

My Crown 1571

Chapter 1571: Unreliable...

Bai Zhe's holler attracted everyone's attention.

Yet what they saw instantly shocked them inside and out.

Far across the horizon on the Thunder Plains, they saw a short man... uh, racing against the thunderbolts!

They saw him swiftly evade a thunderbolt with a front roll. He then vigorously bounced up and nimbly performed another roll, and then another... roll, roll... roll...

Qiao Mu couldn't help but twitch her mouth watching this clownish mentor.

On the other hand, Bai Xia couldn't hold it in any longer and howled with laughter as she slapped her thigh. "My heavens, could my eyes be playing tricks on me?"

By this time, more than half of the thirty passengers on the terrestrial whale's back had burst into laughter.

"Your eyes aren't playing tricks." Ji Feng couldn't resist responding with a smile. "That mentor is getting struck by lightning."

Strictly speaking, that clownish mentor of Apex Academy's water spirit specialty did have some skill. However, his getup was just too shocking.

"Look, he has a spiritual armor helmet shielding his head."

"Since this mentor is able to generate spiritual armor, then that means his cultivation is rather high!"

"Right, I heard that you have to be at least a level-five spiritual cultivator and be able to sense the primordial spirit in order to form localized spiritual armor."

Qiao Mu's gaze stopped on the clownish mentor's head. There was an aquamarine "big helmet" above his head.

Even so, it wasn't really correct to call it a helmet since its shape was just too weird.

It was like he had covered his head with a large version of a monk's alms bowl!

When a thunderbolt struck him, it would go straight for that alms bowl on his head.

Crack. Lightning struck down with a clap of thunder.

The short mentor agilely performed a roll as he madly dashed forward while sporting an alms bowl spiritual armor.

Crack!

Crack, crack! Thunderbolts descended one after another. After the short mentor evaded several dozen of them, some of them did end up striking his head.

Therefore, when a thunderbolt the width of a person's wrist struck down with a boom, the short mentor's exterior spiritual armor unluckily got hacked into bits!

Everyone saw the hair on top of his head sizzle with smoke.

When he turned around, it turned out that his face had gotten charred black. He put one hand on his waist and pointed the other at the sky while shouting, "Have you had enough!"

Boom! The Thunder Plains of course ignored his scolding and directly gave him another thunderbolt.

The short mentor was instantly intimidated and pulled back his leg. After doing a roll on the ground, he continued rolling forward in the same way.

When Bai Xia observed this, she couldn't help but remark with a twitch of her mouth, "I'm thinking that this mentor probably rolled his whole way across the Thunder Plains."

While scrutinizing this unreliable water spirit specialty mentor from Apex Academy, Qiao Mu made a decision: *She would not go seek out this Apex Academy for the time being. She had better first reunite with Situ Yi and the others in Julu City before making further plans.*

With such an unreliable mentor, she felt like this academy probably wouldn't be anything much either.

The terrestrial whale stably ran past the mentor.

A certain mentor who was currently receiving the thunderbolts' baptism glimpsed the terrestrial whale's colossal body upon turning his head. He then hastily attempted to catch up to the terrestrial whale in a mad dash.

"Hey, hey. Hey, young ladies and gentlemen, could you extend a helping hand!"

"Hey! Hey!!" The terrestrial whale ran so speedily that it flitted past him in a matter of moments.

The mentor felt his heart ache, and he lamented while caressing his chest, "Heavens, these youngun's do not know how to honor their teachers and revere their teachings. They're actually treating me like this!"

Seeing that another thunderbolt was about to descend, the mentor rapidly took to his heels.

Chapter 1572: Who Is Joining Your Academy?

By dusk, the group of people had arrived at Julu City's city gate.

This city was extremely grand. The city walls were built by piling huge buff-colored stones, and just the city gate itself was several dozen feet tall.

Standing at the bottom of the city gate made humans seem extremely tiny.

When Qiao Mu and Bai Xia arrived at Julu City's city gate, they just so happened to encounter crowd control.

Everyone was standing in line outside the city gate while two rows of spirited guards stood erect with puffed-out chests and spears in their hands. This display seemed like they were waiting for some big shot to pass through.

Bai Xia couldn't help being curious, and she stopped a bystander with an inquisitive whisper, "This sister, let me ask you something. What is everyone doing here? How come we've been stopped at the city gate."

"From how you're all covered in dust, you've just come from afar and are hurrying into the city, right." That middle-aged woman whom Bai Xia had addressed as "sister" smiled back widely as she answered, "It normally wouldn't be like this. But I heard that Passionless Palace's Fairy Liren will be visiting today. City Lord Hua will be welcoming her personally, so they are not allowing us through for the time being. Once Fairy Liren and her entourage have passed through, it'll be fine."

"Liren?" A female voice came from behind Bai Xia.

It was a round-faced girl who had been a fellow terrestrial whale passenger. Her age was similar to Qiao Mu's, and she had round and plump cheeks. Her figure was also slightly on the rounder side.

At this time, this girl was biting her fingers and drooling with a weird expression.

Qiao Mu looked back at her. From her foodie instincts, she immediately understood that this round-faced girl meant "chestnut" and not "beauty" when she said Liren.

"Hey, make some room. Excuse me, excuse me." The short mentor squeezed through the crowd with his sooty face. Finally, he got to where Qiao Mu and the others were standing with great difficulty.

Bai Zhe cast him a glance before grumpily blocking him with his arm. "What are you shoving for?"

"Hey, young man. Watch your attitude!" The short mentor glared at Bai Zhe. Afterwards, he peered around at the city gate. "How come they've stopped everyone here? Why aren't they letting people inside!"

No one paid him any attention!

However, the fourth princess Liu Tiantian who had given him five hundred spirit currency earlier to buy a seat was seething in anger. She gave the mentor a death glare and shouted, "You still dare to show up in front of me?"

When the short mentor looked back at her, his entire face was black!

"Hey, why wouldn't I dare show up in front of you! Little Miss, speak more politely!"

"You liar!" Liu Tiantian was so agitated from anger that she wanted to immediately rush over and pummel him.

However, everyone was all squished together right now. Her vigorous movements immediately jostled a lot of people in the surroundings.

Some people who were getting so squished that they couldn't breathe hastily hollered, "What are you doing? Stop shoving!"

The short mentor shielded his arms in front of himself in a defensive posture. When he saw that Liu Tiantian wasn't able to squeeze her way over, he immediately cracked a grin. "Come over! Come over if

you have the guts! You're simply audacious being so rude to a mentor. If someone like you joined our Apex Academy, you would definitely get kicked out in less than three days!"

"Who the f*ck wants to join your lousy academy!" Liu Tiantian berated furiously, "Instead of joining your nameless academy, I might as well work hard and strive to join one of the four great sun, moon, star, and celestial academies!"

Everyone who heard this was on Liu Tiantian's side, giving a nod as they swept that short mentor a disdainful look.

"A bunch of frogs at the bottom of a well! What the dickens do you know."

Chapter 1573: Not Interested

"Way back then, when our Apex Academy rose to prominence, who knows where those four great sun, moon, star, and celestial academies you are speaking of were!"

The short mentor exclaimed in a huff, "I'm telling you all now. Don't you be unconvinced!"

"Our Apex Academy has a great reputation throughout the entire Six Prefectures Continent! Not only Shuntian Prefecture, but the neighboring Anyi Prefecture and Polan Prefecture, etc., also admire our Apex Academy very much."

"Like you children who have just entered Shuntian Prefecture, and I am not exaggerating, you had best come study at our Apex Academy for half a year. Those lousy sun, moon, star, and celestial academies only have a good reputation! In reality, they are unable to teach anything practical at all! They are just a bunch of d*mn sissies with showy moves. What can they do?"

Everyone looked at each other in bewilderment.

"Aiyo, especially you girls who are young and also have quite good talent. You're best suited to come to our Apex Academy." The short mentor suddenly targeted Qiao Mu and the round-faced foodie girl beside her.

"Do you want to try applying for our academy? Our academy enrolls students in late July every year and starts classes in early August! We have all five spirit specialties. No matter what you want to learn, there will be excellent mentors like myself personally teaching you one on one! Counting the time, there are only around ten days left for you to prepare. How about it? Do you have the confidence to join our Apex Academy?"

The round-faced girl looked bewilderedly at the short mentor before shaking her head. "Never thought about it."

"Come now, how could you have not thought about it before. Like this little stoic miss next to you is quite good! I see from a glance that she is gifted and intelligent as well as a person of few words. People like her are best suited for studying at our academy."

While he was speaking, the short mentor pulled out a wrinkled piece of paper from his pocket and stuffed it into the little stoic's hand without any room for objection. Afterwards, his sooty black face blossomed widely like a chrysanthemum flower.

"There will be an examination on the 28th of July. As long as you pass our academy's exam, you will be able to successfully join and become a member of our Apex Academy! Little Miss, I'm optimistic about you. You can do it!"

Bai Xia was flabbergasted at the entire conversation. She didn't understand how the situation progressed from Liu Tiantian wanting to settle accounts with the short mentor to the short mentor wanting to take Miss Qiao as a student in his whatever Apex Academy?

Wasn't this change in topic too great of a leap?

Qiao Mu expressionlessly looked down at the wrinkled paper in her hand and then directly slapped it in the short mentor's face.

"Not interested."

Everyone: "..."

The short mentor gazed at her in heartache as he persuaded, "Little fellow, think it over some more! I am Apex Academy's water spirit specialty mentor Zhou Danjin..."

The chap was going to keep prattling on but an excited shout of "Fairy Liren is coming" came from the city gate.

Surging cheers immediately interrupted the short mentor's words, and everyone jostled each other as they pressed curiously forward to see what exactly this Fairy Liren from the Passionless Palace looked like.

They saw long-haired oxen with snow-white hooves rapidly pulling a carriage forged from crow gold toward Julu City's main gate.

The city gate was wide open, and City Lord Hua Qingyu personally came out in welcome.. His snow-white robe complemented his noble aura like orchids and jade trees.

Chapter 1574: Rude Scrutiny

The carriage stopped at the city gate.

Hua Qingyu walked up with a smile and cupped his hands. "We are honored by the presence of Fairy Liren of Passionless Palace. Hua Qingyu greets Fairy Liren."

The inside of the carriage was silent for a moment.

Suddenly, a fragrance assaulted their senses.

A snow-white figure darted out like lightning, and the long sashes from her clothing glided over the top of the carriage.

When everyone focused their gaze, they saw a female without any makeup and dressed in snow-white clothes appear on the roof of the carriage. Afterwards, she sat down cross-legged with an austere expression on her face.

Yet Bai Xia and Qiao Mu felt that this whatever Fairy Liren was acting like a pretentious prick by putting on this transcendental-like performance...

“Does this fairy whatshername have such a strong background that even the city lord has to come out in welcome?” Bai Xia couldn’t resist muttering.

That middle-aged woman who had spoken to them earlier unexpectedly rolled her eyes at Bai Xia. “What do you know. The wife of the current prefecture lord of Shuntian Prefecture is Passionless Palace’s palace master.”

“There are five senior fairies at the prefecture lord madam’s service, and this Fairy Liren is one of them. Her spiritual cultivation has reached level-seven, which is rather formidable! Every three months, Passionless Palace will come distribute cultivation resources by the prefecture lord’s order. These resources concern a city’s future, so of course you can’t be careless.”

“Among these resources are materials, elixirs, and cultivation techniques. Anything you can think of. If you build a good relationship with the fairies of Passionless Palace, you might even be able to pull some strings and nab more benefits.”

“No wonder this City Lord Hua is acting like this.” When Bai Xia heard this, she observed Fairy Liren curiously again, particularly examining her face.

Yet Fairy Liren abruptly turned toward Bai Xia and looked back at her. This chilly gaze made Bai Xia’s heart sink in fright.

“How dare you insolently scrutinize this fairy. Where are the prefecture defenders? Go! Gouge out her eyes for this fairy.”

Bai Xia abruptly widened her eyes, simply unable to believe her ears.

This whatshername fairy actually harbored such malicious thoughts? She had merely given the other party a few more glances out of curiosity. Just this made her order the prefecture defenders to gouge out her eyes?

Who did she think she was, not allowing others to give her a few more glances?

Soon enough, two prefecture defenders flashed over with afterimages. They coldly and arrogantly reached out to restrain Bai Xia.

“Sister.” Bai Zhe was shocked, but he and Ji Feng immediately intercepted the two swift prefecture defenders at the same time.

Two waves of mystic energy pushed back the prefecture defenders.

This nearly affected the masses, who were yelping in shock.

“You’re seeking death.” A cold light shot out from Fairy Liren’s pretty eyes as she sat carefreely on the roof of her carriage.

She shook her wide white sleeves slightly, and two yellowish streaks of light scattered from her sleeves toward Bai Zhe and Ji Feng.

Pop! A faint sound resonated in the air.

When Qiao Mu saw that two immobilization talismans were about to stick to Bai Zhe and Ji Feng, she knitted her delicate brows. She abruptly made a move and caught those two blue talismans between her fingers.

It only took a moment for her to crush those two blue talismans in her hand and scatter the powder to the wind.

As Bai Zhe and Ji Feng did not get affected by the immobilization talismans, they successfully struck the prefecture defenders with their palms. The latter were forced backward several steps.

Fairy Liren immediately squinted her eyes.

Her chilly eyes were spitting sparks as she gave Qiao Mu a death glare, and she uttered word by word, “How dare you destroy my immobilization talismans? Do you know what kind of capital offense that is?”

Chapter 1575: Wreck Her Mouth

“She’s threatening me. Wreck her mouth,” Qiao Mu suddenly snapped.

A white snakelet leaped up from Qiao Mu’s shoulder with a wriggle of its “petite body.” All of a sudden, it transformed into a huge serpent and opened its mouth to bite Fairy Liren, who was on the roof of her carriage.

The fairy was greatly surprised. In order to dodge this serpent that appeared out of the blue, she vigorously rolled backwards, which caused her to tumble from the roof of the carriage.

However, she had no leisure to pay attention to her image at this moment.

She only felt that if she didn’t dodge in time, that serpent would bite off her head with a wide “chomp.”

So horrifying!

Where exactly did this serpent come from? How did it suddenly appear at the city gate?

Fairy Liren had no time to contemplate. She heard a crisp “chomp,” and a sinister snake head abruptly skewered the carriage she had been riding in.

It was like the serpent was wearing the entire carriage as clothing.

After writhing out from the carriage, that serpent once again spewed out a black mist at Fairy Liren with a ferocious glare.

“Miss, please be merciful!” Hua Qingyu immediately censured in immense fright.

Yet who knew that his outburst would cause the little fellow to sweep her stern look at him instead.

When their gazes met, Hua Qingyu felt his heart sink as his body froze.

These eyes that were akin to ice beads were truly too biting.

It made him feel like he had plunged into an ice pit as he gave an involuntary shudder.

“Eat her.” Qiao Mu coldly gave this heartless order.

The white snakelet gave a roar before pivoting its snake head and biting toward Fairy Liren’s skull.

Chomp! The white snakelet had chomped the carriage walls into bits, and the broken wood chips flew into the air like powder.

The several long-haired oxen with white hooves had already been struck dumb from fright. They all lay prone on the ground, afraid to move around carelessly.

“Ah!” Fairy Liren finally reacted and continuously sent out several defensive talismans.

Yet these defensive talismans were like tofu, bursting into bits when it came into contact with the great void netherworld serpent’s black mist.

“Miss, please be merciful! It is already enough now!” Hua Qingyu braced himself and flitted toward Fairy Liren with a stomp.

Seeing his actions, Qiao Mu’s eyes abruptly turned cold, and five blue talismans appeared in her hand in an instant.

She simultaneously flung five fire spirit talismans at Hua Qingyu.

From the moment the talismans activated to when the fire spirits exploded, the entire city gate was illuminated by the raging flames. Everyone was practically dumbstruck!

Boom!! The fire spirit talismans actually blasted a hole in the city gate.

Broken bits of rock crumbled down, and City Lord Hua Qingyu’s expression changed drastically.

“You!”

Qiao Mu creased her brows. She suddenly took out five more fire spirit talismans and threw them all down.

The sound of erupting **boom, boom, boom!** resounded throughout the city gate.

The fire spirit talisman’s overflowing power flattened the lawn in front of the gate, exposing the bare dirt underneath.

The surrounding peanut gallery was crestfallen. Simultaneously, they all backed away, fearing that they would get implicated.

Luckily, those fire spirit talismans were only targeting Hua Qingyu. In order to stop Hua Qingyu from assisting Fairy Liren, Qiao Mu continued to fling out ten fire spirit talismans.

Hua Qingyu’s gaze faltered at this sight, but he did not give up in his efforts to reach Fairy Liren.

Qiao Mu's gaze turned sharp, and she suddenly took out a wad of at least fifty fire spirit talismans.

Chapter 1576: Please Stop, This Great Aunt

This time, not only did Hua Qingyu's eyelid jerk nonstop, his heart also thumped furiously.

I-It couldn't... be?

He watched as these fifty fire spirit talismans simultaneously took to the air and circled the city gate once before flying toward him.

Hua Qingyu had creased his brows so deeply that it could practically squeeze a fly to death. He roared uncontrollably, "No, don't!!"

Please stop, this great aunt!

"Kabooooom!!"

Everyone was stupefied, and the violent explosions rapidly attracted all the cultivators inside the city.

They all darted toward the city gate, each with a bad premonition in their heart!

Zombies have attacked the city!

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"Cough, cough, cough. Cough!" Hua Qingyu waved away the thick smoke in front of him. Meanwhile, his expression had gone from shocked to numb to his current... calm.

A little lady from a Lower Star Domain who looked no more than 15 years old was just this extravagant, recklessly throwing about a wad of fire spirit talismans. Her assets easily surpassed his as a city lord. What was one to do!

The little stoic gave City Lord Hua a chilly look. City Lord Hua's eyelid started jerking the moment she suddenly raised her hand again. Sure enough, she pulled out another wad of fire spirit talismans.

City Lord Hua was basically unable to count how many talismans there were!

"No, don't!! Don't move!" City Lord abruptly yelled with a darkened expression, "Calm down, calm down, this great aunt, calm down! I won't move. I won't move so you don't move either!"

City Lord Hua's originally handsome face had turned black from the smoke that came from the fire spirit explosions...

At the same time, without City Lord Hua's interference, the white snakelet's tail wrapped around Fairy Liren.

It then slapped her face down without room for objection!

Hua Qingyu felt his teeth ache. When the serpent coiled Fairy Liren up from the shallow pit, he quickly looked her over before silently giving her his condolences.

Her face was too tragic. It had practically flattened out from the serpent's strike.

Blood streaked down from her forehead, nose, and mouth, but that was nothing. The main thing was that Fairy Liren's nose had probably gotten struck askew. Her nose bridge had gotten crooked.

Her mouth had also gotten smashed, with many teeth fragments sputtering out from within.

On the side, Bai Xia had also been scared witless!

She watched the entire scene in stupefaction before silently gulping down her saliva. Afterwards, she gulped a second and then a third time.

She peeked at Miss Qiao before directing her gaze at the incomparably miserable Fairy Liren again with a small frown.

This Fairy Liren who had just arrogantly ordered someone to gouge out her eyes earlier because she didn't like what she saw was now gasping like a dying fish.

The short mentor Zhou Danjin slapped his thigh and cheered, "Amazing! This student, what is your name."

"Our Apex Academy boundlessly welcomes your enrollment."

This mentor gave off the feeling of some kind of heretical cult trying to convert people...

"I said I'm not interested," Qiao Mu stated indifferently.

"That's fine, that's fine. We can cultivate your interest even if you're not interested now. Whether it be a person, a matter, or an academy, having no interest in the beginning does not mean that you won't be interested later on..."

Qiao Mu completely ignored this person's jabbering and directly turned to walk toward the city gate.

There were fires burning everywhere at the city gate due to the fire spirit talismans, so one needed to be especially careful when walking.

Chapter 1577: Entering the City

However, these talisman flames were totally ineffective on her.

Qiao Mu treaded coldly through the fires toward the inside of the city.

Just as the city guards were about to stop her, they heard Hua Qingyu yelling from behind her, "Let her go. Let her go, let her go!"

"Hey, move aside, excuse me, let me through!" Mentor Zhou Danjin grinned as he chased after Qiao Mu into the city.

Don't be kidding, when should he go if not now?

If he was to enter the city on his own later, wouldn't that mean that he would have to pay the entry fee of one spirit currency!

"Sister, let's go quickly too." Bai Zhe hastily tugged at Bai Zhe, and the two plus Ji Feng also quickly followed along.

Zhou Danjin stretched lazily upon entering the city. There was a joyous smile on his sooty face.

Wahahaha, he truly had made a fortune on this journey!

Not only did he buy food at half of what it would cost in Wengka City in the small market outside the Thunder Plains, he didn't even spend a single spirit currency on traveling expenses. Not only that, he had earned five hundred spirit currency without doing anything!

These five hundred spirit currency would sustain the academy's expenditures for some time!

This was a source of wealth that came out of nowhere. If the assistant dean was to know that he was this capable, he would certainly praise him generously.

Zhou Danjin cracked a grin in glee.

When he looked up, however, he saw that the little lady had already gone far.

He hastily caught up to her and stuck to the little stoic like a medicinal plaster. "Hey, Little Miss Stoic, let's discuss something. I see that you have just arrived in Shuntian Prefecture. Everything must be unfamiliar to you. How about this, you come study at our Apex Academy for half a year. By that time, you would have already gotten used to Shuntian Prefecture... Hey, little stoic, little stoic!"

Before Zhou Danjin could finish speaking, a green vine shot out from the little lady's hand and coiled around the pointy corner of a building's roof.

With a clench, her body took to the air and landed on the rooftop. She then disappeared completely with only two leaps.

"Miss Qiao." Bai Xia finally caught up, but she couldn't help but deflate when she saw that Qiao Mu's figure had already vanished. She stomped the ground and snapped at Zhou Danjin, "It's all your fault. You scared her away. I had originally planned on treating Miss Qiao properly once we entered the city!"

"So the little stoic's surname is Qiao." Zhou Danjin rubbed his sooty chin in contemplation. "You weren't together?"

"I could care less about you!" Bai Xia rolled her eyes at him in a huff before stomping off with her younger brother and fiancé.

"The young people now have such big tempers," Zhou Danjin grumbled. He looked closely in the direction the little stoic had disappeared before cracking a grin.

"I have a feeling that we will see each other again."

At the same time, inside Sikong Planet's Longevity Palace.

Feng Gu excitedly ran inside while carrying a blooming pot of jasper begonia. "Your Majesty the Queen Dowager, great news. Look, this pot of jasper begonia has survived!"

"The people from the Eastern Palace had delivered it. They said that the crown prince consort had instructed the gardener before she left to nurture it for several more days until it had fully recovered before sending it back to Your Majesty."

“Look at how well the crown prince consort had instructed them to nurture it. The crown prince consort truly has extraordinary capabilities to be able to save a dying jasper begonia!”

The queen dowager nodded with a smile. She stroked the jasper begonia’s emerald leaves as she said in gratification, “The young crown prince consort is telling this queen dowager that there is hope in life, so one should not give up easily.”

Chapter 1578: What? Why Don’t You Go Rob Instead!

She wondered when Senior Brother Situ and them could get to Julu City.

Qiao Mu was sitting inside a restaurant called Deyi Inn and had ordered a meal for one: one bowl of egg noodles, one meat bun, and one portion of egg and veggie soup. Just these cost her five spirit currency.

It really was d*mn freakin’ expensive!

But she didn’t feel distressed spending someone else’s money, so whatever. Three hundred thousand spirit currency could last her awhile!

Reportedly, the cost of living in this city was very high, and there was also a monthly head tax to pay.

Paying one spirit currency upon entering the city did not mean you could set your mind at ease!

At the beginning of each month, you had to head to Babu Plaza of your own initiative to pay the tax for continuing to reside here.

Otherwise, if it was found out that your residence permit had expired, then it was possible that the penalty would cost your entire fortune. Or, you might get directly expelled from Julu City, never allowed to return for life.

Residing here each month cost a spirit currency, and you naturally wouldn’t get refunded if you stayed for less than a month.

When Qiao Mu entered, she didn’t pay any spirit currency, so she naturally wouldn’t have something like a residence permit.

But she was only staying over in the city for several days. It shouldn’t be a problem, right?

She just needed to wait until Senior Brother Situ and them came, and then they could discuss where to go.

Ding-ding. The wind chimes outside Deyi Inn were ringing, and its crisp notes resonated in the wind.

Qiao Mu had just picked up some noodles with her chopsticks, and had yet to put them in her mouth, when she saw someone jogging over to her exuberantly. The other party gave her a vigorous pat on the back. “Hey, it’s you!”

Qiao Mu turned around and saw a round petite face enter her field of view.

Her round face was paired with round eyes. The girl was close to her in age, yet her eyes kept staring at the noodles in her bowl. She even smacked her lips subconsciously.

Qiao Mu twitched her mouth. She recognized this kid as the round faced girl who had ridden the terrestrial whale with her earlier.

“Shopkeeper, another egg noodle here!”

“Alrighty!”

“Sit down and eat with me,” Qiao Mu said while pointing to the seat beside her.

“Ah? No need, no need. I, I had spent three months’ worth of food expenses to ride the terrestrial whale. I, I don’t have money to use on food for these three months.”

Qiao Mu’s hand that was holding her chopsticks paused, and her stoic face remained expressionless as she clarified, “I’m treating you, so sit down.”

“How could I possibly? How about this, after you finish the noodles, it’ll be enough for me to drink your leftover soup.” As the girl spoke, she peered at the snake head that was practically buried in the bowl of veggie soup next to her.

Hearing her speak, the snake raised its head and eyed her with its large watery eyes. Afterwards, it hastily lowered its head and coiled its small body protectively around its soup bowl as it slurped up all the soup.

Qiao Mu: ...

The round-faced girl remarked with an awkward laugh, “Ha, ha, this little white snake of yours is very cute!”

Holy sh*t, a cold-blooded snake actually drank soup!

Afterwards, she seemed to have recalled something, and her petite face instantly froze.

What cute little white snake. At the city gate earlier, she had witnessed how its serpent form had used its tail to smack Fairy Liren into a pancake-face.

How was it cute. It was not cute at all. It was rather a bit brutal and malefic, alright!

“Miss, here is your bowl of egg noodles! It will be three spirit currency. Can Miss please pay for it first.” The shopkeeper personally fetched the bowl of noodles over with a smile.

“What? A bowl of egg noodles cost three spirit currency! Why don’t you go rob instead!”

The shopkeeper’s face immediately turned stern. “Miss, this humble shop has clearly indicated the price!”

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As he spoke, he pointed at the price board up front.

Sure enough, on it was clearly written that a bowl of egg noodles cost three spirit currency, a meat bun cost one spirit currency, and a bowl of veggie soup cost one spirit currency!

If a customer wanted to eat a bowl of noodles with pure meat in it, then it cost five spirit currency a bowl.

“Holy cow, these prices are so expensive!” The round-faced girl couldn’t resist exclaiming.

“Shopkeeper, take the money.” Miss Qiao expressionlessly counted out three spirit currency for him, who then stomped off in a huff.

“Eat.” Qiao Mu once again picked up her noodles with her chopsticks to eat.

The round-faced girl gulped down her saliva, but in the end, she couldn’t withstand the lure of the egg noodles. She held the bowl of noodles with both hands as she started to slurp it up.

So delicious!

Hot soup with hot noodles, and also a freshly stir-fried egg. It was tasty and could also fill her small belly, wuwuwuwuwu...

Qiao Mu nearly choked on a noodle. She looked up at that round-faced girl and chided with a twitch of her mouth, “You don’t have to cry!”

The round-faced girl looked at her with brimming tears, “So delish.”

Qiao Mu: ...

She had déjà vu of seeing Qiao Lin. What was going on?

Could it be that foodies all acted in the same manner?

“Young Older Sister, my name is Qi Xuanxuan, how about you.”

“Qiao Mu.”

“Older Sister Qiao, thank you for your treat.” Qi Xuanxuan immediately started to talk familiarly.

Due to her foodie instincts, she ate down to the very last veggie leaf and also drank the last drop of noodle soup!

Qiao Mu: ...

No way, she had to keep a straight face. Why did she keep wanting to laugh?

After eating, Foodie Qi Xuanxuan rubbed her round little belly and sighed in satisfaction. “I’ve finally eaten my fill.”

“Do you want the bun.” Qiao Mu pointed to the meat bun next to her.

“You’re not eating it?” Qi Xuanxuan’s eyes were sparkling.

Qiao Mu ate a mouthful of noodles with her chopsticks. “I feel like I will be full with just a bowl of noodles.”

“Then I won’t stand on ceremony!” Just as Qi Xuanxuan’s paws were about to grab the bun, the little white snake snatched it away with a wrap of its tail.

It coiled its entire snake body around the bun and started munching on it.

Qiao Mu: ...

Qi Xuanxuan's eyes promptly bulged out!

"You, you!! You!" Qi Xuanxuan stammered as she pointed at the white snakelet. Afterwards, she turned to say to Qiao Mu with a queer look, "This snake of yours can really eat anything!"

Have you ever seen a snake munching on a meat bun?

This scene in front of her eyes was simply inexplicably weird!

"Oh, it'll be fine once you view it as a human." Qiao Mu commented nonchalantly. She poured herself a cup of water with the teapot and then did the same for Qi Xuanxuan and the snakelet. "If you're not full, I can order two more buns for you."

"No need, no need." Qi Xuanxuan hastily waved her petite hands and said, "I'm full. It's just that you said earlier that you weren't going to eat the bun. I was afraid to waste it."

Qiao Mu coughed lightly and drank some water from her teacup.

"What plans do you have for the future?"

"I had originally planned to apply to Sunlight Academy. The application period for Sunlight Academy is late July, and enrollment is in early August. I was thinking that everyone would usually find an academy to join as newcomers."

However, Qi Xuanxuan couldn't help but sniffle once she got to the point that made her heart-broken. "But I didn't expect that Sunlight Academy to be so deceitful! You need to pay ten spirit currency for the application fee alone, and this won't even guarantee enrollment.. And also, once you enroll, you also need to pay one hundred spirit currency each semester for tuition. Where have I got money!"

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"Not to mention, I heard that Sunlight Academy's exam is very strict. I might not even get in, so why waste this application fee." Qi Xuanxuan drooped her petite head.

"I've been hearing you guys talk about these whatever four great Sun, Moon, Star, and Celestial academies. What exactly are they?"

"You don't know? Sun, Moon, Star, and Celestial are Shuntian Prefecture's four largest academies. It only accepts a limited number of students every year. Everyone scrambles to join and study there. I heard that they each have quite their own unique approach to teaching. Practically everyone who joins can trigger their spiritual meridians and grasp the spiritual energy of one of the five spirits in less than a year."

"Oh."

"What do they teach?"

“They teach everyone to grasp the energy of the five spirits!” Qi Xuanxuan gazed quizzically at Qiao Mu. “While we were still in the Lower Star Domain, we couldn’t grasp the five spirits at all. Our starting point is already much lower than the people of the same age in the Six Prefectures. If we aren’t able to grasp one of the five spirits within a year of coming here, we will be forcibly sent back.”

“Ah?” Qiao Mu was stunned by what she heard. “I saw that there were many normal people at the entrance to Shuntian Prefecture, where the small market was near the Thunder Plains. Could it be that they would send all these normal people back to the Lower Star Domain?”

“Of course not. I’m talking about people like us who were beckoned by Heavenly Law and came to Shuntian Prefecture from the Lower Star Domain through the heaven-ascension stairs. If you were an original inhabitant of Shuntian Prefecture, then there wouldn’t be such a concern.”

“Isn’t it very unfair.” Qi Xuanxuan puffed out her cheeks and criticized indignantly, “I also think that it is very unfair. But the way of the world is like this. Other people’s starting points are just higher than ours! Take Shuntian Prefecture for instance, some people can trigger spiritual meridians at birth and automatically absorb the vital spiritual energy of heaven and earth.”

“While we practically don’t have the vital spiritual energy of heaven and earth in our Lower Star Domains. It’s unlike what they have here, where finding a spiritual ground would greatly help one’s cultivation.”

“Oh.” Qiao Mu nodded.

No wonder they wanted to study at an academy. So it was to systematically learn how to trigger their spiritual meridians and grasp the energy of the five spirits.

But these didn’t seem to be important issues for her.

“If I can trigger my spiritual meridians within a year and grasp one of the sources of spiritual energy, it would be wonderful!” Qi Xuanxuan arched her head back and let her fancy run wild.

The white snakelet beside her had finished munching half of the meat bun by now. It cast her a disdainful little gaze.

Lack! Of! Ambition!

You only want to trigger your spiritual meridians and grasp one of the five spirits within a year?

Look at how ambitious his little master was! She was definitely the type to find a spiritual ground and break through all the way to level-seven spiritual cultivation.

The little white snake’s big talk was about to get sky-high, but luckily he didn’t directly utter this using human speech. Otherwise, it would certainly make our dear Qi Xuanxuan faint!

“Oh.”

Qi Xuanxuan: ...

How strange, why did she suddenly get the feeling that she couldn’t carry on the conversation?

“Older Sister Qiao. Where are you planning to go? Which academy.”

“I, I’m planning to wait for my senior brother and the others.”

Qi Xuanxuan immediately became crestfallen. “So you have companions. I’m the only one who came from our star domain, so I can’t find a buddy even if I want to.”

She sighed with a dazed expression. This was a result of the uncertainty toward her future.

“Uh, how about, once my senior brothers and them come, we go take the exam for that, uh Sunlight Academy together?”

“Okay!!”