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“Li Yiran is now assigned to stay at the second branch to nurture her pregnancy,” Huangfu Ruiling responded. “The relationship between Second Auntie and Mother was never good, and since Father and Mother don’t want this child, Second Auntie will do her best to ensure the child’s birth. As for Huangfu Ruixiang, he won’t venture into the Hidden World so soon.”

“Then the marriage between Huangfu Ruixiang and Nangong Zilin must have been called off!” Ye Lengan curiously inquired. “After what happened, Nangong Zilin shouldn’t be able to marry Huangfu Ruixiang.”

“I heard that the Nangong family has already started arranging blind dates for Nangong Zilin,” Huangfu Ruiling replied, “So, Huangfu Ruixiangs chances are slim.”

“However, even so, I’m afraid Li Yiran won’t stand a chance,” Ye Lengan sighed. “Even her own parents don’t want the child in her belly anymore. The saying ‘a mother relied on her son to bring honor’ doesn’t apply to her.”

“There’s another saying, ‘the son’s nobleness relied on his mother,’” Huangfu Ruiling smiled and continued. “In their hearts, Huangfu Ruixiangs future wife must be from a noble family. At the very least, she must be a girl from the direct line of descent of the four major families in the capital. Li Yiran doesn’t even come close.”

“And there’s one more thing that’s crucial,” Ye Lengan couldn’t help but sigh. “In Huangfu Ruixiangs heart, Li Yiran’s position is insignificant. He never even thought of marrying her, let alone your parents!”

She was curious about how Li Yiran had fallen for Huangfu Ruixiang. She didn’t know his personality, but clearly, Li Yiran hadn’t captivated him. So, even though she was pregnant now, she couldn’t secure an official status.

“Everyone must take responsibility for their choices.” Huangfu Ruilings tone was emotionless as if discussing an unrelated matter. “If Li Yiran has chosen

Huangfu Ruixiang, she should be prepared to be his clandestine lover for life.”

“Li Yiran overestimated herself.” Ye Lengan raised an eyebrow and continued, “However, her actions have inadvertently helped Huangfu Ruixiang. By concealing Li Yiran’s situation and going on a blind date with Nangong Zilin, Huangfu Ruixiang ensured Nangong Zilin wouldn’t accept this situation. Li

Yiran’s circumstances will undoubtedly hinder Huangfu Ruixiangs marriage.”

“That’s right.” Huangfu Ruiling nodded. “Many people already know about Li Yiran’s situation, so Huangfu Ruixiang won’t go on blind dates for the time being. Mother has decided to wait until the Family Competition is over before making arrangements for Huangfu Ruixiang.”

Ye Lengan nodded and couldn’t help asking, “Ruiling, how is Huangfu Ruixiang’s talent in cultivation?”

“It’s average,” Huangfu Ruiling replied lightly. “Although Father and Mother have pinned their hopes on Huangfu Ruixiang, it’s wishful thinking. Perhaps in the mortal world, he could be considered capable. However, in the Hidden World, he doesn’t stand out.”

“I’m really looking forward to the Family Competition!” Ye Lengan sighed.

“No, perhaps I should say, I’m really looking forward to the Hidden World!”

The next day, Ye Lengan went to school to request leave. Due to Ye Xiyuan’s situation, Zheng Anyang was already overwhelmed. Learning about Ye Lengan’s leave added to his stress.

“Ye Lengan, weren’t you planning to take the college entrance exam this year?” Zheng Anyang couldn’t help but rub his temples and said, “So, your top priority now is to study hard and aim for a good result in the college entrance examination.”

“Principal, I’m very confident that I can perform well in the college entrance examination,” Ye Lengan asserted confidently. “Taking leave won’t affect my studies, so I request your approval.”

“That’s not what I meant,” Zheng Anyang sighed. “Ye Lengan, you’re graduating in a few months. Can’t you stay in school during this period?”

“Principal, I feel much calmer at home than at school!” Ye Lengan raised her eyebrows and said, “Besides, I promise it won’t hinder my studies..”

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“You know that’s not what I meant,” sighed Zheng Anyang. “Are you really planning to take leave? And it’s for a month and a half.”

“I truly have something important,” replied Ye Lengan after a moment of thought. “I can’t disclose the details, but taking this leave is necessary. Besides, after the incident yesterday, I think temporarily leaving the school is a good idea.”

Given Ye Lengan’s statement, Zheng Anyang had no grounds to object. He nodded and sighed, “There’s been too much happening lately. Yesterday’s events caused quite a stir, and it might not

settle down for a long time. Taking a temporary break from school at this point might indeed be a good thing.” Having said that, Zheng Anyang signed the leave request.

“Principal, what’s the plan for dealing with yesterday’s incident?” Ye Lengan suddenly inquired. “Is there no resentment from Ye Xiyuan’s family?”

“Hmph, this matter ultimately has little to do with the school.”

Zheng Anyang’s expression darkened as he continued, “We’ve thoroughly investigated the situation. Li Qiaomeng was allowed into the campus because the security checked with Ye Xiyuan. They let her in only after receiving a positive response from Ye Xiyuan. I wonder how things between Ye Xiyuan and Li Qiaomeng soured to lead to such an event.”

“Dealing with the Ye family won’t be easy.” Ye Lengan shook her head. “So, I believe the school needs to be prepared.”

“We’ve already consulted with a lawyer yesterday.” Zheng Anyang nodded, offering a reminder. “The school should be fine, and even if the Ye family wants to cause trouble, we have a plan. But for you, be cautious. I’m concerned the Ye family might turn their anger towards you, especially considering...”

Yesterday, Li Qiaomeng explicitly mentioned that Ye Lengan should replace Ye Xiyuan. The Ye family might blame Ye Lengan for the situation.

“If they want to find trouble with me, let them.” Ye Lengan shrugged, indifferent. “I don’t feel I did anything wrong in this matter. Besides, why do they think I should be the one to bring Ye Xiyuan back?”

“The Ye family isn’t known for being reasonable,” sighed Zheng Anyang, facepalming. “So, it’s highly likely they’ll cause trouble for you.”

Having dealt with the Ye family several times before, Zheng Anyang had a clear understanding of their character. Their existing bias against Ye Lengan, combined with the current situation, meant they might shift the blame entirely onto Ye Lengan.

“If they come looking for trouble, I’m not afraid,” smirked Ye Lengan. “I just wonder if they have the capability.”

Hearing Ye Lengan’s words, Zheng Anyang immediately recalled Huangfu Ruiling standing behind Ye Lengan. He nodded in agreement. “True. In your presence, they won’t accomplish anything positive.”

Ye Lengan, not understanding the dynamics, didn’t press for an explanation as Zheng Anyang didn’t seem inclined to provide one.

Picking up the signed leave slip, Ye Lengan prepared to leave. However, before she could exit, she noticed the door to the principal’s office swinging open.

Seeing the person entering, Ye Lengan couldn’t help but furrow her brows. It was none other than the Ye family members they had just been discussing.

Zheng Anyang heard the commotion too. He frowned and, looking at the Ye family, expressed his displeasure.

What did the Ye family think they were doing? They didn't even bother to knock or seek permission before barging in. It was as if they completely disregarded him.

"Mr. Ye, Mrs. Ye, may I ask what urgent matter brings you here today?" Zheng Anyang didn't stand up. He simply raised his head, offering a faint smile to Ye Li and Lin Wanqin. "Are you in such a hurry that you've forgotten the most basic etiquette?"

Hearing the sarcasm in Zheng Anyang's words, Ye Li and Lin Wanqin's expressions soured. They weren't fools; they understood that Zheng Anyang was mocking their earlier failure to knock on the door..

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However, Ye Li remained silent. He wasn't impulsive and understood that Zheng Anyang, securing the position of the principal at Shengan High School, was no ordinary person.

Unlike Ye Li, Lin Wanqin couldn't contain herself and voiced her concerns directly. Her tone carried a hint of reproach. "We indeed have an urgent matter. Has Principal Zheng forgotten what happened yesterday? Without that incident, we wouldn't have been so frantic as to forget proper etiquette."

Her words conveyed her dissatisfaction outright. In her view, Xiyuan was injured within the school premises, signifying the school's undeniable responsibility. Yet, since Xiyuan woke up, there had been no response from the school. Their apparent indifference fueled her resentment.

Ye Li intended to intervene but seemed to reconsider and remained silent.

"The police are still investigating yesterday's incident," said Zheng Anyang with a courteous smile that didn't reach his eyes. "If Mr. and Mrs. Ye are in a hurry, you can check on the progress. So, why have you come?"

"Principal Zheng, are you implying that the school bears no responsibility for yesterday's events?" Ye Li's expression darkened. "Are you suggesting Xiyuan deserved what happened?"

Lin Wanqin's emotions surged. "Principal Zheng, is this the school's stance?

Xiyuan had an accident within the school during class hours. How can the school evade responsibility? How did your security allow a lunatic like Li

Qiaomeng onto the premises?"

"Please, let's not get agitated." Zheng Anyang raised his hand to calm them. "I've never stated that the school isn't accountable. It's unquestionably the school's responsibility, and we won't evade it. Our school will cover all of Ye Xiyuan's medical expenses."

Ye Li smirked sarcastically. “Principal Zheng, do you believe our Ye family can’t afford even this minor medical expense?”

“Mr. Ye, I’m just expressing the school’s stance, nothing more,” Zheng Anyang explained, implying something more significant. “Moreover, Li Qiaomeng entered our school with Ye Xiyuan’s permission. What transpired between them afterward remains unknown to us.”

“Are you suggesting Xiyuan deserved this?” Lin Wanqin almost erupted. “She’s still hospitalized, and you’re attempting to pin all the blame on her!”

“We’re not shirking our responsibilities.” Zheng Anyang hardened his tone in response to the Ye couple’s aggressive stance. “Mr. Ye, Mrs. Ye, the truth of the matter will soon come out through the police investigation. As for the school’s responsibility, that’ll be determined in due course.”

Seeing Zheng Anyang’s hardened stance, Ye Li and Lin Wanqin’s expressions soured further.

Observing from the sidelines, Ye Lengan sighed, turned around, and aimed to leave the principal’s office. She had no interest in this spat. However, just as she turned, Lin Wanqin called out to her.

“Ye Lengan, stop right there,” Lin Wanqin commanded, noticing Ye Lengan attempting to leave.

Ye Lengan couldn’t resist rolling her eyes at such a presumptuous statement.

“Mrs. Ye, who do you think you are? Do I need your permission to leave?”

“You uncouth person.” Lin Wanqin erupted, unable to suppress her anger. “You, a heartless and cold-blooded individual, have no idea about your biological parents. How could they have given birth to someone like you? If they saw you now, they’d probably regret having you!”

The memory of Ye Lengan’s callousness towards Ye Xiyuan’s plight made it hard for Lin Wanqin to keep her composure.

Initially indifferent to the Ye couple, Ye Lengan’s expression turned frigid after Lin Wanqin’s words. Her retort seemed to freeze in the air. “I don’t know if my parents regret having me.. But I wonder, do you regret giving birth to someone as malicious as Ye Xiyuan?”

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“Lin Wanqin, do you really believe that Ye Xiyuan is as innocent and kind as she appears on the surface? I’d really like to see if, when Ye Xiyuan causes you to lose everything in the future, you’ll regret it!”

“Ye Lengan, shut up.” Lin Wanqin was so furious that she could hardly speak. “How dare you slander Xiyuan like this? Have you no humanity at all? Let me tell you, your

attempts to sow discord are futile. Xiyuan is a good child, and our family will be happy."

"Your self-deceptive act is quite amusing," Ye Lengan sneered. "I wonder if you'll still maintain that resolute heart of yours when you learn the truth in the future."

"Ye Leng'an." Lin Wanqin's face turned red with anger. "Your cold-blooded nature makes me wonder what Young Master Huangfu sees in you. If he knew your true colors, he might regret ever knowing you!"

"Wrong. Let me correct you. He's no longer the young master; he has taken over as the head of the family," Ye Lengan corrected. Looking at Ye Li and Lin Wanqin, she added, "I forgot, given the Ye family's status, you probably wouldn't be aware of this."

"You..." This time, it wasn't just Lin Wanqin; even Ye Li was furious.

All along, Ye Li valued the Ye family's interests and status the most. He was ambitious, wanting to elevate the Ye family to a premier position in the capital, but he had been unsuccessful. Now, faced with Ye Leng'an's blatant sarcasm, how could he accept it?

"And..." Ye Lengan continued, a smug smile on her face. "He knows what kind of person I am. Similarly, you might not know what kind of person Ye Xiyuan is, but everyone in the Nangong family does. I really don't understand how you raised a daughter like her...shameless, even claiming someone else's life-saving grace."

Ye Li and Lin Wanqin's faces changed rapidly. They understood exactly what

Ye Leng'an was referring to. They wanted to retort but couldn't deny the truth.

"My time is precious." Ye Lengan glanced at Ye Li and Lin Wanqin. "Our relationship is probably worse than that with strangers. So, don't casually stop me in the future. Otherwise, my losses may be beyond your compensation."

"Hmph, you're just relying on the Huangfu family's patriarch," Lin Wanqin scoffed.

"Without the support of their family Head, do you think you have anything to fear?"

Ye Lengan looked at Lin Wanqin as if she were naive. "Since you know Huangfu Ruiling supports me, why provoke me repeatedly? Aren't you afraid

I'll tell Huangfu Ruiling and ask him to help me retaliate against you?"

"How dare you!" Lin Wanqin's voice rose, attempting to hide her inner turmoil.

This quarrel with Ye Lengan had happened more than once. The Huangfu family had shown no reaction, leading her to believe that Huangfu Ruiling wouldn't intervene. However, Ye Leng'an's words today reminded her of something she had overlooked. She was now afraid of potential retaliation from Huangfu Ruiling.

After all, the Ye family had no means to resist a giant like the Huangfu family.

“Do you want to try?” Ye Lengan spoke nonchalantly. “I just don’t know how long the Ye family can hold out.”

“Ye Lengan, today’s incident is our fault.” Ye Li stepped forward, unhesitant in his apology. “In the future, even if we see you, we’ll pretend not to know you. So, we hope to settle this matter privately.”

Apologizing to Ye Lengan bruised Ye Li’s ego, but between facing Huangfu family’s retaliation and apologizing, he chose the latter. The Ye family had indeed gained from the Li family’s affair this time, but it only offset previous losses. If the Huangfu family decided to suppress them now, they might not last.

Lin Wanqin opened her mouth to speak but, under Ye Li’s gaze, couldn’t utter a word.

Ye Li harbored some resentment toward his wife. If she hadn’t called out to Ye Lengan, none of this would have happened. As Ye Leng’an’s father previously, he found it hard to accept apologizing and bowing to Ye Lengan.

“Mr. Ye, I hope you remember what you said today.” Ye Lengan looked at Ye Li sharply. “My patience has been worn thin. If there’s a next time, don’t blame me for forgetting our meager past affection.”

“I will remember,” Ye Li replied with a stern face.

Ye Leng’an didn’t say anything more. She turned and left.

Left behind, Ye Li and Lin Wanqin wore unpleasant expressions. They hadn’t anticipated Ye Lengan humiliating them like this.

Zheng Anyang, who had been observing, felt a sense of satisfaction. Sometimes, he wondered if there was something wrong with the Ye family’s mindset. If it were him, he’d find a way to build a good relationship with Ye Lengan, given their previous connection. However, the Ye family insisted on eroding the scant remaining goodwill in repeated conflicts. They were truly foolish.

One must recognize that, aside from Huangfu Ruiling, Ye Lengan herself was an outstanding individual. Building a good relationship with Ye Lengan would be beneficial. After Ye Li and his wife regained their composure, they glanced at Zheng Anyang, seemingly seeking justice for Ye Xiyuan. However, they didn’t anticipate Zheng Anyang’s stance turning firm. In the end, they received no assurances and could only leave the school dejectedly..

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Li Qiaomeng’s case was quickly resolved within a short period. Perhaps due to continuous pressure from the Ye family, Li Qiaomeng received a severe sentence and was sentenced to ten years in prison.

By this calculation, when Li Qiaomeng was released, she would be thirty years old. At the age of thirty, with no education, no work experience, and no skills, her future seemed bleak.

However, for the Ye family, it was not sufficient. Originally, they intended to charge Li Qiaomeng with intentional murder, but due to insufficient evidence, she was ultimately convicted of intentional injury.

In prison, Auntie Zhuang, upon learning about Li Qiaomeng's fate, couldn't bear it and fainted. When she woke up, she couldn't help but burst into tears.

She had taken all the blame upon herself, hoping to secure a bright future for Li Qiaomeng. However, she hadn't anticipated that Li Qiaomeng, shortly after leaving, would commit such an act, once again ruining her own life.

Simultaneously, she regretted her past actions. Back then, she shouldn't have been swayed and succumbed to Li Qiaomeng's persistence, leading to such consequences. Now that things had come to this point, it was too late.

On the other side, at the hospital, Ye Xiyuan, upon hearing Li Qiaomeng's verdict, felt no joy. Instead, she was dissatisfied. She lay in the hospital with injuries, and yet Li Qiaomeng, who committed such an act, received only a ten-year sentence, which seemed highly unfair.

Lin Wanqin, observing Ye Xiyuan's displeasure, softly comforted, "Alright, Xiyuan, don't dwell on it. These ten years will be enough for Li Qiaomeng to endure torment. Moreover, even when she comes out, life won't be easy for her."

"Okay, Mom, I understand." Ye Xiyuan nodded obediently, then inquired,

"Mom, when can I be discharged? What about the situation at school?"

"Talking about your school makes me angry." Lin Wanqin's expression darkened. "The school is clearly unable to shirk responsibility for this incident. However, your principal is uncooperative and refuses to take responsibility."

Initially, she and her husband had visited the school to negotiate with the principal, hoping for a recommended spot. However, Zheng Anyang's attitude had been stubborn, unwilling to engage in discussions. They had no choice but to reluctantly accept it.

"Now that this matter has passed, let's forget about it." Ye Xiyuan shook her head.

"Mom, there's no need for you to continue pursuing the principal. Besides, with my grades, getting into Capital University is absolutely within reach. You don't have to worry."

Her goal was not just to get into Capital University but to become the top scorer in the college entrance examination. Thinking about this, Ye Xiyuan's eyes gleamed with a determined light.

"Yes, the school is fine." Lin Wanqin nodded, then smiled, asking, "Xiyuan, you need some time to recover, so you won't be able to return to school immediately.

Therefore, your father and I were thinking of asking if you need a teacher for tutoring."

“No need,” Ye Xiyuan confidently replied, “I’ve already mastered all the high school knowledge. In the days to come, I just need to follow my own study plan; I don’t need a teacher’s guidance at all.”

Hearing Ye Xiyuan’s response, Lin Wanqin didn’t insist and nodded. “Alright, since you’re so confident, I’ll go along with your plan. However, don’t feel too much pressure.”

“I know.” As she spoke, Ye Xiyuan moved her left arm, the one stabbed by Li Qiaomeng. Feeling a sense of weakness, she couldn’t help but furrow her brow and ask, “Mom, is my arm really okay?”

For some reason, she felt a sense of weakness in her arm. Many times, she tried to raise her hand, but it always felt like she couldn’t lift it.

“The hospital has taken X-rays, and they said you’re fine.” Lin Wanqin shook her head and asked with concern, “Xiyuan, do you feel uncomfortable?”

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“I’m fine. I just don’t feel too good.” Ye Xiyuan shook her head and continued,

“It’s probably just my imagination! I feel like my arm is different from before.”

“Don’t worry too much,” Lin Wanqin comforted her with a smile, “It’s probably because the wound hurts a lot. That’s why it’s like this! Don’t worry; the hospital has already taken a few scans and confirmed that you’re fine. It’s just that you’ve lost too much blood. You have to make up for it properly.”

Ye Xiyuan nodded. Although she still felt a little uneasy, since the hospital didn’t find anything wrong, she really didn’t need to worry too much.

On the other side, Ye Leng’an also knew about Li Qiaomeng’s verdict. At this moment, she was in a car with Huangfu Ruiling, heading to the Hidden World.

Sitting in the car, Ye Lengan couldn’t help but feel a little excited. However, she couldn’t help but mock herself in her heart. She was someone who had even stayed in the cultivation world, so why would she be excited about the Hidden World? Could it be that she had left the cultivation world for too long and missed it?

Speaking of which, she was really curious about what the Hidden World looked like and how it was different from the cultivation world.

“Are you looking forward to it?” Huangfu Ruiling looked at Ye Leng’an, who was sitting beside her with a smile on her face. He smiled and said, “Actually, the difference between the Hidden World and the mortal world is not that big. However, the spiritual energy in the Hidden World is definitely better than that in the mortal world.”

"I can't say if I'm looking forward to it, but I'm indeed a little excited." Ye Lengan smiled and said, "Besides, I also want to see what's the difference between the pills in the Hidden World and the ones I refine,"

"Those alchemists in the Hidden World, none of them can compare to you," Huangfu Ruiling did not have any scruples and said straightforwardly.

"However, the Ye family is the largest family of alchemists in the Hidden World. Almost all the alchemists in the Hidden World belong to the Ye family."

"No wonder that Ye Wanwan was so arrogant." Ye Lengan pretended to be serious. "So she is relying on the Ye family's power!"

"There is absolutely no alchemist in the Ye family who can compare to you," Huangfu Ruiling said with certainty, "You are the best."

"Of course," Ye Lengan said confidently, "My alchemy skills are not something that ordinary people can compare to."

After all, she had been in the cultivation world for so long. Even if she was there, her alchemy skills were definitely at the top.

"Did the Ye family not make any moves regarding the incident last time?" Ye Lengan blinked. "Ye Wanwan just let the matter pass. She doesn't look like that kind of person."

"The head of the Ye family is not a fool. He won't go against the Huangfu family for a Ye Wanwan." Huangfu Ruiling's eyes flashed with a sharp light. "He should still be watching. He will probably wait until after the Family Competition to decide if he wants to find us."

Ye Lengan nodded. "Then, will you participate in the Family Competition this time?"

If Huangfu Ruiling made a move, then the other families probably wouldn't have the chance to make a move. Thinking about it this way, could it be considered cheating?

"I won't attack." Huangfu Ruiling shook his head. "What about you? When the time comes, do you want to go down and play?"

"It depends on the situation!" Ye Lengan replied after some thought. As the two of them were talking, the car had already driven into a deep mountain. Then, it stopped.

Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan quickly got out of the car. After that, Li San drove away. Huangfu Ruiling was no longer sitting in the wheelchair. Instead, he was standing side by side with Ye Lengan.

"Isn't Li San going with you?" Ye Lengan asked curiously. "I thought he would follow you to the Hidden World!"

“He’ll go after a few days,” Huangfu Ruiling did not hide anything and replied.

“And, he will go with another identity. You’ll know when the time comes.”

“Looks like you still have many secrets!” Ye Lengan crossed her arms in front of her chest and looked at Huangfu Ruiling with a faint smile. She asked, “Do you have other identities in the Hidden World that I don’t know about?”

“Do you want to know?” Huangfu Ruiling did not deny it. “If you want to know, I will tell you now..”

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“No, thanks.” Ye Lengan shook her head. “Some things are better discovered on one’s own; it makes them more enjoyable.”

Observing Ye Leng’an’s demeanor, Huangfu Ruiling couldn’t help but smile but chose not to continue the conversation.

The two strolled along the mountain path effortlessly, reaching a cliff in no time. Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan stood at the edge, overlooking a profound abyss. It was a perilous drop; an ordinary person falling here would likely end up in pieces. The sight might make most people shudder.

“Is this the entrance to the Hidden World?” Ye Lengan asked. Though phrased as a question, her tone held certainty.

She didn’t believe Huangfu Ruiling brought her here for the scenic view.

“Yes.” Huangfu Ruiling nodded. “Descending from here allows entry into the Hidden World.’

“It’s indeed quite concealed!” Ye Lengan nodded admiringly. “Whoever thought of this place? Ordinary folks probably wouldn’t conceive it. Moreover, I doubt anyone will frequent such a location in normal circumstances. Therefore, ordinary people likely can’t access the Hidden World. Still, accidents might happen!!

“There’s a formation here,” Huangfu Ruiling explained. “Moreover, at the entrance to the Hidden World, there are usually guardians. So, even if an ordinary person stumbles in accidentally, they’ll be promptly expelled. Afterward, they’re given a drug to forget the incident.”

Therefore, ordinary people in the mortal world were unaware of the existence of the Hidden World. Of course, some high-ranking officials from certain countries and members of the four major families were aware of it.

As they conversed, Huangfu Ruiling produced two masks, donning one himself before handing the other to Ye Lengan.

Ye Leng'an accepted it, putting it on. The mask covered a portion of her face, revealing only a fraction of her features and making her appearance inscrutable.

After putting on the mask, Ye Lengan couldn't help but exclaim, "This is a spiritual weapon. Did you craft it?"

Initially assuming it to be an ordinary mask, she now sensed it was a spiritual weapon. It fit her face perfectly, evidently tailored. The design on the mask matched Huangfu Ruilings. Most notably, she faintly detected an aura similar to Huangfu Ruilings on the mask.

"Yes," Huangfu Ruiling affirmed. "This mask can thwart outside scrutiny and withstand attacks from those below the Golden Core Realm."

"I never expected you to be skilled in crafting artifacts," Ye Lengan marveled.

"Huangfu Ruiling, how many things about you remain unknown to me?"

Previously noting Huangfu Ruilings adeptness in formations during their trip to the Southern Boundaries, now she discovered his proficiency in weapon crafting and deep cultivation. It seemed Huangfu Ruiling delved into various fields of study.

"Perhaps this deepens your understanding of me, doesn't it?" Huangfu Ruiling raised an eyebrow, smiling. "Moreover, it ensures your attention remains on me!"

Finding Huangfu Ruilings words amusing, Ye Lengan rolled her eyes. Before

Huangfu Ruiling could react, she stood on her tiptoes, planted a kiss on Huangfu Ruilings cheek, and grinned, saying, "Actually, even without these, my attention will always be on you."

Feeling the warmth on his face, Huangfu Ruiling experienced a sweet sensation. Without saving a word, he reached out, grabbing Ye Lenz'an's waist, and the two leaped off the cliff.

If anyone witnessed them, it would surely be a heart-stopping sight, possibly leading to the assumption that these two were embracing a tragic fate.

Ye Leng'an felt no fear. Nestled against Huangfu Ruilings chest, she felt the wind whistling by. In a brief moment, they landed back on solid ground. Evidently, they had arrived in the Hidden World..

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The moment Ye Leng'an's feet touched the ground, she felt a rush of abundant spiritual energy, as if every pore on her body was expanding at that moment.

"This is the Hidden World!" Ye Lengan couldn't help but show a hint of excitement on her face. "The spiritual energy here is truly rich; it's indeed an excellent place for cultivation. I believe that most of the world's spiritual energy is concentrated here!"

Although the spiritual energy here couldn't compare to the cultivation world, it was undoubtedly many times denser than the mortal world. Evidently, someone intentionally gathered most of the world's spiritual energy to this place, creating an ideal environment for cultivation.

“Indeed, the entire Hidden World’s underground conceals a Spirit Gathering Formation,” explained Huangfu Ruiling. “The majority of Earth’s spiritual energy is concentrated here for the people to cultivate. Therefore, those with cultivation talent in the mortal world are scarce.”

This scarcity was due to their lack of a uniquely favorable environment and the guidance of a deep-rooted heritage.

Ye Lengan refrained from commenting on this; she didn’t find it unfair. She wasn’t a deity and wouldn’t pass judgment on these matters. Moreover, fairness was elusive in this world. If one desired it, one had to strive to reach the top of the food chain. Only then would they have the authority to pursue fairness.

While the two conversed, two young men in casual white attire approached.

They seemed intent on asking something. However, upon seeing Huangfu Ruiling, they immediately bowed respectfully and addressed him as “Master

Huangfu.”

Such small figures naturally weren’t qualified to meet the head of the Huangfu family. However, in the Hidden World, everyone knew that the current family head of Huangfu was young, always wearing a mask to conceal his true identity.

Moreover, in the presence of the masked man, they immediately felt a formidable pressure, likely a result of deliberate suppression. Undoubtedly, the masked figure was Master Huangfu.

Surprisingly, they noticed a young woman standing beside Master Huangfu. Although her true face was concealed, her masked appearance suggested a significant connection with the family head. Even though they hadn’t heard about Master Huangfu having a partner, they treated her with utmost respect.

Huangfu Ruiling didn’t respond to the two men but gestured for them to step aside. He then left with Ye Lengan.

The remaining duo didn’t express any dissatisfaction with Huangfu Ruiling’s demeanor. Instead, they felt that everything unfolded as expected.

Huangfu Ruiling guided Ye Lengan to the Huangfu family residence. On the way, Ye Lengan couldn’t shake the feeling that she had returned to the cultivation world. The Hidden World closely resembled the cultivation world, from the layout of streets to the construction of houses, exuding an antique charm. Unlike the cultivation world, however, most people here dressed in modern clothes.

Huangfu Ruiling took Ye Lengan directly to the main courtyard of the Huangfu family residence. After dismissing all the attendants, he didn’t go to meet the elders but chose to rest in the courtyard with Ye Lengan, enjoying some private time.

Back at the Huangfu family, turmoil ensued after Huangfu Ruiling’s return. The reason was simple – the family head returned with a girl. Although they couldn’t discern her appearance and cultivation level, the intimacy between her and the family head was palpable. It was inconceivable that the two didn’t share a close relationship.

Regardless of whether the girl would become the future matriarch of the Huangfu family, it was evident that she held a crucial position in the family head's heart.

People couldn't help but speculate about the girl's identity and what abilities she possessed to capture the family head's affection.

However, despite their curiosity and the complete lack of knowledge about the background of the girl, everyone in the Huangfu family, including the elders, dared not entertain the thought of separating the family head from this girl.

It was crucial to understand that, unlike other families, the family head held absolute status and power within the Huangfu family. While the elders wield significant influence in their daily affairs, they must unquestionably obey the family head.

In contrast to other families where elders might exert some influence over the family head, such a scenario was absolutely non-existent within the Huangfu family. Perhaps, to be more precise, these dynamics emerged only after the current family head assumed the position.

Moreover, the most paramount aspect was the formidable strength of their family head. It could be said that even if all the members of their entire family were combined, they might still not be a match for the family head.

The family head could depart from the Huangfu family at any time, and it wouldn't result in any loss or change. However, if the Huangfu family were to lose its current family head, its strength would undoubtedly diminish significantly.

It was precisely because of these reasons that a certain outcome had occurred – the family head held an absolute position within the Huangfu family.

Also, due to this reason, even though everyone was curious about Ye Leng'an's arrival, they didn't dare to casually inquire about anything.

Soon after Huangfu Ruilings return to the Huangfu family, other families in the Hidden World also received the news. They were well aware that the Huangfu family head wasn't always present in the family residence, and nobody dared to provoke the Huangfu family even in his absence.

A previous attempt by another family to seize the Huangfu family's power during the family head's absence had led to their demise. The Huangfu family head single-handedly confronted them, crippling the cultivation of their family head and several elders. Consequently, that family disappeared from everyone's sight..

Chapter 549 - 549: Nine-Cycle Soul-Returning Pill 1

After two days of rest in the Huangfu family, Ye Lengan ventured alone into the city.

Originally, Huangfu Ruiling intended to accompany her, but due to urgent matters within the Huangfu family, he couldn't join Ye Lengan.

Ye Lengan didn't mind; she wasn't someone who needed constant protection. Moreover, she believed that in this Hidden World, there was hardly anyone who could pose a threat to her. Though her cultivation hadn't fully recovered, not many could surpass her in strength.

Huangfu Ruiling also had confidence in Ye Leng'an's abilities, so he didn't insist on assigning anyone to accompany her.

Leaving the Huangfu family behind, Ye Lengan wandered through the streets. This realm was markedly different from the mortal world. Despite various shops on the main streets, there were also inconspicuous stalls along the roadside. These stalls seemed well-managed, evident in their neatness.

Ye Lengan strolled casually, occasionally eyeing the items on the stalls, hoping to find something worth acquiring. After all, these stalls sometimes held hidden treasures, though luck and personal taste played significant roles.

Despite the circuit, Ye Lengan didn't spot anything noteworthy. Perhaps those items failed to capture her interest. In her portable cave abode space, she possessed far superior belongings. Consequently, unless something was exceptionally unique, it didn't catch her eye.

Following the path, Ye Lengan arrived at the entrance of an herb shop. True to the heart of an alchemist, she stepped into the medicinal herb store.

Unlike the mortal world, the Hidden World's herb shop didn't just offer mortal herbs but also a variety of spiritual plants. While not comparable to those in her abode, they were still commendable.

In normal circumstances, Ye Lengan would refrain from using the herbs in her space if she could gather them externally. The herbs in her space were numerous but limited, and using them recklessly might deplete her resources. After all, this wasn't the cultivation world, and many spiritual herbs weren't available here.

Any herb that caught Ye Leng'an's eye was promptly packaged by her attendants.

Ye Leng'an's actions pleased the store manager. Although unaware of Ye Leng'an's true identity, the manager was certain she was a significant customer. A shop assistant was even assigned to accompany Ye Lengan and offer assistance.

This establishment was the largest medicinal herb store in the Hidden World. Normally, many alchemists frequented it to purchase a variety of herbs and spiritual plants. However, few were as generous as Ye Leng'an, who didn't even inquire about prices, simply instructing items to be packed. Such a big spender naturally warranted special treatment.

Suddenly, her attention was drawn to a spiritual plant displayed on a glass cabinet in the herb store – a seven-petal flower, each petal showcasing a different color, resembling a rainbow. The colors were vivid – red, orange, yellow, green, cyan, blue, and purple. The hues were intense, almost as if they would drip down. Prolonged gazing induced a feeling of immersion in these captivating colors.

Despite its strange and otherworldly appearance, this spiritual plant effortlessly captivated attention, much like a poppy exuding a deadly allure.

Ye Lengan couldn't resist taking a step forward and declaring, "I want this spiritual plant."

She hadn't anticipated encountering the Seven-Colored Enchantress, a highly toxic spiritual plant, in this herb shop. Medicinal pills refined by this plant could even bewitch a cultivator of the Immortalization Stage, illustrating its potency. However, when used judiciously, the Seven-Colored Enchantress could also be transformed into a life-saving elixir.

Crucially, the Seven-Colored Enchantress couldn't be artificially cultivated; it thrived only in nature. Yet, before reaching maturity, it was susceptible to being consumed by various animals.

Only mature Seven-Colored Enchantresses possessed such potent poison. The immature ones resembled roadside weeds and were prone to being consumed by various animals.

Consequently, the scarcity and value of the Seven-Colored Enchantress were high. Encountering it here, Ye Lengan naturally decided to acquire it..

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Seeing Ye Lengan's interest in the Seven-Colored Enchantress, a hint of hesitation appeared on her face. She then spoke, "I can't make the decision. Let me call the manager to discuss this."

Ye Lengan understood the preciousness of this spiritual plant, so she nodded without objection, saying, "Sure."

After obtaining Ye Lengan's consent, the shop assistant promptly summoned the manager.

"Hello, miss. I'm the manager of this store, and my surname is Zhong," said

Zhong Lingwan as she looked at Ye Lengan. She continued, "I heard that you wish to purchase this spiritual plant, is that correct?"

"Yes." Ye Lengan nodded. "Since it's displayed here, I assume it's intended for sale,"

"Indeed," confirmed Zhong Lingwan with a nod. However, a trace of dilemma appeared on her face as she continued, "Miss, this particular spiritual plant is part of our store owner's collection. Buying it isn't merely a matter of having enough money. Our owner has additional requirements, and only if those are met, will he agree to sell this plant."

Hearing this request, Ye Lengan was somewhat surprised. She asked, "What specific requirements does your owner have?"

"A Nine-Cycle Soul-Returning Pill," Zhong Lingwan stated without hesitation.

"Our owner desires a high-grade Nine-Cycle Soul-Returning Pill, along with one million Spirit Coins."

Ye Lengan had no doubts about the Nine-Cycle Soul-Returning Pill. She then asked, "Regarding the Spirit Coins..."

At this point, she felt a bit awkward. This was her first time in the Hidden World, and she was unaware of the common currency used here. She hadn't thought about it before and hadn't asked Huangfu Ruiling. Now, during the purchase, she finally remembered that this wasn't the mortal world, and transactions here didn't involve ordinary currency.

Upon hearing Ye Lengan's question, Zhong Lingwan was momentarily stunned. It seemed she hadn't anticipated that Ye Lengan would raise this issue. Initially, observing Ye Lengan's familiar

and generous demeanor, she assumed the person wasn't lacking funds. However, now she had her doubts.

Facing the questioning gaze, Ye Lengan remained composed, nodded, and continued, "This is my first time in the Hidden World, so I'm not very familiar. However, rest assured, I will settle all my previous purchases, including this spiritual plant."

"Hmph, a country bumpkin. Do you even have the money?" A sarcastic voice rang out as the door opened.

With the voice, a stunning figure walked in gracefully. The woman wore a pink-purple dress that accentuated her figure. Clear and bright eyes, arched eyebrows, long fluttering eyelashes, flawless fair skin with a touch of rosy hue, and delicate lips like rose petals.

Seeing this person, Ye Lengan couldn't help but feel surprised. It wasn't about the woman, but the man beside her. It was someone she knew, Nangong

Xuyao. Apparently, since the goddaughter recognition banquet hosted by Murong Yanshu, Nangong Xuyao hadn't appeared in public. According to the Nangong family, he had gone abroad. Unexpectedly, he had come to the Hidden World!

Previously, she had received some information about the Hidden World from Huangfu Ruiling. It seemed that Nangong Xuyao had come here for the Family Competition! She wondered about his status within the Nangong family.

After Ye Lengan retracted her gaze, she looked at the store manager and stated, "Rest assured, I won't default on payment. And I want this spiritual plant too."

"Country bumpkin, you don't even know what Spirit Coins are. Can you afford the bill?" The woman who just entered looked at Ye Lengan with disdain. "Someone like you, why pretend to be wealthy here?"

The store manager found herself in a dilemma. While Ye Lengan's ethereal demeanor suggested she wasn't an ordinary person, her lack of knowledge about Spirit Coins created an unprecedented contradiction..