

Bodyguard 1521

### Chapter 1521: Finding the Fire Spirit's Fruit

"Elder Bi is an Earth class late phase peak. He's a close bodyguard of your grandfather's? He's oodling over Zhao Qibing, a bastard, huh?" Lin Yi frowned. This didn't make sense!

"Yeah, there must be something going on that I didn't know- this is a family secret, too. They wouldn't let me know." Qikun shook his head. "I had a good chance of becoming the next heir at first, but Qibing's appearance is threatening that position..."

"Oh well, you should think of a way to deal with that." Lin Yi said that, but he didn't really care too much what went on in hidden houses. Qibing wanting to become head of the house would still take time- even if he did become the head, he couldn't just all of a sudden come take his revenge on him! Putting aside the fact that he wasn't as strong as him- even if he were, he still couldn't act abruptly!

Lin Yi understood Qikun's intentions- he wanted to use him to deal with Qibing, but Lin Yi wasn't interested in that just yet. Qibing not pissing him off meant that he wouldn't go mess with him! The guy still had an Earth class late phase peak as a shifu, after all, and Lin Yi didn't want to die.

"Alright- after I go back, I'll learn more about it." Qikun could tell that Lin Yi didn't want to do anything yet- but that was fine. With this big a vendetta between the two, he didn't believe that Qibing would just stay quiet the whole time. He'd make a move once he had the resources.

And as he followed Lin Yi, Qikun felt even tenser!

He felt that Lin Yi never went through any curves at all as they treated the mountain- they just kept walking straight in circles as they edged upwards as they headed towards treasures! Those that were hidden at the roots, and within the snow- all of them were easily found by Lin Yi!

As the sky went dark, the points of Qijiu and him broke through over a thousand, and with Lin Yi, Yu Bing, and Qiqi's- they were reaching the two thousand! Wasn't this too crazy!

Qikun had decided not to stay as an outer disciple anymore- but with this many treasures, it'd be nice to get the hidden house Zhao an exchange right! This was also a badge of honor. It would prove his strength!

As for the pig, Lin Yi didn't tell the Zhao's- even as he communicated with the pig; he used excuses to get away so that Qikun wouldn't notice.

"Still no signs of the fruit?" Lin Yi frowned.

"Oink..." The pig shook his head.

"Then let's keep going- there's still one day before the test ends." Lin Yi sighed. Things have gone ahead of his expectations, and the Ice Palace was an outer factor. It wasn't there back in Liju's time, but now it was called Snowfrost Mountain- the fruit here must already be owned by them.

By noon of the third day, Lin Yi and the group had already started to reach the peak. When they looked out, they saw that it was surrounded by high walls- and in front of the walls, in intervals, were disciples in white, patrolling the walls!

This should be where the Ice Palace was, and also where the participants were forbidden to enter. They couldn't proceed onwards!

The Ice Palace's surroundings seemed to be made of ice, but after inspection of Lin Yi, it seemed more like a super hard crystal. On top of the crystal were cameras monitoring something.

It seemed like the Ice Palace was using modern facilities- from that, one could see that they weren't the super traditional type! This did give him more confidence- if he really couldn't find the fruit, he could use the exchange right and perhaps get what he wanted!

But, as dusk came, the pig suddenly moved- it jumped onto Lin Yi and started oinking.

Naturally, Qikun and Qijiu didn't know what the hell the pig was doing- they assumed it was just trying to get Lin Yi's love or something.

Lin Yi understood immediately: the pig had found where the fruit was!

"This pig needs to pee, I'm bringing him!" Lin Yi shrugged helplessly.

".." Qikun was a bit speechless. "God, a spirit beast that needs to be carried to pee?"

"Ah..." Lin Yi smiled, leaving it at that as he went behind a snow pile.

"It's above, I can feel it!" The pig quickly wrote on the snow.

"Above? You mean inside the walls?" Lin Yi said as he looked up- it was the Ice Palace!

"Oink oink!" The pig nodded.

"I see." Lin Yi sighed. It seemed like it was within his guesses- the fruit was claimed by the Ice Palace, and he couldn't find it on his own. He had to win the exchange right.

Lin Yi came back with the pig and nodded to Qikun and the others. "The test is pretty much over soon- lets all rest. It's Ice Palace territory up there, no other treasures."

Yu Bing and Qikun all nodded- they all sat down. Lin Yi told them to rest, and that was what they would do- plus, with the number of points they had, there was no reason to go hunting for treasures.

Not long after Lin Yi and the group sat down, Qing came floating down, and behind her, a couple of the disciples of the sect. As she arrived, she spoke in a loud voice. "Attention all participants- the test has ended, report back at the peak!"

Qing's inner strength was powerful- her voice didn't seem like it was loud, but with her inner strength, it went really far- people from the entire mountain could hear!

Not long after that, people started arriving- some of them had been hiding nearby, not approaching because Lin Yi was sitting there. Who knew if this guy would take their treasures?

## **Chapter 1522: The First Five**

Since Qing said the test had ended, then Lin Yi naturally wouldn't be able to just take their stuff. They all walked over.

The practitioners here had been waiting for the moment- all the treasures had pretty much been taken by everyone, and there wasn't much left down there.

"It seems like everyone is here!" Qing nodded, satisfied. "Following this, Li will announce several names- those of you, stand forward, and show your card's cores!"

The moment had arrived- everyone had varying expressions as they waited.

Those who had a lot of treasures, like Lin Yi's group, had no reason to fear. The ones with small amounts of treasures didn't care much anymore- they wouldn't be in the top ten anyway.

But there were those who didn't have too much, but still seemingly enough to pass into the top ten.

"Chen Jindan"

The practitioner walked over the inn owner, giving him his card.

The inn owner nodded. "355 points!"

There were practitioners who were at the three hundred point threshold- only a small amount went over five hundred, and there were a couple with only dozens of points. However, those people were already ready to go home.

"Yang Qiqi!"

Qiqi stood up and walked over with her card, her face composed. With Lin Yi's aid, she was sure to pass for sure.

"1500 points!" The owner said, a little surprised. He understood what strength level this girl was- she was even a physical practitioner. Being in this test meant that she'd be the weakest of the weakest, yet she had the highest scores!

But, after seeing that snow herb in her bag, he let out a breath of relief. This was one thousand points, after all- it meant that she got lucky there.

Of course, the inn owner didn't see what happened in the test- it was why he was surprised. The other participants didn't even look fazed- Qiqi was in a group with Lin Yi; even if she had two thousand points, it'd be normal!

Lin Yi was the monster that had taken Nitian and Naipao's scores, after all!

Qing, standing beside the sect master, had seen everything- she couldn't have understood all the details, but she saw the general picture and had seen what Lin Yi did to Naipao and Nitian. She knew that Qiqi was with Lin Yi, so it wasn't a surprise.

Following that was Yu Bing, Qikun, Qijiu, and Lin Yi- these people- other than Lin Yi, was all-around 1300 points, with Lin Yi himself holding 2000!

Lin Yi doing this was so that he'd place first- only then would he have a higher right to speak to the people of the Ice Palace.

Not long after, the scores were recorded, and Lin Yi's group was solidly in the top five!

Lin Yi was first, Qiqi second, Yu Bing third, Qikun, and Qijiu fourth in a tie!

The top three would have special prizes from the Ice Palace, but that wasn't something he dared think about! He gave out the three top places to the original group, understanding that he wasn't as close to him as Yu Bing and Qiqi were.

The people who weren't up there looked a bit down and were sighing, especially those who were a couple of points close.

"Not bad! The participants this time are all not too weak, with five of them achieving great results!" Qing nodded as she looked at Lin Yi's group, though she paused longer on him. "The top ten is announced- please all stand in a row according to your rank, and tell us what reward you want! Li will record it for you!"

Qing's eyes had a look as if she saw through Lin Yi- the pressure was a little suffocating, as expected of a Sky class practitioner! Though, Lin Yi felt that it was more curiosity, no malice in those eyes.

"Yes!" The top ten all stood forward, excited.

"The other winners, no need to worry- if the people in the top ten give up their spot for the exchange right, you will have the chance to become an outer disciple!" Qing said to the others.

Instantly, hope shined in their eyes- these were all the people with just a few points left before they could reach the top ten! The eleventh place holder was especially excited- it looked like he had a good chance to get in!

"Freelancer Ling Yi- do you want to become an outer disciple, or do you want the exchange right?" The inn owner asked.

He was the least surprised at Lin Yi's win- he was the most intriguing one back then, after all, since he couldn't tell what strength he was. His recovery speed was a shocking one, as well.

"Exchange right." Lin Yi said without thought.

"Alright." It was expected- people like Lin Yi didn't need to spend their time grinding in the Ice Palace. He had his own ways, and the freelancers who came here usually only wanted the right.

Hearing that, the eleventh place holder was so happy his face flushed red- the first person already gave up the outer disciple place, this meant that he would get in!

"Freelancer Yang Qiqi, do you wish to become an outer disciple, or do you want the exchange right?" The owner continued.

"Exchange right." Qiqi said without hesitation as well.

The inn owner nodded and wrote it down.

## Chapter 1523: Take Care

The twelfth place holder, like the eleventh place holder, was also flushing with a happy red!

Yu Bing and Qijiu had chosen to stay in the Ice Palace, to become an outer disciple. Yu Bing was different from Lin Yi and Qijun, after all. Yu Bing no longer had the threat of Yu Shan so he didn't need to rush back. Plus, Yu Shan had just gotten injured- even if it weren't his fault, he had to take a certain amount of responsibility. Yu Bing didn't think Yu Shan would do anything much other than blame it on him, but who knew if his grandpa would punish him because of that.

But, him staying in the sect would be different- if he were to break through into Earth class and return, everything would've settled. At the very least, an Earth class taking the position of heir was one of the more guaranteed things in life.

The top ten participants, other than Lin Yi, Qiqi, and Qikun, had all chosen to stay and become disciples of the Ice Palace. Just getting the exchange right really didn't seem like something worth them participating in the test.

"Take care!" Lin Yi patted Yu Bing's shoulder with a smile, "I won't meddle with your decision, but if breaking through doesn't work here, you can always come find me!"

This was a promise he made to him- and Lin Yi was not someone who took promises easily! He would always go through with them! As long as he was able to break through into Earth Class, he'd be able to mass produce Earth class masters- if Yu Bing were to come to him at that time, it wouldn't be a problem to strengthen him up.

"You too- I hope I'll be able to solve the war between you and House Yu. For Ning, I hope you'll endure as well!" Yu Bing nodded solemnly.

"Alright! If they don't come to me, I won't cause any trouble."

"I knew you'd say that!" Yu Bing sighed. He didn't know if House Yu would go after Lin Yi- he wasn't the head yet, and still didn't have control.

"Those who will stay in the Ice Palace as outer disciples, follow Li and finish your arrangements! Those who want the exchange right, follow me!" Qing said. "The top three of this test will also be able to take home one of the treasures they've collected!"

At this point, Lin Yi had no choice but to say goodbye to Yu Bing. He didn't know when he'd meet him again, but the two nodded to each other- and that was that.

The inn owner left with them into the sect, and Qing turned to the ones who didn't pass. "The test is over- you can all go back now. However, I must warn you not to cause any trouble inside Ice Palace territory! After leaving the town, you can do as you please!"

"Yes!" The practitioners nodded- no one dared piss Qing off.

Qing brought Lin Yi, Qiqi, and Qikun away, and everyone else left.

“Your exchange rights- do you want it done now, or do you want to make the decision later in the future?” Qing said as she led them to a waiting room outside the Ice Palace.

“If you want to do so now, speak. If not, we will send you a letter from the sect!”

“I’ll keep the exchange right first,” Qikun said.

“Alright, take this. If you need, you can use this letter to return to the town and talk to Li, the inn owner,” Qing said as she handed over an odd looking stone tablet.

Qikun put it away carefully.

“Why have you not left yet?” Qing said as she frowned- why was Qikun still hanging around?

“I...” Qikun paused, not expecting Qing to shoo him off so soon, but he didn’t dare say anything, “I’ll leave now...”

Qikun originally had wanted to wait for Lin Yi before returning- at least they’d be able to bond a bit during their walk back, but it seemed like that wouldn’t happen now. Qikun didn’t want to leave right away though, so he decided to wait at the inn first.

“I’ll wait for you in the inn!” With that, Qikun left the waiting room. A disciple of the sect brought him down the mountain.

“Ling Yi, Yang Qiqi- what about you?” Qing said after he left.

“You first,” Lin Yi guessed that what he wanted was a bit more valuable to the sect- there would definitely be some more heavier talking regarding that.

“I need a thousand year snow lotus as medicine!” Qiqi said, “I don’t have any treasures to exchange for it, but I can pay!”

“Thousand year lotus?” Qing frowned slightly, but nodded, “It is a bit more valuable, but if you were to use an item to change for it... I don’t know if you’d have a corresponding one of equal value. But you can pay for it! Five billion! If you accept, I’ll lead you to someone to take care of it.”

Five billion... Qiqi felt her head spin- this may not seem like much compared to the treasure, but it was to her! This was five billion! She didn’t even have one tenth of it even with all her savings from her missions from when she was young!

But she really needed this for Jiu- she might lose her life! She gritted her teeth, “Alright, I’ll do it!”

Qiqi’s family always gave plenty to their children, whatever they needed for their education or living was wholeheartedly given, but they didn’t give much monetary support, only some allowance from before they turned eighteen.

And so, she was thinking of borrowing the five billion from the household first!

That was right- she would borrow it! She would have to complete even more missions in the future for the household!

“Lead her,” Qing waved her hand, and a disciple came forward to lead her away.

The thousand year snow lotus wasn't a normal lotus- it was of the extremely rare snow lotus breed! A normal snow lotus had a blooming period, and they wouldn't open all the time in the four seasons. The thousand year one, however, was one that would bloom throughout all the seasons! However, it was only available in the ice mountains of the northern lands!

This was precious to the Ice Palace, but it wasn't too rare. It wasn't too useful for the sect in the first place, since it was a medicinal ingredient with similar effects to the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing. For a practitioner, it just wasn't very useful.

## **Chapter 1524: Refusal**

That was why Qing allowed it- five billion was definitely a large sum for the Ice Palace, after all. They didn't have any commercial businesses, and all their income relied on selling some of their treasures.

"What do you need? You can tell me now, right?" Qing had a nice impression when it came to Lin Yi- for Nitian and Naipao, Qing actually didn't like them very much, and the fact that a freelancer like Lin Yi punished them was quite refreshing.

"The Fire Spirit's Fruit."

"What!" Qing's eyes froze as she stared at Lin Yi, stunned, "How do you know of this fruit? Who told you something like that?"

Qing's reaction took him by surprise- could this fruit be a big deal? But Lin yi didn't plan on hiding anything, and spoke honestly. "I saw it in an ancient text. My friend... I need it to cure her!"

"Ancient text?" Qing looked at Lin Yi in his eyes, and after a while, she nodded. It didn't seem like Lin yi was lying, but the fruit was something that people from ancient sects barely knew- it was because this only appeared in the Ice Palace, and was extremely rare!

Lin Yi mentioning this, as a result, was nothing short of shocking! She had to be more alert since she didn't know where he got this information.

"Since you know of this fruit, you should also understand the value of it- for us of the Ice Palace, this is a priceless treasure. If you want this fire spirit's fruit, I wonder what you will use to exchange for it?" Qing said after seeing that Lin Yi had no ill intentions.

He couldn't help but smile bitterly after hearing the words- how could he know the value of the fruit? He wouldn't know how priceless it was to the Ice Palace!

"I have a qi gathering pill... Can that be used for the exchange?" Lin Yi had originally felt that it wouldn't be a problem to exchange the fruit with the pill, since it was something that could be used to break through into Sky class, but after hearing Qing's words... He wasn't so sure anymore.

"Qi gathering pill? A third grade item? You have something like that?" Qing was a bit surprised, a look of joy flashed across her eyes, "You know a refiner above third level?"

"I don't..." Lin Yi shook his head, "I got it from an ancient tomb."

"I see!" The happiness faded away, and a cold look came back, "If you had known a third level refiner, I could have discussed with the sect master and have an elixir created for us- we might take out a Fire Spirit's Fruit in return for that! But if you don't, it's not possible!"

One fruit as payment? He was planning on two! But hearing that, he didn't dare bring it up! He didn't know a refiner, but Lin Yi himself was trying his best to become one, though with no results.

With his skills now, there was no way he'd be able to make an elixir for the Ice Palace- the sect master might even outright kill him in rage once he disgraced them all with his lowly skills!

"The qi gathering pill... It isn't enough?" Lin Yi was a bit confused- Qing didn't seem interested in it at all, and was asking about the refiner.

"The qi gathering pill may be a treasure in the eyes of sects and hidden houses, but in the eyes of ancient sects, it is no different from a poison!" Qing spoke dully.

"Poison?" Lin Yi jumped.

"Since you were first place, I'll chat with you a bit more," Qing nodded, "It is indeed poison! While the pill can turn an Earth class late phase peak into a Sky class, there are still flaws."

"Flaws?" Lin Yi quickly asked, "Why do the hidden houses treat it with so much value then?"

"Different level of worlds have different views!" Qing said faintly, "The ancient sects and ancient houses have the goal of breaking from Sky class into the Path of the Sky! Hidden houses, however, consider becoming a Sky class a big deal. Breaking through Earth is something they dare not even imagine.

"Could it be that you'd be stuck in Sky class after eating this pill?" Lin Yi had some idea of what was going on from the explanation.

"If you had a lot of qi gathering pills, it's possible to keep on eating it until you reached Sky Class late phase peak- with the right situation and circumstance, you can break through," Qing said, "But the process of making this pill is extremely difficult- according to what I know, even a fourth level refiner would have a hard time making one out of every ten attempts, and this also has a very strict requirement with the refiner's element! So, each pill is priceless!"

"Then... It doesn't sound like there's any flaws? Could it be that you wouldn't be able to practice yourself after eating this pill?" Lin Yi suddenly thought of it.

"Correct!" Qing said, "The qi within the pill is overly pure- and after eating it, your body adapts to that purity of the qi. It no longer has any sensitivity to the qi of the natural world- unless it was somewhere that had especially thick qi! At the very least, those who had consumed the pill and broken into Sky class all met their barriers- they had to continue using the most priceless of treasures to continue increasing their strength!"

"I see, so you're saying- a thrifty person going into a life of luxury is easy, but a person of luxury becoming thrifty is hard?" Lin Yi understood- that was why this was called poison! But Liju didn't mention that in his notes? Lin Yi still didn't fully get it, "I saw in the ancient text that this pill didn't have this sort of flaw though?"



“Naturally not back then- there was plenty of rich qi in the air. Now, with the qi in our world getting thinner and thinner, it’s harder to practitioner!” Qing said, “You understand now? If you want to use the pill to exchange for the fruit, it’s not something we can’t agree on! Other than that, do you have any other requests?”

“Then... How can I obtain the Fire Spirit’s Fruit? I can purchase it if it’s possible!” Lin Yi had to maintain humility here in front of the Ice Palace- he couldn’t force them in any way.

“I told you, the fruit is a priceless treasure to the sect!” Qing said, “If u have something of equal value, then I could discuss with the sect master and barely allow the exchange!”

### **Chapter 1525: Being Shameless**

“So, you’re meaning there’s no room for negotiation?” Lin Yi smiled bitterly.

“No!” Qing shook her head solemnly.

“My girlfriend... She needs it for her to live...” Lin Yi hesitated, “If you guys can give me the fruit, I promise you- two years, at most two years, I’ll get you a refiner at least of the third level, and make you that pill!”

“Who are you? Why would I believe your promise?” Qing frowned and smiled coldly, “Who do you think you are, that your promise is so valuable?”

“I...” Lin Yi was a bit speechless after that. True- this was the Ice Palace, and Lin Yi was very small before their strength!

“Alright, young one- you seem like a loyal and striving kid. I can promise you that if you were to come two years later with a third level refiner, I can get a fruit from the sect master from you!” Qing said with a wave of her hand.

“Two years...” To tell the truth, Lin Yi really didn’t want to wait that long! Who knew what would happen after two years! He could keep his promise, since he was that type of guy to begin with- but would the Ice Palace keep it after that?

“Alright, you can leave!” Qing waved her hand, “The reward for the test should be that snow ganoderma- you can come take one tomorrow!”

“The snow herb... I don’t want it, I just hope that Elder Qing would be able to help me out and get the Fire Spirit’s Fruit...” Lin Yi didn’t need that snow herb at all.

Qing frowned, “I had a good impression of you- stop right there! You think that you’d be able to get the fruit just by asking? Even if I agreed, the sect master would never agree!”

“So does that mean... That you agree, Elder Qing?” Lin Yi had to be a shameless guy for Xiaoxiao here.

“I agree?” Qing blinked.

“You said it, that even if you agree, the sect master wouldn’t...” Lin Yi said, “A Sky class master like Elder Qing wouldn’t go back on her word, right? Since you already agreed, then please, could you help discuss it with the sect master? I will repay you in the future!”

“You little!” Qing didn’t know if she should be amused or what, “When did I say I agree? I said ‘if’!”

“Please, Elder Qing!” Lin Yi said, “If you’d give me even one fruit, I’d do everything, anything I can! Anything you ask of me that I can do!”

“What if I asked you to die?” A cold voice sounded behind Lin Yi right as he finished- the voice was pleasant, but the coldness within it sent a chill straight through him.

Lin Yi jumped in fright- since when did someone come up behind him? He didn’t even realize!

But from the sound of it, it had to be the sect master.

“Yes, I’d do it!” Lin Yi said after a sigh.

On one side, it was for his feelings for Xiaoxiao- on the other, it was that if he angered the sect master by saying no, she would tell him to scram with Xiaoxiao. And so, no matter what, he had to say it!

“Aunt Qing, let’s go- let him die on his own,” The sect master said faintly.

“That’s...” Qing didn’t expect the sect master to come here- to tell the truth, she quite favored this Lin Yi, the way elders favoured a young one. Qing was almost forty herself, after all, and in her eyes, Lin Yi was a child!

Lin Yi’s love for Xiaoxiao was something she could feel, as well- as such, she had no need for cruelty against him. In her eyes, a freelancer like Lin Yi, reaching the strength he had now, must have taken quite a lot. It must have been a hard path!

After seeing people like Naipao and Nitian for a long time- the people who were so prideful after some small achievements- it was refreshing to see someone like Lin Yi, with a lot of talent but a lack of arrogance.

But since the sect master had spoken, she had no other choice!

“Ice Palace Sect Master, please, please give me a Fire Spirit’s Fruit!” Lin Yi said. “No matter what you ask, I can fulfill it!”

“The Ice Palace does not need to do anything for you.” She said with one cold voice.

“Sect Master, please, please accept my request... If you don’t... I... I’ll stay here and not leave!” Lin Yi and no choice- when it came to the Ice Palace, this was about as much as he could do!

“Then don’t leave- stay here and die!” With that, the sect master tugged at Qing a bit and left, “Aunt Qing, let’s go!”

With that, the two were gone, and Lin Yi could only smile bitterly. Didn’t this sect master have too much personality? He really wanted to beat her up a bit, but he’d lose!

“Move on- we have to close the gates!” After Qing and the sect master left, two disciples came over and made a gesture at him.

The two were at least Earth class from Lin Yi’s judgement- even if he gave his life, he wouldn’t stand a chance. He had no choice but to nod, taking the pig while carrying Xiaoxiao as he walked out of the waiting room.

The two didn’t bother with him after he left- they only locked the door of the waiting room and continued their patrol.

While the sect master did say that Lin Yi could die here, they didn’t know what she meant by that. It might be just something she said on a whim, but it was the sect master’s words- if Lin Yi wanted to stay here and die he could do that. It wasn’t their business.

As long as he didn’t attack the gates, they’d just act as if he wasn’t there.

“Fuu...” Lin Yi raised his head as he looked at the strong walls of the Ice Palace. He sighed. This was all much harder than he had thought- the world of the ancients wasn’t something he could reach just yet!

Old Lin was right- this was way too high of a playing field. For Lin Yi, it was so high he couldn’t even touch it! The impression he’d been given was strength- pure strength above more strength! Any random guy here was Earth class!

Lin Yi didn’t leave, and only stood in front of the gate. Since he was going to be shameless, he might as well go all the way!

The Ice Palace may be tyrannical, but Lin Yi was first place from the test, and he wasn’t breaking the rules. They really didn’t have much of a justification to do anything to him, and with that, he decided that these guys wouldn’t be able to do anything about it!

### **Chapter 1526: Lin Yi’s Stubbornness**

The Ice Palace was a proper sect- Lin Yi didn’t anger them, nor did he try do anything by force. All he was doing was staying outside and requesting that they give him a Fire Spirit’s Fruit- at most, they would only be able to refuse that request, and couldn’t do anything overboard to him.

Time flew by, and it was the second morning. From inside the Ice Palace, Qing walked out and handed him a stone tablet and a jade box, “This is the reward for your place in the test yesterday- one snow ganoderma. Here is the stone tablet for the exchange right- you can come back in the future to make an exchange!”

“I don’t want it... Please, Elder Qing, give me a Fire Spirit’s Fruit, I’ll get the Ice Palace a third level refiner, I promise!” Lin Yi said, refusing.

“Why are you so stubborn, child? Don’t think that just because I’m nice to you, you can keep pushing this! I am not one to make decisions for the sect master!” Qing frowned, “I’ll place these things here- take them if you want!”

With that, she placed them on the snow and left.

Lin Yi took a deep breath and looked at the jade box and stone tablet. He didn't pick it up.

Since he was here, he wouldn't just leave that easily- this was Xiaoxiao's last hope, as well, and he didn't want to just give up like this! No matter what, he had to at least try- he only hoped that his sincerity would move Aunt Qing and the sect master!

Elder Qing's words didn't mention anything about forcing him away, after all- she only said to take the things if he wanted, and Lin Yi didn't reply to that. The disciples really couldn't do much to Lin Yi standing there!

When they were patrolling and saw Lin Yi standing there taking the winter wind, they just left silently.

They didn't dare defy the words of Elder Qing, and didn't dare make their own decision!

They had the right to make strangers leave, but they didn't know what Lin Yi counted as- since the elder didn't give the command, they let him continue standing there!

Seeing the disciples ignore him, Lin Yi felt a bit more confident- at the very least Aunt Qing was a kind person. It could be that she wanted to help him as well, except that the fruit really was too valuable- she couldn't make any promises to him!

As for the cold as hell girl, Lin Yi didn't have any negative thoughts for her- it was a normal attitude to have, especially with how important that fruit is. He was just a stranger coming and asking for it, after all.

This was like when Fatty Lai asked him for the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing, and he didn't even know him- why would he give it to him? Though Fatty Lai had pretty good luck, finding the pill in the pile of dog shit.

For now, Lin Yi put all his hope on Aunt Qing- hopefully she'd be able to say some good things to the sect master for him.

"Has he not left yet?" The sect master asked as Aunt Qing came back.

"No, he's still at the gate..." Qing sighed, "Sect master, I feel that this child has come a long way- perhaps you could just give him a fruit? He's promised us that he will bring us a third level refiner in two years..."

"You'd believe the words of a freelancer?" The sect master smiled faintly.

"But, this Lin Yi- he seems different. He was able to win against Zhang Naipao and Feng Nitian- this speaks to his uniqueness. After all, which old elder of any sect isn't a freelancer?" Qing said, "I also see from his tone that he isn't lying! The Ice Heart Skeletal Elixir is simply too important to you- if it really can be refined, you'd be able to change your constitution after consuming it, and even if you won't be able to sense the next heir of the mountain, you'll still receive tremendous benefits for breakthrough from Sky class!"

"The Ice Heart Skeletal Elixir- even if it's a third level elixir, there must be at least a fifth level refiner to make it. Even if he gets us a third level one, what use will it be?" The sect master shook her head, "Is there really a refiner in the common world? Even in the ancient world, refiners are the rarest among the rarest, and the high level refiners are all gathered at the Sky Elixir Sect- you think he'd have the ability to convince the Sky Elixir Sect into sending a fifth level refiner to our Ice Palace?"

Speaking of the Sky Elixir Sect, a trace of hatred appeared on her face.

“That...” Qing was instantly speechless. It was true, all the best refiners were at Sky Elxir, and the only refiner their sect had was a second level one!

That was amazing enough, since there were only first level refiners in other ancient sects, with some of them only having simple medicine masters, and not even one refiner!

“Is there no answer from the Sky Elixir? Ten billion is still not enough to let them send a refiner to make us a pill?” The sect master recalled the negotiations she had with Aunt Qing at the Sky Elixir Sect.

“The young master of the sect has said it already- if you become his mistress, making the sects of Sky Elixir and Ice Palace in union, he’d give you all the elixirs you wanted, even fourth level ones- he could have his grandfather make them! Other than that, there’s no need for any further negotiations, and they have no lack of money!” Qing sighed.

“Shameless!” The sect master scoffed coldly, “What a ridiculous demand, a mere refiner with no strength- I can kill him with one finger!”

The sect master rarely got angry, but that reply of the young master from Sky Elixir really did a number on her.

“No strength...” Qing smiled bitterly, “They’re already the strongest among the ancient sects! While the core members of the Sky Elixir Sect are all focused on refining and use refiner’s practitioner’s arts, having very little battle power- the Sky class masters who put their lives on the line for that sect are simply too many in number!”

Qing was right- in the Sky Elixir Sect- while the young master, master, the elders, and even the old elder, were all practicing the support type of refiner’s arts, it was the exact reason why they were so successful on that path!

However, for the Sky Elixir Sect, this wasn’t a flaw at all- as long as they could refine medicine, there were countless people and groups coming to them and using all their efforts to get their favor- this pushed their status and power beyond imagination!

### **Chapter 1527: Qing’s Persuasion**

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This intent and goal to become the strongest in the Wulin world- everyone could see what they were trying to do. Yet, they had no power to stop it! The Sky Elixir Sect simply had too many followers and supporters, and those masters and sects who had received benefits from Sky Elixir would, for better elixirs, become the first ones to defend them and fight for them!

The young head had just become an adult, and he was gathering mistress after mistress- he had sent word to all the houses and sects that he wanted to marry all the young women of their groups, especially those with talent and strength!

If he really were to succeed in this, the next generation of the Sky Elixir Sect would not only have geniuses of high level refining, they'd also be children who'd all step onto the path of practicing. One could only imagine how overwhelming they'd grow into!

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**Chapter 1529: -an Jianwen's plan**

Lingshan was speechless! Now, all the police forces were concentrated near the commercial areas and banks. Where would there be extra police forces patrolling the streets? Plus, even if all the police were to go on patrol, they'd only be concentrated near the main road. Songshan was so big, and there were even suburbs nearby, how could they possibly cover all of them?

It wasn't that Lingshan didn't send people to patrol the crime scene, but it wasn't very effective, because you didn't know when and where the suspect would be!

Wang hekan was capable of solving cases, but he was a bit amateurish when it came to arranging work for the police.

"It's a given that we'll increase our patrols, but there are a few districts in Songshan city, and we don't have enough men. The crime locations are all over the place, they'll be here today, there tomorrow, back the day after tomorrow, or they'll be resting. There's no pattern at all ..." Lingshan smiled bitterly,""Right now, the most important thing is to identify the suspect and compare his height and physical characteristics to the database ..."

"We've compared them many times. In the database, people with criminal records and people similar to the suspect have been checked and can basically be ruled out. As for those without criminal records, there are too many people with the same height and build. Because the suspect is masked, we can't determine his appearance ... Although the suspect committed the crime in a stocking hood, it's rare to see that. The victim was very frightened at the time. He didn't clearly remember the profile of the suspect! At other times, the suspect's face is covered with a thick mask, so no one can see his facial features clearly!" Liu Wangli introduced.

"That's not my job. My job is to speculate on the suspect's mind and find clues. This kind of random crime situation is not for a detective to find clues." Wang hekan said.

"Captain song, we've received a report that the suspect has committed a crime in Jiuai town!" The office door was pushed open. It was one of song Lingshan's subordinates, and he was talking to song Lingshan in a hurry.

Song Lingshan had told him that if there was anything related to the case, he had to report it immediately. It didn't matter if she was in a meeting or resting, he had to be the first to know.

"What? Another crime? This time, you're in a house town?" Lingshan blinked.

Jiujun town was a small town under one of Songshan's subsidiary counties, it was two hundred kilometers away from the city. The suspect was quite ruthless, to commit a crime this far away. It would take two hours to drive, right?

"Yes, I just received a report from the jiushu town police, so I rushed over to report to you, Captain song!" The police officer said.

"Can you confirm that it was the same suspect?" Lingshan asked.

"That's basically what I'm guessing. " The police officer nodded and said,""This man's modus operandi is the same as the previous cases. This time, his target was an old man who sold roasted sweet potatoes. After the suspect successfully robbed the old man of more than 400 yuan, he was about to leave. The old man's son was not far away and rushed over to snatch it back. In the end, the suspect punched a big

hole in the large oven of roasted sweet potatoes and stuffed the old man's son's head into it. Fortunately, the oven had been out for a while, so the old man's son only had a light burn. Otherwise, the consequences would be unimaginable ..."

"He should be the suspect. Only he has the strength to punch a hole in a steel oven. The other robbers couldn't have done it, and they wouldn't have been so brutal!" Wang hekan nodded and said.

"Everyone, hurry to the scene for investigation!" Although he knew that he would not be able to catch the suspect, he still had to rush to the scene to investigate.

The members of the task force nodded silently and got up to get ready to head to Jiulai town.

In an Jianwen's Villa.

"How is it? Is the plan going well?" Jianwen said as he sipped his coffee.

"Master Wen, everything's going according to plan. 01 would do something every few days, and I'm guessing Song Lingshan's probably panicking by now! Wahahaha!" Scorpion said, "I heard that they're analyzing 01's motive, but no matter what they think, they can't think of your plan!"

"That's right! Even if I can't get rid of Lin Yi, I can at least piss him off. It'd be best if Chu Mengyao fires him as soon as she sees him. Without this B \* stard, it'd be much easier for me to pursue Mengyao!" Jianwen said.

"Master Wen, with your current status, you can have any woman you want. I heard that even an elder of the Firewolf gang has the intention to marry his granddaughter to you. You're practically the God of Fortune of the Firewolf gang!" Scorpion didn't understand why Jianwen was so in love with Mengyao, doing everything he could to frame the bodyguard called Lin Yi.

"You don't understand! I've played with a lot of women, but for Chu Mengyao, it's just a childhood dream. After so many years, it's become an obsession in my heart. If I don't get her, I'll be resentful for the rest of my life!" "My status may be higher now, but I still want to make her my woman!" Jianwen said.

"I see ..." Scorpion nodded, not fully understanding. He'd never experienced this before, so he didn't understand how Jianwen felt.

"Which stage of the plan is it at now?" Jianwen asked.

"According to Master Wen's plan, it's time to expose the license plate. So on the highway to Jiului town, I asked 01 to hang the TT000 sign at the exit of Songshan's highway. There should be surveillance cameras nearby. If Song Lingshan is careful enough, she should notice this clue!" Scorpion said.

"Not bad, this progress is not bad!" Jianwen nodded, satisfied, "let's keep this up, we'll expose this sign more!" After that, we'll carry out the next plan. We'll let 01's mask be ripped off by the victim to reveal his face for a split second!"

**Chapter 1530: So boring**

“En, right, professor, how’s your experiment going?” Jianwen turned to the professor, “Robbing guns, banks, shopping malls, hotels, and so on, money comes too slowly. If we Rob those aristocratic families, tsk tsk, how many treasures and valuable things would we get!”

“Master Wen, with your help, my research has made a breakthrough, but some of the original data has been destroyed. I’m already trying to restore and improve it!” “The biochemical liquid I’m cultivating right now can temporarily boost a person to the physical level of a Mystic class master, but the duration is very short-from start to finish, it’s only about three minutes ...” The professor said.

The professor was full of respect for an Jianwen now-to the firewolves, whoever made the money was the boss, and so the professor followed all of an Jianwen’s orders. Plus, an Jianwen had brought him a lot of human test subjects through the underground arena recently, and his research speed had increased by leaps and bounds!

“He’s still too weak. The time is too short!” An Jianwen shook his head, “to Rob those houses, you’d need to be at least Earth Class or Mystic late phase peak. Plus, the time you can maintain this is too short. You’d probably be killed before you can even run out!”

“If you calculate the time and let the hypnotist input the program, only biting open the capsule when someone attacks, it should be enough ...” Professor Yin said.

“No, if we’re going to do it, we have to do it flawlessly! Professor, continue to perfect the medicine-you have to improve your strength and maintain it for as long as possible, or I can’t let them go Rob the noble houses. Normal noble houses don’t have as many masters as the hidden houses, but some of them have Mystic late phase peak Masters-we have to be careful!” “But there’s no need to rush,” Jianwen said. “Even if we don’t do business for a year, the firewolves won’t say anything!”

“That’s true. Master Wen has already given the gang a lot of money during this period of time. Who would dare to say anything more?” The professor nodded in agreement.

In the Chu family’s Villa.

“Yaoyao sis, let’s go shopping? We haven’t gone shopping in a long time. ” Chen Yushu felt that the weekends were boring, she didn’t know how she spent the weekends in the past. Was it because he had shield bro with him before? But that’s not right, what happened before shield bro came? What were he and Yaoyao sis doing?

Yushu thought about it, and decided to go shopping with Mengyao since she didn’t remember doing anything else.

“Let your Yun Yun go with you, it’s too hot, I don’t want to go out ...” Chu Mengyao had a heat stroke today and said weakly, “Before you leave, go to the refrigerator downstairs and get me a bottle of cold drink. I’m so dizzy that I can’t even read ...”

“Tang Yin sis, Wan na go shopping with me?” Chen Yushu saw that Chu Mengyao’s mental state was really not very good, so she turned to Tang Yun.

“Shu, go and study, be a good girl!” Tang Yin said, waving the exercise book in her hand. “I’ve been so busy dating shield bro that I’ve been lagging behind on my studies. I have to work hard, or what if I can’t get into university?”

“Sigh, how boring, you guys aren’t going ...” Chen Yushu swaggered down the stairs and got Chu Mengyao a cold drink.

Chentian was practicing in the living room, while Weiwu was playing in the yard with his Lion. Yushu looked at them, bored. Chentian and Lin Yi weren’t the same at all—they weren’t fun at all. She didn’t want to talk to him anymore, so she went upstairs with a drink.

“Here you go, Yao Yao!” Chen Yushu passed the drink to Chu Mengyao, “There’s no shield bro’s drool this time!”

“It’s impossible even if I wanted to!” Chu Mengyao took the drink unhappily, opened it and took two sips.

“Oh, Yaoyao sis, you’re finally admitting that you want to have one!” Yushu said, trying her best to find some fun.

“Who said I wanted to? Tang Yin’s here, so don’t say anything. Mengyao blushed as she turned to Yushu.” “Did you get a heat stroke too? Why are you spouting nonsense?”

“I’m fine, don’t worry about me.” Tang Yun waved her hand to show her innocence. In fact, she understood some things already. She didn’t want to stop it, and she couldn’t! Just like Feng Xiaoxiao, letting nature take its course was the best.

Forcing Lin Yi to stay away from Mengyao and Yushu was impossible, but love would grow over time. Tang Yin didn’t know what Mengyao was thinking, but she knew that Yushu probably thought the same.

Plus, with Chen Yushu’s personality, Tang Yun knew that she couldn’t stop her. It would only make things worse. With their current relationship, Tang Yun couldn’t really stop her. Chen Yushu didn’t have any bad intentions and was an easy person to get along with.

“See, even Tang Yun sis is giving in, and you still won’t admit it?” Chen Yushu gave Chu Mengyao a look.

Mengyao’s heart skipped a beat at Tang Yun’s words, but she didn’t seem to care, “I don’t know what you’re talking about. I’m having a heat stroke and I’m going to rest for a while. You can play by yourself. I’m not talking to you anymore!”

“Sigh, if only shield bro was here, he could treat your heatstroke and you’d be fine! That Wu Chengtian down there, he’s also a Mystic class master, but he doesn’t know anything!” Chen Yushu complained.

“Alright, just say that you Miss Shield bro, don’t push the blame onto us!” Mengyao said.

“Yeah, I didn’t say I didn’t want to, I did!” Yushu said with a nod.

Tang Yun and Chu Mengyao couldn’t help but laugh when they saw Chen Yushu’s face ...

“I wonder if things are going well with Lin Yi?” After laughing and joking around, Tang Yin said worriedly, “It’s been six days, and Lin Yi hasn’t called back. To be honest, I’m a little worried!”