

Martial Arts 291

Chapter 291: Purple Core Bone Revitalizing Pill!

“He’s a... double element martial warrior too. And he has the same ice element!”

As Li Rongxue stared at the ice blue glow on Wang Teng’s palm, she became a little absent-minded.

At the same time, her expression turned a bit strange.

How frustrated would Yao Yu be when he saw this?

She looked at Yao Yu and saw him getting thrown back by Wang Teng’s fist. He was in a poor state. While she heaved a sigh of relief in her heart, she also felt a tinge of delightfulness.

“Why do you have this talent?” Fresh blood was seeping out from the edge of Yao Yu’s lips. After getting injured by Wang Teng’s punch, he stared at him in disbelief.

“Do you think that you’re the only person in this world with a double-element talent?” Wang Teng said in contempt.

“Damn it!” Hatred flashed past Yao Yu’s eyes.

He knew that he wasn’t the only person with a double-element talent in this world. However, he had been treated like a genius since he was young, and he came from an influential family. Everything in life had been smooth-sailing for him. Yet, in the middle of nowhere, he met a young man who was many times more outstanding than him. It was natural to feel a little envious.

But he wasn’t stupid. After the exchange of blows just now, he knew that he wasn’t Wang Teng’s match. He stopped fighting with Wang Teng. Instead, he suddenly shot towards Li Rongxue, who was at the side.

Since Wang Teng wanted to save her, he would be able to control him if he had Li Rongxue in his hands.

Li Rongxue’s expression changed instantly when she saw this scene.

“If you had done this earlier, it would have been a little more troublesome. Now... it’s too late!”

Wang Teng’s calm voice sounded in Yao Yu’s ears.

Wang Teng then shook his head, and his figure disappeared. He raised his speed to the maximum.

Yao Yu felt a blur flashing past his eyes. After that, Wang Teng was already standing beside Li Rongxue.

“Your, your speed?” Yao Yu looked at him with wide eyes as though he had seen a ghost.

He couldn’t understand how Wang Teng was able to move so quickly.

During the battle just now, their speed was comparable with each other. Could it be that he didn’t use all his strength earlier?

Yao Yu was dumbstruck when he thought of this possibility. He also felt a hint of... despair!

However, a cornered beast would put up a frenzied struggle. As long as there was hope, he wouldn't give up. So... he turned around and bolted.

"Do you want this person?" Wang Teng tilted his head, looked at Li Rongxue, and asked.

Li Rongxue had been stunned by Wang Teng's speed too. She regained her senses after hearing his question and replied almost instantly, "Yes!"

"Dead or alive?" Wang Teng had already disappeared into thin air when he said this.

Li Rongxue gritted her teeth and said, "Alive!"

Yao Yu was fuming with anger when he heard their conversation. This couple was looking down on him too much. They were casually discussing his fate as though he were a beast.

He had no idea that they were just giving him a taste of his own medicine.

At this moment, Yao Yu felt that his dignity was being trampled on; it was turning into mush. Understandably, he was unhappy and infuriated.

However, staying alive was more important!

"Just wait. I will take my revenge one day. If not—" Yao Yu turned around and threatened them as he escaped furiously.

However, before he could finish his threat, he saw Wang Teng following behind him like a ghost. He was less than a meter away.

"If not?" Wang Teng smiled and asked.

Yao Yu felt his head turning numb. He was so frightened that his soul seemed to have left his body.

He couldn't care about finishing that sentence anymore. He used all his force and ran frantically.

His running posture was quite seductive, though. His hips were raised, and he swayed them furiously...

Bang!

Wang Teng kicked his swinging bottom, and Yao Yu instantly fell to the ground.

Then, Wang Teng held his brick and came forward.

"What do you want to do? Don't come over!" When Yao Yu turned around, the first thing he saw was the brick. He remembered how his subordinates had ended up, and his expression changed. He kept moving back on all fours.

"Don't worry. I'll be gentle," Wang Teng said softly.

"Why will I believe you? Don't come over." Yao Yu used all his limbs as he tried to move away from this harmless-looking yet a ruthless and vicious young man.

"Sigh, no one is willing to believe me." Wang Teng felt helpless and stopped chasing the pitiful guy. Instead, he threw his brick into the air, and it flew towards Yao Yu.

Bang!

Ah!

Bang!

The brick smashed onto Yao Yu's head with a dull thud. Yao Yu screamed in agony. Then came the sound of him slamming onto the ground. These three different sounds appeared almost at the same instant.

"Why do you have to do this? If you didn't run, I wouldn't have to be so harsh." Wang Teng picked up his brick and let out a sigh.

Li Rongxue felt the corners of her lips twitching. She could almost see a foxtail swaying behind this young man.

Wang Teng lifted the unconscious Yao Yu and carried him over to Li Rongxue. He then threw him on the ground in front of her.

"This is for you."

Li Rongxue felt a little awkward. She said, "I have no energy, and I can't move. Can you help me check if there's any antidote on him?"

Wang Teng nodded. He took down Yao Yu's space ring and used his spiritual power to break it forcefully.

"Ah!" Yao Yu suddenly shouted in pain. He woke up with a start and vomited a mouthful of blood. His face was pale, and there were huge beads of perspirations on his forehead.

Wang Teng: ...

"What are you doing?" Yao Yu was astounded. He then noticed his space ring in Wang Teng's hand.

"That's my space ring. Return it to me!"

Wang Teng ignored him. He used his spiritual power to scan the contents of the ring.

"Found it!"

After some time, a jade bottle appeared in his hand. He poured a pill out and stuffed it in Li Rongxue's mouth.

"Cough, cough." Li Rongxue was caught off guard and choked on the pill, falling into a coughing fit. She rolled her eyes and said, "Can you be more gentle?"

"It was a mistake! A mistake!" Wang Teng laughed awkwardly.

"You don't have a girlfriend, right?" Li Rongxue asked.

"Nonsense. I'm handsome and talented. Many girls are chasing after me. How can I not have a girlfriend? What a joke," Wang Teng replied in a righteous tone with no change in his expression.

"Hmph!" Li Rongxue glanced at him from the corner of her eyes as she snorted.

"Oh right, wasn't there another person just now? Where did he go?" Wang Teng felt a little awkward. He looked around and changed the topic.

“He ran away when he noticed the situation going south,” Li Rongxue replied.

“What a pity!” Wang Teng found it a little regretful.

Li Rongxue glanced secretly at the martial warriors who were buried in the ground. She wanted to know what there was to regret.

“What do you plan to do with this fellow?” Wang Teng asked.

“I want him to pay the price.” Li Rongxue shifted her gaze to Yao Yu. There was anger in her eyes.

“Princess, I was blinded by lust. Please spare me once,” Yao Yu immediately pleaded. His face was pale, and he was shivering.

Li Rongxue had regained her ability to move after consuming the antidote. She picked up a long sword and walked towards Yao Yu.

“Don’t kill me. Don’t kill me...” Yao Yu was startled. He said agitatedly, “You can raise any requirements as long as you spare me. My father will definitely agree. Don’t you want to concoct the Purple Core Bone Revitalizing Pill for Lord Yang to cure his poison? The cockscomb of the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python is just one of the main ingredients. Our Yao family has one of the remaining two main ingredients you are looking for.”

Li Rongxue stopped in her tracks, and her pupils moved quickly in her eyes. After some time, she let out a long sigh and asked, “Which one?”

“Purple Core Herb!” Yao Yu replied instantly.

“Purple Core Herb! It’s the Purple Core Herb. Where did you get it?” Li Rongxue was elated.

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The Purple Core Herb would only grow in special environments. Li Rongxue had searched the entire Yongye Mountain Ridge, but she couldn’t find it. Since there was news of it now, she couldn’t leave it alone.

“It was a coincidence. I got it from a merchant. You might not know, but ever since the Lord Yang Residence released the news that they were looking for some herbs, all the elite families in Yang City started searching for them too. No matter what intention they have, everyone wants to find it first. My family got lucky and managed to find the Purple Core Herb before everyone,” Yao Yu replied hurriedly.

“Since you’re looking for the herbs to curry favor with my family, why didn’t you give it to us after you found it?” Li Rongxue asked.

“Don’t misunderstand. I wanted to give it to you right away, but my father wants to wait for a better opportunity,” Yao Yu replied, his gaze flickering.

“Ah, maximizing your benefits. What a good plan you have.” A flash of disdain appeared in Li Rongxue’s eyes.

Yao Yu felt a little awkward. He kept quiet.

“Where did your father hide the Purple Core Herb?” Li Rongxue continued asking.

“I, I don’t know.” Yao Yu avoided her gaze.

Li Rongxue immediately placed the long sword beside his throat. She cut a long and bloody wound on his neck and shouted, “Tell me!”

“Princess, I know what you want to do. If I tell you, I won’t be able to remain alive. If you want the Purple Core Herb, you should release me. I promise I’ll pass it to you.” Yao Yu smiled to express that he wasn’t stupid.

“If you don’t tell me, I’ll kill you now,” Li Rongxue said coldly.

“You don’t dare to kill me. Lord Yang’s poison has already entered his bones, and he might not have many days left. If you kill me now, you will not get the Purple Core Herb from my family. Where will you go and find a second Purple Core Herb?” Yao Yu smiled. He had regained his confidence because he thought that he had a reason to live.

Li Rongxue smiled at him. Her smile was extremely enchanting. Then, she swept the sword, and an arrow of blood shot out from his throat.

Yao Yu widened his eyes while clutching his neck. There was disbelief written all over his face.

“Why?”

He couldn’t understand. He was confused. At the moment, his entire body was encased by the fear of death. “No...”

“You don’t understand me at all,” Li Rongxue said with regret.

When Wang Teng looked at Li Rongxue, the corners of his eyes jumped a little.

Honestly, he was surprised too. If he was in Li Rongxue’s situation, he might not be able to kill the man.

However, Li Rongxue still did it. This lady wasn’t easy to deal with.

Yao Yu collapsed on the ground weakly. He was dead. At his prime, as a double element martial warrior, as a genius, he ended up in this state because of a single wrong thought.

“Why? Did I scare you?” Li Rongxue tilted her head and looked at Wang Teng.

“I was just surprised.” Wang Teng shook his head calmly.

“If I hadn’t killed him, you would have done the deed, right?” Li Rongxue gave him a meaningful smile as she stared right into his eyes.

“Why do you think so?” Wang Teng remained expressionless.

“I guessed it!” Li Rongxue winked and replied with a smile.

“What a sly lady you are.” Wang Teng felt speechless.

“Your reaction proves that I’m right.” Li Rongxue smiled.

“Why do you want to kill him? Don’t you want the Purple Core Herb?” Wang Teng turned his head and asked.

“The Purple Core Herb is in the Yao Residence. There will be ways to get it. Also, I don’t trust Yao Yu. I’d rather do it myself than make a deal with him,” Li Rongxue explained.

Wang Teng nodded and didn’t say anything else. He looked at Yao Yu’s corpse and the attribute bubbles that were floating around it.

Metal Force*63

Ice Force*50

Spirit*25

Enlightenment*32

Intermediate Stage Ice Talent*10

Geng Gold Scripture*1

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OMG, so many! Wang Teng was elated. He pulled them over instantly with his spiritual power.

His enlightenment and spirit attributes increased.

Enlightenment: Spiritual realm (59.2/100)

Spirit: Spiritual realm (92.8/100)

At the same time, his metal and ice Force rose tremendously.

Metal Force: 193/2000 (4-star)

Ice Force: 12/1000 (3-star)

As the ice Force attributes merged into his body, Wang Teng shuddered.

His ice Force rose from his second Force nucleus and entered his third Force nucleus. It spiraled inside his nucleus.

Ice element martial warriors were rare, so there was nothing he could pick up. He had reached the peak of 2-star soldier level using his own cultivation.

At this moment, Wang Teng’s ice Force broke through the peak of 2-star and reached 3-star soldier level.

A sharp look appeared in Wang Teng’s eyes. He looked at the talent row of his attributes panel.

The beginner stage ice talent had become an intermediate stage ice talent.

Intermediate stage ice talent: 10/500

Wang Teng felt the change carefully. He noticed that he had gotten more sensitive towards the Ice Force around him. Hence, his speed of cultivation would only become faster in the future.

Then, he looked at his scripture row.

Geng Gold Scripture (dark-level high-class): 1/100 (foundation)

Dark-level high-class Force skill scripture! Wang Teng almost laughed out loud. This scripture alone was a massive gain for him.

“Why are you smiling?” Li Rongxue’s voice sounded beside him. She was puzzled to see him smile like a fool.

“Cough, I’m not smiling. You saw wrong,” Wang Teng regained his senses and said.

Li Rongxue ignored his antics and walked over to the corpses of her comrades. Sorrow appeared in her eyes as she kept the bodies into her space ring. She would bury them after going back.

Unlike her grief, Wang Teng felt happy and scanned the ground. There were many attribute bubbles dropped.

Although it was a little selfish, these people were already dead. It would be a waste not to pick up these attributes.

He picked them up.

Fire Force*10

Earth Force*15

Spirit*6

Water Force*22

Enlightenment*8

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The attribute bubbles merged into Wang Teng’s body one by one, and all his five elements increased. His enlightenment and spirit attributes grew a lot too.

“Huh?” He suddenly saw something interesting.

Intermediate Stage Fire Talent*15

Intermediate stage fire talent? It should have been dropped by the 5-star soldier-level martial warrior. Wang Teng wondered to himself.

As the attributes seeped into his body, his intermediate stage fire talent increased by 15 points. It enhanced his sensitivity to the fire Force around him.

Intermediate stage fire talent: 156/500

Unfortunately, it's not an advanced stage fire talent. I wonder how it will be if I hit the advanced stage? The speed of cultivation might increase many times. Wang Teng felt a little pity. Then, he smiled and shook his head. He was too greedy. Although he was improving his ability quickly by picking up attributes, he was still uncontented.

He believed that he would get an advanced-stage talent one day or maybe an even more powerful talent. At that time, his cultivation speed would shoot up, and he might be able to stand alongside the favored children of God without needing to pick up attributes.

After picking up all the attributes, Wang Teng shifted his gaze and looked at the martial warriors buried in the ground. He squinted. Hefting the brick in his hand, he walked over.

Bang, bang, bang...

Li Rongxue was dumbfounded as she listened to the dull thuds. She took a step back unconsciously.

"What are you doing?"

"I want to bury them deeper. It's easier for them to grow," Wang Teng said.

Li Rongxue: ...

Wang Teng disregarded her reaction. He happily picked up the attribute bubbles that kept dropping.

Spirit*3

Enlightenment*6

Spirit*2

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Enlightenment: Spiritual realm (68.6/100)

Spirit: Spiritual realm (94.2/100)

After glancing at the two changes in his attributes panel, Wang Teng ended his beating.

At this moment, the human wood posts only had their heads revealed above the ground. At first, half of their body was exposed, but Wang Teng had pushed them down forcefully.

Their heads were unbearable to look at. They were like life-like pig's heads!

Li Rongxue felt the corners of her lips twitching as she looked at them from afar. She was rendered speechless. When Wang Teng looked at her, she took another step back unconsciously.

"Everything is settled. Shall we go back?" Wang Teng asked calmly. He didn't care about her thoughts.

"The Cockscomb Jade Scale Python suffered serious injuries. This is the best time to kill it," Li Rongxue bit her lips as she said.

"You want me to help you?" Wang Teng smiled.

“My father’s poison can only be cured thoroughly using the Purple Core Bone Revitalizing Pill. The cockscomb of that snake is one of the main ingredients,” said Li Rongxue.

“Why should I help you?” Wang Teng asked calmly.

“I don’t think you need the poison scriptures purely for research, right?” Li Rongxue said.

“So?” Wang Teng didn’t deny it.

“If my guess is correct, it must be your family member or your friend who has a poison physique. Hence, he or she needs the poison scripture. However, you need to know that poison physiques are extremely rare, and the cultivation is hard. I found some relevant information to help my father cure the poison in his body. They include resources for the cultivation of poison physiques, pills, and descriptions. You will find it useful,” Li Rongxue said slowly.

Wang Teng raised his eyebrows.

Li Rongxue was slightly happy when she saw his reactions. She wanted to strike while the iron was hot and continued, “The Cockscomb Jade Scale Python is a rare poison star beast. It has many useful materials on its body. A normal martial warrior might find them useless, but they are cultivation treasures for poison-element martial warriors. Moreover, in the swamp it lives, there might even be poison element spiritual herbs.”

The moment she finished speaking, she heard a series of claps.

“Princess Li, I now see you in another light,” Wang Teng said ambiguously.

Li Rongxue frowned slightly. She felt that Wang Teng’s impression of her had gotten worse, so she felt a little frustrated. Just when she was about to say something, he continued, “I agree. However, after killing the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python, besides the cockscomb you need, the rest will be mine.”

Li Rongxue took a deep breath and nodded. “Okay!”

After striking a deal, the two of them walked to the swamp. On the way, Li Rongxue said, “I used my poison to lure it out before. However, it’s vigilant now, so it won’t fall for the same trick twice. What good ideas do you have?”

“Just wait for me here.” Wang Teng leaped down. He protected his body with Force and broke the surface of the swamp. He went in.

Li Rongxue stretched out her hand and wanted to stop him. However, it was too late. She stomped her feet furiously. “This fellow is too reckless.”

She gritted her teeth and jumped into the swamp too.

The water below the swamp was muddy. Also, this wasn’t an ordinary swamp. It was a dangerous place where the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python and other poison star beasts lived. There were many poisonous creatures in here.

A few moments after Wang Teng leaped into the swamp, he heard a splash behind him. He turned around and frowned. His voice entered Li Rongxue’s ears.

“Why did you come down?”

“I came to help you.” Li Rongxue used the same method of voice transmission with Force to reply to him.

“Go back. You will only drag me down,” Wang Teng said.

Li Rongxue wanted to help him out of kindness. However, when she got belittled by Wang Teng, she felt unhappy. She spoke to him using voice transmission, “How do you know? I’m a 4-star soldier-level martial warrior. Don’t look down on me.”

“Whatever. If there are dangers later, don’t blame me for not helping you.” Wang Teng disregarded her and pushed himself forward with his feet. He turned into a series of lingering shadows as he rushed down the swamp. Using his Spiritual Sight, he was able to locate the position of the ball of Force glow.

“Hmph, how dare you underestimate me.” Li Rongxue scoffed. She still followed him.

There were many undercurrents hidden under the swamp. Occasionally, a powerful and vicious undercurrent would surge out from somewhere. These undercurrents were extremely dangerous. If a normal 1-star or 2-star martial warrior got caught in them, they might get seriously injured.

This swamp wasn’t a harmless place.

Fortunately, Wang Teng was agile, and his water Force allowed him to sense the movement of the water currents around him. This helped him to avoid the dangers.

Suddenly, a black figure pounced on Wang Teng.

Slash!

A sword light flashed through the air, cutting the black figure into two. Green blood seeped into the swamp around him.

This was a spider the size of a human’s head. The eight spider legs were as sharp as blades, and its mouth was hideous. If it landed on someone’s face, the victim would die within a few seconds.

Poison Force*6

Wang Teng picked up the attribute bubble. He scanned the spider with his Force and found no use of its corpse. He was too lazy to pick up the corpse, so he dashed past it and continued moving down.

On the other side, Li Rongxue experienced the dangers of the swamp. She realized that with her ability, it was extremely difficult for her to move around here. However, Wang Teng seemed to be walking on even ground. He wasn’t affected at all.

Based on her cautious nature, she would have retreated when faced with this situation. She wouldn’t take the risk and continue moving down.

But, when she remembered Wang Teng’s earlier comments, she couldn’t swallow the insult. She subconsciously followed him.

Fortunately, she wasn’t stupid. She followed Wang Teng closely and evaded all the dangers easily.

Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh!

When they reached a certain depth, Wang Teng suddenly realized that his Force outerwear was giving off a slight noise.

“It’s corrosive!” He was shocked.

The deeper he went, the stronger the corrosiveness of the air became. His Force was depleting quickly. The output of the Force in his body was unable to catch up with the speed of corrosion.

I can’t continue like this. My Force will be exhausted very soon. Wang Teng frowned. Suddenly, he thought of something. He spread the poison Force throughout his body and formed a protective layer. The corrosion was no longer able to affect him.

He let out a smile. He then increased his speed and closed in on his target. The Cockscomb Jade Scale Python was not far away.

On the other hand, Li Rongxue was in a difficult position. A few seconds after she entered this corrosive area, her Force had been exhausted. She had to retreat from this layer.

Why isn’t that fellow affected? Does he have other ways?

She thought to herself in her heart. Then, she gave a bitter smile. *Forget it. Looks like I will really drag him down.*

She had no choice but to go back. After some time, she left the swamp and landed on the ground. She sat cross-legged to recover the Force she lost just now.

There was a question circling in her heart.

“Where did this person come from? I really can’t see through him.”

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Wang Teng didn’t know Li Rongxue’s complicated thoughts. However, he knew that she had already retreated.

There was one less trouble, meaning that there would be one less accident during the battle later.

Very soon, he stopped moving down. He had already reached the bottom of the swamp.

The frightening python was coiled in a corner. It seemed dispirited, and there were many injuries on its body.

However, it had already noticed the invader. It raised its head and opened its mouth to hiss ferociously at Wang Teng.

Piercing soundwaves attacked Wang Teng.

“It’s just putting up a bold front. It’s an arrow at the end of its fight.” Wang Teng’s expression didn’t change. This poison-element star beast was hard to deal with, but it didn’t have much power left in its tank.

Let's settle this quickly.

As this thought landed, icicles appeared around him. There were a huge number of them, and the sight was magnificent to behold.

The Cockscomb Jade Scale Python felt a strong sense of danger. It hissed and turned... to run away!

Yes, it was running away in fear!

It didn't hesitate at all and escaped right off the bat.

Wang Teng shook his head. He waved his hand, and the icicles broke free from the water. They shot out and caught up with the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python in an instant, penetrating its body.

Hiss!

The Cockscomb Jade Scale Python gave an ear-shattering hiss of agony and twisted its huge body frantically. Large amounts of blood spurted out.

A ray of light appeared suddenly and flew into the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python's mouth.

The next instant, its body turned rigid. It stopped moving.

A 5-star star beast got killed so easily by Wang Teng. Destiny fooled... a snake!

The ray of light shot out again and landed on Wang Teng's palm. It was the Shooting Star Spiral.

Done! Wang Teng kept the corpse of the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python in his space ring. His gaze landed on the attribute bubbles around him.

Poison Force*25

Poison Force*30

Poison Force*32

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He picked them up.

Wang Teng was elated. He had received 85 points of poison Force this time. It was a huge gain.

Although Poison star beasts were rare, he met a 5-star poison-element star beast on his first encounter. He was lucky.

Also, this was a good bargain. The star beast was already heavily injured. That was why he was able to kill it so easily.

Poison Force: 121/500 (2-star)

Wang Teng's poison Force was at 2-star. But, after he received the poison Force skill scripture, he would be able to upgrade it quickly based on the cultivation speed of his Demon Lotus Poison Body.

He didn't just make the deal with Li Rongxue for Lin Chuxia. He did it for himself too.

Wang Teng scanned the ground below him. Li Rongxue had told him that there might be special poison-element spiritual herbs in the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python's lair.

Although he didn't do any advanced research and didn't recognize any poison-element spiritual herbs, it was still alright. With his Spiritual Sight, he was able to see everything that had Force in them.

There were three balls of obvious Force glow on the ground directly below where the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python was at just now.

Wang Teng dug them out.

"Is this ginseng?" He was surprised.

"No, wait."

He started shaking his head. The herb in front of him looked like ginseng, but it was entirely black. The roots looked like little snakes too.

This wasn't normal ginseng.

"Nevermind, I'll take it back first and do some research later." Wang Teng stopped pondering on its origins. He continued looking around to confirm that he didn't miss anything. Then, he went up.

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Li Rongxue was anxiously waiting on the ground. She hoped that Wang Teng would be fine, but she didn't believe that he was the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python's match.

She had fought with the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python before, so she knew how powerful it was. Even though it was injured, it wasn't easy to deal with.

Wang Teng was only a 4-star soldier-level martial warrior. No matter how talented he was, he wouldn't be able to beat a 5-star star beast.

Also, this was the home ground of the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python. Ordinary martial warriors would probably die if they went down.

She waited for a long while but saw no movements below. She started to wonder, *Did that fellow get swallowed by the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python?*

Li Rongxue wouldn't think that there was no commotion because the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python got killed without putting up much of a resistance. Also, it was in the depth of the swamp, so no sounds could be heard.

While she was feeling puzzled, she suddenly saw a figure flying up from the swamp. The person landed firmly beside her.

Li Rongxue was shocked. After seeing the person carefully, she said hurriedly, "How was it?"

"Bang!"

Wang Teng glanced at her without saying anything. He raised his hand, and the corpse of the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python slammed on the ground with a bang.

Li Rongxue went in a daze as she looked at the corpse of the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python.

Despite guessing that Wang Teng had succeeded when he appeared in front of her, seeing the corpse of the star beast that gave her a headache with her own eyes, she couldn't describe her emotions.

"How did you do it?" Li Rongxue asked in astonishment as she stared at Wang Teng.

"You don't have to know the process. You just need to know the result," Wang Teng replied.

Li Rongxue choked. This guy was too infuriating.

Just when she was about to say something, she noticed that the young man was unscathed after killing the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python. The discovery left her thunderstruck. She started pondering to herself. "Maybe this young man isn't just a 4-star soldier level."

"Take the cockscomb you need. The rest is mine," Wang Teng said at this moment.

Li Rongxue regained her senses. She rolled her eyes uncontrollably. "I know, stingy fellow."

"I'm not stingy. This was the deal," Wang Teng replied shamelessly.

"You must be single," Li Rongxue scoffed and said firmly.

Wang Teng: ...

Li Rongxue didn't take much of the cockscomb. She only cut one-third of it and placed it in a jade box, which she stored in her space ring.

"This is enough. If it's not, I hope that I can still get some from you," Li Rongxue said.

"As long as you're willing to give money, you can take anything," Wang Teng nodded and replied as he kept the corpse of the python.

"I know. I'll give you a good price." Li Rongxue was getting tired. She regretted not taking more. She complained secretly in her heart, *How much does he love money?*

"When will you give me the poison scripture and the other relevant information?" Wang Teng asked.

"When I go back, of course." Li Rongxue thought for a moment before asking, "Do you want to go with me? Or you can tell me a place, and I'll send someone to give it to you."

"I'll follow you. I'm also temporarily living in Yang City," Wang Teng replied.

"Oh? Where do you live?" Li Rongxue was stunned. She initially thought that Wang Teng was a talent from another big city. She didn't expect him to live in Yang City.

"Rune society," Wang Teng replied.

"Rune society? Why are you living there?" Li Rongxue was dumbfounded again.

"Why do you have so many questions? Let's go." Wang Teng led the way out of the Yongye Mountain Ridge.

“Hmph, so what if you don’t tell me. I can ask my men to find the answer,” Li Rongxue muttered under her breath. She snorted and followed Wang Teng. “I’m Li Rongxue. You haven’t told me your name yet.”

“Wang Teng!”

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Chapter 295: Unexpected Gain

The sky was almost entirely bright by the time he returned to the rune society.

Besides Gorlin, no one in the entire rune society knew what he went to do at night. In fact, even Gorlin would never be able to imagine what Wang Teng had experienced tonight.

Wang Teng went back to his room and closed the door. He rubbed his hands with an excited expression. He had decided to count his gains.

First, he took out Yao Yu’s space ring. The spiritual mark on it had disappeared, so he was able to push his spiritual power into the space ring easily. He scanned all the items inside.

There were some clothes and daily necessities. He didn’t take much notice of these items. He disregarded them and placed his attention on a small bag.

He took it out to study it further.

It was an entire bag of crystal-clear energy stones.

“These are yellow-rank energy stones!”

Wang Teng took an energy stone and placed it on his palm, feeling the intensity of the Force inside. It was definitely not a yellow-rank low-class energy stone.

Based on the standard of measurement he knew, he immediately determined that this was a yellow-rank middle-class energy stone.

From what he knew, energy stones could be segregated into four ranks: sky, earth, dark, yellow. Every rank would be further classified into low, middle, and high classes.

The exchange rate for low-class energy stones and middle-class energy stones was 100:1. This ratio was the same for high-class energy stones and middle-class energy stones.

Wang Teng roughly counted the energy stones. There were more than 200 of them. This was equal to more than 20 thousand low-class energy stones.

He’s really wealthy. Wang Teng happily weighed the stones before keeping them.

Other than this, there was Yao Yu’s long blade.

Before this, Wang Teng and Li Rongxue had destroyed his corpse, so this long blade naturally became Wang Teng’s spoil of war.

Wang Teng scrutinized it in his hand. He was elated. “This is a good blade!”

This long blade was a 5-star soldier-level weapon. It was at least worth a few hundred million. Wang Teng was already in love with it. He lacked a high-class blade weapon, so this would help him fill the blank.

Unfortunately, no blade presence attributes were dropped. It would be perfect if that happened.

Wang Teng shook his head. He continued searching for treasures in the space ring. Suddenly, two scrolls attracted his attention.

He took them out and realized that one of them was the Force skill scripture he had received earlier—Geng Gold Scripture!

Since he had already gotten the Geng Gold Scripture attribute bubble, this scroll was useless to him. He threw it back into the space ring casually.

This was how stubborn a man who could pick up attributes was!

If other people saw this, they would turn green with envy.

Wang Teng looked at the second scroll. A few huge words entered his vision—Golden Rainbow Blade Skill.

This was a dark-level high-class battle technique.

Wang Teng smiled. This was an unexpected surprise. He flipped through it casually before keeping it. He decided to practice it properly when he had the time.

Wang Teng continued rifling through the space ring. He found some healing and cultivation pills. They were worth some money too.

As expected, a man could not be rich without a windfall.

Wang Teng lamented in his heart. He kept the space ring and took out the corpse of the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python.

The next moment, he was stunned.

When the corpse of the giant python lay horizontally in his room, it almost filled up the entire space.

Wang Teng could only stand on the ice-cold corpse and squat down. He instilled his Force into the corpse and scanned it inch by inch.

Suddenly, his eyes lit up.

A few moments later, Wang Teng took out three items from the corpse.

They were a dark green snake's gallbladder, a pitch-black round star core, and a shining black star bone!

Wang Teng wanted to laugh out loud.

He was so lucky this time!

Three extremely expensive items dropped from this python.

The star core and the star bone were both valuable and rare items.

Also, they belonged to a rare poison-element star beast. This made them even harder to come by.

If he sent them for auction, they could fetch a sky-high price for sure.

However, Wang Teng felt that it wasn't a good idea to auction it off. One had to rely on luck to get this treasure, so selling it would be a waste. The best option was to use it himself.

He could forge weapons with the star bone and use the star core for cultivation. They were good items for poison-element martial warriors.

As for the snake's gallbladder, it was a treasure for an alchemist. This was a hard-to-find ingredient for alchemists who wanted to make special dan medicine.

Wang Teng took out a jade bottle to store the gallbladder. He carved some runes on the bottle to seal the Force inside properly and ensure the medicinal effects wouldn't disappear.

He didn't forget the cockscomb. Li Rongxue had taken so much effort to find it, so it must have its uses.

Although it looked a little unorthodox, it might be useful one day.

He used a jade bottle to keep it.

The scales and the meat of the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python were good stuff too. But, compared to the other treasures, they were lower in value. Wang Teng didn't dissect them individually. He kept the entire corpse back in the space ring.

He heaved a huge sigh before falling asleep happily.

He slept for around ten hours until Su Lingxuan called him for lunch.

"Senior brother, you are so lazy. Why are you sleeping during the day? Master is so biased. He stopped me from waking you up." Su Lingxuan pouted on the dining table. She was a little jealous.

"Well, you are not as talented as me!" Wang Teng replied casually while eating his food.

Gorlin knew what Wang Teng went out to do yesterday night, so he allowed him to sleep until now. But he didn't explain much. Instead, he laughed and said, "Lingxuan, Wang Teng has been learning faster than you recently. You need to buck up."

"Hmph, that's because I wasn't serious. I won't be slower than him if I'm serious." Su Lingxuan snorted. However, deep down inside, she wasn't confident in her statement. *Who wants to be compared to this monster?* She complained silently.

After lunch, Wang Teng and Su Lingxuan finished the lessons they were supposed to take in the morning. Gorlin then released them so that they could do whatever they wanted.

Wang Teng planned to go out. At that moment, one of the staff in the rune society told him that someone was looking for him.

"Looking for me?" He came to the lobby of the rune society and saw an unfamiliar pretty young lady.

The pretty young lady sized up Wang Teng and asked, "Are you Wang Teng?"

"Yes." Wang Teng nodded.

"I'm the princess's servant. She asked me to send this to you." The pretty young lady passed a space ring to Wang Teng after she finished speaking.

"Indeed!" Wang Teng had expected this. He nodded and took the ring.

"Our princess says that you're extremely stingy, and that makes her unhappy. Hence, she wants me to bring back the space ring after you take the things inside." The pretty young lady seemed to be trying her best to hold back her laughter as she maintained her serious tone.

Wang Teng was speechless. He took the item inside and passed the space ring back to the young lady. Then, he said sternly, "Tell your princess that I'll teach her what stingy really means when I see her again."

"Pfft!" The pretty young lady wasn't afraid. Instead, she burst out laughing. She didn't reply to Wang Teng. She turned around and left with a mesmerizing back view.

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Chapter 296: Li Rongxue's Request

In the room, Wang Teng sat cross-legged on the bed. There was a pile of scrolls beside him as well as a rune legacy stone.

"It looks like Li Rongxue put in a lot of effort to help her father find an antidote," Wang Teng exclaimed when he looked at the information contained inside.

Honestly, what poison does Lord Yang have? Why is it so difficult to cure?

Although Wang Teng didn't see it personally, from the information he had on his hands, it wasn't hard to tell that the poison was extraordinary.

He looked through all the information. Soon, a yellowish beast-skin scroll caught his attention.

Lunar Eclipse Poison Scripture.

This is it! Wang Teng's eyes lit up. He looked at the words on the scroll.

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He was confused and frustrated until he wanted to vomit blood.

The title was written in universal character, but the content was written in ancient writing that he couldn't understand!

Wang Teng felt his head hurt. Li Rongxue's face appeared in his mind. She must be laughing at home now.

What a narrow-minded lady!

Li Rongxue must have guessed this ending. However, she still passed it to him. She must be taking revenge for earlier.

Wang Teng flipped through the materials and realized that he couldn't understand most of the content. He picked out the words and did a rough gauge. There were at least four types of ancient languages, but he didn't know a single one.

After thinking about it, his only choice was to go back and look for Li Rongxue. She must have the translated version with her.

"That lady is really calculative. She gave me the original version and hid the translated version. Even if I question her, she can deny it outright." Wang Teng thought for a moment and understood what happened. He was furious, but he sighed dejectedly.

He had to give in. Translating so many materials wasn't an easy job. Starting from zero would cost him too much time. It wasn't worth it. Getting the translated version from Li Rongxue was the best choice.

Wang Teng went out. He asked around and headed to the Lord Yang Residence.

The Lord Yang Residence was the most influential place in Yang City. It was situated in the middle of the city and was massive in size, with pavilions and towers dotting the landscape. It was built beside a mountain and a river, providing picturesque scenery. This was the mansion among the mansions. He wondered how many people and resources were used to construct this place.

Wang Teng got stopped by the guards at the entrance.

"I know your princess. Please inform her," Wang Teng said.

The guard sized up Wang Teng curiously. In the end, he nodded and said, "Wait here. I will inform the princess of your arrival."

One of them entered the huge mansion from the side door. After some time, he came out with another person.

It was the pretty young lady who had brought the materials to Wang Teng.

"Follow me."

The young lady seemed to know that he would come. She covered her mouth and smiled. Then, she led the way and entered the residence.

Wang Teng followed behind her and walked into the Lord Yang Residence.

The architecture inside had an ancient feel, and the style was special. They walked for some time and took many turns. They went through corridors, passed through small gardens, and finally arrived at an individual courtyard.

Wang Teng saw Li Rongxue again.

"We meet again. I thought that you would not want to see me again, you know. Yet, it hasn't been half a day, yet you came to find me." Li Rongxue smiled brightly like a... fox!

“Hmph, you should know why I came to find you.” Wang Teng smiled coldly. He sat down on a stone chair in the courtyard without any pretense. There were pastries and tea on the stone table. He poured a cup of tea for himself before picking up a piece of pastry and eating it.

Li Rongxue didn't care. She looked at him innocently and said, “What did you say? I don't understand anything.”

“Act, continue acting.” Wang Teng's face was filled with disdain.

When the pretty young lady saw the two of them speaking in riddles, she smiled and retreated to the side.

For a moment, none of them spoke. They were both waiting for the other party to speak first. The person who opened the mouth first would be at a disadvantage.

Wang Teng remained calm as he ate the pastries and drank the tea. He appeared relaxed as he admired the scenery in the courtyard.

Li Rongxue felt the edge of her mouth twitching. This fellow was extremely thick-skinned.

Never mind, I don't think he will open his mouth if I don't. He can afford to wait, but I can't.

Li Rongxue sighed in her heart. Then, she opened her mouth and said with a smile, “Why don't we strike another deal?”

“No comments,” Wang Teng pouted and replied.

“Don't be angry. Listen to what I have to say. I did this because I had no other choice. There are not many people I can trust,” Li Rongxue explained with a bitter smile.

“What you said is quite funny. You don't trust many people. Are you saying that you trust me?” Wang Teng scoffed.

“I do trust you,” Li Rongxue replied resolutely.

Wang Teng was stunned. He raised his head and looked at her in disbelief.

“You love money and are a little stingy, but once you make a deal, you will carry it out properly. We cooperated before, so I trust you,” Li Rongxue said.

Wang Teng rolled his eyes. He didn't agree or deny her assessment of him. He just said, “You think too highly of me.”

“This is the translated version.” With a wave of her hand, a few scrolls appeared on the table. She continued, “I schemed against you, and I apologize for that. Whether you help me or not, you can take these translated versions. Of course, if you're willing to help me, you will gain the friendship of my Lord Yang Residence.”

Wang Teng flipped through the translated scrolls before keeping them in his space ring. He said, “Tell me what you need.”

A tinge of happiness flashed past Li Rongxue's eyes. She said hurriedly, "I want you to help me steal the Purple Core Herb from the Yao family."

Steal the Purple Core Herb? Wang Teng was astounded. He looked at her and asked, "Didn't you say that you have a way?"

"I wanted to pressure the Yao family to make them hand over the Purple Core Herb, but the Yao family head has been a little moody recently because of the death of his youngest son. He didn't listen to anything I said and kept beating around the bush. He denied that he had the Purple Core Herb, so I can't do anything to him," Li Rongxue said helplessly. "Since I've already alerted him, I can't force him to give me the Purple Core Herb using other methods."

"The family head's youngest son is dead?" Wang Teng asked calmly.

Li Rongxue found it strange that Wang Teng took notice of this part out of the whole explanation. However, she nodded and replied, "Yes, I heard that he was killed by martial warriors from Earth when he went out one day. The family head is frantically seeking revenge."

"Haha!" Wang Teng laughed awkwardly. That sounded like him! Not only did he kill the man's youngest son, but he also killed his oldest son. This was a huge grudge.

"With your ability, you will have a high chance of stealing the Purple Core Herb from the Yao family. I can cooperate with you. If you meet any dangers, you can release a signal, and I'll send people in to save you. I'll not let any accidents happen to you," Li Rongxue said.

"Your thoughts are good." Wang Teng got up and waved his hands. "Thank you for the pastries. I'll leave now."

Li Rongxue's gaze dimmed when she saw him leaving without any hesitation.

"Princess, he..." The pretty servant frowned as she walked forward.

"Forget it. We can't force him. We'll send other people if there's no other choice," Li Rongxue said helplessly.

Chapter 297: A Sorrowful Past!

After walking out of the Lord Yang Residence, Wang Teng turned around and shook his head.

Li Rongxue acted too smart this time. If she had made the deal with him straightforwardly, Wang Teng might have agreed if the rewards were suitable.

He had grudges against the Yao family. He was in the dark now, so he didn't mind letting them suffer a little more.

But Li Rongxue thought that she was able to control people with her methods and made a fool of herself in the end.

If Wang Teng was an ordinary youngster, he might be grateful towards her and chose to help her this time. Unfortunately, he wasn't so naive. He wouldn't let anyone control him either.

Speaking about it, the Yao family was like a rock weighing on his heart. Although it was small, it made him uncomfortable.

Even though Yao Yu was killed by Li Rongxue, he was still the accomplice. Despite destroying all evidence, the Yao family would notice something as time went by.

Should he annihilate the Yao family or not?

Wang Teng touched his chin as he went back to the back garden of the rune society. He locked himself in his room and took out the translated version of the Lunar Eclipse Poison Scripture.

He wasn't afraid that Li Rongxue would trick him. If she really did that, they would become arch enemies. Based on her style, she wouldn't do this.

At the same time, he wouldn't be naive and believe that this Lunar Eclipse Poison Scripture was entirely safe.

However, he knew that once he cultivated the Lunar Eclipse Poison Scripture once, it would appear on his attributes panel. At that time, he would know if there was any problem with it.

This was the reason why he was so confident.

Half an hour later, Wang Teng closed the Lunar Eclipse Poison Scripture. His eyes shimmered slightly, and a smile appeared at the corner of his lips uncontrollably. "It's an earth-rank low-class Force skill scripture. What a gain!"

Earth-rank skill scripture! This was his first time seeing an earth-rank skill scripture!

Despite going through it only once, he understood the cultivation method. This was the benefit of having high enlightenment and talent.

Merging the strength of the moon with the poison Force for cultivation. The Force cultivated is extremely poisonous and icy. Its attacking power is strong too. This is quite unique. Wang Teng thought to himself. However, he wasn't in a rush to cultivate. Instead, he shifted his gaze to the other information.

Before this, he didn't have much understanding about poison. Since he wanted to become a qualified poison-element martial warrior, he should do it properly.

The information was quite thorough. Wang Teng had gotten lucky this time. Li Rongxue had collected all kinds of knowledge to save her father. He was just enjoying the fruits of her labor. This was a rare chance.

As he was looking at the materials, he suddenly stopped flipping the book.

"This..." A glint flashed past his eyes. He immediately took out the spiritual herb he had found below the swamp, the one that looked like ginseng. He compared it with the description and picture in the book.

That's right. This is the Black Snake Poisonous Ginseng! Wang Teng nodded to himself.

The Black Snake Poisonous Ginseng had many benefits for snake-type poison star beasts. It could help them with their cultivation and strengthen their bloodline.

Of course, it was beneficial to a normal poison-element martial warrior too. They could either use it directly or make dan pills to support their cultivation. It was an amazing spiritual item.

Wang Teng kept the ginseng and continued browsing the book. He read it from afternoon until evening the next day. He never left his room other than the times Su Lingxuan came to ask him to eat.

Fortunately, his enlightenment was high, and his comprehension ability wasn't weak. If not, he wouldn't be able to memorize this enormous amount of knowledge.

Even so, after reading all the materials, he still felt his head hurt.

"I shouldn't work so hard next time. My head is about to explode." Wang Teng shook his head with a bitter smile. Then, he looked at his attributes panel.

When he scanned the board, an exclamation escaped his mouth.

His gaze landed on the secondary job row.

"Poison Master? This is a job?" Wang Teng was startled. This change was unexpected.

Poison Master: Beginner stage (12/100)

Wang Teng looked at the poor stats. He gritted his teeth and spent 600 blank attributes to raise it to the advanced stage.

Poison Master: Advanced stage (12/1000)

The poison knowledge flowed into his mind as though he had been reading them for many years. He instantly became a poison expert.

"This feeling is good. If Poison Master wasn't so rare, I wouldn't have needed to waste my blank attributes to raise it." Wang Teng shook his head. He still felt a little heartache. After all, it wasn't easy to accumulate blank attributes.

"Since I've already mastered it, it's time to start practicing the poison scripture."

It was late at night, but Wang Teng still went out secretly.

The poison Force would only exist in special areas, and Wang Teng only knew of one such place.

It was the lair of the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python.

Wang Teng executed his fastest speed and landed from the air half an hour later.

There was a swamp in front of him. Before he reached this place, he had already checked the environment using the Spirit Flame Ghost Crow's vision. He didn't notice any signs of other human beings.

Yao Yu and his subordinates had died here. It was better to be careful.

When Wang Teng came to the swamp, he jumped in without any hesitation, going right to the deepest portion.

After the king of this place was killed, many poisonous creatures had started to get restless. They killed each other to fight for the empty throne.

Unfortunately, they weren't as lucky as the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python. After losing the Black Snake Poisonous Ginseng, it was extremely hard for them to become advanced-rank star beasts.

Thus, this swamp might be without a leader for a long time.

These poisonous creatures slaughtered one another, so the poison in this swamp got stronger. The poison Force in this area got thicker too.

Wang Teng sat down at the bottom of the swamp and started using the cultivation method on the Lunar Eclipse Poison Scripture to suck the poison Force around him.

One could see a small whirlpool forming with Wang Teng in the center. The water spiraled, and wisps of poison Force started congregating around him. At the same time, the moonlight shining on the swamp got pulled inside.

On the surface, the swamp was calm. Nothing amiss could be seen.

For the next few days, Wang Teng would cultivate in the swamp every night. His poison Force rose furiously.

One night, he finished his cultivation and looked at the attributes panel in satisfaction.

Poison Force: 151/1000 (3-star)

He had successfully reached 3-star soldier level for his poison Force. If he executed his poison Force now, the effects would be much stronger.

Before he climbed out from the swamp, he used his Spirit Flame Ghost Crow's vision to observe the situation outside.

He had been prudent these past few days. He would observe his surroundings before leaving to prevent an ambush.

He hadn't seen anyone coming here recently, so he was just observing out of habit. But, unexpectedly, he saw someone lurking suspiciously nearby.

It's him. That fellow is called... You Jingfu! Wang Teng's eyes lit up, and he smiled.

This was the man beside Yao Yu at that time. He noticed that things weren't right, so he ran away quickly. Hence, Wang Teng and Li Rongxue didn't have the time to stop him. However, he stepped willingly into the trap today.

Why did this fellow come here at this time? Wang Teng thought to himself curiously.

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No one knew that You Jingfu was actually a poison-element martial warrior. Oh, not yet. Now, he was just a person with poison talent.

Undoubtedly, this was a sad story.

He had poison Force, but he couldn't find a poison Force skill scripture. He didn't have any elders wanting him to be their disciples, so he idled away half his life and still didn't become a poison-element martial warrior.

However, it was a total waste of time. He struggled and gradually started learning about poison. He became a poison master.

Some time ago, he got to know Yao Yu through some methods and helped him scheme against Li Rongxue. He wanted to get the poison Force skill scriptures Li Rongxue had collected.

But, in the end, Wang Teng destroyed his plan. He wouldn't be able to get the poison scriptures anymore. He even hid for many days because he didn't dare to let Li Rongxue and the Yao family find him.

He knew that both of them wouldn't let him go.

But, if he were to leave Yang City like this, he felt unwilling.

He hid for many days before finally choosing to come to this swamp today. He knew that the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python was killed, so this place wasn't dangerous anymore. He guessed that there must be spiritual herbs in the lair of the Cockscomb Jade Scale Python. It might be the item he was looking for.

"I hope that Li Rongxue and the young man haven't found it."

You Jingfu hoped for the best and came to the edge of the swamp. He swallowed a pill and applied some dark green ointment to his body.

Then, he took out a translucent airbag and wrapped it around his head. It looked like an airtight helmet.

"Ancestors, please bless me." After doing all the preparations, he took a deep breath, gritted his teeth, and jumped into the swamp.

You Jingfu was a poison master and was able to enter the depth of the swamp, but the difficulties inside caused him many sufferings. He took much effort to reach the bottom of the swamp.

The image below was a little blurry. He only saw everything clearly when he was close by. He saw a human figure in front of him.

You Jingfu shuddered immediately. His face turned pale in fright, and his soul almost left his body.

"You, you!"

He didn't expect someone to be in this swamp. Even more, it was the devilish young man who had spoiled his plan.

However, You Jingfu was incredibly sly. As soon as he noticed something amiss, he turned around and wanted to escape.

But, with his speed, he wasn't able to run away from Wang Teng.

"Why are you running?" Wang Teng moved his body and appeared not far in front of You Jingfu. He blocked his path.

“Are you a human or a ghost?” You Jingfu asked in fear. Although he didn’t have poison Force, he still had the translucent helmet on his head. He was able to breathe and make sounds.

“Of course, I’m a human.” Wang Teng sized up his appearance with interest. He smiled, revealing his frightening, white teeth. “What are you doing here?”

When You Jingfu looked at his harmless expression, his heart trembled. He knew that he couldn’t escape, so he smiled in embarrassment and replied honestly, “Nothing. I just wanted to see if I could get lucky.”

“You must be looking for this, right?” Wang Teng took out the poison ginseng and said with a smile.

You Jingfu felt bitter in his heart. Fine, he had no chance now.

Chapter 298: Yang City Academy

You Jingfu looked at the Black Snake Poisonous Ginseng in Wang Teng’s hand and knew that he had no chance of getting it anymore.

Also, he didn’t know what his ending would be now that he had landed in the hands of this devilish young man.

He suddenly recalled the martial warriors that were smashed into the ground. He saw them when he was running away. He couldn’t help but shiver.

You Jingfu had a painful expression on his face. He gritted his teeth and asked, “What do you need to let me go?”

“I’m curious. What abilities do you have?” Wang Teng asked with interest.

“My only ability is poison,” You Jingfu replied honestly.

“So you are a poison master. No wonder.” Wang Teng was enlightened. He continued asking, “What level are you at?”

“I have been traveling the land and learned many things. I was fortunate enough to become an advanced-stage poison master.” You Jingfu was a little arrogant when he talked about his specialty. He claimed that he was fortunate, but in reality, he felt that he had gained all his achievements today because of his talent.

Wang Teng thought that his methods were a little unorthodox, but he still maintained his indifferent expression and said calmly, “Although you’re a little old, it’s indeed an achievement for you to become an advanced-stage poison master.”

You Jingfu wanted to scold this little guy for being ignorant. However, he was asking a favor from Wang Teng, so he had to bow down to him. He said awkwardly, “It’s not worth mentioning.”

“How about this? You will teach me everything you’ve learned in three days. After that, I’ll let you go,” Wang Teng said.

“You must be kidding. Even though poison isn’t as extensive and profound as rune or alchemy, it’s still not an easy field. It’s impossible to learn everything in three days. You might not be able to do it in three

years, much less three days.” You Jingfu rolled his eyes secretly in his heart. He felt that this young man was really ignorant to say such a thing.

“You don’t have to care about that. Teach me everything you know in three days. Whether I learn it or not is my business. It has nothing to do with you,” Wang Teng said.

“Really?” You Jingfu’s eyes lit up. If that was the case, he had nothing to worry about. Even if he recited everything he had learned in three days, the young man might not be able to understand a single thing.

“You are already in my hands; why do I have to lie to you?” The smile at the edge of Wang Teng’s lips got bigger.

“In that case, I can give it a try.” You Jingfu sighed in his heart as he nodded.

“Good. A wise man submits to fate,” Wang Teng said.

They left the swamp together. Along the way, You Jingfu felt more and more bewildered. He was an advanced-stage poison master, but he had to use all kinds of methods to travel in this swamp. Yet, it was still inconvenient for him. On the other hand, Wang Teng seemed to be walking on the ground. He wasn’t the least bit affected.

He couldn’t help but think that this young man must have saved Li Rongxue for her poison scripture. A thought flashed past his mind. He was enlightened.

This young man must be a poison-element martial warrior!

You Jingfu was flabbergasted. At the same time, he was envious. He had searched half his life for a poison scripture. However, this young brat had already gotten his hands on one. Comparisons indeed made people angry.

Also, he knew that this young man didn’t just possess poison Force. He was a talented martial warrior with ice and fire elements.

God is unfair. This young man is a triple element talent. His gift is extraordinary. What about him? He had wasted half his life and barely managed to become an advanced-stage poison master. In front of a real martial warrior, he was a nobody that could be killed easily. He needed to be extremely careful to survive until today.

Just when he was engrossed in his thoughts, the young man in front of him opened his mouth and said, “You must have poison element talent, right?”

It was a question, but his tone was resolute.

You Jingfu felt that there was already nothing to hide. He nodded and said, “Yes.”

“It must have been not easy for you. You only managed to find a poison-element scripture at this age. However, I disrupted your plan and snatched it from you. You must hate me.”

Hearing the young man’s soft laughter, You Jingfu felt a chill down his spine. He replied hurriedly, “I don’t have any martial arts cultivation, so I can only get it using tricks. I can’t get the poison scripture

because I'm not strong enough. I don't hate anyone. You are the clouds in the sky, while I'm the mud on the ground. I don't dare to have this thought."

"Oh, you don't dare to, but you have this emotion." Wang Teng teased.

You Jingfu: ...

"Alright, look at how frightened you are." Wang Teng waved his hand and said, "The scripture I got from Li Rongxue is called Lunar Eclipse Poison Scripture. It is... an earth-rank low-class scripture."

"Earth-rank!" You Jingfu's breathing got heavier when he heard this, and his eyes turned red. He felt that he had missed a few hundred million.

"I can give you this poison scripture." Wang Teng turned to look at him. He didn't laugh at him for losing his cool. It was an understandable reaction.

"What do I need to do in exchange?" You Jingfu suppressed the astonishment in his heart as he asked. He swallowed a mouthful of saliva.

"That'll depend on you. If I'm satisfied with the price you pay, I'll naturally give you the scripture," Wang Teng said.

You Jingfu's gaze flickered furiously. After some time, he took a deep breath and said, "I need to think."

Wang Teng nodded. "You can tell me your address. I'll look for you when I'm free. Don't run around."

"Oh right, my name is Wang Teng!"

"Alright!" You Jingfu turned and left.

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"Academy?" When Wang Teng went back to the rune society, he saw Su Lingxuan heading out. He asked her and got to know that she needed to go back to school to study. He was surprised.

"What's there to be surprised about? Don't you have something similar on Earth? It's called... what is it called?" Su Lingxuan frowned and scratched her head. She suddenly couldn't remember the name.

She knew that Wang Teng came from Earth.

"School!" Wang Teng was speechless. He couldn't help but remind her.

"Oh right, school. Don't you have schools too?" Su Lingxuan asked.

"I'm just curious why you need to go to an academy to study," Wang Teng said.

"I can only learn about runes from Master. I have to learn other things in the academy," Su Lingxuan replied.

"Let me go with you to take a look," Wang Teng said. He suddenly had an idea.

"What do you want to do?" Su Lingxuan looked at him with vigilance.

“What’s with your gaze? I just want to follow you and take a look.” Wang Teng didn’t know what to reply.

“Hmph, I won’t believe you.”

Su Lingxuan rolled her eyes and left. Wang Teng followed her hurriedly.

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Yang City Academy!

The name of this academy was straightforward. Since it was located in Yang City, it was called the Yang City Academy.

Once a child reached a suitable age, whether they came from an average or elite family, they could enter the Yang City Academy to study.

The academy taught all kinds of knowledge, including arts, literature, music, rune, smithery, alchemy, martial arts, and many others.

There were many students in the academy with no lack of talents. All the academies had top-tier talents who were famous outside...

Along the way, Su Lingxuan introduced the history and current state of Yang City Academy to Wang Teng.

Chapter 299: Come Together

The Yang City Academy.

Wang Teng followed Su Lingxuan to the academy. There were many magnificent buildings on the campus. Directly in front of them was a green stone tablet with the words ‘Yang City Academy’ carved on it. It looked ancient and weather-beaten, clearly having a long history.

The gates of the academy were wide open, and anyone could enter. In fact, many people would come to admire the atmosphere in the school every day.

The Yang City Academy was also known as the crib for breeding talents. Over time, many gifted students had walked out of its gates. All the descendants of the elite families were sent here to study. One could imagine how powerful the institute was.

No one dared to create trouble in the school, so they didn’t have to keep a special lookout.

Wang Teng looked at the students walking in and out around him. The youngest was 12 years old, while the oldest was 25. It was a youthful and vibrant place.

“How many years has the academy been around?” Wang Teng asked curiously as he walked through the gates with Su Lingxuan. He sized up the ancient-looking buildings around him.

“More than 3000 years,” Su Lingxuan replied proudly.

“3000 years!” Wang Teng was dumbfounded. This place had a long history. Since it was able to last until today, it must have weathered many storms throughout the years.

"It's hard to imagine, right? This academy has existed ever since Yang City was built. The other cities have their academies too," Su Lingxuan said.

"I can see that your empire places high importance in talents. No wonder it's able to stay erect for more than a thousand years," Wang Teng said.

"That's right. Our empire thinks highly of talents. They even established multiple important rankings for the talents. The youth have a Gifted Ranking, those that are 30 years old and below have a Talent Ranking, and there is a General Ranking where only generals can enter. Everything is based on one's ability. They are all mighty warriors.

"There are also similar rankings for runemasters, blacksmiths, and alchemists too. For instance, runemasters like us have a Runemaster Ranking. Entering the rank means glory for runemasters like us. The top ten runemasters are all legendary figures. Besides, the first in ranking is the only grandmaster-stage runemaster in the empire." Su Lingxuan gave a longing look when she said this.

Wang Teng smiled and asked, "Did anyone in Yang City Academy enter the Gifted Ranking?"

"Of course. The Yang City Academy is one of the top schools in the empire. We have more than ten people in the Gifted Ranking." Su Lingxuan raised her long neck like a proud white swan.

"What's the highest rank?" Wang Teng asked again.

"Senior Sister Dongfang Yu is no. 10 on the Gifted Ranking." Admiration appeared on Su Lingxuan's face when she talked about her.

"Only no. 10?" Wang Teng thought that their ranking would be higher, but they barely managed to enter the top 10.

"Only?" Su Lingxuan looked at him in shock as though she had heard something ridiculous.

"What an arrogant comment!"

At this moment, an unhappy sound interrupted their conversation.

Wang Teng turned and saw a few figures standing not far away on his left. They might have heard what he said when they walked past him and stopped in their tracks. The person who spoke was the leader of the group. He was a young man around 20 years old.

The young man walked over with his friends and asked Su Lingxuan, "Junior Su, is this your friend?"

"Senior Xia Shan, yes, he's my friend. He's a little straightforward, but he doesn't have any bad intentions. Don't mind what he said," Su Lingxuan replied hurriedly.

"Hmph, he speaks badly of Senior Sister Dongfang. Your friend is extremely ignorant," Xia Shan mocked.

"Was I speaking to you just now?" Wang Teng suddenly smiled and asked.

"So what if you weren't?" Xia Shan frowned.

"Why are you interrupting me then?" Wang Teng looked at him with disdain. He turned and asked Su Lingxuan, "Are all the students of Yang City Academy as disrespectful as him?"

Su Lingxuan had a bad premonition in her heart. She felt her head spinning. As expected, troubles would happen every time she brought this fellow out. Her instinct was right.

“Glib tongue!” Xia Shan’s expression turned serious. He was furious. “You’re not allowed to create trouble in Yang City Academy!”

“This sentence is enough for me to look for the teachers and principal of the school for an explanation,” Wang Teng said with a cold smile.

“You mocked the most outstanding student of our school. As a member of this school, I won’t allow an ignorant person like you to talk bullshit,” Xia Shan’s expression changed as he spoke.

“When did I ever humiliate her?” Wang Teng felt speechless. Was this the legendary bootlicker? How did his mind work?

“Don’t try to make excuses. We heard what you said just now. You know whether you are mocking our senior in your heart,” Xia Shan said.

“That’s right, we all heard it. Your tone was filled with disdain. I don’t know what right you have to look down on our Senior Dongfang.”

“You must be a country bumpkin, right? You are ignorant, so all you can say is nonsense.”

“The world is big and filled with all kinds of people. What a joke.”

The students behind Xia Shan agreed with him after hearing his words. They started condemning him as though he had done something evil.

“Let’s leave quickly!” Su Lingxuan pulled Wang Teng and wanted to leave. She felt that Wang Teng was a little straightforward, but it was an unintentional mistake. He wasn’t looking down on their senior. However, these people didn’t want to let him go. They must be Senior Dongfang’s admirers and couldn’t hear any bad words about her. The best way to tackle their pestering was to run as far as possible.

“There’s no hurry.” Wang Teng broke free from Su Lingxuan’s grasp gently. He remained indifferent as he said, “I don’t care what your intention is for the wild talk in front of me. You better get out of my sight now.”

“He wants us to get out?”

“This fellow is so arrogant!”

“If we don’t teach him a lesson, he might think too highly of himself.”

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Everyone’s face turned black, and they started shouting.

“I don’t care who you are. You must give us an explanation today,” Xia Shan said with a stern face.

“Sigh, why do you have to find trouble for yourself?” Wang Teng sighed. He tilted his head and asked Su Lingxuan, “Can you hit people in Yang City Academy?”

“You can. As long as both parties are willing, it won’t be a problem.” Su Lingxuan lowered her voice and continued, “Forget it. Xia Shan is at the 3-star soldier level. He’s quite strong. There’s no need to fight over some words. You might get hurt.”

Wang Teng didn’t reply to her. 3-star soldier level? Was that very strong?

“You want to hit me?” Xia Shan smiled. “Everyone, he wants to hit me. Do you think I should hit him?”

“I don’t want to hit you,” Wang Teng said.

“Are you regretting what you’ve just said?” Xia Shan mocked.

“Why are you so impatient? I haven’t finished my sentence. I don’t want to hit you alone; I want to hit every one of you. You can come together. Don’t tell me you’re scared to fight with me,” Wang Teng looked at him and said calmly.

“How dare you!”

“Agree to him!”

“I’ll hit him until his parents can’t recognize him.”

Wang Teng’s words ignited everyone’s anger. They were all furious and wanted to teach Wang Teng a lesson.

“Since you’re looking for a beating, I’ll fulfill your wish,” Xia Shan said indignantly. He seemed exceptionally calm, though. He didn’t think Wang Teng was a threat as he was highly confident in his strength. He had just reached 20 yet was already a 3-star soldier-level martial warrior. He was one of the more outstanding students in the Yang City Academy.

“Are you ready?” Wang Teng asked.

“Go! Hit him!”

The moment Xia Shan finished speaking, Wang Teng took a step forward. Once things got unbearable, there was no need to bear with it anymore. He wouldn’t spoil these conceited students. The fire Force in his body was activated. It congregated on his fist as he charged towards the crowd in a blink of an eye.

“This fellow...” Astonishment flashed past Su Lingxuan’s beautiful eyes. This was the first time she saw Wang Teng in action. Although he hadn’t started fighting with the other students, he already gave off a powerful aura.

Xia Shan and the others could also feel the powerful aura on Wang Teng’s body. Their expressions changed, and they didn’t dare to underestimate him anymore. Three people stepped forward, and their Force surged out of their bodies as they welcomed Wang Teng’s attack.

“Move!” Wang Teng punched his fist out, and a violent airwave slammed into the three of them. They were thrown off their feet.

Bang, bang, bang!

The three figures landed in different directions and smashed on the ground. Wang Teng didn't even glance at them. Instead, he continued charging towards Xia Shan.

Xia Shan turned serious. Earth Force spurted out of his body, causing his figure to become taller and bigger. When he stepped forward, the power was frightening. The ground seemed to be shaking under his might. He slammed his huge arms at Wang Teng.

"Die!"

Bang!

A dull sound spooked the spectators. A figure flew out and vomited blood in mid-air, his face pale.

It was Xia Shan.

Chapter 300: Her Besties Could Finally Be Put To Use

Xia Shan flew backward in mid-air with a look of disbelief on his face.

He was so proud and confident earlier. Yet, in the end, he couldn't even last one move in front of Wang Teng.

How... was this possible?

But that was the truth.

The group of arrogant students only had a few people left. When they saw Xia Shan getting defeated, they stopped in their tracks and started retreating unconsciously.

However, Wang Teng didn't plan to let them off. Since he had said that he wanted to fight all of them, he must keep his promise. None of them was going to escape.

Bang, bang, bang!

Dull and heavy collisions rang out in the area, along with screams of agony. With Wang Teng in the center, the students flew out in all directions. Their faces were severely bruised, and they kept crying in pain.

Silence!

The crowd was dead silent.

Wang Teng and Xia Shan's fight had lasted for only a few seconds. Xia Shan and his friends were all defeated. It felt a little unreal.

And... he was so violent!

Wang Teng looked harmless on the surface, but he was ruthless and violent in his actions. It formed a huge contrast.

Su Lingxuan opened her little mouth and stared at him with wide eyes. She saw Wang Teng in a whole new light.

Are you sure you're a runemaster?

A runemaster possessing such powerful martial arts ability. Brother, your path is a little crooked!

Wang Teng ignored everyone's gaze. He turned around abruptly and strode towards Xia Shan. A few students were helping him up, but they automatically moved away. There was fear on their faces. This fellow wasn't easy to deal with.

"What do you want?" Xia Shan's expression changed. As Wang Teng walked towards him, his anxiousness grew. He wanted to escape.

At this moment, he sorely regretted his actions. If he knew that this fellow was so strong, he wouldn't have opened his mouth.

Wang Teng didn't reply to him. He moved his body, appeared beside Xia Shan, and grabbed his leg.

"Let me go!" Xia Shan saw something in Wang Teng's eyes. He was so frightened that he started kicking his legs. His voice had suddenly turned shrill.

However, Wang Teng's grip was like a metal chain. He grasped his ankle tightly and swung his arms. Xia Shan was slammed onto the ground like a sandbag.

Boom!

The people around them were flabbergasted, and their eyelids kept jumping. They had never seen such a malicious person in their lives before. They were too scared to stop him in any way.

"I have nothing against you if you want to be a bootlicker. But don't provoke me," Wang Teng said coldly. He lifted his arm again and threw Xia Shan on the ground a couple more times. Then, he flung him aside casually.

Bang!

Xia Shan's body fell on the ground like a dead object. It gave a dull thud and rolled a few times before stopping.

The bystanders felt their hearts shudder.

Xia Shan struggled a few times and climbed up from the ground with difficulty. There was fear in his gaze. He didn't even look Wang Teng in the eye, running off in a bedraggled state.

The other students who had shouted at Wang Teng earlier had already disappeared. They didn't dare to make any sound when Xia Shan was especially taken care of, much less speak up for him.

Wang Teng scanned the ground.

Earth Force*25

Fire Force*10

Spirit*3

Water Force*12

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He picked them up.

They were all normal attribute bubbles. Wang Teng didn't take much notice of them.

"Let's go." He walked to Su Lingxuan, feeling refreshed after venting his frustration. His expression was calm too. It was as if he had done something small and insignificant.

However, when Su Lingxuan heard this voice, she jumped in shock. But thinking about it, although she was cheeky and bold, she was also his junior sister. She didn't offend him either, so there was no need to be afraid. She patted her chest and said, "Next time, remind me before you speak. You almost scared me to death."

Wang Teng was speechless. Remind her before he spoke? How was he supposed to do that? This demand was a little outrageous.

"Haha, I didn't know that you were so powerful. Please take care of me in the future, Senior Brother!" Su Lingxuan sniggered. She used her elbow to nudge Wang Teng.

"You said that you will introduce beauties to me if I treat you to meals. You haven't fulfilled your promise yet and still want me to take care of you? You must be dreaming." Wang Teng rolled his eyes.

"Look at what you're saying. I brought you here today to introduce beauties to you. I have many buddies in school, and all of them are pretty. You can choose any one of them." Su Lingxuan betrayed her besties without blinking.

"Hmph, if I didn't want to come and take a look, you wouldn't have brought me here," Wang Teng said with a cold smile.

"Sigh, the details are not important; what's important is the result, right? Since you're here, I'll introduce some beauties to you. Isn't that the best result? Come, don't speak anymore. I'll introduce them to you." Su Lingxuan's pupils twirled around her eyes. She had witnessed Wang Teng's ability, so she wanted to hug him as tightly as possible. Her besties could finally be put to use.

"The female students in Yang City Academy are high in quality," Wang Teng exclaimed as he glanced around him.

"Of course. Most of the students here come from elite families. Their bloodlines are outstanding, so their appearances are amazing too." Su Lingxuan suddenly thought of something and said, "Oh right, Xia Shan is not important, but Senior Sister Dongfang has many fans, especially male fans. They won't let anyone speak badly of her. You need to be careful."

"Why are they doing such useless things when they could be cultivating?" Wang Teng scoffed. "Does Dongfang Yu know about this?"

"Senior Dongfang knows and has talked about it many times, but her fans continue to do it. She didn't know what to do either. She couldn't beat them up, right?" Su Lingxuan frowned. She also felt that these people went a little overboard.

The Yang City Academy was huge. After going deep into the academy, Wang Teng noticed that all the buildings were unique in their own ways. They had different uses.

Wang Teng followed Su Lingxuan for a long time before arriving at a courtyard.

“This is the dormitory. I come here to stay occasionally. First, it’s convenient for me to go to class, and second, I can make more friends. It’s normal for elite families to interact with one another,” Su Lingxuan explained.

Wang Teng nodded. This situation happened on Earth too. The descendants of the elite families were mostly the second or third generations. They participated in all kinds of social events from a young age so that they could expand their network. He had followed the same practice in the past. However, after he was reborn, he let go of many things and stopped asking for too much. There were not many people worth being intimate with. Also, because of the path he chose, he would be able to get anything he wanted if he was strong enough.

Whether it was pretentious or sincere, he could ignore everything once he was powerful.

“Where are the guys? I only see young ladies,” Wang Teng asked. He had suddenly realized this.

“Oh, that’s because this is the ladies’ dormitory,” Su Lingxuan said indifferently.

“This... isn’t right.” Wang Teng’s eyes lit up, but he remained righteous.

“It’s alright. You can wait outside. I’ll call them out. They should all be here at this time. We can have a meal together later,” Su Lingxuan said.