

Bodyguard 1491

Chapter 1491: Unfortunate House Pi Brothers

Time flew by, and it was now the hidden House Pi's Pi Zhishan and Pi Zhihai's turn. Pi Zhishan went up and registered, extending his hand for the inn owner to inspect him. He was the first physical practitioner- he wondered if the inn owner could tell.

"Mystic late phase peak," The inn owner was still able to tell what his strength was- in fact, it also didn't take any longer, "Go pay the fee!"

"Yes..." Zhishan handed his card to Elder Qing, but all the while, locking his eyes on Pi Zhihai, telling him to leave! Zhihai was an Earth class early phase, after all, and wouldn't pass the inspection!

Zhihai didn't stand up earlier because it was possible that this inn owner couldn't inspect the strength of a physical practitioner- and so they thought they would test it out first with Zhishan before letting Zhihai come up as well. If it failed, Zhihai had to leave immediately.

Receiving the signal, he stood up to leave, but the inn owner caught him, "Where are you going?"

"I... I'm giving up the test..." Zhihai jumped.

"Giving up? Why?" The inn owner said coldly.

"I... I don't feel too good..." Zhihai's heart started thumping intensely- he was from the hidden House Pi, and that was something that common houses looked up to. In the world of ancient sects, he wasn't able to do anything!

"Not comfortable? Come here!" The inn owner bellowed, "Did I tell you to leave?"

"I..." Zhihai didn't dare defy the orders- he knew he wouldn't be able to run away in the first place, this was an Earth class late phase peak! He was nothing in front of him! Plus, even if he could get away, they could trace him back to his family, and it wouldn't take much until they got to House Pi.

With hesitation, he turned back and walked toward the inn owner.

"Which house are you from?"

"Hidden house Pi..." Zhihai said honestly.

"Your hand!" The inn owner said.

"I... Yes..." Unwillingly but with no choice, Zhihai handed him his hand and the inn owner took it.

"Earth class early phase physical practitioner? Hmph. The hidden house Pi is disqualified from the test, and banned for ten years!" The inn owner said.

"Then... What about me?" Zhihai said, shocked.

"You're not from the hidden House Pi?" The inn owner asked.

"..." Zhishan looked defeated- he should've just made Zhihai leave at the start then! He had been thinking that they would be able to keep hiding since they had managed to do so in the inn, and then they'd be able to win at the end easily- but this inspection was so thorough!

"Physical practitioners are weaker than Spiritual practitioners by one level in the first place, so he's technically Mystic late phase peak, it should be fine right?" Zhishan made a last struggle.

"Are you deaf?" The inn owner scoffed, "Did I say Physical practitioners of Earth class could enter? Leave and stop causing your hidden house Pi trouble!"

"I... I understand..." There was nothing Zhishan could do- he sure was unlucky! It was not like he could defy someone from an ancient sect, "Then, the fee I paid..."

"The fees are not refundable," Qing gave the card back to Pi Zhishan.

"Wha?!" Zhishan didn't expect that he would even have to lose the hundred million along with getting banned and disqualified! But if the Ice Palace said they weren't giving it back, there was nothing he could do but leave with Zhihai...

"Ha..." It was Lin Yi behind Zhihai, and he was the first person to see that Zhishan's pained expression on his face. It was quite pleasing! After all, he knew exactly what the hidden House Pi was, and with a house as hostile as them, there was no reason Lin Yi wouldn't delight in their suffering.

Zhishan heard the laughter, and his eyes tensed into hatred as he glared at him, "It's you, the cripple? Good, Ling Yi, right? I'll remember you from now on, we'll meet again!"

Zhishan was fully pissed off, after all, and while he couldn't do anything to the Ice Palace, this guy with no background was here for him to use as a punching bag. He'd give it to him later.

"Do what you want," Lin Yi said faintly, "The next time we meet you can get a coffin ready."

"Hmph!" Zhishan smiled coldly, "We'll see!"

With people from the Ice Palace here, he naturally couldn't do anything to Lin Yi- so after that cold smile, he left with Zhihai, engraving Lin Yi's face into his mind.

The rage between him and House Pi couldn't be mediated in the first place- his follower Er Goudan had killed quite a number of them, and even without what happened today, the fight with House Pi would continue. There was no reason for any restraint.

"Enough! Come register!" The inn owner said as he looked at Lin Yi, his eyes solemn. He saw personally how Lin Yi got crippled, but the fact that Lin Yi hadn't left and still joined meant that he was the one that the inn owner felt breaking through upstairs earlier. It was this kid!

"Yes!" Lin Yi registered his strength, labelling himself as freelancer with the name Ling Yi. For his strength, he registered himself as Mystic late phase.

Seeing the information, the inn owner confirmed that this was the guy after all, and felt troubled and intrigued at the same time. How the hell did this kid do that? Naturally, this was a personal secret, and as strong as the Ice Palace was, they didn't have the right to be force out practitioner secrets of other people. It didn't fit with the rules.

“Your hand!” The inn owner was still looking forward to testing Lin Yi’s strength.

Lin Yi, on the other hand, wanted to use this chance to test the owner’s strength as well- he had the ability to hide his strength, after all, and since the energy within him was an almighty strength, it would stop converting into qi as long as Lin Yi stopped the conversion. So he wondered if this man would still be able to tell even if he didn’t activate his arts.

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With that thought, he gave him his hand with a smile.

The instant the owner took Lin Yi’s hand, his face turned into a state of surprise and confusion. From what he sensed, Lin Yi was someone without strength- no different from a normal person!

Could it be that he hadn’t recovered, and had lied when he filled the information in?

“Your strength...” He was just about to ask Lin Yi when he felt a sudden change- Lin Yi’s strength, starting from nothing, burned into Mystic mid phase peak instantly!

From the look on the owner’s expression, Lin Yi immediately knew that he was right- were he to not channel his arts, his strength would be hidden. Even someone like this inn owner was unable to determine what strength level he was!

Of course, this was just a small test- he wouldn’t cause this inn owner any more trouble. After all, he had something to ask of a favor from the sect so how was he supposed to get the fruit if he pissed any of these people off?

Plus, his background was confusing enough from the first place- he wanted to avoid as much trouble as he could.

But, in order to still test his ability of hiding his strength, he only allowed Mystic mid phase peak to show up to the inn owner- he wasn’t able to see his whole strength.

“Hm?” The inn owner was stunned once more, his eyes curious and in a little disbelief as he mumbled to himself, “Why is it mid phase peak?”

Lin Yi smiled, decided to stop hiding, and let loose his strength as Mystic late phase.

The inn owner looked at Lin Yi, but didn’t say anything else! Lin Yi was able to hide and suppress his strength beyond the inn owner’s inspection abilities. He was stunned, but he couldn’t ask about the practitioner’s arts of another person- this was a great taboo in the Wulin world, and the higher ups of this world treated those rules with great importance.

And Lin Yi himself had also passed the qualifications for this test. He was able to hide his strength, but he didn’t break any rules, and so the inn owner announced directly, “Lin Yi, freelance practitioner, Mystic late phase. You can go pay the fee!”

“What! Mystic late phase?!” Naipao was the one to shout out hysterically.

Lin Yi's strength had been sucked dry by him, so naturally he knew the best about the fact that Lin Yi had become a cripple! He simply couldn't believe it when the inn owner said he was Mystic late phase, how was this possible?

At the same time, the people around Naipao, like Zhuang Niaopao and Zhuang Niaoqiang, were completely shocked as well. They witnessed the entire process of Lin Yi becoming a cripple, so how was it possible??

Was there some mistake? They had their doubts, but no one dared speak out- they weren't like Zhang Naipao, who had a powerful background.

"Little Li's inspection naturally wouldn't be incorrect. Do you have any disagreements?" Qing evidently was quite confident in the inn owner's abilities- she gave Naipao a cold look, not treating him any kinder just because of his background. This was what the Ice Palace was like- adjusting the rules for them was great enough. There was nothing to give them beyond that.

"Nothing..." Naipao shook his head. There was nothing he could do after that, but he did glare at Lin Yi as hard as he could. He didn't know why he still had his strength, but he warned him coldly, "Doesn't matter if you're Mystic late phase, we'll see what happens during the test!"

Only Naipao was someone who dared to say something like that here- any other person would stay quiet in the presence of the Ice Palace.

Of course, Naipao himself was careful as well- he directed his fury specifically at Lin Yi, not the Ice Palace, so there would be no problem in the future.

"Sure, I'm waiting to have revenge too," Lin Yi nodded to Naipao.

Naipao was about to say something else when Nitian, who was beside him, gave him a smile, "Why be mad at someone like that? We'll just mess him up later!"

The people who thought Lin Yi had lost his strength at first were also shocked- so the guy didn't lose anything, he had completely recovered! With the inn owner being the inspector, no one could bypass him- so of course he wouldn't be allowed to stay if he actually had no strength!

"You're right! Someone like that is barely an ant, I can kill him in minutes! Since he's still staying, I'll just use him to increase my strength again and turn him into a cripple, I don't believe he'll be able to come back from that another time!"

"Of course not!" Nitian said, not without envy, "Brother Naipao sure is something, leveling yourself up must have been quite easy, huh?"

"That's right..." Naipao said, proud, but also feeling sour at the same time. Who knew about the lengths of pain and torture he went through to get to where he was today? These people all enjoyed their time as they practiced, while he had to suffer through poison wasps and insects! It wasn't the same level!

Lin Yi only smiled coldly at those two before moving on.

After Lin Yi swiped his card, it was turn for Yu Bing and Yu Shan of House Yu. Afterwards, everything else after that went smoothly without any problems.

After everyone paid their fees, Qing let the inn owner give everyone electrical cards, "Tomorrow at six thirty, meet here on time. I will bring you all to the testing grounds! That is all!"

"Yes!" Everyone replied.

"One more thing, I want to remind you all that once the test begins, anything that happens from then until the time after you leave the Ice Palace must be kept a secret! If it were to be found out that you did otherwise, you will face the wrath of the Ice Palace!" Qing said as she eyed everyone coldly.

"Yes!" The disciples all replied instantly. Nobody wanted to get hunted down by the Ice Palace.

With that, Qing left without another word, her strength as a Sky class master unleashed as the other disciples all stood there, frozen. The servant of the Sect Master was Sky class mid phase- just what kind of strength did the sect master have?!

Could she be Sky class late phase peak?

Of course, they only thought of it in their hearts, and kept it at that- the servant was already so strong, and they could only imagine what level the sect master was. They didn't want Qing hearing any of their talks about her sect master.

Lin Yi was shocked as well- as expected, he really would never have understood just how big this world was if he never made it the playing field! There were higher mountains to climb than he could even imagine!

Chapter 1493: Lin Yi's Suggestion

In the common world, Golden class masters were already the peak of power- yet, in the world of hidden houses and hidden sects, Mystics were very commonplace!

And on the stage of ancient houses and sects- while it couldn't be said that Sky class masters were everywhere- they were still not little in number! If he hadn't stepped foot into this world, he wouldn't even see this stage of power! That was how life was- a frog sitting in a well would never know what kind of world awaited them.

In the parking lot, the Pi brothers who hadn't left yet, along with the other disciple who got caught, all put on a shocked look!

Sky class- Sky class mid-phase, no less! A mere servant, already more powerful than their old elders and old masters of their houses! And yet, she was just a servant! All of them relieved at the fact that they didn't cause a scene when told to leave- they would've died obscene deaths!

Zhishan and Zhihai looked at each other, but there was nothing they could do. They got in their car and got ready to leave.

They had stayed in the parking lot to see if there were any chances left, but it seemed impossible now- they'd be lucky if they didn't come after them for responsibility!

“Ling Yi! House Pi will not forget this, just you wait!” Zhishan was extremely pissed off- not only was he unable to participate in the test, but he even lost one hundred million’s worth of fees! Still, he couldn’t get angry at the Ice Palace, so he could only aim it at Lin Yi.

“That’s just small fry- we don’t even know if he can survive the test, let alone the fact that he’d pissed off the Everyday and Everyday sect’s Zhang Naipao and the ancient house’s Feng Nitian- he’ll either be dead or crippled when his time comes!” Zhihai said. “Forget it, brother; the test isn’t a big deal anyway- I feel I’m almost at Earth class early phase peak, and our hidden House Pi already has the advantage among the hidden houses. You’re also almost breaking through, right?”

“That’s true!” Zhishan nodded. “Plus, our House PI has plenty of advantages over the other houses in the first place- us brothers are united, unlike the other ones who fight amongst themselves!”

“That’s right, I think right now is great- I’m not the type suited to be managing household affairs in the first place, I just like to practice. So you’ll be in charge of the family, big brother, and I’ll give support- that’s one hundred years before our House Pi gets into any trouble!” Zhihai nodded. “Once I break through into Sky class and have my life extended, it won’t be any difficulty for me to keep on protecting House Pi!”

Just from that, it could be seen that the brothers of House Pi had brains, and were capable of doing big things. It was just that they made a mistake on the serious side- they underestimated Lin Yi’s ability and also mistook him for another person, Ling Yi...

After Qing left, the inn owner waved to everyone. “All of you, you are dismissed.”

It was only then did everyone walk back to their inn rooms.

Suddenly, Lin Yi felt a chill behind him, and couldn’t help but turn back to look- Yu-Shan was looking at them, and upon seeing Lin Yi’s look, turned away to continue chatting with Feng Nitian.

Lin Yi frowned- this Yu Shan was hostile. It seemed like he would make his move on Yu Bing during the test.

As for why Lin Yi was able to feel that chill, it was just a sixth sense that assassins had.

After returning back to the inn, Yu Bing came to Lin Yi’s room immediately, a little worried. “Lin Yi, tomorrow’s test doesn’t look too good! Though there’s the new rule of the Ice Palace where they won’t let anyone get killed... At least our lives wouldn’t be in danger...”

“That rule...” Lin Yi smiled bitterly. “It would’ve been much better if it hadn’t happened! It’s probably because they wanted to take care of the disciples from the ancient house and sect- it’d cause trouble otherwise. I was even planning on killing them once and for all this time!”

As for Zhang Naipao, there was no reason for Lin Yi to let him go. The guy was clearly enemies with him at this point, and from the looks of it, he wouldn’t stop! Between him and Zhong Pinliang, there really wasn’t any way their animosity would be relieved. If that was the case, he might as well take this chance to kill off this right-hand man.

But it seemed like that wouldn’t happen now- the Ice Palace forbade it.

“Ha?” Yu Bing’s eyes widened upon hearing the words. “Seriously? You want to kill them off?”

Yu Bing was still worried about how he should go about the test tomorrow, and meanwhile, Lin Yi was fretting over the fact he couldn't kill his enemies anymore!

"They're enemies, after all, they'll keep coming unless killed off." Lin Yi said faintly. "You think there's any chance you can resolve your conflict with Feng Nitian? He's joined together with Yu Shan, and is now your enemy!"

"That's... All houses have this sort of trouble..." Yu Bing sighed.

"I know that, so I was thinking of wiping out Yu Shan for you as well while I was at it..." Lin Yi smiled.

"That guy looks like he wants a beating in the first place, and while I can't kill him, at least I can cripple him so he can't practice anymore."

"That's..." Yu Bing jumped, not expecting that Lin Yi was planning on wiping out Yu Shan as well, or even crippling him! But... He may hate the guy, but he was still his brother. He wasn't capable of doing something like that to him!

Lin Yi's suggestion did make him pause, but after calming down and composing himself, he didn't think he could do something like that.

"No- Lin Yi, we can't do that. After all, he's still my cousin, and I can't do something that cruel to him." Yu Bing shook his head.

"You don't have to do anything; I'll do it." Lin Yi pointed at himself. "This has nothing to do with you- you can pin the blame to me for the things that happen to him. Plus, I didn't like him since the start!"

"But... I can't just watch you destroy him..." Yu Bing still couldn't convince himself.

"Alright, then can you guarantee that he won't jump out and cause us trouble during the test?" Lin Yi asked.

"That... I can't..." He shook his head.

"See? If he jumps out to his death, who can he blame?" Lin Yi shrugged. "I promise you that I won't be the first one to attack, is that fine?"

"But... If you do anything to him, the hatred between House Yu and us will grow even deeper, and you and Ning..." Yu Bing said, worried.

"It's not like it's not deep already..." Lin Yi smiled, patting his shoulder. "If you become the head of the house of House Yu in the future, there's no way there'd be any hate between us, right?"

Chapter 1494: Midnight Visitor

After hearing Lin Yi's words, Yu Bing's eyes lit up! That one sentence alone made his horizons widened all of a sudden- yes if he were to take his father's position, or even become a practitioner as strong as Sky class... Then there'd be nothing preventing Lin Yi and his sister from getting together!

"You're right!" Yu Bing grit his teeth. "I'll work hard!"

“Don’t fret on the details too much- aim for the bigger things! Leave the small stuff to me.” Lin Yi said.

“Right, you have the confidence to deal with them?”

“Some, but we need to improvise a bit. Like fifty fifty.” Lin Yi said honestly. “I’ve thought of a couple of possibilities, so hopefully, some of them will work.”

“That’s good enough!” Yu Bing took a deep breath. Fifty fifty was amazing already- fighting someone at your own strength was already fifty fifty in the first place; there was no guarantee who would win, let alone the situation they were in, facing against people much stronger than them.

“Get some rest- the test is tomorrow.” Lin Yi said.

“Alright!” Yu Bing nodded and got up to leave.

“Sleep here- I’m worried Yu Shan might try something at night. This is right before the test; after all, the best chance to finish you off.” Lin Yi said as he remembered the coldness in Yu Shan’s eyes from before. He pointed at the bed beside him.

“Then what about you? There’s only one bed here?” Yu Bing asked.

“I’m not sleeping- I’ll be able to practice on the sofa.” Lin Yi said. “You can sleep first- there’s no need to worry about the time, I’ll wake you up.”

“Alright...” Yu Bing nodded and accepted.

Naturally, as expected, Yu Shan and Feng Nitian were slowly making their way to Lin Yi’s room!

“Nitian Bro, the rest is up to you! After you lock him in place, I’ll make a move!” Yu Shan whispered to Nitian, his eyes poisonous.

“No problem!” Nitian nodded.

With Nitian’s ridiculous ability, using it cost quite a lot of qi as well- he wouldn’t be using it if it were for some important reason. Plus, there was a limit of times he could use it every day, too, and today he used it to help Yu Shan against Yu Bing!

The reason wasn’t that Nitian was some great man who helped out his follower as a boss- it was because Yu Shan promised him that if they were to remove Yu Bing, he’d be able to take the spot of the heir of House Yu- and once he became the head, he’d let House Yu be a support to the ancient House Feng!

House Yu may be a hidden house, but it was still the strongest hidden house, with two Sky class masters. If House Yu was in the House Feng camp, then it’d be a great contribution for Nitian’s part- he himself would be able to take the heirship!

At first, Nitian promised Yu Shan to end Yu Bing during the test, but with the change of the rules, even someone from the ancient sect wouldn’t dare defy the Ice Palace restrictions!

Though the Ice Palace may not finish him off after his defiance, they would interact with House Feng’s elders- and this would be a huge demerit for Nitian; it’d be bad for his path to heirship!

So, tonight was their only chance- the test hadn't begun after all, and it wouldn't be against the laws if they killed Yu Bing now.

Yu Shan took out a small ID cracker, putting it in front of the door, and opening it with a click. Even if he hadn't met Nitian, he had already prepared to find a chance to kill Yu Bing during this test!

This ID cracker was made for the room door lock, evidently taken from his house. He wouldn't be able to just buy it here, after all.

"No one's here?" Yu Shan didn't open the door but used the light coming from the window; he could tell what the situation was- he was a practitioner, after all.

Yu Shan could see that the room was empty, and so could Nitian, naturally. There weren't any closets or anything and the bed having no gap under it as well.

"Is the toilet empty?" Nitian asked.

Yu Shan took a look and shook his head. "Empty..."

Nitian turned on the lights- it was true, there wasn't anyone here.

"There's no one here?" Nitian felt quite disappointed- he'd channeled his practitioner's arts for nothing, and couldn't show it off.

"Could he be in Ling Yi's room next door? My cousin was quite close with the man, always visiting him." Yu Shan guessed.

"Possible." Nitian nodded.

"Then... Let's go to the second room? We might as well go all the way and finish off Ling Yi as well?" Yu Shan's eyes tightened. "You have a three-meter distance restriction anyway, and anyone in that area wouldn't be able to move- we can finish him off too!"

"That won't do!" Nitian shook his head

"Why not?" Yu Shan blinked.

"Ling Yi is someone Zhang Naipao wants- he made it clear that he's his target. If I were to do anything to him, I'd be interfering." Nitian said. "Plus, I heard that he didn't want to kill Ling Yi, too- he wants to keep him alive for his Liang Bro something to do it himself. So I'd be going against Naipao if I killed him!"

"We're helping him out here, aren't we? Plus, why would you be scared of Zhang Naipao, Nitian Bro?" Yu Shan said unwillingly.

"I'm not afraid, but I don't want to cross him for something like this!" Nitian, naturally, could tell that the guy was trying to edge him on. "We're all on the ancient group playing field- causing vendettas like this is pointless."

"I see..." Yu Shan was disappointed. "So, we're leaving this?"

“Don’t worry- I’ll help you during the test! We can’t kill on the testing grounds, but I can cripple him. As long as he still has breath left, we haven’t broken the rules- he wouldn’t have any threat after becoming a cripple, right?” Nitian smiled casually.

“You’re right!” Yu Shan relaxed upon hearing that. “Alright, I’ll leave it to you then, Nitian Bro, please take care of Yu Bing!”

“No worries!” Nitian nodded, and the two left Yu Bing’s room...

Chapter 1495: Sect Master of the Ice Palace Sect

Nitian didn’t do anything to Lin Yi, not because he was scared of him, but because Lin Yi would retaliate after killing Yu Bing. He’d be in a difficult spot after that.

After all, if he were to move on Lin Yi, he’d piss off Naipao- and Naipao was from an ancient sect. That meant that he had pride. One couldn’t just snatch his prey away from him. But if he didn’t do anything, wouldn’t he just be waiting for Lin Yi to attack them?

Nitian was quite three dimensional when considering his options- this was also why he was one of the candidates for the heir, after all. He wasn’t reckless.

Lin Yi and Yu Bing, on the other hand, had heard everything! Yu Bing still hadn’t slept- the test was tomorrow, and he was extremely nervous, after all. The sounds outside jolted him up at once.

When he heard that Yu Shan was planning on killing him, a rage appeared on Yu Bing’s face. He didn’t expect Yu Shan to go through such lengths! Even Lin Yi was just planning on crippling him, but Yu Shan was plotting to outright murder him!

“Hear that? You’re kind, but your cousin isn’t.” Lin Yi saw that rage as well.

“Fuu...” Yu Bing took a deep breath as if he’d just decided something big. “You’re right... I can’t change some by myself. Rather than continuing my life fearful of plots and schemes from my cousin, I might as well end it all here!”

“Ha...” Lin Yi smiled. “It’s about time you realized!”

The night went by silently, and at five-thirty, Lin Yi left the jade space and came back to reality, giving Yu Bing a call before going to the washroom.

Because Lin Yi was acting as an alarm clock, Yu Bing managed to have a short but restful sleep, with no worry of being late. After Lin Yi woke him up, he quickly brushed up before leaving with Lin Yi to wait for the sect members of the Ice Palace.

The clock had just struck six, but the field was filled with disciples already- none of them wanted to be less than early.

Even Naipao and Nitian didn’t dare drag things out- they were waiting as well.

At the peak of an icy mountain, where the Ice Palace was located.

“This is all the information on this time’s practitioners; please take a look, sect master!” Qing took the registration log to a white-clothed woman.

This was the sect master of the Ice Palace, the absolute top of the Ice Palace.

The woman took over the registration and flipped through it.

She spent a long time looking through all the backgrounds of each candidate, feeling a little disappointed once she was done. “Aunt Qing, is Yang Qiqi the only girl this time?”

“Yes, Sect Master, and she’s even a physical practitioner...” Qing nodded.

“Looks like shifu will be disappointed once more this time...” The woman sighed slightly. “It’s all because of me, not being able to take the heirship of Frost Mountain...”

“Sect Master, you’re already a Sky class late phase peak master at your young age- you’re already a one of a kind genius! But the heirship of the Frost Mountain has to do with the properties of the body...”

Qing consoled. “After all, looking at the other ancient houses and sects, which one of them have some reach Sky class at your age, Sect Master?”

“But... To open the seal of the Sky Class Island, I’d need to obtain the heirship of Frost Mountain’s Ice...” The girl frowned. “The time remaining until the Sky class meeting is near, and as one of the leaders of that meeting, if we still don’t have an heir... The meeting itself would lose its meaning...”

“The other houses don’t have any information as well, right? An heir isn’t that easily found!” Qing smiled bitterly.

“Their lack of news doesn’t mean they haven’t found one. The meaning of an heir in the ancient sect world isn’t just for breaking the Sky class island seal- the most important thing is chasing the Way of the Sky after breaking past Sky class...” The girl said. “So before the heir grows up, nobody would announce it, in case any envious parties were to interfere.”

“That’s true...” Qing nodded. “Sect Master, you may not be the heir candidate, but haven’t you felt a part of the heirship as well? That’s fate...”

“It’s just a small part...” The girl smiled bitterly. “At the beginning, when shifu left, she had hoped so much for me to be able to get the heirship and finally go visit her one day to meet, but now... If it’s just us Ice Palace Sect not getting an heir and breaking the Sky Island seal, we’d be the sinners- I’d have let her down!”

“We still have time, don’t we? Let’s just keep looking- we can’t rush these things. If it really must be done, we can organize another test next year and let the requirements be a bit looser- someone will appear for sure.” Qing suggested.

“That’s the only way... But I still can’t let it go. I must go over these participants with my own eyes.” The girl said.

“That’s good, too- let’s all lead them to the mountain together.” Qing knew that the Sect Master wouldn’t let it go unless she looked at Qiqi, the only girl, herself.

It was six-thirty, and just when the practitioners were wondering where the sect master's maiden was, two figures, one green, and one white, came floating in the sky! The green-clothed one was evidently Elder Qing, Sky class mid-phase, with the white-clothed one being Sky class late phase peak!

The two had strong qinggong themselves and were upon the group immediately. Just as everyone stood there, stunned, Qing opened her mouth. "This is the sect master of the Ice Palace- she will be explaining the rules and rewards of this test!"

This was Qing's task, but since the sect master came down herself, letting her do it would be better.

Just as Qing uttered the name of the Sect master, the group of disciples all tensed- even Naipao and Nitian stared with shock! This also proved their guesses yesterday to be correct- the sect master was indeed late phase peak of Sky class!

After all, the ones of the ancient sects and ancient houses- while having Sky class late phase peak masters of their own, were all usually older people like Elders and heads of the house. The younger generation rarely had Sky class strength, and most of them were Earth class!

Chapter 1496: Disappointed Sect Master

After all, after entering Sky class, the head position would be left open. Isolated practicing was a common path, and the old sect master would no longer manage household affairs or sect businesses- but the Ice Palace was different. The manager of the sect was Sky class late phase peak, and there were two possibilities- one was the fact that there were just too many Sky class masters in the Ice Palace. The other was that this Sect Master was simply too young- but becoming Sky class late phase peak at this young an age was a bit too hard to manage in time for the elders- there hadn't been enough time to elect the next Sect Master at all!

After all, not just anyone could become the Sect Master- one had to be raised for this. This person had to have the ability to manage the entire Ice Palace!

It wasn't known just which the Ice Palace Sect belonged to, but looking at the Sect Master herself, she was more than young- she was especially pretty as well, striking contrast between Qing and her as they stood side by side. Qing looked less than twenty as well, but had a very common physical appearance- the Ice Palace Sect Master, on the other hand, really looked like her name and position, like a cold ice princess that was elegant and superior. One look would remain memorable in anyone's eyes.

Of course, among the practitioners, no one dared treat this Sect master with disrespect- even though she was a beautiful woman, only those with the qualifications dared to appreciate that beauty. For them, even taking one more look at this Sky class late phase peak sect master was too much!

Seeing the sect master's appearance, Lin Yi stood there, stunned- not because she was a beautiful girl, but because of her age! She really did seem like she was younger than twenty- at the very least, she wouldn't be older than twenty-five!

This was different from Qing- Lin Yi could accurately judge that the sect master didn't use any elixirs that preserved her youth- she really was just that young! Possibly, she'd reached Sky class when she was less than twenty, and her appearance was preserved because of that!

“Aunt Qing, maybe you should tell them, I’m just here to take a look...” The sect master said as she put her eyes on the only female participant, Yang Qiqi. She couldn’t help but feel a little disappointed. The girl did look quite cool, with a sort of cold demeanor, but she wasn’t the one she was looking for! Her constitution wasn’t suitable for practicing the practitioner’s arts of the Ice Palace.

So, after making sure that Qiqi wouldn’t work, she wasn’t interested in staying much longer.

Aunt Qing?! Everyone there was even more shocked- Qing looked young enough as she was, but the sect master was calling her aunt- just how old was this sect master? Could she really be younger than twenty, just like her appearance?

Lin Yi wasn’t too shocked there- he’d thought of that earlier, after all. That one “Aunt Qing” was just proof of his conjecture.

She was pretty much the same age as him. Lin Yi could only smile bitterly at the fact that she was Sky class late phase peak. They really weren’t in the same world- fighting with the common houses, Lin Yi had a clear advantage- but when it came to hidden houses, using his talent for practicing and his trump cards, he was basically tied with them. On the level of ancients, however... Lin Yi had nothing he could use against them. Ancient sects truly were a whole different world.

No wonder the old man back home said that ancient sects were beyond his grasp- it seemed like Lin Yi was on his own here!

But he didn’t give up. Though he was clearly much weaker than these guys in terms of battle power, judging by his practicing speed these few months, that monster Naipao was pretty much the only one who could match him. Who else could jump so many levels in just a couple of months?

When the Ice Palace sect master finished speaking, she turned and floated away. Qing knew her personality, so she didn’t mind.

The sect master had grown up in the sect since her youth and had become the isolated disciple of the old elder, destined to be the next sect master. Her childhood then was a lonely one. She had no friends and no people to play with- all she knew was just practicing. It was why her personality became so cold.

“As such, I will be announcing the test rules and rewards!” Qing said as she eyed the audience. “Practitioners aren’t allowed to drive- with me leading; we will walk to the ice mountain on foot. During the test, spirit beasts can be used- but these beasts must not be over Mystic late phase peak, or the participant will lose his participation rights. Followers and servants can be brought as well, but they must not be over Golden class, and the followers and servants must not participate themselves. They are not allowed to fight, and they are not allowed to hurt the followers and servants of other participants! Attacking spirit beasts is permitted, but taking them is not allowed!”

These rules were there since the last tests, so the participants just nodded. Spirit beasts weren’t owned by too many families- plus, if they weren’t strong enough, they’d just be baggage. As for followers and servants, no one would bring any- they weren’t young masters or young misses, and didn’t need servants following them around.

In actuality, these rules were targeted towards the old tests- if someone were to get killed in the test, the servants and followers would be able to bring the corpse back home. But this fact alone made the accompaniment of servants during the test a rather negative prospect- nobody brought any because of that.

Plus, the rules were changed- they couldn't kill anymore, so the servants were even less necessary.

"If there are no disagreements, I'll announce the rewards. In the test, the top three scoring participants will receive bonus rewards from the Ice Palace. The right to choose between the treasures and elixirs gathered during the test!" Qing said. "The top ten scoring participants would have the right to become outer disciples of the Ice Palace sect, or receive one exchange right for treasures of the sect! Any questions?"

"No..." The crowd shook their heads- they already knew about this from the letters, so there weren't questions. They were all aiming to become outer disciples, pretty much.

"Alright. All of you pack your things- we leave in one hour!" Qing nodded. "I will be waiting for you here!"

"Yes!" The crowd nodded.

Not being allowed to drive wasn't much for Lin Yi, but what about Xiaoxiao?

Fortunately, this place was cold to the bone- even without that ice container, it should be fine for her. But how was he supposed to bring her?

From the looks of it, the best way was to tie her to his back using rope, but then he'd have to be especially careful in the test and avoid attacks from other people. Getting Xiaoxiao killed would be the end of that- he could have his revenge all he wanted, but it'd be too late for her.

Chapter 1497: Bring Her Along

Fortunately for Lin Yi, though, he didn't have to worry about the Ice Palace side, since they said he could have followers or servants. He could just say that Xiaoxiao was his follower- it didn't matter if the follower was dead or alive; he was the one doing the walking and him doing the carrying. She was his follower, and that was that!

This was Yu Bing's first time seeing Xiaoxiao- the sight of such a pretty girl lying in an ice coffin, he felt his heartache. It was no wonder Lin Yi was coming all this way to find her that elixir, going as far as to participate in the test!

This was a girl not less than his litter sister- It was then that Yu Bing realized how much competition his sister had to deal with!

"You're really bringing her along?" Yu Bing looked a little shocked as Lin Yi took Xiaoxiao out of the container.

"Yeah... Have to." Lin Yi nodded as he took out some rope from the car and gave it to Yu Bing. "Here, help me out- I'll carry her on my back, help me tie her around me!"

“That’s...” Yu Bing was about to ask if he was crazy- how dangerous was this? The test alone was dangerous enough as it was, and now Lin Yi wanted to carry someone on his back into it? Wasn’t this a huge handicap and burden on him?

But, seeing that determined look in his eyes, he sighed and shook his head. “Alright!”

Lin Yi crouched down and let Xiaoxiao lean against his back as Yu Bing stabilized her position with rope, fastening her to his back.

“Done, thanks!” Lin Yi stood up and jumped twice, nodding with a smile once he saw that it was stable.

“Man, I really don’t know what to say- bringing someone into the test like this, I’ve never heard of it before.” Yu Bing said helplessly. “I don’t have much luggage, just some elixirs and pills on me. Should be enough.”

“Then we don’t need to go back to the inn!” With that, Lin Yi turned and waved to his room’s window. “Skybolt pig, come down!”

“Oink, oink...” A white shadow jumped out from the window and landed beside Lin Yi.

“A mystic class spirit beast?” Yu Bing jumped- he’d been to his room a few times already, and even slept there- he hadn’t seen an ancient beast in Lin Yi’s room!

“Yeah, but no combat abilities, pretty much trash.” Lin Yi nodded.

“Oink oink...” The pig replied after hearing that harsh comment about him- but he kept silent! He’d seen first hand how miraculous this Lin Yi was, leveling him up in an instant. He’d been trying for hundreds of years, after all...

Yu Bing nodded, not thinking much about it. This Skybolt pig was probably similar to that ancient spirit beast his sister had, not an attack-type but a beast with practitioner strength only.

Ancient spirit beasts were rare, but hidden houses had a couple themselves- this pig wasn’t that big an attention catcher because of that.

Every hidden house had more or less a few of these beasts- but the ones with attack power were even rarer. There really was just a select few who had attack type beasts in this test.

Bringing a normal spirit beast wouldn’t be of help, after all, and the practitioner had to take care of it themselves. It was a burden.

And so, Lin Yi took a look around- the people who went back into the inn for their spirit beast were just four or five people, and mostly those beasts were only mystic class, same as the pig. Lin Yi didn’t have to worry about being at a disadvantage on that front.

After all, spirit beasts fighting each other was different from when they fought humans. They went by strength levels- and strength level alone. As long as those spirit beasts didn’t come butt into their business, Lin Yi didn’t have to care much about them.

One hour passed by quickly, and Qing appeared on the empty field in front of the inn once more. The practitioners participating were also prepared to go.

As for Lin Yi carrying someone on his back, it was already public news. Everyone wondered if Lin Yi hit his head or something- carrying a dead person to go into the test? Was this some true love or something?

“Great Pao, you think this Lin Yi lost his mind? Carrying corpse like that into the test?” Zhuang Niaopao said mockingly. “He’s going to get himself killed, isn’t he? Maybe he’s planning to die together with that dead girl.’

Naipao was confused as well, wondering what this Lin Yi was up to. But Naipao was different from Niaopao- his practitioner’s arts was special, and was especially sensitive to outside energy. He could sense that the girl wasn’t dead yet, but even so, she was hanging on by a thread!

With Naipao’s understanding of Lin Yi, this guy wouldn’t do something that dumb, right? But here he was, doing exactly that.

Naipao wanted to see just who this person on his back was, but Xiaoxiao’s face was leaning on his shoulder, her hair covering her face. Naipao had to give up after a while.

“Who knows? Maybe it’s someone he wants to save?” Naipao shook his head- he really couldn’t understand why Lin Yi would bring a half-dead girl here to the test!

Most of the practitioners thought the same thing- they didn’t understand why he was doing this, but they all thought he was insane.

What was left were those who didn’t even care- Lin Yi could do whatever he wanted. Yang Qiqi, for example, saw this as just some ridiculous thing that Lin Yi was doing, though whatever this bastard did, it had nothing to do with her!

Qing looked at the practitioners on the field, mainly to see the level of the spirit beasts. None of them broke the rules, but she did pause when she was the person on Lin Yi’s back.

But she didn’t say anything- with her strength; she could feel Xiaoxiao’s situation. She was hanging by a thread, barely alive. She didn’t know why Lin Yi was bringing her along, but he was breaking no rules.

She could count as Lin Yi’s servant, after all, and her strength level did pass the requirements as well. As for her half-dead state... The rules didn’t say that you couldn’t bring a half-dead person to the test!

Chapter 1498: The Test Begins

So, in Qing’s perspective, this girl was most likely Lin Yi’s lover and was almost dead. Lin Yi entered the test was because he didn’t think it was safe to leave her home, so he brought her along. There was nothing special here.

“Not bad- it seems like everyone today is following the rules!” Qing said as she finished looking over everyone with a nod.

The group smiled bitterly- with the examples from before, nobody dared do anything suspicious in front of them. They didn’t want to die.

“Everyone follow me then- do not bicker among yourselves on the way. Don’t blame me for what happens!” With that, Qing started walking forward.

The group followed immediately. Yu Shan was still planning on getting Nitian to make a move on Yu Bing during the walk, but seemed like that wasn’t possible now. The Ice Palace had made the statement, and no one would disobey.

The beginning path was rather flat and was alright to walk on. The moment they entered Ice Palace territory, the path got much harder. Snow flew around, the visibility of the path was super low, and everyone channeled their practitioner’s arts to maintain alertness!

Qing had said that no one was allowed to fight during the walk, but who could guarantee that no one would try anything? For visibility conditions this poor, it’d be fatal to get ambushed.

Everyone was Mystic level, so their eyes and ears got a lot stronger once they channeled their arts. Keeping up with Qing’s pace was no trouble, at least!

In truth, Qing had already intentionally slowed her pace- otherwise, with her Sky class strength, she could practically be flying with her walking speed!

“How is it, you alright?”; Yu Bing was worried about Lin Yi- it was hard enough to walk already, and Lin Yi still had to carry someone on his back. He could tell that Lin Yi kept using his body to block the wind all the time so that the snow wouldn’t hit her face.

Perhaps this wouldn’t matter much to Xiaoxiao, but it was a subconscious movement Lin Yi did in the first place.

“It’s fine!” Lin Yi smiled. “She’s actually pretty light... plus, carrying her gives me motivation...”

“Uh... I understand...” Yu Bing said as he looked at Lin Yi, and Xiaoxiao’s chest was pressing against his back, making an “I get you” look.

“...” Lin Yi was pretty speechless when he saw that look- the guy was clearly a misunderstanding. He was talking about curing Xiaoxiao as the motivation, not that...

Though, with Yu Bing’s reminder, Lin Yi realized that it did feel pretty good.

The group walked for more than an hour when they arrived at the foot of the Ice mountain. Down there, there was a row of Ice Palace disciples, all white-clothed women. Though they didn’t seem as young as Qing or the sect master, and they looked rather average, too, around thirty or forty years old.

Their white clothes were different from the sect master’s- the sect master’s clothing had white silk laces that traced the air, but these disciples only had white cotton clothes. They looked rather simple.

What surprised Lin Yi, though, was the fact that all these Ice Palace disciples were at Earth class, with the strongest one being Earth class late phase peak! Of course, there were no Sky class masters here.

A Sky class practitioner wouldn’t just be a common disciple, after all.

“Alright, the testing grounds start from here!” Qing said as she stood and turned to everyone. “For the sake of fairness, the Ice Palace disciples will bring all of you to different locations at random- now, all of

you form your teams. Each team must consist of three or less- going beyond that number would mean that you'll split the group and try to find each other in the mountain on your own."

Nobody had any disagreements there- if they entered together, fights would break out here and there instantly. It wouldn't be much of a test then.

But this group limit was quite a disappointment- they had already made their contacts and circles for the sake of being stronger as a group, preventing anyone else from bullying them. But with these three-person a team limit- that whole thing had lost its point!

While it could be said that they could meet up in the mountain, it wasn't that easy. Assuming they were able to find each other in the first place, who knew if the other team would be willing to join back? They might have gone to another team themselves!

Naipao naturally was in a team with Zhuang Naipao and Zhuang Niaoqiang- these were the ones who got to know Naipao the earliest, and were the ones he was most familiar with. The others didn't come close.

Nitian, on the other hand, was in a group with Yu Shan. Zhao Qikun had no choice but to be in a team with Zhao Qijiu. There were no other options. He couldn't let Qijiu be in a group himself, could he?

Lin Yi, naturally, was in a group with Yu Bing- though he did have Xiaoxiao on his back. Even so, they didn't pass the three people count!

Soon, when the teams were done splitting, Qing gave the call, and the disciples all started moving to their designated group, grabbing them and lunging into the mountains.

Of course, the ones from the same group went to the same location.

The Ice Mountain was a blur of white, but these disciples were clearly very familiar with the landscape. The practitioners, though, weren't- being thrown in random locations like this made them lose all sense of direction!

"What do we do now?" Yu Bing and Lin Yi were put in a place without any other practitioners- Yu Bing couldn't help but ask that once he stared at the white world in front of him.

"Look for the fire spirit's fruit while finding other treasures. You'll be able to pass successfully, too!" Lin Yi said.

"Alright, we'll do that." Yu Bing was making Lin Yi the leader- after all, he felt that the guy was much better and stronger than him in comparison!

Yu Bing was considered part of the genius generation in his house, but with Lin Yi, he really wasn't much, in terms of both intelligence or strength.

"Skybolt pig, where is the fruit? Can you feel it?" Lin Yi turned to the pig.

"Oink oink..." Skybolt pig shook its head.

"What do you mean, you damn pig, we're here already, and you still can't sense it?" Lin Yi raged and kicked the useless pig.

Chapter 1499: Yang Qiqi in Danger

“Oink oink...” The pig seemed like it had been wronged, but it couldn’t really explain. In a panic, he used his paw to write on the snow- “The snow mountain is too big, I can’t sense it from too far, but can sense some other treasures. If we walk around, we might find the Fire Spirit’s fruit!”

“Wha- you can write? Why didn’t you write earlier?” Lin Yi didn’t expect this- it was pissing him off even more. “Why didn’t you write before!”

“Oink oink...” The pig felt even more wronged as he wrote on the ground. “Can’t hold a pen, can only write in the snow...”

After that, he even showed Lin Yi his scissor paw.

Lin Yi didn’t know if he should cry or laugh at this point. “Alright, let’s go find the other treasures then. You try to sense for the location of the fruit!”

“Oink, oink!” The pig nodded.

Lin Yi and the pig’s conversation was a complete surprise for Yu Bing- he was very impressed! He’d seen many spirit beasts himself, but one that understood human speech? It was rare among the rare, let alone one that was capable of writing!

He’d never heard of anything like this before! Lin Yi really brought out surprise after surprise; it was as if the amazing things that happened to him weren’t that amazing in comparison!

“Your pig can sense treasures?” Yu Bing finally understood why Li Yi brought this non-attack type pig to the test. So it had this special skill!

With how the test graded their scores, this pig was the best trump card! It could find all the treasures they needed!

“Looking for the fruit will require this guy’s services. Where am I supposed to find it on this barren mountain?” Lin Yi nodded. “But don’t tell anyone this.”

“Don’t worry; I’ll keep quiet!” Yu Bing nodded solemnly.

He understood the pig’s value very well. If it really had the talent that Lin Yi claimed it had, then it was a priceless treasure that even the ancient sects would drool over for, let alone hidden houses.

Lin Yi didn’t have to intentionally wipe out the words the pig wrote- the wind swept it away almost immediately.

The two followed the pig and walked onward...

Yang Qiqi was in a group by herself. She didn’t know anyone here, and she didn’t want to be in a team with others.

Other than the test itself, she also wanted to get the right to the treasure exchange with the Ice Palace.... The elixir she wanted was possessed by the Ice Palace, and for her injured sisters, she needed that. Even miracle doctors wouldn't be able to do much without them.

"The eight leaf grass!" Qiqi didn't expect to find this on the snow ground, not far from where she had landed. It was one of the medicines that had more unique characteristics. It wasn't that high in level, but they were easier to locate, much more so than the ones buried under the snow. She took out a small knife, and she happily and carefully cut down the herb and put it into her bag.

With a beep, the card Yang Qiqi had made two clicks, and the number changed from 0 to 5. It seemed like this herb was worth five points- it wasn't much, but it was a great start!

"A great start is half the success!" Qiqi's cool face was traced with a small smile. "Lil sis Jiu, I'll help you get that medicine for sure!"

Qiqi held his fists tight as a look of determination came on. She stepped onward.

One had to admit, though, that Qiqi had good luck. She found another herb not long after, below a nameless tree- snow ginseng! The color indicated that it was at least a hundred years old or even older- it was much more a proper practitioner's herb compared to the eight leaf grass! Even hidden houses didn't have too many of these!

Qiqi subconsciously looked around- after making sure that no one was there, she hopped toward the snow ginseng! She really was getting emotional- she had gone through some studying of the different herbs and medicines, and naturally, she knew how valuable this thing was!

So, if the grass was five points, then this common snow ginseng would at least be a hundred- it was a hundred-year-old snow ginseng, it had to be priceless! Wasn't this going too well? She never expected to be this lucky!

But, just as Qiqi was happily cutting out the ginseng, a giant snake with white all over its body burst out of the hole in the tree, lunging at Qiqi!

Qiqi jumped in fright. She suddenly remembered something mentioned in the information she'd studied- these treasures with more than a couple decades old had some beasts that lived nearby. They were able to sense the energy from these treasures themselves, and living beside them would benefit their being. These were the spirits the legends talked about!

In truth, the spirits were really just a fairy tale's product. The real truth of it was that these spirits were simply normal animals that were converted into spirit beasts! After absorbing a certain amount of the qi energy in their surroundings, their bodies started to have qi itself, and they changed into spirit beasts!

They weren't ancient spirit beasts, but these converted beasts were usually much stronger than the ancient ones! The ancient ones were just pureblooded descendants of practitioner spirit beasts. They have their talents, but they didn't necessarily attack. The Skybolt pig was an example- it had a great ability to sense treasures, but it couldn't really attack.

Weiwu, though, was clearly much tougher. It was able to fight enemies on its own, and this was the strength of the converted spirit beasts that evolved from normal animals.

But, fortunately for Qiqi, she was a trained assassin and a physical practitioner of qinggong. Her reaction speed was supernatural, and the instant the giant snake attacked her, she subconsciously stepped back, escaping the snake by an inch!

The snake didn't press on after Qiqi backed off- it was only protecting the snow herb, after all. Evidently, it now treated the herb as its personal item- no one else was allowed to contaminate its treasure.

"Big snake, let's talk about this, why don't we? Give me that snow herb, alright? I really need it; I need it for the exchange right with the Ice Palace!" Qiqi didn't have much of a guarantee should she fight this super snake, so she used discussion as well.

The information she went through said it might understand her, after all.

"Sss..." The snake spat its tongue out at Qiqi, hostile.

"..." Qiqi's cool little face was quite speechless at that moment- did this snake understand her or not?

Chapter 1500: Ungrateful?

But Yang Qiqi still stepped forward, testing her luck, trying to get close to the snow herb. The snake didn't give her much of a chance though, lunging forward in a quick strike once more!

Qiqi knew that the negotiations had failed after that- it didn't matter if it understood her or not, it wasn't letting her near this herb!

Qiqi gritted her teeth. Should she just give up here? Looking at that snow white mountain, she knew that she wouldn't just come across another herb of this value so easily again. Would she even be able to find anything later, if she gave up on this one herb?

Plus, even if she did, there had to be other beasts protecting those herbs. There was already a snake guarding this one, after all.

"Fine, I'm going for it," Qiqi gritted her teeth and took out a poisoned dagger, aiming it at the snake's head and stabbing it!

If it were some other Mystic class fighter, the snake wouldn't be an easy target especially as a beast that size. Having two practitioners, though, would make it quite a lot easier- after all, it hadn't made a full transition into an evolved spirit beast. If one were to rate its strength level, this one wasn't even a full Golden class yet.

In fact, one Mystic was already enough if they utilised a method to instant kill this snake- but, while Qiqi had the strength of a Mystic, she was a physical practitioner. She had reached Mystic class, but her attack power wasn't there yet.

With a click, the dagger hit the snake's head, scratching only some of the skin- it wasn't a powerful enough blow!

The snake did get injured by it, but all of a sudden, it opened its gaping mouth and threw itself at Qiqi. Qiqi may have good speed, but she had just attacked the snake with her dagger and didn't have any

time to pull back before the snake's teeth caught her arm, causing a wound deep enough for the bone to be visible! Fresh blood dripped down her arm.

It hurt like hell, but she didn't let go of the weapon- she clearly knew that, unless she ran away now, she would become snake food as soon as she dropped the dagger. She wouldn't stand a chance bare handed.

The aggravated snake, on the other hand, refused to give any ground even after wounding her- that dagger from Qiqi earlier evidently wasn't something it was going to forget anytime soon. It lunged at her once more.

Qiqi didn't have much of a choice- clenching her jaw, she swiped at the snake one more time with her dagger!

Fighting a snake usually required more defense, but Qiqi didn't know how to start when it came to this sort of giant snake. She could only strike at its body repeatedly with her dagger, but the snake only grew even more frenzied from the pain. Not only was it using bite attacks, it even lashed its tail at her!

The snake was giant, and Qiqi didn't quite have enough time to dodge it- the tail landed a heavy strike, sending her onto the ground!

Qiqi was taken back- this dagger was more than enough to kill a human, but when it came to giant snakes, it evidently was too small to be good for anything! Seeing the snake come for her once more, she could only put her life on the line to attack it, unleashing a flurry of attacks on its body- only for the snake to retaliate by biting off an entire chunk of meat from her leg!

"Ah-!" Qiqi's tears were on the verge of coming out, but she held it in and clenched her teeth. Waving her dagger to the front, she imagined this snake as the number one person she hated the most in the world, and started plunging her dagger into the snake repeatedly, "Lin Yi! Lin Yi! Lin Yi! I'll kill you, I'll kill you, you bastard!"

The poison from the dagger finally seemed to have taken effect by the time the snake took out a chunk of Qiqi's meat- it still hadn't finished swallowing it when it started to sway side to side before falling to the floor, no longer moving...

"Fuu... The poison's working?" Qiqi let out a deep breath and patted at her thumping heart, mumbling to herself, "I almost died there! No wonder Uncle Mubei called this test dangerous, even a big snake could've just eaten me!"

But, she still managed to defeat the snake- a relaxed smile appeared on her lips. This snow herb must be worth quite a lot, right?

As for the injury- yes, it was on the serious side, but an assassin like Qiqi had taken more than her fair share of injuries. It wasn't something so unbreable.

With a limp, she climbed off the ground and looked at her blood-stained arm and leg. She didn't waste any more time and took out a small bottle of medicine- it was the injury medicine that Lin Yi had given to her a while ago.

Qiqi carefully opened it and used the medicine on her leg and arm, not willing to waste much of it.

“Well... not too much left... I need to get some more from that guy the next time I see him!” Qiqi had no idea how ungrateful she was being at this point- she didn’t even remember how she had just used the snake as a punching bag while imagining Lin Yi...

After she finished applying the medicine, she continued to move on. Who knew if anyone had heard the sounds of her battle with the snake? She didn’t even bother resting as she limped away, ready to collect the snow herb...

Some distance away on the ice mountain, two teams seemed to have discovered a medicine herb at the same time, and were currently on a tense standoff- anyone could attack at any moment.

But their strength levels were quite similar, one team had a Mystic early phase, Mystic late phase, and Mystic mid phase.

The other team had two Mystic late phase peak, and one Mystic mid phase.

And so, if the two teams were to get into a fight, it would not be easy to tell who would be the winner. In this sort of standoff, a fight would have to depend on endurance.

However, some distance away was Zhang Naipao, Zhuang Niaopao, and Zhuang Niaoqiang- they were watching the scene unfold!

“Great Pao, we’ve got a bunch of lamb here!” Niaopao said excitedly.

It wasn’t a mystery why he was so excited- this team of theirs didn’t need to spend too much effort looking for the treasures, they only needed to look for people and take their stuff away. As a result, they had already each gathered fifty points worth of treasures, despite it being only half a day since the test began! Naipao himself, however, had more than a hundred points!

“Yss, not bad- go tell them to give us their findings then!” Naipao nodded, as if it were the most natural thing in the world.

“Stop the fight, all of you stop!” Niaopao walked over confidently as he pointed at everyone, “Great Pao is here, stop fighting- you guys can continue after we leave!”