

Dragon King 231

Chapter 231: Excitement of the Trip

His shout woke up Hao Ren, Zhao Jiayi, and Cao Ronghua.

On the other side of the hallway, Room 301 was creating a commotion as well. Huang Jianfeng and his roommates rushed out with washbasins, towels, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

They had never gotten up so early on a weekday, not to mention a Saturday morning!

“Beauties, wait for me!” Excited, Zhou Liren dashed to the public washroom with his washbasin.

Huang Jianfeng followed him with his toothbrush and washbasin noisily. They were so excited as if they were going to a carnival.

The bus Xie Yujia booked was waiting for them at the roadside in front of the student dorm area. Shortly, Xie Yujia, Ma Lina, and the other girls came.

Xie Yujia was wearing a pair of shorts with short boots which accentuated the elegant lines of her legs. With a pair of sunglasses on, the usually simple-clothed Xie Yujia was quite stylish today.

Sitting in the back row of the bus, Zhao Liren was amazed. He bumped Hao Ren with his elbow and asked, “Hey, is that Xie Yujia?”

Hao Ren had been reading. He looked up and saw Xie Yujia walking along the aisle of the bus.

The tall and slim figure, elegant aura, smooth skin, and fashionable clothes!

If not for the familiar face, Hao Ren wouldn’t have recognized her.

“F*ck! Xie Yujia has the potential of becoming a big star!” Yu Rong mumbled beside them.

As Xie Yujia strolled toward the back rows of the bus, the guys’ hearts began to race!

She had the elegance and confidence of a big celebrity!

“Yujia, let’s sit here!” Ma Lina pulled her to a seat several rows before Hao Ren and his buddies.

“No...” The guys were disappointed.

About a quarter to eight, the guys with girlfriends began to arrive. Yu Rong and the other single guys were jealous as they watched them get on the bus hand in hand.

“Ren! How come Lu Linlin and Lu Lili are not here?” Zhou Liren asked Hao Ren.

“I never said they would come,” Hao Ren replied.

“What a shame!” Zhou Liren complained, “A group of single guys touring Xin’an City! That’s no fun!”

The guys who led girlfriends onto the bus all turned to look at Xie Yujia sitting by the window when they passed.

Not recognizing her, they thought she was a friend Ma Lina brought to the trip. Their girlfriends all whispered at them, asking, "Who is she?"

The girls all felt an invisible pressure from Xie Yujia's dazzling and straightforward elegance.

To satisfy their boyfriends' vanity, all of them dressed up. But obviously, they were overshadowed by Xie Yujia.

After everyone had taken a seat, Xie Yujia stood up and did the roll call. Then, she called out to the driver, "Sir, everyone is here. Let's go!"

She had pushed her sunglasses over her forehead, and her long black hair looked silky and fresh. Yu Rong and the guys felt like their hearts began to race.

The bus drove slowly, and the sunshine outside made it look like a day in spring.

Xie Yujia sat back down and took out a novel from her backpack. She began to read quietly while leaning against the window.

Sunlight shone on her through the window pane. Half of her body was in the sunshine while the other half was in the shads.

Her hands that were holding the book were like jades in the sunshine with the light blue veins visible. The part of her in the shadow looked like a pure white luminous pearl that was hidden in the dark.

"I didn't notice that Xie Yujia is so pretty!" Zhao Jiayi exclaimed in appreciation while eating chips.

"She never dressed up before! I told you that the Class President is beautiful," Gu Jiadong, who had the looks of a decent guy, blurted out.

"Well, I wonder which lucky dog will become her boyfriend..." Yu Rong sighed.

Through the slits between the chairs before him, Hao Ren glanced at Xie Yujia but didn't join their discussion. He resumed his reading of the architectural design book.

After this weekend, Xie Yujia would probably be gone shortly, and that was why she didn't want to be too bossy with them as the Class President.

In fact, Xie Yujia didn't care about the small power attached to the title of the Class President. She just wanted to do something for the class and keep the energetic guys out of trouble.

The bus left East Ocean City and entered the highway. The excited singly guys began to pass around the food they bought in the store last night. Comparatively, the guys with girlfriends appeared more restrained.

The bus entered Xin'an City in their high-spirited talks.

"Wow! Beauties!" When the bus entered the city, Zhou Liren pulled the curtain aside and looked out of the window. He exclaimed at the sight of some girls in mini-skirts.

"Don't ruin the reputation of the students of East Ocean City!" Zhao Jiayi reached out and slapped Zhou Liren on the head.

Zhou Liren nodded sulkily, but he still sneaked glances to the road outside.

“Here we are!” The driver yelled before stopping the bus on the side of the road. Then, the door slid open.

“Thank you! Please come back to pick us at about four o’clock tomorrow afternoon!” Xie Yujia stood up and thanked the bus driver in her crisp voice. She called out, “Here we are! Everyone, get off the bus in a line!”

She looked like an energetic tour guide, and her excellent organization skills made it an easy job for her. The guys got excited and walked down the bus to breathe in the fresh air of Xin’an City.

“Beauties, wait for me!” Zhou Liren was the first to rush out of the bus. He spread his arms toward the sky.

But he quickly lost his posture when Zhao Jiayi kicked his butt from behind.

Xie Yujia stood by the roadside and told the group, “We can visit the Big Buddha Temple this morning and have lunch together. After that, we have no more group activities. In the evening, if you like, we can tour the night market of Xin’an City together. Tomorrow morning, we have no group activities. After lunch, let’s gather together and go to Sanmu University to watch the basketball match.”

Since it was a rare opportunity for the classmates to enjoy some together time and the trip gave them lots of free time, everyone agreed to the plan.

Seeing everyone agreeing to tour the Big Buddha Temple together, Xie Yujia led the group to a nearby Hanting Hotel.

“Put your bags in your hotel rooms, and we’ll go to the Big Buddha Temple without any burdens.”

“Ok!” Following the pretty and vibrant Xie Yujia, everyone looked high-spirited. Excellent weather and beautiful Class President; everything was perfect!

After entering the hotel, Xie Yujia got the keys to the rooms she had booked and began to allocate them.

“Zhou Liren and Cao Ronghua, you two share a room! Yu Rong and Gu Jiadong, you two share a room! Huang Jianfen and Yang Zhili, you two share a room!...”

“Zhao Jiayi needs to report back to the basketball team tonight, so Hao Ren has a room to himself!” Xie Yujia handed the last key to Hao Ren.

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When Xie Yujia handed the key to Han Ren, her fingertips touched his palm.

Her fingertips were a bit cold. Hao Ren looked up, but Xie Yujia had turned her head away, calling out in a joyous tone, “Ok! Everyone, put your bags in your rooms and come down to the hall in two minutes. We’ll go from here!”

“Ok!” They scattered.

“Cool! You have the room to yourself!” Carrying a backpack, Zhou Liren nudged Hao Ren with his shoulder.

“Not cool at all! I’ll be bored by myself!” Hao Ren rolled his eyes.

“Do you want me to keep you company tonight?” Zhou Liren gave him a meaningful look.

Hao Ren shivered in disgust and replied, “No, thanks. I’ll try to enjoy my boredom.”

His room faced the south with proper ventilation and sunshine. It was a spacious double room, and Hao Ren suspected that Xie Yujia had given him a good room with her ‘power.’

He tried the TV and the shower and found no problem with them. Leaving his bag in the room, Hao Ren took the key and went down to the hall.

As the Class President, Xie Yujia was already waiting in the hall. Besides her, Hao Ren was the first one to get down to the hall. The others were still in their rooms.

After all, this was their first class trip, and they were all excited about the prospect of staying the night in a hotel. Moreover, some people had secretly traded rooms with others so that they could share a room with their boyfriends and girlfriends. They must be especially excited.

Hao Ren faked a cough and walked over. “Class President, who’s your roommate?”

“I have the room to myself tonight as well. Ma Lina was supposed to share the room with me, but she now wants to stay over at her auntie’s since she lives in Xin’an City,” Xie Yujia said with a smile.

“Oh...” Hao Ren looked at her and didn’t know what to say next.

Xie Yujia gazed at him, and her long eyelashes fluttered at a loss of words as well.

“Hey! You two are quick!” Ma Lina ran out from the corridor joyously.

“You don’t plan to stay here, but you still went to the room!” Xie Yujia glanced at her, pouting.

“Well, I wanted to have a look at the room even though I won’t stay the night!” Ma Lina cast a sly glance at them. “Since you both are living alone tonight, why not...”

“Stop your nonsense!” Before she could finish, Xie Yujia reached out to pinch her nose.

Ma Lina laughed like crazy and ran to the other side of the hall. Xie Yujia pursed her lips and decided not to chase her.

After everyone had come down to the hall, Xie Yujia stood on her tiptoes and counted. Then, she said, “The Big Buddha Temple is not far from here; we can just walk there!”

Hao Ren found her quite cute when she was not bossy as the Class President. Looking at the other guys’ expressions, he knew that they shared his feelings.

“Ren, if you like her, make your move!” Zhao Jiayi leaned over and whispered to him.

Others might not know what Hao Ren was thinking about, but Zhao Jiayi, who slept in the berth below him, knew what was up.

Since Hao Ren didn't respond, Zhao Jiayi patted him on the shoulder and continued, "This is a good opportunity for you to get close to her now that we are out on a trip. With my experienced eyes, I think Xie Yujia likes you!"

"Ok. I got it." Hao Ren smiled at him, touched by how much his buddy cared for him.

Zhao Jiayi, Yu Rong, and the other guys looked careless, but in moments of need, they would stick with each other.

They followed Xie Yujia to the Big Buddha Temple two blocks away like a group of elementary students who just got off from school.

Hao Ren looked up at the sky and found that it was clear without the Nine Dragon Palace blocking the sunshine. He looked toward the direction of East Ocean City and caught a glimpse of the Nine Dragon Palace which was still hovering in the air.

They passed the main gate with tickets and entered the Big Buddha Temple which had green trees, stone steps, red walls, yellow tiles, and incense fragrance. Shortly after, they divided into several smaller groups.

While Xie Yujia walked in front of them, Zhao Jiayi pushed Hao Ren forward abruptly.

Unprepared, Hao Ren was pushed several steps forward to Xie Yujia's side.

Not wanting to be the 'third wheel,' Ma Lina turned back and asked, "Yu Rong, do you have anything to eat? I'm a bit hungry..."

Ditched by Ma Lina and the guys, Xie Yujia and Hao Ren were left walking together in the front of the group.

Of course, they understood their friends' match-making efforts, and they couldn't blame them for their well-intentioned scheme.

"Oh, about the book you gave me; you got it from the old Grandma, right? Where did she get it?" After a dozen steps, Hao Ren finally found a topic and broke the silence.

"I don't know. Last time when I visited her on my way back home, she just gave it to me," Xie Yujia answered.

When they walked on the rough stone steps, sunlight penetrated the tree leaves and shined on Xie Yujia. The moving spots of light on her gave her a mystic beauty.

"Don't you feel that Xie Yujia and Hao Ren are quite a match!"

"Yeah. I used to think that Hao Ren is quite ordinary. But recently, I found him more and more handsome, and Xie Yujia looks more beautiful each day. They could be a perfect couple..."

"Xie Yujia once said that she wouldn't get a boyfriend until the third year, but I think she likes Hao Ren!"

"Anyways, looking from behind, they match each other perfectly."

The guys and girls walking behind them whispered to each other, afraid to spoil the chances of success of their match-making scheme.

Xie Yujia and Hao Ren walked at a leisure pace in the front, and the people following them found them walking together quite lovely.

It felt like it was a scene from a romantic movie.

In their minds, Xie Yujia and Hao Ren were already a couple.

Their auras were in harmony with each other, giving people a peaceful and wondrous feeling.

Zhao Jiayi had a strong feeling that, unlike the clinging lovers behind them, Hao Ren and Xie Yujia would stick with each other even after graduation. They would be an excellent couple who cherished each other.

“Next time you go and visit the old Grandma, I’ll go with you,” Hao Ren said to Xie Yujia, stepping on the fallen leaves on the stairs.

“Ok.” Xie Yujia nodded slightly.

The majestic grand hall entered their sight. They looked back and found that the others in their group had fallen behind.

“Come on! Catch up!” Xie Yujia waved her hand and called.

The others quickened their steps. Seeing the harmony between Hao Ren and Xie Yujia when they were walking shoulder to shoulder, other group members didn’t want to walk up and spoil the scene.

After entering the grand hall, they looked around. Xie Yujia walked to the big Buddha statue in the center of the grand hall and murmured prayers silently with her hands together before her chest.

Seeing her devoted expression, Hao Ren had a slight ache in his heart.

Xie Yujia slowly opened her eyes after about ten seconds. Seeing Hao Ren was watching her, she smiled embarrassedly before walking over to him. “Let’s go to the back.”

“Patroness, would you like to draw a straw?”

A little monk walked over and asked Xie Yujia.

After a moment of hesitation, Xie Yujia took the draw box and shook out a wooden straw.

“Please go to the side hall on the right for the interpretation,” the little monk said.

Seeing that she had drawn a straw, everyone else wanted to hear the interpretation. They urged Xie Yujia to go and hear it.

Xie Yujia smiled and went to the Interpretation Room.

The interpreter was an old monk. When Xie Yujia told him the number of her straw, the old monk looked at her, and his eyes turned from tranquil to confused.

He turned to look at Hao Ren by Xie Yujia’s side, and his eyes squinted with even more bafflement.

“Here are the words on your draw. Relax, and everything will be fine; important people will help you reach highs and pass difficulties; restraint is crucial in strategy; think twice before acting; in the end, sickness gets cured, and water comes to the dried-up well.”

The old monk read out the interpretation and asked, “What do you want to interpret?”

Xie Yujia bit on her lip. “Love life.”

“Oh...” The guys standing behind her cheered.

The old monk coughed. They realized that they were in the quiet place of a temple and shut up immediately.

In the past, Xie Yujia would have blushed at their cheers. But today, she looked very serious.

“Patroness, you have a unique fate, and I’m uncertain about it. However, I’ll give you a piece of advice: your loved one is by your side, which is a blessing and torture. Stay or go, you must follow your heart,” the old monk said.

Xie Yujia furrowed her brows while she thought about the old monk’s words. She was surprised that she was trying to find an answer in the straw. After all, she had never believed in such things before.

“Class President, is the reading good?” The guys asked her immediately.

Xie Yujia said with a bitter smile, “It’s ok.”

She turned back to the old monk. “Thank you, Master.”

“No problem; Take care.” The old monk nodded slightly at Xie Yujia and didn’t even ask for any payment for the interpretation.

“It’s all fake!” Ma Lina said loudly, pulling Xie Yujia out with her.

The others followed them out.

The old monk turned back to his meditation, but his gaze followed Hao Ren when he walked out.

“Strange. He is still young, but he has the presence of dragons and tigers. In the ancient times, he would have been a figure like an emperor!”

He wanted to give Hao Ren some advice, but he decided against it after some thinking. The pair of young people had masters supporting them and didn’t need his feeble help.

He looked toward the direction of East Ocean City and felt like there was something up there, but he couldn’t pinpoint what it was.

“Well, I’ll never reach Level 7 Qi Refinement Realm in my lifetime.” The old monk picked up his teacup and sipped the Longjing tea, not knowing that the young man he just saw had already broken through Kan-level, the equivalent of the Foundation Establishment Realm, and was close to Zhen-level, the equivalent of the Core Formation Realm!

In the world of cultivation, the old monk, who was only on Level 6 Qi Refinement Realm, should have called Hao Ren ‘Grandmaster’!

Chapter 233: Blunt Man...

They walked through a few temples and climbed over the hill to get to where the great pagoda was located.

For a lot of people, most large-scaled temples were similar. However, it was a lot of fun when they came together and filled the trip with laughter.

Zhou Liren, in particular, took up the role of a 'wicked tour guide' and explained all sorts of things using his own ridiculous logic as if he knew a lot about them. The other students laughed at his strange stories and at the same time liked his humorous side.

Xie Yujia was very happy as well. However, there was still a hint of worry on her face as she walked beside Hao Ren.

They climbed to the top of the pagoda to enjoy the brilliant view and refreshing breeze.

There were seven floors in the pagoda, and they could see all the temples from the observation deck on the seventh floor. There were busy streets and crowded buildings outside of the red walls.

Xie Yujia held on to the railing, and her bright eyes stared at the sky.

The breeze high above the ground fluttered her clothes, showing her perfect curves. It waved the hair beside her neck as well, exposing her jade-like smooth skin.

"Go over there! Idiot!" Zhao Jiayi noticed that Hao Ren was still hanging out with them and nudged him.

They all knew that this trip was the best opportunity for something to happen between Xie Yujia and Hao Ren. If Hao Ren, who was the biggest coward when it came to relationships, could take this opportunity and 'claim' Xie Yujia, it would be very romantic.

"Go! Go!" Even Ma Lina urged him from the side.

Instead of staying with Xie Yujia, she was hanging out with the guys to give Hao Ren an opportunity.

Hao Ren felt sorry for Xie Yujia as she was enjoying the scenery all by herself. He walked over and said, "Hehe, this view is pretty decent."

Xie Yujia turned to him and nodded with a smile.

"It's working! It's working!" Zhou Liren and the guys cried out in excitement as they observed the two from a few steps away.

A kid who was passing by heard their remarks and looked around confused. "What's working?"

"I'll treat you guys to dinner if Yujia and Hao Ren can work it out!" Ma Lina said happily.

"Deal! You said it yourself!" Ru Rong looked forward to the meal.

They chatted around without even paying much attention to the scenery. Hao Ren and Xie Yujia, on the other hand, stood side by side without many words.

“Did I bother you too much before?” She suddenly asked.

“It’s alright. You are the Class President, so it was your duty,” Hao Ren said lightly.

Xie Yujia looked at Hao Ren as if she wanted to say something else. However, she kept it to herself.

Hao Ren looked into the temples with golden glazed tiles and thought to himself, “Would I miss the person who micro-managed me if she stopped one day?”

“Come on. Let’s get down. It’s about time for lunch!” Xie Yujia breathed in heavily and said.

She turned to Zhao Jiayi and the guys. “Come on! We are going to eat!”

“Ren is so dumb!” Zhao Jiayi gritted his teeth after seeing Hao Ren leaving the platform, spacing out.

The group of people left the pagoda and headed to a restaurant nearby. Everyone was cheerful and happy. However, the guys who were close to Hao Ren felt sorry for him for missing the opportunity.

There was some free time after lunch. Zhao Jiayi wanted to go karaoke, and the guys who came with their girlfriends agree to go. Hao Ren was forced to join by Zhao Jiayi.

They thought Xie Yujia, as the leader, would be joining as well, but she said that she was tired and wanted to go back to the hotel and rest.

A few other people had their own plans, so Zhao Jiayi and about 20 other people headed toward the KTV in Xin’an City.

The afternoon passed by quickly. Hao Ren felt the pressure as he watched the others sing cheerfully.

‘Singing King’ Zhao Jiayi glimpsed at Hao Ren as he sang. He wanted to create another opportunity for Hao Ren by inviting everyone to karaoke. Xie Yujia didn’t come along, which meant...

“Dull AF!” If Zhao Jiayi knew that Xie Yujia was leaving yet Hao Ren hadn’t taken any actions, he would have killed Hao Ren!

If Zhao Jiayi knew that Xie Yujia grew up together with Hao Ren and waited for him for over ten years, this self-proclaimed player would have killed him a million times!

Zhao Jiayi had to report to the Basketball Team after dinner, and Zhou Liren, Hao Ren, and the guys went back to the hotel.

Hao Ren thought for a while in the empty room since he was still worried about Xie Yujia. Then, he took the key and left his room. He knocked on Xie Yujia’s door on the same floor.

Xie Yujia answered inside and only opened the door after about ten seconds.

She was surprised to see Hao Ren instead of other girls in the class. Then, she gave him a weird look.

Hao Ren felt sorry for her when he noticed the tiredness in her eyes.

“Did you... Eat yet?” Hao Ren asked.

“I didn’t go out, so I just had some hot dogs that I brought,” Xie Yujia swept her hair behind her ears and said.

“Let’s me take you out for dinner,” Hao Ren thought for a bit and offered.

“It’s ok; I’m not hungry.” Xie Yujia smiled.

“Did you... Cry?” Hao Ren asked something that he shouldn’t have asked.

Zhao Jiayi would have kicked his a*s if he were here to witness Hao Ren’s dumbness with girls.

“No...” Xie Yujia rubbed her eyes. “I was taking a shower, and the shampoo got into my eyes.”

Hao Ren noticed that she was in the same outfit as earlier; he knew that Xie Yujia was so anxious and upset that she couldn’t even make up a better lie.

“Rest up, and let’s go to the night market later,” Hao Ren said.

Xie Yujia asked in surprise, “Just us?”

“Nah, with Zhou Liren and the guys,” Hao Ren answered without thinking.

Xie Yujia stood still and sighed as she watched Hao Ren heading toward the guys’ rooms. If it were any other girls who didn’t have her temperament, they might have already smacked him.

“No wonder no girls liked him in so many years.” Xie Yujia knocked her head and went back to her room to get changed.

Half an hour later, they gathered in the lobby to go to the night market. Those who came were all single, and Xie Yujia was the only girl who showed up.

Zhou Liren was still energetic, and he was thrilled that Hao Ren invited him. It never occurred to him that he should ask Hao Ren and Xie Yujia to go alone.

Besides Zhao Jiayi, there were still quite a few of them who were single. Ma Lina had already gone to her auntie’s place for the night, and Xie Yujia had no choice but to go with the guys since she had already agreed to it.

They took a taxi from the hotel to the night market. It was a busy and crowded Saturday night, and it had everything to offer.

The guys were still greedy for snacks after dinner. Since the pretty girl, Xie Yujia, was with them, they were in the mood of trying all sorts of delicious snacks.

“Here!” Hao Ren bought two kabobs and handed one to Xie Yujia.

Xie Yujia looked at him. Although she was still a little upset, her last line of defense was broken by the kabob Hao Ren handed over. She was moved by him again.

She knew that Hao Ren didn’t mean anything bad. Although he seemed mean to her when they were little, he still protected her. Hao Ren got along well with his classmates in the university, and he always helped whenever he could; he was reliable and straightforward.

If she didn’t have Little Older Brother in her heart, Hao Ren would have been a very nice...

In Ma Lina's opinion, it was Hao Ren's luck that a pretty girl like Xie Yujia was interested in him. She wouldn't be trying to match the two if she hadn't noticed Xie Yujia's bad appetite and lack of spirit lately. Since Hao Ren seemed to be too ordinary of a guy, it would be a waste to let Hao Ren have Xie Yujia, a gentle, caring, kind, and beautiful girl!

The group wandered around as they tried different snacks. Hao Ren checked out some decor stands with Xie Yujia from time to time; it was indeed a pleasant experience to hang out with classmates like this.

However, a profession found itself a market in such a busy crowd; thieves.

They were too busy having fun to notice that two thieves already had their eyes on Xie Yujia's backpack. They sneaked behind her and reached toward a pocket which was slightly open. Xie Yujia just put her wallet in there after paying for a phone sticker!

Zhou Liren and the guys saw some acrobats in the front, so they ran ahead in excitement. Hao Ren, who just got the phone sticker with Xie Yujia, stayed behind with her.

His acute hearing and sight located the thief who was reaching for her bag!

Pa! Hao Ren grabbed the thief's wrist in a flash and pulled on it. The thief lied on to the ground immediately.

Xie Yujia hadn't even realized what had happened, and it scared her all of a sudden.

"Why are you hitting others!" The other thief shouted at Hao Ren, trying to pretend to be innocent.

Hao Ren ignored them and headed toward where the guys were with Xie Yujia.

However, the second thief wouldn't let go and caught up with them. "Buddy, why are you hitting people for no reason? You broke his arm, and you need to pay for his medical bill!"

The stand owners all recognized these two thieves since they came here often. However, they didn't want to cause trouble for their own businesses, so they stayed out of it. These thieves were always hanging around in the area. Even though they were sent to the police, they got released in a couple of days.

Xie Yujia had never seen something like this. Although she panicked, her mind was clear with Hao Ren's hand on her arm. "Hao Ren, I'll go get Zhou Liren and the guys!" she said.

The thief who was on the ground stood up, pretending that his arm hurt. He circled behind Hao Ren and Xie Yujia as he shouted, "Why did you hurting me for no reason? You are not leaving until you pay me some money!"

They could tell that Hao Ren and Xie Yujia were students from outside of Xin'an City. Therefore, they had decided to blackmail them.

Hao Ren looked at them calmly. With his strength and power, he wouldn't even be scared if there were ten or twenty of them! All he was worried about was Xie Yujia's safety.

On top of that, he couldn't release his five-elemental sword energies around mortals.

When Hao Ren was thinking about how to protect Xie Yujia as well as defeat the thieves, Yu Rong and the guys realized that Hao Ren and Xie Yujia weren't following them. They turned back and saw the two of them circled by two hooligans.

"Damn it! How dare you bully my buddy!" Yu Rong dashed their way with two unfinished kabobs in his hands!

He was the Vice Class President after all. Although he didn't take care of any of the class issues, he still had a title. Regarding fighting, he had no problem!

Zhou Liren, Gu Jiadong, and a few others came over as well, and they immediately circled the two thieves. The dozens of them started the fight without a word!

"Mount Fo Shadowless Kick! Stone Breaking Fist!" Zhou Liren shouted out some cool names as he punched and kicked.

Those two thieves were immediately beaten up by over ten young students.

Hao Ren looked at them in surprise; he had no idea that the guys had so much strength in them. Before he made a move, the thieves were already rolling on the ground begging for forgiveness.

Suddenly, a flashing police car appeared at the exit of the night market.

"Big Dipper Fist! Buddha Palm Technique!" Zhou Liren got more and more excited as he shouted.

"Damn it, let's get out of here! See you at the west exit!" Ru Rong dragged Zhou Liren, who was in his battle mood, and sprang out of there.

Although he didn't care much for the class as the Vice Class President, he demonstrated strong leadership abilities!

The group of people followed him to the west exit!

Hao Ren saw the police and dragged Xie Yujia out of there as well since he didn't want to get into trouble!

The night market in Xin'an City was pretty big; it took them a while to get to a safe area.

"Damn it; I haven't even used my 'Heavenly Maid Scatter Blossoms' move yet!" Zhou Liren complained as they got out of the market, waving his arms around.

Xie Yujia was out of breath. She laid her hands on her knees and looked around at the guys. As a good student, she had never been involved in a fight like this!

However, she suddenly understood more about the friendship amongst the guys.

Although they were noisy, the guys stuck up for each other! Even though they were risking being caught by the police, they wouldn't let their buddy get bullied and blackmailed.

However, if Hao Ren had a bad relationship with them, they would never have fought for him!

Instead of his own strength, Hao Ren's charm was in that everyone was willing to help him as his good friend!

Even though it was a fight, she felt sadder about parting ways with the classmates whom she had profound friendships with.

Would she ever be able to experience happy days like this in such a warm class again?

"A bus can take us back to the hotel from here!" Yu Rong read the bus information on the other side of the street and came back happily.

Then, everyone followed him across the street and got on the bus to Hanting Hotel.

There were many empty seats on the bus since it was late at night. Yu Rong and the guys in the front of the bus started to discuss what just happened. Although they were just taking a bus, it gave them a special feeling to be on a bus with their classmates in an unfamiliar city.

Hao Ren turned to Xie Yujia and sensed the reluctance to leave in her eyes. He lightly nudged her arm.

"Yujia, don't go."

Chapter 234: Little White Has its Dignity too!

Xie Yujia kept silent.

The bus headed toward the hotel noisily.

"Ren, later on, we..." Yu Rong turned around to talk to Hao Ren, but he swallowed the second half of the sentence when he sensed the strange looks on Hao Ren and Xie Yujia's faces. He turned back to the front as if nothing happened.

Yu Rong thought to himself, "Ren is confessing to her on the bus!"

"Give me a day to think about it," Xie Yujia answered.

Yu Rong was trying his best to eavesdrop, and what Xie Yujia said confirmed his assumption. "Damn, Hao Ren is actually doing this on the bus! He seemed quiet, but he has some guts!"

"Ok," Hao Ren nodded. He knew that he for sure would regret it if Xie Yujia left. However, he didn't have enough courage to stop her from reuniting with her parents.

The bus arrived at the destination, and the door opened.

Yu Rong yelled, "We are here! We are here! Get off the bus, everyone!"

He also shouted to ease the awkwardness between Hao Ren and Xie Yujia.

The group got off the bus and entered the hotel.

"Come to our room to play cards later, Ren!" Zhou Liren shouted at Hao Ren excitedly.

Yu Rong immediately pulled Zhou Liren's ear and dragged him away. He said, "I'll play cards with you. We can invite Gu Jiadong and Huang Jianfeng as well. Ren probably has something else to do."

"Something else? What is it?" Zhou Liren didn't get the hint.

Yu Rong kicked him into the room and closed the door behind him.

“Go rest. You must be exhausted from guiding the class around today,” Hao Ren said to Xie Yujia when they got to the door.

“Um...” Xie Yujia walked to her room.

Hao Ren stood at his door and watched Xie Yujia enter her room. He sighed lightly and entered his room afterward.

Hao Ren turned on the TV to make the room less quiet before he went for a shower. He had been cultivating the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll every night lately and had seen some visible improvements. He just needed an impact force to break through his openings.

Little White hopped around impatiently in the hidden space in the necklace, so Hao Ren let it out of there so that it could take a hot shower as well. In a week's time, it consumed all of Hao Ren's Essence Replenishment Pills and even sneaked into the library when Hao Ren let it have some free time. It used its ability of rolling around on the ground to attract a bunch of girls and got over 70 hot dogs from them!

Hao Ren carried Little White in his hand as he walked out of the bathroom in the robe provided by the hotel. He noticed two people standing outside the bathroom when he was just about to rest in bed!

Hao Ren backed off half a step in panic and then realized that they were Lu Linlin and Lu Lili!

“How many times did I tell you not to scare me like this? Please?” Hao Ren said to them helplessly as he sighed.

He backed up another half a step with Little White after seeing how charmingly they laughed. “Did you... See me in the shower?”

Lu Linlin covered her smile as Lu Lili blushed slightly.

Little White shivered in Hao Ren's arm at the question as well. Hao Ren rolled his eyes at it. “What are you shivering for? You don't even wear clothes!”

“Hehe, did Gongzi forget about the Trading Convention this weekend?” Lu Linlin asked while she stared at his chest on purpose; it wasn't covered with the robe.

“I do remember about it,” Hao Ren set Little White free on the floor and replied, “But I thought it is tomorrow.”

“It's today, but my sister and I didn't want to disturb your romance with the other Zhumu,” Lu Linlin said with a hint of jealousy.

Hao Ren looked at her and realized how hard it was to deal with the older sister.

He glimpsed at their outfit and realized that they were in their cyan and green ancient dresses; the ones they were in when they made their first appearance at the school.

“Ok, we won't do a lot of talking for now. Change into these, Gongzi. If you wore the modern clothes, you would get questioned,” Lu Linlin took out an outfit and a pair of cloth shoes magically and handed them over to Hao Ren.

Hao Ren looked down at the light blue Daoist robe in Lu Linlin's hand.

"Right away?" he was surprised.

"Yeah, why else does Gongzi think we came here to see you tonight?" Lu Linlin questioned back.

Hao Ren thought about it, and his facial expression changed a bit. Then, he took the outfit to the bathroom to get changed.

Lu Lili looked at Lu Linlin timidly and said, "You are so brave to tease Gongzi, sis."

"I wasn't teasing him; I was telling the truth." Lu Linlin pouted.

Soon enough, Hao Ren got out of the bathroom in the Daoist robe. Lu Linlin took out a cultivation hat and put it on Hao Ren.

Lu Lili secretly laughed at Hao Ren, who looked weird in the hat.

"Let's not waste any time, Gongzi. Let's go!" Lu Linlin held Hao Ren's hand and took out a bracelet.

Lu Lili followed him over and held onto his other hand. Little White saw that Hao Ren was about to leave and hopped into his arms. Then, Hao Ren put it back into the hidden space.

The bracelet enlarged slowly and covered up the three of them. Then, it turned into a ray of white light and shot into the sky!

It only took them a few seconds to get from First Heaven to Fifth Heaven. Lu Linlin's techniques were definitely better than Zhao Hongyu's.

It was pitch dark on Fifth Heaven. The Nature Essence was thick, and immortal mountain after mountains floated in the sky. Anyone without proficient sword-flying skills would run into the hills and fall off!

Some white light slowly appeared in front of them.

"We are almost at the Trading Convention!" Lu Linlin said cheerfully.

She commanded the bracelet to land rapidly as the three of them reached the ground steadily.

It was actually another immortal mountain with the top cleaned up nicely, turning it into a flat top mountain. That was where the Trading Convention was located.

There were white lamps on several temporary stone pillars. They were not lanterns nor luminous pearls. However, they could light up the area near them.

They looked at the Trading Convention's venue and found that it was almost as big as the entire East Ocean University's campus! Thousands of white lights brightened up the place as if it was a lantern festival!

Lu Linlin and Lu Lili held onto each of Hao Ren's hands and didn't let go. Although some men noticed Hao Ren due to his two charming companies, no one paid too much attention to him.

Hao Ren observed the situation around him and found it normal to see a male with three to four female companions. Everyone was dressed in decent ancient outfits, like Lu Linlin and Lu Lili, or Daoist outfits. If Hao Ren didn't know he was on Fifth Heaven, he would have thought that he was on a set for making a movie!

Aside from the moving crowd, there were all kinds of temporary stands everywhere!

There were treasures, elixir pills, and techniques!

"Don't worry, Gongzi. No one will see through your technique," Lu Linlin whispered to Hao Ren.

Hao Ren's body was giving out a dark blue light. However, he had all five elements.

"Um..." It was Hao Ren's first time participating in such a Trading Convention, so he was very cautious and didn't wander around the stands by himself. He looked around with Lu Linlin and Lu Lili.

The flat top mountain had a large space, and there were hundreds of stands as well as tens of thousands of cultivators. Over half of them were here to get ready for the Nine Dragon Palace trip. Hao Ren shivered at the thought of tens of thousands of cultivators attacking the Nine Dragon Palace at the same time.

There were also many beautiful women in either ancient dresses or Daoist outfits walking around. The number of charming women was at least five or six times more than that in the city. Hao Ren was almost tired of checking them out. He knew that if Zhou Liren were here, he would be overexcited to death.

However, these girls were not as pretty as Lu Linlin and Lu Lili once they were compared, and those cold and haughty female cultivators weren't as charming as Su Han either.

After getting accustomed to the environment, Hao Ren walked around a few nearby stands.

Fire Separation Technique, Golden Light Technique, Feign Death Technique...

They all seemed to be very fundamental techniques. The truth was, the real powerful techniques wouldn't be sold in the Trading Convention, so they only brought in these techniques to make up the numbers. What was actually useful were the elixir pills, Dharma Treasures, and talismans and Dharma Notes. However, Hao Ren didn't ask around since the twins were with him.

After a while, Hao Ren asked Lu Lili, "What makes the lamps shine on the stone pillars?"

"Gongzi doesn't know?" Lu Lili was surprised and explained, "There is nothing special about them but some simple array formations. The Spirit Stones under the covers are giving out light through ignition."

"Spirit Stones?" Hao Ren wanted more details.

"Um, the Spirit Stone is the currency amongst cultivation sects on and above Fifth Heaven, and there are four kinds of them: low-tier, mid-tier, top-tier, and perfect-tier. However, it's not only a currency but also can assist with cultivation. Cultivators can reach a higher speed in cultivation by taking the Nature Essence from the stones. Therefore, Spirit Stone is a resource, and since everyone needs it, it became a currency. These are only cheap, low-tier stones so no one would use them for cultivation," Lu Linlin explained to Hao Ren patiently.

He nodded. "Um, Elder Lu and the others seem to have never mentioned Spirit Stones to me."

"That's because the dragon cultivators don't need Spirit Stones to assist them in cultivation. The most the Spirit Stones could do for dragon cultivators are to power array formations. You need to know, Gongzi, that the Dragon Cores in the dragons' bodies are natural cultivation treasures. Human cultivators would need to consume countless Spirit Stones in order to reach the Core Formation Realm, yet dragons can reach Zhen-level easily," Lu Lili continued.

Lu Linlin couldn't help but add after seeing how her sister enjoyed explaining, "Does Gongzi know that there are things the human cultivators all fight over with their lives in the Nine Dragon Palace?"

"You do know about the Nine Dragon Palace. Um... What do they want from there?" Hao Ren asked.

"Spirit Stones," Lu Linlin answered, "There are plenty of Spirit Stones in the Nine Dragon Palace. There are multiple Spirit Stone Mines under each mountain, and I heard that the Grand Palace, as well as the nine branch palaces, are all made with perfect-tier Spirit Stones!"

"Perfect-tier Spirit Stones..." Hao Ren thought about the seemingly normal large black rocks in the Nine Dragon Palace. "Are those the perfect-tier Spirit Stones?!"

There were perfect-tier Spirit Stones in the world of cultivation which were even more precious than gold and diamonds!

Hao Ren remembered the tower in the Nine Dragon Palace which was high in the sky. It was made of dark black square rocks that were half a meter in each dimension; they were all perfect-tier Spirit Stones!

"But it's not so easy to get inside the Nine Dragon Palace. Only one out of ten may survive. The deeper one gets, the more dangerous it will be because there are Demon Beasts everywhere!" Lu Linlin added.

"Demon Beasts?" Hao Ren was surprised to hear that because he didn't encounter any of them last time.

But judging from the way the twins were talking about the Nine Dragon Palace, their knowledge all came from books. All in all, the Nine Dragon Palace was not a simple place. There were countless treasures as well as dangers in it!

Little White got a little unsettling in Hao Ren's necklace as it sensed the change of environment.

Since they were in the cultivators' area, Hao Ren thought it should be fine to let it out.

Little White hopped out of the hidden space as it sensed the strong Nature Essence and immediately transformed into its larger form.

"You need to behave, Little White. We are here to buy food for you; if you don't behave, we will sell you here!" Lu Linlin bent her back and pointed at its nose to give it a warning.

Although Little White was a Spirit Beast, it had high EQ. It sensed the Lu Linlin's threatening tone and immediately hid behind Hao Ren. However, half of its body was still sticking out given its size.

Hao Ren was just about to tell her not to threaten Little White when a girl with a silk ribbon around her waist came to them in the air and landed right in front of Hao Ren. "Hey, Junior Brother. Did you see Master Lu?"

"Um?" Hao Ren was confused.

The girl was a bit impatient. She looked at Hao Ren, dissatisfied. "You look unfamiliar, and I don't think I have met you before. Are you one of Master Lu's disciple who came here for the Nine Dragon Palace?"

Hao Ren didn't say anything.

She then looked at Little White beside him and commented, "Your pet is a mortal creature, not even on level 1. It seems like you can't be that talented either. Nevermind; I'll find him myself!"

A golden little lion suddenly ran out of her right sleeve and transformed into a two-meter tall giant Golden Lion. Its four paws were enveloped by fire as it carried the girl away at a fast speed!

Hao Ren was confused while Little White blinked and looked at the giant Golden Lion with its large, innocent eyes, looking upset. Although it always pretended to be cute, Little White had self-esteem too...

Chapter 235: We Have Money!!!

"Hehe, she thought you are a disciple of Sky Mountain Sect since you are with Little White," Lu Lili stepped up and laughed.

Hao Ren looked at the Golden Lion which was already far away. Then, he decided to forget about it and kept walking around.

After a while, it suddenly occurred to him.

"Sky Mountain Sect? Then, they should probably have 10,000-year Seven-Colored Snow Lotus?"

"Do all the major sects have stands?" Hao Ren asked Lu Lili.

"This Trading Convention is a free market for the cultivators, not the sects. Usually, a few friends would rent a stand and lay their belongings out," Lu Lili said.

"Um, you two have more knowledge. Help me locate Sky Mountain Sect's stands," Hao Ren said.

The Trading Convention was very crowded and noisy. There were lots of chances of finding something good. However, it wasn't easy to locate a specific stand.

"Sky Mountain Sect is an important sect on Sixth Heaven. Their stand should be in the middle of the venue," Lu Lili said.

Hao Ren followed her, and she added, "There are differences between big and small cultivation sects. There are many small sects on Fifth Heaven, and some that have specialties and strengths are located on Sixth Heaven, where the Nature Essence is thicker. They each have their own territories. As for the major sects with powerful strength, seven or eight sects took over Seventh Heaven. The super-powerful

sects in the world of cultivation, Godly Cloud Dao, took over Eighth Heaven, which is the closest to Ninth Heaven.”

Statuses were clearly defined by levels as if it was a fully-developed society. Judging from the number of cultivators who attended this Trading Convention, there were millions, maybe even tens of millions of cultivators on Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Heaven!

“Godly Cloud Dao took up the entire Eighth Heaven on its own, and the other sects all have to communicate with each other. Big sects would make smaller sects their subsidiary sects and pick talents from them. In the meantime, smaller sects will try their best to level up onto a higher Heaven. Sky Mountain Sect specializes in planting Spirit Herbs and Medicines and raising Spirit Beasts. Although it is a sect on the Six Heaven, it has a pretty good relationship with a few big sects on Seventh Heaven. Therefore, it holds an important position on Sixth Heaven,” Lu Linlin added.

Hao Ren nodded in agreement. The cultivation sects are on and above Fifth Heaven; completely separated from the mortal world. Since the Dragon Tribe’s members lived among the mortals and were somewhat connected, they had some relationship going on. The human cultivators, on the other hand, had absolutely no interest in the humans in the mortal world.

“Nine Lives Soul Protection Pill! Transformation Pill! Ying-Yang Dragon Tiger Pill! White Lotus Pill! Cold Plum Pill!”

The shouts interrupted Hao Ren’s thoughts.

He turned around and saw over 30 bottles of elixir pills on a small table. The owner was a mid-aged cultivator in his 40s in an ordinary dark blue cultivation suit.

“Gongzi, those are all fake elixir pills. You don’t need to go there,” Lu Linlin reminded him from the side.

The cultivator shouted at Hao Ren, “You must be a cultivator from Sky Mountain Sect. Your Snow Lion seems to be very powerful. Buy some Transformation Pills for it so it can level up faster and cultivate both ice and fire elemental energy!”

“You are trying to sell our Gongzi fake elixir pills even though you know he is from Sky Mountain Sect?” Lu Linlin asked him.

She stared at him until the cultivator put his stand away hastily and fled. He thought Hao Ren looked young and the two pretty companies demonstrated how inexperienced and wealthy he must have been. Therefore, he wanted to trick some Spirit Stones out of Hao Ren. However, he didn’t expect to be seen through this easily.

It was his fault to have believed that Hao Ren was only in the Foundation Establishment Realm. He would have never thought that Lu Linlin and Lu Lili, who hid their techniques on purpose, were already on low-grade Qian-level, which was equivalent to low-tier Nascent Soul Realm!

Either Lu Linlin or Lu Lili alone could have shaken three to four small sects on Fifth Heaven!

Lu Linlin smiled charmingly as the mid-aged man fled, “You don’t need to worry about being scammed because we are here, Gongzi.”

Hao Ren smiled back at them. It was true; he wouldn't fall for it even if he wanted to since Lu Linlin and Lu Lili were by his sides.

Little White was having trouble moving around in the crowd since it couldn't fly. Therefore, it turned back into its smaller form and followed Hao Ren closely by his heels like a rolling white fluffy ball.

"Hehe, these are all stands from Sky Mountain Sect, Gongzi," Lu Lili pointed ahead.

Hao Ren saw several adjacent stands surrounded by quite a few people. They seemed to be doing pretty well.

He squeezed in with Lu Linlin and Lu Lili and found that the things they were selling here were indeed more valuable than those at other stands.

"The elixir pills are legit, but the techniques are pretty ordinary. The Spirit Herbs are not ripe enough. To feed Little White, maybe purchasing some elixir pills is a good choice," Lu Lili turned to Hao Ren and said.

Her body was almost up against Hao Ren due to the crowd. She realized that her face was only a few centimeters from Hao Ren's after she finished talking; she blushed immediately.

"How much are these elixir pills?" she stepped up and asked the disciple from Sky Mountain Sect.

"Basic Essence Replenishment Pills are 15 low-tier Spirit Stones per bottle, and there are ten pills in a bottle; Basic Spirit Replenishment Pills are 25 low-tier Spirit Stones per bottle of eight pills; Basic Detox Pills are 20 low-tier Spirit Stones per bottle, and there are nine pills in each bottle. We only have these three elixirs left."

Maybe it was because of Lu Linlin's pretty look, the disciple put a stop on his current trade to explain to her patiently.

"I'll take all the Essence Replenishment Pills and Spirit Replenishment Pills," Lu Linlin was very straightforward as well.

The surrounding cultivators thought the pretty girl was only planning on buying a few bottles. They had no idea that she was going to take everything on the stand!

Lu Linlin asked in everyone's surprised stare, "Do the nearby stands all have the same price for these elixir pills?"

The stunned Sky Mountain Sect disciple nodded in hesitation. He only came here with his fellow disciples to sell these items for some Spirit Stones in order to get some defensive Dharma Treasures. He never thought that he could actually sell out all the basic elixir pills.

The fact was that these basic elixir pills had very slight effects so that they wouldn't be of great use in actual battles.

"Alright, then I'll take all the Essence Replenishment Pills and Spirit Replenishment Pills on all five stands," Lu Linlin said.

Shoo... All the surrounding cultivators gasped.

Although the Essence Replenishment Pills and Spirit Replenishment Pills weren't very expensive, there were at least hundreds of bottoms on all five stands. She was buying over a thousand elixir pills at once!

"Get that Ascendance Grass too, Sis. We can feed them to Little White as treats," Lu Lili said to Lu Linlin.

"Ok!" Lu Linlin nodded and asked the disciple, "How much is the Ascendance Grass?"

"12... 12 low-tier Spirit Stones per bundle," the disciple of Sky Mountain Sect was already stuttering.

"Ok, there should be around 30 bundles here. I'll take them all," Lu Linlin said lightly.

Shoo... The cultivators gasped again.

When the cultivators were wondering what these girls' background was and why were they spending Spirit Stones like crazy, they both turned around and said, "Should we take all the Detox Pills too? Gongzi? Little White would eat anything, and the Detox Pills can cleanse its body."

Everyone turned back to look at Hao Ren at the same time.

"These beautiful Foundation Establishment Realm twin sisters are spending Spirit Stones like this on this Gongzi's order?" they thought, "Who is this young man dressed in regular cultivation clothing? He must be a talented genius of a big sect!"

"Um, get them all, so we don't have to come back often," Hao Ren said.

He was so calm that it drove the cultivators around them crazy! In fact, even the Foundation Establishment Realm cultivators of a regular sect on Fifth Heaven could only make 30 low-tier Spirit Stones in a month!

"Ok, Gongzi!" Lu Linlin took out over 40 mid-tier Spirit Stones from her ring and put them in front of the disciple without a word.

Each mid-tier Spirit Stone equaled to 100 low-tier Spirit Stones. But the help it could provide in cultivation was way more than what 100 low-level Spirit Stones could do!

The fact that she took out 40 mid-tier Spirit Stones casually immediately startled the surrounding cultivators!

Even the disciples from Sky Mountain Sect were shocked! They collected all the elixir pills from their fellow disciples and had never thought that the pills could get them so many Spirit Stones!

Lu Linlin and Lu Lili slightly bent their backs and put the elixir pills and Spirit Herbs into their Xumi Rings.

Little White in her tiny form smelled the delicious elixir pills and hopped into Hao Ren's arms excitedly.

Hao Ren patted its little head. "This time, we have enough for you to eat, Little White."

"Um..." The surrounding cultivators were all speechless. "If these mid-tier Spirit Stones are traded into low-tier Spirit Stones, there would be over 4000 of them. And all these are used to feed this tiny thing?"

Even that great-looking Golden Lion wouldn't get such a treatment! If Little White knew this, it would definitely stand right in front of the Golden Lion and put its paw on its nose while giving it a prideful and despicable look!

“Oh, do you guys have 10,000-year Seven-Colored Snow Lotuses?” Hao Ren asked casually.

“Kakaka...” The surrounding cultivators were almost losing it.

10,000-year Seven-Colored Snow Lotuses! The ultimate treasure of Sky Mountain Sect! It was said that the Sky Mountain Sect only had three of them, and this young man was trying to purchase them?

“No... We don’t have any.” the disciple of Sky Mountain Sect was stupefied.

“Oh.” Hao Ren wanted to ask them how he could purchase one. However, he realized that it might not be a good idea after seeing how everyone reacted.

“I’ve put everything away, Gongzi. Although Little White is greedy, these can still last it a month,” Lu Linlin and Lu Lili returned to Hao Ren’s sides.

“One month! Over 40 mid-tier Spirit Stones!” Some of the surrounding cultivators actually collapsed at that information.

At the very moment, in the disciple of Sky Mountain Sect’s eyes, the immature Snow Lion was definitely not a Snow Lion but a Godly Beast!

“Let’s go!” Hao Ren carried Little White and left as the twins followed on both sides. They just spent over 40 mid-tier Spirit Stones without even blinking their eyes!

They asked Lu Qing for Spirit Stones a while ago, and he casually gave them 100 mid-tier Spirit Stones. East Ocean had a strong financial background with abundant resources. On top of that, they didn’t need the Spirit Stones to cultivate. Even for powering array formations, they would use top-tier Spirit Stones. Therefore, they couldn’t care less for these mid-tier Spirit Stones!

Chapter 236: My Mistake

While the astonished cultivators watched, Hao Ren left with Lu Linlin and Lu Lili and merged with the crowd at the Trading Convention.

“Linlin, how many Spirit Stones are left?” Hao Ren turned his head and asked Lu Linlin.

“We still have over 50 mid-tier Spirit Stones. Do you want to buy elixirs or dharma treasures?” Lu Linlin asked.

Since such Trading Conventions were unofficial events organized by cultivators, the objects at the event were not very rare. Lu Linlin had brought 100 mid-tier Spirit Stones to buy some elixir pills for Little White to help it improve its cultivation strength.

“I want to buy beads of wood, fire, and earth to match the gold and water beads on my necklace,” Hao Ren said.

“That’s easy. I think I’ve seen some of them somewhere here!” Lu Lili had been observing the objects of each booth, and she immediately took Hao Ren to three booths to buy the beads.

The payment for three beads was only half a mid-tier Spirit Stone. If Hao Ren had to collect them by himself, it would take him forever. But at the Trading Convention, he bought them with great ease.

Attaching the newly bought beads to the necklace, he now had a five-elemental necklace.

Through the necklace, Hao Ren felt the five beads were interacting with each other and forming a cycle, helping him absorb the five-elemental essence from nature.

This process would greatly help Hao Ren's cultivation of the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll. While the dragon core in his body was an internal monitor of five elemental essences, the five-elemental necklace was an external adjustor to balance the five elements by small amounts.

Having bought food for Little White and three beads for himself, Hao Ren was satisfied with this trip.

He bought a flexible 'Dragon Leash' for 120 low-tier Spirit Stones. Taking off the little bell Lu Linlin and Lu Lili gave him, he attached the bell to the Dragon Leash before putting the leash around Little White's neck.

Little White looked quite cute with the golden bell on its snow-white fur. The special flexibility of the Dragon Leash made sure the leash wouldn't break even when Little White changed into a bigger size.

Since Little White followed Hao Ren everywhere, Lu Linlin and Lu Lili could still find Hao Ren's location with the bell. However, with the bell attached on Little White's neck, he didn't have to worry about Lu Linlin and Lu Lili suddenly appearing while he is taking a shower.

"Ruff! Ruff!" Little White in Hao Ren's arms suddenly started making noises.

It wriggled its rump while nudging Hao Ren's arm with its mouth.

After some time with Little White, Hao Ren was familiar with its signals. With its wriggling rump, it told him it wanted to go to the bathroom!

Immediately he let it go. Little White jumped to the ground and rushed out of the Trading Convention. The jingling golden bell was dazzling on its white fur.

The little creature had to choose this moment to go to the bathroom on the territory of the cultivating sects.

Resigned, Hao Ren followed it with Lu Linlin and Lu Lili who covered their giggles with their hands.

Without the illumination of the stone columns, the spot Little White chose for its bathroom was quite dim. The small body of Little White hid in a cluster of grass and was busy doing its business.

"Hahahaha!" Suddenly, laughter came from behind them.

They turned and found six male cultivators in different robes had surrounded them in a half circle.

This spot was in the wilderness, blocked by a massive boulder from the venue of the Trading Convention. Hao Ren knew that he and the Lu sisters had been followed ever since they bought the elixirs!

Three Foundation Establishment Realm cultivators, two of whom were beautiful girls, had casually taken out over 40 mid-tier Spirit Stones and were careless with the prices when they purchased things... Naturally, their fortune and the Lu sisters' beauty had caught the thugs' eye.

The lowest level of the cultivators attending the Trading Convention was Foundation Establishment Realm. Among the six robbers, three were in mid-tier Foundation Establishment Realm while the others were in the top-tier!

Hao Ren was now at the Li-level which was the equivalent to mid-tier Foundation Establishment Realm while Lu Linlin and Lu Lili were only at low-tier Foundation Establishment Realm!

The difference of the strengths of the two sides was quite evident. Even with the spirit beast which had not reached even the first level, Hao Ren and the Lu sisters were no match for them in strength!

"Little White! Are you done?" Hao Ren turned his head and asked in a low voice.

Swaying its little rump, Little White trotted to him from the cluster of grass. When it found Hao Ren was surrounded, it immediately changed into a magnificent spirit beast of one meter tall, growling.

Without hesitation, the six men threw their dharma treasures at them!

Little White roared with rage and dashed toward the dharma treasures fearlessly!

"Little White! Come back!" Hao Ren beckoned at Little White before taking out a long spear from his hidden space.

Dragon Gold Spear!

The long spear grew longer in the air.

The silver body immediately turned into a dazzling gold color.

"They indeed have powerful dharma treasures!" One of the six robbers yelled, and they combined the power of their dharma treasures to block Hao Ren's gold spear!

The six of them came together to rob Hao Ren and the Lu sisters, fearing the rich fellow would have powerful defense dharma treasures with him.

They were sure his powerful dharma treasures would become part of the loot.

Clang! Clang... The gold spear collided with the six dharma treasures and bounced them off. But the gold spear couldn't stop its momentum and shot into the ground!

"This fellow doesn't know how to handle dharma treasures! Let's go get him!" The leader of the gang shouted.

However, they were sadly mistaken. The reason Hao Ren was not good at using the dharma treasure was that he had never used it. He threw out the gold spear to stop them from attacking Little White.

"Linlin, Lili, you stay behind!" Hao Ren ordered before shooting out two beams of sword energy from his fingers.

Since he began cultivating, he had never engaged in a real fight, and he had not tried the power of the sword array formation!

“Five-elemental sword energy? Trivia technique!” They blocked Hao Ren’s two sword energies with dharma treasures and moved forward in a half circle when they saw a huge fire loop was crashing toward them.

The fire array formation!

It was made up of 16 fire-elemental sword energies.

If they were trapped by it, they would be severely burned.

Array formations could trap strong enemies inside and defeat them.

Swoosh!

A dense rain of sword energies shot toward them from high up in the sky!

Each group containing 16 gold-elemental sword energy, and there were three groups, forming the gold-elemental sword array formation.

The seemingly random sword energies were, in fact, interacting with each other and strengthening each other. This was the power of sword array formation!

Three mid-tier and three top-tier cultivators of the Foundation Establishment Realm were stunned by the sword array formation falling from the sky.

“We were wrong! He’s a cultivator of the Core Formation Realm! Let’s go!” The leader threw out a white gong before fleeing.

Dong! Dong! Dong...

The dense golden sword energy beams shot into the gong and turned it into a sieve.

The difference between the Core Formation Realm and the Foundation Establishment Realm was drastic. In the Core Formation Realm, the cultivators could use advanced dharma treasures and advanced cultivation techniques!

Even six Foundation Establishment Realm cultivators didn’t dare to mess with one cultivator of the Core Formation Realm!

In fact, Hao Ren’s cultivation strength was indeed at the Li Level which was the equivalent of the Foundation Establishment Realm. However, Hao Ren’s powerful sword array formation made them think he was a cultivator of the Core Formation Realm which was the equivalent of Zhen-level!

When the sword array formation was unleashed, the sky dimmed with its power!

After all, the sword array formation was like any other array formations which borrowed the Nature Essence instead of drawing on the strength of the cultivator.

The six cultivators of the Foundation Establishment Realm were scrambling to escape when Lu Linlin and Lu Lili, standing beside Hao Ren, suddenly released an overwhelming suppression!

“Nascent Soul Realm cultivators!” Their legs became jelly instantly.

On this low-level Trading Convention, they should have encountered not only a disguised cultivator of the Core Formation Realm but two masters of the Nascent Soul Realm!

Without thinking, they dropped to the ground and kowtowed to Hao Ren, and the Lu sisters and two of them even wetted their pants with fear!

They were asking for death to rob a cultivator of the Core Formation Realm! It was even worse as they had planned to rape two masters of the Nascent Soul Realm!

A master of Nascent Soul Realm could kill the six of them with only one finger! In the whole Fifth Heaven, there were only four masters of the Nascent Soul Realm!

The four masters of the Nascent Soul Realm were leading the four most powerful cultivation sects in Fifth Heaven.

When blood began to ooze from their foreheads due to their repeated kowtowing, they found their heads were still attached to their bodies. Shakily, they lifted their heads slightly and saw that the young man, two beauties, and the spirit beast were gone.

“Boss, are you ok?” A man in a grey cotton robe helped their frightened leader up.

The leader had blood all over his face. Looking at his dharma treasure on the ground, he found it had lost all its Nature Essence.

It was throwing good money after bad. He wiped the blood off his face and gritted his teeth.

As a cultivator of the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm, he was a half master in the Fifth Heaven. But today he was defeated so pathetically and had almost lost his life!

“Let’s go!” Picking up the damaged dharma treasure, the leader got his breath back before leading his gang back into the Trading Convention.

“Boss, there’s a girl on level 1 Qi Refinement Realm!” With two teeth gone, one of his subordinates pointed at one spot in the Trading Convention and reported.

“She dares to come here without reaching the Foundation Establishment Realm! Damn! Let’s rob her!” The leader spat out a mouthful of bloodied spit before taking his gang to the direction of the girl.

They had taken only five steps when a surge of suffocating suppression pushed at them from the sky.

Another master of the Nascent Soul Realm... Their well-beaten bodies dropped to the ground without any resistance.

“Yujia, look around and purchase whatever catches your eye,” the Nascent Soul Realm Cultivator told the girl.

Chapter 237: Who Let down Whom?

The girl had been standing alone at the edge of the Trading Convention, but suddenly a Nascent Soul Realm cultivator appeared beside her!

Judged from the force of the suppression, this was a master at top-tier the Nascent Soul Realm.

The amiable old grandma held the hand of a puzzled Xie Yujia, leading her into the heart of the Trading Convention.

All the people with any cultivation strength at the Trading Convention could see that the disciple of the female master of the Nascent Soul Realm was only a girl of level 1 Qi Refinement Realm.

It was a great fortune to be a disciple of a master of the top-tier Nascent Soul Realm! Besides, the girl seemed to have no special cultivation talent.

Xie Yujia was dizzy from seeing all kinds of objects at the convention.

And the people nearby all looked at her with envy, bafflement, and doubt...

Swoosh! Swoosh...

Four beams of light shot toward the Trading Convention.

Sensing the suppressions of two Nascent Soul Realm masters nearby, the four Nascent Soul Realm masters leading Fifth Heaven all came out to investigate.

However, they had now lost track of the two Nascent Soul Realm masters. Instead, they sensed the overwhelming cultivation strength of another master of the Nascent Soul Realm.

It was quite extraordinary that the Trading Convention for cultivators of the Foundation Establishment Realm had attracted three masters of the Nascent Soul Realm!

They came to the sky above the Trading Convention and sensed the master of the Nascent Soul Realm had reached the top-tier. They hovered in the air, exchanging a look with each other.

The four of them were only at the low-tier Nascent Soul Realm, and the combined force of the four of them was no match for a master of top-tier Nascent Soul Realm!

The Nascent Soul Realm cultivators of top-tier had the potential to enter the Soul Formation Realm! Most of the masters of Nascent Soul Realm stayed in the low-tier all their lives because the elevations in the Nascent Soul Realm was more difficult than all the previous levels combined.

They didn't know that the master of top-tier Nascent Soul Realm at the convention was, in fact, a master of the God Transformation Realm!

On the one hand, the old grandma didn't want to shock them with her true power; on the other hand, she didn't want people to make trouble for them. That was why she disguised herself as a cultivator of top-tier Nascent Soul Realm.

The four cultivators of low-tier Nascent Soul Realm exchanged a look before flying back to their respective cultivation places. If the newcomer had been a cultivator of low-tier Nascent Soul Realm, they would have shown their faces and their ownership of the territory. However, with a top-tier master of

Nascent Soul Realm whose temperament they knew nothing about, they thought it was better not to confront her at all.

The amiable old grandma strolled through the stalls with Xie Yujia and anyone who saw this white-haired old lady knew better than to mess with her.

Wherever they went, the crowd gave way for them.

“Yujia, take whatever you like,” the old grandma told Xie Yujia genially.

Glancing at the glittering objects in one booth, Xie Yujia hesitated before picking up an exquisite jade bracelet. “Grandma, I’ll take this. But I’ll pay for it.”

The old grandma smiled genially. “Little Yujia, the things here are not paid for with money.”

She took out a mid-tier Spirit Stone and tossed it at the young vendor. “I believe it’s enough for this bracelet.”

The young cultivator caught the spirit rock with apprehension. “Grandmaster, you don’t have to pay for it!”

With her cultivation power of top-tier Nascent Soul Realm, she could have taken all the items on the Trading Convention, and no one would have dared to utter a word. After all, any cultivator who could reach top-tier Nascent Soul Realm was as old as 500 to 600 years.

Even the Core Formation Realm cultivators who were the masters of these cultivators of the Foundation Establishment Realm were no match for the master of top-tier Nascent Soul Realm!

They didn’t understand why this grandmaster had taken a girl at level 1 Qi Refinement Realm as her disciple.

After all, all the Nascent Soul Realm masters were put on pedestals by their respective cultivating sects and didn’t take disciples anymore.

Xie Yujia slid the pretty jade bracelet onto her white wrist happily; it glittered in the illumination of the nearby stone columns.

“Thank you! Grandma!” She turned to the old grandma and thanked her.

“Hehe, I’m glad you like it. Let’s have a look at other stuff.” The old grandma’s smile was full of wrinkles.

Immediately, Xie Yujia helped the shaky old grandma to other booths.

The watching cultivators were envious of the girl who was only at level 1 Qi Refinement Realm and had a Nascent Soul Realm grandmaster as her protector. Obviously, the girl was not raised by the grandmaster; she had just recently become the grandmaster’s disciple.

The center of the fair was more lively and boisterous than the night markets on land. Xie Yujia was strolling through the convention with one arm supporting the old grandma when a familiar figure entered her sight.

Familiar figure and familiar profile.

Beautiful twin sisters accompanied this man.

Hao Ren was choosing some small red flowers when he felt a strong suppression come his way. With the red flowers in hand, he turned and saw Xie Yujia and the old grandma were walking toward him!

Hao Ren's mind became blank for a moment. How come Xie Yujia was here?

If he had not wanted to come back and look for the small red flowers Su Han had once mentioned, he would have left the convention with Lu Linlin and Lu Lili by now.

But he had returned and met Xie Yujia!

Meanwhile, Xie Yujia stared at him with astonishment, then bafflement, and finally silence.

"Yujia, why... are you here?" In a daze, Hao Ren walked over and asked.

He even rubbed his eyes, suspecting his eyes were playing tricks on him or he had seen an illusion.

But Little White left his side and ran to Xie Yujia with affection, proving that the girl standing before her was indeed Xie Yujia.

In a white robe, Xie Yujia looked quiet and elegant like a statue in the night!

The old grandma by her side looked mild, but she emitted such a powerful spirit strength that no one dared to look her in the eye!

This spirit suppression was almost as powerful as that of Zhao Kuo.

"Hao Ren..." Xie Yujia whispered his name with a sad expression. Suddenly, she walked forward and threw herself into his arms.

Before Hao Ren could react, tears began to flow out of her big eyes.

"Idiot! You are such an idiot!" Holding Hao Ren, Xie Yujia beat his chest with her fist.

He stood on her tiptoes and wound her arms around his neck, holding him tightly. She placed her face against the back of his neck and cried harder!

"In vain! I've waited in vain!" Tears flowed down her chin onto Hao Ren's back. They were hot.

Those were tears of regret, resignation, and sadness!

The hundreds of Foundation Establishment Realm cultivators nearby gasped at the sight. The only thing they were sure of was that the man had let down the disciple of the grandmaster of the Nascent Soul Realm, and he was doomed!

Chapter 238: The Power of the Old Grandma

Holding Xie Yujia stiffly, Hao Ren's mind was blank; feeling her soft shoulders in his palms, he was at a loss for words!

Xie Yujia's tears showed her true feelings. Hao Ren had always thought of her as a strong and independent girl and had never imagined she would look so fragile!

Lu Linlin and Lu Lili stood on the side and pursed their lips; the old grandma didn't make any moves as people had expected.

Little White ran around Hao Ren and Xie Yujia, howling anxiously.

"It's hard to leave my classmate, but I have to go." With tears all over her face, Xie Yujia pushed away from Hao Ren, sobbing. She stared at him for a long while. "I used to like Little Older Brother, and now I like Hao Ren. I can't and don't want to get over my feelings."

She rubbed her reddened nose. "I wish everything well with you and Zi, your parents and grandma."

Hao Ren found her gaze full of hesitation and sadness.

Staring at him, she bit her lip and suddenly rushed over and wound her arms around him.

She held him in front of hundreds of people, crying her heart out. Hao Ren's mind was in a buzz, not able to think clearly.

"Gongzi, it's almost time to get back," Lu Linlin took two steps forward and said.

The old grandma also walked forward and pulled Xie Yujia into her arms.

Swoosh! Lu Linlin tossed out a bracelet, lifting the three of them up.

Before they left, they revealed their true powers as masters of the Nascent Soul Realm.

Qian Level and Kun Level were both equivalents to the Nascent Soul Realm. For the dragon cultivators, the higher level the cultivators were in, the more difficult for them to elevate. And that was why the Dragon Clan had a more detailed level system.

Lu Linlin and Lu Lili were at the low-tier Qian Level which was the equivalent of the top-tier Nascent Soul Realm!

The watching cultivators of Foundation Establishment Realm were stunned.

Seeing the two masters of top-tier Nascent Soul Realm serving the young man deferentially, they wondered if the young man was a grandmaster of the Soul Formation Realm!

The cultivators of Soul Formation Realm were the legendary grandmasters who could fly freely between the sky and the earth!

Thinking back when the young man led the maids disguised in Foundation Establishment Realm wandering among them, the cultivators of Foundation Establishment Realm shivered with fear.

With masters of top-tier Nascent Soul Realm as maids, the young man must be a grandmaster of the Soul Formation Realm! That explained why the other top-tier master of Nascent Soul Realm had not made a move when the young man messed with her disciple!

The more they thought about it, the more convinced they felt.

Meanwhile, the old grandma looked at the lost expression on Xie Yujia's face and touched her head with a slight sigh. Then she vanished in a golden flash with Xie Yujia.

The overwhelming Nature Essence instantly filled the whole space between the sky and the earth!

Boom! A huge hole appeared in the space between Fifth Heaven and Sixth Heaven!

She was a cultivator of the Soul Formation Realm! One slight strike from a grudging cultivator of the Soul Formation Realm had pierced the space between the sky and the earth!

The thousands of cultivators including the tens of Core Formation Realm cultivators at the Trading Convention were dumbfounded!

If the strike had been aimed at the venue of the Trading Convention, the thousands of cultivators would have all died, and the whole celestial mountain would have been shattered.

Oblivious to the old grandma's anger at Fifth Heaven, Hao Ren returned to land with Lu Linlin and Lu Lili. He went back to his hotel room through the window, still mulling over Xie Yujia's embrace.

Seeing Lu Linlin and Lu Lili still standing in his room, Hao Ren asked, "Why are you still here?"

"Gongzi, it's midnight. Do you really want two girls to return at this hour?" Lu Linlin pouted.

Hao Ren glanced at them in resignation, knowing no one was their match under Fifth Heaven.

On second thought, he felt it would be inconsiderate to drive them back in the midnight. He nodded, saying, "You have to share a bed. Or I'll put two chairs together, and I sleep on them, so you can each have a bed."

"Thank you, Gongzi!" Lu Linlin smiled joyously. "My sister and I can share a bed!"

She had known Hao Ren wouldn't drive them out. Lu Lili covered her smile at her sister's smug look.

The two girls are outrageous. When they went into the bathroom in excitement, Hao Ren hurriedly changed out of his Taoist robe and into his pajamas before slipping under the covers.

He turned on the TV and found it was already 4 o'clock in the early morning, which meant morning would come in less than three hours

The sound of the shower came from the bathroom. If Zhou Liren and others had known the School Belles were showering and spending the night in Hao Ren's room, blood would probably have spewed from their noses.

Although he had no intense feelings for Lu Linlin and Lu Lili, Hao Ren was quite fond of them and agreed to most of their requests.

Ruff! Ruff!

Little White bounced on the thick carpet before jumping into Hao Ren's bed.

Hao Ren lifted it by its ears and tossed it back to the floor. This creature had been spoiled since it came into the city and had formed the habit of sleeping on a bed.

Being tossed out by Hao Ren from his soft bed, Little White trotted to the bathroom and loitered at the opaque glass door.

“Hey! Little White, you can’t peek when the girls are taking a shower!” Hao Ren yelled at it.

Little White looked back at Hao Ren and turned its black eyes back to the opaque glass door.

Hao Ren was choked by its glance, retorting silently, “I don’t want to peek at them...”

Then, the door slid open, and Lu Linlin and Lu Lili came out of the steaming bathroom, wrapped in towels and shower robes.

Seeing Little White waiting at the door, they immediately picked it up.

Happily, Little White rubbed its furry head against their smooth skin and snuggled into the bed of the sisters’ under Hao Ren’s astonished and disdainful gaze.

Ruff! Ruff!

In the bed, Little White began to crawl around under the covers, and Hao Ren had the sudden urge to grab it and gave it a good beating!

“Haha! Little White, stay still!” Itchy with its furs, Lu Linlin and Lu Lili pulled it from behind their backs.

Little White stuck out its tongue and began to lick their arms!

After half a night together, it had forgotten entirely about the Lu sisters’ threats. It abandoned Hao Ren and took the Lu sisters as its patronesses!

Time ticked away, and Hao Ren woke up at seven in the morning.

He turned to look at the other bed and found Lu Linlin and Lu Lili were sleeping in each other’s arms. Their sweet and peaceful look was a picture to look at.

Exhausted by half a night’s labor, Little White was also asleep on their beautiful hair, snoring contently.

Without their cultivation strength, the twin sisters would have been two ordinary and adorable girls. Hao Ren got up from the bed quietly. He entered the bathroom to wash up and change out of his pajamas.

With little sleep, he still felt dizzy. Walking to the window, he pulled the curtains to a small crack and stared at the road outside, savoring the moment when Xie Yujia held him in her arms.

Although he didn’t understand her emotional outburst, he couldn’t forget the feeling when she held him.

“Zhao Yanzi...” Hao Ren murmured the name and touched the cold window sill lightly. If not for Zhao Yanzi, Hao Ren would have begun a slow and reasonable pursuit of Xie Yujia or “Little Carrot” or the Class President.

Xie Yujia was lively, pure, kind and able; she was almost perfect. By contrast, Zhao Yanzi was spoiled and willful.

Rubbing his temples, Hao Ren turned around and found Lu Lili had woken up and was staring at him quietly in the bed.

Lu Lili blushed when Hao Ren turned abruptly, whispering, "Gongzi..."

"Shush!" Hao Ren gestured. "Go back to sleep."

"Ok." Lu Lili nodded obediently and lay back on the bed.

Before she lay down, she blurted out, "Gongzi, is anything troubling you?"

"Nothing. I just feel frustrated that my cultivation has not progressed recently. Lili, do you want some breakfast? I'll bring you some from the café in the hotel," Hao Ren said.

"Cultivation progress slows down with a troubled mind. Gongzi, I guess you are not troubled by cultivation, right?" Lu Lili asked, looking at Hao Ren with her bright and gentle eyes.

"Am I too hesitant on some things?" Hao Ren asked her.

"Gongzi, you are soft-hearted, so..." Lu Lili bit her lip slightly. "But it's not a shortcoming. If you are a careless man, we wouldn't have stayed by your side."

Hao Ren looked at her and smiled.

Lu Lili blushed, wondering if she said something right.

With a slight sigh, Hao Ren walked out of the room and closed the door quietly behind him.

He went to the café for breakfast. Ordering three pieces of steamed bread and a bowl of soya-bean milk, he began to eat quietly in a corner by the windows.

Carrying a plate of steamed buns, Xie Yujia appeared in front of him.

Flowing long skirt, short black boots, and a pale grey windbreaker.

Classic, elegant, pretty but also lonely.

She was surprised to see Hao Ren. Hao Ren waved at her.

She carried the plate of steamed buns over to his table and took the seat across from him.

"Did you sleep well last night?" Hao Ren asked.

"Not bad." Xie Yujia nodded slightly before looking up at Hao Ren abruptly. "Last night, I had a strange dream in which the old grandma talked and took me to a wondrous place."

"Oh?" Hao Ren arched his eyebrows.

"I saw you in my dream," Xie Yujia continued after a few seconds of hesitation.

Looking at her, Hao Ren understood. Xie Yujia had not controlled her emotion with him because she thought it was a dream. In the dream, she thought about her imminent departure and burst into tears.

Although she could control herself in real life, she had opened her heart when she thought she was in a dream.

“What did you dream about last night?” Xie Yujia asked him.

“Ugh, nothing unusual,” Hao Ren said.

Xie Yujia stared at him and thought for a while. “The weirdest thing was not the dream, but this.”

She reached out her hand, and there was a clear white jade bracelet on her wrist!

Chapter 239: In Front of Everyone

In the early morning sunlight, the white jade bracelet glittered white. On a closer look, Hao Ren could sense the Nature Essence in it.

This was not an ordinary bracelet, but a dharma treasure! Xie Yujia bought it at the Trading Convention on the Fifth Heaven.

Xie Yujia took the bracelet off from her wrist and looked at it against the morning sunlight pouring from the window.

It was sparkling and clear without a trace of impurities! It was translucent!

The bracelet would have been sold for tens of millions of yuan on the auction market.

Xie Yujia slid it back onto her wrist and her gaze moved slowly toward Hao Ren. “I dreamed that the old grandma bought the bracelet for me. When I woke up, I found the bracelet on my wrist.”

Hao Ren looked at her, at a loss for words.

“Let’s go back to the previous question.” Xie Yujia stared at Hao Ren. “Last night, were you in my dream?”

“Ugh...” Hao Ren thought for a while. “Today when we return to East Ocean City, I’ll go with you to visit the old grandma.”

“Ok.” Xie Yujia nodded. She was baffled but didn’t ask any more questions.

She thought that if last night’s dream was real, then she had really held Hao Ren and cried in his arms...

Carefully, she looked up at Hao Ren, blushing. She had thought it was a weird and sad dream, however...

Hao Ren looked at Xie Yujia’s pink face in the morning light and thought for a while. “I’m sorry, Yujia.”

“For what?” Xie Yujia lifted her head.

“For everything,” Hao Ren said.

They fell into silence while white sunshine crept onto the table.

“I don’t want you to leave,” Hao Ren broke the silence and said.

“Last night in the dream, I cried like a baby,” Xie Yujia said after a few seconds of hesitation.

“I know,” Hao Ren answered.

Xie Yujia stared at him, and Hao Ren exhaled deeply. Once again, they fell into silence.

“You are here enjoying the sunshine so early in the morning!” In a long striped dress, Ma Lina appeared at the entrance of the café, a brown purse in her hand.

Her appearance broke the silence between Xie Yujia and Hao Ren. Xie Yujia hid her melancholy and smiled at her. “Why are you here so early?”

“I spent the night at my aunt’s. Since I had nothing to do in the morning, I came back to play with you. I found you were not in the room and guessed you might be having breakfast in the café!”

Ma Lina winked at them. “Am I the third wheel here?”

Xie Yujia rolled her eyes and asked, “Have you had breakfast yet?”

“No. I was waiting for your invitation!” Ma Lina sat down beside Xie Yujia and said.

“What do you want to eat?” Xie Yujia asked her.

“Two meat buns, one bowl of soya bean curd and one plate of steamed dumplings!” Ma Lina said.

“You have a big appetite...” Xie Yujia stood up and went to buy breakfast for her.

When Xie Yujia was gone, Ma Lina looked at Hao Ren meaningfully; she smiled and pointed her finger at Hao Ren. “You are good. Yujia was never close to guys, but you won her heart in one day, right?”

When she came back, she saw Hao Ren and Xie Yujia sitting together at the table next to the window and looking at each other in silence. It was the kind of chemistry between lovers.

Seeing the relationship between Hao Ren and Xie Yujia go so well, Ma Lina began to think he was a good match for Xie Yujia.

After all, the girls were always concerned about such stuff. Xie Yujia had once claimed that she wouldn’t fall in love, but now she had gotten a boyfriend, it was a great topic of gossip for Ma Lina.

“I just met the Class President in the café,” Hao Ren looked at her and explained.

“Don’t play innocent with me!” Ma Lina was all smiles, poking her finger into Hao Ren’s shoulder. She sat up immediately when she saw Xie Yujia walking to them carrying her breakfast.

“Here! Big eater!” Xie Yujia put the breakfast down before Ma Lina and sat back down.

Ma Lina didn’t hesitate; she picked up the chopsticks and began to eat. Between bites, she asked, “What’s the plan for today? When do we leave for Sanmu University?”

Xie Yujia took out a paper towel to clean her hands and was about to answer the question when Ma Lina suddenly dropped her chopsticks and grabbed Xie Yujia’s wrist. “Wow! The bracelet is so pretty! Where did you get it?”

“Oh... I... bought it at the night market last night,” Xie Yujia said after a moment of consideration.

“Really? I’ll go buy one, too!” Ma Lina cried in excitement.

“I bought it at the night market, and we’ll have to leave today,” Xie Yujia told her in exasperation.

"I don't care! Today you and I stay behind to buy the bracelet. It's so pretty!" Ma Lina yelled willfully.

Girls had a maniac passion for anything beautiful; Ma Lina was especially excited when she saw the extraordinary bracelet.

Helplessly, Xie Yujia moved her arm out of her grip. "They probably don't have another one."

"No! Sell yours to me! How much did you pay for it? I'll double it!" Ma Lina pestered Xie Yujia with her demand.

"Hey! We are not in the dorm! Stop it." Xie Yujia reminded her with a nudge of her arm.

At her reminder, Ma Lina realized Hao Ren was watching her. Knowing she had lost her composure, Ma Lina immediately faked a cough and lowered her voice. "This bracelet is so beautiful. Will you sell it to me? I'll pay you three times the original price. How about four times? Five times?"

Watching Ma Lina's anxious expression, Hao Ren thought, "That bracelet can't be bought with money."

Seeing Xie Yujia was unmoved by her badgering, Ma Lina finally gave up. "Forget it. I'll try my luck on Taobao. I'll go and find out if the guys have gotten up yet, so I won't play the third wheel here."

She stood up and walked out of the café, leaving a speechless Xie Yujia who didn't know how to explain the situation.

"Yujia, why don't you go back to your room and rest?" Hao Ren suggested.

"Ok." Xie Yujia nodded before she blurted out, "It's still early. How about going to your room for a visit?"

"Ugh?" Hao Ren was surprised.

"What? I can't go to your room?" Xie Yujia stared at Hao Ren.

"No..." Hao Ren thought about Lu Linlin and Lu Lili in his room. Although they were doing nothing and had only stayed the night in his room, it would be hard to explain to Xie Yujia when she saw them.

"Then you come to my room," Xie Yujia offered. "I'll call Ma Lina into my room, and the three of us can play cards."

"Play cards... If we include Lu Linlin and Lu Lili, we can play Mahjong..." Hao Ren thought to himself. He said after a moment of consideration, "I'll go to your room."

"Good!" Xie Yujia gave him a faint smile before leading Hao Ren to her room.

Xie Yujia's room faced north. It was very tidy, and the bed was made, another proof of her good life habits.

Her pillow was still damp, and Hao Ren guessed she must have been crying when she woke up this morning.

Xie Yujia also noticed the tear stains on the pillow. She walked over and flipped it over. Turning on the TV, she was about to go out and find Ma Lina when a knock sounded at the door.

Xie Yujia opened the door and saw Ma Lina at the doorway. Ma Lina walked into the room and saw Hao Ren. She immediately retreated and looked at Xie Yujia slyly. "Oh, it's a bad time for me to visit you!"

"Ma Lina, come and play cards with us! We were about to go find you!" Hao Ren called out to her.

"No! I won't play the third wheel here!" Ma Lina backed out of the room and shut the door behind her.

Xie Yujia blushed and glanced at Hao Ren in embarrassment.

"Ok, we can watch TV." Hao Ren picked up the remote control.

"Ok." Xie Yujia took off her windbreaker and hung it in the closet. Underneath she wore a pale blue shirt which accentuated her elegant figure.

She kicked off her shoes and leaned against the headboard, turning her gaze to the TV.

Hao Ren had been sitting on the edge of the bed. He moved slightly to one side so that he wouldn't block the TV.

Although they were only watching TV, the fact that they were alone in the room was not lost on them. Hao Ren thought about Lu Linlin and Lu Lili in his room, but he had no time for them now.

"Hao Ren, do you think I'm unlikable?" Xie Yujia leaned against the headboard with her hands clasped before her. She asked him in a low voice.

"No. Probably because you are the Class President, everyone is respectful towards you," Hao Ren said.

"I wanted to make everything in our class perfect," Xie Yujia bit her lip and said.

"Because of you, everything in our class is quite orderly. Look at the mess other classes got themselves in, and you'll find our class is a very organized and consolidated unit," Hao Ren looked back at her and said.

In the fitting shirt, a long skirt, and long socks, she looked like a pretty girl from a comic book. Her legs resting on the white sheet were so slim and long that they would make most of the girls in the school jealous.

Seeming to have sensed Hao Ren's gaze on her legs, Xie Yujia quietly shifted and folded her calves under her thighs.

However, this posture accentuated the fullness and softness of her thighs.

"If I stay in East Ocean University, I'll quit as the Class President," Xie Yujia said abruptly.

"Ugh?" Hao Ren looked at her in surprise.

"People think I'm power hungry and some girls hate me. That stuff is trivial, but they make me uncomfortable," she said, pursing her lips.

Evidently, she regarded Hao Ren as her intimate friend. Otherwise, she wouldn't have talked about such trivial stuff.

The topic went on, and she began to tell him many small incidents in the girl's dorm. Hao Ren listened to these gossips and suddenly felt as if he was her boyfriend who was listening to her complaints when she came back from school.

Xie Yujia was the Class President, but she was also an ordinary college girl who didn't like other girls to badmouth her behind her back and minded the guys' opinions of her.

Four episodes of a historical drama ended on TV when the arms of the clock pointed to 12 o'clock.

"Let's go to meet them in the hall!" Xie Yujia looked up at the clock and said.

Hao Ren found he had stayed almost four hours in Xie Yujia's room listening to her talk about the trivial things in her life. If the guys had known about it, they would have killed him with their disdainful eyes.

Quickly, Xie Yujia pulled on her short boots and her windbreaker. A neat and pretty Xie Yujia stood before him in seconds.

"Let's go! I'll walk with you to your room to get your stuff!" Picking up her bag, she pulled Hao Ren out of her room.

Yu Rong was walking out of a room across the corridor. He rubbed his eyes, thinking his eyes were playing tricks on him. Big news! Hao Ren just came out from Xie Yujia's room!

With Xie Yujia close behind him, Hao Ren forced himself to open the door to his room. He was relieved to see that Lu Linlin and Lu Lili had left and they even made the beds.

"Your room smells fragrant," Xie Yujia took the opportunity to look around his room and commented.

"Ugh... I spilled the shampoo last night." Hao Ren thought quickly.

His sharp eyes saw several long hairs on the bed close to Xie Yujia. If she saw them...

Ruff! Ruff! At this crucial moment, Little White crawled out from under the bed.

"Little White?!" Xie Yujia looked at Little White in pleasant surprise before glancing at Hao Ren. "No wonder you didn't invite me to your room! You brought Little White with you!"

Little White scratched Xie Yujia's long stockings with its claws before jumping up into her arms. It stuck out its tongue and licked her neck!

This creature was fawning on Xie Yujia!

"It's settled! Settled!" Outside Hao Ren's room, Yu Rong and others were piled up against the door while whispering in excitement.

A pet dog and a perfect couple. Obviously, they had finally become a couple after one day and one night.

"It seems Xie Yujia has agreed to be Hao Ren's girlfriend after one day's consideration!" Yu Rong at the bottom of the pile heaved a sigh of relief. He turned to look up at the five heads above him and extended his hand. "Pay up! I told you Ren could win the Class President over!"

“Yeah... Hao Ren has indeed won over our beautiful Class President!” The other guys exclaimed as if they regretted having not made a move themselves before Hao Ren did.

However, a bet was a bet. They had to pay Yu Rong the money they lost in the bet.

Xie Yujia obviously liked Hao Ren, and everyone could see it from the way she held the pet dog and the way she looked at him.

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When Hao Ren and Xie Yujia walked out of the room, they found the guys from their class were crowding at the doorway.

“Ok! Everyone, let’s go meet in the hall!” Xie Yujia raised her arm.

Today she dressed up to cheer for East Ocean University’s basketball team. She didn’t put on any makeup, but her skin looked more delicate and smooth than the girls who had spent hours on make-up.

At her call, everyone walked into the hall to check out.

With a name list in her hand, Xie Yujia collected the room keys and checked out for them. Her excellent organization skills showed that she would be an excellent housewife in the future.

After the check-out, she made sure no one had forgotten stuff in their rooms before leading the group to the bus going to Sanmu University.

The group was as lively as the day before, but everyone felt that Xie Yujia was happier.

“Women look quite different when they are in love.”

“I wish I had pursued Xie Yujia. She isn’t such a great challenge after all!”

“She’s Ren’s girlfriend now. She is gorgeous!”

“She’s just an innocent girl who was easily won by Ren’s sweet talk...”

The guys talked among themselves on the bus. Everyone could see Xie Yujia was in an excellent mood today without a trace of the melancholy she had had the day before.

The bus arrived at the main gate of Sanmu University, and Xie Yujia led them off the bus. The primary purpose of their trip to Xinan City was to cheer for East Ocean University’s basketball team.

Zhou Liren had his regrets. Before the trip, he had planned to go to the Teachers’ University, the Arts Program, and the Music Program to see pretty girls. But he played cards last night with his buddies in the hotel room until 3 am. When he woke up, it was already 11 am, with absolutely no time for him to go and see pretty girls.

The stadium of Sanmu University was not far from the main gate. Since the guys were hungry, Xie Yujia led them to the school cafeteria for food.

When they were eating, the guys heard the guys from Sanmu University whisper about their Class President.

“Ren, you are a lucky dog,” Sitting beside Hao Ren, Yu Rong said out of jealousy.

“What are you talking about?” Hao Ren asked.

“I mean the Class President.” Yu Rong signaled in the direction of Ma Lina. “Everyone thought Xie Yujia was a challenge and no one dared to make a move. Now they are regretful. Look, even the guys of Sanmu University are talking about Xie Yujia’s beauty.”

“Of course, they are. Yujia can compete with any School Belle,” Hao Ren said.

“Well, aren’t you smug! Yujia, Yujia, you sound so intimate with her!” Yu Rong reached out and pinched Hao Ren’s cheek, half teasing, half intentional.

“Hi, can I have your phone number?” Seeing Xie Yujia and Ma Lina eating alone, a handsome guy walked over and asked Xie Yujia.

Xie Yujia looked up at him and turned her gaze to Hao Ren at another table. She told him, “I’m sorry, but I have a boyfriend.”

“Wow...” The guys in Hao Ren’s class yelled.

Although they were a bit jealous of Hao Ren winning over Xie Yujia, they were glad that her boyfriend was someone from their class instead of some guy from another class or another school! Anyway, Hao Ren was liked by most of the guys in their circle.

Hearing the yells from the guys, the handsome guy who came over to Xie Yujia impulsively realized that she was with them. He left in mortification.

The guy was presumptuous because he couldn’t resist Xie Yujia’s beauty and tried to get to know her by asking for her phone number.

Xie Yujia was a born beauty, and when she dressed up, she was dazzling. Under the old grandma’s influence, she became even more stunning recently. After all, each time when she did the massage for the old grandma, she was absorbing her Nature Essence; without cultivating, she had reached level 1 Qi Refinement Realm!

After a few minutes, another guy came up to Xie Yujia to test the waters.

Thud! Hao Ren stood up with his platter and walked to Xie Yujia’s table before sitting beside her.

The guy walking toward Xie Yujia froze for a second and backed off quietly.

“Yeah! Ren is manly!” Yu Rong gave him a thumbs-up.

Xie Yujia turned to look at Hao Ren with a sweet smile.

“Well, I won’t be the third wheel. I’ll sit alone, and maybe some handsome guy will come to talk to me!” Ma Lina stood up with her platter and moved to another table.

Sure enough, shortly after she sat down, some handsome guy walked over to her. However, she walked back with her platter after exchanging a few words with the guy. She said angrily, "Damn! He came to ask me about you, Yujia. Am I so ugly that no one wants to talk to me?"

Hao Ren almost choked on the soup he was drinking.

On a closer look, Ma Lina was pretty, and she had dressed quite nicely today. But she was totally overshadowed by Xie Yujia when they were together.

After getting food at Sanmu University cafeteria, Xie Yujia led the group to the stadium to watch the game.

They fell behind several steps self-consciously so Hao Ren and Xie Yujia could walk together before them.

They were now officially a couple.

From now on, anyone who dared to pursue Xie Yujia in public would rouse everyone else's indignation.

When they entered the stadium, Zhao Jiayi was doing warm-up exercises in a yellow jersey.

"Damn! I thought you wouldn't come!" He shouted at the sight of his classmates.

"To watch your game, I gave up the opportunity to see pretty girls!" Zhou Liren retorted. He was excited since it was the first time he watched Zhao Jiayi in an official game. After all, it was a national game, and one of the main players was his buddy and roommate.

Xie Wanjun was wiping his sweat at the sideline of the basketball court, and he nodded at Xie Yujia when he saw her. Then he glanced at Hao Ren by her side and smiled with satisfaction. The tallest and most prominent of the basketball team, Xie Wanjun also possessed the highest IQ and EQ among the team members.

He would go to the U.S. for his postgraduate degree in a short while. Otherwise, he would probably lead the team to win the championship of the National League!

"Let's watch on the stand!" Xie Yujia tucked her hand under Hao Ren's arm before walking to the stand. Their classmates followed them.

"Ren, you did it! The trip is fruitful for you!" Seeing Xie Yujia hold Hao Ren's arm, Zhao Jiayi was surprised. Then he threw the basketball in his hand toward Hao Ren.

Hao Ren was about to sit down when he saw a basketball flying toward him. He caught it immediately.

He looked forward and saw Zhao Jiayi was looking at him on the court.

"Hey, you owe me a dinner!" Zhao Jiayi called out.

Hao Ren smiled and tossed the ball back to him. "Got it!"

Sitting next to Hao Ren in the first row, Xie Yujia lowered her head with a happy smile. The flawless jade bracelet on her wrist accentuated her snow-white and smooth skin.

The players of Sanmu University began to enter the court. Gradually, the students of Sanmu University filed into the stadium to watch the home game.

Xie Yujia took out a banner from her bag and handed it to Yu Rong and Gu Jiadong behind her. "Put this up!"

The guys scrambled to spread the banner before holding it up high. "Go! East Ocean University! Go! Zhao Jiayi!"

Seeing this banner, Zhao Jiayi forgot his nervousness and his morale was greatly boosted. "Ok! I'll show you my best!"

Playing an away game was not easy, but seeing his class come to cheer for him in his first formal match, Zhao Jiayi was determined to win the game!

When the match began, Class Two which was mostly guys yelled together, "Go! Go! Zhao Jiayi!"

Their uniformed cheering was more distinct than the boisterous cheering voices of Sanmu University's students.

East Ocean University's basketball team was last year's national champion and the cooperation between Xie Wanjun and Zhao Jiayi, one tall and one short, was seamless! The basketball team of Sanmu University obviously underestimated the small-sized Zhao Jiayi who scored repeatedly.

"Go! Go! Zhao Jiayi!" The guys' voices were hoarse, but they kept cheering for him!

On the court, Zhao Jiayi got better each minute with three-point shots, perimeter shots, block shots and defensive rebounds. The only thing he was not good at was dunking.

The game ended with East Ocean University team winning by 16 points, and Zhao Jiayi alone scored 25 points!

Sanmu University team had been a strong team the year before, but it was utterly defeated by East Ocean University's team!

The East Ocean University team won the first game in the National College Basketball League!

After the game, the two teams stayed at the stadium for some after-game activities while Xie Yujia led the class back to East Ocean City by bus.

On the way to Xin'an City, Hao Ren had sat with Yu Rong and the other guys. However, now on the return trip, Hao Ren was arranged by the group to sit next to Xie Yujia.

Xie Yujia's sweet smile was full of happiness.

The bus drove smoothly on the highway, and it was only 6 PM when they returned to East Ocean City. It was not dark yet.

Before the bus reached East Ocean University, Xie Yujia got off earlier intending to go home and pick up some stuff. The guys urged Hao Ren to walk Xie Yujia home; some of them even came up to push him off the bus.

Under such insistent urging, Hao Ren had no choice but to get off the bus. Anyway, he had decided to visit the old grandma with Xie Yujia.

“Well, Huang Jianfeng and others were quite bossy,” looking after the bus by the road, Hao Ren said embarrassedly.

“What? Did you do what you did because they forced you?” Xie Yujia put the backpack on her back and turned to ask him.

“No. Anyway, I’m glad you’re not leaving,” Hao Ren said.

Xie Yujia pursed her lips and walked to the shanty houses nearby with Little White snuggled warmly in her arms.

The white jade bracelet glittered in the setting sun. It was about time to find out the truth about the strange dream.