

# The Substitute Madam Amazes the World Once More

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#### Chapter 176: Deadlock

Xu Huan, who was drinking tea calmly at the side, glanced at Mo Wu as if he was looking at a fool. He reached out and patted the man's broad shoulder before saying in an unfathomable manner, "You don't understand this, right? This is just a technique Brother Huo is using to please Xiao Zhu."

Xu Huan paused and looked in the direction of the corridor. He nodded seriously and continued explaining, "Didn't you hear something else in Xiao Zhu's words just now? She doesn't really want to bid for the necklace on the stage. She just wants to make Ms. Kang unhappy."

On the corridor.

Upon seeing Huo Xuan walk out to support Mo Zhu, Kang Ying felt an inexplicable bitterness surge into her heart. A faint mist instantly appeared in her eyes. She raised her hand and simply propped herself up on the railing beside her. She said with grievance, "Brother Xuan, you must not be fooled by this woman. She deliberately approached you because she fancied the Huo family's money. She's a gold digger!"

Huo Xuan raised his eyebrows when he heard this. He turned to look at Kang Ying and said with a displeased expression, "You don't have to comment on what kind of person Xiao Zhu is. Ms. Kang, please show some respect to my fiancée."

Once he said this, it made Kang Ying's chest ache even more. She wiped the tears that had already flowed out of her eyes and said softly, "Brother Xuan, I really like this necklace. I came to this auction today specially for it. Brother Xuan, can you give this necklace to me on the account that we've been childhood sweethearts for so many years..."

At this moment, everyone in the hall was watching the show eagerly. Kang Ying's voice was clearly heard by everyone present, and the mockery in the living room became even louder.

"No way. The young master of the Huo family actually grew up with Ms. Kang? Doesn't that mean that the young master of the Huo family had abandoned Ms. Kang for his new love?"

“I really didn’t expect that just by participating in the auction I’d encounter such a soul-stirring scene and broaden my horizons. I really should get a few media outlets to take photos. If this is posted online, it would receive much more attention than those groundless gossip streams!”

Seeing that the wind was blowing in the wrong direction, Huo Xuan’s eyes immediately darkened and his face turned cold. “Back then, when I was seriously ill, Ms. Kang avoided me like I was a venomous snake. Now, you really don’t have to act like you’re deeply in love with me. I can’t bear it.”

Just as he finished speaking, Huo Xuan continued, “It’s not that I don’t want to give this necklace to you on account of the Kang family, but my fiancée really likes it. I can only ask Ms. Kang to part with it.”

“You! You all...” Kang Ying was breathless from Huo Xuan’s words. She stood rooted to the ground with tears in her eyes.

She really did not know what kind of bewitching soup this country bumpkin called Mo Zhu had fed Brother Xuan. Ever since she appeared, Brother Xuan had never been nice to her.

Even if she could not get this necklace, she could not let this woman have it. If it was given to the young ladies of other big families, she could bear the pain and part with it. However, she could not give it to Mo Zhu. If this matter were to spread, not only would it embarrass the Kang family, but she, Kang Ying, would probably not be able to raise her head in front of her sisters from now on.

After pondering quietly for a moment, Kang Ying saw that she couldn’t obtain it through Huo Xuan anymore. She lowered her eyes and carefully pondered over the other methods she could use to approach the problem.

Unexpectedly, a voice suddenly came from behind her. A cold female voice sounded from behind. “Two billion!”

The person who spoke was Kang Ying’s mother, Lin Yuan. She had heard that the Gao family was holding an auction today, and she had followed Huo Qing and Kang Ying as soon as they left. However, her motive was different from these two people. She had received a secret message from her spy and she had come specially for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb..

## Chapter 177: The Necklace Has Been Sold

Kang Ying looked up at Lin Yuan with tears in her eyes and shouted aggrievedly, “Mom.”

Lin Yuan walked behind her daughter and held Kang Ying's hand comfortingly. She said lightly, "Good child, with Mom here, this necklace would definitely belong to you today."

The moment Lin Yuan's face appeared in the corridor on the second floor, she caused a huge uproar in the auction venue. All the influential families in Beijing recognized her face, which they had seen in many major events.

"Isn't this the eldest daughter-in-law of the Kang family? I didn't expect her to come to the auction either. There's going to be a good show this time. Everyone knows that this daughter of the Lin family is very protective of her loved ones. I think this necklace on the stage will definitely be Ms. Kang's today."

Upon hearing this, another young lady from an influential family couldn't help but retort, "That might not be the case. Young Master Huo and his fiancée don't look like they're easy to deal with. It's really hard to say who will win this necklace!"

"Forget it, forget it. The competition between the two families is all about the word 'face'. It has nothing to do with us small fries. Let's just watch the show calmly."

Lin Yuan was a business expert no matter what. She didn't listen to any of these irrelevant discussions and understood that her opponent this time was actually Huo Xuan's little fiancée. The moment Lin Yuan walked out of the private room, she quietly observed Mo Zhu.

Seeing this, Mo Zhu was very calm. She raised a finger and knocked on the railing of the corridor rhythmically. She looked at the host on the stage and said loudly, "Three billion."

"Five billion." Lin Yuan did not back down and continued to increase the price.

"Eight billion." Mo Zhu raised her eyebrows and looked at Lin Yuan teasingly.

After Mo Zhu shouted this price, the crowd who was watching the show held their breaths and did not dare to say another word. After all, no one expected that Young Master Huo's unknown little fiancée would spend eight billion on a small diamond necklace.

Not only were the people in the living room frightened by Mo Zhu's bid, even the children of the other families who were quietly watching the show in the private rooms were also shocked. The people who enjoyed watching such dramas had already walked out of the private rooms to the corridor and sized Mo Zhu up quietly.

Lu Zheng also pushed open the door of the private room with some interest and came to the corridor. Just now, when he visited Huo Xuan before the auction started, he had already seen that this fiancée of Huo Xuan was not someone easy to deal with. Now, he

had indeed guessed correctly. To be able to catch Huo Xuan's eye, this woman called Mo Zhu must be extraordinary.

It had been a long time since he had encountered such a thing. As if he had a premonition that a storm was about to break out in Beijing, Lu Zheng curled his lips into a sinister smile. He gently rubbed his palms and said softly, "How interesting. It seems like this calm lake is finally going to be stirred."

After Mo Zhu shouted the price, Lin Yuan's expression darkened. She was being suppressed by a junior. No matter how magnanimous she was, it was expected that she would already be angry at this moment. She raised her hand and tidied up her sleeves. She glanced at Mo Zhu and turned to the host, who was standing on the stage with a microphone in his hand in a dignified manner. "10 billion!"

Seeing that the other party had called the price she wanted, Mo Zhu suddenly loosened her grip on the corridor railing. She turned her head and curled her lips in amusement. "Ten billion? That's too high. I don't have that much money. It's fine if I don't get this necklace. Forget it, I'll give it to you."

After saying this, Mo Zhu spread her hands and smiled at Kang Ying, gesturing nonchalantly.

When the host heard Mo Zhu's words, the breath that had been hanging in his throat since just now finally came out. He was afraid that the girl would speak again and regret her decision, he quickly picked up the small hammer in his hand and shouted, "Ten billion going once, ten billion going twice, ten billion going thrice, deal!"

Wiping the cold sweat off his forehead, the host raised a smile and looked at Kang Ying, who was on the second floor. "Congratulations, Ms.. Kang, for obtaining this rare treasure."

## Chapter 178: Being Schemed Against

Just as the host landed his hammer, Lin Yuan belatedly realized that something was wrong. She pondered for a moment and looked up at Mo Zhu, who was standing quietly not far away. She said coldly, "You, you raised the price on purpose?"

Mo Zhu shrugged and replied nonchalantly, "You can't spout nonsense. Everyone is just competing fairly and the highest bidder wins. There's no such thing as it being intentional or not..."

Realizing that she had been schemed against by Mo Zhu, Lin Yuan was so angry that she panted heavily. She pointed at Mo Zhu and scolded her ruthlessly, "You! Where did this wild girl come from? What a sharp tongue she has!"

Seeing that Lin Yuan did not look very well, Kang Ying quickly went forward to support her. As she patted the woman's back to calm her down, she comforted, "Mom, she's just a country bumpkin. Let's not stoop to her level."

Lin Yuan turned her head with a cold expression and resentment. Her anger was burning in her chest and she did not want to look at Mo Zhu anymore.

Previously, when she heard Huo Qing and Kang Ying mention Huo Xuan's fiancée, she had thought that the two of them had exaggerated. Now that she saw it today, she realized that Mo Zhu indeed had some ability.

The people from the Gao family were very efficient. Just as the host announced that the necklace was won by Kang Ying, a waiter wearing gloves went on stage personally to take the necklace and quickly sent it to Kang Ying who was on the second floor.

The drama only came to an end officially after the servant from the Kang family had swiped his card and accepted the necklace. It was only then when everyone in the living room came back to their senses. In a few minutes, they understood what had taken place. Seeing the deflated expressions on Lin Yuan and Kang Ying's faces, everyone wanted to laugh, but they could not and all of them had a hard time holding it in.

After the two of them helped each other back to the private room, everyone could not help but start whispering and discussing.

"It's really funny. The Kang family actually spent 10 billion to buy a necklace worth at most 200 million. I'm afraid no one will believe it even if I tell them!"

"That's right, that's right. You didn't see the expressions on Mrs. Kang and Ms. Kang's faces just now. It was really exciting. After losing so much money, if it were me, my old man would definitely break my legs!"

As everyone discussed excitedly, the auction continued in an orderly manner.

The emcee slowly pushed out the next auction item from backstage. It was a rare antique bottle that the Gao family's master, Gao Rong, had bid for by chance many years ago. It was said that this ancient bottle had been lucky enough to be placed in a sleeping chamber by an emperor of a certain dynasty.

Although most of the people who came to participate in the auction today were here for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb, there was no lack of people who truly liked antiques. After a few rounds of bidding, this ancient bottle was finally won by a VIP in a private room for 500 million.

The third item was a small incense burner. The emcee placed it in the gift box and presented it on the stage. The emcee took the treasure introduction from the appraiser and began to introduce this item in detail.

“Now we are showing everyone the legendary incense burner that was made by the divine doctor. The Zhao family had commissioned us to auction it on behalf of them.”

“Everyone knows that many years ago, before the previous master of the Zhao family passed away, he was fortunate enough to be diagnosed and treated by the divine doctor. This incense burner was personally refined by the divine doctor at that time. The incense burning from this burner can extend one’s life if one uses it for a long time.”

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When the host said this, everyone below the stage looked at the gift box in surprise. Clearly, they did not believe his words.

In the private room.

Xu Huan placed a hand on the half-opened window and raised his head to look at the stage downstairs. He saw that the small incense burner was not refined so exquisitely and he sneered in disdain, “The Zhao family is so daring, they actually dare to take out a random thing for sale. In order to sell for a good price, they even fabricated the lie that it was made by the divine doctor. It’s so funny.. Given the time spent to make this, the divine doctor would have been able to save so many lives instead.

Chapter 179: A Small Incense Burner

Mo Zhu lowered her head and played with her phone. She was originally not very interested in this incense burner, but after hearing Xu Huan’s teasing, she was amused by the man’s words. She looked up and said casually, “You’re right. This thing is really not made by the divine doctor.”

When Xu Huan heard this, he looked at Mo Zhu in surprise. He turned his head and asked with interest, “Why? How does Little Bamboo know the truth?”

Mo Zhu glanced at Xu Huan and glanced at the stage. She pointed at the emcee who was holding the incense burner and showing it to everyone in detail. She replied indifferently, “Look at the handles on the left and right of the incense burner. Are they asymmetric? Are they of different heights?”

The few people in the private room followed Mo Zhu’s words and looked at the handle of the small incense burner carefully. Indeed, this incense burner was really crudely made. Its handle was not even made properly.

Xu Huan spat ruthlessly and said angrily, “Isn’t the Zhao family earning money through lying? How dare a big family like them fake things openly. When the auction ends later,

I'll definitely report it to the Gao family's master and make their reputation suffer. The gains don't make up for the losses!"

Before Xu Huan could finish grumbling, Mo Zhu gave him a cold glance, put down her phone and took a sip of tea. She said plainly, "I'm not wrong. Although this incense burner wasn't made by the divine doctor, it does have the effect of extending one's life after one takes in the smell of the incense from this burner for a long period of time."

Xu Huan looked at Mo Zhu in confusion when he heard this. "What do you mean?"

This time, not only was Xu Huan curious, even Huo Xuan, who usually kept a straight face, was intrigued by Mo Zhu.

He did not expect Mo Zhu to even know a little about the past behind this incense burner. She really made him view her in a different light again.

"Because I made this incense burner. Many years ago, the divine doctor owed the previous master of the Zhao family a favor. At that time, he was overseas and it was not convenient for him to return to the country, so I went to the Zhao family to take a look at that old man on his behalf. Seeing that his desire to live was not strong, I casually made this incense burner and gave it to him. It could be considered as returning this favor for the divine doctor."

These words shocked Xu Huan. He stared at Mo Zhu in disbelief and muttered to himself, "Little Bamboo, you made this incense burner?"

"Yes." Mo Zhu raised her eyes and looked at the incense burner on the stage again. She shook her head regretfully and said, "If I had known that this incense burner would be taken out to be admired by so many people today, I would have used more effort to make it look better. This ugly thing is too embarrassing."

Huo Xuan wasn't as shocked as Xu Huan. No matter how ridiculous Mo Zhu's words were, he was already mentally prepared. After all, his little fiancée always had unexpected abilities!

Huo Xuan calmly picked up the teapot and filled a glass for Mo Zhu. There was a faint smile on his lips. "It's not ugly, it's not ugly. In my opinion, this incense burner is already very beautiful. It's even more exquisite than the ones in the store."

"Pfft." Just as Huo Xuan finished speaking, Mo Wu couldn't help but spit out the tea he had just drunk in order to calm his nerves.

Mo Wu raised his hand and wiped the corners of his mouth. He frowned and said, "Young Master, your flattery is too far-fetched. Mo Wu can't stand it anymore!"

Before Mo Wu could finish, Xu Huan shook his head and suddenly thought of something. He raised his hand and poked Huo Xuan's arm, saying happily, "Brother Huo, since this incense burner has the effect of extending one's lifespan, why don't we buy it and give it to Old Master Huo? It might be useful for Old Master Huo's recovery?"

When Mo Zhu heard this, she glanced at Xu Huan indifferently and replied, "Is there a need to go through so much trouble? I'll make a better one and send it to Old Master Huo another day.. You don't have to spend this money for no reason."

## Chapter 180: Similar Herbs

"Hey, that's right. Why didn't I think of this?" Xu Huan slammed the table, annoyed at his own stupidity.

Although the incense burner did not look that good, with the Zhao family and the Gao family as the guarantors, it still sold for a good price of five billion yuan.

After the third item was sold, the fourth item was pushed out by the host. What appeared in front of everyone was a certain mushroom that looked like a spirit herb. Just as this spirit herb was taken out, it caused a commotion in the entire living room.

The people from the various families all pointed at it and started discussing about it. Even the VIPs in the private rooms on the second floor went to the corridor and took a few looks from afar.

In the Lu family's private room.

The white-bearded old man paced in the corridor and looked at the spirit herb in the gift box on the stage a few times. Then, he returned to the table in the private room and touched his long beard as he pondered quietly.

Lu Zheng, who was also silent at the side, watched the movements of the people in the hall as he sipped his tea calmly.

After about five minutes, the white-bearded old man sat down on the chair, with one hand holding the table. He touched the Buddha beads on his wrist thoughtfully.

Lu Zheng looked up at him and asked bluntly, "Elder Fei, did you see the spirit herb on the stage clearly? Is it the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb?"

The old man who was called Elder Fei by Lu Zheng turned his Buddha Beads and carefully recalled the remaining images of the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb in his mind. He closed his eyes and said in a low voice, "There's a 90% chance that it's the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. To be honest, the Pine Snow Herb that I saw

back then was very similar to the one on the stage. Not only is its appearance identical, even the roots and veins are identical.”

The subordinate in black standing behind Lu Zheng obviously did not believe that the Gao family would place the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb as the first herb to be auctioned. He hesitated for a moment and immediately raised a question, “Young Master, I think that this spirit herb is most likely not the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. The Gao family is not stupid. If they really place a treasure like the Pine Snow Herb as the first herb to be auctioned, the remaining herbs will be worthless if the person who knows the value of it purchases it!”

At this moment, Lu Zheng also lowered his head as if he was thinking about something. The old man looked up at the subordinate in black, stroked his white beard, and continued, “Maybe the Gao family wants to catch us by surprise, but we don’t know. After all, no one has set the rules that the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb can’t be the first herb to be auctioned. In the current situation, everyone must have the same thoughts as us. They think that the Gao family will definitely not place the Pine Snow Herb as the first herb to be sold. If this is the Pine Snow Herb, then it would be a bargain for us!”

Understanding the deep meaning behind the old man’s words, Lu Zheng nodded in agreement. “What Elder Fei says makes sense. Maybe that’s what the other families think.”

Lowering his head to take a sip of tea, Elder Fei gave instructions in a deep voice, “Now, let’s wait and see how the other families react. Although I had the fortune of seeing the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb once, it’s hard to guarantee that the other families won’t recognize this spirit medicine. If there aren’t many people bidding later, we might as well give it a try by offering a high price.”

When Lu Zheng heard this, he pinched his glabella and a strange glint flashed across his eyes. “Listen to Elder Fei.”

After saying this, the man stood up and pushed open the door of the private room to go to the corridor. He looked up quietly, his gaze fixed on room one.

A sinister smile slowly curled up on the corners of Lu Zheng’s mouth. He didn’t believe that Huo Xuan and Mo Zhu, who were in private room one, could still hold back. As long as he kept a close eye on these two people, the chances of him winning would definitely double.

In private room one.

When the host signaled the emcee to start showing off the spirit herb, Mo Zhu’s match had just ended. Taking advantage of the fact that the word ‘victory’ had appeared on her phone screen and she was unable to continue to the next screen, Mo Zhu indifferently

raised her eyes to look at the herb on the stage. With just a rough glance, she retracted her gaze and continued the next round as if there was no one else around.

Ever since the spirit herb was pushed out of the arena, Xu Huan had been quietly observing Mo Zhu's reaction. Now that he saw that the girl was indifferent, he frowned and asked curiously, "Little Bamboo, is that the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb on the stage? If so, we have to start bidding for it!"

When Mo Zhu heard this, she did not even look up and replied with absolute certainty, "No."

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Xu Huan looked at the spirit herb on the stage a few more times in disbelief. "Really?"

### Chapter 181: Wanting to Sell The Medicine

Mo Zhu continued to point at the phone screen and said unhurriedly, "The spirit herb on the stage is called the Spirit Cloud Herb. Although its appearance and texture looks identical to the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb, its effects are actually far inferior. However, this is also a good herb. The special pill made with it can cure most of the poison in the market."

When Huo Xuan heard this, he raised his eyes and watched as Mo Zhu played her game as if nothing had happened. However, on the other hand, Xu Huan wasn't so calm. He frowned, clenched his fists, and suggested, "According to what you said, that herb on the stage is indeed a good thing. Why don't we take a photo of it? If the other families find out that it has the effect of curing poison, won't they go crazy fighting for it?"

Mo Wu agreed. "If it can cure poison, is it effective for the Heart-Devouring Poison?"

After winning another round, Mo Zhu placed her phone flat on her knees and glanced at Mo Wu indifferently. She raised her right index finger and shook it gently. "You're thinking too simply. If this medicine was really so powerful, Huo Xuan wouldn't have only recovered now. It can only cure ordinary poison in the market. It's useless against tricky poison like the Heart-Devouring Poison."

"No matter what, this item on the stage is one in a million. Why don't we make a bid for it?" Xu Huan's tone was a little excited, and he was already impatient to get his hands on the Spirit Cloud Herb.

He was born into a noble family and had understood the schemes of the descendants of noble families since he was young. Not to mention the vicious methods they used secretly, even assassinations were very common.

In order to become the family heads of the various major families, brothers were not brothers, and uncles and nephews did not treat one another accordingly either. If this thing really had the effect that Mo Zhu mentioned, the other families in this auction would definitely fight for it crazily!

Naturally, Mo Zhu did not understand where Xu Huan's excitement came from. She gently pressed the man's shoulder without batting an eyelid and looked up as she said, "Do you really care so much about this thing? Then there's no need to be so excited. On the account that we're old friends, I'll sell you a few of it. You won't have to fight with that group of people for it at this auction."

Just as he finished speaking, Mo Wu and Xu Huan looked at Mo Zhu in shock. The corners of their mouths twitched slightly, and Mo Wu said in disbelief, "Ms. Mo, you really have this Spirit Cloud Herb? I wonder how much you have in stock?"

Mo Zhu lowered her head and took a sip of tea. She rubbed her palms and replied after thinking for a moment, "There are plenty in the warehouse. If you want me to calculate the number I have carefully, I really can't count them all. If you really want it, I'd sell you one for 50,000. Transfer the money to my account first, I'll get someone to send it to you later."

Before the two of them could reply, Huo Xuan, who was sitting quietly by the side and watching the show, shifted his body and leaned over. He filled Mo Zhu's cup with tea and smiled. "Xiao Zhu, I want to buy a few of these herbs too. Can you give me a price?"

Mo Zhu looked up at Huo Xuan and lowered her head as she started the next game. She replied casually, "You don't have to pay for them. I have a lot of these things. If you want them, I'll give them to you. My things are yours. We don't have to differentiate between us."

Upon hearing Mo Zhu's words, Xu Huan and Mo Wu sighed and looked at each other before hanging their heads helplessly.

Sigh, they were a couple after all.

After a few more minutes, Xu Huan suddenly thought of something. He patted his head and stood up. He looked at Mo Zhu and asked, "Little Bamboo, if this Spirit Cloud Herb really has the effect of curing poison, then why haven't we heard of this herb in the various families or medical institutions for so many years? Could there be something fishy about it?"

Mo Zhu lowered her head and tapped the screen casually. She said lightly, "This thing wasn't grown in our country. I don't think many people in Beijing recognize it.. If anyone still knows its name, they must be from a traditional Chinese medicine family that has practiced medicine for generations."

## Chapter 182: Unique Skill

After a pause, she added nonchalantly, "However, even if they recognize the Spirit Cloud Herb, they can't develop a pill with the ability to cure poison, so you don't have to be so nervous about this medicine on the stage."

Xu Huan was a little confused and he continued asking, "What do you mean by that?"

Mo Zhu's hand did not stop moving as she replied casually, "Because developing this pill is my unique skill. Ordinary medical families do not have this technique of mine."

When she said this, the few people in the private room gave Mo Zhu a thumbs up in their hearts. They did not expect her to have such a hidden ability.

At the same time, everyone in the living room and other private rooms started discussing the Spirit Cloud Herb on the stage. No one was sure if this was the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb.

The host cleared his throat and began to maintain order. "The auction item that is currently being exhibited on the stage is a spirit herb. According to the rules that have been set before the auction had started, the name of this auction item will not be announced. Everyone, please observe this herb seriously and carefully before you make your bid. You can increase the bid after you have confirmed it."

"The starting bid is five billion. The auction will officially begin now!"

After saying this, everyone in the living room looked at each other, unsure of what to do. Suddenly, a cold voice came from an unknown private room. "Ten billion."

Just as he finished speaking, everyone in the venue started to raise the prices loudly, afraid that the spirit medicine would be auctioned off by others.

"15 billion!"

"20 billion!"

"I'll bid 25 billion!"

In room one, Mo Zhu quietly listened to the bids that were getting higher and higher. She looked at the Spirit Cloud Herb on the stage in surprise and said, "I didn't expect this medicine to be auctioned at such a high price. If I had known that it was so valuable, I would have taken some out to auction it at various places. Who knows, I might be able to make a fortune!"

When the crazy bidder outside raised the price to 50 billion, Mo Zhu's eyelids twitched. She had originally thought that 100 billion would be enough to buy the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. She did not expect an ordinary and not very rare Spirit Cloud Herb to be raised to such a high price. She had really underestimated the legendary wealthy families in Beijing.

As if he understood Mo Zhu's worry, Huo Xuan raised his hand and patted the girl's shoulder comfortingly. He said softly, "There's no need to worry too much. These people can't recognize the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. The Spirit Cloud Herb and the Pine Snow Herb are so similar. They're taking it as a Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb."

Huo Xuan patted the girl's hand and continued to explain slowly, "If I'm not wrong, the Gao family should be auctioning the five spirit herbs at the starting price of five billion. These people can't tell which one is what they want, so of course they will spare no effort to bid."

As Huo Xuan had expected, in just a few minutes, the bid for the Spirit Cloud Herb on the stage had already reached 50 billion. This price was already not something an ordinary small family could afford.

Not to mention an ordinary family in Beijing, if they weren't prepared in advance, even the Huo family and the Kang family might not be able to gather the funds immediately.

After sifting through many families at high prices, only a few top-notch noble families in the private rooms were still bidding intermittently.

"55 billion!"

"60 billion!"

The bidding continued. In the Lu family's private room, Lu Zheng turned around from the corridor and pushed open the door of the private room. He raised his hand and signaled his subordinate to keep quiet.

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The subordinate was stunned for a moment before he stopped raising the price.

He frowned at his young master in confusion and asked curiously, “Young Master, why did you stop me from raising the price?”

Lu Zheng casually found a chair and sat down. He replied lazily, “There’s no need to increase the bid. The one on stage is not the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb..”

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When the crazy bidder outside raised the price to 50 billion, Mo Zhu's eyelids twitched. She had originally thought that 100 billion would be enough to buy the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. She did not expect an ordinary and not very rare Spirit Cloud Herb to be raised to such a high price. She had really underestimated the legendary wealthy families in Beijing.

As if he understood Mo Zhu's worry, Huo Xuan raised his hand and patted the girl's shoulder comfortingly. He said softly, "There's no need to worry too much. These people can't recognize the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. The Spirit Cloud Herb and the Pine Snow Herb are so similar. They're taking it as a Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb."

Huo Xuan patted the girl's hand and continued to explain slowly, "If I'm not wrong, the Gao family should be auctioning the five spirit herbs at the starting price of five billion. These people can't tell which one is what they want, so of course they will spare no effort to bid."

As Huo Xuan had expected, in just a few minutes, the bid for the Spirit Cloud Herb on the stage had already reached 50 billion. This price was already not something an ordinary small family could afford.

Not to mention an ordinary family in Beijing, if they weren't prepared in advance, even the Huo family and the Kang family might not be able to gather the funds immediately.

After sifting through many families at high prices, only a few top-notch noble families in the private rooms were still bidding intermittently.

"55 billion!"

"60 billion!"

The bidding continued. In the Lu family's private room, Lu Zheng turned around from the corridor and pushed open the door of the private room. He raised his hand and signaled his subordinate to keep quiet.

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The subordinate was stunned for a moment before he stopped raising the price.

He frowned at his young master in confusion and asked curiously, "Young Master, why did you stop me from raising the price?"

Lu Zheng casually found a chair and sat down. He replied lazily, "There's no need to increase the bid. The one on stage is not the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb.."

### Chapter 183: Other Plans

The subordinate in black worriedly pinched the space between his eyebrows. "Young Master, we've never seen the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb before, so how can we be so sure that this one on the stage isn't it? Elder Fei already says that it's very similar. If this one on the stage is the real one, we'll regret it so much if we give up now!"

When Lu Zheng heard this, he raised his eyebrows disapprovingly. He picked up the teapot on the table and poured himself a cup of tea as if nothing had happened. He said indifferently, "You don't understand this, do you? Look at room one. There hasn't been any movement since the bid started."

Everyone in the private room looked through the translucent window at room one on the opposite side of the corridor. Just as Lu Zheng had said, the room was indeed quiet.

黑衣下属不太明白少爷话里的深意,紧蹙着眉继续问,"少爷这话什么意思,属下不明白,霍家的人不识货认不出万年松雪芝,咱们也要跟着他们一块儿犯傻吗?"

Lu Zheng shook his head, picked up his teacup, and calmly took a sip of tea. "According to my understanding of Huo Xuan over the years, if he was also here for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb, he would have definitely made preparations in advance. If the one on the stage was really the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb, he probably wouldn't be able to sit still. How could it be like this? There's no movement in the private room at all."

The subordinate in black did not say anything else when he heard this. He stood behind Lu Zheng and pondered quietly.

At this moment, the white-bearded old man sitting in the main seat stroked his beard and looked up at Lu Zheng. "Young Master, I understand the meaning in your words. You're saying that Young Master Huo has never fought a battle he is not confident in. The one on the stage is definitely not the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb."

Lu Zheng finished the tea in his cup in one gulp. He looked at the people in the other private rooms on the second floor of the living room who were still raising the prices and smiled slightly. "Huo Xuan has a subordinate named Mo Jiu, who is famous for his medical skills. When I went to visit him in private room number one just now, I specially

observed that he didn't bring that doctor named Mo Jiu with him to the Gao family's auction this time."

After a pause, Lu Zheng continued, "This is enough to prove that Huo Xuan has an even more powerful doctor accompanying him to the auction. If I'm not wrong, the person who knows medicine and recognizes the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb should be his unknown little fiancée."

Just as he finished speaking, the old man's expression instantly turned grave. He frowned and said, "That girl looks young, she doesn't look like she can recognize the appearance of the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. Could it be that Huo Xuan had seen the Pine Snow Herb before, or someone else he brought along has the ability to do so?"

Lu Zheng lowered his eyes and pondered for a moment before nodding in agreement. "It's not impossible, but the probability is extremely small. If Huo Xuan really has the ability to recognize the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb, there's no reason why he specially went to Cloud City to recuperate for such a long time when he was seriously ill."

Upon hearing this, the subordinate in black seemed to have understood the pros and cons. He looked straight at Lu Zheng and took the initiative to remind him, "Young Master, in this situation now, are we still going to bid for the spirit medicine on the stage? What should we do next?"

Lu Zheng stood up and stood by the window. His gaze was fixed on private room one, which was directly opposite their room across the corridor. His slender fingers knocked on the window sill rhythmically again and again, and a sinister smile appeared on his face. "Let's not auction it first. Send someone to keep a close eye on private room one. We'll start bidding when Huo Xuan makes a move."

A cold glint shot out of Lu Zheng's eyes. He rubbed his palms and said in a low voice, "Let's first waste the finances and patience of the other families. When Huo Xuan makes a move, we'll raise the price and compete with him. At that time, it will be a competition between two of our families..."

"Yes!"

After Lu Zheng finished giving his instructions, the subordinate in black nodded and immediately pushed open the door of the private room to complete the arrangements..

Chapter 184: The Spirit Cloud Herb Was Sold

Although the Lu family no longer raised the price, there were still a portion of families who recognized the Spirit Cloud Herb as the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. The price rose rapidly and was finally auctioned off by the Li family at 70 billion.

After the transaction of the Spirit Cloud Herb succeeded, in order to let the various families take a break and have a sip of tea before they continued fighting for the next herb, the Gao family very humanely auctioned another precious jewel as the next auction item. It was only after this jewel was auctioned that everyone gradually recovered from the intense auction just now.

Not long later, another mushroom-type spirit herb was pushed out from the stage by the emcee. However, the spirit herb that was pushed up this time was far inferior to the previous one. Be it in appearance or color, it was far inferior to the Spirit Cloud Herb.

What was different from just now was that no matter if it was the guests in the living room or the people in the various private rooms, all of them hurriedly took a glance at the spirit medicine on the stage and calmly looked away, as if they were not interested.

At this moment, Mo Zhu had just finished another game. She put down her phone and played with the zipper on her coat in boredom. Seeing that another item had been pushed onto the stage, Mo Zhu yawned lazily and stretched as she looked up at the gift box in the host's hand.

Unexpectedly, Mo Zhu's expression changed drastically when she saw the appearance of the spirit medicine. She stood up with a stern expression and pushed open the door of the private room, walking straight to the corridor.

The others who had been sitting in the private room and leisurely drinking tea were all shocked by Mo Zhu's sudden actions. Huo Xuan's reaction was the fastest. After frowning, he followed Mo Zhu out of the private room.

Huo Xuan arrived quietly behind the girl. He glanced at the spirit medicine on the stage and asked unhurriedly, "Is this the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb?"

Mo Zhu didn't look at Huo Xuan when she heard this. Her sharp eyes were fixed on the spirit medicine on the stage as she replied impatiently, "No."

Xu Huan also followed the two of them to the corridor. Seeing that Mo Zhu had denied that it was the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb on the stage, he asked curiously, "Since this isn't the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb, Little Bamboo, why are you so excited?"

Mo Zhu did not continue the conversation. She only looked at the spirit medicine in the gift box quietly and seriously.

At this moment, the presenter had already shown the spirit herb to everyone in the venue in detail. He gave the emcee a look that said he could start, and the emcee immediately understood what he meant and announced loudly, "The herb on stage that is currently shown to everyone is the second herb that is being auctioned today. Everyone, please observe it seriously before bidding."

"The starting bid is five billion. The auction will officially begin now!"

Just as the host finished speaking, Mo Zhu raised her hand and propped it on the railing of the corridor as she shouted, "50 billion!"

When she said this, the entire living room instantly erupted into chaos.

"50 billion? This little girl must be crazy. The auction has just begun and she raised the bid to 50 billion. It is ten times higher than the starting bid. Even if she really wants this herb, she can't bid like this!"

"Tsk, forgive me for being blunt. I was fortunate enough to have seen a general picture of the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb from the pictures that were passed down in my family's secret treasure. The spirit medicine on the stage has literally no similarities to the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. I really don't know why this young lady on the second floor raised the price so high. Isn't it good to keep the money to auction the real Pine Snow Herb?"

After this person finished speaking, there was an uproar below the stage. Everyone was whispering as if they were mocking Mo Zhu for her short-sightedness.

Mo Zhu watched all of this quietly and curled her lips indifferently without saying a word.

Seeing that no one reacted, the host cleared his throat twice and raised the small hammer in his hand. "50 billion going once."

"Fifty billion going twice."

"50 billion..."

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Before he could call out the third time, a cold voice suddenly came from a private room on the second floor.

"I'll bid 60 billion!"

After saying this, Lu Zheng immediately pushed open the door of the private room and his figure instantly appeared in front of everyone.

He faced room one and smiled lightly. He nodded slightly and said, "I'm really sorry, Young Master Huo. I happened to fancy the same herb as your fiancée.."

## Chapter 185: Fair Competition

Lu Zheng paused and raised his hand. "Why don't we compete fairly?"

Seeing that Lu Zheng had come with ill intentions, Huo Xuan didn't have the chance to retort before Mo Zhu suddenly pressed his hand under his sleeve secretly, away from the sight of others. She looked coldly at Lu Zheng who was on the other side of the corridor.

Sensing Mo Zhu's displeasure, Lu Zheng was even more certain that the one on the stage was the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. He looked straight at Mo Zhu and raised his eyebrows noncommittally.

Huo Xuan held Mo Zhu's hand and looked up calmly as he replied to Lu Zheng, "Since Young Master Lu wants to compete sincerely, I will definitely accompany you to the end. However, it's really hard to say who will win this spirit herb. Young Master Lu, please show me your true abilities."

Before Lu Zheng could continue, Huo Xuan held Mo Zhu's hand and turned to the host below the stage. He said loudly, "100 billion."

Seeing the herb that had a starting price of five billion had its price suddenly raised to 100 billion in just a few rounds, the host was so frightened that cold sweat kept appearing on his forehead. He looked at the few people on the second floor with trembling eyes, and his hand that was holding the microphone was trembling like a sieve.

"110 billion." Lu Zheng followed closely behind and bid.

In the Lu family's private room, seeing that the man had already shouted out the price that the Lu family had originally expected to bid the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb at, the white-bearded old man could not sit still. He slowly walked out of the private room and came to Lu Zheng's side. He said nervously, "Young Master, if we continue shouting like this, we might face a situation where our funds are insufficient. Besides, this medicine on the stage is definitely not the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. We can't fall into the Huo family's trap!"

Although what Elder Fei said made sense, Lu Zheng was currently determined to win the auction. His mind was filled with increasing the price, and he could not calm down and consider so much.

“That’s impossible. Elder Fei, you’re already old. Maybe you were seeing things previously. That little girl can’t possibly buy an ordinary spirit herb at such a high price for no reason. The one on the stage is definitely the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. Believe me!”

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While the two of them were talking, Huo Xuan had already raised the price to 150 billion. When Lu Zheng heard this price, his eyes turned red. “160 billion!”

Seeing that Lu Zheng did not listen to his advice, Elder Fei did not have any other good ideas. He turned around and returned to the private room. He called the subordinate in black in front of him and instructed softly, “Mortgage all the property of the Lu family into cash that can be cashed out. From the looks of it, it won’t be easy for Young Master to reconcile with the Huo family today. Hurry up and settle this matter, or else the entire Lu family will lose face if you can’t pay later.”

On the corridor, Huo Xuan and Lu Zheng were still raising the prices. In another few minutes, the prices had already reached 200 billion.

Upon hearing Huo Xuan bid 200 billion, even Xu Huan and Mo Wu couldn’t help but worry.

Xu Huan secretly came to Huo Xuan’s back and poked him with his elbow forcefully before asking anxiously, “Brother Huo, how much money did we bring to the auction this time?”

Huo Xuan raised his eyebrows and looked at Xu Huan. “200 billion.”

Once he said this, Mo Wu instantly became nervous. “Young Master, we’ve prepared a total of 200 billion yuan to auction for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. Since Ms. Mo has already said that the one on the stage is not the one, why should we spend so much money to win this herb from Young Master Lu? We should just stop while we’re ahead and reserve the money to wait patiently for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb to appear on stage!”

Huo Xuan took Mo Wu’s suggestion to heart. He turned to look at Mo Zhu, who was standing quietly beside him. The girl had one hand on the railing and the other clenched her fists tightly. It seemed like she really cared about the spirit herb on the stage.

Without saying anything else, Huo Xuan retracted his gaze and waved at the two people behind him.. “But Mo Zhu wants it.”

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## Chapter 186: Transferring Funds

Before Xu Huan and Mo Wu could continue, Huo Xuan looked up at the host on the stage and started raising the price.

“250 billion.” However, before Lu Zheng could finish,

Huo Xuan frowned and immediately added. “300 billion!”

“350 billion.”

Realizing that Lu Zheng was determined to raise the price to the end, Huo Xuan’s expression turned a little stiff.

Right at this moment, a cold and even louder voice came from beside him. “I’ll bid a trillion. The spirit herb on the stage must be mine!”

When she said this, be it on the stage or below the stage, be it in the main hall or the VIPs in the private rooms on the second floor, all of them turned their heads in unison to look at the source of the voice. Mo Zhu propped one hand on the railing of the corridor and looked straight at the host on the stage with a cold frown.

The price of one trillion shocked everyone. At this moment, the auction was very quiet. Even the sound of a needle falling to the ground could be heard clearly.

Upon hearing this price, Xu Huan and Mo Wu, who were standing behind Huo Xuan in a daze, were immediately dumbfounded. Not to mention that Huo Xuan hadn’t brought enough money for the amount Mo Zhu had bid, just based on the price itself, the two of them had never seen so much money in their lives.

A moment later, some guests recovered from their shock one after another. Then, many whispers came from the living room.

“The Huo family’s little fiancée wants to pay a trillion yuan to buy this spirit herb on stage. Does the Huo family really have so much money? If they can’t take the money out when they have to pay later, it will be a disgrace to the Huo family.”

“I didn’t expect Ms. Kang to be right just now. The Huo family really chose a country bumpkin to be their young master’s fiancée. Not only does she not know anything about herbs, but she actually wants to bid for a useless herb at such a high price.”

The chatter downstairs entered Huo Xuan’s ears, piercing his eardrums. Before he could stop these people who were gossiping, the door of the private room not far away was suddenly pushed open.

“Brother Xuan, this woman came to the auction specially to cause trouble. Don’t listen to her. This spirit herb is not a rare herb. I have a doctor here with me who knows his stuff. He said that this herb is definitely not worth a trillion!”

The person who came out was Kang Ying. Although Huo Xuan had ruthlessly humiliated her with Mo Zhu just now, they had grown up together since they were young. She didn’t want the entire Huo family to go bankrupt because of this woman called Mo Zhu.

As if she was afraid that the man wouldn’t believe her, Kang Ying specially moved away and showed the old man sitting quietly in the private room as she spoke. This person was brought over by Lin Yuan. From the direction of Huo Xuan and Mo Zhu, he really looked like someone who had vast knowledge.

“I appreciate Ms. Kang’s good intentions, but you don’t have to worry about the Huo family’s matters. Since my fiancée wants it, I must get this spirit herb.” Huo Xuan looked straight at Kang Ying, his tone low but very steady.

After saying this, Huo Xuan ignored Kang Ying and turned to look at Mo Zhu, who seemed to have made up her mind. He waved and called Mo Wu to his side. “Mo Wu, hurry up and transfer all the funds under my name here. If there’s any value to be mortgaged, mortgage it as soon as possible. We have to get this spirit herb today!”

Mo Wu nodded when he heard this and immediately said, “Young Master, I’ll do it immediately!”

After instructing Mo Wu, Huo Xuan seemed to have recalled something. He turned to look at Xu Huan, who had been standing quietly behind him the entire time. He pinched the space between his eyebrows without batting an eyelid and continued, “Xu Huan, help me call grandfather. See how much capital the Huo family has left to mobilize. Ask grandfather for his approval to transfer what we can to us as soon as possible.”

Xu Huan sighed and looked at Mo Zhu with deep meaning in his eyes. “Alright..”

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## Chapter 187: Sold for One Billion

At this moment, everyone in the auction hall discussed Mo Zhu’s bid in unison. Seeing that no one was raising the bid anymore, the host stood still again and raised the microphone with a trembling voice as he said, “One trillion going once.”

“One trillion going twice.”

“One trillion...”

“Wait!” Before the host could finish bidding, Lu Zheng interrupted him coldly.

He pinched his glabella and looked at Huo Xuan and Mo Zhu across the corridor with a dark expression. He gritted his teeth and said, “Who knows if they have gathered enough funds to pay such a high price. If they don’t have money and continue to puff themselves up at their own cost, won’t everyone else lose the chance to bid?”

Just as he finished speaking, Lu Zheng raised his hand and continued, “This spirit herb has been auctioned at such a high price. I request them to pay first before they are allowed to have it. They are to pay now.”

It was not unreasonable for Lu Zheng’s expression to be ugly now. He had prepared sufficient funds to compete with Mo Zhu for the spirit herb on the stage. Originally, he had thought that even if he could not get the spirit herb, he would at least be able to equal the Huo family in terms of raising the price.

He did not expect Mo Zhu to ask for such a high price the moment she opened her mouth. Not to mention that it would be difficult for him to gather a trillion in a short period of time, even if he mortgaged the entire Lu family, he could not guarantee that the market value of it would be above a trillion.

Upon hearing Lu Zheng’s doubts, Mo Zhu raised her eyebrows noncommittally and looked at the host on the stage without any fear. She said loudly, “Continue with the hammer strike. Since no one is raising the price, I will naturally pay for it in front of everyone after the hammer has been struck. It will also make some petty people feel more relieved.”

“You!” Lu Zheng’s face suddenly turned red like a pig’s liver after being ridiculed by Mo Zhu.

“One trillion going thrice, deal!”

When the host on the stage saw this, he was afraid that Mo Zhu and Lu Zheng would really fight. He immediately announced the transaction of the spirit herb loudly. He had no choice. He was just an ordinary subordinate of the Gao family. He did not dare to provoke either the Huo family or the Lu family. If this matter was not handled well, he was really afraid that the family head would punish him severely after interrogating him.

He raised her hand shakily to wipe the cold sweat that had reappeared on his forehead. As the host asked the emcee to send the spirit herb to Mo Zhu, she signaled the staff to go to the private room on the second floor to look for the Huo family to make the final payment.

After the staff walked to Mo Zhu with the high-end credit card machine that the Gao family had specially applied for, she rummaged through her pocket impatiently in front of everyone in the living room for a moment and calmly took out a pure black bank card. As Mo Zhu reached out and handed it to the staff, she said, "Use this."

The staff member who was quietly waiting by the side was clearly frightened by the domineering Mo Zhu. He thought that out of the two people, it should be Huo Xuan who was going to pay, so he consciously walked to the man the moment he arrived on the second floor. He didn't expect Mo Zhu to take out a bank card from her pocket.

The staff member who was forcing himself to be calm cleared his throat and asked politely, "Miss, if I may be so bold as to ask what the limit of your bank card is. As our machine does not support overdraft of the card, if you..."

"There's plenty of money in the card. You can just charge the full amount."  
Understanding the meaning in the staff's words, Mo Zhu took the initiative to continue the man's words impatiently before he could finish his friendly reminder,

Mo Zhu glanced at the person in front of her coldly, her mood obviously bad. She was already very annoyed that the herb that could have been auctioned for five billion yuan was disrupted by Lu Zheng, who had appeared out of nowhere. She did not expect that even the Gao family's staff would make things difficult for her.

As the two of them spoke, Xu Huan and Mo Wu had already completed the mission of transferring funds. They rushed back to the corridor on the second floor and saw the staff standing quietly at the side and operating the machine. Xu Huan scratched his head in confusion.. "Brother Huo, are we late? Which family bought the medicine?"

#### Chapter 188: Obtaining the Herb

Huo Xuan pursed his lips. "You're not late. Xiao Zhu got it, but she didn't use our money. She had prepared it in advance."

Xu Huan's eyes widened as he gasped in disbelief. "How, how much is it?"

Huo Xuan shrugged and replied, "One trillion."

In front of everyone in the living room, the staff directly transferred a trillion yuan to the Gao family's account. After confirming that the money had been transferred, he carefully handed the bank card that looked very expensive back to Mo Zhu. "Miss, the payment is successful. I'll return your card."

Mo Zhu nodded nonchalantly and calmly took the card. She ignored the others in the living room and left them with a cold back view of hers. She pushed open the door of private room one and entered it.

She didn't care much about the money in her account. Feng Ke had secretly given her this black card when she came from Cloud City, saying that it was her personal account.

She had carried this card with her with the thought that a little more money would also be helpful. She did not expect that after adding the money Cheng Yi had given her, the amount of money in this card had exceeded 1 trillion.

However, it could also be considered a coincidence. If the price was raised by some wealthy family, she really might not have the money to buy this spirit medicine. If that happens, she would have to ask Huo Xuan for help.

Mo Zhu sat down facing the wooden table and poured a cup of tea for herself as if there was no one else around. Her fingers tapped the table gently rhythmically as she thought to herself that the herb she had gotten was really worth one trillion dollars. This little bit of money is not even worth mentioning compared to the spiritual herb she has gotten.

The few of them followed behind Mo Zhu and returned to the private room. Not long later, a waiter placed the spirit herb that Mo Zhu had won at a high price in the gift box.

Xu Huan looked at the strangely-shaped and crooked herb in the gift box and the corners of his mouth twitched speechlessly. "Little Bamboo, is this the herb that you won for a billion? It looks like it's malnourished and hasn't developed well. Where did it come from?"

When he first saw the spirit medicine, Xu Huan never expected that Mo Zhu would bid for such a seemingly malnourished item at such a high price.

When Mo Zhu heard this, she ignored Xu Huan's question. She carefully sealed the box and placed it in the middle of the table seriously as if it was a treasure.

Seeing that Mo Zhu didn't speak, Huo Xuan quickly gave Xu Huan and Mo Wu an expression, signaling them to keep silent. Since she wasn't willing to tell them the origins of this thing at this moment, they naturally wouldn't pester her and insist on an answer.

Although Mo Zhu was only a girl who was not even twenty years old, she had many identities and many secrets. Now that Mo Zhu, who rarely cared about other things, actually thought so highly of this spirit herb, the only thing he had to do was to protect the girl and the medicine.

At the same time, the auction outside was still in full swing.

After the crazy bidding for the spirit herb just now, the emcee pushed another spirit herb onto the stage from backstage. The host took the herbs from the emcee's hand and started introducing it. As everyone was observing the appearance of the spirit herb, he slowly repeated the rules of the auction.

“Just like the rules of the auction just now, we are not announcing the name and the effects of this spirit herb on the stage. The starting bid is five billion. Please give it a good thought before bidding.”

Just as the host finished speaking, he raised his hand and signaled the emcee to start showing off this spirit herb. Unexpectedly, just as the corner of the spirit herb was shown, everyone in the living room turned their heads in disinterest.

In fact, it was not everyone’s fault for having a bad attitude. The spirit herb on the stage was said to be a mushroom similar to the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb, but just by looking at it, it looked more like a stalk of grass. Not only did it look similar to grass, it even had slender roots under the round shroom head.

As before, the situation was similar. The people from the various large families walked out of the private rooms briefly and took a hurried look at the spirit herb on the stage. After which, they ignored it and returned to the private rooms to drink tea..

#### Chapter 189: The Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb

After a few rounds of exciting bidding, the host and emcee were already exhausted. Seeing that the atmosphere of the VIPs in the entire venue was not high, the host clapped his hands and urged three times that the highest bidder would win this.

After shouting three times and no one made a sound, the host signaled the staff to take this spirit herb away temporarily.

Unexpectedly, just as he was raising his hand, Mo Zhu’s voice came from private room one on the second floor of the living room.

“Five billion.”

Upon hearing Mo Zhu’s words, the host acted as if he had seen his savior. He hurriedly picked up the small hammer beside him, afraid that the girl would go back on her words. Before everyone could react, he immediately knocked thrice.

“Five billion going once.”

“Five billion going twice.”

“Five billion going thrice, deal!”

Just as he finished speaking, the host heaved a sigh of relief and asked the emcee to send this herb that no one wanted to from the stage to private room one.

Mo Zhu was a little shocked by how smooth the auction of the herb was this time. She glanced at the Lu family's private room through the translucent window, as if she was curious why Lu Zheng did not bid against her.

At this moment, Lu Zheng was also very depressed. After he failed in obtaining the last item, he returned to the private room and reflected for a while. He did realize that he had been a little rash and had not considered the Lu family's true capital. His actions had almost resulted in an unexpected outcome.

Just now, when Mo Zhu shouted for a sky-high price, in Lu Zheng's heart, the Huo family had already won the bid for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. Therefore, even after Elder Fei said that this spirit herb on the stage did not look like the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb, he did not have the mood to care which private room won it in the end.

Not long later, this herb that had just been sold was carefully packaged by the staff and sent to room one. Seeing the appearance of the herb, Xu Huan and Mo Wu secretly looked at each other without batting an eyelid, not understanding Mo Zhu's actions of buying it casually for no reason.

Xu Huan frowned slightly and could not help but raise his hand and ask, "Little Bamboo, what did you buy this time? No one wanted this herb. Can it be a good medicine?"

Mo Zhu looked up at Xu Huan calmly. Before she could explain in detail, Huo Xuan, who was quietly watching the show, gave him a speechless expression.

"You're wrong. Although this spirit herb is a little cheaper than the others, since when has Xiao Zhu ever bought useless things?" Huo Xuan curled his lips, his tone filled with mockery.

Xu Huan nodded in a daze as he listened to Huo Xuan's words. He was still a little puzzled. "But it's so ugly and no one wants it. Even if it's a good medicine, its effects definitely aren't good."

Mo Zhu sneered when she heard this. She stood up and blocked everyone's line of sight. She sealed the gift box and placed it in the same position as the spirit herb she had just won just now.

She turned to look at Xu Huan and Mo Wu. Mo Zhu picked up the teacup on the table and calmly took a sip of tea. She said with a faint smile, "This is the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb."

"What!" Xu Huan and Mo Wu exclaimed at the same time.

Even though they had thought that Mo Zhu might say that this thing was some kind of medicinal herb with special effects, they never expected that this ordinary spiritual herb that no one wanted was actually the legendary Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb!

At this moment, even Huo Xuan couldn't help but praise Mo Zhu in his heart. She was indeed his woman. She had used the lowest price to buy the best spirit herb. He liked her wisdom!

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However, who could have expected this outcome today? The various large families had come from afar for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb, but they had missed the opportunity at the critical moment.

If news of the matter of the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb being sold at the starting bid price was spread, probably not many people would really believe it..

#### Chapter 190: Schemed

The auction continued, but after confirming that Mo Zhu had already won the bid for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb, the four people in private room one had already become relaxed and started to enjoy their tea quietly

The remaining auction items were pushed onto the stage by the emcee one after another according to the established order. Soon, only the last spirit medicine to appear was left.

When the emcee brought the spirit medicine out of the gift box, everyone's eyes widened with all their might, afraid that they would miss a small detail.

As this was not only the last spirit herb, but also the last item for the Gao family's auction this time, the various families all stretched their necks and prepared to bid. At this moment, they were already waiting for the host to announce the start of the auction.

Seeing how lively the living room was and how it was the last auction item, Mo Zhu quietly placed the teacup in her hand on the table and looked up at the spirit herb on the stage.

Unexpectedly, after taking a glance at it, Mo Zhu immediately stood up, pushed the door open, and walked to the corridor, prepared to make a bid.

Seeing Mo Zhu's reaction, the remaining three people followed out with puzzled expressions.

After introducing the rules again, just as the host announced the start of the auction, Mo Zhu hurriedly shouted, "I bid 500 billion!"

When he heard Mo Zhu shout out a bid of 500 billion at the start of the auction, Xu Huan could not help but hit the railing of the corridor and ask, "Little Bamboo, we just spent 1 trillion. Do we still have to bid so high now?"

Mo Zhu frowned with a very nervous expression. She looked at the spirit medicine on the stage in a daze and quickly said, "The herb on the stage is the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. No matter how high the price is, I have to get it!"

What? The Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb? Didn't Little Bamboo say that we had already won the bid for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb? Why did another one appear?

At this moment, Xu Huan's eyes darted around. He was also very smart and instantly understood the meaning behind Mo Zhu's words. He immediately echoed loudly, "Even if it's the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb, we can't afford it. We've already spent so much money to auction for a fake. Where can we get more money to auction for this now?"

Their conversation was neither loud nor soft, and it was just loud enough for the guests in the surrounding private rooms and on the first floor to hear.

Mo Zhu looked straight at the spirit herb on the stage and pointed at Huo Xuan, emphasizing, "Huo Xuan has money, ask him to auction this herb for me."

Xu Huan rolled his eyes angrily and turned around to return to the private room, ignoring the three people on the corridor.

The people in the Lu family's private room opposite them had also noticed the commotion. Lu Zheng saw their actions through the window and was extremely excited.

He quickly opened the door of the private room. His pupils constricted suddenly as he joined the intense bidding. "55 billion!"

Lu Zheng clenched his fists nervously. He had already repeatedly confirmed with his subordinates on the funds that they had transferred over from the Lu family. He would definitely not give up on this spirit herb easily.

As the conversation between Mo Zhu and Xu Huan was heard by the crowd, and in addition to Lu Zheng's abnormal reaction, everyone could almost conclude that this herb on the stage was the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb.

Before the host could continue, everyone was already raising the prices.

“600 billion.”

“650 billion.”

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“700 billion.”

The price of 700 billion was called out from the Kang family’s private room. Just now, in the private room, the doctor Lin Yuan had invited had clearly indicated that this herb on the stage was the most similar to the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. In addition to everyone’s current reactions, she did not have time to think carefully. Lin Yuan immediately gave the highest price the Kang family could offer.

Mo Zhu recognized Lin Yuan’s voice and raised her eyebrows before continuing to increase the bid. “800 billion!”

When they heard Mo Zhu bid 800 billion, many families could not hold on any longer and gave up raising the price. They felt that they did not have the ability to compete with these large families that had a hundred years of foundation.

Lu Zheng slammed his fist on the railing of the corridor. Seeing the smugness on Mo Zhu’s face as if she had gotten the spirit herb, he seemed to have made up his mind and shouted through gritted teeth, “850 billion!”

When Mo Zhu heard this, she turned her head and smiled at Lu Zheng, who was opposite her in the corridor. “Young Master Lu is indeed rich. I’m impressed..”

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After saying this, Mo Zhu did not look at Lu Zheng anymore and turned around to return to the private room.

Lu Zheng stared at Mo Zhu’s back view as she left calmly. He pondered for a moment and a bad feeling suddenly welled up in his heart.

The host holding the microphone on the stage saw that no one was bidding with Lu Zheng anymore and quickly shouted, “850 billion going once, 850 billion going twice, 850 billion going thrice. Deal.”

The third hammer sounded. A staff member automatically went on stage and kept the spirit herb in the gift box. He jogged all the way to the Lu family’s private room and took

out the Gao family's special payment machine as he delivered the auction item to Lu Zheng.

Under the gaze of everyone in the private room, Lu Zheng signaled his subordinate in black behind him to pay with his card. The subordinate in black obediently followed his instructions and a hint of difficulty appeared on his face.

“Young Master, is this spirit herb really the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb? We spent so much money to auction it and transferred so much money over at the last minute. The entire corporation was almost implicated. We'll be very busy these next two days.”

When Lu Zheng heard this, after the staff left the private room, he frowned and waved his hand for the subordinate in black to come close to him. “I think that this matter is not so simple. Send someone to secretly investigate the background of the spirit herbs we have won and think of a way to find out the names of the spirit herbs that were won by the Huo family.”

The subordinate in black nodded and was about to leave when Elder Fei, who was sitting quietly at the side, suddenly thought of something. He slammed the table with a regretful expression. “There's no need to spend so much effort to investigate this spirit herb. It's not the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb.”

After a pause, Elder Fei continued, “That girl from the Huo family had provoked you deliberately during the last round of bidding. I'm afraid she had already won the true Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb!”

Lu Zheng's eyebrows twitched as he shouted in disbelief, “What? That's impossible! How could she have won the bid for the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb? She just said that the herb she bid for previously was wrong and it's not the Pine Snow Herb. Besides that, our herb cost 85 billion yuan. How can such an expensive herb not be the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb?”

Seeing that the white-bearded old man was sitting in his chair in deep thought without any movement, Lu Zheng did not give up and continued asking, “Elder Fei, did you really see it clearly? Is this spirit herb really not the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb?”

The old man shook his head and replied helplessly, “Just now, when we were bidding in the first round, I had already advised Young Master to start the auction cautiously. I didn't expect that we would still be schemed against by that girl from the Huo family. I'm afraid we have been played by her in the auction today.”

Previously, when Elder Fei persuaded Lu Zheng kindly, he had already expected such a situation to happen. It was a pity that Lu Zheng did not listen to a single word at that time. After the last round of bidding, he did not bother to persuade him again, knowing that it would be to no avail.

He did not expect that he would really fall into someone else's trap and let such a young girl succeed in tricking him.

When Lu Zheng heard this, his eyes also darkened as he calmed down and pondered for a moment. "It's indeed difficult to tell the spirit herbs apart in the auction tonight. In Elder Fei's opinion, which family do you think has the highest possibility of having won the true Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb?"

Elder Fei rubbed his palms, unable to be certain. "I didn't look closely at the other herbs on the stage. I'm really not sure which family had won them. However, if I'm not wrong, it shouldn't be the two that the Huo family had won."

"The two?" Lu Zheng raised his eyebrows in confusion. "When did the Huo family win two herbs?"

Upon hearing Lu Zheng's question, the subordinate in black who had been standing quietly behind him quickly leaned close and answered, "Young Master, in the auction after you fought for the herb with the Huo family for the first time, Mo Zhu used five billion to win another spirit herb."

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"What?" Lu Zheng turned pale with fright and asked loudly, "Why didn't I know about this?"

Elder Fei shook his head and said in a low voice as he stroked his beard in an unfathomable manner, "At that time, you were so lost in thought that I didn't know what you were thinking. In addition, I had taken a closer look at that spirit herb. It's indeed far from the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb, that's why I didn't ask Young Master to participate in the auction."

After saying this, the atmosphere in the private room fell silent. No one knew what to say.

After a while, seeing that all the auction items had been successfully won by the various large families, the Gao family's master took the initiative to go on stage and give a passionate speech. Then, he calmly announced the official end of this auction.

At this moment, Lu Zheng's face was extremely black. He clenched his fists and stood up. He quickly walked two steps to the window of the private room and looked at the people who were about to leave in the corridor. His eyes were cold as he said, "Elder Fei, please recall again. If you have to choose one, which item on the stage today is the most similar to the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb?"

The white-bearded old man pondered for a moment and turned to look at Lu Zheng. He said with some hesitation, "Young Master, according to my guess, the various families shouldn't know much about the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb. If we're talking about the family who's most likely to win it today, other than the Huo family, I don't think it is anyone else."

Lu Zheng nodded and echoed, "Elder Fei, my thoughts are similar to yours. After the last round of bidding, that girl called Mo Zhu obviously had a confident look on her face. If she hadn't won the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb in advance, she definitely wouldn't have such an expression."

Lu Zheng's gaze swept across the few VIPs who left the living room. He suddenly raised his hand and slammed the window sill. "Since we didn't manage to win the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb, let's use some special methods. With me here today, I definitely won't let the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb fall into the hands of others."

The man's expression was dark, and his eyes were as vicious as if they were poisoned.

Upon hearing the deeper meaning behind Lu Zheng's words, the subordinate in black hurriedly took two steps forward and knelt on the ground. "Young Master, I'll arrange it right away."

After saying this, Lu Zheng waved his hand lightly. He stood up nimbly and walked out of the private room without looking back.

At the same time, the few people in room one also started packing up and prepared to leave.

Ever since he came in after acting with Mo Zhu in the corridor, Xu Huan had been laughing and joking in the private room.

Now that he saw that Lu Zheng had indeed fallen into a trap and suffered a loss, he was extremely happy.

After Huo Xuan and Mo Zhu returned to the private room, Xu Huan stood up and quietly leaned close to Mo Zhu. He smiled in high spirits and said, "Little Bamboo, you didn't see the expression on that kid's face when you came in just now. That was too exciting. He must have realized that we were playing him on purpose!"

Mo Zhu calmly raised her eyebrows with a disdainful expression. "That's all his own fault. With such a brainless heir in the Lu family, I don't think it will develop well in the future."

When Huo Xuan heard this, he revealed a faint smile of agreement and nodded. "That's right. If he hadn't been unable to control his temper, he probably wouldn't have taken the bait so easily even if we had acted."

Mo Zhu kept the gift box on the table neatly into the backpack she had specially brought today. She squinted at Xu Huan, who was holding his stomach and laughing non-stop. She picked up her teacup and took a sip of tea. "If you have the time, why don't you use your brain to think about how to deal with those people who are here to snatch the Ten Thousand Aged Pine Snow Herb?"

Xu Huan instantly came to his senses when he heard Mo Zhu's words. He suddenly patted his head, and his expression instantly became serious. "Look at my memory. Why did I forget such an important matter in my excitement?"

After a pause, he raised his hand and pulled Mo Wu straight out the door as he said, "Don't worry, Little Bamboo. I've arranged it in advance before the auction started just now.. If anyone dares to take action later, I'll let them taste my abilities!"