

Little Girl 541

Chapter 541: Turing Earring

Wow, Xin Lin's eyes were wide open in astonishment.

He had seen arrogance before, but never such staggering arrogance!

Qi Stones, truly the tyrants of the Qi Stone realm!

Without any courtesy, the Qi Stones operated on the law of the jungle, directly absorbing the Spiritual Energy from the Intermediate Qi Stones.

It was seen that the Spiritual Energy in those piles of Intermediate Qi Stones, at fifty percent, forty percent, thirty percent... ten percent, eventually turned into a pile of worthless rocks lacking any Spiritual Energy.

Xin Lin's lips twitched, secretly thrilled inside.

Bai You, you think you're so tough.

A hundred Intermediate Qi Stones, and I'll return to you nothing but a pile of worthless rocks.

Xin Lin was unambiguous, subsequently taking out the third, fourth, and fifth Qi Stone.

The five Qi Stones ultimately absorbed ninety-nine percent of the Spiritual Energy in the Intermediate Qi Stones.

If it wasn't for Xin Lin considering Jiang Qing's feelings and not wanting to embarrass him, by leaving a Qi Stone that Jiang Qing had seen, all these Intermediate Qi Stones would have ended up as junk.

After putting away the five Qi Stones, Xin Lin sat back and waited to see how Bai You would wrap things up.

At this moment, Bai You had already sold seven bags of Qi Stones, exchanging them for tens of thousands of gold coins, but she wasn't too thrilled as the Spiritual Artifact she wanted did not appear.

It seems this Black Brilliance Market has only attracted a crowd of nobodies.

Bai You complained.

Not a single distinguished Spiritual Treasure in sight.

"I need thirty Qi Stones, but I don't have enough gold at hand, so I plan to exchange a Spiritual Treasure with you."

Just as Bai You was getting ready to auction the eighth bag of Qi Stones, a man with the bearing of a Spirit Master stepped forward.

Great Spirit Master.

Xin Lin instantly recognized the aura emanating from him.

This man had the strongest aura among the nearby Spirit Masters, apparently an Intermediate Great Spirit Master.

Asking for thirty Intermediate Spirit Stones at once, he sure had a big appetite.

Bai You glanced at him, weighing his worth.

"It depends on whether the Spirit Stones in your hand are worth that price."

Qi Stones are an extremely limited resource; without a vein, even Major Sects cannot provide sufficient Qi Stones.

The man didn't say much more, pulling out a woman's earring.

It wasn't large, just a small red stone polished into an earring, looking unassuming.

Typically, earrings come in pairs, but this was just a single earring.

"Such a shabby earring, and you want to exchange it for my thirty Qi Stones?"

Bai You's tone was unfriendly.

As the daughter of the Sect Leader of Xuantian Sect, she had seen all kinds of jewelry.

A broken earring like this, wearing it would even lower her own status.

"Miss Bai, this is not an ordinary earring, but a Turing Ring made from a Turing Stone."

Jiang Qing glanced at the earring, his eyes also showing a hint of astonishment.

As soon as the phrase "Turing Stone" was mentioned, Bai You's face changed drastically.

Turing Stone was no ordinary object; it was a type of Bright Crystal, also known as a Space Shining Crystal.

Bright Crystals, even more valuable than gold and Qi Stones, were rumored to come from the earth's crust over a thousand years old.

There are many types of Bright Crystals, with the five-elements Bright Crystals being the most common, others incredibly rare.

The Turing Stone, as a type of Space Shining Crystal, holds its greatest value in creating storage spaces.

In other words, within this tiny earring lies an entire world.

Thirty Qi Stones for an earring capable of storing items, undoubtedly a very worthwhile trade!

Bai You's eyes lit up instantly.

Xin Lin also pondered thoughtfully, gazing at the Turing Earring.

Chapter 542: High-level Qi Stone

Possessing a Turing Earring is not only convenient for a cultivator but also prestigious.

When it comes to grade, the Turing Ring might not compare with Brother Sikong's Xuanwu Ring.

Unfortunately, although Bai You had acquired and worn the Xuanwu Ring for a few days earlier, it had been of no use because the Xuanwu Ring required a male to wear it to be effective.

This Turing Earring was only suitable for women, and Bai You was unwilling to let it go.

"This earring..."

Bai You said without hesitation.

The male warrior was about to hand over the earring.

Just then.

Suddenly, a low shout was heard.

"I want it."

Bai You's beautiful eyes widened, hardly believing that someone dared to compete with her for the item.

Jiang Qing also slightly turned his head.

The one competing with Bai You for the Turing Earring was none other than Lord Dominator, who had always been very cautious in bidding.

The male warrior selling the Turing Earring was also somewhat surprised.

"It's you again! You're doing this on purpose. He clearly already sold the Turing Earring to me."

Bai You said indignantly.

She was determined to get this Turing Earring.

Today, in the presence of everyone who would give her some face.

"Miss Bai is mistaken, the deal is only valid when money and goods are exchanged. Just now, I only saw you were still negotiating. Master Jiang, as the host of the Black Brilliance Market, perhaps you could give a fair judgment."

Xin Lin said calmly.

She couldn't retrieve the Xuanwu Ring for now.

But this Turing Earring, she would not let go.

Not to mention anything else, just to infuriate Bai You to death, she felt she must have it.

"Well said, the transaction is only valid when the finances are settled."

Jiang Qing nodded, then he turned to look at the male warrior.

"My friend, now that two people desire this Turing Earring, what do you think?"

The male warrior was naturally delighted to hear this.

He was here today for Qi Stones.

The reason he was selling to Bai You was because of the Xuantian Sect's mining veins, but this new client, being a powerful Great Spirit Master, if he could offer a higher price, the male warrior was even more eager.

"I wonder how much this client is willing to offer?"

The male warrior asked eagerly.

Xin Lin pondered for a moment without immediately responding.

She only had four Intermediate Qi Stones...

"He can't afford the Turing Earring, from the start of the market till now, he has only spent six Intermediate Qi Stones."

Bai You said mockingly.

She was very clear, this guy was just picking scraps!

"Indeed, I don't have many Intermediate Qi Stones."

Xin Lin didn't deny it.

With her admission, the male warrior was quite disappointed.

Without Qi Stones, still wanting the Turing Earring, it seemed like this person was here to cause trouble.

"Miss Bai, for thirty Intermediate Qi Stones, this Turing Earring is yours."

The man shook his head.

"Although I don't have Intermediate Qi Stones, I have better Qi Stones, as for the value... I'll need Master Jiang's help to assess."

After saying that, Xin Lin took out two Advanced Qi Stones and handed them to Jiang Qing.

"Just blowing your own trumpet about having higher-grade stones, look at yourself."

Bai You glanced at the two Qi Stones in Jiang Qing's hands, which looked exactly like the Intermediate Qi Stones from the Xuantian Sect.

Two Intermediate Qi Stones trying to buy a Turing Earring, this person must have a problem with his brain.

Jiang Qing looked at the stones in his hand, initially thinking the same as Bai You.

But when Jiang Qing channeled his True Qi into one of the stones, his eyes suddenly changed, and even as calm as he was, he couldn't help but utter softly.

"High-level Qi Stones!"

Chapter 543: Wealth and Power

High-level Qi Stone, four words.

As if thunder had struck the ground.

Causing everyone present to change their faces in an instant.

Bai You's mouth twitched fiercely as she blurted out in disbelief,

"How is that possible, how could those be high-level Qi Stones?"

High-level Qi Stones, which are minerals containing more than seventy percent Spiritual Energy, are extremely precious.

Although it may seem like just an additional twenty percent more Spiritual Energy,

But everyone knew that for every one percent increase in Qi Stone's Spiritual Energy purity, it equaled ten times the energy of Qi Stones with one percent less.

And this "Lord Dominator" produced two Qi Stones, which meant that just one high-level Qi Stone was equivalent to a hundred Qi Stones with fifty percent Spiritual Energy.

Two hundred intermediate Qi Stones, that's more than all the intermediate Qi Stones Bai You brought over!

The male warrior's face went through a myriad of changes.

From initial disappointment to subsequent ecstasy.

"Master Jiang! Are you sure you didn't mistake those two shabby stones for high-level Qi Stones?"

Bai You spoke with malice.

High-level Qi Stones, even the entire Xuantian Sect doesn't produce fifty pieces in a year.

Even Bai You, as the Sect Leader's daughter, can only get one high-level Qi Stone every six months.

"Miss Bai, are you doubting my judgment?"

Jiang Qing snorted coldly.

Bai You's attitude was a bit too overbearing.

Who is Jiang Qing? Not to mention Bai You, even the Xuantian Sect was not in his eyes.

"Master Jiang, Youyou didn't mean that. Master Jiang's judgment, of course, cannot be wrong."

Sikong Ran hurriedly interjected to stop Bai You.

"It's sold, it's sold. My Lord, this Turing Ring is yours now."

The warrior was almost overjoyed to insanity.

Hands presenting it forward, he was about to hand over the Turing Ring to Xin Lin.

"Wait! Two hundred intermediate Qi Stones for two hundred. Master Jiang, on behalf of the Xuantian Sect, I will make a prepayment."

Bai You gritted her teeth.

Since she was little, she has been pampered and is not willing to suffer losses.

The Turing Ring, she was determined to have it.

Jiang Qing pondered for a moment, then turned apologetically towards Xin Lin and shook his head.

Guests come first, and he couldn't just refuse Bai You's request.

"Then I'll add one more Qi Stone."

Xin Lin was not angry and took out another Qi Stone.

Another high-level Qi Stone!

Jiang Qing's eyes narrowed.

What exactly is the background of this Overlord?

He initially thought that the person only had those two high-level Qi Stones on him.

Who knew, there was another!

This is a high-level Qi Stone, for an ordinary cultivator, one Qi Stone could form a Spiritual Practitioner.

"You!"

Bai You was shaking with anger.

Three high-level Qi Stones, that's the equivalence of three hundred intermediate Qi Stones.

Bai You's annual expense didn't even have three hundred Qi Stones.

Looking at the other party, with a calm breath, he didn't treat it seriously, as if those three Qi Stones were just a drop in the ocean to him.

Sikong Ran's expression became grave.

He too, was curious about this person's identity.

Earlier, he and Bai You thought that the person was nothing more than a country bumpkin who had just arrived in Purple Cloud City.

But now, it seemed, this was no country bumpkin but a super-rich tycoon.

Jiang Qing had no idea that Xin Lin was so generous for two reasons.

The first was naturally that the Spiritual Energy in these Qi Stones, all came from that one middle-level energy stone; the wool comes from the sheep itself.

The other reason though...

"Life Book prompt, angering the Xuanwu Practitioner Bai You, Heaven-defying Value +2."

"Life Book prompt, infuriating the Xuanwu Practitioner Bai You, Heaven-defying Value +3."

"Life Book prompt..."

During the time of their verbal confrontation, Xin Lin had already gained 20 Heaven-defying Value.

Chapter 544: A Pile of Waste Stones

Feeling the heaven-defying value while frustrating the other side to death, how splendid indeed~

Xin Lin chuckled a couple of times.

"Three, three high-level Qi Stones."

The male warrior was already overjoyed beyond measure.

"Master Jiang, I'll add..."

Bai You was so agitated by Xin Lin that she almost vomited blood.

At this moment, she had lost her rationality, harboring only one thought: she must obtain that Turing Ring.

"Miss Bai, the credit limit of Black Brilliance Market does exist. Generally speaking, you need some collateral to obtain credit."

Two hundred intermediate Qi Stones was already a considerable loan, especially given that Bai You was the daughter of the Sect Leader of Xuantian Sect.

Going further would be troublesome.

"I still have some Qi Stones. These stones could probably count as interest."

Bai You gritted her teeth and handed over thirty Qi Stones she had not yet sold to Jiang Qing.

Jiang Qing frowned slightly as he glanced at the intermediate Qi Stones.

Intermediate Qi Stones might seem precious to others.

But for a place like Black Brilliance Market, where a large amount of such Qi Stones flow in both openly and secretly every day.

However, if these intermediate Qi Stones were converted into high-level Qi Stones, it would be a different story.

Not long ago, his mother had just informed him that they needed a batch of upper-class high-level Qi Stones because his father was about to break through and compete for the position of castle lord.

The high-level Qi Stones provided by Lord Dominator met the requirement.

Whether to offend Lord Dominator for Xuantian Sect was a matter Jiang Qing had to consider carefully.

"Master Jiang, Youyou genuinely likes those earrings, I hope you could do us a favor."

Sikong Ran also spoke up.

Just as Jiang Qing was about to respond, an assistant who had been checking the Qi Stones whispered something in his ear.

Jiang Qing's expression changed instantly.

"Ladies and gentlemen, Black Brilliance Market cannot provide you with this batch of Qi Stones. Please find another way."

Jiang Qing firmly declined.

"Jiang Qing, don't be ungrateful. You must be colluding with him, you have offended me, and neither my father nor Xuantian Sect will let you off!"

Bai You's face under the scarf turned pale in anger, her eyebrows fiercely furrowed.

"Miss Bai, before your father comes after Black Brilliance Market, you might need to clarify why the Qi Stones you brought are all waste stones. You should understand the rules of Black Brilliance Market."

The reason so many people are willing to pay a premium to come to Black Brilliance Market is because it guarantees authenticity; there's no risk of buying counterfeit goods.

Bai You and the others were clearly damaging the reputation of Black Brilliance Market, luckily, Jiang Qing discovered it timely.

As soon as Jiang Qing pointed this out, the earlier customers who had bought Qi Stones were visibly moved.

They hurriedly opened their pouches to check.

Upon checking, curses filled the air.

"Damn! There's no spiritual energy at all!"

"Damn it, what is Xuantian Sect playing at, cheating us?!"

"Refund my money, you thieving hag, return my gold!"

In an instant, six or seven customers all surrounded her, appearing like they were ready to mete out justice.

Bai You, spoiled since childhood, had never encountered such a scenario.

She was so frightened that her face turned pale, and she kept backing away.

"They are not fake, all those Qi Stones are real!"

"Ladies and gentlemen, please, do not get agitated. Before the auction started, Master Jiang had already checked them, and indeed, they are intermediate Qi Stones."

Sikong Ran hadn't expected things to escalate this far.

Suddenly, Sikong Ran changed his tone, shifting the blame to Jiang Qing.

Chapter 545: The Most Poisonous Is a Woman's Heart

The guests, upon hearing this, turned their gaze to Jiang Qing.

Jiang Qing, however, was well-prepared.

He produced a spirit stone.

"This Qi Stone was the very one previously inspected by I, and on it still lies my True Qi. However, apart from this one stone, there is not a trace of Spiritual Energy in the other Qi Stones; they are nothing but ordinary waste stones."

It was his oversight earlier; Black Brilliance Market had always been on good terms with the Xuantian Sect, and the Qi Stones produced by the Xuantian Sect had always had a good reputation, which is why Jiang Qing only inspected one stone.

Little did he know, Bai You would bring fake energy stones to the market.

"It is not so, all these Qi Stones are the same."

Under the furious stares of the crowd, Bai You did not know how to respond.

Seeing this, Sikong Ran pondered for a moment, took a step forward, and blocked the aggressive crowd in front of Bai You.

"Gentlemen, there must be some misunderstanding here. We will take the Qi Stones back and after they are appraised, we will definitely give everyone an explanation. The gold will also be fully refunded."

Those who have purchased Qi Stones just now, please register your names with me. In the future, when you visit the Xuantian Sect, you will be entitled to a 50% discount by presenting your names. We apologize for any inconvenience caused to everyone."

What a talent Sikong Ran is.

Xin Lin, who was enjoying the scene as a bystander, was delighted to see how Sikong Ran managed to quell the anger of the crowd in just a few words. While inwardly cursing, he also admired Sikong Ran's quick thinking.

Jiang Qing at the side also couldn't help but secretly sigh.

Compared to Bai You, the Xuantian Sect's young miss, Sikong Ran is courageous, resourceful, and possesses remarkable talent; his future achievements are boundless.

"Master Jiang, we have indeed been at fault today, we beg for Master Jiang's forgiveness. Only, those three hundred Qi Stones..."

Sikong Ran tactfully said.

"Brother Sikong, I'm sorry, but Black Brilliance Market has its own rules. Your peddling of fakes in the market means that, according to the regulations, all the disciples of the Xuantian Sect are forbidden from entering the market for three months."

Yet, Jiang Qing didn't leave the slightest room for negotiation.

"If nobody else bids, then this Turing Ring will belong to Lord Dominator."

Jiang Qing turned to look at Xin Lin.

"Then I thank Master Jiang."

Xin Lin smiled and handed the third Qi Stone to the jubilant male warrior.

The Turing Ring was also handed over to Xin Lin.

"Don't stop me, those earrings are mine to claim."

Just when Xin Lin and Jiang Qing thought the matter was settled.

Annoyed and embarrassed, Bai You, without a second word, suddenly produced an object in her hand and furiously hurled it at Xin Lin.

"Youyou, no!"

Sikong Ran exclaimed in shock.

But at that moment, Jiang Qing's expression changed and with a flick of his sleeve, that object was engulfed into it.

Opening his hand, inside his palm was a round object of an odd shape.

To Xin Lin, it was the size of a ping-pong ball, emitting a fizzing sound while held in his grip.

"Ground Bomb."

The guests who recognized this object immediately showed a look of terror on their faces.

The Ground Bomb is a kind of hidden weapon with great power.

Once it touches the ground, it would explode immediately, powerful enough to cripple a warrior at the Xuan Transformation Realm.

And those were the warriors; if it were to hit a Spiritual Practitioner with a weaker constitution, they would likely be killed on the spot.

For a single Turing Ring, Bai You was willing to put someone's life at great risk.

Xin Lin was unaware of the power of the Ground Bomb, but he grasped the seriousness from the looks in people's eyes.

If not for Master Jiang just now, that Lord Dominator would likely have been dismembered by now.

The crowd looked at Bai You with faces full of condemnation.

Chapter 546: Beating Up the Bai Lian

Bai You's face showed no hint of guilt; she still glared angrily at Jiang Qing.

"I generally don't hit women."

Jiang Qing stated indifferently.

"I do!"

Before Jiang Qing could even finish, a gust of wind whooshed by his side.

Before Jiang Qing could react,

a loud "smack" was heard.

The sound was crisp and resonant.

Bai You was startled, and her veil fell to the ground, revealing a bald forehead and a browless face.

The next moment, Bai You's cheek puffed up as if someone was blowing up a balloon.

Ah—

Bai You realized what was happening and screamed.

But before she could cry out, another slap struck her face.

This time, not only did her cheek swell, but her body also flew out and harshly hit the ground.

"He... he..."

"What about him? Just hitting a brat who has parents but was never taught by them."

Xin Lin put all her strength into it.

She utilized the power of the Ghost God Fist purely instinctively in her palm.

"Youyou!"

Sikong Ran wanted to step forward to stop it, but the Great Spirit Master's movements were elusive.

His presence was shifting unpredictably left and right, making it impossible to discern where or who he might strike next.

Bai You couldn't see her attacker and could only passively endure the rain of slaps falling on her face and body.

Initially, she could still scream miserably, but after three slaps, she had already passed out.

When Jiang Qing finally came to his senses, he coughed lightly.

"Lord Dominator, please show some mercy. Miss Bai has already been knocked unconscious by you for the fifth time."

Jiang Qing felt helpless.

He hadn't even finished his words; what he wanted to say was,

He generally doesn't hit women.

But if he encountered someone displeasing to the eye, he would strike first, without hesitating.

But someone like Lord Dominator, who beat someone as badly as this, was indeed rare.

How to put it—avoiding the vital spots, yet hitting right where it hurts.

Striking the face, just the face, fiercely hitting the face.

Jiang Qing couldn't help but suspect Lord Dominator and Miss Bai had a deep-seated hatred.

Xin Lin felt delightfully liberated and refreshed from the beating.

If not for the need to preserve some energy to return, she really might have crippled Bai You.

"Considering Master Jiang's face, I'll let this go for now. Be more careful when you're out and about next time, or better not let me see you again."

Xin Lin hummed disdainfully.

"Hold on. Dare I ask, who exactly are you?"

Sikong Ran looked at Bai You, his handsome face darkening with anger.

Bai You was under his protection, and now that she ended up in this state, the Sect Leader would certainly seek accountability.

Yet, he didn't even know the name of the opponent.

"I've not changed my name, nor my seat; I am 'Overlord.' If you seek revenge, meet me at the gates of Purple Cloud City."

Xin Lin didn't believe Sikong Ran could guess who she was.

Sikong Ran picked up Bai You.

"Farewell."

He dropped these two words and then took out a Black Shinin Token, disappearing in an instant.

After this incident, not only Lord Dominator but also Xuantian Sect and Black Brilliance Market had forged a significant feud.

However, clearly, Jiang Qing was not afraid of Xuantian Sect.

Now that Xin Lin had obtained the Turing Ring, pleased at heart, she checked the time; it was around the third watch, and her Spiritual Energy was almost depleted; she must hurry back.

"Master Jiang, thank you for ensuring justice tonight. We shall meet again."

Xin Lin said goodbye to Jiang Qing.

"Lord Dominator, I, Jiang, have another request. I need a batch of Advanced Qi Stones. If it's convenient for Lord Dominator, could you provide a hundred High-level Qi Stones to me? I am willing to purchase them at a high price."

Jiang Qing spoke earnestly.

Chapter 547: The Big Deal

One hundred high-level Qi Stones.

One intermediate Qi Stone is worth fifty gold coins.

One high-level Qi Stone is worth five thousand gold coins.

One hundred high-level Qi Stones, that's 500,000 gold coins!

Xin Lin's eyes momentarily flashed with countless gold coins.

Five hundred thousand gold coins, enough for her and her foolish dad to live a carefree life for several generations, right?

Xin Lin giggled foolishly for a moment, but soon regained her rationality.

Five hundred thousand sounds great, but in fact, it's not that easy to earn.

The reason she was able to refine seventy percent of the Qi Stones today with the Five Elements Qi Gathering Technique was because of the one hundred intermediate Qi Stones from Bai You, that big silly spender.

The Qi Stones she usually used still required additional gathering of Spiritual Energy.

The Spiritual Energy in Qingtianxiang Academy was not abundant, gathering a little bit occasionally was fine, but one hundred high-level Qi Stones was absolutely impossible.

As for the Overlord Egg, although it could spit tiny stars and the cost wasn't high.

That thing could only spit Fire Spirit, Jiang Qing thought it was unlikely that he would want only high-level Qi Stones composed of one type of Spiritual Energy.

Xin Lin smiled.

"Master Jiang, I really want to make this deal, but I don't have that many Qi Stones."

"But just now?"

Jiang Qing was still somewhat incredulous.

Just now, Lord Dominator was very generous.

One hundred high-level Qi Stones was indeed not a small amount.

Not only in Longteng Country, but even some Main Countries, in recent years, with the Spiritual Energy becoming increasingly scarce, cultivators have to venture into deep mountains and old forests, or even ancient ruins for gathering Qi.

He initially thought Xin Lin was some ascetic high above the ordinary.

A Turing Ring wasn't worth three high-level Qi Stones.

He thought Lord Dominator was still cautious with him.

"To be honest, high-level Qi Stones are very important to me. My father is at a critical point in his cultivation and urgently needs these one hundred high-level Qi Stones."

Jiang Qing no longer concealed it.

Although he and Lord Dominator were strangers, they hit it off and he had a good impression of him.

Perhaps it was because of his way of doing things, which was different from ordinary people, that made Lord Dominator very true to his nature.

Jiang Qing, due to his identity and background, had been taught from a young age to put on a mask and deal with the world, but Lord Dominator was different.

Fight when he says fight, scold when he says scold, truly a refreshing change.

It must be said, this Hall Master Jiang had quite a unique perspective.

"Master Jiang, I won't hide it from you, I really don't have a hundred, but I do have two. Here are two more, I'll gift them to you. Tonight, I've caused quite some trouble for the Black Brilliance Market."

Xin Lin was also a person of reason, naturally knowing that Jiang Qing also took on pressure to help her a great deal.

These two Qi Stones were neither here nor there for her, considering she was currently only cultivating with the Fire Spirit.

Jiang Qing was startled again, finding two more Qi Stones in his hand.

"Lord Dominator, I am immensely grateful. Black Shining Market will always be open for you. If you ever need anything in the future, just say the word."

Jiang Qing had a sincere face.

This friend, he was set on making.

If you really consider me a friend, help me find a Golden Crow Egg Shell.

Xin Lin sighed.

Of course, she couldn't say this out loud, otherwise Jiang Qing might immediately guess her identity.

"Master Jiang, please keep an eye on the Bounty Order, and I will visit again the next time I come to the Black Shining Market."

Xin Lin looked towards the horizon, the sky was about to lighten.

She needed to hurry back, lest she come across the Pride Corpse.

That guy, he didn't like her dealing with Jiang Qing at all!

~It's the last day of November, everyone who still has a monthly ticket, cast it my way~

Chapter 548: Running Into Trouble

Xin Lin turned, intending to leave.

"Lord Dominator."

From behind, Jiang Qing called out to Xin Lin.

"Master Jiang would like to offer a word of caution. If you plan to use the Turing Ring, it's best to be careful."

Jiang Qing kindly advised.

Xin Lin took the hint.

She had snatched the Turing Ring from Bai You's hands and given him a thorough beating.

Bai You would undoubtedly harbor deep resentment.

"Thank you, Hall Master Jiang, for the reminder. We shall meet again in the future."

Xin Lin nodded and disappeared using the Ghost Escape Technique.

"Hall Master, about that Turing Ring?"

Not long after Xin Lin left, a clerk from the Black Brilliance Market approached Jiang Qing with a puzzled look.

Everything sold at the Black Brilliance Market has been appraised by their people.

In other words, anything that makes it to the market has been screened by the market staff.

The Turing Ring was not of low value, yet Jiang Qing had not purchased it.

The reason was that Jiang Qing found some issues with that particular Turing Ring.

During the inspection, Jiang Qing detected a whiff of a breath within the ring, which seemed faint yet unusual.

The Black Brilliance Market doesn't deal in items with hidden dangers, which is why Jiang Qing had turned it away.

"It's not a problem. I can use the Turing Ring to probe the background of this 'Lord Dominator'."

Jiang Qing weighed the two High-level Qi Stones in his hand, his confusion about this 'Lord Dominator's' origins growing.

The way he dealt with Bai You earlier showed a cunning individual.

Yet "he" also seemed to be quite guileless, casually giving away two High-level Qi Stones.

It's a shame about the Turing Ring. He had initially intended to acquire the ring for Xin as a gift to celebrate her enrollment at Qingtian Academy.

Speaking of which, Xin has been at the Qingtian Academy for some time now, and it's been quite a few days since she last visited the Purple Cloud Alchemy Hall.

Jiang Qing couldn't help but miss her a bit...

With the Ghost Escape Technique, Xin Lin arrived at the city gates.

Dawn was beginning to break, and she couldn't help but quicken her pace.

After just a few steps, she heard a strong surge of True Qi rapidly approaching from behind.

Xin Lin was startled and quickly stepped aside to avoid it.

However, she saw Master Mu leaping down from the city wall, his usual handsome appearance from Qingtian Academy replaced by a cold gaze.

Xin Lin was alarmed and held her breath.

"Where did he go?"

Mu Chen appeared somewhat annoyed.

He had clearly been tracking that whiff of Ghost Energy, which was nearby.

This was the third night, and each time he had been close to that trace of Ghost Energy, it would disappear just when he was about to catch up.

The person was clearly toying with him!

Mu Chen snorted in annoyance.

Being mocked over and over again made Mu Chen very infuriated.

But he saw his palms conjure two clumps of black mist.

The mist was dense, as if living creatures were struggling to burst forth from within.

Two muscular, calf-sized, four-limbed double-headed mastiffs leaped out from the fog.

With a mere gesture, he had summoned two ferocious mastiffs; this Master Mu was definitely not a kind soul.

With one glance at them, Xin Lin felt that Mu Chen was even more difficult to deal with than the elder from the Xuantian Sect she had encountered earlier.

"Drag him out."

The double-headed mastiffs turned their heads and started barking madly in the direction where Xin Lin was.

"This isn't good."

Xin Lin's hand was dripping with cold sweat.

In her Night Wandering State, she couldn't escape the detection of those strange beasts.

Mystic Spirit Beasts were more sensitive than the average cultivator, not to mention these two were not ordinary mastiffs but Corpse Mastiffs famous in Fengdong, known for their extremely keen sense of smell. Even if hiding underground, they could accurately locate concealed objects.

The trace of Ghost Energy on Xin Lin's body was immediately detected by them.

Chapter 549: A Certain Jealous Tsundere

Two Corpse Mastiffs lunged at Xin Lin.

It's true that nice people are bullied even by dogs! Mu Chen and I must be inherently incompatible!

Xin Lin wanted to perform the Ghost Escape Technique but suddenly realized there was very little Spiritual Energy left inside her.

Her brows furrowed, and she clenched her fists as Fu Xi's Energy surged violently within her.

After all, whether it's hitting Bai You or the mastiffs, hitting is hitting, might as well hit first.

She was no longer the Xin Lin who could be easily manipulated and molded.

Just as Xin Lin's Fu Xi's Energy began to rise, the two Corpse Mastiffs abruptly slammed on the brakes.

A sense of fear arose in the eyes of the Corpse Mastiffs.

One must know, these two were Corpse Mastiffs.

Corpse Mastiffs are a Level 4 Ghost Beast.

They originate from Fengdong, feeding on corpses from a young age, excelling in tracking and hiding. In the world of Corpse Mastiffs, fear is almost non-existent.

Yet at this moment, the two beasts, each the size of a calf, were trembling and cowering on the ground, as if terrified by the being in front of them.

"Beasts, why aren't you chasing?"

Upon seeing the Corpse Mastiffs' reactions, Mu Chen immediately kicked each one.

But no matter how Mu Chen yelled, the two Corpse Mastiffs refused to budge.

Being punished by Mu Chen was merely physical pain, but the terrifying being in front of them, if approached, meant death!

It wasn't until Xin Lin quietly slipped away that the Corpse Mastiffs seemingly regained their senses.

"Didn't the master say that the Corpse King's strength has vastly reduced since being sealed? Why are these two beasts still so afraid of him?"

Seeing the day growing brighter, Mu Chen knew he wouldn't catch the Corpse King today, gritted his teeth in frustration.

He must find the Corpse King, for killing him and obtaining the Fu Tian Pill will make him the Emperor of Fengdong.

"Corpse King, I will find you eventually."

With a gesture, the two Corpse Mastiffs disappeared.

Outside Qingtian Academy, Xin Lin evaded the Corpse Mastiffs and returned to Qingtian Academy.

When she raced back to the cabin, Xin Lin had just used up the last of her Spiritual Energy, and her soul automatically returned to her body.

Xin Lin just opened her eyes.

"It's about time you came back."

But she was greeted with a cold voice that made Xin Lin shudder.

She turned around and saw Gui Hu standing tall in the cabin.

"Pride Corpse, you've finally returned after a whole night, I was worried something had happened to you."

Xin Lin blinked.

A slight movement appeared on Gui Hu's cool face.

She, worried about him?

"So you went out, saw Sikong Ran, Jiang Qing, and wandered around the city."

Gui Hu snorted lightly, his tone somewhat gentler.

"You know I attended the Black Brilliance Market; I was legitimately inquiring about the whereabouts of the Golden Crow Egg Shell."

Xin Lin spread her hands.

As expected, nothing slipped past Pride Corpse, being upfront was the only option, Xin Lin could only confess everything.

"You also encountered Mu Chen and were almost bullied by the two Corpse Mastiffs."

Gui Hu said leisurely.

"How did you know? Wait, I get it, it was you who deliberately led Mu Chen to me, you knew early on that I went to the Black Brilliance Market! Pride Corpse, that's so unfair, you just watched me get bullied by the mastiffs?"

Xin Lin's eyes widened, filled with indignation.

She knew it; her misfortune must have been plotted by Pride Corpse.

Gui Hu glanced at her, and Xin Lin instantly understood—his look clearly meant, "If you don't suffer a bit, you won't behave."

"There's something unclean with you."

With a flicker, Gui Hu immediately disappeared into Sealing Spirit Talisman No.1.

Chapter 550: Two-star Spirit Food

Xin Lin was about to burst with anger.

But Gui Hu's reminder made her forget to be enraged.

Unclean?

This guy thinks she's unclean?

Wrong, he meant the things on her are unclean.

She touched herself and found nothing new but a Turing Ring.

"The Turing Ring is unclean? But it looks pretty clean to me?"

Xin Lin looked at the Turing Ring; apart from being inconspicuous, the earring seemed normal.

But Gui Hu was one to seldom waste words.

She wanted to ask Gui Hu in detail, but dawn had broken, and whether he paid her any mind depended entirely on his mood after daylight.

Clearly, his mood at the moment was not too pleasant.

Xin Lin thought it over and decided to put away the Turing Ring for now.

This day, Xin Lin went about her usual business at the School Medical Hall, attending the basic beginner courses.

She received some good news: Sikong Ran and Bai You had left Purple Cloud City.

It seemed that after this departure, who knows how long it would be before the next meeting.

Four years was the promise, now only three and a half remain.

The sweet potatoes and cabbages Xin Lin planted in the School Clinic's garden were still thriving.

Thanks to the roasted sweet potatoes and the Ultimate Spiritual Delicacy Buns, Master Mo's attitude toward Xin Lin had somewhat improved.

However, what made Xin Lin worried was that in the past few days, the Clinic had not seen a single patient, which meant her Four Examination Method random task was likely to fail.

That Gui Hu had been ignoring Xin Lin for several days since their last spat.

Xin Lin hadn't had the opportunity to ask about the Turing Ring and what the problem might be.

This evening, Master Mo found a fish from somewhere and handed it over to Xin Lin.

It was a Black Fish, weighing a good eight or nine pounds, plump and tender with shiny black scales. It was still flapping vigorously when it was brought to the stove.

Xin Lin was stunned at receiving the Black Fish.

She didn't know how to cook fish, ahh!

Not too long ago, just over half a month ago, Xin Lin was still a kitchen disaster.

Her level as a Spiritual Delicacy Master was nothing more than a One-star, her specialty being the Ultimate Spiritual Delicacy Buns and roasted sweet potatoes, and the only spiritual food she knew how to make was One-star Spirit Food, Wind Breath Braised Pork Belly.

Fish, she truly had never cooked it before!

But with the fish before her, Xin Lin couldn't possibly admit her inability.

She pondered for a moment and stealthily referenced the "Spiritual Delicacies Cookbook."

After some searching, a light flashed in Xin Lin's eyes; she found a spirit delicacy recipe.

Two-star Spirit Food, "Flame Steamed Fish."

This spirit dish was simple to make, found in several other Spiritual Food Restaurants because it was relatively easy to prepare.

With a normal wood stove or spiritual stove, it would take less than two hours; by selecting a fresh, upper-class fish and adding ingredients like fire peppercorns, fresh fish, Ophiopogon, and some five or six other herbs, and with the proper use of a Fire Spirit, steaming it would be enough.

The key point was controlling the Fire Spirit!

The healing properties of this spirit dish, compared to the detoxifying effects of Wind Breath Braised Pork Belly, were slightly different.

Its function was to... oh no... strengthen Yuan Qi.

Normal people would be invigorated, the debilitated would replenish their Yuan Qi, an instant health boost!

This was indeed a good thing, and moreover, the dish was suitable for men and women, young and old alike.

"It's going to be you."

Since her foolish father got poisoned last time, despite drinking some messy strengthening soups, he was still frail overall.

And there was the Overlord Egg; it had been months since it came down from Qin Mountain, yet there was no sign of it hatching.

Perhaps feeding it with two-star Spirit Food would help it hatch!

Xin Lin was eager to try; she glanced at the stove, then at the Dan Wood Furnace, and eventually compromised with her own culinary skills—yes, she should use the Dan Wood Furnace!