Farmhouse 88

Chapter 88: Danger in the Mountains

It was not easy to go in and out of the mountains, so Gu Youyou nodded.

"Alright, but be careful! And be quick."

Having taken the opportunity to enter the mountains, Gu Youyou decided to look for medicinal herbs there.

Early in the spring, many herbs were best when harvested for their tender young leaves.

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After getting dressed appropriately, Gu Youyou found a stick of suitable thickness near the cave and ventured into the mountain.

In her previous life, she was a rich young lady, but not the pampered type; she was no stranger to climbing mountains and wading through water. It was just that her current body was weaker, so she didn't dare to go too far.

The mountain was home to a vast variety of plants. Before long, she spotted some honeysuckle. It was only early March, and the honeysuckle couldn't be harvested yet; it was best to wait until the end of March or ideally, early April.

Seeing that there were quite a few, Gu Youyou silently noted the location, planning to return later to harvest them.

Longdan grass had just begun to sprout its tender shoots. Now was the perfect time to harvest them, so she carefully dug up all that she found, storing them in the outer layer of her skirt.

The big fire had destroyed the bamboo basket Jin Zijin made for her, which was a pity. It would have been so useful for carrying the harvested herbs!

Atractylodes, Anemarrhena, Solomon's Seal — seeing so many familiar herbs delighted Gu Youyou.

Seeing these familiar little guys made the emotional build-up within her slowly dissipate. She had finally found her calling.

So what if she couldn't cook? She could gather herbs, she could heal!

With Gu Youyou around, the doctor from the neighboring village might as well be out of a job.

Determined to gather as much as she could, with thoughts of earning silver to build a house, Gu Youyou collected a large pile until her skirt could barely hold any more.

There was some rustling in the nearby bushes. Her ears were sharp, and she caught even the faintest sounds,

Gu Youyou immediately became cautious.

There were many wild animals in the mountains, and not a few of them were man-eaters.

Unsure of what was in the bushes, she didn't dare to make any rash moves.

Gu Youyou crouched down, doing her best not to make a sound, focusing all her attention on the noises coming from the bushes.

The rustling sound continued; whatever it was, it wasn't a small creature like a rabbit or a masked palm civet. Judging by the noise, it was at least as big as a large dog.

So... could it be a leopard, a wolf, or something of the sort?

No way, how unlucky would that be?

Cold sweat broke out on Gu Youyou's cheeks as she tightly gripped the stick she had taken when leaving the cave, her only available weapon.

She was extremely nervous; with her current physique, climbing trees... was hardly possible, and running... she could forget about that. No matter how swift she might be, could she really outrun a creature with four legs?

The creature stopped for a moment, then started moving again.

The sound was getting closer; it was heading in her direction!

Gu Youyou thought to herself that it was all over—if it was indeed coming for her, she might have had a chance to escape with her old body, but now, the likelihood of surviving was almost none.

As the noise drew closer and closer, Gu Youyou dared not move, afraid to make any sound.

But even if she remained still, the creature would eventually find her.

Watching through the gaps in the bushes, a dark shadow approached. Gu Youyou had no time to think further, she gripped the stick with both hands and swung it with all her might, intending to strike first.

Whatever happened, she would at least get one good hit in, even if she ended up being the creature's meal.

The creature on the other side staggered from her blow, tumbling forward.