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Chapter 284: Sect Master Tested by Seven Elements Corpse Curse, Divine Being Patrols the Mountain to Find You (2)

A familiar yet long-missed feeling.

Zhang Ya was bustling about in the kitchen. Although Li Che had brought home groceries, she still made some dishes Xi Xi enjoyed eating.

She also made a bowl of Dragon Whisker Longevity Noodles, adding an egg.

One egg, one bowl of noodles.

Little Xi Xi, kid, another year gone by, safe and sound.

When Li Che stepped into the courtyard with Old Chen, Xi Xi, who was playing with the twist car and Lu Chi, Gong Yuanliang, and Gongyang Xiu, suddenly screamed out.

"Grandpa Chen!"

Xixi leapt excitedly off the twist car and then, like a hamster coming out of the cage, dashed towards Old Chen.

She leapt into Old Chen's arms.

The strong impact made Old Chen, who had just been through a fast flight, dizzy.

"Little Stinky Xi... got stronger huh!"

Coming back to his senses, Old Chen held Xi Xi and declared warmly.

Four-year-old Xi Xi had grown quite a bit taller, but her face was still chubby, and her belly still had a little bulge.

Old Chen truly missed Little Stinky Xi, having not seen her for about seven or eight months.

But at first sight, the old and the young were only affectionate for a moment before they began to bicker again.

"Little Stinky Xi!"

"Old Stinky Chen!"

The old and the young, bantering back and forth, began to argue.

A smile bloomed on Old Chen's wrinkled face, he hadn't laughed this happily in a long time.

Zhang Ya walked out of the kitchen and saw Old Chen, looking slightly surprised.

"Husband, Old Chen hasn't visited us for a long time."

Zhang Ya did not know what had happened to Old Chen.

But Li Che being able to invite Old Chen likely meant the problem was resolved.

"A minor issue, with your husband taking action, no problem remains a problem."

Li Che appeared quite puffed up in front of his wife.

"Make a bowl of noodles for Old Chen too," Li Che suddenly said.

Zhang Ya paused, looking puzzled.

"To celebrate his rebirth, returning home."

Li Che said with a gentle smile.

As they were about to start the feast, Li Qingshan arrived with Nurse Momo, and also joining were Xi Xi's senior brother and sister, Sang Guanyin and Liu Yangyuan.

Elder Zhu Hong Dou from Red Cloud Peak also joined in.

Shangguan Qinghong was following right behind Li Qingshan as they arrived.

In the courtyard, the atmosphere was lively, the winter snow unable to cover or dispel this laughter.

Xi Xi, as the star of the day, was incredibly happy with delicious food, fun activities, seeing Grandpa Chen after such a long time, and receiving all kinds of gifts.

She truly wished she could celebrate her birthday every day.

The night breeze stirred, flurries of snow drifting about.

After dinner, Li Che and the others gathered in the courtyard around the stove to make tea and chatted leisurely.

In the courtyard, cleared of snow by Li Che's vigorous breath, Xi Xi and a few friends were joyfully playing.

Li Qingshan, sipping his tea with narrowed eyes, said, "Observing the divine is indeed taxing on the mind, having a cup of tea during breaks to relax the spirit is quite nice too."

Sang Guanyin and Shanguan Qinghong joined Xi Xi's play.

The sinister and elegant Liu Yangyuan was drinking tea with Li Che and Li Qingshan.

"Yangyuan, where is your master?"

Li Qingshan sipped his tea and asked with narrowed eyes.

Liu Yangyuan, also cautiously sipping his tea, replied, "Master has entered seclusion again, he's been doing it quite frequently lately."

"Oh? It seems our Sect Master is perhaps trying to break through to the Divine Origin Realm and achieve the status of a true person?"

Li Qingshan narrowed his eyes.

Liu Yangyuan, however, shook his head: "The Realm of Divine Origin is not so easy to reach? The teacher is not very sure..."

"After all, the teacher was injured years ago."

Li Che was listening quietly on the side, not interrupting.

After drinking tea for a while, Liu Yangyuan bid farewell and left with Sang Guanyin side by side.

The snowflakes were swirling in the air but were being shattered by a sharp aura before they could settle.

Li Qingshan exhaled.

"Liu Yangyuan and Sang Guanyin, these youth ranked third and fourth, are ultimately not as good as the first and second."

Li Che looked at him curiously.

Li Qingshan cleared his throat and continued, "Aside from Xi Xi, the Sect Master's four other true successors..."

"The one with the highest talent was the late senior disciple, Zhou Daoyuan, who, like Xi Xi, was a Jiazi Child Prodigy with extremely high talent. He completed the Divine Base foundation at twelve years old, and it was a Six Ministries Divine Base. Later, he joined the training at the Authentic Divine Sect..."

"He once performed extraordinarily well at the Authentic Sect's 'Young Gods Assembly', securing vast resources for our Golden Light Sub-sect."

Li Che was startled, "Young Gods Assembly?"

Li Qingshan nodded, "One path, one Divine sect, one province, one sub-sect. Lingnan Circuit has ten provinces altogether. Apart from Yun Province's Golden Light Sub-sect, there are other provinces' sub-sects..."

"With so many sub-sects, resource allocation becomes a problem, and there's never a fair distribution. Not only the number of Divine Symbol Cultivators within a sub-sect counts, but also the quality of disciples..."

"The Young Gods Assembly is then an evaluation based on the quality of the disciples."

Li Che raised his eyebrows upon hearing this, took a sip of hot tea, and glanced towards Xi Xi, who was happily playing with the twist car in the courtyard.

"With such talent, how could Zhou Daoyuan die so young?"

Li Che narrowed his eyes.

"This is also something we're puzzled about, but I vaguely heard that Zhou Daoyuan's death... was related to the City Lord's Mansion."

"How is it related to the City Lord's Mansion again?"

"Nan Lihuo has a strong intent to kill towards the City Lord's Mansion. Don't be fooled by his normally gentle demeanor; in reality, Nan Lihuo has a heavy urge to kill... he genuinely wants to kill City Lord Su Huaili."

"Perhaps the rumors are true that City Lord Su Huaili killed Zhou Daoyuan, so Nan Lihuo wants to kill Su Huaili..."

Having finished speaking, Li Qingshan fell silent.

"Then why have you always been suspicious of the Sect Master? There must be a reason; otherwise, you shouldn't suspect a sub-sect Sect Master."

Li Che asked further, revealing his inner doubts.

Surprised, Li Qingshan looked at Li Che, seemingly puzzled that he would ask such a question tonight.