

## Crazy Wife 431

### Chapter 431: The Beasts' Soft and Hard Coercion (2)

"Oh, I see!" Lan Lie nodded as though he understood. He asked Steward Wu a few simple questions and then walked around the venue. Steward Wu naturally followed closely behind Lan Lie and waited on him carefully.

At this moment, the little old man came to a stall alone with Charm in his arms.

The little old man squatted down and asked lightly, "How can I exchange for this silverleaf grass?"

"I want to exchange for a silver bell flower," the young man setting up the stall said softly as he glanced at the little old man.

"Silver bell flower? Is this it?" The little old man took out a small silver bell-shaped flower from his ring.

"Yes, that's right. Elder, are you willing to exchange it with me?" the young man said excitedly. He had been looking for a silver bell flower for a long time and didn't expect to finally see it today. Moreover, the silver bell flower in the little old man's hand was actually still fresh and of superior quality. He was really satisfied.

"No," the little old man said softly as he put away the silver bell flower.

"Elder, are you playing with me?" the young man said with some displeasure. If he was unwilling to exchange it with him, why did he take it out to bait him!? *Boohoo...*

"Young man, don't be anxious! Listen to me," the little old man said calmly.

"Then tell me!" The young man didn't know what the little old man wanted to say to him, but he still politely listened to him.

"Young man, to be honest, I also exchanged for this silver bell flower with someone else. I'm not sure if she still has any, but I think you can try," the little old man suggested.

"Really? Who did you exchange with?" The young man looked around the venue, looking for suspicious people. But there were not many people in the venue now, and he had basically asked everyone. Could he have missed someone?

"Young man, stop looking. That person isn't here."

"Where can I find that person?" the young man said anxiously. The silver bell flower was really too important to him, so he definitely couldn't let go of this opportunity.

"Young man, I'm telling you the truth! This person offended the Lan family's fifth young lady, so she was forbidden from entering Blue Cloud City by Lan Ning'er. If you want to exchange with her, you can only go out of the city to exchange. Moreover, she has a lot of good things in her hands!" The little old man lowered his voice as if he was deceiving a white bunny.

"Okay, I'll go out of the city to find her. Uh! Elder, where is she outside the city?" the young man said impatiently.

“Thirty meters to the right of the city,” the little old man whispered.

“Thank you, elder.” The young man quickly packed up and prepared to leave.

The alchemists in the venue familiar with him couldn't help being a little curious after seeing him planning to leave, so they asked him the full story. Then they also packed up and left. Just like that, they spread the news one by one. In less than half an hour, the entire venue was empty...

“Uh, why did everyone leave?” Lan Lie asked with a suppressed smile after seeing the alchemists pack up and leave impatiently. *Hehe, good job. Let's go!*

“Uh! Erm... I guess they suddenly have an urgent matter!” Steward Wu guessed. After all, the exchange had not officially begun, so he never thought that anyone would dare to dig the Lan family's corner.

After seeing everyone leave, Charm and the little old man looked at each other in tacit understanding, smiled evilly, and clapped their hands to celebrate!

“Steward Wu, go about your business. There's no need to wait on me. I'm just here to take a look,” Lan Lie said.

“Yes, Young Master. I'll take my leave then.” Steward Wu bowed and left.

“Don't you find that little fox a little familiar?” Lan Lie asked doubtfully after Steward Wu left.

“What's wrong with your eyes? Isn't that Leng Ruoxue's fox!” Sun Teng rolled his eyes at Lan Lie.

“It's really that one? But that old man said the fox is his!” Lan Lie was depressed. *Boohoo...* He had been fooled!

“Of course, he would say the fox is his if it follows him,” Leng Wudi said helplessly. Alas! His good friend was too naive sometimes!

“Could he have snatched it from Leng Ruoxue?” Lan Lie guessed after hearing Leng Wudi's words.

“Are pet beasts that have recognized their masters so easy to snatch?” Leng Wudi looked at Lan Lie as if he was looking at an idiot.

“Then what happened? I have to ask clearly!” With that, Lan Lie walked directly to the man and beast.

“You are Leng Ruoxue's fox, right?” Lan Lie asked directly.

Charm rolled his eyes at Lan Lie and asked in return, “Is there a problem?”

“Then why didn't you say anything when I asked you just now?” Lan Lie said through gritted teeth.

“Tch, you didn't ask me!” Charm covered his mouth and giggled.

Upon hearing what Charm said, Lan Lie felt extraordinarily depressed. He turned his gaze to the little old man and looked at him resentfully.

“Uh! Lan family brat, don't look at me like that. I'm Charm's guardian now, so of course he's mine now,” the little old man said matter-of-factly without blushing or panting.

“Alright! I’m not angry that you lied to me. Then can you tell me what your relationship with Leng Ruoxue is?” Lan Lie asked very curiously. When did such an old man appear beside Leng Ruoxue?

“Lan family brat, I have nothing to do with the Leng Ruoxue you mentioned. But if the Leng Ruoxue you’re talking about is the master of this little fox, then I’m just making a bet with her,” the little old man explained.

“What bet?” Lan Lie’s curiosity was piqued.

The little old man was helpless and could only tell him about his bet with Leng Ruoxue. But who expected that Lan Lie actually laughed hysterically after hearing it!

“Lan family brat, is this very funny?” the little old man asked gloomily. He knew that he had lost, but this kid didn’t have to laugh so exaggeratedly!*It’s too much! Boohoo...*

“Of course it’s funny. Elder, you actually made a bet with a little fox. You’re definitely going to lose!” Lan Lie said with a smile until his tears were about to fall.

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“Little fox?” The little old man looked at Charm and fell silent.

“Old man, I told you not to make a bet with my master! But you refused to listen,” Charm couldn’t help saying.

“It doesn’t matter! I will admit defeat if I lose! Anyway, it won’t be a loss for me. I’ll have a disciple with excellent aptitude,” the little old man said generously.

“Lan family brat, tell me more about Lan Ning’er!” The little old man then said to Lan Lie. He was really curious. How did the Lan family raise such a piece of work?

“Okay! If you want to know, I’ll tell you about her glorious deeds. There’s enough to talk about for three days and three nights,” Lan Lie said with a chuckle.

“Then let’s find a place to sit and talk!” the little old man suggested.

“No problem.” Lan Lie nodded. The four of them and one beast left the exchange venue, found a tea house nearby, and began chatting...

Outside the city gate...

Leng Ruoxue’s exchange meeting was in full swing, and it was extraordinarily lively. There were even more alchemists setting up stalls around her...

“Big Sister, bring me some more herbs,” the little black dog said while running to Leng Ruoxue.

“Here you go.” Leng Ruoxue directly handed Blackie a storage ring. Her exchange meeting had only been open for two days, but she had gained a lot these two days! Not only did she exchange for a lot of precious herbs, but she also got to know many alchemists.

Moreover, she let Blackie, who was knowledgeable about herbs, out because of the severe shortage of manpower. Blackie was obviously very adept at such busy work. As for her grandfather and the others, they took the initiative to maintain order because they didn't know much about herbs.

"Xue'er, you must be exhausted!" Freak came to Leng Ruoxue's side and wiped the sweat off her forehead with some heartache.

"It's okay," Leng Ruoxue said happily. Hehe, she didn't know how the Lan family would react if they knew that she had dug out their corner and plotted against them. But it was very strange. It had been two days. Why was there no movement from the Lan family at all?

"Xue'er, if the Lan family finds out that we held an exchange meeting on our own, they probably won't let us go!" Freak teased.

"It's okay. Anyway, the feud with the Lan family is set. However, the reaction of the Lan family's patriarch is quite strange," Leng Ruoxue said doubtfully. Logically speaking, their behavior outside the city should be in the Lan family's plain sight, but no one from the Lan family came out to stop them!

Leng Ruoxue was chatting with Freak when a young man suddenly appeared in front of them and asked, "Do you have a silver bell flower?"

"You want to exchange for a silver bell flower?" Leng Ruoxue asked doubtfully. There had been too many alchemists who wanted to exchange for silver bell flowers, so she had already removed silver bell flowers from the exchange list. So this young man shouldn't know, right?

"Yes, please exchange with me if you still have more!" The young man said very sincerely.

"How did you know we have silver bell flowers?" Leng Ruoxue asked cautiously.

"An elderly man and a little fox told me. I really need a silver bell flower. Can you exchange it with me?" the young man said honestly.

"What would you exchange for it?" Leng Ruoxue asked. Hehe, so he was introduced by the little old man and Charm! They were pretty fast!

"I can exchange a stalk of silverleaf grass with you. If it's not enough, I can add some other herbs," the young man said sincerely.

"No need. Just use the silverleaf grass!" Leng Ruoxue said and gave Freak a look.

After receiving Leng Ruoxue's signal, Freak took out a silver bell flower from his ring and handed it to the young man.

"Thank you! I'm so grateful!" the young man said happily. *?Boohoo... I finally got it. It really wasn't easy.*

The young man took out the silverleaf grass. After the two of them exchanged, he mimicked the other alchemists and set up a stall outside the city...

"Xue'er, looks like the Lan family's medicinal herb exchange meeting will be over soon," Freak whispered with a smile on his face.

"It's okay. The Lan family won't mind," Leng Ruoxue said with a light smile.

During the time they were talking, many alchemists came to exchange herbs with them. Moreover, they knew the young man from before, so Leng Ruoxue readily exchanged the required herbs with them.

“Master, I’m back.” At this moment, a white shadow pounced into Leng Ruoxue’s arms with a whoosh.

“Charm, why are you back so soon?” Leng Ruoxue hugged the cute little snow-white beast in her arms and asked doubtfully. It had only been two days.

“Hehe, Master, I finished my mission and came back early!” Charm kept rubbing himself in Leng Ruoxue’s arms. *?Boohoo... I missed Master so much!*

“Little friend, I’m back too.” The little old man appeared in front of Leng Ruoxue gloomily.

“Old man, have you admitted defeat?” Leng Ruoxue asked in realization.

“I lost. That Lan Ning’er is worse than you said,” the little old man said angrily. Hmph! How could the Lan family have such a descendant! How disappointing!

“Uh!” Leng Ruoxue looked at the little old man, a little puzzled. *?Why is this little old man so angry? Could the Lan family have a close relationship with him?*

“Little friend! I admit defeat. Where’s my disciple?” The little old man looked around, looking for Zheng En.

“Zheng En is over there!” Leng Ruoxue pointed at Zheng En, who was surrounded by people not far away.

“Oh, little friend, your exchange meeting is getting quite big!” The little old man looked at the sea of people in front of him and was a little speechless. It hadn’t even been two days, but it had already formed such a scale!

“Old man, I heard that the Lan family’s medicinal herb exchange meeting will require admission tickets. Moreover, the price has increased this year. We’re not charging here, so of course, many people will come! Moreover, I have real materials!” Leng Ruoxue said with a smile. Her real materials naturally referred to those herbs.

“Hehe, little friend, the Lan family still thinks that the alchemists who are participating in the exchange haven’t arrived yet! How could they have expected you to stop them halfway!” the little old man said with a happy smile.. This little girl was really too smart. If his old friend knew about this, he would be depressed to death!

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“Old man, I was also forced into a corner! How could I have thought of this if Lan Ning’er didn’t stop us from entering Blue Cloud City!” Leng Ruoxue pretended to be pitiful, implying that she was actually the victim!

“Yes, Lan Ning’er is indeed a little too much!” the little old man said indignantly. He was even more furious after hearing what Lan Lie had said and finding out Lan Ning’er had done since she was young!

“Uh! Old man, could it be that you were also bullied by Lan Ning’er?” Leng Ruoxue was really puzzled by this little old man’s unusual anger. The only explanation was that this little old man had also become a victim.

“Master, Lan Ning’er wants to use me as a scarf and calls him a beggar,” Charm complained, his little face full of grievance and fear.

“Charm, don’t be afraid! I won’t let that woman off if she dares to touch you.” Leng Ruoxue caressed Charm’s soft fur and comforted him. *?Hehe, I was right.*

“Yes, Charm knows that Master will protect me.” Charm nodded obediently, fully displaying his cute side as a little beast.

“Charm, don’t be scared. I will protect you too,” the little old man quickly declared. He had always been unable to resist cute little beasts like Charm.

“Yes, yes.” Charm nodded happily.

“Little Snowy, we’re here too,” Lan Lie interrupted.

“Why are you here so soon?” Leng Ruoxue asked helplessly. Wasn’t the Lan family going to change their young master? Why was Lan Lie still wandering around as if nothing had happened!

“Little friend, they came with me. We met in Blue Cloud City,” the little old man explained.

“Oh! Lan Lie, the Lan family is about to change their young master. Aren’t you worried at all?” Leng Ruoxue couldn’t help teasing. *?Alas! Lan Lie is really heartless!*

“So be it! Who cares?” Lan Lie shrugged nonchalantly.

“He has always wanted to be replaced!” Sun Teng interrupted.

“Hehe, Little Snowy, your little beasts can really fool people.” Lan Lie smiled and changed the topic awkwardly. Just now, he, Leng Wudi, and Sun Teng went to see the little beasts first because they were curious about how the few little beasts were drawing people in. After listening to them for a while, they were all in admiration of the few beasts because they were really too good at talking!

“Hm?” Leng Ruoxue was a little puzzled. She knew that her beasts were very eloquent, but it didn’t seem appropriate to use the word fool, right? Was he complimenting her beasts?

“Don’t you know?” Lan Lie said in disbelief. *?As their master, she actually doesn’t know the abilities of her beasts. What a failure.*

“Uh! I’ve been staying here exchanging herbs,” Leng Ruoxue said honestly. She only knew that her beasts had brought many alchemists over, but she really didn’t know what the beasts said to the alchemists.

“Hehe, go take a look yourself.” Lan Lie smiled mysteriously.

Leng Ruoxue and Freak looked at each other and walked toward the location of the little beasts...

Darling and the other beasts were currently surrounded by alchemists.

“Those who are passing by, quickly take a look! The best herbs are being exchanged!” Darling began to shout loudly when he saw more and more alchemists gathering.

“Is there any fishy grass?”

“Do you have a snake gall flower?”

The alchemists surrounding them asked in unison.

Darling cleared his throat and said loudly, “Stop! Everyone, quiet down and listen to me!”

“Oh!” Darling’s words worked. After he finished speaking, everyone indeed fell silent.

“All of you, calm down! My master’s herbs are rare treasures seen once a thousand years. Don’t have any ideas about my master unless you can exchange herbs of equivalent value. Also, don’t exchange for those ordinary herbs from my master. She doesn’t have them. But! You can set up a small stall beside her. At that time, the herbs you need will naturally be easy to obtain! After all, my master’s exchange meeting is much more popular than whatever that Lan family put out.

“Moreover, I dare to say that the Lan family absolutely can’t produce such good herbs as my master. Therefore, you only have one choice. You can’t participate in the Lan family’s medicinal herb exchange meeting if you exchange with my master. If you participate in the Lan family’s exchange meeting, you naturally can’t exchange with my master.”

“Uh! Why is that?” an alchemist who had just arrived at Blue Cloud City asked in puzzlement. After all, this didn’t seem to conflict in his opinion!

“Of course, it’s because of the Lan family’s fifth young lady. Hmph! That ugly monster actually prohibited my master from entering the city. My master can’t enter. If you want to exchange herbs with my master, you can only stay outside to accompany her!” Darling said matter-of-factly.

After Darling finished his long speech, the alchemists surrounding them were a little flustered. Uh! They had really never seen such an overbearing beast. Moreover, the number one beauty of the Boundless Heaven Continent was actually called ugly by him. Alas! The aesthetics of beasts really couldn’t be compared to that of humans!

“I’ll tell you the truth! My master’s medicinal herbs are the best on the entire Boundless Heaven Continent. If you don’t exchange with her, you will definitely regret it. And there’s only one chance. Whether you can grasp it or not will depend on your choice.” Darling cleared his throat and began talking non-stop again after speaking...

Then it was Silver Wings’ turn to speak!

“I have nothing to say. However, what I want to tell you is that I’ve remembered your smell. If you dare to enter the city without permission, I’ll bite you every time I see you in the future. Hmph!” Silver Wings snorted coldly and warned.

“Hehe, don’t be afraid! In fact, I don’t approve of using violence. However! Sometimes, I have to use it. I’ll reiterate. If any of you go to the Lan family’s medicinal herb exchange, I’ll burn you every time I see you in the future. Don’t doubt my words! You can’t bear my fire,” Feng Zhan threatened with a smile. After speaking, he even breathed a small flame to serve as a deterrent.

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White Dawn, who had been lying on a recliner pretending to be a master, only snorted coldly and didn't say anything. But his snort made the surrounding people feel immense pressure!

"Alright! I hope we can cooperate happily. Hurry up and find my master to exchange for herbs! Remember, there's nothing you can't exchange for!" Darling summarized again and chased away the people surrounding them. Then he lay comfortably on a recliner, crossed his legs, drank tea, ate delicious snacks, and waited patiently for the next batch of alchemists to arrive.

After everyone left, Leng Ruoxue and Freak slowly walked over from not far away.

"Beloved Master!" Darling was the first to jump into Leng Ruoxue's arms and acted coquettishly.

"You're so amazing! You actually used both coercion and temptation," Leng Ruoxue said with a laugh. She really couldn't do anything about her beasts. *Alas! Why are these little beasts so cute?*

"Master, that ugly monster with the surname Lan actually dared to forbid you from entering the city. Hmph! Then we'll ruin their medicinal herb exchange meeting," Darling said hatefully.

"Haha, that suits me." Leng Ruoxue caressed Darling's soft fur.

Feng Zhan flew to Leng Ruoxue's shoulder and said with slight pride, "Hehe, Master, we have to make the Lan family suffer."

"Be careful!" Leng Ruoxue said worriedly. She thought about it and also let Icy out of the bracelet.

"Little Snowy, I want to sleep," Icy said reluctantly.

"Sleep here!" Leng Ruoxue said helplessly. She would be much more at ease with Icy staying with her beasts.

"Alright!" Icy looked at the beasts and answered. Then he jumped onto a recliner and laid down lazily.

Leng Ruoxue left some food for the beasts and returned to the exchange venue...

Three days later.

Leng Ruoxue's medicinal herb exchange meeting was extremely popular, attracting many alchemists. Today was also the opening day of the Lan family's medicinal herb exchange meeting...

At the Lan family's medicinal herb exchange meeting venue...

The second master of the Lan family, Lan Fei, who was presiding over the medicinal herb exchange meeting, arrived at the venue early. It was almost time for the exchange meeting to officially begin, but there was no one here. This made Lan Fei a little puzzled!

"Steward Wu, why isn't anyone here?" Lan Fei asked with some dissatisfaction. *Where did those damn alchemists go? There's actually not a single person?*

"Second Master, erm... I'm not sure either, but... I heard from the manager of the inn that many alchemists have checked out. Moreover, their whereabouts are unknown," Steward Wu replied cautiously with a forehead full of cold sweat.



“Then what are you waiting for? Hurry up and find out the reason. I won’t let you go if we miss the time of the exchange!” Lan Fei roared loudly, so angry that his face and neck were red, and the veins on his forehead bulged.

“Yes, I’ll go immediately!” Steward Wu said fearfully and disappeared with a whoosh.

An hour later.

A certain elder who came to participate in the opening of the medicinal herb exchange meeting began to make things difficult!

“Second Master, can you explain what happened?” the third elder, who was sitting in a chair, asked lightly. He had never liked this gloomy second master, so he naturally wouldn’t let go of such a good opportunity.

“Steward Wu has already gone to investigate,” Lan Fei said with cold sweat on his forehead. He was so angry. This was obviously his best chance to perform, but he didn’t expect this to happen. Not only did he not get the chance to perform, but he also left a bad impression on others. Alas! The gains really didn’t make up for the losses!

“Hmph! You are only investigating it now? What were you doing earlier?” The third elder snorted with a displeased face.

“Uh! Erm... This is just an accident. I think those alchemists are most likely delayed by something,” Lan Fei explained with a frown.

“An accident? I think it’s obviously a mistake,” the third elder said stubbornly.

“Hehe, Third Elder, calm down! It’s the first time Second Master is in charge of such a big activity. It’s normal for some accidents to happen without experience,” the second elder mediated.

“Second Elder, I know you watched Lan Fei grow up, but mistakes are mistakes. How can you use inexperience as an excuse! Hmph! You didn’t even pass this little test, and you still want to compete for the position of the patriarch?” The third elder’s words were very sharp. The Lan family might already have a young master, but that was only for the grandchildren. The current patriarch of the Lan family had yet to decide which son would take over the position of the patriarch after he retired. Moreover, it was common knowledge that most of the elders wanted the eldest son of the patriarch, Lan Lie’s father, Lan Tian, to take over the position of the patriarch. This way, Young Master Lan Lie’s position could be more stable.

However, the patriarch had recently released word that all his sons were qualified to vie for the position of the patriarch. Therefore, these sons of the patriarch’s concubines were all restless!

“Third Elder, I admit that I didn’t consider it carefully this time. However, denying my ability just because of this matter is very unfair to me,” Lan Fei argued. He hated this third elder, who liked to find trouble with him everywhere, to death!*Hmph! Old thing, I’ll get rid of you first when I become the patriarch!*

“Do you think this matter is a small matter? Do you think if there are such functions like this in the future, we will dare to hand them to you?” the third elder asked in disdain.

“By the way, the opening time of the medicinal herb exchange has passed, but the person you sent hasn’t returned yet,” the third elder added.

The third elder’s words left Lan Fei speechless...

“Third Elder, what’s the point of saying all this now that things have come to this? Let’s think about how to remedy the situation!” the second elder said.

“Remedy? I’ve participated in so many medicinal herb exchanges, and this is the first time I’ve encountered an exchange without a single alchemist participating. If news of this spreads, our Lan family will become everyone’s laughing stock. Also, what do you want to do with the people watching outside?” the third elder asked loudly while looking at the people sitting.

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“What can we do? Of course, get the people to disperse first! Let’s just say that there’s no opening ceremony for this year’s exchange,” the fifth elder suggested. They couldn’t kill all the surrounding people, right? The Lan family was not so bloodthirsty!

“That’s the only way.” The third elder nodded.

“Lan Fei, go out and disperse the people!” the second elder ordered. In the past, the medicinal herb exchange meetings usually had an extremely grand opening, so there were many people who liked to come and watch the commotion. They were also very happy to have so many people paying attention to this matter. But they obviously didn’t want too many people to come this time.

“Yes,” Lan Fei answered and went to disperse the surrounding people.

After sending the onlookers away, Lan Fei returned to the venue to be reprimanded.

The third elder rolled his eyes at Lan Fei and said coldly, “Lan Fei, tell me your plan!”

“I’ll find out the reason first and then decide how to deal with the aftermath,” Lan Fei said calmly because he knew that it was useless even if he was anxious now. Many people were waiting to see him make a fool of himself!

The third elder nodded. In fact, Lan Fei was smart. Unfortunately, he didn’t use it in the right place.

“Second Master, I’m back.” Steward Wu’s voice sounded in everyone’s ears.

Lan Fei grabbed Steward Wu’s collar and asked anxiously, “Steward Wu, have you investigated the cause? Why didn’t any of those alchemists appear?”

“Second Master, I spent a lot of effort to understand the whole story,” Steward Wu said hurriedly.

“Tell me quickly!” Lan Fei urged with widened eyes.

“Let go of him first and let him talk slowly,” the third elder reminded.

“Uh! Tell me quickly!” Lan Fei released Steward Wu’s collar and said anxiously.

“It’s like this. I heard that people set up stalls outside our Blue Cloud City to exchange for herbs, so I went out of the city. I saw it, and it was indeed the case!” Steward Wu told everyone sitting here

everything he had found out. Everyone present frowned when they heard it, and most of their faces were as colorful as a color palette.

“Damn it. Those alchemists actually dare to go against our Lan family. Hmph! Who gave them the guts?” Lan Fei roared furiously, the veins on his forehead bulging.

“Steward Wu, were those alchemists organized by someone?” The second elder grasped the main point of the matter.

“Yes, a person named Leng Ruoxue,” Steward Wu said respectfully.

“Leng Ruoxue? Who is she?” The second elder was a little puzzled. *?Surname Leng? Could she be from the Leng family? But the Leng family has always had a good relationship with the Lan family! The Leng family shouldn't do such a thing.*

“She... she had a conflict with Fifth Miss. Fifth Miss forbade her from entering the city, so Leng Ruoxue held a medicinal herb exchange outside the city and directly stopped the alchemists who came to participate in our exchange,” Steward Wu hurriedly explained while wiping the cold sweat off his forehead. He was full of admiration for Leng Ruoxue in his heart. She really had guts! She actually poached these people right at the corner of their Lan family!

“So it's because of the fifth young lady,” the third elder said with a spurious smile.

“I wonder if Leng Ruoxue has an invitation?” the third elder glanced at Steward Wu.

“Yes, Young Master gave her the invitation,” Steward Wu said honestly, not daring to hide it.

“Alas! The invitation sent by our Lan family's young master is actually not as effective as the fifth young lady's words. It's really too unbelievable,” the third elder said with slight mockery.

The third elder's words made everyone present look at Lan Fei strangely.

“Third Elder, this must be a misunderstanding. If Leng Ruoxue really has an invitation, how could Ning'er not let her into the city!” Lan Fei defended his daughter.

“Do you mean that Leng Ruoxue doesn't have an invitation from our Lan family at all?” the third elder said without emotion with his eyelids raised slightly.

“Probably. Ning'er has always done things with propriety. If Leng Ruoxue really has an invitation, how could Ning'er not let her enter the city!” Lan Fei said confidently.

“There's no need to guess. Let's go and verify it. Won't we know then?” said the first elder, who had been silent. Then he stood up and left the exchange meeting venue.

Seeing the first elder leaving, everyone present hurriedly followed.

Just like that, the group walked out of the city in a grandiose manner.

Outside the city, everyone couldn't help being a little speechless when they saw the fiery exchange scene. Most of these people were guests invited by their Lan family! Now, they actually benefited others...

"This scene is more normal!" The third elder was not angry but actually nodded with satisfaction after seeing this scene.

"Let's go take a look," the first elder said expressionlessly.

"Elders, this Leng Ruoxue is really too much. We absolutely can't let her go." Lan Fei was so angry that his lungs were about to explode. This was obviously the scene he wanted! But it had nothing to do with him at all!

At this moment, Leng Ruoxue was chatting with the alchemists, but she suddenly realized that the alchemists were silent. Moreover, they kept winking at her unnaturally...

Leng Ruoxue subconsciously turned around and found a group of people behind her. Moreover, a few of them were staring at her angrily as if they wanted to skin her alive...

"What's the matter?" Leng Ruoxue asked lightly. In fact, she had already guessed the identities of these people when she glanced at Lan Ming's expression. However, she had to pretend to be stupid when she should be pretending!

"You are Leng Ruoxue?" Lan Fei asked disdainfully with his head raised.

"Yes, I am Leng Ruoxue," Leng Ruoxue replied with a light smile.

"Do you know where this is?" Lan Fei questioned fiercely, his cold eyes spitting out flames of anger.

"This is outside Blue Cloud City. What's the matter? Don't you know?" Leng Ruoxue asked calmly.

She didn't know who this middle-aged man was from the Lan family, but she wouldn't be afraid no matter who he was.

"Of course I know this is outside Blue Cloud City," Lan Fei said fiercely through gritted teeth.

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"Then why are you asking me?" Leng Ruoxue questioned with some displeasure, looking at Lan Fei like he was an idiot.

"Xue'er, he's most likely illiterate," Freak said indifferently as he hugged Leng Ruoxue's slender waist.

"Yes, it's possible!" Leng Ruoxue echoed.

"Damn it. Let me tell you. This is our Lan family's territory. Who allowed you to set up your stall here privately?" Lan Fei roared furiously.

"This is really strange. Blue Cloud City is the territory of the Lan family. Why is it so outside the city too? Then why didn't your Lan family build the city wall here?" Leng Ruoxue asked in puzzlement, her face full of question marks.

"You... Damn it. Leng Ruoxue, do you know who you are talking to?" Lan Fei roared at the top of his lungs.

"I really don't know who I'm talking to. However, what I want to say is, why did the Lan family let you out? Is there no one else in the Lan family? Why did they let an idiotic old man come out to embarrass himself?" Leng Ruoxue said mockingly with a light smile.

"W-who are you calling an idiotic old man?" Lan Fei was about to vomit blood when he heard someone calling him an idiotic old man. He was only in his forties, okay? How did he look like an old man?

"You! Bad memory is a sign of aging! You're about to..." Leng Ruoxue deliberately said half a sentence to anger the middle-aged man to death.

"You... you..." Lan Fei stammered, his breathing a little uneven. He couldn't even manage a complete sentence for a long time.

"Lass! He is the second master of our Lan family and the second son of the patriarch. How can you be so rude?" the third elder suddenly said. He directly revealed Lan Fei's identity and even blamed Leng Ruoxue for being rude. But his tone sounded as though he was gloating!

"Ah! I'm so sorry. I should have been more reserved. Why didn't anyone tell me earlier that he is the second master of the Lan family? Boohoo... your patriarch won't be angry with me, right?" Leng Ruoxue asked pitifully and uncertainly.

"The patriarch will definitely not be angry with you, but our second master will definitely hate you." The third elder thought and then nodded with certainty.

"Oh, then I'm not afraid. I see that his glabella is dark. He is definitely having bad luck recently. If anything happens to him, he won't have a chance to hate me," Leng Ruoxue said with confidence.

"Lass, you know how to read fortunes?" the third elder said with a face full of surprise. He was already laughing in his heart. *Hehe, this Leng Ruoxue is really infuriating! I like it.* In fact, the third elder was a very straightforward and protective person to begin with. If he liked someone, then no matter what this person did, it would be good in his eyes. If he didn't like someone, then no matter how much this person did, he would not be able to gain his favor, just like Lan Fei!

"I don't! But there's no need to read the second master's fortune. He will definitely be unlucky recently," Leng Ruoxue said with certainty. At the same time, she muttered in her head, *I have to create some unlucky things for the Lan family's second master even if he isn't unlucky!*

"Haha! Haha! I like you, lass!" The third elder laughed heartily.

The conversation between him and Leng Ruoxue actually made Lan Fei faint from anger...

Leng Ruoxue looked at Lan Fei with infinite pity and said lightly, "Alas! You really have a short life. Your ability to bear stimulation is really too poor. You have to train!"

The third elder stroked his beard and said seriously, "Yes, that's reasonable. I'll suggest to the patriarch later and arrange special training for him. How can he compete for the position of the patriarch in such a state!"

The Lan family members standing beside the third elder were all at a loss for words. *Third Elder! Are we here to denounce Leng Ruoxue or to chat with her?*

The first elder looked at the gloating third elder, and the corner of his mouth twitched. Then he cleared his throat and said solemnly, “Leng Ruoxue, why are you setting up a stall outside? Do you know that your behavior has seriously affected the medicinal herb exchange meeting that our Lan family has held for many years?”

“I was forced into it. I’m also a victim!” Leng Ruoxue said aggrievedly, her expression as if she had been wronged!

“Who forced you?” the first elder asked curiously even though he knew the answer.

“Lan Ning’er, the fifth young lady of the Lan family!” Leng Ruoxue said fearfully.

“Uh! How did she bully you?” the first elder continued to ask.

“That dog used her position to bully us and forbade us from entering Blue Cloud City. We had no choice but to set up a stall outside the city to exchange for herbs!” Leng Ruoxue explained lightly.

“Oh, then why didn’t she let you enter the city?” Two drops of cold sweat dripped down the first elder’s forehead. This girl actually scolded Lan Ning’er as a dog in front of him. How gutsy!

“She thinks we’re ugly, mainly because of jealousy, because her Big Brother Leng would rather go on the road with us ugly monsters than bother with her. Alas! In fact, the number one beauty is also quite pitiful. Who would dare to want a woman with a bad personality! Leng Wudi isn’t a fool!” Leng Ruoxue kept on recounting Lan Ning’er’s crime, and her tone actually carried some sympathy at the end.

“Also! When we were camping in the wilderness, she used the excuse that she didn’t have a tent to stay in the same one as Young Master Leng. However, Young Master Leng would rather stand guard throughout the night than enter the tent. After we arrived in the city, I reminded her to buy a tent, but she refused and even blamed me for being nosy!

“Alas! How wronged do you think I felt? I did it for her own good! It’s fine if she doesn’t care about her reputation, but if she implicates the young master of the Leng family and causes the Leng family to fall out with the Lan family, can she bear the responsibility? Moreover, Young Master Leng can lend her his tent once for the sake of the Lan family, but would he lend it to her again and again? How brainless. Even if she wants to be the wife of the young master of the Leng family, she can’t use such a trashy method! What would her actions cause for the Lan family’s reputation! Don’t you think so?” Leng Ruoxue said earnestly, her tone so sincere that it was unbelievable.

“Is what you said true?” the first elder asked while suppressing his anger. He really didn’t expect Lan Ning’er to be so shameless!

### **Chapter 437: The Shameless First Elder of the Lan Family (3)**

“I’m a good child, and I never lie. If you don’t believe me, you can ask your Lan family’s young master! Ah! No, Lan Lie is no longer the young master!” Leng Ruoxue said as if she had just realized it.

“Lass, who told you that Lan Lie isn’t the young master?” the first elder asked with slight displeasure, his forehead full of black lines.

“Lan Ning’er!” Leng Ruoxue answered very innocently.

“How can you believe her words? Lan Lie is still the young master of our Lan family,” the first elder said very seriously.

“She is the most favored fifth young lady of the Lan family! Even Lan Lie has to be wary of her. Of course her words are trustworthy,” Leng Ruoxue said stubbornly.

“Lass, do you have an invitation for the medicinal herb exchange?” The first elder wiped the cold sweat off his forehead and changed the topic.

“Of course we do. Our invitation was personally sent by your former young master. Unfortunately! It was denied by Lan Ning’er.” Leng Ruoxue pretended to be regretful.

“Lass, I’ll say it one last time. Our Lan family’s young master hasn’t changed. It’s still Lan Lie,” the first elder said with a slight headache. He realized that he really couldn’t communicate with Leng Ruoxue.

“B-but...” Leng Ruoxue wanted to argue but was interrupted by Freak.

“Xue’er, let’s not argue with the Lan family anymore. If he said they didn’t change him, then so be it! It’s only a matter of time before he’s changed anyway,” Freak said understandingly.

“Yes, that’s true. In fact, Lan Lie’s position as the young master is quite low. Lan Ning’er calls him names all day long and doesn’t take him, the young master, seriously at all. Alas! As Lan Lie’s friends, we can’t bear to watch any longer. The Lan family is really too lawless. The children of the concubines are all riding on the heads of the main family.” Leng Ruoxue and Freak discussed as if no one else was around.

“That’s right. I’m also the child of a concubine. I don’t even dare to speak loudly in front of those from the main family.” Freak agreed very much.

At the side, the first elder finally understood after listening for a long time. These two people were deliberately putting on an act together! But even though what they said was reasonable, the Lan family’s face and foundation were all lost by them now. This couldn’t do!

The first elder’s eyes kept darting around as he said indifferently, “Lass! Do you know that our Lan family has become a laughing stock because of your words?”

“What does that have to do with me? It’s your family’s upbringing. Even if I don’t speak, many people will discuss it in private. If you don’t believe me, you can go to Blue Cloud City to ask around! See what the people say?” Leng Ruoxue suggested kindly.

“Uh! Lass, let’s discuss this later. Let’s talk about the medicinal herb exchange first! Since you have our Lan family’s invitation, how about I invite you into the city as the Lan family’s first elder?” the first elder said very cordially with a kind smile. In fact, how could he not know the opinions of the people in the city! It was just that the patriarch had his own thoughts, and it was inconvenient for him to say it without seriously harming the Lan family’s interests.

“We’ve almost exchanged everything. There’s no need to enter the city anymore, so thank you for your good intentions,” Leng Ruoxue declined politely.

“How dare you refuse First Elder’s good intentions. I think you don’t want to live anymore.” Lan Fei, who had just woken up, was furious after hearing Leng Ruoxue’s refusal to enter the city!

“Eh! Don’t tell me you pretended to faint? Why did you wake up so quickly? It’s such a pity. How good would it be if you couldn’t wake up for a long time!” Leng Ruoxue said angrily.

As soon as Leng Ruoxue finished speaking, bursts of low laughter emerged from the crowd. Even the Lan family members present couldn’t help turning their heads, covering their mouths, and laughing secretly.

Leng Ruoxue glanced at Lan Fei and the Lan family members behind him. *?Looks like the second master of the Lan family isn’t popular in the Lan family! This will be much easier.*

“Ahem, lass! You’re really too unkind. How can you say what’s on your mind?” The third elder pretended to reprimand her. What he implied was that she could say it in her heart!

“I always say whatever comes to my head!” Leng Ruoxue said cooperatively while looking at the third elder aggrievedly.

“Lan Fei, I’m talking to this lass. Why are you interrupting?” the first elder said with some displeasure.

“First Elder, I…” Lan Fei wanted to argue, but the first elder didn’t give him the chance at all!

“What about me? Can’t you see that I’m cleaning up your mess? It’s fine if you don’t reflect on yourself, but you actually caused more trouble!” the first elder reprimanded, his face full of dissatisfaction with him.

“First Elder!” Lan Fei was depressed. He was the second master of the Lan family after all. The first elder actually lectured him in public. He really didn’t give him face. He was so angry! However, he didn’t dare to talk back in front of the first elder at all, so he could only bear with it!

“Lan Fei, I order you to return to the Lan family estate immediately to reflect. You are not allowed to leave your room by even half a step without my permission,” the first elder said resolutely.

The first elder turned and ordered the guards beside him, “Send the second master back.”

“Yes, First Elder,” the guards replied and then half forced Lan Fei back to the Lan family estate.

“Lass, now that the eyesore has left, can we have a good talk?” the first elder said warmly, as if he was the Big Bad Wolf coaxing Little Red Riding Hood.

“But I really don’t need to enter the city anymore,” Leng Ruoxue said honestly. She was planning to leave.

“Lass, you’ve messed up our Lan family’s medicinal herb exchange. You have to compensate us!” The first elder glared at Leng Ruoxue and pretended to be pitiful.

“You’re mistaken. I didn’t ruin your exchange. It was Lan Ning’er, so you can’t blame me for this!” Leng Ruoxue didn’t want to take the blame for others!

“So you want to be irresponsible!” the first elder said pitifully as if he was about to cry.

“I don’t have any responsibilities! Okay, we’re leaving now,” Leng Ruoxue said bluntly. *?The Lan family is really too strange. I should stay away from them!*



The moment Freak and the others, as well as the alchemists present, heard Leng Ruoxue say that she was leaving, they immediately packed up and prepared to leave, lest the Lan family vented their anger on them. Moreover, they had almost exchanged the herbs they wanted to exchange for, so staying would be a waste of time.

#### **Chapter 438: The Shameless First Elder of the Lan Family (4)**

“Xue’er, everything is packed.” Freak returned to Leng Ruoxue’s side.

“Okay, let’s leave then. Don’t affect the Lan family’s medicinal herb exchange,” Leng Ruoxue said very kindly.

“Uh!” The first elder was a little dumbfounded. What was going on? Did he say he wanted them to leave? He just wanted them to enter the city. *?Boohoo... This girl is really too evil.* He was now very sure that Leng Ruoxue definitely did it on purpose.

“First Elder, you don’t have to be troubled. We’re leaving.” Leng Ruoxue waved at the first elder. Then she gave Freak and the others a look and planned to leave...

“All of you, stop right there. No one is allowed to leave. If you want to leave, step over my dead body!” With that, the first elder sat on the ground and began acting shamelessly.

Leng Ruoxue and the others, who were about to leave, as well as the alchemists, were all stunned, not knowing what to do!

The Lan family collectively turned their heads, not daring to look at the first elder. However, they thought in unison, *?First Elder, you are really unscrupulous in order to achieve your goal! Alas! Your sacrifice for the Lan family is really too great!* At this moment, they respected the first elder even more!

“First Elder, you want us to step over you. Are you preparing to commit suicide? Or do you want us to kill you?” Leng Ruoxue asked curiously with several black lines hanging on her forehead.

“I find it painful to commit suicide. Kill me if you want to leave!” The first elder steeled his heart and went all out. Anyway, the Lan family had already lost all its face. There wouldn’t be much difference even if his was gone.

“Then what if the Lan family finds trouble with us after we kill you?” Leng Ruoxue asked in distress. *?Alas! Is this old man really the first elder of the Lan family who is virtuous and respected? Why is he so shameless? No wonder the Lan family had so many pieces of work!*

“Hehe, then you can all stay. Then we will all be happy,” the first elder said with a smile.

“But we’ve exchanged all our herbs, and there’s really nothing else to exchange for,” Leng Ruoxue said in a dilemma.

“It’s okay. You just have to put on a show. Otherwise, our Lan family will lose all our face,” the first elder pleaded. *?Boohoo... Take pity on me!*

“First Elder, time is money. We...”

“Money? How much do you want?” the first elder asked quickly. Money was not a problem as long as they were willing to stay!

“Uh!” Leng Ruoxue was stunned. Did the first elder of the Lan family want to give them money? In fact, what she wanted to say just now was that they didn’t have that much time!

“Lass, as long as you’re willing to stay until the exchange ends, our Lan family will pay you. How about it?” the first elder said anxiously with widened eyes.

“How much?” Leng Ruoxue asked lightly. *They won’t cause trouble for me and yet will pay us. Is there such a good thing?* She couldn’t help feeling a little skeptical!

“How about five hundred thousand purple gold coins a day for half a month?” the first elder asked expectantly.

“What do you think?” Leng Ruoxue turned to ask the alchemists not far away.

“Is what First Elder said true?” one of the alchemists asked doubtfully. Would there be such a good thing? In the past, they had to pay the Lan family money when they came to the exchange meeting. They didn’t expect the tables to turn today. Moreover, the Lan family was quite open-minded, and the treatment was quite good!

“Of course it’s true. I guarantee it with the reputation of the Lan family’s first elder,” the first elder said very seriously and sincerely.

“I think we can consider it,” another alchemist said after hearing the first elder’s promise, but his face was obviously still a little worried.

“There’s no need to consider. Such conditions are unprecedented and will never happen again. There won’t be such an opportunity in the future,” the first elder urged.

“What if the second master of the Lan family finds trouble with us after we enter Blue Cloud City?” Leng Ruoxue asked.

“Yes! Blue Cloud City is the Lan family’s territory. Will the Lan family cause trouble for us if we enter?” the alchemists asked worriedly.

“He wouldn’t dare. Wasn’t he already grounded by me!” the first elder said with certainty.

“Erm... Everyone, I am the third elder of the Lan family. I can also guarantee that you won’t be harassed by certain people from the Lan family,” the third elder promised.

“If someone harasses us, can we deal with that person as we please? No matter who they are?” Leng Ruoxue asked lightly. The other Lan family members might take the words of these two elders seriously, but not necessarily Lan Ning’er!

“Yes, our Lan family will never shield them,” the first elder and third elder promised in unison.

“Everyone, since the Lan family is so sincere, let’s give these two elders of the Lan family some face!” Leng Ruoxue said very understandingly.

“We’ll listen to Miss Leng,” the alchemists replied. They were almost following Leng Ruoxue’s lead now.

"In that case, I've decided on your behalf. Let's enter Blue Cloud City to participate in the medicinal herb exchange! However, First Elder, you have to pay us in advance," Leng Ruoxue said in a seemingly fair manner.

"No problem. You enter the city first. I'll get someone to send the remuneration to you later," the first elder said readily. Hehe, his mission would be completed as long as they were willing to stay.

"First Elder, you can get up now!" Leng Ruoxue looked at the first elder still sitting on the ground and reminded him. Alas! The first elder of a super family actually sat on the ground and acted shamelessly in order to achieve his goal. What would happen if news of this got out!

"Hehe, lass, if you agreed earlier, would I need to use this move!" the first elder said nonchalantly.

"Aren't you afraid of losing face?" Leng Ruoxue was really curious. *How can this old man be so thick-skinned?*

"What I care about is the result. It's good as long as I can achieve my goal," the first elder said stubbornly, his heart racing. *Wasn't this forced by you, lass??* He hadn't used this move for dozens of years. The last time he had used it was for Lan Tian!

"First Grandpa!" At this moment, Lan Lie, who had been hiding, walked out of the crowd. His eyes were slightly red as he spoke in a choked voice.

#### **Chapter 439: The Shameless First Elder of the Lan Family (5)**

"Damn brat, you're finally willing to come out? Is First Grandpa's joke so enjoyable to watch?" The first elder gently patted Lan Lie's head and pretended to be angry. This brat had returned to the Lan family for a few days, but he didn't even say that he was going to see him. He only knew to run out of the city every day. He was really infuriating.

"When did I laugh at First Grandpa!" Lan Lie said aggrievedly, seemingly about to cry.

"Alas! What a heartless stinky brat! Has Third Grandpa become air?" The third elder pretended to wipe his tears and sighed. The thick smell of envy seeped out of his body.

"Uh! Third Grandpa, I didn't have enough time to greet you yet!" Lan Lie said helplessly, cold sweat flowing down his back. Alas! It was a tough call, and the two old men were envious. He really didn't know what to do. Well, he should consult Leng Ruoxue when he had time!

"Hmph!" The third elder snorted unhappily, but his eyes revealed deep affection.

"Hehe! Ruoxue, let's enter the city!" Lan Lie laughed dryly and said awkwardly.

"Okay." Leng Ruoxue nodded. Even though there were some people in the Lan family who were a little annoying, she was still very satisfied with the Lan family's attitude. At least, these two elders of the Lan family didn't come to denounce them. This was already very rare for a super family. Otherwise, she wouldn't have agreed to enter the city on account of these two elders.

As for the old man who had been staring at her from the Lan family crowd, she automatically ignored him. Someone who didn't even dare to speak in front of the first elder and the third elder was probably not an influential person.

Leng Ruoxue and the others were escorted into Blue Cloud City like heroes.

“Lass, this inn is the best in our Blue Cloud City. Stay here!” The first elder brought Leng Ruoxue and the others directly to the inn called ‘Home’ and pointed at it. At the same time, the manager of the inn immediately welcomed the first elder and the others when he saw them.

“Lass! Let’s go to another place! You’re so ugly, and I’m a beggar. It’s really not suitable for us to stay here,” the little old man said. After interacting with them for the past few days, he was already very familiar with Leng Ruoxue and the others. He had also accepted Zheng En as his disciple. Moreover, he had changed to addressing Leng Ruoxue as lass rather than little friend.

“Makes sense.” Leng Ruoxue nodded in agreement.

“Uh! This is?” The first elder was a little dumbfounded. *Did something go wrong again? Moreover, this little old man is so familiar!*

“I’m just a beggar. A nameless pawn isn’t worth mentioning.” The little old man raised his head arrogantly and coldly. He was an extremely protective person to begin with, and he initially had some contact with them only because he made a bet with Leng Ruoxue. After that, he took Zheng En as his disciple. In just a few days, he was very satisfied with Zheng En as his disciple and also began to love Leng Ruoxue and the others.

Uh! This time, the first elder was finally sure that this little old man was really emotional! Did anyone from the Lan family offend him? Moreover, even though he didn’t know this little old man’s identity, he didn’t dare to underestimate this little old man at all because the aura on this little old man was really too strong!

“He is my subordinate’s master,” Leng Ruoxue introduced while suppressing her smile. She found that she liked this protective old man more and more now.

“Oh! May I know your good name, senior?” the first elder asked curiously.

“What senior? I’m just an old man from the countryside.” The little old man obviously didn’t want to bother with this Lan family’s first elder.

“Uh!” The first elder was a little embarrassed. It seemed like this senior had a deep grudge against their Lan family! With this in mind, he couldn’t help turning to Leng Ruoxue for help.

“Let’s stay here. After all, it’s a token of the first elder’s goodwill. However, First Elder, please restrain that fifth dog! It will be very troublesome if we’re bitten by a dog,” Leng Ruoxue reminded.

“Don’t worry, don’t worry! We will restrain her properly,” the first elder promised.

“In that case, let’s stay here for the time being!” The little old man nodded and agreed.

“Manager, they are all esteemed guests of our Lan family. You have to take care of them. Otherwise, you will be the one to answer!” the First Elder warned.

“Yes, I understand,” the inn manager replied fearfully. He had heard the conversation between these people and the first elder clearly. Alas! These people almost didn’t even give the first elder face. How could he dare to slight them!

After settling the residence of Leng Ruoxue and the others, the first elder and the Lan family members immediately rushed back to the Lan family estate. At the same time, Lan Fei and Lan Ning'er were adding oil to the fire and complaining to the patriarch of the Lan family!

In the main hall of the Lan family estate...

The patriarch of the Lan family was sitting in the main seat. On each side of him were the family's elders. But the first few seats on the two sides were empty because the masters of these seats were all participating in the opening of the medicinal herb exchange meeting and had yet to return!

Just as Lan Fei and Lan Ning'er were talking until their mouths were dry and their saliva flew everywhere, a guard came to report that the elders had returned...

The first elder and the other members of the Lan family walked into the hall of the main residence and sat down at their respective seats.

The first elder looked up at the patriarch sitting in the main seat and said lightly, "Has the Elder Conference been brought forward? Why didn't anyone inform me?"

"First Elder, we aren't having a conference," an elder sitting answered and gave the first elder a look.

"Oh! Why is everyone here then? Also, didn't I lock the second master up? Who let him out?" the first elder said with obvious displeasure.

"The second master escaped by himself," another elder said.

"Seems like we have to place a few guards at the second master's door from tomorrow onward. The people locked up can actually enter and leave as they please. How will others look at our Lan family this way!" The first elder nodded cautiously.

"Father, did you hear that? The first elder actually wants to lock me up!" Lan Fei immediately shouted when he heard this. He looked at his father expectantly, hoping that he could uphold justice for him.

#### **Chapter 440: Old Friends (1)**

However, the patriarch of the Lan family had closed his eyes at some point and was sitting motionlessly as if he had fallen asleep. His reaction was really intriguing!

The first elder raised his eyelids slightly and said indifferently, "Second Master, don't you see that the patriarch is sleeping?"

"I..." Lan Fei was at a loss for words. He had a bad premonition since hearing that the first elder was back!

"Second Master, you left your room without permission. Is there anything important?" the first elder asked coldly, his tone so calm, it was as if he was asking if others had eaten.

"I... I'm here to report to Father," Lan Fei stammered. He was actually very nervous, and Lan Ning'er was also afraid in front of the first elder.

"You have already been locked up. Do you have any work you need to report? Why didn't I know that you're so dedicated?" the first elder said mockingly.

“Hehe, First Elder, the second master and the fifth young lady are here to complain about you,” an elder said gloatingly.

As soon as the elder finished speaking, Lan Fei and Lan Ning'er's hearts skipped a beat! They knew that it was impossible to hide the matter of tattling about the first elder, but they didn't expect to be exposed in front of him!

“I see! Then tell me what our second master said about me!” the first elder asked calmly, his expression unreadable!

“The second master said that you covered up for the people who opposed the Lan family, ruined the Lan family's reputation, ignored the authority of the patriarch, and humiliated him, a son of the patriarch! As for the fifth young lady, she said that you never take her seriously, find trouble with her everywhere, and even associate with Leng Ruoxue and the others. By the way, our fifth young lady greatly looks down on those alchemists and thinks that their status is too low and that they aren't worthy of the Lan family's preferential treatment!” A certain elder relayed Lan Fei and Lan Ning'er's words to the first elder word for word.

Hearing this, the first elder only frowned slightly and then said, “It seems that I really have committed a heinous crime in the hearts of the second master and his daughter! However, I have something to report to the second master. The trouble that the fifth young lady caused has caused huge losses to our Lan family. Therefore, I have already promised to pay the alchemists who planned on leaving five hundred thousand purple gold coins per person per day if they participate in the medicinal herb exchange in order to appease them.”

“What? Our Lan family won't pay this. They can participate or not as they want. Hmph! How dare they go against our Lan family. They really don't want to live anymore!” Lan Fei roared furiously.

“Second Master, are you sure it's okay if they don't participate?” the first elder asked coldly with narrowed eyes.

“Erm... Erm...” Lan Fei stammered again.

“First Elder, if no alchemist participates in the medicinal herb exchange, it will be very disadvantageous to our Lan family! However, I want to know who will pay the five hundred thousand per person per day?” another elder asked.

“The mess was caused by the second master and his daughter, so of course, this money has to be paid by them,” the first elder said with a smile.

“Why?” Lan Fei and Lan Ning'er were furious when they heard this. How could they have so much money! One person was 500,000 a day, and there were at least a hundred people!

The first elder glanced at Lan Fei and his daughter lightly and said with displeasure, “Because I'm cleaning up after you so that those alchemists will stay. Otherwise, our Lan family's medicinal herb exchange won't continue.”

“Those alchemists are not important figures. So what if they don't participate?” Lan Ning'er said in objection. In her heart, the alchemist representatives of the various Alchemist Association branches were not very important. After all, the highest level among those people was only Master Alchemist. She

looked down on those people since the higher-level alchemists were all gathered in the Alchemist Association Headquarters. However, it was impossible for alchemists with higher status to arrive so early, so those who arrived early were unimportant alchemists. Uh! At least, this was what she thought.

“Hehe, I wonder what kind of alchemist is considered important in Fifth Miss’s eyes?” The first elder was really curious. What was the fifth young lady’s brain made of? Why was it different from what others thought? The lowest-level alchemists who could receive the Lan family’s invitation to participate in the exchange were Master Alchemists who were very promising, and their future prospects were limitless. But their fifth young lady actually looked down on these people!

“Of course, they have to be like my future master, as well as those alchemists who are Grandmaster Alchemists and above in the Alchemy Association Headquarters. They should be the big shots we value,” Lan Ning’er said with a face full of pride, her absolutely beautiful face full of cockiness!

“Fifth Miss, do you think that just a few Grandmaster Alchemists can support our Lan family’s medicinal herb exchange?” the first elder asked in return.

“Of course, our Lan family’s medicinal herb exchange will become even more famous with their help. Moreover, His Excellency Du Min is also coming to participate in this medicinal herb exchange, so it really doesn’t matter whether those insignificant alchemists participate or not,” Lan Ning’er said confidently. *?Hmph! After I become Du Min’s disciple, I have to trample all these people under my feet. They are always at odds with me!*

“Fifth Miss, can you tell me how many Grandmaster Alchemists there are in the Alchemy Association Headquarters? Will these people come? Even if they come, can you get them to exchange herbs with each other?” The first elder rolled his eyes at Lan Ning’er and thought, *?What a brainless fool. ?If there were only a dozen people at the medicinal herb exchange meeting, then what was the point of this alchemy gathering, which was known as the largest alchemist gathering on the Boundless Continent!*

“Erm... So what if there are fewer alchemists attending this exchange? His Excellency Du Min will come anyway. He’s more important than any alchemist. When I become His Excellency Du Min’s disciple, and our Lan family is related to him, won’t those alchemists take the initiative to curry favor with us?” Lan Ning’er said nonchalantly.

“Fifth Miss, are you so sure that His Excellency Du Min will accept you as his disciple?” the first elder asked in disbelief. He really didn’t know where Lan Ning’er’s confidence came from. His Excellency Du Min didn’t seem to have explicitly said that he would accept her as his disciple, right?