

Bodyguard 1451

Chapter 1451: Lin Yi's suggestion

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Lin Yi didn't know what she was thinking anyway, so Guanxin kept this tiny secret to herself, at least that was how she rationalized it...

"What do you want to eat? Facing a master chef like you, I don't have the courage to casually pick a restaurant. I would feel bad if the food didn't suit your taste," Lin Yi smiled as he teased.

"Anything is fine... Am I really that picky? The food in the hospital's cafeteria has always been bad, but do I have a choice? As bad as it is, I still have to eat it," Guanxin smiled, "I'm okay with any restaurant."

This was Lin Yi's first time inviting Guanxin to a dinner, naturally, he couldn't just bring her to some low-end restaurant. He pondered and decided Pengzhan's hotel was the best option. That place was quiet and on top of that, it was in his area of control so it was convenient too.

"Isn't that too much?" Guanxin saw Lin Yi stopping at the entrance of the business hotel. She instantly felt Lin Yi's decision was too extravagant.

Although, she was born with a silver spoon and had only luxury for her entire life, she never wasted unnecessarily- she was slightly better than the Miss. The Miss was disciplined and not spoiled but she lacked the concept of money, usually spending too much without realizing it.

"This is Yaoyao's hotel, and I have a VIP card here. It won't be expensive," Lin Yi explained.

"Oh..." Guanxin, of course, knew who Chu Mengyao was, she also knew that Mengyao was the girl Lin Yi was trying to protect in the bank. Honestly speaking, Guanxin was envious of her, even if she wasn't Lin Yi's girlfriend, she could at least stay by Lin Yi's side every day, unlike her.

The duo went into a room and casually picked a few dishes, "Xinxin, do you have something to discuss with me, something important?" Lin Yi asked.

"En, something is bothering me... but I can't make a decision and need your opinion..." Guanxin was flustered, her face turning red, "I hope this won't cause you any trouble?"

"No, it won't. We are friends, friends help each other and discuss all sorts of things together. It's totally normal, just tell me what's bothering you. Let me see if I'm able to help!" Lin Yi agreed.

"It's like this... Grandpa wants me to learn some medical skills from his friend... but this is not something I want to pursue. I feel like I'm not suitable to become a doctor- if you were to ask me to grab the exact amount of medicine and boil them at the perfect temperature, I'd be confident at it and even grandpa praised me for having the potential to become a doctor, but..... after so many years passing, I still prefer boiling medicine and being a nurse instead of...." Guanxin started talking about her situation, "I don't want to disappoint grandpa but at the same time, I know I'm not too suitable..."

“Ugh... so you like preparing the medicine.... if that’s the case, do you think you would like studying the properties of the medicine, pharmacology?” Lin Yi paused for a moment and thought about this good idea.

“Of course I would love it!” Guanxin nodded, “I’ve always loved helping my grandpa mix the herbs.... I always feel a familiarity when I assist my grandfather in handling medicine. Perhaps I was born with this talent especially since I was born into this family.”

“Then what if I suggest this idea to your grandpa and allow you to learn the properties of the medicine instead of learning to treat others. Your job will be to give people the right medicine to consume judging from their symptoms,” Lin Yi continued, “What do you think of this suggestion?”

“En?” Guanxin’s eyes sparkled when she heard Lin Yi’s suggestion! What Lin Yi suggested was not a bad idea at all! According to what Lin Yi said, she could pursue the direction she preferred and most importantly... there was a high chance that she could work in Lin Yi’s company and examine the properties of medicine? Guanxin got a little excited by the thought of it but remembered that if she were to leave to see her grandpa now, she wouldn’t be able to see Lin Yi for a long period of time, this made her a little reluctant and upset.

“Should I tell grandpa when I return home later?” Guanxin had already fully accepted Lin Yi’s idea deep down, but it was still all up to her grandpa’s decision.

“Hehe, sure,” Lin Yi smiled, “If I was free, you could have followed me around to learn, but I don’t have the time to teach you practically....”

Guanxin was grinning like the cat that swallowed the canary when she heard Lin Yi but the grin soon turned into a disappointment when he added the last part. Her heart stopped pounding, disappointed- Lin Yi was right, when would he have the time to teach her?

“Then can I call you if I have any questions?” Guanxin tried to find hope in the midst of her disappointment. Although she would not be able to see Lin Yi every day, she could at least give Lin Yi a call once in a blue moon – this was enough for her.

“Of course, don’t hold back with me,” Lin Yi smiled, “You will be there to learn, it’s not like you’re not going to return here, are you? I’ll test your abilities and skills when we meet again, what do you think?”

“En, don’t worry. I’ll do my best!” Guanxin finally relaxed- the burden that she had been shouldering for quite a while was finally gone, she felt so much better now.

After the dinner, Lin Yi drove Guanxin back to her house. He hadn’t planned to visit Guan Xuemin at that time as it was already late in the night but Guanxin had already mentioned to her grandpa that Lin Yi was dropping her off so Guan Xuemin seized this opportunity and invited Lin Yi to come inside for a while.

Seeing no other option, Lin Yi could only accept and follow Guanxin inside.

“Lil’ Yi, it’s been a while!” Guan Xuemin was over the moon when he saw Li Yi. He always learnt a lot from the discussions he had with Lin Yi. He was like the best mentor and a helpful and faithful friend to him.

“Yeah. Grandpa Guan, I have been kind of busy recently and hadn’t had time to visit you. Truly sorry about that,” Lin Yi said apologetically.

Guan Xuemin had given him a lot of help and support when he first came to Songshan city. Lin Yi would forever remember his kindness, without Guan Xuemin, he wouldn’t have been able to open a medical company so fast.

“It’s okay, I know how busy you are,” Guan Xuemin nodded, “How are things going with Feng Xiaoxiao?”

Guan Xuemin had diagnosed Feng Xiaoxiao’s illness before but he was helpless against her situation. He also knew that Lin Yi was busy finding a way to save Feng Xiaoxiao.

“I found some hints on how to save her but am still lacking an ingredient. I will be going to search for it in a few days,” Lin Yi continued, “Initially, I thought of coming here later to bid my farewell, but since I’m here already, I may as well just inform you now.”

Chapter 1452

Mysterious Message

“Ah!” Guanxin couldn’t believe Lin Yi was going also going on a trip. Did that mean that Lin Yi wouldn’t be around when she left? Her mood suddenly dropped rock bottom.

“Why, Xinxin? Are you that unwilling to see Lil’ Yi leaving?” Guan Xuemin joked.

“I.... I....” Her face reddened, embarrassed,

“Why would I.... I was just shocked....”

“Hehe, I was just joking. How’s it going, Xinxin, with the offer that I told you to consider? You must have spoken to Lil’ Yi about this today, didn’t you?” Guan Xuemin waved his hand, he knew that his granddaughter was a shy girl, “Do you have an answer already?”

“Grandpa.... I did discuss it with Lin Yi.... I’ve decided to....” Guanxin told Xuemin about Lin Yi’s suggestion.

Guan Xuemin, on the other hand, was smart enough to know his granddaughter’s meaning. Studying medicine was an ideal opportunity to work in the company in the future. Guan Xuemin was helpless against his granddaughter’s thinking but at least it was still better than her being a nurse, wasn’t it?

“Sure, it’s decided then,” Xuemin nodded, “I’ll talk to an old friend of mine later, he has been wanting to have a disciple before entering the place and he’s also an expert in medicine. Xinxin should fit all the requirements to be his disciple.”

Although Guan Xuemin was also an expert in medicine, his treatment skills were top-notch too. Guanxin would probably not be able to keep up with the pace of learning everything at once.

“En, thank you grandpa,” Guanxin was glad that her grandpa agreed with her terms.

Meanwhile, Lin Yi suspiciously asked, “What place? Where is it?”

"I don't know the details but this friend of mine is a hermit. I heard that a sect specializing in refining selected him and was trying to bring him over to their place. The rest is undisclosed, and I didn't ask any further," Guan Xuemin explained.

"I see..." Since it was undisclosed, naturally, Lin Yi wouldn't continue asking. After all, Guan Xuemin, himself, didn't know the details.

The both of them naturally started talking about medical topics until Lin Yi stood up, deciding it was time to go. It was pretty late already and it wasn't appropriate for him to stay too long, especially as the Miss had also sent him a few messages asking him his whereabouts...

Around this time, as the noble houses got ready for the meeting, all the hidden houses, sects, groups- anyone with the qualifications- received an envelope with the blue ice flower logo on it!

All the factions were immediately riled up!

The hidden House Yu.

Xiaochen, the head of the house, took the letter and spoke to Yu Liu who gave it to him, "I must meet father immediately- we need him to make the decision!"

"Ah!" Yu Liu paused- the old head of the house was in isolated practicing, this was something that all the Yu's knew- even the head of the house, Yu Xiaochen, couldn't go disturb him unless it was something extremely important!

Evidently, that important thing had just happened, and although Yu Liu didn't know what the contents of that letter was, he knew that it was something extreme!

"What are you standing around for, hurry and get the car ready!"

"Yes!" Yu Liu nodded and went off.

The old head of the house had his isolated practicing somewhere outside the yards of the Yu castle- on a mountain peak. The road connecting the two places was a road that House Yu had built themselves, though someone who was a practitioner like Xiaochen could even just go by himself without needing a vehicle.

Very soon, Yu Liu got the car ready and drove Xiaochen up the mountain!

"How is Yu Huoxing? Any news?" Xiaochen asked.

"None- Yu Qi and Yu Ba and I keep monitoring him in shifts, but nothing is out of place. There wasn't anything noteworthy when we searched his bedroom either."

"Could it be that he really came back with nothing?" Xiaochen didn't trust Huoxing, but he did trust Yu Liu and the others- they were all loyal disciples of House Yu, having grown up in the house since small. They were basically treated as part of House Yu.

"We can't say for sure- we'll have to monitor him for a few more days."

With the car, it hadn't taken long before they reached the mountaintop. But before they could go any further, a black clothed man appeared, blocking their path. The man simply put a light hand on the car, completely stopping it as if it were a toy car.

"Brother Yu Yi, it's the head of the house!" Yu Liu quickly got off and talked to the man.

It was Yu Yi, the strongest of all House Yu disciples- he was the only Sky class master other than the old head of the house! He may only be early phase Sky class, but he was already the peak of the peak.

Even so, when he heard that it was Yu Xiaochen inside the car, he cupped his fist and apologized, "I see- I apologize for my behaviour, head of the house!"

"It's fine, you're protecting father's safety, I'm glad for your loyalty!" Xiaochen also got off and nodded as well.

One could see then that the hidden House Yu was different from the Hidden House Zhao- Xiaochen's position in House Yu had basically reached the point of total control, and the old head of the house didn't need to intervene in family matters anymore, leaving everything to him. Even someone like Yu Yi treated him with strong respect.

"It is my duty, sir," Yu Yi said.

"Is father in isolation? I have something important to talk to him about," Xiaochen said.

"The old elder had just exited isolation- please enter, head!" Yu Yi made a gesture.

"I'll wait here then, head of the house," Yu Liu knew the rules- Elder Yu practiced at the top of the mountain, and other than the children of House Yu, only Yu Yi could enter. He naturally couldn't follow them.

Xiaochen nodded and followed Yu Yi, going through a passage in the mountain before entering through a combination locked stone door.

As the head of the house, Xiaochen naturally knew what the password was- he casually walked into a chamber that was completely different from the surrounding wilderness outside.

The architecture inside was very refined and seemed to have an ancient touch to it.

After entering the innermost room, naturally, there he was- the old head of the house.

The old head had already heard the commotion happening outside- he was a Sky class master after all, and could tell just from the footsteps that his son had arrived.

Chapter 1453: Ice Palace Test (Part One)

"Li' Chen, is that you? What happened back home, for you to come see me all of a sudden?" Old Yu spoke the instant Xiaochen entered with Yu Yi.

“Father, it’s true that something has happened- I need to talk to you,” Xiaochen said solemnly as he looked to Yu Yi beside him. This person had always been with his father, but he didn’t know if he could fully trust him.

“It’s alright- Yu Yi is someone that I trust. He will be a strong aide of yours in the future!” The Old Elder Yu said with a wave of his hand after understanding Xiaochen’s thoughts.

Xiaochen nodded and handed the letter to him, “Father, the Ice Palace sent this- the Ice Palace Test is imminent!”

“Oh? The Ice Palace Test is starting again?” Even someone stable and composed like the Old Elder showed a look of surprise upon hearing the news- he took a deep breath and opened the letter, speedily reading it.

“This is a chance for our hidden house! I didn’t expect that this would take place again- I had only participated once when I was younger, at that time you weren’t even born yet. After that, I was accepted as an outer disciple for the Ice Palace- I spent five years there, and learnt a great deal!”

Xiaochen naturally knew of his father’s experience when he was younger- he also knew just what this Ice Palace Test entailed!

The test was something sent by one of the ancient sects, the Ice Palace- it was for younger practitioners to take part in. After the end of the test, the people that landed in the first few ranks would have the chance to become an outer disciple of the Ice Palace Sect- from then on, they had unlimited potential!

Even if they would just be outer disciples, it was more than enough! Outer disciples were disciples in name- they could practice in the Ice Palace, but they wouldn’t have any direct mentors teaching them. They would receive a certain amount of elixirs, but also needed to take on daily tasks and chores like getting firewood and getting water, along with tidying duties and patrolling the mountains, and cooking.

The people inside the Ice Palace would also teach these outer disciples from time to time. These outer disciples, however, only had a staying period of five years- after that, everyone had to leave except for the most exceptional of students who could go on to become inner disciples.

But even if it was only five years, the Ice Palace’s qi was not a place that could be compared to. Back then, the Old Elder Yu Tengfei spent five years there and went from Golden class late phase peak to Mystic late phase peak!!

This wasn’t the largest improvement, but it was definitely at the top – there had been people breaking through into Earth class, after all!

Of course, if the old Elder were to find out how much time it took for Lingshan to get from Golden class early phase peak to Mystic early phase, he would probably blow a fuse.

“Yes, father- I came to you immediately upon receiving this letter!”

“The prerequisites for entering this test has raised a little- but we, as House Yu, pass those requirements anyway. It used to be Golden class mid phase, but now it’s Mystic early phase. The price as well, was raised to one hundred million,” The Old Elder said, “That’s not a bother for us, though.”

“Yes, but they also mentioned that there will be two types of rewards- which one do we pick?” Xiaochen nodded.

The first one was the one that they had just talked about- they could become an outer disciple of the Ice Palace and practice there for five years, receiving elixirs and lectures from there. However, what one got out of that experience relied on their own initiative and talent.

The second type of reward was the right to exchange a treasure with the Ice Palace! In simple terms, if you wanted something that the Ice Palace had, you could use a similarly valued item to trade for it- money could be used as well!

But couldn't one just make the trade directly? Why did they have to pay one hundred million and pass some test for that right, wasn't that too much? Yes, indeed it was!

But the thing was, although one may have a kind of treasure in their hands, it that thing wasn't helping him or his family at the current time- all that person had was a treasure. It wasn't as easy as to just exchange it for something of similar value! With the same logic, if one had money, one couldn't just go up to the Ice Palace to buy treasure! This was how strong the Ice Palace was- if anyone wanted to trade with them, they had to follow their rules.

Of course, one shouldn't look down on this right to trade- every winner who didn't choose the five year stay period could keep this one-time trading right until they decide on something that they want- they would then be able to make the trade then!

But also, this treasure would have to be something the Ice Palace was willing to trade out- if it was something they themselves wanted to keep, it naturally, wouldn't happen.

“Naturally, the first one. The second one is usually for those families who really need something- otherwise nobody would normally choose it!” The Old Elder said, “It seems that everyone going to the test will ask for the first reward anyway.”

“That's true- if it wasn't for something one really needed, who would spend one hundred million for this right- especially when it didn't guarantee a trade in the first place?” Xiaochen nodded, “So father, who will you send to participate in this test?”

“Yu Bing and Yu Shan,” The Elder said, “We're sending two this time, so let them both go.”

“Yu Bing as well?” Yu Xiaochen paused- he naturally agreed with sending Yu Shan to the palace test since he was the son of his second brother, and was exceptionally talented as well. However, there would always be some infighting between family members. Yu Shan may be exceptional, but that also meant that he was aiming the next heir for House Yu!

But Xiaochen was thinking selfishly here- he still wanted his son Yu Bing to become the next heir!

“I know what you mean, but I've said it already- the most exceptional heir for House Yu is Yu Ning and...” The Elder went silent as he looked around, “I'll leave it at that for now- we can't have our enemies realizing this about our next generation in the hidden house. Otherwise, our rapid climbing of the ranks will threaten those in the ancient sects! House Yu having two Sky class practitioners is already two much of a threat- if two geniuses were to appear again, this might result in trouble coming our way!!”

Chapter 1454: Ice Palace Test (Part Two)

“Yes, father, I understand!” Xiaochen nodded, “Nobody is aware of our secret, not even that old thing... But, I am concerned that the ancient sects are getting suspicious. The thing that happened nineteen years ago is proof of that, they’re aware of something...”

“No need to worry about that- without an heir ceremony- even with the talent Yu Ning shows- nobody would suspect anything,” The Old Elder said with a wave of his hand as he spoke dully, “All you need to do is accept this glory! Once our House Yu has four Sky class practitioners- five, if you succeed as well, we will be the strongest existence, even among the ancient sects! At that point, we won’t just be a hidden house any longer, we would also be an ancient sect!”

With that thought, Old Yu couldn’t help but laugh loudly- he had been waiting for this day for such a long time, a long time indeed! House Yu’s day of full glory was closing in!

“Yes, father, I understand!” Xiaochen nodded solemnly.

“Yu Bingtian has good talent, but for him to break through into Sky class requires a certain amount of chance, just like for you and me. But, for Ning and her... It wasn’t a problem. The people who can break through into Sky class will be the core of House Yu, and the power will be controlled by those Sky class masters. The family matters though, could be left to Yu Bing to manage,” Old Yu said, “Right, how’s the thing with the qi gathering pill?”

“Father, it was a failure...” Xiaochen’s eyes flashed with disappointment as he spoke helplessly.

“So be it- we’ll try again when we get the chance,” Old Yu said, “Don’t put too much value on these types of things- it might affect your mood when you are practicing!”

“Yes, father!” Xiaochen nodded.

“One more thing, you should know that the test will have its dangers- Yu Bing and Yu Shan could lose their lives there!” Old Yu sighed, remembering what had happened to him back then, “Everybody, for the sake of the final points, would take things too far even when it came to friends or teammates. Many despicable things happen there. Everyone knows how rare this chance is, so... You need to be prepared mentally.”

“Ah!” Xiaochen’s face darkened- he only knew that there were great rewards to be had in this test, but he didn’t know about the dangers! “So this means that, Yu Bing might be in danger if he went? Then...”

“Xiaochen, you’re not mentally stable enough- as a head of the house, what you should see are the future prospects of the house. There shouldn’t be bias or anything like that in the mind of a head! Yu Bing is my grandson, and Yu Shan as well- so are the girls my granddaughters!” Old Yu said, “In your eyes, however, you only see Yu Bing and not Yu Shan!”

“Please forgive me, father!” Xiaochen’s heart tightened, only then realizing the taboo that he had just committed! In order to advance their house, the head of the house shouldn’t be thinking about these things- he only needed to make sure that the house would take the path to glory! Once the head of the house let their private emotions get to their head, the house would be in danger!

“Yu Bing and Yu Shan are both talented, and this test- if they were to pass successfully- would allow the Ice Palace to help them greatly in their practicing! If they don’t pass, they only have their own strength to blame. If they can’t even manage to survive against those other practitioners in the test, how could they have the right to manage the entire House Yu in the first place!” Old Yu was quite open minded about this, “For the sake of our house, the people suited for this must go!”

“Yes, father, I understand!” Xiaochen nodded seriously, “Yu Bing and Yu Shan.... Everything will be as you said!”

At the same time, the people who received the invitation for the test went well beyond just House Yu- there was the hidden House Zhao and the hidden House Pi, for example, as well as some other sects and groups. Anyone with the right qualifications would be invited.

Other than the nine common noble houses, of course, every other power had already received the invitation! It wasn’t that the Ice Palace was excluding these common houses, it was simply because the other common houses had no young Mystic masters, other than House Yu’s young Mystic masters! But the Ice Palace didn’t need to send an invitation to the common House Yu because if the hidden House Yu wanted the common House Yu to participate, they could order it themselves.

“Qiqi, this Ice Palace test will have to be passed by your own strength- you can’t always complete missions under my protection,” An elderly man said solemnly to a girl in front of him, “The Ice Palace test doesn’t allow outsiders to follow in- it would be meaningless otherwise!”

“Don’t worry, Grandpa Mubei- I’ll be careful. I’ll get the rights for the treasure exchange!” Yang Qiqi grabbed her fist in respect and nodded solemnly.

“You may be a Mystic class early phase physical practitioner, but you are far too inexperienced. Physical practitioners all lack battle experience, this is the fatal part of being a physical practitioner! You’re also a specialist in qinggong, and not offense... I really am worried here...” Mubei sighed, but here was nothing he could do. This was a very rare chance for them, after all, and who knew when the next one would be if they didn’t participate now?

“It’s fine- I’m good at qinggong, I can just run if I can’t win, right?” Qiqi smiled, “When I get enough points, I’ll just hide somewhere safe.”

“That would work, I suppose...” Mubei nodded, “Remember, when fighting the enemy, escape if your ambush fails. Don’t ever get into a battle! You might not even win against a Golden class in a direct confrontation, let alone a Mystic!”

“I understand!” Qiqi may have verbally agreed, but she didn’t completely accept her grandfather’s comment. How come she couldn’t even fight against Golden class fighters even as a Mystic? She wasn’t that useless!

The hidden House Zhao had received their invitation as well.

The head of the House Zhao, Guangyin, was pacing back and forth in front of his father’s isolation chamber- it was even making Elder Bi dizzy!

“Head of the house, the old head can’t just leave all of a sudden- perhaps you should just be the one to make this decision. The Sky Palace test may be important, but it isn’t as important as the old head breaking through into Sky class,” Elder Bi said helplessly as he looked at the frowning Guangyin.

“Elder Bi, what is your opinion of this?” Guangyin couldn’t make the decision- he decided to ask Elder Bi instead.

Elder Bi was right- the test was important, but just not as much compared to what his father was doing in there. However, he couldn’t really make the decision on his own- the only person he could discuss this with was Elder Bi.

“Head of the house, this Ice Palace test is something we must participate in- other people will all be sending their men for sure, and we must do the same!” Elder Bi nodded, “This, we don’t need to ask the old head- it’s a decision we can make ourselves.

Chapter 1455: Ice Palace Test (Part Three)

“But, who do we send- that’s the question,” Guangyin couldn’t make up his mind on the matter.

As of now, the stronger ones of the young generation had only one guy who broke through into Mystic- his third brother’s son, Zhao Qitan. His child with Yu Xiaojin was still young and only Golden class, not even close to Mystic yet. Zhao Qibing, naturally, wasn’t even a candidate. If they were to send someone, it would have to be Qitan, or some outer disciple of House Zhao that didn’t share the surname. There were quite a few of those that met the requirements.

“At first, if this Ice Palace test were to happen a few years later, I would have let Qibing go try out- but since it’s now, we have to send Qitan,” Elder Bi said, “The outer disciples aren’t part of the core House Zhao, and we would still need to think about where their loyalties lied too.”

“But... Letting Qitan go- what if...” Guangyin was worried about his two sons- if Qitan were to get lucky and break through into Earth class because of this test, then he would be the next heir of House Zhao for sure. This wasn’t something that he wanted to see! But if they didn’t send him, and sent some outer disciples instead, he couldn’t be confident in their loyalty! They were still young, and loyalty was an issue indeed- what if they became strong and didn’t want to come back to House Zhao anymore?

They were in a dilemma.

“Head of the house, this is a chance for us House Zhao- we cant let it go. The only person suitable for the test now is Qitan, and the old head would likely make the same decision as well if he weren’t in isolation,” Elder Bi said, “These few years, I’ll try my best to teach Qibing, and turn him into an Earth class practitioner with everything I have- but if Qitan also becomes an Earth class practitioner too, then we’ll have to let things be. After all, the future of House Zhao must be in the most capable hands.”

“Looks like we have no choice!” Guangyin sighed. He didn’t want to go with this route, but there was no other way, “We’ll let Qitan go then, and also send one of the more loyal Mystics with him.”

Every house and group could send two people, and while Guangyin didn’t want Qitan to be too successful, he didn’t want him to die! After all, he had potential and talent, and this was important to

House Zhao's future. Having a helper with him there would also increase his odds, so even if they didn't pass, they would at least be able to stay alive.

As for the hidden House Pi, they sent Pi Zhishan and Pi Zihai, the two brothers, without question. The brothers of House Pi didn't have any conflict since Zhishan wanted to become head and Zihai had no interest- he was only obsessed with practicing and practicing only.

The two brothers had a good relationship too, so House Pi decided on sending them together- they had a good chance for winning!

House Chu's villa.

Lin Yi was saying goodbye to Kang Xiaobo, Xiao Fen, and Fatty Lai- after he finished, he would embark on his journey to the north. He'd prepared quite a bit, spending two days packing for when he set out.

"Lin Yi boss, are you not saying goodbye to Sun Yingyi?" Chentian had spent a few days in isolated practicing, and now had finally broken through into Mystic early phase- he could come out now.

But even Chentian wasn't allowed by Lin Yi to spread news of his increased strength, even to the members of his house. This was because Lin Yi didn't want to risk the chance for House Yu to make preparations in anticipation their imminent attack- if Wu Chentian's breakthrough were to be known by House Yu, they would become much more aware and think up stuff they weren't supposed to.

After all, the man had just gotten severely injured by Uncle Chu a while ago- and this had been no secret, too. The news had spread to all the noble houses, and the old man Wu was crying every day. Chentian was the hope of House Wu after all, and Wu Gonggao had placed strong hopes on him- who would have thought that he would get crippled like this?

But he couldn't even go have his revenge after knowing what happened to Chentian- it was the Hidden House Zhao they were dealing with, it would be suicide for House Wu if they were to go to them for revenge!

After Chentian's injury, there had been no news of him, and Chentian had even cut his phone off completely without contacting Gonggao. He didn't want the news to hurt Gonggao, but what he didn't expect was that the news had already spread!

But of course, it wasn't like he expected the Xiao brothers who had beef with him to keep it a secret!

Gonggao only felt that his grandson was a fool- fighting for Lin Yi's woman, and now he was heavily injured! Great, he now had a big boss for nothing, a boss who was gone! If it weren't for the fact that Gonggao had to prepare for the noble house meeting, he would even gone to Songshan to look for him!

Of course, the happiest one in House Wu was none other than Wu Chendi. After Chentian became crippled, he was completely useless, meaning that the chance to climb up the ranks was all his! He had wanted this heirship for such a long time, and the time had finally arrived!

In his eyes, even though Chentian wasn't dead, he would definitely be knocked out of the running after coming back. He was no longer a threat!

“Grandpa, please move on- the noble house meeting is upon us and we need to prepare for that- let’s talk about it after the meeting’s over!” Chentian said, consoling Gonggao, “There’s still me, right? I’ll train hard and avenge my big brother!”

Gonggao nodded his head- he may not like Chendi, but he had no choice except to put his resources on him now. However, secretly he still hadn’t given up all hope. They might even be able to heal Chentian if his injuries weren’t too much. After all, physical practitioners didn’t really need their meridians that much, and as long as Chentian had his arms, he could continue his iron fist practicing!

But Chendi was right- the most important thing now was the noble house meeting- they had to maintain their spot, or House Wu would really be over! Fortunately, Gonggao was Mystic mid class now, and with their marriage alliance with House Liu, it shouldn’t be too much of a problem.

Back in the villa, Lin Yi suddenly remembered Jingyi after what Chentian mentioned her- in fact, he hadn’t thought of her in a long time, especially since he hadn’t really spent much time with her. After all, he was only acting as her Shield Bro because of Chentian for most of the time. After Chentian gave up on Jingyi, Lin Yi had no reason to be associated with her anymore.

After saying goodbye to most of the people he knew, he felt that he should at least give her some heads up. While they weren’t actually a couple or anything, they were technically a half-couple, right? Though Lin Yi hadn’t benefited from this title even once.

Chapter 1456: Wrong Person

At that thought, Lin Yi dialled up Jingyi directly.

A while ago, when Chentian had stopped harassing Jingyi, she remembered feeling rather happy about it- it was just that after a while, she realized that she hadn’t heard of Lin Yi for a long time.

It wasn’t that she liked him or anything, but she did find him really special- it was interesting spending time with him, and thought that it would have been nice if they were proper friends.

But not that Chentian was leaving her alone, she didn’t really have an excuse to go looking for him- and only then did she realize how boring life was!

Before Chentian started bothering her, and before she met Lin Yi, Jingyi didn’t think much of anything other than busying herself with company work. Life was fulfilling.

But now, thinking of the things she had done with Lin Yi, Jingyi felt that she wanted a more thrilling life!

Jingyi was someone with many sides – she seemed like the serious type, a businesswoman who was strong- she had that type of image, but in her bones she was really quite rebellious and crazy as well!

Stealing camera recordings with Lin Yi, messing with Chentian together- Jingyi felt a different, special type of thrill from it!

Naturally, when everyone heard that Chentian was now Lin Yi and Er Goudan’s follower, Jingyi did not- she was from House Sun, but she wasn’t involved in the information network there. She had been cut

off from her family for a while now after all the drama, and it was only a while back that she had met her brother, Sun Yikai.

So when her phone rang, she just assumed it was something from her company- she picked it up casually, "Hello, this is Sun Jingyi.

"Jingyi, this is the Great Thief of Jiangyang," Lin Yi was about to look for the fruit now, and remembering the time Jingyi first called him, he couldn't help but make a joke.

"Great thief? You've got the wrong number... I don't know someone called the Great Thief...?" Jingyi paused, thinking that the guy had called the wrong number- though, did he just call her Jingyi? That meant that he knew her, and this voice was quite familiar, too...

Jingyi realized in the next moment, "Lin Yi?"

"Yeah, it's me," Lin Yi smiled, "It's been a while- how are you?"

"I'm alright... The same old, busy here and there..." Jingyi didn't know why, but she was especially happy after hearing his voice, "You? How are you recently, did you forget all about this half lover of yours? You never even asked me out."

"Ha..." Lin Yi smiled, "That was fake, remember? How am I supposed to ask you out? It'd make more sense for us to get physical or something."

"Idiot!" Jingyi blushed, "How come this is the only thing you think about? You already have two girlfriends, don't drag me in with them."

"Yeah, two girlfriends..." Remembering the time he spent with Jingyi and Xiaoxiao, Lin Yi felt reminiscent all of a sudden, "But Xiaoxiao... She's in a coma."

"What? A coma? What happened?" Jingyi froze right away- she had a good impression of this girl, after all, and they had worked together to mess with Chentian that one time- she really didn't expect this out of nowhere. Of course, she would be worried!

"Xiaoxiao..." Lin Yi told Jingyi about Xiaoxiao's situation, along with how they met each other, and how they got together. It wasn't some secret or anything, so it was fine.

"Ah- this much stuff happened between you and Xiaoxiao?" Jingyi was completely stunned- never would she have thought that crazy little girl who messed with everyone would have such a deadly sickness and had one foot in the coffin! She never showed anything when they were together!

"Yeah, so... This time, I'm going far away for her, too- to find her this medicine," Lin Yi said, "It's going to be a while, so if you get into any trouble, find Wu Chentian."

"???" Jingyi didn't know where this was coming from, "Me, Wu Chentian? I'm trying my best to hide from him, why would I go to him? Are you joking again?"

"Chentian didn't go bother you these days, right? He's my follower now, and he says you're his sister-in-law- naturally he would leave you alone," Lin Yi smiled.

“Ha? He’s your follower now?” Jingyi couldn’t wrap her head around this- Chentian was such a proud man, how would he put himself in that position? Although, it was true that Lin Yi was a mysterious and powerful man at times, but still.. making him his boss?

“Do you want to talk to him for a bit? He’s right beside me,” Lin Yi offered upon hearing hershock.

“Then... pass him the phone then?” Jingyi really did doubt the authenticity of when Lin Yi was saying – was Lin Yi really that strong as to make the heir of House Wu his follower? It really was a bit much.

“Here,” Lin Yi passed the phone to the lively Chentian.

“Jingyi sister-in-law, it’s me! I’m sorry, I really crossed the line when I kept bugging you!” Chentian had wanted to apologize to her since a long time ago, but never had the chance. Especially since he had just bounced back from his injuries and became a Mystic early phase- he had been worshipping Lin Yi the whole time. In his eyes, Lin Yi boss really was an all-powerful man! There was no way he would disrespect a woman of his.

“Wu Chentian, are you sick?” Jingyi’s face reddened after getting called sister-in-law, “What the hell are you calling me?”

“Sick? I’m not sick... Ah, no, I am sick, I got beaten up, and now I can’t even get out of bed...” Chentian remembered that Lin Yi told him to keep his condition a secret- he couldn’t let anyone know he was healed.

“What are you talking about?” Jingyi couldn’t follow this insanity.

“Alright, let me explain,” Lin Yi took over the phone helplessly, “Chentian has just recovered from a serious injury, don’t tell anyone. He’s now a physical-spiritual practitioner, Mystic class- if you get into trouble after I’m gone, call him to help you out!”

“Injured? Since when?” Jingyi paused, “He’s really a Mystic physical-spiritual practitioner? Seriously?”

Jingyi pinched her leg- was she dreaming or something? Why did this feel so ridiculous?

“You didn’t know about this?” Lin Yi paused. This girl was supposed to be from House Sun, wasn’t she? The fact that Chentian got injured was something all the houses knew, “Did House Sun not tell you?”

Chapter 1457: Lin Yi’s Goodbye

“I’m in an argument with my family right now, you know that too, don’t you? We’re not really talking with each other,” Jingyi shook her head, “Just what is going on?”

Lin Yi told her all about what happened between Chentian and him- and Jingyi only then did understand everything. Even so, she was nothing less than shocked, “You’re saying that Wu Chentian became crippled, and you used some special arts to heal him and turn him into a Mystic class spiritual-physical practitioner?”

Jingyi didn't know what to say anymore- was she supposed to be shocked or jealous? Mystic class? Physical-spiritual practitioner, too, on top of that- this was one of the strongest power levels among the common houses' elders, let alone the younger generation!

"Basically, that's what happened," Lin Yi said, "But don't let anyone else know about this- not even your own family. We don't want too many people aware of this."

"I wouldn't bother telling them," Jingyi naturally wouldn't go out of her way to tell her family about this, "But why are you this powerful? Lin Yi, just what are you? You're not just some Great Thief, are you?"

"Great Thieves are really powerful, it's just that you didn't know that," Lin Yi smiled.

"Then... Then can you raise my strength too?" Jingyi couldn't help but ask- who could resist a temptation like this?

"What strength class are you now?" Lin Yi asked after a pause.

"The first stage... I don't know what class or phase that is?" Jingyi couldn't give a proper answer, either- she realized then that her strength level was ranked differently from other people's.

"That's... Your house's practitioner's arts is a bit too weird, but if you want to try it out, you can wait for me to come back. If something bad happens though don't blame me, I have no experience in doing anything to practitioner's arts like yours before..." Lin Yi said, thinking that he didn't have much confidence when it came to this. Their arts were a bit unique, after all.

"Then I guess we'll wait for you to come back..." Jingyi said, a little disappointed.

After finishing his talk with Jingyi, Lin Yi got ready to depart.

Giving a call to Old Lin, he made sure Goudan and Yuyuan were safe and settled before putting down the last of his worries.

"If Er Goudan was fine, letting him go with you would be a good choice- but it seems that he'll need some time to heal for now," Old Lin said, "He can't be too far away from the fountain, after all, so it's quite a bit of a limitation for Er Goudan."

"That's right!" Lin Yi sighed, "Unless he's able to find some kind of medicine to break through into Sky class and let his Sky class energy deal with the poison in his body- that's pretty much the only way."

Lin Yi and Old Lin had been doing research on this matter regarding Er Goudan before, to no avail.

There were only two ways to make Goudan return to normal- the first was to find a type of elixir and give it to Old Lin to refine it into a different type of poison that would balance the already existing poison inside his body. Then Goudan wouldn't need the fountain water after that.

The second way was for him to break into Sky class, and use the qi energy from being Sky class to replace the fountain water's properties. This breakthrough, however, would have to be completed in one go- otherwise, the time he spent as Golden class, Mystic, or Earth would be useless- the poison would instantly suck out all his qi and drop Goudan's strength level. Not only would he fail in removing the poison, it would all just be a waste of time, and he would still have to drink from the fountain.

In the present situation, both these two methods would not work. That elixir was said to have disappeared, and there were no replacements. Sky class, on the other hand, was an even more unlikely dream for Er Goudan. Even Lin Yi was yet to be Sky class, so how could Goudan get there in one go?

“But now, there’s some hope- since you’re able to continuously make people become the same strength level as you, then you could do that to Goudan in one go as well, strengthening him to Sky class. There wouldn’t be this limitation if that were to happen,” Old Lin naturally knew all about what Lin Yi could do- there was nothing Lin Yi hid from him after all.

“In theory it would work, but I wonder if it would actually happen. After all, I’ve only tried Golden class to Mystic for now- who knows if Mystic to Earth even worked?” Lin Yi said, worried.

“We’ll have to see what happens then. After all, as your strength increases, the harder it will get to break through,” Old Lin said.

After saying goodbye to Tang Yun, the Miss, and Shu, the mood felt a bit down. Everyone looked happy, but remembering that it would take at least a few months before Lin Yi came back made them less optimistic.

“Alright, cheer up- I’m going to look for a way to save Xiaoxiao, it’s not like I’m leaving for good,” Lin Yi smiled to Tang Yun, “Come give me a goodbye kiss.”

“Jerk...” Tang Yun blushed and fidgeted- if she were alone with him, she would have done it after some pushing, but with the Miss and Shu here...

The three had passed their time of fighting and jealousy already, after all. They all knew about each other and there was no reason for those things at this point.

“Oh, I want it too, I want it! Come, Shield Bro, give me a kiss too!” Yushu raised her head bravely and stepped forward.

“Shu, what are you saying?” Mengyao was irritated and amused at the same time- this was a guy and his girl saying goodbye to each other, so what the hell was this Yushu doing, jumping into the mood like that?

Even Tang Yun couldn’t help but give out a snicker, “You should kiss Shu, then.”

Tang Yun no longer harbored any hate for Yushu the way she did before- they had already spent a lot of time together and she had gotten used to it. She had even accepted Xiaoxiao, so she didn’t really mind another Yushu. After all, she knew that there wasn’t anything between Lin Yi and her in the first place.

The two did have a bit of flirtatiousness going on between them, but they were definitely nowhere close to boyfriend and girlfriend. Mengyao, on the other hand, still hadn’t made up her mind, so Tang Yun couldn’t really bother thinking about that yet.

But, Yushu did butt in at the correct time- the atmosphere became all positive again.

“Ha... I’ll be going then, you guys work hard and study, get into a good college,” Lin Yi smiled.

Pengzhan would have obviously taken care of it anyway, but getting into college by your own skills gave a different feeling altogether.

Lin Yi drove the big jeep Feng Tianlong prepared for him- it had been altered and could fit an ice container. It was a bit of a troublesome process, but Tianlong considered that before and used a licence plate from the special forces department, as well as went through all the legal paperwork for the car. Lin Yi shouldn't have any trouble getting to his destination.

After checking the car, Lin Yi got in and left- it was night-time when he drove away, so other than the Tang Yun who moved over to live with the girls, Lin Yi didn't let anyone else say their final goodbyes.

Chapter 1458: Departure

After getting in the car, Lin Yi slowly disappeared from the gazes of the three girls, gone as he faded into the night.

"Well, let's go back then?" Mengyao sighed slightly as she turned to Tang Yun and Yushu.

"Okay..." Tang Yun nodded- she needed to study hard too, she couldn't let the Miss and Yushu look down on her!

Chentian, for the time being, would live in the Chu villa as a substitute bodyguard. He followed the rules, and didn't speak at all- only taking a portion of his food from Uncle Fu's delivery back inside his room to eat. He didn't spend any time getting involved with the girls.

But on the night Lin Yi left, another robbery happened in a bank- the primary suspect was seen driving a land rover without a licence plate, his face concealed. Though, it didn't seem like he cared about the security cameras recording his movements. It was as if he didn't care if the police knew his height or anything of the like.

Otherwise, this guy didn't seem like he needed much effort to destroy the cameras, judging by his abilities. Looking at him, he only needed to throw a stone or coin to do just that.

However, this time the robber chose banks that were twenty-four hours- which was in contrast to before, when he operated only in the daytime.

Lingshan really was going crazy- just what the hell was this guy? She had already went through all the registered practitioners, and couldn't find a single match...

"Captain Song, the target is a cunning one- there is nothing predictable about his robbery routine- there's no pattern at all!" Liu Wangli said with a frown.

This was also what Lingshan was having a headache about- the robber would rob this bank today, and go to another place the next day- he would also just stop robbing anything altogether for a couple of days and then the next time, go to a jewelry shop after pulling off a perfect bank robbery- no one knew what he was planning or where he was going!

Lingshan had no other choice- after asking Yang Huaijun, they had to send a large force of police operatives to patrol all the places with banks. At this time, it was fine for a while as no robberies happened after that...

But just when Lingshan relaxed a little, the robber robbed more than ten luxury hotels in one night, taking away a big amount of cash!

And the man just had to be extremely agile too, with an unbelievable amount of speed. It was as if right after finding out where all the places the hotels stored their cash, the man would just barge in afterwards without even a single word, and start shooting immediately, using violence to force open all the cashiers and containers. Anyone who tried to stop him would get punched or kicked away, resulting in severe injuries.

And now, even if something like that happened again, none of the staff would dare interfere- all of them knew just what he was capable of, to the point where he could send people flying about with mere punches. No one wanted to resist.

There was nothing Lingshan could do- she could only call for a mass arrival of policemen from a neighboring city and station them in patrol units around hotels, malls, jewelry shops, and luxury establishments- places where there would be a lot of currency moving about.

Evidently, the robber was aware of what the police were doing in response and started using a different method after the police force was assigned. He started outright robbing vehicles that were transporting money!

And so, many of those vehicles were robbed, with the same technique- a violent stopping of the car from in front, one punch to knock the driver unconscious, and then pure robbery after getting on the car. The armed guards weren't even able to react before their guns were twisted into metal pieces!

There was nothing that could be done to a man of violence like this.

Meanwhile, Jianwen was having the time of his life as he looked at his accumulating wealth.

"Not bad, not bad! With this we're earning so much money at a fast speed, look at all this cash we got in such a small amount of time!" Jianwen smiled to Scorpion, "The Firewolves' North boss even called me personally to praise me, saying that he'll promote me to counsellor of the Firewolves. I'll be able to directly use The Firewolves' members!"

"Congratulations, Master Wen! Congratulations!" Scorpion said, "But, now that the police had increased their patrol radius, there's not a lot of places we can continue doing this. Plus, O1 will be exposed soon- we didn't make it look too intentional, but his identity will soon become suspicious."

"It's alright- we've already earned this much, we've completely covered the costs! O1's purpose was just so that the cops could find him in the first place- otherwise, how am I supposed to frame Lin Yi?"

Jianwen waved his hand nonchalantly, "There's plenty of these strong experimental soldiers like O1, the professor can make plenty of them. If O1 gets exposed, we'll send someone else from there again!"

"But we don't have anywhere to rob right now," Scorpion replied, "If O1 goes to make a robbery again, the police will be there- he may be strong, but he's just equal to a Golden class physical practitioner- Song Lingshan of the police force, herself, is one!"

"I know that, of course- there's no need to do any robberies now, just pause the plan!" Jianwen said, with not a care in the world, "We've got enough money already- even if I don't do anything and play for a year, the Firewolves wouldn't say anything of me."

“You’re right!” The Firewolves did not have anybody else that could pull in as much money as An Jianwen did- Scorpion also heard of his other feats, the kidney operation and the underground arena, for example. They were both very lucrative businesses!

“Now, 01 doesn’t need to do anything anymore- let him rest for a bit before sending him to mug a passerby. Do something more evil!” Jianwen said, “Our next step is to completely ruin Lin Yi’s name, and make him out to be the evilest person there is!”

“Yes, we’ll let 01 rest first and then formulate our plan,” Scorpion nodded.

Lin Yi had been gone for three days already, and for most of the time he had spent it on the highway, travelling to the Northern ice lands.

Lin Yi was a practitioner, so he didn’t need to rest- he could easily spend twenty four hours on the road without pause- except for the times he stopped to check on Xiaoxiao’s condition.

The temperature of the ice container stayed normal during the whole trip- it seemed like Tianlong had quite some good tech.

The further north he travelled, the less people there were- the roads also started becoming more twisted and curved. Fortunately, Lin Yi’s car was a jeep, so it was no problem for him.

But if it weren’t for the clear coordinates that Liju put in his notes, Lin Yi would have even thought that he was going the wrong way.

But from what he could see, the position wasn’t wrong- the ancient maps may have some differences from the modern ones, but it was normal for there to be no people here.

Though, the weather was getting colder and colder.

Chapter 1459: No More Roads

“Little brat, you still don’t feel anything?” Lin Yi looked at Skybolt pig sitting in the co-drivers seat.

“Oink...” The pig shook his head lazily.

“What a useless ability you have; why do I keep you around?” Lin Yi couldn’t help but be amused- this guy was just sitting with no reaction to anything. Were they headed to the fruit or not?

“Oink, oink!!!” The pig didn’t seem to be pleased.

Without much of a choice, Lin Yi continued moving onward following the marker on the GPS- there wasn’t any route-finding here. Since it was just a white area on the computer, Lin Yi could only follow that one coordinate marker he placed earlier.

He wasn’t sure if there were any roads in front, so Lin Yi had to constantly stop after realizing the road was a dead-end before turning back to find another road.

As he turned back, he still needed to go to nearby towns to get more oil- there was a gas backup in the car, but Lin Yi was worried there wouldn't be any more stations further up, so he might as well get some now.

There weren't many residents in the towns, and they didn't have many visitors, either. They didn't question Lin Yi's odd behavior. Though it did surprise Lin Yi how odd their behavior was. Why were they acting like it was the most normal thing in the world for a stranger like him to just come into their town like this?

But, every time Lin Yi's road was met with failure- he had to turn back again and again until he was forced to stay at one of the towns' inn. There, he went through the routes he had taken in the past days and thought out a general map.

What was the most tragic was the fact that they had almost gone through all the routes on the map- there was no other route that moved onward.

Just when Lin Yi was getting ready to try another small path, the sky suddenly became covered in snow- snow flying everywhere, to the point where the world was enclosed in white fog. The visibility was terribly poor.

The visual barrier was a problem even for Lin Yi- even the jade space couldn't help him sensing his environment. The world was still white.

Lin Yi could only find another inn and settle down as he went through his options.

What troubled him was when he asked the boss of the inn regarding the snow here- the answer he gave was that this blizzard might last anywhere from three days to one month. This was something common in the Northern lands.

The car was parked under Lin Yi's room, and Lin Yi didn't need to sleep, so he could sense any possible danger as he was practicing. Though he didn't need to worry about anyone.

"Damn pig, can you find the fruit or not?" Lin Yi was getting frustrated- he'd spent so much time on all the far roads, and the location marker that seemed so close was always unreachable. It was irritating.

"Oink..." The pig said sulkenly.

Lin Yi sighed. The landscape wasn't the same as back in ancient times. These changes were to be expected.

Lin Yi even thought that if he couldn't find a plan, he might have to ask Tianlong to send a helicopter- but he didn't want to attract too much attention, either. The fruit clearly was something good, so if the hidden houses or something knew about it, they might come and try to take their share.

The natural weather wasn't something Lin Yi could change- the only thing he could do was wait patiently. Fortunately, he was a patient man- and after the first day's temporary worth of frustration, his heart calmed down.

He took out the refiner's personal notes of Zhang Liju and flipped through them.

At first, he felt that refining medicine was an easy task- but after looking through the notes, he realized just how much of a frog in the well he had been. The things he had experience with before weren't even real refined elixirs. In ancient times, someone of Lin Yi's level- a powerful doctor- was called a medicine maker in the words of an elixir refiner. He'd be the lowest level of the refiner, not even enough to enter that world.

Naturally, medicine makers, while seemingly basic in the eyes of a refiner, were still powerful to normal people. They were more than enough to cure people, and what the refiner dealt with wasn't the masses. Instead, it was the practitioners!

The refiners could condense all the aspects of elixirs, and most of their craft had to do with practicing. For example, they could increase the chances of breaking through with things like qi gathering pill or soul gathering pill, as well as heal broken meridians with the meridian opening pill. In the eyes of the refiner, these were more common medicines!

Lin Yi never expected something as common as the qi gathering pill was already something people fought each other over for- was it that refiners were just too high up a dream, or was it that his own vision was limited since he'd only been preoccupied with the practitioners of the hidden houses?

A refiner was a big title- they had their own ranking titles as well, similar to practitioners.

The strength of a refiner was defined using Sky, Earth, Mystic, and Golden- at first, Lin Yi assumed that it was only something people used to differentiate how strong or how weak someone was from each other, but it seemed that it had already existed a long time before in the past. It was no recent invention.

But, while it was the same levels of Sky, Earth, Mystic, and Golden, it was slightly different from the reasoning they used for battle strength. Every stage had seven ranks- Golden class first, Golden class second, all the way to Golden class seventh!

Every rank had its corresponding elixirs and medicines that the refiner could refine, such as the qi gathering pill, which was a Golden class third level elixir! This refiner's personal notes only introduced some thoughts on the medicines and elixirs of Mystic first level, and that was it.

From the looks of it, Zhang Juli back only reached the first Mystic level as a refiner- and he never broke through after that.

From the looks of it, it was very hard to raise one's strength as a refiner. Juli also mentioned that anything after Mystic- Earth and Sky- was something of legends. He never found out if they even existed.

Was there someone who set these levels themselves intentionally, with no possibility of anyone actually reaching those stages- or did that exist, and it was just his own lack of ability and strength? Juli only made a simple guess.

And so, when talking about certain elixirs and medicines, they were referred to only with third level or fourth level, without mentioning the classes- it wouldn't be written as Golden class third level or Golden class fourth level, because nobody saw anything better than that!

Mystic third level and the fourth level was something Juli had never heard of before- he tried looking for people who had made medicines above the first Mystic level, to no avail! He had connections all over the world, and even he couldn't find it- it wasn't likely anyone could!

Chapter 1460: Personal Refiner's Notes

And so, all the medicines and elixirs above Mystic level one was known as Superior medicine—in the sense that it was superior to normal elixirs.

Of course, there were a couple of recipes for elixirs beyond Mystic level one, but from Zhang Liju's perspective, these were either bull or simply very hard to reach!

They were ingredients that were impossible to put together- even if they didn't destroy the refining furnace wouldn't happen in the first place. Liju himself had tried multiple times, having no other choice than to give up after explosion after explosion.

A practitioner trains either his qi or his physical body- they were, in essence, leveling those things up. The refiner, however, practiced the refinement fire. What they trained themselves to do was to gain more control and power over the fire- the refinement fire was also classified into five basic types. Metal, wood, earth, water, and fire. Fire was the basic of basics, and usually, all refiners would choose the fire element, as that was the one capable of creating the most elixirs. Only some special elixirs would require the use of other refinement fires.

Of course, one could choose to focus on two elements, though every person had limited focus and energy. Refinement fires were different, unlike how a practitioner could become a spiritual-physical practitioner. That was when each side supported the other, but with refinement fires, you had to start from scratch!

Even if one had trained the fire element of the refinement fire to Golden class level, doing it again for the water element would require you to start from nothing. As a result, other than those big shot refinement masters, one usually wouldn't go for a double element. It would just cause pain and suffering for no good reason.

Strengthening refinement fire was training targeted towards the degree of the fire, the size of it, and the purity of it. It was a completely different path from the physical-spiritual practitioner's!

In order to become a refiner, one had to fulfill the requirement of first being a practitioner- and a spiritual one, too. In other words, one had to be at least Golden class if one wanted to become a Golden class refiner, and anyone who wanted to become a Mystic refiner would have to be a Mystic practitioner, someone with a spiritual Mystic class practitioner's strength! However, that was only in theory- as could be seen from Liju's descriptions. Even a Sky class practitioner may not be able to become a Mystic first level refiner. In order to train the refinement fire, a colossal amount of qi was required for support.

Lin Yi didn't expect a refiner to be so complicated- no wonder just a Golden class third level qi gathering pill was able to rouse up such attention, let alone higher-tiered elixirs!

Still, Lin Yi didn't have much to do now anyway- the outside was pure white, and Lin Yi might as well stay in the inn to train his refinement skills.

In the notes, Liju recorded detailed refiner's chanting arts of all five elements of metal, wood, earth, water, and fire. All of them were similar, and the refiner's arts was quite simple as well, not as complicated as one might imagine. It was just using the practitioner's qi for conversion into the refinement fire's process, and it explained why Golden class practitioners were limited to becoming only Golden class refiners.

In truth, however, Golden class practitioners had limited qi to offer, and the practitioner's arts they learned wasn't completely compatible with the refiner's chant. This resulted in some misjudgments and complications, and it meant that a Golden class practitioner was unable to become a Golden class level, seven refiner. Even the third level was a challenge- they usually aimed for the first or second level.

Lin Yi was now a Mystic, and that was a much more preferable beginner's step. After all, he also had much, much stronger medical knowledge compared to others!

Refinement recipes were important to the refiner, but a refiner who only followed the recipes wouldn't have much success even if they were Mystic first level- this was because they didn't understand the properties of the medicine they were working with, and with the lack of one ingredient, they wouldn't be able to just recreate or adjust the recipe. Naturally, this put them at a severe disadvantage compared to the refiners who knew their stuff!

Liju, evidently, was one of the refiners who could change the recipes as he pleased!

According to the notes, Liju said that the qi gathering pill used to be a Superior elixir, but due to his adjustments and changes it became a third level elixir. It wasn't as powerful as before, with every person being able to consume one at most, with no effect afterward... But the costs of making it dropped tremendously, even if already-made Sky class masters wouldn't be able to use it!

The real ingredients that the original qi gathering pill required could only be described as shocking. Lin Yi went over the recipe, and realized that it went beyond that- it was simply dumb. Many of the ridiculous treasures that were mentioned in here were things Lin Yi never even heard of!

When he saw that, Lin Yi felt discouraged all of a sudden- he had a good understanding of many medicinal properties, but faced with this many items and ingredients he hadn't even heard before, there was no way he could make any changes of his own even if he wanted to!

It was simply because he didn't even know what these items were for, or what their properties were when it came to refining. Of course, he wouldn't be able to procure any replacements.

But no matter what, Liju's recipes would help Lin Yi out well enough for a while. After the changes Liju had made, most of the ingredients were common ones that could be bought at the markets, and even some of the rarest ones could be found in the medicine garden Old Lin had.

But the ingredients listed in the high-level elixir recipe was stuff like the Fire Spirit's Fruit- items Lin Yi hadn't even heard of before!

Before practicing, Lin Yi stuck to his habit of calling Old Lin for his opinions- it was like when he just started practicing the Art of Dragon Mastery.

Using the satellite phone, he waited a while before Old Lin's lazy voice sounded through. "Yi? What I was taking a nap. You found the fruit?"

Lin Yi was a bit speechless- this guy did care about Lin Yi more than anyone, but then this was also the guy who never tried to contact him whatsoever after he disappeared for so many days. Was he confident in him or something, or was he just lazy?

"Not yet, but I just got to a place near the North, a town called Frostsnow Town. According to the coordinates, the Northern land is just up from the town, but I couldn't find any path after going through all of the routes. I was about to start again when the snows came in, and the visibility's horrible- so I'll be staying in an inn until it passes." Lin Yi explained everything in one go.

"Frostsnow... Frostsnow Town..." Old Lin was repeating the name, not paying much heed to whatever Lin Yi was saying.