Years, but on the time we spend reading books?”

An Jiuyue raised her eyebrows. That’s more like it. Her heart ached terribly initially, but she felt a little better now.

“Mhm.” Qian Jiyun nodded. “The time taken to look for books doesn’t count. An hourglass marks two hours. When this hourglass is used up, the attendant will replace it.”

“That’s a good rule.” An Jiuyue was pleased.

She had anticipated she would spend half the time they had purchased with inner cores looking for books, but this method of calculating her time spent was pretty good.

Soon, An Jiuyue found where the medicine refinement books were kept under Qian Jiyun's guidance. She sat down and read quietly.

Meanwhile, Qian Jiyun was slowly selecting books for her to read in the Building of Years.

"The book on the left is about medicine refinement, and the book on the right is a record of events on Huayan Peak," he said as he placed the books on her left and right.

"Got it." An Jiuyue did not look up from her book.

Inside the space, Wei Na was also occupied. Empty books were laid out in front of it as it copied every word read by its master into them.

Wei Na was fast! There was probably no one else who could match its speed.

But who could be comparable anyway? After all, it was not human, right?

Two hours later, the female attendant retrieved the hourglass and replaced it with another. An Jiuyue stopped flipping the pages and gave her shoulder a squeeze.

She had maintained the same posture for only two hours, but her back was already aching.

She had only given her shoulder two squeezes when a pair of hands replaced hers.

"Is your shoulder uncomfortable? Do you want to rest?" Qian Jiyun suggested gently as he massaged her shoulders.

However, his suggestion was not heeded. He watched speechlessly as she flipped through the pages again after he took over the massage.

“Jiuyue, rest for a little?”

“Keep quiet,” she replied with only two words.

Qian Jiyun was silent.

He really wanted to say that it did not matter whether she read quickly or slowly.

However, she clearly did not slow down at all, reading almost as quickly as the sand falling in the hourglass.

He chuckled and let her be.

Chapter 532 I Must Drag Someone Down With Me

On the Spirit Severing Cliff...

Yan Nuo and Yan Jin had only been here for a day. Before everyone could catch their breaths, they saw Qin Tingfeng and Ye Chenglin.

Qin Tingfeng was okay. He could strike the demonic beasts with a few slashes, injuring them and forcing them to flee.

But what about Ye Chenglin?

Not only was she unable to deal damage to demonic beasts, but she would also scream and jump if a demonic beast breathed on her.

She was no different from a crazy woman—a crazy woman who was afraid of death.

Suddenly, the guards on the Severed Spirit Cliff complained. They glared at Ye Chenglin, almost piercing a few holes in her body with their glares.

“Ah!”

From the edge of a cliff, a powerful demonic beast flew up. It had done nothing to them; the battle had yet to begin.

However, Ye Chenglin was terrified. She screamed as if her parents had died when she saw the demonic beast. The guardians beside her frowned unhappily.

“Shut up!” Qin Tingfeng rebuked her angrily.

What are you yelling about? What gives you the audacity to shout? I wouldn’t have come to the Spirit Severing Cliff if it hadn’t been for you!

I don’t know how worried Sister is. Although I know I can strengthen my Original Soul energy by training on the Spirit Severing Cliff, she wouldn’t think so.

“Qin Yifeng, how dare you shout at me?”

Ye Chenglin stopped screaming when she heard his voice and looked at him angrily.

It’s all your fault! If you hadn’t replaced Qin Yifeng, I might not be the one screaming and trembling in fear! I wouldn’t have embarrassed myself!

Even if I die, I must drag someone down with me. But I couldn’t drag Qin Yifeng along!

“Idiot.” Qin Tingfeng glanced at her.

After cursing at her, he raised his long sword and attacked the demonic beast with the other guardians.

“You... you...” Ye Chenglin pointed at his back, furious.

However, that was not all. When the other guardians saw that she did not move, they had to do something. One turned around and looked at her angrily as he fought the demonic beast.

“Ye Chenglin, what are you doing? Hurry up and fight the demonic beast!”

No matter how weak Ye Chenglin’s Original Soul energy was, she could contribute as long as she came. It would be helpful even if she could distract the demonic beast.

However, Ye Chenglin believed she was the favored daughter of the heavens. She sat, waiting for them to kill the demonic beast and respectfully hand her the inner core.

“Don’t even think about getting anything if you don’t kill the demonic beast! Come here quickly!”

“Who is that? She’s embarrassing the people from Camp Zhan Yun! How can he send someone like that here?”

“Hmph, if we have more people like her here, we’ll definitely fall! What’s wrong with Lord Qian? Why does he have such a person around him?”

Ye Chenglin was about to faint from anger. “You... you all...”

Don’t they know how to show mercy to women? Didn’t they see that the demonic beast almost killed me just now? They not only showed no concern for me but also made sarcastic remarks!

I’m a woman! Protecting Huayan Peak is not something I can accomplish.

However, nobody cared if she was a woman or not. Everyone was intent on slaying demonic beasts. In a place like this, they would either kill or be killed by demonic beasts.

Chapter 533 Trying to Hold Us Back

They would definitely choose to kill the demonic beasts.

Protect the fairer sex? Dream on! They would lose their lives if they protected the women. What was the point of it? Was it more valuable than their lives?

“Ye Chenglin, do you want to die?” Qin Tingfeng’s eyes reddened when he saw that many people were displeased.

Ye Chenglin clenched her teeth and glared at Qin Tingfeng. She had no choice but to get up and attack the demonic beast.

However, if one were unlucky, everything could be against them.

This demonic beast was an enormous Demonic Dragon. Ye Chenglin had just released a beam of Original Soul energy when it breathed heavily on her.

The dragon’s breath stopped and repelled her beam of Original Soul energy, causing it to strike her shoulder.

“Ah!”

She screamed and clutched her bleeding wound, tears streaming down her face.

Why am I so unlucky? This has never happened to anyone else except me, right?

Are all the women in the world of demonic beasts tortured? There are so many men out here! Why must it direct its dragon breath at me?

However, this was not the most embarrassing and painful thing.

“Haha, are these the guardians from Camp Zhan Yun? Why are they as weak as chickens?”

“Is there no one left in your camp? Are you trying to hold us back by sending this thing to the protected grounds?”

When the people from the other camps saw this, they started mocking Ye Chenglin, including everyone from Camp Zhan Yun. After all, every camp was bound together, for better or worse.

“Useless trash!”

“You’ve embarrassed the entire Camp Zhan Yun.”

The guardians from Camp Zhan Yun were furious and glanced at Ye Chenglin hatefully.

Why do people like Ye Chenglin exist? Even if they sent Shui Liu, Shui Xian, or Qin Yifeng, they wouldn’t be as weak as Ye Chenglin!

Ye Chenglin felt their disdainful gazes on her, and her face burned.

Her hatred for An Jiuyue had grown even stronger.

If An Jiuyue had not complained about her to her master, she would not have been sent to the Spirit Severing Cliff. She could have lived comfortably in the camp and only had to refine some medicinal pills every day.

However, her resentment vanished as soon as she remembered her identity as a medicine refiner.

Medicine refiners were highly respected at Huayan Peak. Everyone here sustained injuries almost every day. They would be unable to function the next day without the medicinal pills provided by medicine refiners.

There were so many people in their camp, but only four were medicine refiners. They barely had enough medicinal pills every day.

Now that she and Qin Yifeng had gone to protected grounds, they would soon run out of medicinal pills.

Her master would have to recall her, and she would be able to negotiate with him then. She believed he would agree to any conditions.

She could not help but laugh when she thought about how she could vent her anger.

“Ye Chenglin, why are you smiling foolishly alone? Why aren’t you coming over to fight the demonic beast? Don’t tell me you really think someone will kill the demonic beast and hand it to you?”

One of the Camp Zhan Yun guardians had had enough and yelled at Ye Chenglin.

Chapter 534 Cook a Few Dishes for You

His yell made Ye Chenglin shudder. She gritted her teeth and swallowed a medicinal pill. She then took a few steps forward and began attacking the Demonic Dragon.

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An Jiuyue had spent four hours reading in the Building of Years without realizing it.

She had read most of the books on medicine refinement. Most of them contained prescriptions for medicinal pills.

She only needed to glance at the hundreds of books for Wei Na to record them. Wei Na also recorded Huayan Peak’s historical accounts. This trip was not in vain.

There were even more books about medicinal herbs, complete with illustrations. An Jiuyue read them carefully and memorized them because she did not expect Wei Na to draw them all.

“Let’s go back first and come back in the afternoon?” Qian Jiyun suggested as he watched her put down her book.

Four hours had passed. It was time for lunch. He had been cultivating the Original Soul energy for a long time, so he could miss a meal or two.

However, An Jiuyue could not. Besides, he would not let her starve.

“We don’t have to come back again. Let’s call it a day today.”

An Jiuyue shook her head. Her heart ached for the 40 inner cores. Her heart would ache again if she had to spend another 40 in the afternoon.

In fact, she decided to come alone in the future. Qian Jiyun had only come to look for books for her and had stared at her the entire time. He did nothing else.

He’s spending inner cores to accompany me! What a squanderer! He’s a squanderer!

“Are there medicinal herbs in the camp?”

“Yes.” Qian Jiyun knew what she wanted to do and nodded immediately.

They could do without many things, but not medicinal herbs. These herbs were essential for every living person.

“Shall I accompany you to buy a pill-refining furnace?” he suggested.

“Okay!” An Jiuyue agreed.

She had to buy a pill-refining furnace. Besides, the pill-refining furnaces here should be different from the ones she had. Ordinary ones were not as durable as these.

“Let’s go. I don’t know what the shopping street in Huayan Peak looks like yet. I want to visit it.”

Qian Jiyun had told her that there was a shopping street near their camp. It sold many things they needed, including food.

However, buying things there would cost a lot of gold.

She wanted to take a look too. She planned to open a shop here in the future, so she had to understand the market here, right?

“What’s the hurry? We’ll go in the afternoon. Are you hungry? Let’s go back to the camp to eat first,” Qian Jiyun reminded her with a smile.

An Jiuyue looked a little embarrassed at the mention of food.

She really could not eat the food here. Should she cook some later? Zheng’er and Rong’er needed food anyway, so she had to cook.

“Shall I cook a few dishes for you when we get back?” she asked, raising her eyebrows.

“Okay,” Qian Jiyun replied.

He knew she had suffered after coming to Huayan Peak. Even he was not used to the food here, let alone her.

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At Camp Zhan Yun...

When Qian Jiyun and An Jiuyue returned, they saw Yan Nuo and Yan Jin handling a small demonic beast.

This demonic beast was about half the height of a human. It was shaped like a sheep and had two long, sharp horns. However, its fur was black.

Even Gong Cheng, who had sworn to hide in his tent for half a month, came out. He stood by them, watching them handle the corpse while rambling about how to eat this medium-sized creature.

Chapter 535 Shall We Roast the Antelope Whole?

“It’s a Flaming Antelope, a fire-type demonic beast,” Qian Jiyun explained.

“The Flaming Antelope is one of the few demonic beasts on Huayan Peak that doesn’t have any odor in their flesh or blood. They’re also notoriously difficult to catch. Yan Nuo and the others must have put in a lot of effort.”

“It’s that hard to come by?” An Jiuyue looked at the Flaming Antelope and touched her chin.

It would be a shame not to make this rare demonic beast delicious, wouldn’t it?

“Why don’t we roast the antelope whole? I have seasonings. It’ll definitely be delicious. Besides, it’s so big. It’s almost 100 kilograms, right? It’ll be enough for everyone to eat a full meal,” she suggested.

“Okay.” Qian Jiyun agreed with a smile. “Let Yan Nuo and the others prepare it.”

He called Yan Nuo over and asked him to prepare the Flaming Antelope for roasting.

Huayan Peak might be lacking in many things, but never tools for roasting meat because they could be easily made from wood.

The two of them immediately got to work. One gutted the Flaming Antelope quickly while the other gathered firewood and other things.

“Tsk tsk.” Gong Cheng glanced at An Jiuyue in disdain. “Second Brother, are you sure she can roast it whole? Does someone like her know how to cook? What if she burns it?”

“Young Master Gong, shut up!”

Yan Nuo was the one who stayed behind to gut the Flaming Antelope. He could not help but retort.

When he stayed at An Jiuyue’s house, he ate her food three times a day. He was sure it was the best food he had ever eaten.

Since they lived on the mountain, they ate a lot of roasted meat. Every time she made roasted meat, it was different from theirs.

It definitely tasted different.

“Mistress’s culinary skills are unparalleled.”

He did not think he was not exaggerating. He was the type to say whatever he had in mind.

“Oh please, Yan Nuo. Just keep flattering her.” Gong Cheng did not believe him and pursed his lips.

An Jiuyue glanced at Gong Cheng indifferently and murmured, “So what if I burn it? It’s much better than some people looking like a rainbow sparrow.”

Gong Cheng was speechless.

His anger was lodged in his chest, nearly suffocating him.

Everyone knew he cared most about his face. Although he was not as good-looking as his second brother, he was still a rare handsome man.

Now that his face was like this, he really... did not want anyone to mention it.

“An Jiuyue, I’m warning you. Don’t bring my face into this. Do you believe I’ll— Ah!”

Before he could finish threatening her, someone’s Original Soul energy descended on him, sweeping his hand away, and leaving him only to scream in pain.

“Second Brother!” He gritted his teeth and looked at Qian Jiyun.

An Jiuyue must be here to jinx me! Second Brother has taught me a lesson so many times since she arrived that I probably can’t count them with both hands!

“Let me know if you don’t want your hands anymore.” Qian Jiyun stared at him coldly and warned again, “This is the second time I’m warning you. Remember that.”

“I—” Gong Cheng opened his mouth but could only purse his lips in silence.

He understood his brother’s intentions very well. Qian Jiyun would not show mercy to him if this happened again.

Chapter 536 I Can Raise Demonic Beasts?

However, he could not stand An Jiuyue.

This woman doesn’t seem amiable and behaves like we’re cockfighting whenever she sees me.

But Second Brother thinks she's gentle and weak and would be bullied by others, so he's very protective of her. How can I not be angry? I'm so angry I'm about to puff up like a pufferfish!

I can't do anything to An Jiuyue, so I can only say a few words to satisfy my cravings. But I can't even do that now?

"Why are you talking to him so much? He just blabbers. Let's go choose some seasoning together and roast the Flaming Antelope whole."

An Jiuyue glanced calmly at Gong Cheng, whose face had darkened with anger, and pulled Qian Jiyun away.

Gong Cheng was speechless.

This woman is definitely here to jinx me! Absolutely! I've never seen anyone like this. When did I blabber?

"Let's see what you can roast. Don't waste the Flaming Antelope that Yan Nuo and the others hunted painstakingly!" he shouted angrily at their backs.

Shui Liu had just emerged from a tent, looking for something to eat before immersing herself in medicine refinement again.

She walked past Gong Cheng and asked him casually, "Young Master Gong, you're not the one who hunted the Flaming Antelope. Why are you anxious?"

Gong Cheng was shocked.

That's a large Flaming Antelope! Many people in the camp are looking forward to eating it. I want a few bites too. Is that wrong of me?

However, he never realized that Yan Nuo and Yan Jin would never have taken the risk to hunt a Flaming Antelope if An Jiuyue was not here. Everyone would only be able to eat odorous demonic beast meat.

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Inside the tent, An Jiuyue brought Qian Jiyun into the microcosmic space.

Wei Na immediately came forward to welcome them.

It suggested excitedly, “Master, shall we unlock a pasture and raise a few of those Flaming Antelopes?”

Wei Na could sense the Flaming Antelope’s abundant spiritual energy, even from inside the space. It would be fantastic if they could raise it like a domestic fowl.

Furthermore, because Flaming Antelopes were herbivores, they could live as long as the pasture had grass.

Flaming Antelopes were easy to raise, and they could eat meat with abundant spiritual energy—how amazing was that? It was a beautiful plan, and Wei Na thought its master would be willing to do it if it suggested it.

“I can raise demonic beasts inside the space?” An Jiuyue asked in surprise.

“This is a microcosmic space, Master. Why can’t you raise some demonic beasts from other planes if there are things from other planes in the Points Mall?” Wei Na reminded her.

“However, you can’t rear ordinary poultry after raising demonic beasts. It’s not good to rear them together.”

That was truly unfortunate. 15,000 points could be used to only raise Flaming Antelopes... It would be great if they could raise some other herbivorous demonic beasts.

“Then we’ll unlock another pasture,” An Jiuyue said matter-of-factly, nearly scaring Wei Na to its death.

Does Master think unlocking a pasture is as easy as plucking grass from the ground? If only it were that simple!

“Master, do you know how many points are needed for the next pasture?”

We haven’t exchanged the points for the first pasture, so I don’t know how many points we’d need for the next. But it won’t be cheap, right?

How can Master talk about unlocking another pasture like she’s drinking water?

“I don’t know.” An Jiuyue shook her head.

She did not know how many points a second pasture would cost. However, she knew everything would be settled when she opened Ding Nuo Academy in Daqing Kingdom.

Chapter 537 Every Bowl of Porridge and Rice Was Scarce

“I’ll unlock the first pasture when I return to Daqing Kingdom. I won’t raise the demonic beasts here for now. I’ll raise poultry,” she said after thinking for a moment.

If she raised poultry, she could open a shop here and sell them to earn both money and points.

If the people here wanted to eat the demonic beasts, they could take a risk hunting them. There was nothing new.

She was also telling Qian Jiyun this. She had mentioned the pasture to him before, but she had never followed through on it.

“Jiyun, I think the people here eat more than ordinary people,” she said.

She could tell that even Qian Jiyun's appetite had increased after he came here. He did not have to eat so much when they used to eat together.

However, he had eaten most of the dishes she had cooked yesterday.

It was clear he had a huge appetite.

"Cultivating Original Soul energy consumes a lot of energy."

Qian Jiyun did not try to hide it. Instead, he gently patted her head with his hand.

"Hence, your appetite will increase. Don't you feel that your appetite is changing too?"

An Jiuyue was shocked.

She had convinced herself that every bowl of porridge and rice was scarce because she had eaten some unpalatable vegetables over the past two days.

But was it because her appetite was also changing?

"Would I need to eat a lot of food in the future?" She was horrified.

"No." Qian Jiyun shook his head with a smile.

"The effects on a woman's body aren't all that bad. Moreover, it's simply a matter of not cultivating enough, and the Original Soul energy is developed to some extent.

"If there's an emergency, I can go a few days without eating and not pass out from hunger. I'll be hungry at most."

An Jiuyue remained silent. She rolled her eyes at Qian Jiyun.

“You’re really arrogant. How can you brag like that?”

Qian Jiyun tilted his head and asked, “Is this considered... bragging?”

That doesn’t sound like a good thing. Does she think I’m bragging?

“Alright, it does sound like I’m bragging.”

It was true that people might be jealous of him for being able to go a few days without eating. However, he would only do so if he were forced to.

An Jiuyue did not reply to his question and said, “We’ve taken our things. Let’s leave.”

“Master, if you’re free, make a trip to the Suspended Pavilion. I sense some changes there, but I can’t tell what exactly,” Wei Na reminded her.

It could not pick up much from the Suspended Pavilion.

“Alright, I’ll go tonight,” An Jiuyue replied.

She was about to leave with Qian Jiyun but found herself unable to do so while holding Qian Jiyun’s hand. She remained rooted to the ground.

“What’s going on?”

She released Qian Jiyun’s hand and looked at Wei Na in confusion.

To think there will come a day when I can't leave? What's going on? My mind transforms this place. I thought I could do whatever I wanted?

"Wei Na..."

"Don't ask me, Master." Wei Na was also confused.

It never expected that its master would not be able to leave. It was definitely something impossible.

"Can the space level up too?"

Is the space being upgraded now that the Points Mall has been upgraded? But I'm its inhabitant! There's no way I won't notice if it does!

Chapter 538 Can't Come Back In Anymore

If the space was upgraded, Wei Na should be the first to notice and notify her, right?

"No, that's not right, Master. That's not right at all. Could it be..."

"Aside from me, no one over the age of three can enter this space in the future."

Before Wei Na could say anything, An Jiuyue spoke. She had sensed that the Suspended Pavilion had sent her a message.

Children under the age of three had blank minds and could enter. However, people over the age of three could no longer enter because the space had changed qualitatively.

It was related to her visit to Huayan Peak and the cultivation of her Original Soul energy. After all, ordinary planes and cultivation planes were different.

“What?” Wei Na was dumbfounded.

Can't enter? So only Master may enter in the future? The children in the courtyard will grow older, won't they? So they have to leave after they turn three?

“What should we do? Master, how will they leave?”

The issue is, how are they going to leave? Right now, Master can't bring him out, can she? Will they be locked up here forever? If that's true, that's terrible!

“We can leave now, but he can't come back in anymore,” An Jiuyue looked at Qian Jiyun and said seriously.

It was meant to be a good hiding place for them to retreat to whenever they were in danger. In the end, she could only hide here with children under the age of three.

She felt that her cheat code had weakened.

“Too many people shouldn't know about this space. It's best if no one else can enter,” Qian Jiyun consoled her.

Honestly, he was worried she would carelessly bring others in here to hide if they encountered any danger in the future.

Human nature was often tried and found wanting.

It would be great if no one could enter.

“When we return to the capital this time, we'll send Lu'er and the other two to Ding Nuo Academy. We'll have to trouble Elder Ding Nuo in the future. It's safer for you to enter this space alone.

“As for Zheng’er and Rong’er, let them go out. Seeing the world is beneficial for them,” he said.

“That’s the only way.”

What other choice did she have? She could only nod.

After all, she had just learned from the Suspended Pavilion’s message that they had to leave today or else they would be trapped in the space for the rest of their lives.

Moreover, even if they died, they would only become another Wei Na. Even their souls could not leave.

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The Flaming Antelope, weighing approximately 100 kilograms, was put on the grill. An Jiuyue worked hard to roast it personally.

She finally finished roasting it, and everyone devoured it with delight—even Gong Cheng, who had previously dismissed An Jiuyue’s food.

Who allowed the roasted Flaming Antelope to smell so good?

He salivated as he apologized to An Jiuyue and eventually obtained a kilogram of meat. He ate while squatting in a corner.

The camp was divided into two groups. Every protected ground was divided into two shifts. One group would return to rest, and the other would kill demonic beasts. Hence, many people were not around.

Even with half the camp present, the 100 kilograms of demonic beast meat could only be distributed in portions of around half a kilogram.

In fact, they could only eat about half a kilogram of meat because many of the subordinates in the various teams could not return to the camp for a month, instead resting at the protected grounds.

If half of the camp were really present, they would probably only be able to eat bones.

Chapter 539 Bring Her to See the World

“It’d be great if there were many Flaming Antelopes!” Yan Jin muttered to himself as he rubbed his stomach.

“You dreaming?” Yan Nuo rolled his eyes at him.

Catching Flaming Antelopes was challenging. They were not only fire-types but also agility-types.

Besides, there were not many of them near their camp. If they wanted to capture them for food, they had to wait for opportunities or travel further away.

However, that was someone else’s territory. They could not go there just because they wanted to. Their master could only bring a few people there during annual meetings.

“Master, the Beast Affinity Meeting will commence in a month, right? Are you going there then?”

Before Qian Jiyun could reply, An Jiuyue asked, “Beast Affinity Meeting? What Beast Affinity Meeting?”

“Beast Affinity Meeting” sounded like the Cowherd and the Weaving Maid meeting on a bridge of magpies¹. They were killing demonic beasts, not dating them.

However, there was no need to guess to figure it out. The chiefs would meet to review how many demonic beasts they had killed this year and discuss how they planned to do so next year.

It was basically a year-end review meeting.

“Huayan Peak selects a place to hold the Beast Affinity Meeting each year. The purpose of the meeting is to decide where the guardians under the various lords will be stationed next year.”

Qian Jiyun replied as he cut the Flaming Antelope into pieces and handed them to her.

“This year’s meeting will be held in the east. It’s quite far away, and the journey will take 15 days. The people there are better at Original Soul Cultivation Techniques than we are.

“However, the lords rarely attend in person. They’ll send only a few people to make up the numbers,” he explained.

“Oh, I see.” An Jiuyue nodded.

Huayan Peak was not all that peaceful. They had to deal not only with demonic beasts but also with people’s hearts.

The east was far away, and it was challenging to understand the motives of the people there. Hence, the lords in this area would not attend in person. Who knew what would happen if they went?

“So you won’t go either, right?” she asked.

“Yan Jin can go this year,” Qian Jiyun said.

While still eating delicious food, everyone turned to look at their master in unison.

He made it sound like he attended every year. Previously, he would send a few people at random to get it over with. He was reluctant to even send Yan Jin.

This was the norm. Everyone knew that.

“Second Brother, Second Sister-in-law is here today. Are you sure you won’t bring her to see the world?”

Gong Cheng had just apologized but was reverting to his old ways again. His mouth began to itch again when he saw An Jiuyue being praised for her good cooking.

“Second Sister-in-law, you might not know this, but the Beast Affinity Meeting is very lively. It’s not like what Second Brother said. It’s not just going for a meeting and coming back. There are too many things we can do.

“In the past, many lords would bring their women to the Beast Affinity Meeting to show off. Those women wore gold and silver and were very imposing. Only my second brother did not bring even a single strand of hair.

“Even if you don’t want to do this for yourself, you have to go and do something for Second Brother, right?”

“You’re so good-looking. You can defeat those women by dressing up casually. Let’s see who still dares to look down on my second brother in the future. He’d have so much respect.”

Chapter 540 Why Are They Interjecting?

Hehe, I’ll praise An Jiuyue as much as I can now.

She’ll be angry if she arrives at the Beast Affinity Meeting and sees that the women are exquisitely and enchantingly dressed, have Original Soul energy higher than hers and are even medicine refiners! Make her angry!

She’ll plummet from the clouds to the ground! Let’s see how arrogant she can be in front of me!

Second Brother will probably be embarrassed by her. It’ll be best if she can be so embarrassing that he’ll send her back to where she came from.

“Young Master Gong, why is the food not shutting you up?” Yan Jin glared at Gong Cheng angrily.

What was there to see in a place like Huayan Peak? There were demonic beasts everywhere. They would have to kill their way to the east.

It would be dangerous for their mistress to go. She had to stay in the camp.

But who would feel at ease leaving her in the camp? Even they were worried, let alone their master.

Competition? What's there to compare? Did their master look like one who would compete with others? No competition mattered more than their mistress's safety!

"Yan Jin, how can you say that about Young Master Gong? He probably doesn't want to eat delicious food next time, so let him talk." Shui Xian smiled at Gong Cheng and spoke to Yan Jin seriously.

In any case, she did not care about their conflicts. She only wanted to focus on refining her medicinal pills.

Besides, Ye Chenglin had implicated Qin Yifeng in going to the protected grounds. She and Shui Liu were the only ones refining pills in the camp. She did not have time to watch others bicker.

Moreover, she thought Gong Cheng was really stupid to pick a fight with their mistress—someone whom their master protected!

It would be strange if he could win!

"No one cares about him anyway. He can say whatever he wants. His mouth isn't ours," Shui Liu muttered as she ate.

Although her voice was soft, everyone cultivated Original Soul energy and could hear her.

"All of you..." Gong Cheng was furious.

I'm not talking to them. Why are they interjecting?

Second brother didn't even say anything. That means he can't bear to part with me. He'll only say a few harsh words to me when he can't take it anymore, right?

He was relieved.

It had to be said; Gong Cheng was someone who would forget his mistakes.

He had been afraid Qian Jiyun would deal with him because of An Jiuyue. One morning was all it took for him to forget everything. He even expected his second brother to help him when he bickered with An Jiuyue.

Qian Jiyun had no time to care about Gong Cheng. Instead, he lowered his head and asked An Jiuyue, "Do you want to go?"

He would go if she wanted to go to the east to explore. He had not seen those people in a long time anyway. It was time to meet them.

"I don't want to. If I have the time, I should spend it cultivating."

An Jiuyue raised her eyebrows and shook her head decisively. She did not read so many medicine refinement books for no reason.

She wanted to prepare more herbs and learn how to refine some simple medicinal pills. She wanted to venture into medicine refinement as Wei Na had suggested.

Besides, she had to open the shop first. It was a good opportunity to make money.

"But I think Gong Cheng wants to go. Why don't we let Yan Jin bring Gong Cheng along this time so that he can see the world? This is his second time coming to Huayan Peak, right?"