

Bodyguard 1321

### Chapter 1321: Trouble, Worry

An Jianwen and the professor got out of the police station without much trouble- they were the victims, after all, and after just asking about the process of them getting scammed, she let them go!

The problem now was that, while Scorpion had confessed, the money was gone! This really troubled her- according to Scorpion, he was of the Red Sconces. His purpose was to pull money for the group, and also gather information for them!

The Red Sconces were causing a lot of trouble these days in Songshan, and so she didn't doubt the words. Even the special division couldn't catch that group, let alone Songshan. It wasn't her place to think about that. She did all that she could do to stop the arena.

She put her effort into the grave robbing after the case settled- she needed to use all her strength for this, fighting mind games with them!

After the arena, Yufeng kept coming to her office day after day, annoying her- but there was nothing she could do. She hoped that Lin Yi would come to break his legs so he could leave!

"Lingshan, finally done, right? I saw the papers, a complete victory! Congratulations, you've done it again!" Yufeng kept looking at Lingshan- Lingshan was saying that she was busy with a case, but now that it was done, there was no excuse she could use to reject him now!

"It's thanks to everyone," Lingshan said flatly. "You need something?"

"I booked a table at Starlight Restaurant today, and I'm thinking of celebrating with you. How is it? You have time tonight?" Yufeng smiled.

"Sorry, not tonight- another case came in." Lingshan waved to indicate the files. "I need to work overnight tonight. We can talk about it next time."

"That's..." Yufeng felt troubled- Lingshan's words made his face grew a little irritated. But then, Lingshan's reason was completely justified. He could only grit his teeth. "Alright then, I'll be leaving!"

Looking at Yufeng's figure, leaving. She frowned. This person was annoying and kept chasing her. While she could push him away now, but what if time went on? He'd lose his patience one day, so what would he do when that day came?

She might have to confront House Yu then, but what about House Song? Her mood turned sour at the thought...

If there wasn't this marriage, even with Lingshan's 'potential', their spot in the noble house community would be taken for granted. It made her happy, but the thing with House Yu changed everything! On the surface, they had Yu support, which would make them stronger, but she didn't like him!!

If she didn't have anyone she liked, then fine, she could go with it a bit for the sake of her house, but the problem was that she did have someone! She wouldn't go with him if that was the case!

But then, the confrontation came! They couldn't just back out of the marriage! This was about the reputation of the house!

If it were the Yu's asking to cancel, then her house could handle that. Since House Yu was the stronger house- people had to listen to them!

But if it was the weaker House Song asking for cancelation, who knew what would happen? What would House Yu do amidst their anger?

A knocking came outside. Lingshan sighed. "Come in!"

It was Chen Yutian- he had been invited by Lingshan to talk about the graverobbing.

"Lingshan, what's wrong? What's with the frown?" Yutian had given up on Lingshan, but he still cared about her, noticing the slightest change in her.

He had to ask why she had that face on.

"Yutian Bro, you came!" Lingshan forced on a smile. "It's House Yu's Yu Feng! He came again, booking a table at a restaurant saying he wanted to celebrate with me..."

"Again?" Yutian frowned. "Can't he tell that you don't like him?"

"He can, but so what?" Lingshan shook her head, "You were able to tell too, but you kept coming, didn't you?"

"I... That's different, at least I wasn't so persistent..." Yutian said, feeling abit awkward. "But he seems to keep pressing on regardless?"

"Who knows? I don't know how I'm supposed to say no to him..." Lingshan said. "The noble house meeting is coming up, and I don't want House Song and House Yu to be on opposite sides. That would hurt us..."

"What about this, I'll talk with Yu Feng? We're both men, so it's easier that way. I'll ask him to let go on his own, backing off- this wouldn't cause any trouble to both your houses!" Yutian said after a sigh. "They'd keep their face if it's House Yu canceling it!"

"It won't work. Yu Feng is different from you- he's someone who doesn't stop until he reaches his goal. In his eyes, I see plenty of desire- he won't give up that easily." Lingshan smiled bitterly, "He's an unreasonable man."

"No matter what, we can still try?" Yutian also had an idea of what the guy was like from Lingshan's description. Tyrannical and unreasonable- he just wanted to shoulder some of the responsibility with Lingshan.

"It's fine. I don't want to drag your house into this." Lingshan waved her hand. "Your House Chen is in trouble, too- it'd be good if you guys could keep your position..."

"Maybe I can talk to Lin Yi about this and see if he has some way?" Yutian thought bout it.

"After a while- he seems to be really busy nowadays," Lingshan said, "I'll continue pushing him away first. We'll think about it if he continues."

Lingshan wasn't truly a girlfriend of Lin Yi's yet, and she didn't even know if he was willing to get involved. She wanted to develop some feelings with him first, making it easier...

## Chapter 1322: Xiaoxiao's Birthday

"Alright then, we'll talk about it after some time!" Yutian nodded- this was Lingshan's private affair, after all. He couldn't just keep asking. He was just giving suggestions as a friend.

"Yutian Bro, I asked you here this time to discuss the plans in the following days- I actually have a piece of good news," Lingshan shook her head, pushing the whole annoyance with Yu Feng to the back of her head.

"Oh? Good news?" Yutian paused. "Lin Yi didn't say yes, did he?"

"You're right, good guess." Lingshan nodded. "With Lin Yi joining us, this operation will be a lot easier!"

"Yeah- we're both golden class, and you're even late phase peak, but I was still worried that something might go wrong with those merciless graverobbers!" Yutian nodded.

"But, now it'll have to be Lin Yi and me pretending to be the graverobber couple, you'll have to take the role of the follower..." Lingshan said, embarrassed.

"Of course. Don't worry; I won't think about anything like that- I've accepted it already." Yutian smiled. "I support you and Lin Yi, although those emotions are still here, I've let go of them."

"That's good- alright, it's decided then. It'll be Lin Yi, you, and me," Lingshan said. "According to the details, this couple operated on their own, not bringing too many followers- sometimes only one helper! In truth, graverobbing works better the fewer people involved, especially with the traps in the tombs. Those traps would kill you. A normal group of followers was a burden!"

"You're right!" Yutian said. "When are we leaving?"

"I've already gotten into contact with the other graverobbers. You should follow up a bit on Liu Bojia's matters- I can't do much there. He told us all he knew. But I feel like there's still something he didn't say." Lingshan shrugged. "This person is tight-lipped and other than what we've already said to him, I don't know how to get him to speak, even with my subtle conversation methods of getting him to spill something. Nothing works!"

"He's too secured up- but he's a master scholar in the first place, it's normal for him to be more intelligent than normal thugs," Yutian said. "But you don't have to worry too much. I feel that the things he didn't say to you, he's said to Lin Yi. It's probably about the tomb of Zhang Liju, but the medicine books and all that don't really have to do with us."

"It's possible," Lingshan remembered that Bojia had something good he wanted to give Lin Yi. Something that would be considered a benefit to Lin Yi would only be money or medicinal books- the guy didn't know Lin Yi, and he only knew that he was a very good doctor, so those were the only two possibilities.

Afterward, Lingshan and Yutian started researching the details of the mission, although, most of it was just in theory. Nobody knew what the tomb would actually look like, or how dangerous it would be. They were simply just taking some precautions.

Today was Xiaoxiao's birthday, and Mengyao had already gone to the market with Shu to buy a lot of fresh fruits, preparing to make a fruit cake!

Tang Yun's house, on the other hand, was making the cake billet, while Lin Yi asked Xiaobo to go buy cream.

The Miss had all the equipment they needed at home, and Lin Yi was thinking of personally making a cake for Xiaoxiao! This was nothing difficult for Lin Yi since there hadn't been any cake stores in Starwest Village- he always made his own cakes when celebrating with Old Lin.

Lin Yi stayed by Xiaoxiao's side, watching her make a thick jacket, her face blank. Lin Yi sighed. "Xiaoxiao, don't worry so much- Didn't I tell you? Uncle Feng will make an ice container for you, sealing you like your mom- I'll find the Fire Spirit's Fruit for sure!"

"Yeah... I believe you... I'm not worried, just... Cold... and Tired..." Xiaoxiao said weakly. "Actually, I'm really happy today..."

Lin Yi nodded. After Xiaoxiao woke up that day, she continued in this state- it was because she was supposed to be a dead person already, but Lin Yi just forced her out of that fate for two more days. Of course, she wouldn't be energetic.

"Alright, it's your birthday, stop working on that knitting- rest for a day." Lin Yi said as he looked at Xiaoxiao, continuing the knitting.

"Let me knit... I'm worried that I won't have enough time, who knows if I'll be alive tomorrow?" Xiaoxiao shook her head, not stopping.

"Didn't I say that you won't die for sure?" Lin Yi said. "You can do it after you come back."

"No, I have to do it now..." Xiaoxiao said. "Who knows how long would've passed when I wake up again..."

Lin Yi didn't stop her anymore- he got up and went to help Tang Yun make the cake.

The doorbell rang- Tang Yun went to get the door, to see Xu Shihan standing there!

Lin Yi had called her, inviting her to Xiaoxiao's birthday party. She had already bought a ticket for today but delayed it for Xiaoxiao.

"Han, you came!" Tang Yun didn't expect her to actually come.

"Yeah! Where's Xiaoxiao, I bought her a gift!" Shihan took out a package.

"In the living room. Han, you spend some time with Xiaoxiao first. I'm making a cake with Lin Yi in the kitchen!" Tang Yun showed her flour-covered hands to her.

"Alright, go make the cake then. Oh, do you need help?" Shihan asked.

“Nope, just be with Xiaoxiao.” Tang Yun shook her head.

“Han, you came...” Xiaoxiao said weakly...

“Xiaoxiao, what’s wrong? Why do you look so sick? Wearing winter clothes in the house?” Shihan’s eyes were wide with surprise.

“It’s nothing... Haha... Maybe because I’m dead soon?” Xiaoxiao laughed.

“Ah? Dead soon?” Shihan couldn’t help but cry out. “You...”

## **Chapter 1323: Still Leaving**

“I’ve accepted it already. It’s nothing...” Xiaoxiao shook her head. “It would’ve come sooner or later.”

Shihan was at a loss for words. Xiaoxiao seemed to have accepted death, but she just couldn’t feel comfortable about it- seeing a friend she’d just made pass soon? It made her feel really heavy.

“Alright, Han, let’s not discuss that... Lin Yi said he could cure me, and that it’s for certain- maybe a few years later, when you come back, maybe I’ll be alive again...” Xiaoxiao tried to console her after seeing her face.

“Ah?” Shihan paused, not knowing about the ice container. She didn’t know what Xiaoxiao was talking about.

“It’s nothing... Did you bring a gift for me? Can I see it?” Xiaoxiao changed the topic.

“It’s an album I recorded for you personally, though most of it inside is just covers. It’s different from others; I never released it,” Shihan gave it to Xiaoxiao.

“Wah, that’s nice! I love it!” Xiaoxiao took it happily.

Mengyao, Yushu, Xiaobo, and Fen were all back- Goudan, Yuanyuan, Fatty Lai, and Feng Tianlong were invited as well!

After the cake was ready, they all gathered at the table and sang the birthday song. They all knew Xiaoxiao’s situation, but they wouldn’t bring it up- they wouldn’t show her any sad faces, too, all giving her their blessings with a smile.

“I’m so touched... This is the first time I’ve had such a lively birthday...” Xiaoxiao said emotionally.

“Before, it was just my dad and me, but now there are so many good friends!”

“Alright, time to cut the cake!” Yushu lit up candles and ran over to turn off the lights.

The room was dark all of a sudden, with the light of the candles illuminating her face- it was red from the candlelight, and looked especially pretty.

“Xiaoxiao, you’re one year older now- do you have any wishes?” Tianlong looked at her daughter with a smile.

After he knew that Lin Yi had a possible treatment, Tianlong was now a lot more relieved- not only was there hope for Xiaoxiao, but there was hope for his wife, too! He'd be able to finally see some light from these twenty years of darkness.

"Yeah, but I can't tell you..." Xiaoxiao blushed, although one couldn't tell because the light was making her face red.

"Alright, everyone, let Xiaoxiao make the wish in silence, then?" Shihan suggested.

"Okay! Xiaoxiao, hurry and make the wish- tell me secretly later." Yushu said.

"Heh..." Xiaoxiao nodded and put her hands together, closing the eyes and making the wish.

Although it looked as if she'd accepted her fate. There was still a big fear regarding her incoming death. She didn't want to die, deep down, especially after finding a boyfriend as great as Lin Yi, friends as good as Mengyao, Yushu, Tang Yun, and Shihan... She couldn't just die.

And so, her wish was so that Lin Yi could cure her, and then they could live together happily ever after.

Xiaoxiao fantasized into the future about that wish- she'd be married to Lin Yi, and they'd have kids, with Tang Yun, Mengyao, Shu, Shihan... That'd be so great... Xiaoxiao couldn't help but feel a bit dizzy from that blessed scene.

Nobody said anything as they waited for her to make her wish, but after a while, her head was still lowered- Lin Yi's face changed!

"Xiaoxiao!" He called out.

She didn't reply.

He ran over instantly, checking her nose and her pulse. She went into the same state as when her sickness acted up!

It came after all! She couldn't get past her twentieth birthday.

Lin Yi went for his wrist subconsciously, wanting to give his blood to her, but Elder Jiao's voice stopped him. "Yi, it won't help- the yang energy has already entered her bones. This isn't something you can turn back. You can use all the blood you want now, and it wouldn't help! The best course of action is to prepare the plan of using an ice container and look for the fruit!"

Lin Yi paused and regained composure. He sighed, "Uncle Feng, please get the ice container ready... This time, it won't work... I can't do anything now!"

Everyone froze from the words- he'd managed to save her from death over and over again, and they thought that it would be the same this time, too!

But his words struck reality into them!

"Xiaoxiao!" Tang Yun stood up first, her face pale. "Lin Yi, is there no other way?"

“Putting her into the freezing container while I look for the Fire Spirit’s Fruit- that’s the only way.” Lin Yi said solemnly. “Of course, if I break through into Sky class, I’d be able to save her too, so you guys don’t have to be too worried, just treat it as her sleeping...”

Lin Yi was sad himself, but he was worried the others would be even sadder. He had to console them.

Mengyao, Yushu, and Shihan all looked at Xiaoxiao with sorrow, unwilling to part just like that. The time was finally here, and the only thing keeping them from despair was the mental preparation they already had.

“I’ll make the call!” Tianlong quickly got out his phone to make the ice container preparations.

The lively Chu villa was now calm, and even the energetic Shu stayed quiet.

The atmosphere that came after Xiaoxiao’s ‘passing’ wasn’t something that they could get over in one or two days...

The mood was completely different without her.

“Shield Bro, when are you going to go rob the tomb?” Yushu practically asked Lin Yi every day.

“Lin Yi, we’ll leave Xiaoxiao to you!” Mengyao always reminded him as well, that he had a mission, a responsibility!

“Lin Yi, if you save Xiaoxiao, I’ll do anything you want, we can even... Do the 3P thing...” The shy Tang Yun also offered benefits for Xiaoxiao’s sake.

Of course, Lin Yi wanted to rush into it as well, but preparations had to be made. He would go, for sure, but he was worried that the dangers that awaited him might be beyond his expectations!

## **Chapter 1324: Before Departing**

It didn’t matter too much if Lingshan and Yutian failed- they just wanted to apprehend the members of the grave robbing group. For Lin Yi, however, failure was a huge deal! He got on this mission for Xiaoxiao! Failure was not an option here.

So, these days, he spent his time studying the details regarding this tomb, about the traps, and the map Bojia gave him. He went through them over and over again, every day! Though he had the papers with him, he didn’t grow complacent. It wasn’t that he didn’t trust Bojia or anything, but the info he gave him only had details on the outer circle defensive traps. It didn’t get to the inside facilities since Bojia only observed the place from outside. Nobody knew what it was like in there!

Every noon when Lin Yi, the Miss, Shu, and Yun Yun ate, it seemed as though something was missing. Everyone didn’t really have the mood to talk. It felt like everyone was just waiting until Lin Yi could go to the tomb to find a way to save Xiaoxiao

Without Xie Yufeng in school anymore, things were peaceful- Zhong Pinliang was enduring as well, avoiding confrontation with Lin Yi and his group.

Time went by like that, and soon it was the day to go tomb raiding!

Lin Yi said goodbye to the Miss, Shu, and Yun Yun- they didn't look like they would miss him at all; they were actually quite relieved. "The day finally came!"

Lin Yi was a bit speechless, but he gave a bitter smile, "Wait for my good news."

"Okay! But please be careful!" Tang Yun reminded seriously. "Xiaoxiao is important to us, but you're just as important. Don't push it. Don't force anything! There'll still be hope as long as nothing bad happens! If something happens to you, then, it's not just us- Xiaoxiao's situation would be hopeless as well!"

"Yeah, Lin Yi, you need to be careful!" Mengyao nodded.

"I understand, don't worry!" Lin Yi nodded with a smile.

Before leaving, he asked Goudan to come to the villa.

There hadn't been any enemies visiting them yet this past while, but Lin Yi couldn't feel safe- who knew if anything would happen? Even if Uncle Fu was here, he was only Golden class late phase peak- he could handle normal enemies, but stronger ones were a problem.

"Er Goudan, I'll leave Yao Yao, Shu, and Yun Yun's safety to you while I'm gone!" He said to him.

"Don't worry, boss, leave it to me!" Goudan patted his chest, "I'll keep them safe!"

"But remember that special condition of your body- remember what I said!" Lin Yi reminded solemnly. "If a practitioner comes causing trouble, one that you have no guarantees with- kill him with one shot, don't hold back! You have a lot of strength, but if you take a hit from a Mystic, it will be certain death! If they're not that strong, then cripple them first before asking who sent them!"

"Got it!" Goudan kept those words in mind. He may be honest and simple, but he was no idiot. He knew these facts.

That night, Goudan moved into the Chu house, into Lin Yi's room, separating with Yuanyuan for a while. They missed each other, but this mission his boss gave him was more important!

Lin Yi, on the other hand, went to the station to meet with Lingshan and Yutian. They had to make some preparations. They needed to make sure their couple's act was impeccable.

"Yutian Bro, Lingshan, you guys have a detailed plan about this whole thing, right? Just show it to me." Lin Yi said, not bothering with courtesies with them.

There was no reason for that with Yutian, after all. Even more so with Lingshan!

"It's done. Here!" Yutian nodded and gave the planbook to him.

Lin Yi didn't say anything but sat on the sofa to go through it, giving it a general look at the plans. It was all stuff in theory, not practical, although he did spend more effort into reading about the graverobber couple, including their habits and style and everything. This was all key!



“The tomb raiding couple rarely interacts with others? The other graverobbers don’t even know their true face?” Lin Yi asked after seeing the details, “So this means we don’t have to act too much?”

“That’s right- this couple is a bit more cunning. If we didn’t find them by coincidence smuggling at a border, we wouldn’t have got them!” Yutian nodded, “Now, we’ve saved a lot of trouble. They’re a bit of a special case in the grave robbing world. Their skill level is high, but they’re also cunning- their peers have a love-hate relationship with them. Sometimes they hated how they wanted big portions and shares and tried to get in on all the tombs, but sometimes they needed their participation- their experience is really rich.”

Lin Yi nodded. “So, Lingshan and I are the couple, and you’re our followers?”

“Yes.” Yutian nodded. “You’re the strongest among us three, and with the couples, it’s the husband that’s the strongest as well.”

“What’s your strength level now? Still Golden class early phase?” Lin Yi looked at Yutian.

“Yes, much to my shame. Still early phase.” Yutian felt a bit embarrassed- he didn’t continue practicing, although that was also due to his constitution.

“Hm... I’ll raise you to Golden Class late phase peak first tonight, to Lingshan’s level. That’ll make you better protected.” Lin Yi said flatly.

“Ah?” Yutian froze- to Gold class late phase? Did he hear that correctly? Lin Yi was going to strengthen him? And, judging by his tone, this supposed to be a simple and common task?

“You should know how I raised Lingshan’s strength. Alright, let’s cut the crap and start now!” Lin Yi couldn’t help but smile impatiently at that shocked face.

Lin Yi always had a plan in his heart- and that was to raise all the people around him up the Golden class late phrase- when he reached Earth class, he’d raise them to Mystic late phase peak... And even Earth class late phase peak and Sky class late phase peak in the future!

## **Chapter 1325: Leveling Up Before Departing**

Making all these people strong would result in even the hidden houses or ancient sects thinking twice before planning to do anything to him! If one didn’t want to get bullied, one had to make himself stronger. Lin Yi was also strengthening the people around him, giving himself more strength as a group, and also making them stronger for their own sakes!

But there was a limit to his own strength. Other people may not dare to fight him, but what if they target his family and friends? They’d incur his wrath and vengeance, but some people really were insane and didn’t care!

“Alright!” Yutian took a deep breath and said solemnly, “I’ll leave my gratitude to the heart!”

“Don’t talk about that useless stuff. You and I don’t need thanks.” Lin Yi scolded with a smile. “With more strength, you’ll be able to protect Shu- I can’t protect her my entire life, after all. It’ll be the brother’s job in the future!”

“But, Shu and you...” Yutian actually supported his sister being with Lin Yi- there was a Song Lingshan here, a Tang Yun there, and a Xiaoxiao waiting to be rescued there as well... But, he could see that his sister really did like Tang Yun from her heart. On the other side, he also was impressed by Lin Yi.

“Ha... Let’s not talk about that.” Lin Yi waved his hand, ending the topic, and putting both hands on his pulse. “Start channeling your practitioner’s arts- I’m going to start!”

“Alright!” Yutian nodded while Lin Yi closed his eyes, entering the jade space...

The next moment, he felt a big surge of qi entering his body! He’d heard Lingshan describe the process before, but he really was shocked! Was this the legendary transferring of skill?

This qi was so thick and full, Yutian had never met this before! Even if they were in some ancient forest or mountain, the qi there would still be half as dense as this! He didn’t dare waste any time- he started absorbing all the energy quickly...

Lingshan had already received Lin Yi’s qi before, and wasn’t surprised- she only sat by their side, guarding them against interruptions outside...

It was after midnight when Lin Yi stopped, and Chen Yutian, without a doubt, was now Golden Class late phase peak! What Lin Yi wasn’t surprised about, however, was that Yutian was at a bottleneck, stuck from advancing a step further.

“I... I’m really a late phase peak golden class now?” Yutian opened his palms in shock. “Is this real? In just that amount of time, I have this much strength... It’s like a dream!”

“I felt the same at first...” Lingshan said as she looked at Lin Yi, who wasn’t affected at all. She smiled bitterly- just how strong was this person?

Even grandma giving her strength to her grandpa would require losing strength on her part- she couldn’t just raise someone from Golden class early phase too late phase peak in this short amount of time! How many levels did they just skip through, it was ridiculous!

“Well, that’s all we have for now. Whether or not you enter Mystic will depend on you.” Lin Yi said regrettably. “I’d have to become an Earth class first before I’ll be able to make you guys Mystics.”

“Make us...” Yutian’s eyes were wide open! He didn’t think that Lin Yi would become an Earth class one day, or that he’d become a Mystic one day! This... Wasn’t this too hard to accept?

But facts were facts, and facts didn’t stop for him. The proof was there. He was now Golden class late phase peak in just one night! Like a rocket, he shot up through all those levels!

“Alright, let’s get some rest- I’m tired too, we still have to travel tomorrow.” Lin Yi didn’t waste any time practicing every night- if he weren’t able to find the fruit, then at least he could reach Sky class and maintain Xiaoxiao’s life!

Getting the fruit was way easier, but he needed a backup. Plus, he believed that he'd reach Sky class one day for sure!

Lingshan and Yutian agreed- it was late as well, although they were in her office! How were they supposed to sleep?

Lingshan's office had a resting room with a small bed, and it could hold two people, just barely. There was also a sofa in the office outside!

"Lin Yi, you and Lingshan could sleep on the bed? I'll take the sofa?" Yutian had accepted Lingshan and Lin Yi already, anyway.

Lingshan blushed, but she didn't say no. In her heart, she treated herself as Lin Yi's woman- he'd seen everything that needed to be seen anyway, and she was always... like that in front of him. Why would she even care if they had to sleep on the same bed? In fact, she might even look forward to it!

"No need, I don't sleep. Practitioning is the same as sleeping. I'll just use the chair in the office. You guys rest." Lin Yi said flatly.

"Alright, then." Yutian nodded and went to the sofa.

Yutian could see that small disappointment in Lingshan's face, but this wasn't something he could get involved in. He went to sleep quickly.

"I'll go rest then too..." Lingshan knew that Lin Yi would do what he decided to do- if he didn't want to, there was no way she was going to be able to force him.

The night went by silently, and the three went on their journey the next morning, to an ancient tomb in the outskirts of Songshan!

The three were on a range rover, Yutian's car. Although he took out the original license plate and used a fake one- this was what tomb robbers did anyway, they were just following the disguise.

The tomb was located in a small county near Songshan, but it was still five hours' worth of driving! There were mountain roads, too, so five hours was just an estimate.

As expected, it was already dusk when they arrived. This was a very barren and isolated place, beneath the foot of the mountain. There was only a small village there, and the roads here and technology wasn't very advanced. It wasn't a well off village.

"After we pass by this village, there are still around ten kilometers, and that'll be the mountain vein where they found the tomb!" Lingshan said as she looked at the map, speaking to Yutian and Lin Yi. "You guys want to rest at the village for one night and go on tomorrow?"

## **Chapter 1326: Just Arrived**

These few days were also the gathering dates for the tomb raiding group. There was no need to rush too much.

“It’s fine- let’s go over directly. We’re all practitioners. We don’t need to rest, really,” Lin Yi said flatly.

Lingshan nodded- she forgot that they were all practitioners, and was still using the wrong mindset. It was natural that she’d suggest for normal people to rest.

“We’ll keep going then. Almost there!” Lingshan said.

The roads became harder and harder to drive on, and the signs of life were all but gone. Nobody from the village would come here, too, since they were all mountain veins with mostly stone and rock walls. No wild fruits, no animals- no one would come.

“The view here is pretty good though- good picture-taking spot,” Lin Yi said with a thought.

“It’s a good environment, but with topography here, it’s hard to make it a tourist spot. The village here is too poor, too, with lacking fundamental facilities. Making a tourist spot here would require too much money, and no investor would make that big a risk,” Yutian said.

Lin Yi didn’t know about business stuff like that, so he had no comment.

The car went on, and the roads got harder still, with even fewer trees. Other than just rock and mountains, there was nothing else! The view was fresh and pretty to the eyes when they first got here, but after a while, it became common.

Yutian was right- this wasn’t a good place for tourism. It was too uniform- people who came here once wouldn’t come again.

“Almost there... We need to put our masks on now! The tent in front is probably the graverobber group. We need to be careful and alert. Don’t let them spot anything wrong,” Lingshan reminded them.

“No need to be alert. If you’re too alert, they’ll suspect something. Just act normal,” Lin Yi said, “The couple is usually very tyrannical and cocky, that’s mentioned in the files. Everyone in the industry knows that. They wouldn’t be alert.”

“You’re right- I thought too much into it!” Lingshan said, taking the lesson.

With that, Lin Yi and Lingshan and Yutian put on their masks- these were masks they took from the graverobber couple. They didn’t even need to make their own.

The car got close, and there were many rows of cars parked not far from the tent. They were all range rovers, with bigger truck types for carrying loads.

There were a lot of men these graverobbers used, unlike the couple who went alone!

After Yutian’s car got closer, a few big men with guns came out of the tent. A smaller and skinnier man waved a dismissive hand behind them and gestured for Yutian to stop.

“What are you doing here? This is military operation grounds. You can’t pass!” The skinny man said flatly.

A normal tourist would believe those words, especially with the pressure of those guns- they would leave right away. But Yutian came with a specific purpose.

“Metal, Wood, Water, Fire, and Earth. There’s Wood their upfront, right?” Yutian said flatly.

This was the newest code for the industry- they got this info from Bojia.

“Oh?” The skinny man’s face didn’t change, “The Sky King covers the Earth Tiger!”

The sentence earlier was a code as well, and it was a confirmation code. If Yutian were to fail to reply to this code, then he’d wave his hand- and the men would shoot right away!

After all, if one gave the first code and couldn’t respond to the confirmation code, it meant that they weren’t actually part of this team, trying to muddle in and get some benefits. He wouldn’t let people like that off easy.

“Glory to Great King Li!” Yutian said without pause. This code was found in the work journal of the couple- even Bojia didn’t know about this! The couple perhaps were worried that they’d forget this confirmation code when the time came.

Yutian and Lingshan felt a bit amused when they first saw the code. This was a popular catchphrase in China- people would respond to Sky King covers the Earth Tiger with the usual response of Treasure Tower trumps the River Monster, but if they really were to say that out of habit, then it’d be a big screw up.

“So, friend, which group are you from?” The skinny man’s face was a lot more friendly now, confirming that these were on the same side.

“Old Hei, you can’t even recognize my damn face now? Can you cut your crap? You want me to get this car on your face?” Lin Yi opened the door, pissed off before Yutian could even speak!

According to Yutian’s information, this Old Hei was the boss of the Red Treasure Tower Tomb Robbers, the one who discovered the tomb this time.

The couple’s temperament was a bit weird- their skills were high, and they usually looked down on their peers. People usually didn’t like them, but with a high-level tomb like this, they had to invite them.

And so Lin Yi used that personality- he got out the car and started scolding.

“You still have that temper, huh? I just want to be safe. The fewer people here, the bigger our benefits! Who knows if other people caught the news and came here to take their share?” The man called Old Hei shook his head helplessly, pissed- though he couldn’t do a thing.

“Hmph!” Lin Yi hmphed coldly. “Where are the others? Are they all here? My time is limited!”

“Keng Bro and Hao Ye, and Zhan Musi are all here. They’re resting over there!” The skinny man said.

“All here? When are we starting?” Lin Yi asked. There were five groups in the details- one of those was his group, the graverobber couple. The other four were all there.

“Waiting on a guest. Without Liu Bojia, we had to hire a backup- the tomb here is too dangerous; even your help isn’t a guaranteed success. I had to be careful,” The man said.

## Chapter 1327: You Xiaoke is Tired

The graverobber couple had already taken a look, saying that the tomb was a difficult one. This was why the skinny man got back up.

“Alright,” Lin Yi nodded.

“If you guys are hungry you can go buy food there,” He pointed at a truck some distance away.

“No need, we brought our own!” Lin Yi went back into the car, and Yutian started driving to look for a camping spot.

“What the hell, who does that piece of shit think he is?” The guy with a machine gun beside the skinny man said as Lin Yi left. He spat at the ground. “He thinks he’s so rich, and still brings food by himself all the time- do us a favor and get killed in the tomb!”

“We’re not from the same group, and we’ve always been at odds. They might be afraid we’ve poisoned the food,” Old Hei shook his head and didn’t say anything more.

“That was great, Lin Yi!” Lingshan praised after the car got farther. “I was so nervous, worried that that Old Hei would see something wrong- his eyes were like piercing swords. And you just went down to yell at him!”

“I guess I did,” Lin Yi said flatly. “What do we do now? Set up camp like them?”

“Yes, according to the details, the couple doesn’t have a good relationship with the others, so we don’t have to visit anyone or anything. Just need to stay and wait,” Lingshan said.

Lin Yi nodded and got out the car to set up camp with Yutian before bringing out some food.

Some distance away, Old Hei was using a telescope to look at Lin Yi’s group- they were only setting up a tent, and so he let out a breath of relief.

He didn’t feel anything wrong with them this time, but he felt like there was a dangerous feeling coming from the man of the couple like it was different.

Old Hei shook his head. Maybe he was too sensitive.

In the tent, Yutian and Lingshan were eating bread and drinking water. Lin Yi only ate a bit before starting to practice again. There was plenty of energy in the jade space, so he didn’t have to eat. That bite of bread he took was just a habit.

“Let’s take shifts tonight to stand watch,” Lingshan planned as she ate. “I’m a little worried- they might notice something.”

“That wouldn’t happen yet, but it’s fine- you guys sleep. I’ll stand watch.” Lin Yi said casually.

“Practicing is the same as sleeping for me. I can sense our surroundings.”

Lingshan opened her mouth in surprise but didn’t say anything. She’d seen plenty of weird stuff coming from Lin Yi at this point.

You Xiaoke was exhausted. Money really wasn't that easy to earn- it was so hard to get an allowance for the orphanage!

They got more than two million from Songshan High, but they couldn't just do anything and eat on that money until it ran out! She had to take any opportunities she had, especially with how tight the police were still being. She had to do this business.

She posted a commission offer on the website, and a few days later, a group called the Red Treasure Tower accepted it, telling her to come to help them rob this tomb.

And so she came.

But she didn't have a car! She got a taxi, but he was only willing to drive her to the village, not a step further! This was just a taxi, after all. He didn't want to scrape the bottom of his car.

And so she could only walk after getting out, but even if she was descendent of the Flying Sparrow Sect, with great qinggong abilities capable of going many miles in one breath, it was still tiring. She was a girl with low stamina in the first place!

"I'm finally here!" Xiaoke's eyes were almost wet as she saw the tent some distance away- she couldn't help but cry out in celebration. She started her qinggong again and rushed over!

"Who is it?" Old Hei went out with the machine gunmen.

"From the Flying Sparrow Sect." You Xiaoke stopped, trying to catch her breath.

"You... You walked here?" Old Hei was a bit troubled as he looked at this person who had come on foot- this was someone from the Flying Sparrow Sect! They sure were tough, running distances like this.

"Yeah! You guys didn't even send a car to get me. I'm so tired!" Xiaoke rubbed her waist.

"Sky King trumps the Earth Tiger!" Old Hei was pretty certain that this was the girl, but he had to be careful.

"Glory to Great King Li!" Xiaoke said, "Alright, let me look at the tomb, and we can talk about my terms!"

"Naturally! Please come." Old Hei nodded. He didn't dare piss off someone from the Flying Sparrow Sect, that was an old name after all. They were particularly good at traps and stuff like that, "It's not just our group this time, so the number of benefits we can give you will have to be discussed with everyone else, I can't make all the decisions. Of course, this depends on your own ability as well!"

Old Hei was making it clear- if she wanted more stuff, she had to make more contributions. If she wasn't going to be too useful, then she wouldn't get any treasures, but just a sum of compensation.

"Got it!" Xiaoke nodded.

Lin Yi was practicing when he heard some footsteps outside. He came back to reality and got up. "Someone's here, but it's not a practitioner. Tian, go take a look!"

Yutian was here as a follower, so Lin Yi called him Tian.

“Yes!” Yutian nodded and walked out, seeing Old Hei’s man coming over. There was still some distance- how did Lin Yi notice him when he was so far away?

## **Chapter 1328: Different Opinions**

He wouldn’t have noticed on his own- plus, when Lin Yi noticed him, he was probably even farther away, walking...

“What is it?” Yutian said.

The man paused a little once he saw Yutian come out- so the follower of the couple was a practitioner as well. He wasn’t too surprised, though- after all, which graverobber in the business didn’t have practitioners with them? Old Hei had a Mystic class with him as well!

The sort of lives they led required brains and strength- otherwise, they’d all be dead in the tomb already.

“Hei Bro asks for the two thieves to his tent- the guest is here, and they are to discuss to the splitting of treasures.” The man said bluntly.

“Alright, go back first. We’ll be there in a bit!” Yutian gave the nod.

The man left just like that- he knew that this group didn’t care much for socializing anyway.

Yutian went back and told Lingshan and Lin Yi, although they heard already from his louder voice.

The three got ready and headed to Old Hei.

Old Hei’s tent was in the outermost area, in charge of security and identification. Lin Yi’s, however, was in the innermost part, since everyone was here by the time he reached.

With the style of the couple, they never initiated greetings to the others or anything, and so Lin Yi and Lingshan got a spot and sat down. Yutian, on the other hand, stood beside them and acted as a bodyguard.

Keng Bro was also a big shot in the group as well. Keng Bro was actually a nickname given to him because of his face, full of holes- it was some sort of disease. In any case, it was an ugly face.

Old Hao, on the other hand, was a man around fifty. According to the details, he was a veteran in the industry, with a lot of experience. Old Hei was also worried that he wouldn’t be able to take his tomb himself, and especially when there were so many greedy eyes here. He got Old Hao to stabilize things.

The last was a foreigner, called Ju Musi, James. James was just his nickname, though. No one used their real names in this business.

Foreigners did a lot of smuggling, but the ones that came to the tomb itself were rare. James was one of those. It was said that he was there when this tomb was discovered, along with Keng Bro. Old Hao only came later.



“Alright, everyone, it’s not the first time we’ve worked together, so let’s skip the introductions. Let me introduce you to our backup- from the Flying Sparrow Sect!” With that, he waved his hand, and Xiaoke walked in.

Lin Yi and Lingshan paused when they saw Xiaoke walk in! Why was she here?

But Lin Yi remembered that she did say something about her sect when they first met, saying she wanted to compete with him...

So she got hired by Old Hei as well!

Lin Yi and Lingshan both looked at each other silently, both surprised. They were also on alert as well. They couldn’t let Xiaoke realize who they were, or at least no in front of everyone. It’d be over otherwise.

We all know what the Flying Sparrow Sect is- and we all know that success is guaranteed, especially with Liu Bojia not being here with us. We had to get back up.” Old Hei introduced, “Let’ us talk about splitting the rewards first- we don’t want any conflict afterward.”

“I agree! There need to be rules when working as a team, we don’t want the greed blinding our eyes and ruining our peace,” Old Hao was the first to agree. He was here to stabilize things in the first place.

“I agree as well, and these things need to be stated.” Keng Bro nodded.

“I agree, we need to set the rules beforehand!” James said with his weird accent.

“I agree,” Lin Yi said flatly.

“Alright, since everyone is on the same page, let’s start. I have a suggestion.” Old Hei said. “Although this tomb is discovered by us together, the first one who got the information is me- I should have thirty percent!”

“Yes, that’s true!” Everyone nodded. They all had their rules- as the supplier of the information, Old Hei had the right to take thirty percent!

“Keng Bro, Old Hao, the couple, and James- you will all take fifteen percent, with the final ten percent given to our Flying Sparrow!” Old Hei said. “Of course, she’d have to prove her worth as well!”

“Alright!” Keng Bro, Old Hao, and James all nodded in agreement after some silence. This was a dangerous ancient tomb, and without the strength and skill, they wouldn’t even get in!

Fifteen percent didn’t sound like a lot, but if they actually counted, it was already a fortune! Plus, this was the most reasonable way to split it. Old Hei took double of theirs, he was the one who gave the most effort in the matter, and also shared the information instead of taking it for himself, finding the precise location with everyone.

“Fifteen percent is too little. I want twenty.” Lin Yi spoke up!

Lingshan paused, a bit annoyed at this- he wasn’t even going to get anything even if he was getting a hundred percent, so why cause this trouble?

But since he spoke up already, she couldn’t go against him. She watched how he was going to handle it.

“Oh?” Old Hei frowned. He didn’t expect the couple to speak up! But he didn’t dare piss this man off- his skill wasn’t far off from Bojia’s or the Sparrow girls, “What is your suggestion, then?”

“I don’t care how the others split it, but I want twenty percent,” Lin Yi said tyrannically.

“That’s...” Old Hei sighed a bit. “This is the most reasonable splitting, and if you want an extra five percent, I can’t take it from the others- only from my share. But why would I give you my five percent?”

“How about this- if there are traps or secret passages that I solve in the tomb, I’ll take that extra five percent. If not, we’ll go with the original splitting.”

### **Chapter 1329: Eavesdropping**

“Alright, I can accept that!” Old Hei nodded. If things really happened that way, then he could give him that five percent. After all, if they couldn’t get past something that Lin Yi could solve, he wouldn’t even get that twenty-five percent in the first place!

Lin Yi nodded, keeping silent. Lingshan and Yutian, on the other hand, were admiring Lin Yi! He was being petty and calculative, and that fit the image of the couple. These people wouldn’t suspect anything anymore!

“What about you, Flying Sparrow girl? Do you have any disagreements?” Old Hei turned to Xiaoke. “Ten percent is according to the standard, not much and not less- this is the rate for technical backup!”

“No problem!” Xiaoke nodded. Old Hei was actually fair, since this was the common price.

“But let me be blunt- if you don’t contribute to solving anything, then I’ll only give you money to go home!” Old HEi said. “This ten percent needs to be earned!”

“I understand.” Xiaoke said confidently, “You can trust in the name of the Flying Sparrow Sect. But, this ten percent I want in cash, not in items!”

Xiaoke needed money, not treasures. Those would be annoying to sell.

“Alright, but you need to understand the rules- it’s twenty percent off of market price!” Old Hei said. “We won’t be able to sell it right away, and holding it holds a certain risk!”

“I understand!” Xiaoke nodded. “But the things none of you want, I can pick up, right?”

“You can.” Old Hei nodded.

Lin Yi couldn’t help but feel amused- this girl sure cared for money, even picking up stuff others didn’t want! But those things would be money, too, and these thieves gathered here had high aspirations. Smaller things wouldn’t interest them, although they would be beneficial to Xiaoke, if they were gems or rubies and stuff like that.

After splitting the portions, there was nothing else to talk about, "Since we're all fine with it, then it's settled. I hope that no infighting occurs at the end- with Master Hao here, I hope everyone will respect the rules."

Everyone nodded, although no one knew how genuine each nod was. When the benefits weren't big enough, they could follow the rules- but when a certain treasure exceeds the expected value...

"We'll go back first then," Lin Yi stood up and walked out with Lingshan and Yutian following them.

"Everyone go rest, replenish yourself. We enter the tomb tomorrow morning!" Old Hei nodded.

Back in the tent, Lingshan spoke up immediately. "That Flying Sparrow..."

But Lin Yi covered her mouth instantly, showing her a shush sign. He finished the sentence. "Hmph, just because she's a Sparrow doesn't guarantee her usefulness. We have key information regarding this tomb, after all, so even if they can solve the previous steps, the final step will be on our shoulders. Otherwise, all of them would die without our help!"

With that, Lin Yi pointed at a corner of the tent, and Yutian and Lingshan looked in that direction. There was a tapping device on the metal wire!

Lingshan froze, thinking that she almost messed up. She was too reckless- if it weren't for Lin Yi's reaction, they'd have exposed themselves! She was about to say that the Sparrow was You Xiaoke, the one she was trying to capture!

But that would expose them immediately, resulting in Old Hei bursting in and surrounding them! This mission would be a failure, even if they escaped!

"Tian, check the tent, see if there are any tapping devices." Lin Yi said as if he just thought of it.

"Yes!" Yutian started looking around- he couldn't just find it right away, that'd be suspicious. He only reached for it after a while.

Old Hei was listening in on Lin Yi and Lingshan's conversation, getting to the important part when Lin Yi asked Yutian to check for bugs! He felt troubled- this couple was defensive against them after all.

Although he couldn't blame them- that was how everyone in their industry was! He did the same thing, putting in a bug when they were having a meeting. He was defensive as well.

But Lin Yi's words made it clear why he was so confident in asking for twenty- so he had a trump card, info on the tomb! Luckily for him, he thought. He said yes to Lin Yi's demands. Otherwise, if this guy got pissed, he could get him killed! The couple would get all the benefits!

A while later, it sounded like the Tian found the listener, and the transmission ended. It was destroyed.

"So the couple has a trump card, no wonder they were so arrogant!" Old Hei's right-hand man said. He was in charge of listening in on the other thieves as well, but they didn't say anything important and removed all the bugs as well.

Evidently, everyone here was smart and calculative.

Old Hei shook his head. Everyone was nice on the surface earlier, but who knew what would happen when they were splitting the actual rewards?

Xiaoke didn't have a tent, but Old Hei gave him one. This was pre-agreed upon, too. Xiaoke didn't have money to buy food from the two trucks after all, and those two trucks were from a different group in the first place.

There was a group in the thieves industry that didn't participate in tomb raids, but they went and provided life necessities wherever there were tombs. Clothes, food... But the prices were absurd. They had existed for a long time already and also had the approval of the highest of the thieving world.

These people had good honor, too. While their prices were high, you could get what you wanted. The point was that they kept their mouth tight, not releasing any of their information.

### **Chapter 1330: Seems Familiar**

Of course, you couldn't look down on these people- they had big men of various powerful thief sects backing them up. Crossing them would result in opposition from those sects!

These graverobbers were all extremely rich, and they weren't afraid of paying high costs for daily items. These guys were too lazy to bring their own stuff, anyway.

The couple was an exception, though. They were arrogant but very alert, always defensive in case the others did anything to them. They bought their own food and clothes.

Xiaoke knew the rule as well, and so she brought her own backpack with compressed cookies and water, along with some tools.

Someone who needed money like her would never buy food that stupidly expensive.

After going back into the tent, Xiaoke set up her alarm system before going to sleep.

They were all of the same thieves' community, but she was still a girl. She had to be alert when going out.

"How come that guy from the couple sounds so familiar? Xiaoke mumbled to herself. "Have I seen him somewhere before?"

Xiaoke may be of the Thieves' industry, and she may have joined in on a couple of missions before, but she never interacted with the couple. These two always wore masks, and she should have a deep impression if she'd met them before, but...

Could it be that she met them when they were unmasked? Xiaoke froze- what a bold assumption!

Was it possible?

Xiaoke shook her head, putting it aside. They were wearing masks because they didn't want people to know their faces, so if Xiaoke went and identified them or met with them, they might come to hate her.

She was here for money- that was it. She wouldn't want to cause trouble.

Old Hei didn't bother bugging Xiaoke's tent- she was alone, and wouldn't be having conversations for him to eavesdrop on. Plus, the Flying Sparrow sect was known for how careful they were- eavesdropping was unnecessary.

Lin Yi, on the other hand, was glaring at Lingshan after Yutian removed the listening device. "Think before you speak next time, be careful! Don't be such an idiot!"

"Ah- Don't call me stupid anymore, I'm sorry, come on..." Lingshan blushed a little. "I didn't know that they'd be so cunning, bugging our tent."

"Unless I bring the topic up, don't talk about the plan." Lin Yi said.

The jade alerted him when they entered, and Lin Yi subconsciously covered Lingshan's mouth- also saying some things he didn't mean.

There actually turned out to be a listening device in there.

"I got it!" Lingshan nodded her head, obediently.

Yutian was also listening, as well- he didn't say anything because he didn't speak fast enough, but it appeared that these graverobbers were much more cunning than they thought!

"When are you guys planning to catch them?" Lin Yi asked. "With the number of people and weapons they have, it's not hard to escape, but it's hard to take them all."

"We'll look at the situation- after clearing all the stages of the tomb. I'll notify my comrades and surround this place!" Yutian said.

"All the stages? I hope so." Lin Yi smiled, not saying anything else. The details Bojia gave him with instructions were already difficult enough- who knew what puzzles awaited afterward?

This ancient miracle saint doctor was very famous, and there were many people who knew him. They were the ones who helped design the entire tomb, with traps and puzzles. Normal people had no chance of passing.

At night, Lin Yi was sitting on the ground to practice when Lingshan and Yutian slept. They had to be rested for the operation tomorrow!

They both woke up early the next morning. They were both practitioners, and while they weren't as good as Lin Yi, who didn't even need to sleep, they could recover themselves in short periods of time as well.

"You guys awake? Eat something, and we'll go to Old Hei." Lin Yi said as he heard people walking outside- the others were awake already. Lin Yi didn't care whether or not they were well-rested, however.

"You didn't sleep the whole night?" Lingshan asked.

"Yeah. Don't ask about useless stuff. Eat and let's hurry." Lin Yi said a bit impatiently.

Lingshan didn't say anything else- she ate some bread with Yutian, and the three left the tent.

As expected, You Xiaoke, Keng Bro, and James were all at Old Hei's tent. Only Old Hao wasn't there- maybe old people weren't as energetic as young ones.

"You guys sure are up early, too." Old Hei smiled and greeted them as he saw the couple walk over- after hearing their conversation last night, he was treating Lin Yi with more respect!

"Hmph!" Lin Yi said coldly. "You're the one who bugged our tent?"

"Haha, my men don't know any better, do forgive them!" Old Hei said with a laugh, thinking that only the couple would do something like exposing someone in front of everyone. Other people would be embarrassed to bring it up normally.

But since they put that out in the open, it was easier to proceed.

"Twenty percent feels more appropriate to you now, right?" Lin Yi asked.

"Of course. If you're able to help us in a critical moment, I'd be completely willing to give you that twenty." Old Hei said.

"That's good." Lin Yi went and got a seat, ignoring everyone else and closing his eyes, as if resting. Lingshan was beside him, with Yutian standing guard behind them.

Xiaoke didn't say anything, eating the porridge beside Old Hei's tent. This was porridge Old Hei bought him. It was ten thousand per bowl! Xiaoke felt pain as she ate it- how much could he buy with ten thousand? She could drown the kids in porridge!

Two million may look like a lot, but rice was expensive- Xiaoke knew what the expenses were, and it wouldn't last very long. They were at the age to be going to school, too, she had to deal with that as well!