

Little Girl 741

Chapter 741: Antidote

Unlike the other two slots in the Opportunity Pawnshop, the third slot is not level restricted.

Its sole purpose is to exchange for Heaven-defying Value.

The Nine Streams Spiritual Technique, sold on the market, is roughly priced at thousands of silver taels.

If we consider the exchange rate of ten thousand silver taels for 10 Heaven-defying Value, there shouldn't be many Heaven-defying Value obtained.

Xin Lin wasn't holding on to too much hope as he looked at the third slot of the Opportunity Pawnshop.

"Life Book notification: Earth Skill Earth Shield, Nine Streams Spiritual Technique, cultivation restriction, Basic-level Spirit Master. Spoils of war, Heaven-defying Value enhanced, exchanging can obtain 20 Heaven-defying Value."

Almost as soon as the Spirit Art booklet was thrown in, the familiar voice of the Heaven-defying Book entered his ears.

"20 Heaven-defying Value is actually a bit more cost-effective than the market price. Could it be because it's spoils of war?"

Xin Lin was somewhat surprised. Now, on the Heaven-defying Book, Xin Lin's Heaven-defying Value had increased by another 20 points.

Seeing this, Xin Lin no longer hesitated, throwing all those Spirit Arts and Cultivation Techniques, as well as some useless Elixir Pills, straight into the third slot of the Opportunity Pawnshop.

Moments later, relying on the Opportunity Pawnshop, Xin Lin had accumulated a total of 183 Heaven-defying Value.

Xin Lin's Heaven-defying Value had also reached as much as 523 points.

"Finally gathered enough. Heaven-defying Book, I want to upgrade the Jade Purification Tank."

Xin Lin was overjoyed.

"Life Book notification: Upgrading the Jade Purification Tank will consume 500 Heaven-defying Value, with a 90% success rate. Regardless of success or failure, Heaven-defying Value will not be refunded. Do you want to upgrade the Jade Purification Tank?"

The Heaven-defying Book answered in a matter-of-fact manner.

Xin Lin agreed almost without any hesitation.

Xin Lin took out the Dan Wood Furnace, and with one inhalation and exhalation, the Jade Purification Tank was swallowed in.

"Congratulations life master, the upgrade is successful, Jade Purification Tank has been raised one level, deducting 500 Heaven-defying Value."

Roughly half an hour later, the Dan Wood Furnace emitted a long-awaited "ding" sound.

Xin Lin fiddled with the upgraded Jade Purification Tank, its size hadn't changed much, still about the size of a bowl, it's just that the color of the bowl became slightly clearer, looking more like a jade bowl.

"I wonder what changes this thing will have after the upgrade."

Xin Lin began to pour water into the Jade Purification Tank, and with the pouring, Xin Lin noticed changes.

The original Jade Purification Tank could hold only a few bowls of water, but now, Xin Lin had poured in about half the amount of water used in a normal water tank, which is roughly thirty bowls of water.

The capacity had increased, but it was unknown if there was a change in the Spiritual Power of the Jade Pure Spring.

Xin Lin moved the Jade Purification Tank into the Tuling hairpin.

After doing all this, Xin Lin took out the Golden Crow Egg Shells.

The Golden Crow Egg Shells found by Xin Lin in the Dragon Ancient Tomb amounted to about eight pieces.

The largest piece was about the size of a pot lid, while the smallest was about half the size of a palm.

With the Golden Crow Egg Shells, he could start preparing the Antidote for the Three Corpse Poison.

It's just that Xin Lin only knew how to make Spiritual Food, and had never practiced Alchemy.

"Heaven-defying Book, can the Dan Wood Furnace be used for Alchemy?"

Xin Lin, thinking of the Dan Wood Furnace being able to make spiritual food, figured it should also be able to make Elixir Pills.

After deducting another 10 Heaven-defying Value, the Life Book answered.

"Life Book notification: The Dan Wood Furnace can be used for Alchemy, the consumption of Heaven-defying Value is similar to that for Spiritual Food. The higher the level of Elixir Pills, the higher the failure rate, and the more Heaven-defying Value is required."

The Heaven-defying Book answered truthfully.

"How many Heaven-defying Value are needed to concoct an Elixir that can resolve the Three Corpse Poison?"

Xin Lin asked again.

With another 10 points of Heaven-defying Value gone, Xin Lin only had 3 Heaven-defying Value left.

"Life Book notification: Three Corpse Poison is a Five Luminaries Level Elixir, the consumption of Heaven-defying Value required is roughly similar to that of Five-star Spiritual Food, needing 1000 Heaven-defying Value."

The words of the Heaven-defying Book made Xin Lin feel a chill in his heart.

Chapter 742: Suspect

Heaven-defying Value is needed to concoct an antidote.

In a short time, her stamina can accumulate to 1000 Heaven-defying Value.

Xin Lin was speechless.

Had she known earlier, she wouldn't have upgraded the Jade Purification Tank.

Although the Jade Pure Spring is important, it's insignificant compared to Silly Chu's poison. Now, it's too late for regrets.

The condition of her silly father's poison seems stable, but in reality, it could erupt at any moment.

Xin Lin had no choice but to give up the idea of using the Dan Wood Furnace to refine the Three Corpse Poison antidote.

She could only refine it herself.

The Dan Wood Furnace can produce Spiritual Food, and indeed Xin Lin had successfully made Wind Breath Braised Pork Belly a few times, although the taste was slightly off.

She wondered how the elixir pills would turn out.

With the Golden Crow Egg Shell, the basic materials for the elixir pills were not a problem. Xin Lin pondered that in a few days, she would go to the School Clinic and gather the remaining medicinal ingredients to begin refining the antidote.

Outside the door, there was a knock, followed by Murong Ziyue's voice.

"I heard from Mu Chen that you are back."

Upon opening the door, Murong Ziyue looked Xin Lin up and down and seeing her looking healthy and smiling, she also felt relieved.

Murong Ziyue is someone who doesn't bother with other people's business, and she didn't ask where Xin Lin had gone these past days. She simply relayed her observations to Xin Lin.

"In the three days you weren't here, two attacks occurred. Adding the incident with Little Xinzhuo and those from the Martial Arts Academy, there are a total of seven incidents. Little Xinzhuo was the least injured, of the other six, three were severely wounded, and three died on the spot. The school has taken notice of this matter. Currently, the biggest suspicion falls upon your summoned spirit. Following your instructions, I did keep an eye out and found two suspicious spots. However... Are you sure it wasn't your summoned spirit that did this?"

Murong Ziyue said, then glanced at Xin Lin.

"It wasn't it. These past few days, it's been with me... um, hiding inside the Sealing Spirit Talisman."

Xin Lin thought about the Overlord Egg that had adamantly refused to enter Black Water Lake.

Now that she thought about it, the Overlord Egg has been very quiet these few days.

She contemplated for a moment and then brought out the Overlord Egg.

There was a sound of loud snoring; the Overlord Egg was sleeping soundly.

Xin Lin then remembered that the reason the Overlord Egg was reluctant to enter the Black Water Lake might be due to the Fire Spirit.

Water and fire don't mix, and since Black Water Lake is filled with abundant Water Spirits and is the territory of the Ice Horned Dragon, that's why this thing absolutely refused to get into the water.

Shortly after Xin Lin entered Black Water Lake and especially after it became ice sealed, the Overlord Egg fell asleep, as if hibernating, and hadn't woken up since.

"Look at it like this, how can it harm anyone?"

Xin Lin spread her hands out in a shrug.

"I also think it doesn't look like an egg that would harm people, at worst it could make some mischief."

Murong Ziyue looked at the round Overlord Egg and a hint of a smile appeared in her eyes.

"Whatever you've found, just tell me. I wasn't at Qingtian Academy these past days and neglected this. If that thing continues its violence, sooner or later, the Overlord Egg will be framed and scapegoated by Governor Huang's people."

This was also the reason why Xin Lin dared not release the Overlord Egg privately again, especially in these days, as Gui Hu also would not show up.

The lawless nature of the Overlord Egg could only be disciplined by the Pride Corpse.

"It's only a speculation rather than a discovery. I have observed the students from the Martial Arts Academy, and I found a student named Chen You from the Tianxuan Class very suspicious. I've seen him at least twice, sneaking around near the Medical Hall."

Murong Ziyue said.

Chapter 743: Cloud Rain Ruler

Chen You?

Xin Lin didn't know this person.

She had not yet familiarized herself with the people of the Spirit Institute, let alone those from the Martial Arts Academy.

As a student of the Tianxuan Class, this person's cultivation should be pretty good.

"This person is in the same class as you and Zuo Mingshang, right?"

Xin Lin remembered that both of them belonged to the Tianxuan Class.

"He's an old student, roughly at the early stage of the Xuan Transformation Realm. His father is a prince, known as Chen, the Princely Heir. He usually mingles with the likes of Long Qingchen, they are bad company. I've never had dealings with them."

Murong Ziyue recalled.

After Murong Ziyue joined the Martial Arts Academy, she continued to be a loner and did not interact with any new or old students.

Her only two friends were still Xin Lin and Little Xinzhuo.

Princely Heir?

Xin Lin suddenly came to her senses, thinking of something.

She did indeed know a so-called Princely Heir.

Qin Mountain! Xuan Bird!

Before Xin Lin found the Overlord Egg, wasn't it at Qin Mountain, where she encountered a Princely Heir?

That person had wanted to capture the Xuan Bird but ended up being outsmarted by Xin Lin, who stole the Overlord Egg.

After obtaining the Wind Breath Grass and the Overlord Egg, Xin Lin descended the mountain. From the memories of that group of people, they were attacked by the Xuan Bird, suffering heavy casualties.

If it weren't for Murong Ziyue mentioning it today, Xin Lin really wouldn't have remembered this person.

"He's actually also from the Martial Arts Academy, enemies indeed cross paths often."

Xin Lin shook her head.

"The timing of his two appearances is somewhat coincidental. Not long after he left, the attacks occurred."

Murong Ziyue analyzed.

"If it's just a coincidence in timing, and there's no evidence to link the person to the crime, it doesn't prove that he's related to the attacking Spiritual Beasts. He should just be a Martial Artist, not a Summoning Master. Logically, he shouldn't be able to control Spiritual Beasts."

Xin Lin spoke.

"In theory, that's true. So I only have suspicions, and I've taken no further action. Another thing is related to the School Clinic."

Murong Ziyue hesitated.

"What's wrong with the School Clinic?"

"Each of the recent attacks has happened near the School Clinic without exception. It aroused my suspicions; could there be something near the School Clinic that attracts the Fierce Beast? I surveilled outside the School Clinic for several days and discovered that every night, there would be suspicious sounds and shadows in the pond outside the School Clinic. But by the time I went to capture them, they would vanish. I've been tailing them for two days, and it's always the same."

Murong Ziyue, with her meticulous mind, had tracked and observed the approximate area where the Spiritual Beast appeared.

Unfortunately, the other party's movement technique was too fast, and she hadn't managed to capture it.

"The pond by the School Clinic, huh? I'll join you in the surveillance tonight to see if we can discover anything."

Xin Lin touched her chin.

It seemed she needed to personally keep watch.

"Also, Jin Chen suddenly asked to leave at noon today, saying his father fell ill."

Murong Ziyue seemed to mention casually.

Grandmaster Jin has fallen ill?

On hearing this, Xin Lin couldn't help but feel amused.

It looked like, after Emperor Longteng's fury, Grandmaster Jin had met with great misfortune.

Speaking of Grandmaster Jin, she remembered the Cloud Rain Ruler.

An item used by Grandmaster Jin would certainly not be ordinary. With Gui Hu in hibernation, Xin Lin had intended to consult the Heaven-defying Book, but she only had 3 Heaven-defying Value left, definitely not enough for an answer.

She thought for a moment and decided to ask Murong Ziyue.

"Ziyue, I recently got something, and as you know, I'm not familiar with Spiritual Treasures. Could you take a look for me?"

With that, Xin Lin took out the Cloud Rain Ruler.

As soon as the Cloud Rain Ruler was revealed, the temperature in the twenty-four series wooden cabin dropped several degrees suddenly.

Chapter 744: The Fish Theft Incident

Murong Ziyue's eyes lit up when she saw the Cloud Rain Ruler.

"Five Luminaries up to Star-level Spiritual Treasure, this... this is a Spiritual Treasure of high level, beneficial for the cultivation of Water Spirit. If I'm not wrong, you must have already begun cultivating the Water Spirit."

Murong Ziyue did not inquire about the origin of the Cloud Rain Ruler, she merely picked it up and examined it closely.

The Water Spirit on it was still very rich.

Such Spiritual Treasure can only show their effects in the hands of a Spirit Master.

"Indeed, I just began learning to gather the Water Spirit, but using this thing might be a bit of an overkill for me."

Xin Lin did not possess the advanced Snow Spreading Technique like Grandmaster Jin.

Being able to spread snow means being capable of manipulating an abundance of Water Spirits from the environment and transforming them into goose-feather-like heavy snow.

Such power to change the weather is not something a Mid-level Spirit Master can achieve.

"You currently lack enough cultivation, and reckless use could lead to backlash from the Spiritual Treasure. However, you can use it to gather spirits, the Water Spirit on this ruler is incredibly rich, if you use it to cultivate Water Spirit, it would definitely increase effectiveness significantly, and once you attain the cultivation of a Great Spirit Master, using the Spirit Dispel Technique would also be much more effective."

After saying this, Murong Ziyue returned the Cloud Rain Ruler to Xin Lin.

It would be good if it could speed up cultivation.

The features of the Cloud Rain Ruler were quite evident, similar to the Tuling hairpin, Xin Lin would need to significantly modify it for future use, which inevitably will require using Heaven-defying Value, and she is already strapped for Heaven-defying Value.

"By the way, Ziyue, do you know of any patients, like those where I can conduct consultations and treat, or perform bleeding control, I want to improve my Medical Skills."

Xin Lin wanted to earn more Heaven-defying Value, making steamed buns wasn't feasible, treating and diagnosing is better.

"You want to enhance your Medical Skills?"

Murong Ziyue asked back.

"I need a lot of patients, preferably those with not too severe injuries."

Besides bleeding control and consultations, Xin Lin hasn't learned other medical skills yet.

"Leave it to me, also, let's meet outside the School Clinic tonight."

Murong Ziyue agreed promptly and efficiently.

That afternoon, after attending her practical class, Xin Lin returned to the School Clinic.

Inside the School Clinic, there were only one or two people who came for minor ailments like headaches and fevers.

Xin Lin dealt with them casually and then heard Master Mo raising a ruckus outside the School Clinic.

"Xiao Xin, come quick, our fish has been stolen! Whoever the damned thief is, daring to steal the School Clinic's fish, beware of birthing a son without an anus."

Master Mo, hands on hips, was standing outside the pond, cursing loudly.

Xin Lin walked outside upon hearing the noise.

The pond, even though autumn was nearing, still depicted a scene of lively verdant dynamics with clumps of flourishing beauty.

Looking into the pond, there were several sizable Black Fish swimming around.

By the pond, there were more than a dozen crayfish, as big as lobsters, nestled there.

As soon as someone approached, the fish would swiftly swim away, and those crayfish would flail their large claws menacingly at anyone who dared to come close.

It was precisely because of the Heaven-defying cleverness of the pond's fish and crayfish that people generally didn't dare to approach the School Clinic's pond.

Master Mo had stolen fourteen Black Fish, planning to fatten them up a bit more before catching, but today upon counting, only twelve were left, losing two.

"It's not just the fish, even several lotus roots were stolen, and the Purple Cloud Cabbage from the ground too, outrageous! If I catch that thief, I will shatter their body into pieces."

Master Mo gritted his teeth and said.

Chapter 745: The New Jade Pure Spring

Xin Lin glanced at the pond, where a small section of lotus leaves was askew.

She then looked at the vegetable patch, which indeed had some Purple Cloud Cabbages and sweet potatoes missing.

"Master Mo, this thief might not be an ordinary one."

Xin Lin remembered what Murong Ziyue had said earlier.

"Of course, it's an ordinary thief. Whoever dares to steal my spirit fish and Spiritual Vegetables, I will chop them up."

Master Mo said through gritted teeth.

Xin Lin coughed lightly, thinking to herself that Master Mo also sells Spiritual Water.

Recalling the Spiritual Water, Xin Lin remembered that in the past few days while she was out, she hadn't received any notifications about the pool water being sold.

Earlier, Master Mo had taken a hundred bottles of Spiritual Water out, and Xin Lin subsequently received about fifty Heaven-defying Value points.

Right now, she was in dire need of Heaven-defying Value points. If she could earn 1000 points by selling Spiritual Water, it wouldn't be so difficult.

"Master Mo, about the pool water you sold last time?"

Xin Lin asked.

"Cough cough, let's not talk about that, I sold a hundred bottles to the Purple Cloud Alchemy Hall. The first fifty or so bottles seemed effective, but the later ones were completely ineffective. That kid Jiang Qing said if the quality can't be guaranteed, he won't buy anymore."

Master Mo expressed regret.

It seems that Spiritual Water isn't always effective, but luckily, she also made some money from it.

Hearing this, Xin Lin instantly understood.

The pool water was not really Spiritual Water; the true Spiritual Water was her Jade Pure Spring.

Earlier, due to high demand for the Jade Pure Spring, she only poured one bottle into the pond for the growth of lotuses and fish.

Now, the pond had even gained some crayfish.

Xin Lin looked at the black fish and crayfish in the pond; after half a day, they hadn't grown at all, suggesting that the Jade Pure Spring had been depleted.

And in the vegetable patch, the Purple Cloud Cabbages and sweet potatoes had wilted over the past few days due to lack of harvesting.

"The matter of the Spiritual Spring, let's discuss that in a few days. But the thief, there's some trickery involved. Earlier, Ziyue said that while investigating the Fierce Beast attack, she found that a Spiritual Beast had entered the School Clinic at night. I suspect there's a connection between the two."

Xin Lin gazed at the pond, lost in thought.

After some discussion, Master Mo decided to join Xin Lin and the others to keep watch tonight, waiting to catch the Fierce Beast.

At night, outside the School Clinic, it was deadly silent.

By the pond, the lotus leaves swayed, and occasionally the sound of water splashing could be heard when fish leaped out.

But besides that, there was nothing else.

The night passed.

Xin Lin and the others discovered nothing.

"How strange, the thief didn't show up."

Murong Ziyue was somewhat puzzled.

"I'm telling you, Ziyue, are you sure you weren't seeing things? Whoever stole the fish and vegetables must be the thief."

Master Mo yawned, as she was usually very sleepy and had missed a night's sleep, which was really tough on her. She yawned and returned to the Medical Hall to sleep.

"Xin Lin, I did indeed see it the past two nights."

Ziyue also felt it was strange.

"It's not your fault; I think I know what the other party wanted."

Xin Lin looked at the fish and shrimp in the pond, which were still the same size, notified Murong Ziyue, and then headed back to Cabin Number 24.

As soon as she returned to the cabin, Xin Lin took out the Jade Purification Tank.

"The Spiritual Power is stronger."

Upon checking the Jade Purification Tank, Xin Lin was delighted to find that the Spiritual Energy in the Jade Pure Spring inside the purified Jade Purification Tank was at least twice as rich as before.

With the increased amount, the more concentrated Spiritual Energy of the Jade Pure Spring meant that besides growing vegetables and raising fish, Xin Lin had even more Jade Pure Spring to use!

~Thank you Rongrong for your unwavering support and for the double monthly tickets from everyone~

Chapter 746: Shackles of Fate

Finally, she could begin planting the medicinal herbs.

Xin Lin took out all the water from the Jade Purification Tank and found that there were as many as fifty bottles, which is about twenty times more than before.

This made Xin Lin feel that the 500 Heaven-defying Value she spent was worth it, alleviating some of her pain.

With two to three bottles soaking each type of medicinal herb seed, she could plant a batch of medicinal herbs.

The land at Chu Mansion was not safe for the time being.

The ground at the School Clinic was undoubtedly the best choice for planting medicinal herbs.

However, she must first catch the stealthy Spiritual Beast.

If she wasn't mistaken, that Spiritual Beast was targeting the Jade Pure Spring.

It stole vegetables and fish lotus roots for their Spiritual Energy.

But, it was also unlucky.

In recent days, Xin Lin's absence directly led to the depletion of the Jade Pure Spring, and without enough Spiritual Energy, the Spiritual Beast naturally wouldn't come again.

After Xin Lin returned to the Medical Hall, taking advantage of the absence of others, she poured two bottles of the Jade Pure Spring into the pond.

Now wealthy enough to do so, as soon as she poured the two bottles of Jade Pure Spring, she heard several gurgling sounds from the pond as bubbles emerged.

The group of crayfish and Black Fish lurking in the nooks and crannies of the pond frantically gathered around.

Even the lotus leaves in the pond shook.

"No pain, no gain. I don't believe you won't show up after all this."

Xin Lin sneered.

That night, Xin Lin and Murong Ziyue simply hid under the lotus leaves in the pond.

The Jade Pure Spring poured in that afternoon caused the lotus leaves to grow wildly, with stalks taller than a person. The two hid underneath, completely concealed.

As for Master Mo, he was already fast asleep in the School Clinic.

She was an impatient person, having stayed up all night and was sluggish all day.

She had completely forgotten that she had clamored yesterday to cut up the enemy severely.

After midnight passed, the surroundings were still utterly silent, without any movement.

"Could it be that we're going to squat here in vain again tonight?"

Murong Ziyue whispered.

"No, it will definitely appear."

Xin Lin said with certainty.

After waiting another half an hour, as the rooster crowed three times.

Xin Lin and Murong Ziyue, having been keeping vigil for two nights in a row, were naturally a bit tired, even though both were Martial Artists and physically fit, they were still weary from practicing and attending classes during the day.

"Have a bottle."

Xin Lin handed a bottle of Jade Pure Spring to Murong Ziyue.

Xin Lin has always been generous with people she trusted.

Murong Ziyue took a sip, just a small one, and a look of astonishment flashed across her beautiful face.

Such sweet water.

With one sip, she felt the strength drained from her body continuously replenished; her exhausted energy was instantly restored and she felt spirited.

"From now on, I'll give you one bottle every day. I have my methods to get them for free."

Xin Lin offered no further explanation.

During the night swim, Xin Lin noticed that Murong Ziyue trained extremely hard in her daily practices. She had high talent but seemed to have a burdensome secret.

Xin Lin also knew that for a Martial Artist, the value of Jade Pure Spring could sometimes even be much greater than its effects on a Spirit Master.

"Thank you."

Murong Ziyue hesitated for a moment before accepting without any further objection.

She indeed needed the Jade Pure Spring. With this special spring water, she could increase her training volume. Only by doing so could she break free from the fate that chained her.

As the two were talking, suddenly, they both stopped speaking.

Because they both heard it—a series of soft footsteps.

Chapter 747: Fierce Beast Reveals Itself

Rustling, rustling, rustling—

It sounded like the wind blowing through leaves, faint and subtle, yet upon closer listening, one would realize it wasn't the sound of leaves but of something rapidly approaching.

The sound stopped right in front of the School Clinic.

Xin Lin and Murong Ziyue peered through the dense lotus leaves, unable to see clearly what was in front of them.

They only heard a faint gasp of surprise, akin to one made by a person.

Something was rapidly heading towards them.

A Fierce Beast!

The brows of the two women knitted together as they held their breath.

A splashing of water sounded; it seemed the Fierce Beast had jumped into the pond.

Xin Lin and Murong Ziyue exchanged glances, preparing to reveal themselves and seize the culprit red-handed.

But at that moment, they suddenly heard a scream.

"Miaow!!!"

A white figure leaped out of the pond.

Take action!

Xin Lin and Murong Ziyue sprang out, and beside the pond, a mountain cat with brown-gray fur and the size of a small calf lay crouched on the ground.

A cat?

Xin Lin and Murong Ziyue were also taken aback; they hadn't expected that this Fierce Beast causing such uproar at Qingtian Academy was actually a feline Spiritual Beast.

Of course, it was different from regular cats.

It was larger, with long, knife-like claws extending from its paws, its fur dark and glossy. Its eyes were as big as copper bells, currently filled with anger and pain.

The cause of the mountain cat's screams was not other; they were the small crayfish in the pond.

Calling them small crayfish was somewhat of an understatement; they were more aptly described as Combat Lobsters.

The few crayfish in the Medical Hall's pond had grown dozens of times larger, and they possessed a pair of powerful large pincers.

The Jade Pure Spring that Xin Lin had poured into the pond during the day had induced another transformation in their bodies.

The large pincers gleamed with a cold light, even sharper than blades.

Their bodies were marked with red patterns, true warriors of their kind!

The Combat Lobsters clearly had a strong protective instinct for the Spiritual Spring in the pond; therefore, as soon as the mountain cat approached, they launched an unhesitating attack.

The mountain cat, lured by the strong scent of the Spiritual Spring, had just bent down to drink when it was attacked by several Combat Lobsters.

A Combat Lobster clung to its tongue, and one was attached to each of its front paws; the three lobsters gripped it fiercely, causing the mountain cat to cry out in pain.

"Capture it."

Xin Lin and Murong Ziyue had been in ambush for two days, finally encountering their target and were not about to let it slip away so easily.

Xin Lin gathered her energy, and Murong Ziyue swept out her leg, both moving simultaneously to surround the mountain cat.

The mountain cat, in intense pain, saw the two approaching and a flicker of panic crossed its eyes. It spat out a breath of Fire Spirit to repel the Combat Lobsters, but their shells were exceedingly tough, impervious to the fire.

The mountain cat quickly dodged the attacks from Xin Lin and Murong Ziyue, its movements swift as previously described by Murong Ziyue.

After a few dodges, it narrowly escaped harm.

As dawn was about to break, voices came from ahead.

"Who's there!"

Several members of the patrol team approached swiftly.

Xin Lin and Murong Ziyue paused, and the mountain cat seized the opportunity to escape.

"It's us; we have found the Fierce Beast responsible for the attacks."

Following the source of the voices, Murong Ziyue saw Long Qingchen and several students from the Martial Arts Academy approaching.

Chapter 748: Slim Chances of Survival

Tsk, what unfortunate timing.

Xin Lin turned around, only to find the shadow of the giant mountain cat had disappeared.

Xin Lin also recognized the newcomers in a glance; among them, one individual looked somewhat familiar.

"The third person from the left is Chen You."

Murong Ziyue whispered in reminder.

Only then did Xin Lin remember that Chen You was the Chen Princely Heir from Qin Mountain.

"Why is it you guys again? Hunting a Fierce Beast? Where's the Fierce Beast person?"

Long Qingchen and others, upon seeing Murong Ziyue and Xin Lin, didn't show a good expression.

This period, due to the Fierce Beast incident, the rivalry between the Martial Arts Academy and Spirit Institute had intensified like never before.

"It ran away. If you had arrived just a bit later, we would have caught it."

Xin Lin shrugged his shoulders.

"Bullshit. We've been patrolling here all night, and haven't seen any Fierce Beast. You two are clearly up to no good."

Long Qingchen scolded angrily.

"Third Prince, if you don't believe us, we can lead you to it. The Fierce Beast couldn't have gone far by now."

Xin Lin said.

The Giant Mountain Cat had run towards the direction of the Martial Arts Academy; it must be a student's pet from the Academy.

"Let's search then. But if we find nothing, don't blame me for being inhospitable."

Long Qingchen sneered.

He led Xin Lin and the others towards the direction of the Martial Arts Academy.

The sky was gradually brightening.

Many students from the Martial Arts Academy had already risen. Long Qingchen continued the search with Xin Lin, combing through the Academy's four large hills.

They searched until dawn but failed to find the Fierce Beast.

"This..."

Murong Ziyue was quite astonished.

How could this be? They clearly saw the Fierce Beast head in this direction, so why was there no trace of it?

They had already scoured every cabin, yet there was no sign of it.

"You have nothing to say now, do you? Both of you are clearly lying. Sneaking around in the middle of the night, I bet the Fierce Beast is clearly connected to you! Come on, escort them to Governor Huang to receive your punishment."

Long Qingchen's face was filled with cold laughter.

He had been looking for an opportunity to settle the score since the Zixiao Palace Exam last time.

Unfortunately, he had not found the right moment.

Now, with both the persons and evidence captured, he wanted to see how Xin Lin and Murong Ziyue would talk their way out of this.

Several students from the Martial Arts Academy approached with grim smiles.

"Hold on!"

Xin Lin suddenly raised his voice.

"Xin Lin, what tricks do you want to play now?"

Long Qingchen gave Xin Lin a sidelong glance.

"That Fierce Beast, it's inside the Martial Arts Academy. I request a rerun of the search."

Xin Lin spoke in a cold tone.

Murong Ziyue hesitated beside him.

They had indeed searched all the cabins inside the Martial Arts Academy and found no Fierce Beast.

Xin Lin winked at Murong Ziyue, signaling her not to say more.

On the search just now, Xin Lin had also felt something was very peculiar.

The Fierce Beast had been wounded by the Combat Lobster; logically, it couldn't have escaped too far.

Yet, there was no trace of it along the way. Could it be that the Fierce Beast had simply vanished into thin air?

It was just then that she began to recall, dimly perceiving something.

"You're at death's door and still clueless. We don't have time to mess around with you. I think the Fierce Beast is that egg of yours. Hand over your egg, otherwise, wait to be punished together with it by the Academy authorities."

Without further ado, Long Qingchen forced Murong Ziyue and Xin Lin towards the Teaching Institute.

Early in the morning, Qingtian Academy was thrown into chaos.

As soon as Mu Chen entered the Teaching Institute, he heard a group of new and old students gathered together.

"Have you heard? They've caught the Fierce Beast."

"They say that Xin Lin from the Shaking Light Class and Murong Ziyue from the Tianxuan Class were caught in the act."

"They've already been sent to the Academy office. The dean has just hurried over."

"I think this time it's going to be more bad luck than good. Xin Lin loves to court disaster."

Chapter 749: The True Culprit

Shaking Light Class students, one after another.

"Everyone be quiet."

Mu Chen's brows tightened.

Why is it Xin Lin again?

This little girl, her ability to cause trouble is truly first-class.

She's only been back for a few days, and she's already caused a scene at the office?

Mu Chen ordered the students to gather spirit themselves and hurried towards the office.

Inside the office, Master Mo, the Spirit Institute Director, and several supervisors from the Martial Arts Academy were present.

At this point, both parties were at loggerheads.

Governor Huang and Master Mo were even swearing red-faced.

"I've said it long ago, this matter was done by her and her egg, now there's nothing left to say."

Governor Huang looked arrogantly.

"Pah, which eye of yours saw Xiao Xin committing the crime? Xiao Xin's egg is still in the School Clinic, sound asleep. How could it commit any crime!"

Master Mo also stood with his hands on his hips, red-necked like a fighting rooster.

"If it wasn't her, sneaking about in the middle of the night, that area is exactly where several students have had incidents recently. My students have all witnessed it."

Governor Huang was uncompromising.

He glanced at the patrolling team members, Long Qingchen repeatedly affirmed.

Chen You also nodded on the side.

"Ridiculous, just because someone is out at night, they are suspicious, aren't the patrolling team members suspicious too? Xiao Xin belongs to my School Clinic, if there is no evidence, whoever dares to touch her, I will fight with them."

Master Mo with an attitude like a pig not afraid of boiling water.

"We are the evidence, I believe, Xin Lin and her egg are extremely dangerous. That egg must be executed immediately, Xin Lin as the owner must also take responsibility, her student status must be revoked."

Long Qingchen encouraged on the side.

"Exactly, revoke her student status, eliminate future troubles permanently."

The supervisors from the Martial Arts Academy and the Yuheng Class unanimously echoed.

"Dear supervisors, before you punish me, I have something to clarify."

Xin Lin, who had been listening for a while, curled her lips into a smile.

"Do you have anything else to say?"

Governor Huang said coldly.

This time, no matter what, he was determined to deal with Xin Lin and her egg.

"That fierce beast, before escaping, had been clamped and hurt, its tongue and front limbs should have been seriously injured."

Xin Lin said seemingly casually.

"Who knows if what you're saying is true or false."

Governor Huang humphed.

"Additionally, I want to say, the lobsters in my pond are not ordinary lobsters, they are highly poisonous lobsters. If attacked, once the wound bleeds, without an antidote within 24 hours, the limbs will rot, turning to pus and resulting in death."

Xin Lin blinked and continued.

"So what, there is no fierce beast at all, stop diverting our attention."

Governor Huang said irritably.

But unknowingly, among the crowd, someone's face suddenly turned pale.

"I'm just kindly giving a reminder, what do you think, Princely Heir?"

Xin Lin suddenly stepped forward and fiercely grabbed the hands of the Princely Heir Chen, who had been silent beside her.

A burst of pain, the color drained from Princely Heir Chen's face.

"Xin Lin, what are you doing!"

Governor Huang roared.

"That's what you should ask, what exactly has Princely Heir Chen done? Now that things have come to this, do you still want to hide it, Princely Heir? It's time for you to release your Martial Soul, let everyone see who is the real beast."

Xin Lin's eyes turned cold, and with a flick of her hand, Princely Heir Chen's injured hands were exposed for everyone to see.

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Princely Heir Chen's face was as pale as paper, uttering incoherent noises, unable to form words.

All eyes were unanimous, falling upon his hands.

On Princely Heir Chen's hands, there were clearly two wounds.

The blood on the wounds had just dried, unmistakably fresh, and the marks on the wounds matched exactly with those of the lobster's

"This brat's tongue is injured too! I know now, he is the fierce beast! No, the fierce beast is raised by him, that's not right either, the fierce beast is his Martial Soul."

Master Mo exclaimed loudly, pointing at Princely Heir Chen.

"Huang... Governor Huang... I..."

Princely Heir Chen stammered, wincing in pain as he spoke.

The wound on his tongue was indeed excruciating.

Thinking about the Combat Lobsters in the pond at the School Clinic, Princely Heir Chen was fully convinced by Xin Lin's words.

He had never seen such ferocious lobsters before; the marks left by their pincers were unbearably painful.

"Governor Huang, save me... I don't want to die..."

Princely Heir Chen's face was filled with grief.

A Martial Soul is awakened by a Martial Artist when their cultivation reaches a certain level using their own True Qi—it's not a real Spiritual Beast, but it possesses the strength of one.

However, once the True Qi disperses, the Martial Soul disappears.

No wonder Xin Lin and the others had been searching all the way without finding the fierce beast—it turns out it was because of the Martial Soul.

Murong Ziyue had an epiphany and felt somewhat ashamed.

She had observed Princely Heir Chen for so many days but had not noticed the fierce beast was his Martial Soul causing trouble; Xin Lin only met him once and figured it out.

It must be said that with such observational skills, Xin Lin was far superior to herself.

"Martial Soul, Chen You, have you condensed a Martial Soul?"

Governor Huang's expression was peculiar as he looked at Chen You.

The other supervisors were also abuzz with discussion.

A Martial Soul—that would require at least a Martial Artist of the Xuan Transformation Realm to condense.

Looking at the entire Martial Arts Academy, there were very few who had a Martial Soul.

If Governor Huang remembered correctly, as an old student, Chen You should have a Xuanwu Practitioner's cultivation of Eighth to Ninth Rank, not enough to condense a Martial Soul.

"Dean, you must save me... my wounds... I've only recently condensed a Martial Soul..."

Chen You felt his wounds were even more painful.

To condense a Martial Soul without reaching the Xuan Transformation Realm was rare.

After the shock, Governor Huang was rather pleased.

"Get up first, rest assured, the Academy will stand up for you."

Governor Huang helped Chen You up as if he were a fragile and precious porcelain piece.

"Xin Lin, hand over the antidote—you dare to keep poisonous creatures at the School Clinic, what nerve you have!"

Governor Huang berated.

"Governor Huang, if I remember correctly, we are currently investigating a fierce beast attack. Shouldn't you be questioning Princely Heir Chen?"

Xin Lin retorted.

"Give the antidote first, I, Governor Huang, will deal with Chen You's matter with justice."

Governor Huang's face was full of arrogance.

"Sorry, but I really don't have the antidote."

Xin Lin spread her hands.

"Don't refuse the toast lest you be forced to drink a forfeit."

Governor Huang's gaze turned fierce, glaring at Xin Lin.

"Don't say there's no antidote, even if there were, I wouldn't give it. Those lobsters are not poisonous at all; if you don't believe it, feel free to have someone check."

Xin Lin sneered.

The reason she claimed the lobsters were poisonous was just to lure out the true culprit, Princely Heir Chen.

And sure enough, he took the bait.

Upon hearing this, Governor Huang ordered someone to find a Doctor. Soon, the city's Doctor arrived and after examination, apart from some deep injuries and a few broken finger bones, Chen You was not life-threateningly injured, nor showed any signs of poisoning.