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Chapter 201 Soaring Into the Sky 1

Fengzhou, Sect of Returning Hearts, Huiyan Peak.

The Order of Blue Heart and Order of Water Mirror were currently holding a sparring session.

“Wow! Sister Zijin won again!”

“Sister Zijin! She’s too amazing!”

“Sister Zijin!!!”

Following the waves of cheers from Fang Qiuyao and the three Yu sisters, Shi He of Order of Blue Heart stood up with his hands on his chest. He cupped his hands towards Liu Zijin, “I admit defeat. Junior Sister Liu’s swordsmanship is getting more and more formidable.”

After Liu Zijin heard this, she sheathed her sword and cupped her hands towards Shi He. “Brother Shi, thank you for the fight.”

At the side of the stands, Yu Manwen looked at Liu Zijin who was looking at her and nodded. Her face was filled with gratification.

As a disciple who had just entered the sect for a year, to be able to enter the top 50 in the sparring competition between the two halls was quite outstanding.

When Liu Zijin walked down from the stage, Zhang Heqing turned his head to look at Yu Manwen and said, “Law Protector Yu, Zijin’s swordsmanship is really different from the last time. Moreover, I saw some of your influence in her skill?”

After hearing that, Yu Manwen smiled slightly. "You have sharp eyes. That's right, I have indeed been teaching that girl swordsmanship recently."

"Sigh." Zhang Heqing waved his hand. "I'm not good at observing things. You are the only one in the world who can perform the Myriad Dance so well and teach it so well."

"Order Master Zhang, you're too kind."

"I meant what I said. In fact, I've long wanted to ask you for advice on the Myriad Dance. Why don't we..."

"Order master, the competition has begun." Yu Manwen said, pointing at the arena.

"Yes, yes, yes. Let's watch the competition first."

Zhang Heqing shifted his gaze back to the arena. He touched the storage ring on his right index finger, which contained a peerless tier Sulu Sword that he had painstakingly found.

This sword was more powerful than his Taihe Sword in terms of both its own power and its potential to become a magical item. However, the moment Zhang Heqing saw this sword, he felt that only Law Protector Yu was worthy of wielding this sword. "Law Protector Yu is worried about her disciples. I'd better find a chance to meet with Law Protector Yu after the sparring is over..." Zhang Heqing thought.

When another match was over, Zhang Heqing was thinking about what topic he should find to talk about this time. Then, he heard Yu Manwen take the initiative to say, "Order Master Zhang."

At this moment, Zhang Heqing's heart was instantly filled with happiness. He felt that all the efforts he had put in all this time had been repaid.

Zhang Heqing forcefully suppressed his smile and turned his head to look at Yu Manwen.

“I wonder what kind of errand did your disciple, Jiang Beiran, is doing? He doesn’t seem to be in the sect these few days?”

“Ah, you’re talking about Beiran. Ever since he went to the Sect of Masked Moon, he has been quite busy. When he asked me for a leave, he said that he still had some follow-up matters to attend to. I thought that it might be because Sect Master had asked him to go, so I didn’t ask in detail. Law Protector Yu, is there something you need from that kid?”

Yu Manwen nodded and replied, “Our Order Master talks about him every day. She says that if he doesn’t come, those flowers will die.”

“I see.” Zhang Heqing then replied, “Actually, I also know aa thing or two about flowers. If you don’t mind, after this convention ends, why don’t you let me help Order Master Shi to take care of the flowers?”

“This... if you go to our Order Master’s place, I’m afraid it’s a little inconvenient. It’s better to wait for Beiran to return and let him come over.”

Hearing this, Zhang Heqing also felt a little regretful. However, it wasn’t just him. The other higher-ups also found it very difficult to get in touch with that mercurial woman.

“Sigh, sometimes I feel that it’s quite good to be a named disciple.” At this moment, Zhang Heqing was a little envious of Jiang Beiran and sighed in his heart.

At five o’clock, the competition had ended. Liu Zijin had lost in the fourth round, but she was already much stronger than the last round.

“Sister Zijin, your cultivation has improved too quickly, hasn’t it? It’s so amazing.” Fang Qiuyao looked at Liu Zijin with admiration in her eyes.

Fang Qiuyao’s cultivation had always been about the same as Liu Zijin’s, but ever since Liu Zijin became Yu Manwen’s disciple, Liu Zijin’s cultivation speed had increased a lot, as if she had been enlightened.

The three Yu sisters also surrounded Liu Zijin and congratulated her.

“Sister Zijin is really awe-inspiring today.”

“Did you see that Ye Xincan’s expression? Hehe, let’s see if she still dares to put on airs in front of us again.”

“That’s right, that’s right!”

After hearing this, Liu Zijin smiled and replied, “Alright, don’t praise me anymore. Your performance this time was also incredibly good.”

Yu Guimiao’s expression immediately collapsed when she heard that. In this competition, she was the only one among the five who lost in the second round. It was really quite miserable.

When Liu Zijin saw it, she immediately held her hand and comforted her, “Don’t be sad. Miaomiao, you’re just unlucky to have met Brother Fang. He’s an expert who entered the top eight.”

Although she was comforted a little, Yu Guimiao still couldn’t be happy.

At this time, Fang Qiuyao patted Yu Guimiao and said, “When we go back, I’ll practice with you. Next time, we’ll definitely defeat them

all.”

“Okay!” Yu Guimiao nodded firmly after hearing it.

In the stands, Yu Manwen stood up and said to Zhang Heqing, “It’s really a good match. Then I’ll go back first.”

Zhang Heqing heard this and quickly stood up and said, “Law Protector Yu, please wait.”

Yu Manwen stopped and turned around to ask, "Is there anything else?"

"Uh..." Zhang Heqing took a deep breath and said, "Law Protector Yu, why don't you stay. We can have a meal together so that we can talk about the next phase of our cooperation."

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Yu Manwen bowed and said, "Thank you for the invitation, Order Master Zhang. However, I have an appointment, and I promised my disciples that I would celebrate with them. I'm sorry."

"Oh, don't worry about it. Let's meet again another day."

"Okay." Yu Manwen nodded and walked down the slope.

Looking at Yu Manwen's back as she left, Zhang Heqing looked at the storage ring and sighed, but he quickly adjusted himself.

"It doesn't matter. At least Law Protector Yu has agreed to meet again another day!"

In an instant, Zhang Heqing's mood became beautiful again.

At night, after praising Liu Zijin and the other three, Yu Manwen returned to Tinglan Waterside Pavilion after having dinner with them.

As soon as she stepped into the courtyard, Shi Fenglan ran over to her and asked, "Did you ask? Did you ask?"

Yu Manwen smiled and shook her head. She replied, "Yes, I did. However, Order Master Zhang doesn't seem to know where Jiang Beiran went either."

“Oh...” Shi Fenglan pouted after hearing that. “It’s been almost a month. Why isn’t there any news at all? Seriously!”

“He should be back soon. Before he left, he said that it wouldn’t take too long.”

“Humph! When he comes back this time, I must have him play with me for three days straight! No! Five days!”

Yu Manwen smiled and echoed a few words after she heard that. However, she was a little worried because Jiang Beiran usually had a very specific plan whether it was to talk or do things. He originally said that he wouldn’t be away for too long, but he was gone for quite a while.

“I wonder if he has bumped into some trouble?”

At this moment, Jiang Beiran was standing on a tree in Jiyuan Town, silently watching Ye Fan, who was cultivating below.

Originally, after destroying the bracelet, Jiang Beiran intended to go back to Sect of Returning Hearts. However, as soon as he had this idea in his mind, two options popped up from the system.

[Option 1: Return to Sect of Returning Hearts. Reward: Jade Scale Spirit Book (low-tier earth-grade)]

[Option 2: Stay in Jiyuan Town. Reward: Random basic attribute points + 1]

Although there were only two options, Jiang Beiran felt that there was a huge amount of information in it. The first option was to specifically return to Sect of Returning Hearts, and the second option had asked him to specifically stay in Jiyuan town.

Would there be an earth grade level trouble if he returned to the sect, or would there be an earth grade level trouble if he left Jiyuan Town.

In the end, Jiang Beiran naturally chose option 2. In his guess, it was very likely that even though the bracelet was destroyed, the “grandpa” inside was still lingering around and would find Ye Fan through other means. After that old spirit control over Ye Fan, the old spirit would continue to find trouble for himself.

Otherwise, Jiang Beiran really couldn't think of any other reason why the system would ask him to stay in this Jiyuan Town.

Therefore, after instructing Wu Qingce and the other two to stay in the town for a while, Jiang Beiran began to secretly observe Ye Fan.

After recovering his talent, Ye Fan indeed displayed the talent that a protagonist should have. In just ten days, he directly rose six levels and broke through to the mystic realm. Although it was relatively easy to break through from the qi refining realm, no one had ever seen a person gained one level in two days like him.

Ye Fan's sudden increase in cultivation naturally caused all the members of the Ye family to cry out in surprise. In just a few days, he had once again changed from that trash who was ridiculed by everyone to the favored son of heaven.

This made the Ye family disciples who had once bullied him feel a little flustered, especially Ye Yong, who had just beaten him up a few times. He even avoided Ye Fan every day.

However, Ye Fan had already experienced ups and down in his life. He had no intention of becoming arrogant. He also had no interest in taking revenge on an ant like Ye Yong. He only wanted to become stronger as soon as possible. He wanted to help the immortal as soon as possible.

“Phew...”

Ye Fan, who had completed another round of breathing exercises, slowly opened his eyes. Feeling the abundant mystic energy in his body, he once again bowed to the sky with gratitude. He was reminding himself of everything he had now, it was all given to him by the immortals.

“Brother Ye Fan, I feel like you’re going to break through again.” Xin Dong ‘er, who had been with Ye Fan’s side all this time, came up to him and said happily.

“Yes, it should be very soon.” Ye Fan nodded.

“That’s great! I knew Brother Ye Fan was the best!”

Looking at Xin Dong ‘er, who was sincerely happy for him, Ye Fan’s eyes were filled with gentleness.

No matter if he was the favored son of heaven or the shame of the Ye family, this girl had always been by his side. He knew that this girl was worthy of his lifetime’s protection.

While Ye Fan looked at Xin Dong ‘er with gentleness, Jiang Beiran on the tree looked at Xin Dong ‘er with worry in his eyes. Of course, this worry was not for Xin Dong ‘er, but for himself.

Now, Ye Fan’s talent had returned, and he had personally removed the buff of the annulment. So, if the plot went on, would there be a mystic master-level family showed up to snatch Xin Dong ‘er away?

If that was the case, Ye Fan wouldn’t be able to live peacefully for long. In order to save... or perhaps, to be worthy of Xin Dong ‘er, Ye Fan would soon embark on a path filled with thorns to become stronger.

“Don’t tell me you want me to be his master or something like that? This is a high-risk job...” Jiang Beiran made a complain to the system.

However, Jiang Beiran thought about it and felt that it should not be the case. After all, whether it was Xin Dong ‘er or Ye Fan, what did their story have to do with him? Every time the system popped up options, it was to let him live well. It was impossible for him to jump for Ye Fan.

“Sigh... it’s already been more than twenty days. I’ve witnessed how terrifying this Ye Fan is, but how long do I have to stay here?”

After drinking the soup made by Xin Dong 'er, Ye Fan and her returned to Wu Qingce's side, who was still their instructor.

"Instructor Wu." Ye Fan stepped forward and bowed respectfully.

In Ye Fan's eyes, as long as Instructor Wu had not left, it meant that the immortal was very likely still in town. Therefore, he had to work harder and harder. He absolutely could not let the immortal down.

Looking at Ye Fan who was bowing respectfully to him, Wu Qingce had a mixed feeling

Because this little junior brother candidate gave him too much pressure.

Not only did he break through from level 4 qi refining realm to mystic realm in just ten days, but he also didn't stop after that. Now, he was about to break through to level 3 mystic realm.

This put a lot of pressure on him, who had only advanced one level in half a month.

Therefore, in order to consolidate his status as the number one disciple in his senior brother's heart, Wu Qingce did not dare to slack off at all during this period of time. He spent all his free time on cultivation.

After the disciples were dismissed, Ye Fan ran into the butler who was walking towards him.

"Young Master Ye, Old Master has asked for you after your cultivation."

"Alright."

Nodding his head, Ye Fan turned his head and said to Xin Dong 'er, "Dong 'er, I'll meet my grandfather first."

"Okay, then I'll wait for you at the usual place." Xin Dong 'er nodded her head and spoke.

Waving his hand at Xin Dong'er, Ye Fan came to the main hall.

"Greetings, Grandfather." Ye Fan walked into the main hall and bowed.

After listening to many people's flattery words, Ye Fan was already numb as if his heart would not move.

However, Ye Fan was a lot of respect to his grandfather, who had always been nice to him. He also knew that other than his father, only his grandfather treated them nicely.

"How is today's cultivation?" Ye Lingtian asked with a smile.

Ever since Ye Fan recovered, as a grandfather, Ye Lingtian was naturally extremely happy. Every day, he would be able to eat a large bowl of food.

"Reporting to grandfather, in a few days, I should be able to break through to level 4."

"Good!" Ye Lingtian slapped the armrest. "Perhaps all the hard work you've put in all these years has not been wasted. Now that the opportunity has arrived, all the rewards will come."

Ye Lingtian naturally did not know why his grandson's talent would suddenly return, so he could only imagine it. He thought that his grandson might have fallen into a really tough bottleneck. Then, he suddenly soared into the sky once he broke through the bottleneck. Thus, Ye Fan shocked the Ye family and even the entire Jiyuan Town again.

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After praising Ye Fan, Ye Lingtian took out a storage ring and placed it on the table. He said seriously, "I have some things that I need to send to your grandfather. We don't have enough manpower, so I'll have to trouble you to make the trip."

Ye Fan immediately knew that his grandfather wanted him to return to his mother's place to report the good news.

"Yes." Ye Fan cupped his hands and said with a calm expression.

Ever since he became a piece of trash, those people in his mother's family had given him the same treatment as the people in the Ye family. Even his mother had once quarreled with his family for him.

However, at this moment, Ye Fan no longer took these things seriously.

Taking the ring from his grandfather's hand, Ye Fan bade farewell and left. His maternal grandfather's family was not in Jiyuan Town. The moment Ye Fan left the Ye Residence, he walked towards the east gate.

This made Jiang Beiran, who had been quietly observing Ye Fan, feel a little conflicted.

"Should I follow him or not?"

The reason why the option made him to stay in Jiyuan Town was to observe Ye Fan. But it was just his own guess.

"I'll just follow him and give it a try."

Therefore, after Ye Fan left Jiyuan Town, Jiang Beiran followed him as well.

Seeing that the system did not pop out any new option, Jiang Beiran was even more certain that something else would happen to Ye Fan. "It's troublesome to trigger the heaven grade option. Even if I choose the easiest option, it's not so easy to get it done."

Ye Fan went on a mountain path which led to his maternal grandfather's house. Ye Fan, who was obviously very familiar with this path, moved along the narrow paths and quickly passed several mountain peaks.

“He still has the temperament of a youth...” On the mountain peak, Jiang Beiran noticed that Ye Fan did not take the main road, but instead chose to take an unusual route. He did some somersaults and kept jumping around. It was obvious that Ye Fan wanted to do something that he could not do in the past after he became much stronger in cultivation.

Rumble...

At this moment, the mountain suddenly shook. A large hole suddenly appeared under Ye Fan’s feet, and he fell down without any preparation.

“What the heck...?” Looking at the big hole that made Ye Fan fall down, Jiang Beiran couldn’t help but roast in his heart.

Such a big mountain, such a long road, and this hole just happened to appear right under Ye Fan’s feet. Jiang Beiran believed that it was the plot for the main character.

Jumping into the big hole, Jiang Beiran found that there was another world inside the mountain, and all kinds of rare ores were everywhere on the rock wall.

Then, Jiang Beiran’s gaze was quickly attracted to a piece of azure ore at the bottom.

“It’s actually a spirit enlightening ore!?!”

Jiang Beiran was shocked. This was a good ore that could be used to forge peerless tier weapons. If it could be supplemented with other good materials, it could even be used as the main material of a magical item.

Looking at Ye Fan who had fallen next to the spirit enlightening ore, Jiang Beiran was convinced.

“So, this is the typical plot development of a main character? I didn’t expect that I can gain some benefit thanks to the main character”

Since Jiang Beiran saw the spirit enlightening ore, he would definitely get some of them.

Below, Ye Fan was gritting his teeth as he rubbed his waist. When he had just fallen, his waist had directly hit the large azure stone beside him. If he had not advanced to a mystic realm, it would have probably killed him.

Ye Fan took out an ordinary qi and blood pill from his storage ring and swallowed it. He began to circulate his qi to recover.

Jiang Beiran thought that since there was a spirit enlightening ore in the mountain, there might be other good things. So, he jumped down. He then went through a cave and walked deeper into the mountain.

“Rumble!”

At this time, a loud sound came from above the mountain. Jiang Beiran was sure that it was this sound that caused the mountain to crack.

“Eh!? This sound, it seems to be a little close?”

Just as Jiang Beiran was surprised, he heard two sounds, one big and one small, falling beside him.

“???”

Jiang Beiran was a little confused. After so many years in the world of martial arts, this was the first time he had seen such a scene.

“A mere Venomous Condor actually has such strength, but that’s all you got.”

In the pit to Jiang Beiran’s left, a somewhat disheveled woman stood up and shouted.

However, this disheveled state could not conceal the woman's peerless appearance. Her eyes were like water and carried a faint chill. Her fingers were slender, and her skin was like congealed fat. Her snow-white skin was tinged with pink, as if water could be wrung out from it.

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Her long black hair had completely spread out, and it danced in the wind which looked extremely elegant. Her waist was slender, and her limbs were slender. She had a fairy-like temperament, and she wore a slightly tattered white brocade dress with dark patterns of butterflies embroidered on it.

The butterfly that was carved out of a night pearl on her forehead gave off a faint glow. She swept her eyebrows lightly, and there was no makeup on her face. She wore an emerald necklace around her neck, which made her skin look as white as snow, as if she had descended from heaven.

The woman swept her beautiful eyes forward and realized that the person in front of her was no longer a Venomous Condor, but a handsome young man.

"I didn't expect you can transform into a human. You do have some skills."

"You're quite stupid" Jiang Beiran forcefully resisted the urge to roast the woman. He then said, "I'm just passing by. The Venomous Condor you're looking for is behind me."

Jiang Beiran pointed behind him, and the Venomous Condor in the pit also stood up very cooperatively, letting out a series of hissing sounds.

However, Jiang Beiran could understand the Venomous Condor's hissing. It said, "B*tch! Come again! I'll peck your eyes out!"

Jiang Beiran turned around and looked. This Venomous Condor was about three meters tall. It looked like an eagle or a leopard. It had a long horn, and its appearance was quite terrifying

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When the Venomous Condor saw Jiang Beiran, it was also stunned. Then it whimpered a few more times.

“Good! I didn’t expect you to bring a helper! I’ll peck all of you to death!”

Jiang Beiran couldn’t be bothered to roast at this moment. He used his mind power to scan that woman. Her cultivation was mystic emperor level 8, this strength could definitely be considered an overlord in Lanzhou.

Jiang Beiran did not expect he would bump into a woman with such strong strength.

On the other hand, the Venomous Condor should be a powerful level 6 mystic beast. Otherwise, it would not severely injure a level 8 mystic emperor.

“Cough!”

At this moment, the female mystic emperor suddenly spat out a mouthful of blood and slowly fell to the ground. Her eyes were fixed on Jiang Beiran.

“F*ck... Don’t look at me. Hey, I didn’t do anything.”

At the same time, a ball of purple flame exploded on the Venomous Condor’s chest. It whimpered and fell to the ground. Its eyes were also fixed on Jiang Beiran.

“F*ck! That’s why I said don’t look at me. I really didn’t do anything!”

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“Cough, cough... The demonic beast poison me during the battle.” The Mystic Emperor said as she sat cross-legged on the ground. Then, she opened her eyes and said to Jiang Beiran, “Fellow mystic friend, please do me a favor. That Venomous Condor was hit by my Crimson Purple Flame and is definitely

unable to move now. Take out my sword and chop off its horn. I will definitely reward you handsomely afterwards.”

On the other side, the Venomous Condor that was injured by the Crimson Purple Flame also flapped its wings and let out a cry. “You detestable human! You suddenly barged into my territory to kill me and steal my treasures, yet you still act so righteously. Shameless! Shameless! I will not let you off even if I become a spirit! Giao!!!”

Before Jiang Beiran could react to the situation, four options appeared in front of him.

[Option 1: Kill the mystic emperor. Reward: Holy Book of Pear Blossom (middle-tier earth-grade)]

[Option 2: Kill the Venomous Condor. Reward: Secret of Sunlight (high-tier black-grade)]

(Option 3: Leave immediately. Reward: Sun Chaser (middle-tier black-grade)]

[Option 4: Scold the mystic emperor. Reward for completion: Random basic skill points + 1]

“What the hell... isn’t the plot develop a little too unnatural and forceful?!”

However, Jiang Beiran quickly came back to his senses. wasn’t this the “gift from the heavens” for Ye Fan?

If the plot had gone the way it was supposed to, the falling Ye Fan would have encountered a human and a demonic beast who were on their last breaths. As he did not understand the demonic beast language, he would naturally help this beautiful big sister to slay the demonic beast. From then on, he would marry a rich and beautiful woman and walk up to the peak of his life.

But now...

“It seems that I accidentally snatch the opportunity from Ye Fan?”

Sighing in his heart, Jiang Beiran was a little confused by the options. The first two options were very easy to understand, but what was the point of scolding the mystic emperor?

While Jiang Beiran was hesitating, the mystic emperor and Venomous Condor were still arguing non-stop.

“Mystic friend, what are you still hesitating for? Everyone has the obligatory to kill this great demon! As long as you kill it, I guarantee that you will get everything you want.”

“Stinky human! Stinky human! Stinky human! You call for help! Disgusting! Disgusting! Pah!”

“Mystic friend, quickly draw your sword! If you delay, it will get up again. If that demonic beast recovers, we will all die.”

“Stinky human! Stinky human! Humans are all evil!”

“Mystic friend!”

“Stinky human!”

“Mystic friend!”

“Stinky...”

“Shut your mouths!!! I’m thinking about something!”

Jiang Beiran, who finally couldn’t stand the human and beast chattering, roared angrily.

In an instant, the entire cave fell silent.

“Hu...”

Letting out a long breath, Jiang Beiran first chose option 4. He then looked at the Venomous Condor and said, “I’ll give you a chance first to explain what happened.”

The Venomous Condor was stunned after hearing this. “You know our beast language?”

“Yes, so seize this opportunity. That woman wants me to draw my sword and chop off your horn.”

“That evil woman!” The Venomous Condor let out a low growl after hearing this. It then looked at Jiang Beiran and said, “Humph! So what if I told you? You’ll still help that evil woman.”

“Alright, if you don’t want to tell me, then forget it. I’ll go get the sword.” After saying this, Jiang Beiran turned around and walked towards the mystic emperor.

“Hey, no, no, no! I’ll talk, I’ll talk! Come back, I’ll talk to you.”

“As expected...” Jiang Beiran cursed in his heart before turning around to look at the Venomous Condor.

Meng Sipei, who was behind him, was completely dumbfounded. She listened to the handsome young man using the ‘bird language’ to talk to the Venomous Condor. He had no intention of caring about her at all.

“This is bad... could it be that he is a strong demonic beast that can transform into human form?” When she thought of this, Meng Sipei’s face turned pale.

The venomous poison of this demonic beast was too powerful. She could not absorb the spiritual essence in the surroundings, nor could she mobilize the mystic energy in her body. She could not even exert much strength. It could be said that she was completely crippled.

If that man was really a strong demonic beast that could transform into human form, then she would be finished.

The extremely flustered Meng Sipei hurriedly activated her cultivation method again, but it was useless. She still couldn't sense the spiritual essence around her.

Helpless, she could only open her mouth and say, "Mystic friend... if you really are a demonic beast in human form, then please give me a quick death."

After hearing this, Jiang Beiran turned around and waved his hand at her. "It's your turn later. You should take a rest first."

"I..."

This was the first time Meng Sipei had been ignored like this. She had mixed feelings, and when she recalled how many other men had seen her. Meng Sipei was absolutely certain in her despair.

"He must be a demonic beast in human form."

On the other side, the Venomous Condor that had opened its mouth kept on denouncing Meng Sipei's despicable actions.

"I've been living in this cave for two hundred years! I've been cultivating every day, but I've never provoked this evil woman. Just now, she suddenly rushed into my cave and asked me to hand over the spirit enlightening ore. This is a treasure that I've nurtured myself! Of course, I'm not willing to give it to her!"

"Mm, are you sure she said that she wants you to hand over the spirit enlightening ore? If you're lying, I won't be able to help you."

"This... I didn't say it directly, but I know that she came here to snatch my treasure!"

"Alright, then from now on, I'll ask you questions, and you'll answer."

The Venomous Condor nodded.

“Have you eaten anyone?”

“No, I’ve been cultivating in the cave and never went out.”

“You haven’t gone out for two hundred
years?”

“Yeah, when mother left, she said that it was dangerous outside and told me to stay in the cave.”

“You’re really obedient...”

“What about your mother?”

“My mother left me after I grew up.”

Jiang Beiran knew that the mystic beast was like this when he heard the voice of the Venomous Condor.

Then, Jiang Beiran asked the Venomous Condor a series of questions. He could basically confirm that it was a harmless mystic beast.

“But what does this have to do with the system asking me to scold that woman?” After pondering for a moment, Jiang Beiran almost had an answer.

In the Lanzhou’s territory, a mystic emperor was definitely a big shot. Killing her would definitely be troublesome.

And if he helped the mystic emperor to kill the Venomous Condor, it might attract other powerful mystic beast to take revenge of Venomous Condor.

If he left them be, there were even more unpredictable factors.

Therefore, the intention of scolding the mystic emperor was to resolve this matter peacefully. The best outcome would be for both sides not to get hurt.

“But the system wants me to scold her instead of persuade her... it really means a lot.”

After sorting out his thoughts, Jiang Beiran looked at the Venomous Condor and said, “Alright, wait for me.”

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“Are you not going to help that woman kill me?” The Venomous Condor stared at Jiang Beiran and asked.

However, Jiang Beiran did not answer it. Instead, he walked in front of the mystic emperor.

“Humph! Kill me if you want! I will not submit to you demonic beasts!” Meng Sipei turned her head and shouted.

“Heh, you have quite a temper when you do something wrong, don’t you? Don’t you have any shame?”

Meng Sipei was stunned after hearing that. “What did I do wrong? You demonic beasts! All demonic beasts need to be dead!”

“Oh, what did it do wrong that you want to kill it?”

“It’s a demonic beast! It deserves to be killed!”

“I think you’re coveting someone else’s treasure. Tell me, are you here for the spirit enlightening ore?” Meng Sipei was stunned when she heard that, but she still shouted confidently, “Yes! What’s the big deal? After killing that demonic beast, its things should belong to me.”

“What a fantastic logic! I will teach you who is the real monster today!”

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“Using the extermination of the mystic beast as an excuse to satisfy your own greed, you’re really imposing!”

“There are too many humans like you who are clearly coveting the skin and bones of the mystic beast, yet you kill them under the “righteous course” of exterminating demons and devils. Their living conditions has gotten worse because the merciless slaughter of humans. They have no choice but to rise up and resist.”

“Humans are born of their mothers, and mystic beasts are born of their mothers. Mystic beasts also have fathers and mothers. You killed the parents of the mystic beast, yet you don’t allow the little one to take revenge?”

“There are rumors in Jinning Town that there are mystic beast raiding caravans. However, you don’t go and kill them. You don’t go and capture mystic beasts in the farmland in Ninghe Village when they attack! This condor is just staying in its nest. It hasn’t done anything, and you’ve come knocking on its door. Ask your own conscience! Are you here to kill the mystic beast or are you here to rob the spirit enlightening ore?!”

Meng Sipei, who had been lectured by Jiang Beiran, was a little dumbfounded. It could be said that her worldview had been greatly impacted.

She had always prided herself on being righteous and was a model among the righteous.

But at this moment, she couldn’t help but ask herself.

“Do all mystic beasts really deserve to die? Did I kill this mystic beast for the sake of slaying evil... or for the spirit enlightening ore it was guarding...?” Meng Sipei thought to herself.

In the end, she came to an answer. She was indeed coming for the spirit enlightening ore.

She had heard of many demonic beasts appearing around this area, but she didn't bother about it. But a few days ago, someone in the sect had told her that they had found the spirit enlightening ore she needed in this Five Camel Mountain. However, the ore was guarded by a strong demonic beast.

She immediately came to kill it and obtain treasures in high spirits.

Now, after Jiang Beiran's scolding, she realized that she was not killing demonic beast to obtain treasures, but...

“Killing demonic beasts to obtain treasures...”

Meng Sipei muttered softly.

After muttering, Meng Sipei took a deep breath and suddenly raised her head to look at Jiang Beiran. She asked, “But everyone in the world knows that humans and demonic beasts cannot coexist. For thousands of years...”

Hearing this, Jiang Beiran turned around, put his hands behind his back, and said in a deep voice, “You need to have a clear mind in the world, and I have to be the only one who is sober when everyone is drunk. Not everything that people say is true.”

“You need to have a clear mind in the world, and I have to be the only one who is sober when everyone is drunk!?”

Hearing these lines, Meng Sipei suddenly felt a majestic aura burst out from the man whose back was facing her. “That's right, if I don't even have this bit of awareness, how can I become a powerhouse?”

How can I become the number one in the world! An expert... this person is definitely an expert!" Meng Sipei was amazed by Jiang Beiran's lines.

At this moment, Meng Sipei, who was unable to see through Jiang Beiran's cultivation, had already regarded him as an existence that was even stronger than a sect master.

[Chosen quest completed. Reward: Go playing

+ 1]

"What? You're convinced already?"

Although Jiang Beiran knew that facing his back and acting cool always worked, he did not expect that Meng Sipei was so easy to be convinced. Originally, he wanted to use the words of Zhuang Zi, Mo Zi and other philosophers to brainwash her.

"Tsk, too weak."

On the other side, Ye Fan had finally recovered with the internal cultivation method and qi and blood pill. He slowly stood up and tiptoed towards the cave beside him.

Just now, when he was meditating to recover, he heard noises coming from the other side of the cave. Out of curiosity, he walked over to see what was going on. "That's... Immortal!?"

Looking at Immortal who stood with his hands behind his back and looked down on the world, Ye Fan was stunned. He did not understand why Immortal who he had not seen for a long time would appear here.

In the next moment, a graceful voice sounded.

"What you said today was like a revelation to me. May I know your name, the esteemed

one?”

Only then did Ye Fan shift his gaze to Meng Sipei, who was sitting on the ground and meditating.

“That... that is... the Vice Sect Master Meng Sipei?”

Ye Fan was shocked. The phoenix of the Sect of Four Directions, Meng Sipei!?

As a junior of the four great families, Ye Fan had quite a lot of knowledge. At the very least, he had recognized all the famous local figures. This Phoenix Immortal Meng Sipei was the second-in-command of the strongest sect, the Sect of Four Directions, her strength was ranked among the best in the entire Lanzhou.

While Ye Fan was still in a daze, Jiang Beiran opened his mouth to speak. “You and I have only met by chance. There’s no need for us to know each other’s names. If you’ve already thought it through, then you can leave on your own.”

Meng Sipei still wanted to say something, but for some reason, the back view of the expert gave her a huge amount of pressure.

Thus, she slowly stood up and bowed. “I will definitely remember Sir’s guidance today. I hope that I will have the opportunity to listen to Sir’s guidance in the future.”

After saying that, Meng Sipei walked out of the cave. Although the venomous poison had sealed her mystic energy, she could still walk.

Seeing Meng Si Pei leave, the Venomous Condor was completely stunned. Although it could not understand what the man had said to that evil woman, he had actually chased that evil woman away and protected it.

This had a huge impact on its worldview. It could not believe that there was actually a human who would stand up for it.

Ye Fan was also stunned. Vice Sect Master Meng, who could cause an earthquake with just a stomp of his foot in Lan Zhou, was actually as obedient as an ordinary disciple in front of Immortal?

“Immortal is too strong...”

Jiang Beiran did not expect Meng Sipei to actually leave so obediently.

“She’s a person who has advanced to mystic emperor after all. Why is she still so gullible like a little girl?”

However, when he thought about that Meng Sipei was supposed to bump into Ye Fan, it was understandable that she had such a ‘pure young girl’s heart’.

At this moment, Jiang Beiran noticed that Ye Fan was peeping at him from not far away, so he raised his right hand and waved at him.

Ye Fan was not surprised that he was discovered. He immediately ran to Jiang Beiran and knelt down. “Thank you, Immortal, for saving my life again.”

Although he was very surprised when he first met Immortal, Ye Fan quickly understood why Immortal had appeared here.

“Immortal must be secretly protecting me.” Ye Fan thought happily.

Sighing in his heart, Jiang Beiran could almost guess what kind of plot Ye Fan had imagined in his mind. “Tsk... I feel a little sorry for this kid.”

If it was not for his carelessness, that mystic emperor should have been one of Ye Fan’s extremely powerful partner, but now she was gone.

Thinking of this, Jiang Beiran looked at the Venomous Condor beside him and thought, “Although the mystic emperor is gone, this condor is still here. Its strength is not inferior to the mystic emperor at all.’

“Get up.”

Hearing Immortal’s words, Ye Fan immediately stood up. He took out a blue crystal bottle from his storage ring and threw it at Ye Fan, Jiang Beiran said, “Feed it to the Venomous Condor, one pill will do.”

“Yes.”

Ye Fan caught the blue crystal bottle and immediately ran towards the Venomous Condor.

Although the terrifying looking Venomous Condor scared Ye Fan, he still took out a spirit medicine with a purple pill halo from the bottle and tried to feed the Venomous Condor. He believed that Immortal would protect him.

“Here... here you are. Eat It.” Ye Fan passed the spirit medicine to the Venomous Condor’s mouth and spoke.

The Venomous Condor looked at Ye Fan and then at Jiang Beiran and shouted, “Why did you save me?”

“Just eat your food.”

After hearing that, the Venomous Condor moved its head to the side of the spirit medicine and sniffed it a few times. Then, it stuck out its tongue and swallowed it.

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This time, Jiang Beiran gave Ye Fan a high-grade product. Tier 6 Green Lotus Pill had a very good healing effect on burn damage. Not long after the Venomous Condor ate it, the wound on its chest caused by Meng Sipei’s Crime Purple Flames started to recover.

Following Immortal’s instructions, Ye Fan took another bottle of herb paste and applied it on the Venomous Condor’s wound.

While applying it, Ye Fan heard the Venomous Condor continuously 'chirping' at Immortal. Immortal only replied to it occasionally.

"As expected of Immortal, he can actually talk to a mystic beast."

Just as Ye Fan's heart was filled with admiration for Immortal, he suddenly heard Immortal say to him, "Take good care of this Venomous Condor here, you must wait until it recovers before leaving."

"Yes!" Ye Fan stood up and replied.

After answering, Ye Fan realized that the Immortal had already turned around and walked away slowly.

The Venomous Condor kept shouting, "Don't go! Hey! Come back! If you leave, I will eat him! Hey! Come back quickly! I still have something to tell you!"

But seeing Jiang Beiran walking away, the Venomous Condor could only turn its gaze to Ye Fan's face and ask, "Are you his child, quickly call your father back, I have something to say to him, Hurry! or I will eat you!"

And these words were just "Ga! Ga! Ga..." in Ye Fan's ears.

Looking at the Venomous Condor's fierce appearance, Ye Fan pointed at himself and waved his hand, "I don't understand..."

The Venomous Condor scared Ye Fan for a while, but it realized that he did not know mystic beast language, so it could only flap its wings twice and put on an angry look.

Ye Fan did not know why it was angry. He only knew that Immortal had ordered him to cure this Venomous Condor, so he continued to smear the herb paste on the Venomous Condor's chest.

As for Jiang Beiran, in the friendly negotiation just now, the Venomous Condor had already agreed to give him half of the spirit enlightening ore.

After getting what he wanted, Jiang Beiran did not stay any longer.

In his analysis, if he had not appeared, the Venomous Condor would definitely have been killed by the mystic emperor and Ye Fan. In other words, the human should have live, but the condor would be gone.

Jiang Beiran leaving the condor to Ye Fan was both a form of compensation and a form of “repair”.

There was nothing he could do. The rule of this world was a little strange. Jiang Beiran was a little worried that if he modified the incident that Ye Fan, the protagonist of this world, should been through, there would be problems. Even though the system did not remind him at the moment, he was afraid that the problems would accumulate and then eventually all of it would explode at once.

Moreover, Ye Fan’s main character power also made Jiang Beiran panic. Ye Fan’s character arc would give him a bumpy ride.

Right now, it was a good and peaceful plot. He felt quite comfortable by gaining some benefit from it. But what if the plot went very sideways in the future? For example, he had to face mystic guru and mystic master because of Ye Fan. Then, wouldn’t he become an expendable partner who would block disasters for the main character?

In order to prevent this kind of situation from happening, Jiang Beiran decided to not interfere with Ye Fan’s growth in the future and let this child’s life and death depend on the heavens.

Soon, ten days passed.

On this day, Ye Fan touched the newly grown feathers on the Venomous Condor’s chest and said, “It seems that you are almost fully heal.”

According to Immortal, when the Venomous Condor recovered, he should have left. He had disappeared for ten days without any reason. His family must have been waiting anxiously.

Flapping its wings and calling twice, the Venomous Condor tried to communicate with Ye Fan, wanting to ask where his father had

gone.

Just as Ye Fan was trying to use body language to express that he really didn't understand, a figure suddenly appeared in front of them.

"Ga!"

Upon seeing the person, the Venomous Condor flapped its wings and stood up abruptly, shielding Ye Fan behind it. However, after some thought, it felt like something wasn't right.

"Ah... it's Vice Sect Master Meng."

Unlike the disheveled Vice Sect Master Meng from the other day, Meng Sipei had very good makeup today. She tied her silky hair into a bun with a beautifully carved wooden hairpin. Her willow-like eyebrows, which were painted in charcoal black, accentuated her fair and delicate skin. She applied a pink rouge to make her skin appear white with a tinge of red, making her look charming.

Meng Sipei gave the Venomous Condor a graceful bow as an apology for the previous attack on it.

The Venomous Condor saw that this evil woman didn't seem to be here to steal its treasure, and then it remembered that she seemed to have been taught a lesson that day. It immediately understood.

The misunderstanding was resolved. Meng Sipei looked at Ye Fan, who was protected by the Venomous Condor, and said, "May I ask who you are...?"

Ye Fan hesitated for a moment, then shook his head and said, "Please forgive me for not being able to say."

“Then... can you tell me why you are here?” Meng Sipei asked again.

“I... I accidentally barged in here.”

When Meng Sipei heard this, she was even more certain that this child must be related to that expert.

“Is he his disciple...?” Meng Sipei pondered.

After making this guess, Meng Sipei did not intend to force him, she took a jade token from her waist and handed it to Ye Fan. “I’m the vice sect master of the Sect of Four Directions, Meng Sipei. This is my keepsake. It should be able to help you a little in Lanzhou.”

“This is too valuable... I can’t accept it.” Ye Fan hurriedly waved his hand.

Meng Sipei shook her head. “It’s not valuable. The reason why I’m giving it to you...”

As she spoke, the tall figure with his back facing her flashed through Meng Sipei’s mind.

She knew that it would be very difficult to find that expert now, but if she could build a good relationship with this disciple of his, she might have the chance to meet that expert again in the future.

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Looking at Meng Sipei who was suddenly stunned, Ye Fan carefully asked, “Vice Sect Master Meng?”

“Oh!” Meng Sipei, who had come back to her senses, blushed slightly and continued, “In any case, I hope you can take it. Even if you don’t use it, you can see it as a little gift.”

“But I didn’t do anything. I really don’t...”

Ye Fan was just halfway through his sentence when Meng Sipei suddenly stuffed the jade token into Ye Fan's arms. Then, she left with the speed of a mystic emperor.

"Eh!? Vice Sect Master Meng, Vice Sect Master Meng?"

After shouting twice, Ye Fan sighed and reached out to take out the jade token in his arms.

"Does this count as causing trouble for Immortal..."

After struggling for a long time, Ye Fan decided to accept the jade token first. In any case, he would not use it until the next time he met Immortal.

In Jiyuan Town, Luo Wenzhou was grinding medicinal powder in a pavilion. Beside him was the Hong family's servant girl, Qin Cuirong, who was helping to wrap the medicinal powder in mulberry paper.

After wrapping another bag of medicinal powder, Qin Cuirong shyly glanced at Luo Wenzhou. She noticed that sweat was oozing out from his head, so she took out an embroidered handkerchief and carefully wiped it for him.

Feeling Qin Cuirong gently wiping it, Luo Wenzhou asked, "Cuirong, do you know what has been beating on your chest?"

Qin Cuirong didn't understand why Lin Lang suddenly asked this, but she still answered, "It's... Heart?"

"Well, then do you know how many hearts a person has?"

"I heard from Doctor Zhang that a person only has one heart."

"Well, most people are like that, but I only have half a heart."

"Ah?" Qin Cuirong covered her mouth and exclaimed, "Why is that?"

“Because when I met you, the other half of my heart was on you.”

“Aiya, you’re annoying!” Qin Cuirong lightly hammered Luo Wenzhou and shouted.

Just when Qin Cuirong was filled with happiness, a voice shouted from afar.

“Hey! I knew you were here again! You keep running out, aren’t you afraid that Butler Zhang will deduct your pay!?”

Hearing her miss’s voice, Qin Cuirong hurriedly ran out of the pavilion and bowed. “Miss, I know I’m wrong. Please show mercy, Miss.”

Luo Wenzhou was already used to this scene, so he continued to grind his medicine.

“You!” Hong Yaxuan walked over and poked Qin Cuirong’s forehead with her index finger, then she looked at Luo Wenzhou in the pavilion and said, “Do you know that that guy is still lovey-dovey with Qiuqi of the Ye family and Dongkui of the Shao Family?”

“I... I know.” Qin Cuirong answered with her head lowered.

“You! You silly girl, you ‘re getting on my nerve! So many men gave their all out just to hook up with our Hong family’s girls, yet you throw yourself into a man!”

“But Mr. Lin is also different from those people. Master even praises his medicine.”

“Oh my god! Look at how you’re protecting your lover! I think you don’t take me seriously anymore.”

“How can that be! Miss is very important to me too.”

"I can't be bothered to talk about you." She poked Qin Cuirong's forehead again and Hong Yaxuan walked into the pavilion.

"Miss Hong, is there something you need me for?" Luo Wenzhou looked up at Hong Yaxuan and asked.

"Yes... I did." After saying that, Hong Yaxuan rolled her eyes and looked around. "Your big brother... isn't here again?"

"Yes, just tell me if there's anything." Luo Wenzhou nodded and spoke.

"But... This matter is a little serious. I want to see your big brother personally."

"Miss Hong, are you not happy with me?"

"Not really..." After saying that, Hong Yaxuan stomped her feet fiercely. "Aiya! I just want to see your big brother!"

She felt that this sentence was a little ambiguous, so she quickly changed her words. "No, I have to discuss this matter with your big brother!"

Seeing that Hong Yaxuan was indeed very insistent this time, Luo Wenzhou said, "In that case, I'll pass on the message for you later."

"Okay! Then it's a deal! I'll come here tomorrow and wait for your reply."

"Okay." Luo Wenzhou nodded.

After walking out of the pavilion, Hong Yaxuan looked at Qin Cuirong and said, "Hurry up and leave! Butler Zhang is looking for you everywhere."

“Ah!?” Qin Cuirong exclaimed after hearing that, but she immediately showed a very reluctant expression.

“It’s not like we won’t see him tomorrow. Let’s go, let’s go!” Hong Yaxuan pulled Qin Cuirong and spoke.

Being dragged away, Qin Cuirong could only wave at Luo Wenzhou who was in the pavilion and promised to meet him tomorrow.

After the two of them had gone, Luo Wenzhou packed up his mortar and medicine and walked out of town.

Because the small slope had been destroyed by Jiang Beiran’s punch, they had now moved to a small river.

They came to the side of the tent with ease. Luo Wenzhou looked at Jiang Beiran, who was fishing, bowed and called out, “Master.”

“What’s the matter?” Jiang Beiran asked with his back to Luo Wenzhou.

“Yes, Hong Yaxuan of the Hong family said that she has something important to ask you, and she will only tell you when she sees you.”

Jiang Beiran was about to speak when two options popped up.

(Option 1: Ask Luo Wenzhou reject Hong Yaxuan. Reward: Gu Feng True Scroll (low-tier earth-grade))

[Option 2: Agree to this. Reward: Random basic attribute points + 1]

“Eh? So it’s all because of her?”

Looking at the low tier earth grade reward, Jiang Beiran immediately understood that the system wanted him to continue staying in Jiyuan Town not to protect Ye Fan, but something to do with Hong Yaxuan.

“Sigh. Fortunately, I left Jiyuan Town in time. Otherwise, who knows what trouble I’ll end up with.”

This was because the system had previously given him the option of becoming Ye Fan’s master at the heaven grade. If he had not left in time, it was very likely that he would have walked further on the wrong path and triggered an option that was at least at the black grade.

Relieved, Jiang Beiran chose option 2 and replied, “Got it. I’ll go with you to see her tomorrow.”

[Chosen quest completed. Reward: mind + 1]

Hearing that his master had actually agreed to this matter, Luo Wenzhou was a little surprised, but he still immediately cupped his hands and said, “Yes.”

The next day at around 10am, Hong Yaxuan left the Hong Residence with a slightly perturbed mood. When she turned her head and saw Qin Cuirong with a blissful smile on her face, she could not help but feel angry.

“You shameless girl! Look at how happy you

are!”

“Hehehe” Qin Cuirong wasn’t embarrassed at all and just laughed foolishly.

Sighing, Hong Yaxuan brought Qin Cuirong to the pavilion.

“Eh... Who’s the person playing Go with Mr. Lin?”

When they arrived at the pavilion, Qin Cuirong discovered that there was an elegant man sitting opposite her Mr. Lin. This was the first time Mr. Lin brought someone else to this pavilion, and she was also certain that she had never seen that person in this Jiyuan Town.

“Miss...”

Just as Qin Cuirong turned her head and was about to ask miss if she knew that man, she found that Miss’s expression looked a little strange, as if she was both looking forward to it and afraid. “Miss? What happened to you?” Qin Cuirong asked worriedly.

“Oh... nothing.” Hong Yaxuan waved her hand, then took a deep breath and walked into the pavilion.

Without waiting for Hong Yaxuan to speak, Jiang Beiran, who had just settled down, said first, “You have a lot of guts. You actually dared to take the initiative to look for me.”

“I... I didn’t do anything wrong. Why... Why couldn’t I meet you?”

Hong Yaxuan’s voice was a little shaky. The scene of Jiang Beiran killing the superior mystic practitioner effortlessly was still deeply engraved in her memory. His threatening words also made her shudder when she recalled it.

However, she understood that the person in front of her was a good person. Otherwise, he would not be mad at those poor girls and even let her settle them down.

He was also her savior.

Therefore, although she was still a little afraid of Jiang Beiran, she had to admit that she really wanted to see him again. She even dreamed of him several times.

That was because she had yet to properly thank this savior of hers.

This was the reason why Hong Yaxuan acted so strangely when she saw Jiang Beiran. On one hand, she had the self-restraint of being the eldest daughter of the Hong family. After more than ten years of pampered life as the eldest daughter of the Hong family, she subconsciously would not lower her head easily.

On the other hand, she had feelings of fear and anticipation towards Jiang Beiran. She did not know what expression she should use to face him.

Chapter 208 Mini Boss?

“Tell me, why are you looking for me? I have already set up a formation outside the pavilion. No one will hear our conversation.”

After hearing Luo Wenzhou say that Hong Yaxuan was looking for him eagerly, coupled with the earth grade option, Jiang Beiran was basically certain that Hong Yaxuan was going to tell him something big this time.

Although Hong Yaxuan didn't know what the even more powerful formation was, she knew that this big brother of Lin Yu was very strong. Since he said that no one would hear what they were saying, then no one should be able to hear them.

“Ah... looks like he thinks that I have something big to tell him.” Hong Yaxuan thought nervously. Although she did discover something, it was actually not a big deal. Actually, she just wanted to see Lin Yu's big brother again.

“I... I...” Hong Yaxuan looked nervous as she counted her fingers. She couldn't say a complete sentence for a long time.

Jiang Beiran was not in a hurry. He continued to steadily place his Go pieces and nibble away at the remaining “territory” of Luo Wenzhou.

Finally, Hong Yaxuan, who had sorted out her thoughts, said, “Actually, I have something that I want to ask you for help with.”

“Da.”

Jiang Beiran, who had dropped a black piece, raised his head and said, “If you want to ask for help, you need to be more sincere and polite. You have to say ‘please,’ understand?”

Hong Yaxuan was a pampered young miss. If someone treated her nicely, she would be able to ascend to heaven. Jiang Beiran had no intention to associate with her at all. He did not care if she got mad of him.

However, this Miss Hong was able to trigger earth grade option. Jiang Beiran naturally wanted to teach her some manner as soon as possible so that she wouldn’t cause him trouble at the crucial moment.

Although Jiang Beiran’s tone wasn’t very harsh, Hong Yaxuan felt that this voice could pierce through her heart, causing her to tremble.

At the same time, she also recalled the terrifying image of Jiang Beiran in the stockade.

Swallowing her saliva, Hong Yaxuan bowed and said, “I have something to ask for your help.”

“Okay, go ahead.”

Outside the pavilion, Qin Cuirong couldn’t help but be stunned when she saw this scene. Who was the person brought by Mr. Lin? How could the usually fearless young lady be so obedient when she saw that person?

While Qin Cuirong was stunned, Hong Yaxuan bowed and asked, “I wonder if you know the Liu family in Jiyuan Town?”

“Yes.”

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Jiang Beiran naturally remembered that the Liu family was the last of the four big families in Jiyuan Town, and its family head was the father-in-law of the emperor. "My family and the Liu family actually have a good relationship. We often go to each other's home as guests. Few days ago, they visited us. But my father and my brothers' expressions have been a little solemn these two days. I... I was a little worried, so I asked them, but they all told me that it wasn't a big deal and told me not to overthink."

"The Liu family..."

Jiang Beiran pondered for a moment before placing another piece.

"I admit defeat." Luo Wenzhou bowed and spoke.

"You handled the middle game well. Then, you can re-establish the game and study it."

"Yes."

After covering his pieces bowl, Jiang Beiran looked up at Hong Yaxuan and asked, "So, what do you want me to help you with?"

Hong Yaxuan first looked at Luo Wenzhou, then looked back at Jiang Beiran and said cautiously, "Since you are Lin Yu's big brother, then Boss Song of Taoju Inn should be related to you, right?"

Hong Yaxuan guessed that Boss Song was also the subordinate of this man in front of her, but she didn't dare to say it out loud.

"Oh, you are not stupid," Jiang Beiran said with a smile.

"I am very smart," Hong Yaxuan muttered in a low voice.

Actually, when Lin Yu and Boss Song suddenly became famous in Jiyuan Town, Hong Yaxuan's first reaction was that since Lin Yu was that man's younger brother. Then this Boss Song who suddenly appeared in Jiyuan Town with Lin Yu must also be related to that person.

Letting out a long breath, Hong Yaxuan continued, "I feel that my father is in trouble this time, but he won't tell me, so I want to find... Oh no, I want to ask you to help me investigate this matter."

"Interesting, why did you think of looking for me?" Jiang Beiran asked.

Hong Yaxuan then looked at Luo Wenzhou, who was packing up the Go pieces, she said, "I know that Lin Yu has connections with the maids of the big families in the town, and Boss Song is a popular person in the town. Even my father often goes to the Taoju Inn recently, so..."

"So, you think that I have many secrets of the four great families?"

"Yes..." Hong Yaxuan nodded.

"That's right. Although your performance last time was very stupid, it seems that you still have some hope now."

Hong Yaxuan, who was once again being called stupid, clenched her small fists, but in the end, she did not dare to flare up. She asked again, "Sir, please help me."

As soon as Hong Yaxuan finished speaking, three options popped up in front of Jiang Beiran.

[Option 1: Refuse to help. Reward: Floating Light Sword Book (low -tier earth grade)]

[Option 2: Hand this matter over to someone else. Reward: Crimson Afterglow Mystic Book (middle-tier black-grade)]

[Option 3: Agree to help. Reward: Random basic attribute points + 1]

“Why does it have to be me...” Jiang Beiran felt a headache as he sighed in his heart. Ever since the Sect of Masked Moon incident, the system’s option was no longer as easy to avoid as it used to be. Instead, it had become ‘seeking rewards from danger’. Actually, there wasn’t much danger.

But compared to before, as long as he kept a low profile, he wouldn’t get into trouble.

“Alright, it’s true that I haven’t kept a low profile recently...” But Jiang Beiran felt very wronged. It wasn’t like he wanted to get involved in that stupid matter with the Sect of Masked Moon. He was forced into a helpless situation.

However, when he carefully thought about the “watershed” of the Sect of Masked Moon incident, Jiang Beiran had the feeling that he had been developing strength for the past five years. It seemed like the heaven paid attention to his strength development.

Now that he had become much stronger, the heaven felt that it was too boring to focus on his individual strength, so it changed to a map cannon and bombarded the area where he was.

“Well, looks like the heaven is trying to take me down while I’m busy dealing all kinds of troubles.”

Jiang Beiran felt that this should be the case. He then sighed in his heart. If it was a video game, he had developed his strength to like level 50, which was still far away from level 100. He did not want to face all those ridiculously strong and terrifying bosses yet.

However, it was very obvious that it was becoming more and more difficult for him to develop strength freely. The nature of the system option had changed. When he was in any random town, it became more and more difficult for him to trigger the option more than ten times.

“Tsk. I’ll just have to take the first step. I just have to change another method of development. It’s not a big problem. I can still withstand it! Besides, this might just be a small boss. I’ll will have a new period of development after I’m defeat this small boss!”

Thinking of this, Jiang Beiran suddenly felt a lot more cheerful.

After happily choosing three, Jiang Beiran said, "Help? Sure, but I have two requests."

[Chosen quest completed. Reward: Agility + 1]

"Please go ahead." Hong Yaxuan lowered her head and agreed.

"First, from now on, you have to fully cooperate with me. Whatever I tell you to do, you have to do it. Don't refuse my order."

After hearing that, Hong Yaxuan subconsciously wanted to scold him, "pervert!" But she didn't dare to say it. She just weakly replied, "Yes."

"Second, since you're asking me for help, have you prepared the reward?"

Hong Yaxuan was stunned after hearing that. "The reward... I..."

"You're not thinking of using my service for free, are you?"

"Ah!? I, I, I... I'm not! What do you mean by using your service for free! Dirty!"

"I'm dirty and you're dirty, blah blah blah. How shameless are you to ask for help and not even prepare a reward?"

Hong Yaxuan indeed did not prepare a reward. After all, she had everything she wanted at home. As long as she requested something, many young masters of large families would be willing to go through fire and water for her. Therefore, the fact that she needed a reward to ask for help was not in her common

sense.

She raised her head and looked at Jiang Beiran's cold face and his expression that was filled with the desire to conquer. Then, she thought of the first request.

Hong Yaxuan lowered her head and said with a red face, "If Sir can really help me investigate this matter, I will definitely give you a satisfactory reward."

After saying this, Hong Yaxuan already felt that her face was boiling hot to the extreme.

"Oh? Not bad, you are very aware." Jiang Beiran nodded his head in satisfaction.

Hong Yaxuan's body started to tremble. However, when she thought about the stories that the storytellers told her about how the girls were saved by their heroes, and the girls were willing to give themselves to their heroes.

"But I don't even know his name. If I do that thing with him, is it..."

Just as Hong Yaxuan's thoughts were running wild, Jiang Beiran said, "Since Miss Hong is so open-minded, I'll be straightforward. If I help you investigate this matter, I want that piece of smoked jade from your house. I want the whole piece."

"What?" In an instant, Hong Yaxuan's mind was not 'how did he know that my house has a smoked jade?' but 'I'm worse than a piece of jade!'

Qin Cuirong, who had been listening outside the pavilion the entire time, almost staggered. This was great. She had thought that miss would be like her. She did not expect the result to be like this.

Hong Yaxuan, who was both angry and embarrassed, could not help but stamp her feet. However, she did not want to flare up. She could only grit her teeth and say, "I got

it!!

Chapter 209 Strange Question 1

“Xiao Ya, why are you always following me today?”

In the Hong Residence, Hong Dingfeng turned his head to look at his little sister and asked.

“Oh, you noticed it. Actually, a new batch of satin has arrived at Fengxiang’s shop today. It’s really beautiful.”

“Why? Father doesn’t allow you to buy it?” Hong Dingfeng replied with a smile after hearing this.

“Hehe, you’re the smartest.”

“There are so many silks in the warehouse, yet you insist on buying them outside. No wonder father doesn’t let you buy it.”

“That one is the latest style. We don’t have any of it at home.”

Shaking his head helplessly, Hong Dingfeng said, “If you want money, go find your second brother. I don’t have spare money for you.”

“Alright then” With a long drawl, Hong Yaxuan turned around and left.

“This girl is too materialistic...” Looking at Hong Yaxuan leaving determinedly, Hong Dingfeng couldn’t help but roll his eyes. After Hong Dingfeng left, Hong Yaxuan patted her chest and heaved a sigh of relief.

“Phew... I didn’t expect to be discovered by Big Brother so quickly. Luckily, I’m smart.”

After the discussion yesterday, the only quest Jiang Beiran gave Hong Yaxuan was to let her go home and see if there was anything different from before. He didn’t want to miss any details.

Hong Yaxuan naturally started from her eldest brother who handled most of the matter in her family. However, after following him for the entire morning, she did not notice anything different from her eldest brother. Even the worry that she had shown earlier had disappeared.

“Could it be that the trouble caused by the Liu family has been resolved?”

Hong Yaxuan felt that things would not be so simple. She thought hard for a while and decided to observe her second brother first.

At five o'clock, according to the agreement, Hong Yaxuan arrived at the pavilion.

“Did you find anything?” Sitting in the pavilion, Jiang Beiran raised his head and asked Hong Yaxuan.

“I... I found out that second brother went out to find another woman behind my sister-in-law's back again!”

After hearing this, Jiang Beiran let out a long sigh. “What else?”

“This is very serious! My sister-in-law is so virtuous, yet he still...”

Hong Yaxuan was in the middle of her sentence when she saw Jiang Beiran's increasingly fierce gaze. She could only slowly shut her mouth and lower her head.

“I'm not interested in your family affairs. Let's get down to business.”

“Oh... I followed my two brothers for a day, but I really didn't find anything. They are still the same as usual.”

“Sigh, it seems that I have overestimated you.” After saying that, Jiang Beiran looked at Luo Wenzhou who was standing at the side and said, “Go and call Cheng Yi over.”

“Yes.”

Luo Wenzhou responded and walked out of the pavilion.

Not long after, Gu Qinghuan was brought into the gazebo and cupped his hands toward Jiang Beiran as he called out, “Big Brother.”

Hong Yaxuan had seen this Boss Song a few times at home. She knew that even if her father would greet Boss Song with a smile and treat him as an important guest.

And now the way Boss Song greeted Jiang Beiran was just like how Butler Zhang greeted her father.

“Who is this person...” Hong Yaxuan couldn’t help but steal a glance at Jiang Beiran.

After telling Gu Qinghuan the whole story in detail, Jiang Beiran looked at Hong Yaxuan and said, “Tomorrow, I will send Cheng Yi to your mansion. What you need to do is to find an empty space and stay there. Do you understand?”

“An empty space and stay there? What do you mean?” Hong Yaxuan asked curiously.

Jiang Beiran didn’t answer Hong Yaxuan. He looked at Gu Qinghuan and asked, “Do you understand the plan?”

“I understand.” Gu Qinghuan nodded. “Ah? Plan, what plan?”

Hong Yaxuan was confused. She had been listening to the plan, but she didn’t hear any plan at all.

“Okay, go. Teach her what to do on the way.”

“Yes.” Gu Qinghuan cupped his hands toward Jiang Beiran and left the pavilion with Hong Yaxuan, who was still in a daze.

After Gu Qinghuan had gone far away, Jiang Beiran looked at Luo Wenzhou and said, "Go to the Liu Residence and check if there's anything unusual."

"Yes." Luo Wenzhou cupped his hands toward Jiang Beiran and walked out of the pavilion.

Sitting back in front of the stone table, Jiang Beiran picked up his teacup and took a sip.

Placing two black pieces on the Go board, Jiang Beiran's eyes turned cold.

"Liu family has the backing of royal family, and Hong family was vassal of Sect of Four Directions. I wonder what kind of spark these two forces will ignite."

Following that, Jiang Beiran continuously placed a few black pieces on the Go board.

"I was drawn into the center of power struggle when I first came to Lanzhou. I'm afraid I have to be more careful if I want to break out of this situation unscathed."

As he spoke, Jiang Beiran picked up another white piece.

"Fortunately, I have enough pieces, and I... am also very good at playing slow Go."

With a "Da" sound, Jiang Beiran placed the white piece away from the black pieces.

At noon the next day, Hong Yaxuan, who had just finished her lunch, stood beside a rockery in the courtyard. Normally, no one would come here, which was very much in line with Lin Yu's big brother's requirements.

"Who exactly is he, and why did he come to Jiyuan Town? Would it be like a sheep entering the tiger's den if I asked him for help."

Just as Hong Yaxuan was thinking about random things, she suddenly felt a slap on her back.

Hong Yaxuan instinctively wanted to scream, but when she remembered Boss Song's instructions yesterday, she quickly covered her mouth.

She turned around and saw Boss Song, who was dressed in a long robe, appear in front of her out of thin air.

"Boss... Boss Song, where did you come in from?"

Yesterday, when Hong Yaxuan heard that Big Brother Lin Yu wanted Boss Song to come to their residence, Hong Yaxuan thought that it was a very formal visit. However, after she finished chatting with Boss Song, she realized that he didn't intend to use the main door.

However, although she was mentally prepared, Hong Yaxuan was still a little scared when she saw Boss Song suddenly appear in front of her.

Chapter 210 Strange Question 2

Gu Qinghuan was able to suddenly appear in front of Hong Yaxuan because he was wearing the Suit of Blending In. Jiang Beiran thought that the design of the Suit of Blending In was too simple, so he had made many designs. After all, the core of the Suit of Blending In was formations, not its appearance.

After Hong Yaxuan calmed down a little, Gu Qinghuan asked, "Miss Hong, do you usually spend extravagantly on your daily expenses?"

"Extravagantly?"

Hong Yaxuan didn't understand why Boss Song would ask such a question all of a sudden, but she still answered seriously, "No... my father always taught us not to spend money recklessly, and he is also a thrifty person."

“What about your daily meals? Did you waste them recklessly?”

“Meals?”

Hong Yaxuan frowned and thought for a moment, “I didn’t pay attention to that.” Then she suddenly thought of something and raised her finger, “Cuirong must know. I’ll call her over.”

Soon, Hong Yaxuan pulled Qin Cuirong over

er.

“Hello, Mr. Song,” Qin Cuirong greeted Gu Qinghuan politely when she saw him.

Gu Qinghuan returned the greeting and said, “Thank you for your help.”

On the way, Qin Cuirong had already heard from her mistress what she was here for, so she answered after thinking for a moment.

“I sometimes go with Gui Xiang... Oh, Gui Xiang is the servant girl who is responsible for buying vegetables in the manor. When I went to buy vegetables with her, she told me that the rule in the manor is to eat the freshest vegetables. Master does not allow us to waste food, so we usually buy the right amount.”

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Gu Qinghuan nodded slightly after hearing that, and said, “Thank you.”

Seeing that Boss Song didn’t take the initiative to explain, Hong Yaxuan couldn’t help but ask curiously, “I wonder why Boss Song wants to ask about this?”

Gu Qinghuan pursed his lips into a smile, and answered, "When you were having lunch today, I went to the east kitchen to take a look. I found that there were a lot of leftovers left in the kitchen, which was quite a waste."

"Eh?" Hong Yaxuan felt a little strange after hearing that.

Without waiting for Hong Yaxuan to ask further, Gu Qinghuan looked at Qin Cuirong and said, "Miss Cuirong, is it? I have another thing to trouble you with."

"Please go ahead." Qin Cuirong immediately bent down and bowed.

"Do you usually go to the kitchen to help?" "Yes, occasionally." Qin Cuirong nodded.

"In that case, you just need to be act natural and ask something for me..."

At the evening, Gui Xiang was carrying the basket back to the east kitchen. She then shouted, "General, there's chrysanthemum at the entrance of the market today. I bought some more. Please make a salad for me."

Le Dong, who was picking vegetables, immediately stood up and replied, "This is a rare item. I haven't seen you buy it for a long time. Why do you suddenly have it today?" Because there was no refrigerator, wild vegetables like chrysanthemum were usually only available in a month period. Usually, only rich families were able to afford fresh vegetables.

Gui Xiang put down the basket and said, "Uncle Jia went into the mountains to dig it up. He dug quite a lot."

"Oh, he went into the mountain? He's quite bold. There are quite a lot of wild beasts in the mountains recently. I heard there's even mystic beasts."

"Yeah, but thanks to his boldness, we have a feast."

As the two of them were talking, Qin Cuirong jumped and ran over. When she saw the chrysanthemum in the basket, she immediately shouted, "Ah! There are wild vegetables to eat today."

Gui Xiang smiled and said, "You have a good nose. You only here because of delicious food."

"How could I? I just miss you."

"Then you should come early and go shopping with me."

"Okay, I will come early tomorrow."

After exchanging pleasantries, Qin Cuirong looked at Le Dong and said, "General, please let me help you cook today."

The Hong family was very generous to their servants. They could also share a bite of the dishes that the host ate, especially the ones in the east kitchen.

Therefore, Le Dong could tell that Qin Cuirong was coveting this chrysanthemum.

"Okay, okay, okay. Then you have to work harder." Le Dong said with a smile.

"Leave it to me!"

After an hour, the east kitchen was already at the end of its work. Qin Cuirong looked at the steamer in Le Dong's hand and asked, "General, why are you making so many steamed buns today? It's much more than when I came last time. Oh, I know, is it..."

"Stop talking nonsense!" Le Dong immediately put on a serious face. "This is what Eldest Young Master told me to do. He asked me to steam more buns in the next few days."

"Oh -" Qin Cuirong nodded in understanding.

“You little girl, what kind of person do you think I am? Really...”

“Hehe, I was going to ask you did Old Master like your buns and ask you to make more. What are you thinking?”

“You smart mouth, move aside. Or I’ll bump into you.”

Then, those who continued to help in the east kitchen also asked for more pickled vegetables, which were also ordered by Eldest Young Master.

At the same time, Qin Cuirong, who had received this information, carefully went to the door of the back garden and found her young mistress. “Did you get everything?” Hong Yaxuan asked.

“Yes! I got all the information.” Qin Cuirong nodded her head vigorously.

“Okay, let’s go in.”

When they came to the rockery, they saw Boss Song walking out from behind the rockery before they could look around.

Gu Qinghuan cupped his hands toward them and said to Qin Cuirong, “Thank you for your hard work, young mistress.”

“No, it’s not hard at all.” Qin Cuirong waved her hands repeatedly, then she immediately replied, “Sir, I’ve inquired about everything you wanted me to know. The east kitchen has indeed made some extra food these past few days. They said that it was ordered by Eldest Young Master.”

After hearing Qin Cuirong’s reply, Hong Yaxuan couldn’t help but be surprised.

Putting aside whether the information was useful or not, Boss Song had only been here for half a day and already found something unusual. However, she had never thought of it in this direction.

“Sigh... that man is going to say that I’m stupid again. No, no! I’m not stupid. I’m very smart, Humph!” Hong Yaxuan comforted herself in her heart, but she couldn’t hold back her curiosity. She asked again, “I wonder how this small matter will help you, sir?”

“I won’t trouble you with the rest of the matter, Miss Hong. When we have the result, my brother will inform you at the pavilion tomorrow. I’ll take my leave first. Goodbye.”

Gu Qinghuan put on the silk scarf and walked back to the rockery. When Hong Yaxuan and Qin Cuirong followed him, they found that Gu Qinghuan was gone.

In the night, Qin Cuirong felt chilly. She grabbed Miss Hong’s arm and said in a trembling voice, “This Mr. Song is really a strange person.” “Yes.” Hong Yaxuan nodded.

However, Hong Yaxuan was even more curious at this moment. Who exactly was that person who could control two extraordinary persons at the same time?

That night, Hong Yaxuan couldn’t fall asleep.

She tossed and turned, unable to figure out what Boss Song had discovered and what this discovery would bring to their Hong family.

“I didn’t cause a big trouble, right?”

Hong Yaxuan suddenly felt a little flustered, but she only panicked for a moment because her intuition told her that that person wouldn’t harm her.

“But what exactly is it...”

Just like that, Hong Yaxuan tossed and turned until dawn. However, she was still a cultivator after all, so it was not a big deal for her not to sleep for a night. She endured until nightfall. Finally, Hong Yaxuan, waited patiently until the agreed time. She could not wait to go to the pavilion.

“Hu...”

After adjusting her breathing, Hong Yaxuan slowly walked into the pavilion and found that Lin Yu and the other two were all in there.

Just as Hong Yaxuan was about to clasp her hands, she saw Jiang Beiran make a shooing gesture at her and said, “You don’t have to report today. Go home and wait for the news. I will inform you when we find out the truth.”

“Ah!?”

Hong Yaxuan was stunned, but she couldn’t help but ask, “I want to ask yesterday...”

“You can go back now. I don’t want to say it

again.”

Looking at Jiang Beiran’s fierce gaze, Hong Yaxuan couldn’t help but shrink her neck and lower her head.
“Yes...”

Walking to a small forest far away from the pavilion, Hong Yaxuan couldn’t help but stomp her feet fiercely.

“Prick! He scolded me again! He scolded me again!”

Hong Yaxuan, who couldn’t help but moan for a while, felt a little wronged in her heart, but she felt that that person seemed to have really investigated the matter thoroughly. Otherwise, how could he not need the help of an internal member of her family.

“Forget it. Since he’s so dedicated, I’ll forgive him again.”