

My Crown 1611

Chapter 1611: Scram!

Qi Xuanxuan promptly snatched the map in his hands and crumpled it into a ball before throwing it to the ground, giving it several hard stomps.

“Hey, Young Older Sister, how can you throw away my map!” The little fatty couldn’t help but exclaim in surprise.

“Was the person who sold you the map acting secretly, wearing a black robe, and had also covered up his face?”

“Yes, that’s right.” The little fatty wasn’t dumb and understood her meaning at once. “Could it be that something is wrong with this map?”

“Look!” Qi Xuanxuan showed her own map to the little fatty.

“Ey, it’s the exact same one!” The little fatty immediately cried out.

“Ha ha.” Qi Xuanxuan pointed at the river drawn in red on the map. “Do you see this? See that small red dot beyond the river?”

The little fatty’s mouth immediately opened wide. “Could it be, this small red dot is the Lava Mountain Range?”

“Correct!” The two girls nodded in unison and looked at the little fatty with sympathy. “Little Fatty, you’ve also been duped.”

“F*ck! Is this person just looking for trouble by selling this kind of map!” The little fatty yowled. He couldn’t resist looking back at the mountainous path he had taken and instantly deflated. “Heavens, it’ll be such a long way to get back over there. Will we make it in time for the exam?”

Qi Xuanxuan summoned out a majestic golden-fur lion with a wave. “I originally didn’t want to be so flashy, but since we are short on time, Qiaoqiao, let’s ride my lion.”

Qiao Mu’s eyes immediately turned round when she saw the mystic beast Qi Xuanxuan set out. She trotted up and stroked the golden-fur lion’s head nonstop.

Look, other people’s mystic beasts are just so valiant and domineering. Their outer appearances are so handsome!

Qi Xuanxuan was stunned but then called with a smile, “Qiaoqiao, let’s go.”

Qiao Mu nodded. Both of them flew up onto the golden-fur lion’s back at the same time.

The little fatty, Kou Hongwen, scurried over like a ball when he saw this. He quickly called out, “Young Older Sisters, let me hitch a ride.”

“Who is your older sister.” The stoic face glowered at him coldly.

“It is improper for males and females to make physical contact! Scram!” Qi Xuanxuan was even more blunt. She patted the golden-fur lion’s head, and the latter ran off steadily with a leap while carrying the two girls down the mountain.

The little fatty, Kou Hongwen, sprinted down after the golden-fur lion in tears. He waved his hand the entire time while shouting, “These two ladies, wait up for me. Miss, hey! Hey!”

The golden-fur lion galloped speedily down the mountain in the direction of Wengka City.

They should have originally left from Wengka City’s south gate to get to the Lava Mountain Range, but because of that lousy map’s misguidance, they had left from the north gate.

They had gone in the opposite direction and roamed about a nameless mountain for so long. It really left one at a loss for words!

If they made a circle around the outside of Wengka City, it would definitely waste even more time.

The best plan of action was to pass through Wengka City and head all the way out the south gate.

“Ladies! Wait for me, oi!” The little fatty started dashing over. From afar, it was just like seeing a large watermelon rolling along nonstop.

The city gate was just upon them. A hint of surprise flashed past Qiao Mu’s eyes when she turned back to glance at the little fatty.

She didn’t expect for this little fatty to have quite the remarkable ability.

They had spent a full two hours to come down from that nameless mountain all the way to Wengka City’s north city gate!

They did not pause to rest for a moment at all!

To be able to keep up with the golden-fur lion’s speed, this little fatty was some incredible fellow!

Chapter 1612: Charging Through the City

“Looks like he has a speed-type power.” Qiao Mu’s gaze flickered.

“We’re almost at the city gate.” Qi Xuanxuan glanced at the fee checkpoint set up at the city gate with disgust. “Qiaoqiao, should we get down?”

“No need! Charge right through,” Qiao Mu stated indifferently.

Qi Xuanxuan was startled but then started laughing out loud afterwards. “Okay!!”

When the little fatty, who had been in a mad dash behind the duo, saw the girls’ fearsome actions, he could not help but be dumbfounded. They were almost at Wengka City’s city gate yet they did not plan to recall their mystic beast.

F*ck, where did these two oddballs come from!

Could it be they just planned to charge past Wengka City’s checkpoint like this?

At this time, the group of people waiting in line had already discovered in terror that a golden-fur lion twice the size of an adult lion was galloping toward the line they had formed.

Everyone started screaming and hastily dodged to the side. Their eyes gazed in disbelief at the two girls on the golden-fur lion's back.

"My Heavens, they're planning to charge through the city like this?"

"These two misses, you..."

The golden-fur lion leaped up and landed heavily on all four paws, kicking up a cloud of sand.

"Wow!! Mother, it's a lion!"

"Don't go over! Careful of getting pounced on."

"What kind of person dares to charge into Wengka City?" The crowd had quickly dodged to the sides and cleared out a path in the middle.

Thereupon, the five to six army ruffians at Wengka City's fee checkpoint were able to see the girls on the golden-fur lion charging into the city with a glance.

"Do you not want your lives anymore! You think you can just barge into wherever you want? Quickly get the hell down from your mount!" The army ruffians scolded angrily, "You cannot summon mystic beasts inside Wengka City without permission!"

"F*cking hell, recall your mystic beast right... now?"

"Ah!!" The army ruffians let out horrific screams.

The reason being that not only did the golden-fur lion not decelerate, it even picked up speed while running toward their checkpoint.

The girl sitting on the lion's back laughed heartily and she yelled, "Get out of the way for this great aunt! If you don't want to die then scam!!"

"Roar!!" The golden-fur lion leaped up and stomped on the checkpoint's fence, which directly crushed it into pieces.

Bam! This force sent one of the army ruffians flying out and crashing miserably to the ground.

"Ah, you guys!!" Another army ruffian had drawn his iron saber from his waist to retaliate.

However, a blue talisman came flying and tacked onto his body first.

He froze on the spot while raising his saber and stared in horror at the incoming golden-fur lion.

"Roar!! Roaar!" The golden-fur lion kicked that guy flying with an angry roar.

With this huge boom, the golden-fur lion shook off the broken pieces of the fence and carried Qiao Mu and Qi Xuanxuan through the city gate.

The commoners lining up into the city were all dumbstruck, simply unable to believe their eyes.

These two girls just charged into Wengka City just like this in broad daylight!

The soldiers had all been frozen pathetically at the city gate by immobilization talismans.

After charging into the city, the two girls swiftly took roads without people on them.

The little fatty ran into the city with his stubby legs while huffing and puffing. He gave the soldiers a look of sympathy and even patted one of them heavily on the shoulder.. "This bro, I'll be entering the city first."

Chapter 1613: Awesome!

As the soldier had been immobilized by the immobilization talisman, he naturally couldn't give him a response.

The little fatty went to chase after the golden-fur lion's tracks.

The commoners at the city gate looked at each other and waited for a long while. Seeing that there was no more commotion, they ran out from their hiding places and surrounded the frozen soldiers, sizing them up curiously.

These soldiers usually acted imperiously at the city gate, so everyone found it amusing to see them getting trounced on this rare occasion.

After admiring their disgraceful situations, everyone hastily swarmed into the city in a hurry.

After all, it was so rare that they didn't need to pay a fee to enter the city!

By the time the guards of the City Lord's Estate had rushed over to the north city gate after getting the news, Qiao Mu and them had long vanished without a trace.

At this time, the duo had galloped off after charging through the south gate, using the same blitzkrieg methods to subdue the guards there.

Qi Xuanxuan laughed out loud. "That was awesome! These people should just be treated like this. They're simply shameless! The audacity of them to ask us for entry fees time after time again. They aren't even embarrassed to take it. Just beat it!!"

Qiao Mu turned her head but did not see the little fatty's round body scurrying over.

Looks like they had thrown the little fatty off.

After exiting the south city gate, they galloped toward the red river marked on the map.

"Huff-puff, huff-puff, huff-puff!" A minute hadn't even passed before the little fatty appeared at the south city gate while sweating like pouring rain. He cracked a grin at the soldiers who had similarly been immobilized on the spot.

"Sigh, I'll die from running like this! Sheesh." The little fatty panted as he made two circles around the soldiers while clicking his tongue.

“How pitiful. Your opponent is actually such a powerful great talisman practitioner.” From the north gate all the way to the south gate, that insane little lady had thrown out at least fifty immobilization talismans along the way!

How was one supposed to fight against such a great talisman practitioner!

The little fatty lamented for them. When he heard footsteps coming from afar, he knew that it must be those guards from the City Lord’s Estate swarming over here together toward the south city gate.

These bunch of fools. They’ve long gone who knows where!

The little fatty cracked a wide smile before turning around to run out the south city gate.

After chasing after the golden-fur lion’s tracks, he soon came to a red river.

He didn’t know whether it was the nearby Lava Mountain Range that was making the river scorching hot, but the entire waterway was boiling like hot water.

The little fatty picked up a rock and tossed it into the water.

Afterwards, he heard a sizzle before the water ate away the entire rock in a matter of moments.

The little fatty was speechless with wonder and turned to look up the wide river. His eyes lit up all of a sudden as he ran over while huffing and puffing. He waved his hand vigorously at the two girls standing in front of the river. “Young Older Sisters, it’s too wonderful to see you!”

Qiao Mu turned around and saw the little fatty tumbling toward them like a large watermelon.

She pressed her lips together and expressionlessly summoned the heavenly bird Qingluan.

When the little fatty saw this, he cheekily went up and cupped his hands toward Qiao Mu. “Little Miss, Little Miss! Let me hitch a ride! Look, look, this bird is so large. If, if I just sit near the tail, it won’t be irreverent toward you ladies!”

“How about your own mystic beast!!” Qi Xuanxuan questioned bluntly as she put her hands on her slim waist and sized up the little fatty.

Chapter 1614: Saber-Toothed Red Snappers

“I, I...” The little fatty scratched the back of his head and explained with an embarrassed chuckle, “M-My mystic beast, isn’t as amazing as yours. I-It can’t fly nor run.”

“What kind of mystic beast is that?” Qi Xuanxuan cast him a suspicious look and said, “Summon it out for us to see.”

“O-Okay!” The little fatty suddenly extended his stubby leg and went into a horse stance as he muttered for a bit before announcing, “Come out, my mystic beast!”

Qi Xuanxuan could not help but find it funny looking at the little fatty’s actions.

Could it be that every time this guy summoned his mystic beast, he would have to mutter under his breath for half the day? By the time he finished his piece and welcomed his mystic beast with this stance, the other party would have long beat him to the ground!

What kind of mystic beast required such fanfare and was also so slow!

Boom! Suddenly, a heavy thud landed on the moist bank of the red river.

What Qiao Mu and Qi Xuanxuan saw caused them to simultaneously twitch their mouths helplessly.

A large turtle the size of a hill was sprawling out in front of them.

Uh...

No wonder the little fatty said that it could neither run nor fly.

This turtle sprawled lazily by the red water as if sunbathing. It looked like it wished for nothing more than to flip onto its back and also tan its belly too.

It hadn't even given its master a glance ever since coming out. It truly was prideful to the extreme.

The little fatty smiled in embarrassment at the two girls before hastily cupping his hands toward Qiao Mu again. "Little Miss, please take me along!"

If he couldn't traverse this red river with a flying beast, then he would be out of options.

In any case, it was certain that they couldn't get across this red river by boat. Even the sturdiest rock was unable to last one second in the red river, let alone a wooden boat. They would be seeking their deaths traversing this river by water.

"Hey, look." Qi Xuanxuan crouched down and brushed away the sand on the side.

After brushing away the yellow sand, they found a stele half-sunk in the dirt with three characters on it: 'Molten Lava Crossing.'

"F*ck, this isn't any red river at all. This is molten lava."

Qiao Mu curved her lips. "There naturally will be a lot of molten lava buried under this Lava Mountain Range."

This naturally wasn't at all surprising, but the curious thing was that this Molten Lava Crossing, which surfaced from deep in the ground, had already grown to the magnitude of a river.

In actuality, it formed a natural barrier for Apex Academy.

"Master, there is a defensive barrier one hundred meters above us. It's too strong to break though." Qingluan flapped its wings and hopped next to Qiao Mu.

One hundred meters up above?

In other words, Qingluan couldn't fly too high in this defensive boundary. Otherwise, not only would it be unable to break through this defensive barrier, it would even be forced downward.

But if it were forced to fly at a low altitude...

Her gaze focused on the molten lava. She suddenly produced a piece of raw meat and flung it toward the molten lava.

She had tossed the piece of meat up high so it had yet to drop into the molten lava.

Yet before a second had even passed, 17 to 18 saber-toothed red snappers one meter long had jumped out of the molten lava and chomped down on that piece of meat at once. By the time they finished competing for a bite, the whole piece of meat had turned into mincemeat.

Qi Xuanxuan's face paled as she watched these meter-long saber-toothed red snappers jumping out of the molten lava. Under the sun, those saber-toothed red snappers' fangs glinted with an ominous cold light.

The little fatty also shuddered in fear. "This molten lava actually has mutated red snappers?"

Wasn't this too weird! How in the world did these saber-toothed red snappers survive in such boiling hot molten lava?

Chapter 1615: Bloodfire Phoenix

"There's nothing that is impossible." Qiao Mu remarked indifferently.

Even humans could adapt to the changing environment, let alone animals. Those normal saber-toothed red snappers were one meter long, while a select few had even reached two meters long.

Not only were their mouths armored with fangs, even their skin had been coated with a fiery-red substance.

It was most likely this that was protecting them from getting disintegrated into ashes by the boiling hot molten lava.

"These fish monsters should be equivalent to intermediate-level level-three zombies." Qiao Mu conjectured, "Their jumps can reach a height of one hundred meters. Apex Academy has purposely positioned the defensive barrier one hundred meters above ground."

By forcing people into the fishes' attack range, they truly had created a natural barrier.

Qiao Mu gazed at the Lava Mountain Range beyond the Molten Lava Crossing. Before getting close, she could already feel the heat waves tumbling over into her face.

"Have you guys decided?"

"Decided what."

"To go to this dodgy academy," Qiao Mu replied placidly.

If her guess was correct, Apex Academy's entrance exam was probably to successfully pass through this Molten Lava Crossing.

When studying how this Molten Lava Crossing surrounded the entire Lava Mountain Range in a ring-shaped waterway, it was obvious that this was a test!

The little fatty nodded emphatically. "I heard that Apex Academy provides one-on-one training with mentors. For all five spirits! It is very suitable for us to study at."

Qiao Mu rolled her eyes inwardly as she advised ominously, "It's best not to have your hopes up too much."

"Why?" The little fatty and Qi Xuanxuan asked in unison.

"Because the disappointment will be all the more greater!"

After saying this, she recalled Qingluan and summoned a bloodfire phoenix.

The little fatty's eyeballs were practically about to fall out of their sockets.

"Youn-Young, Young Older Sister? You-You? You! You actually have two mystic beasts? Th-This, This is a ph-ph-phoe-phoenix?" Please excuse the little fatty for stammering. It was truly that he had rarely seen a mystic cultivator actually possessing two mystic beasts in his lifetime.

The little fatty did not notice that Qi Xuanxuan, who was standing next to him, had already become petrified.

Qi Xuanxuan was cognizant that Qiaoqiao also had a white snakelet!

The bloodfire phoenix proudly swept its phoenix tail and flew to Qiao Mu's side.

When she leaped up, the fire phoenix rose straight up into the air with a whoosh. It spread its wings, with fire clusters burning at both of its wingtips!

Just as the human and phoenix flew midway across Molten Lava Crossing, they heard splashing sounds.

Numerous meter-long saber-toothed red snappers jumped out from the molten lava and chomped at Qiao Mu and the fire phoenix with their big gaping mouths.

"Shriek." The bloodfire phoenix gave a shrill cry, instantly producing a wall of fire below in defense.

Like a wall erected out of raging flames, the saber-toothed red snappers that jumped up to bite got bashed back down by the blazing wall of fire.

Qiao Mu pointed at Qi Xuanxuan and the little fatty, and the bloodfire phoenix turned around to dive toward the pair.

Qi Xuanxuan and the little fatty both felt their hearts beating like crazy. They knew that the phoenix wouldn't attack them, but seeing a humongous phoenix diving down straight at them and instantly enveloping them with heat waves that hit them in the face was incomparably spine-tingling!

Qiao Mu reached out and flung the two onto the fire phoenix's back.

Afterwards, the fire phoenix turned around by sweeping an arc with its wings in mid-air before flying across Molten Lava Crossing to the other side.

Chapter 1616: A Flashy Entrance!

The saber-toothed red snappers flopped out of the molten lava and jumped one hundred meters into the air, but after crashing into the wall of fire, they got smacked by the heat of the flames and went tumbling down.

Qi Xuanxuan and the little fatty both heaved a sigh of relief. They sat up straight on the bloodfire phoenix's back, afraid to glance around recklessly.

After releasing a crisp, shrill cry, the bloodfire phoenix flapped its huge wings toward the Lava Mountain Range and up to the mountaintop.

The little fatty instantly realized that he had truly made the right decision by hugging the little lady's thigh!

Otherwise, it would simply be a freakin' impossible task for his small turtle to climb up this lofty Lava Mountain Range!

The ancient bloodfire phoenix's vast and mighty aura exuded a massive pressure that directly crushed the beasts hibernating in the Lava Mountain Range.

The beasts that had originally intended to climb out for a glimpse of the phoenix's magnificence could only wrap their paws around their heads and cower in their dens.

This was the first time that Qiao Mu discovered that the egg was so useful. She rubbed his feathery head and remarked with heartfelt words, "Giving you so much black spirit jade to eat did have some effect."

Ever since finding out that there was possibly black spirit jade inside the glacial pond, the little fellow had left him to his own devices.

Actually, she truly was a little master who was very generous to her beasts.

She didn't make a comment and let him be even after the bloodfire phoenix had squatted inside the glacial pond and eaten over a thousand pieces of black spirit jade.

Even when the sapling had spoken badly of the phoenix egg many times to her, urging her to kick that squanderer out of the glacial pond, she chose to ignore Qiuqiu.

Not only was black spirit jade useful for replenishing the five spirits, it was also extremely nourishing to beasts in the divine realm and above.

Unfortunately, one could only come across such things serendipitously. She wondered if there was any extra black spirit jade left at the bottom of the glacial pond.

Qiao Mu's gaze glimmered, and she gently stroked the bloodfire phoenix's fiery head again. "Fiery, let Master ask you something. Is there still black spirit jade at the bottom of the glacial pond?"

The bloodfire phoenix nodded vigorously. "There's still a lot, Master. When do you want to go check it out? I'll take you there!"

Qiao Mu nodded. "There's no hurry. Let's head to the mountaintop first."

"Hey, look there! There seems to be someone standing on that rock!"

Qiao Mu followed the little fatty's finger with her gaze. Sure enough, on top of a rock jutting out from the summit, there stood... a fool waving a small yellow flag!

Mhm, he just looked like a fool!

He was clearly using that small yellow flag to wave at them!

What were you waving at? Waving, my foot! Since you weren't at the foot of the mountain to guide students up, we students could only think of a way ourselves!

Qiao Mu glanced over and deadpanned, "There's no one."

Qi Xuanxuan: ...

The little fatty: ...

"Shriek!!" The bloodfire phoenix gave a shrill cry and circled around the summit of the Lava Mountain Range before descending.

The force from the descent whipped up fierce winds, practically blinding everybody on the summit with flying sand and pebbles.

Many female students reflexively blocked their eyes from the billowing sand with their hands, but they still started coughing from the sand that got into their mouths.

"Bam!" The phoenix landed on the summit with outspread wings. His gorgeous fiery-red feathers extended outward and practically forced everybody back until they nearly had no place to stand.

"Holy sh*t! Are my eyes playing tricks on me? This? This? I-Is? Is a mystic beast?..."

Chapter 1617: Come Battle If You're Not Convinced

"It looks like what I had once seen on a record of divine beasts and mythological creatures—an ancient fire phoenix!"

Goodness, which patrician family's pampered lady had run all the way here to study at this god-forsaken academy?

Qiao Mu stretched out her hand.

The bloodfire phoenix gave a shrill cry before morphing into a ball of flames, rushing back into her body to rest on Paradise Planet.

There were many male and female youths standing on the summit. They all looked at Qiao Mu, Qi Xuanxuan, and the little fatty with surprise and astonishment.

Qi Xuanxuan and the little fatty suddenly felt immense pressure following Miss Qiao forward. What was going on with being the focus of everybody's attention?

"Cough, cough. Cough!" The pitiful fellow on the rock who was waving the small yellow flag hastily flew down. He continued coughing to clear his throat from the sand as he hollered at them with narrowed

eyes, "You guys? Who are you people! Why have you intruded into our Apex Academy without permission?"

Qiao Mu turned to give that young man a cold look.

Dressed in a plain cyan robe, he had thick eyebrows and large eyes. He looked like quite the simple-minded fellow.

Qi Xuanxuan put her hands on her waist and barked, "Isn't it your academy who is recruiting students and wants us to come! You still have the gall to ask? Are you recruiting or are you harming students by setting such a difficult test!"

"What, what did you say? What test?"

"The red river at the foot of the mountain is formed from molten lava and makes a circle around the mountain. Besides flying, how else could we cross!"

After getting rebuked by Qi Xuanxuan, the cyan-robed young man stammered, "W-We, we had, we had been sending people to the foot of the mountain these past few days to guide students up! I-it's you guys, you guys who missed, the time to ascend the mountain."

Who knew that there were still people coming up on this last day?

And they had freakin' come up by riding on a fire phoenix. Wasn't this too godd*mn flashy

Besides, he had been vigorously waving a small yellow flag at them from on top of the rock at the summit earlier to signal for them to land at the entrance!

Yet these people just brazenly flew all the way up to the summit and landed where a crowd gathered. It was obvious that this was to show off in order to grab everybody's attention!

Moreover, the other students had generally arrived at the red river one to two days in advance. It was obvious from a glance that these three people were pampered young ladies and masters from affluent families. They simply weren't able to endure hardships, without an earnest attitude toward learning!

"Get rid of that scorn and those suspicions in your mind." Qiao Mu abruptly extended a leg and drew a gray circle in the ground with the tip of her foot. "Come battle if you're not convinced!"

Qi Xuanxuan: ...

The little fatty: ... This great aunt was so blunt! But why the heck did he like this kind of temper so much? The more he saw, the more it was to his liking!

"The first person to leave this circle loses, and they must apologize!" Qiao Mu stood inside the ring and beckoned to the cyan-robed young man with her finger. "Come."

Don't spout nonsense! Let's just fight. There wasn't time to waste her breath.

Everyone: "..."

What was going on? They had yet to recover from the shock of "I had seen an ancient fire phoenix," and now they were dumbfounded by this scene of "Hurry and come battle!"

The cyan-robed man had evidently been angered into laughter. He flicked his robe with his hand before he strode into the ring with a huff. "Little Miss, it's not good to be too arrogant. You need to know that there's always someone better out there! You must always maintain a modest and prudent attitude..."

"Boom!" Qiao Mu yanked his arm and turned her arm to drag him to the ground.. She pressed the cyan-robed man to the ground, causing the left side of his face to eat the dirt.

Chapter 1618: The Gap in Their Strength

The cyan-robed man did not realize what had happened until his face hit the hard ground and he smelled the scent of dirt that he had been single-handedly pressed down into in an instant.

Oh my Heavens!

He, an adult man—no, no, no—he, an adult man who was about to break through to level-two spiritual cultivation, had actually been KO'd... by a 14 to 15-year-old girl!

How was he supposed to deal with this!

"There is no need to be prudent when dealing with you guys." Qiao Mu released her grip and stepped back. She then squinted her eyes and beckoned toward him. "Again."

The cyan-robed man only felt his face burning up as he got up from the ground while covered in dirt. He looked at Qiao Mu in embarrassment and stated with a light cough, "Little Miss, I had slackened my vigilance just now. This time I won't hold back, so be careful..."

"Boom!!" Qiao Mu sidestepped and closed in quickly on him before lifting her leg.

Even though the cyan-robed man had reacted quickly by wrapping both hands in spiritual energy for a frontal block, it still was not able to ward off Qiao Mu's ferocious kick.

In the blink of an eye, the cyan-robed man flew up and out of the ring, and the surrounding students quickly retreated backwards.

After getting kicked out from the ring, the man crashed heavily to the ground with a thud.

This time, everyone looked at Qiao Mu with a hint of terror.

If the first time she single-handedly subdued the quasi-level-two spiritual cultivator could be attributed to luck, this time, the other party didn't even have the ability to block her frontal attack!

This was her strength!

As Qiao Mu sauntered forward, everybody subconsciously backed away in absolute silence, clearing out a semi-circular space in the middle.

Qiao Mu walked up to the cyan-robed man and spat coldy, "Apologize."

At this moment, the cyan-robed man found it hard to contain his agony as he nodded and said quietly, "S-Sorry, I-I had made irresponsible assumptions."

“Be careful next time! Don’t randomly look down on people when you don’t know the situation.” Qiao Mu stated coldly, “We came late only because we got lost!”

The little fatty, who had originally been immersed in the awe of “the little lady is so powerful and amazing,” nearly tripped. His lips twitched uncontrollably as he quibbled in his mind: What an honest-to-a-fault little great aunt! You didn’t really need to add on that last sentence!

“What is this commotion!”

Just as everyone was jabbering in discussion, a cold voice projected over the entire area and instantly muted everyone’s voices.

A middle-aged man over forty strode over. His sharp hawk-like eyes locked onto Qiao Mu and company.

“It’s you people who are causing trouble?”

The little fatty and Qi Xuanxuan exchanged glances. They both stepped out in unison and stood beside Qiao Mu before they all looked toward that middle-aged man.

The middle-aged man snorted. “Was it you people who rode a fire phoenix to the summit and caused a panic?”

The little fatty scoffed. “Panicking just because of a mystic beast? If they’re so weak, they might as well stay at home and embroider flowers! What would be the use of embarking on the path of cultivation for longevity?”

Qiao Mu curved her lips and nodded in agreement.

Qi Xuanxuan mocked, “They might even be scared of needles if you ask them to embroider. They might as well stay as young ladies and young masters at home.”

“You guys!” The students’ faces alternated between green and white.

Chapter 1619: You Are Not Welcomed Here!

The middle-aged man frowned as he reprimanded the trio, “If you want to throw your weight around as young ladies and young masters of patrician families, then you have come to the wrong place! You should go to the four great Sun, Moon, Star, and Celestial academies instead!”

“That is truly where the distinguished personages congregate,” the middle-aged man stated coldly.

However, Qiao Mu was getting irritated. Why did they just encounter these self-opinionated people everywhere?

They might as well find a naturally-formed cave abode and cultivate on their own. How was it worth wasting so much time on these baffling people and matters?

Having made up her mind, the little fellow promptly turned around to leave without a word. She directly waved at Qi Xuanxuan and the little fatty behind her.

The middle-aged man was momentarily stunned.

He really didn't expect this student before him to have such a huge temper. She immediately turned around to leave without even bothering to give an explanation?

"Qiaoqiao." Qi Xuanxuan hastily caught up to her.

If even Qiaoqiao wasn't staying here, then what was the use of her doing so?

The little fatty looked back at the middle-aged man before chasing after the two girls too. "Wait for me, let's descend the mountain together."

"You people!" The middle-aged man clenched his fists and gave a sneer. He shouted after the trio's backs, "You simply aren't suited to studying at Apex Academy with such supercilious and uncooperative attitudes."

"Right, you're not welcomed here!"

"Leave quickly!"

The group of students also started shouting at once.

Qiao Mu turned around and swept them over with a look of disdain. She snapped, "You good-for-nothings don't deserve to be my schoolmates."

She could sense a feeling of extreme aversion from these people.

For some reason, these people rejected her, Qi Xuanxuan, and the little fatty very much even though it was their first time meeting.

Since this was the case, why should she treat them with a tolerant attitude?

The little fellow had always returned kindness tenfold and wickedness a hundredfold.

That's why she really did not like these students at all.

So what if they didn't welcome her. She didn't have to stay here at this lousy academy.

Qiao Mu walked forward and was just about to summon the bloodfire phoenix again to depart.

Yet suddenly, she saw one step after another descending from mid-air, forming a transparent staircase.

That staircase looked transparent at first sight, but she was astonished when she studied it closer.

It turned out that these steps were erected using the water spirit. As if descending from the highest heavens, these steps went on without end.

Holy cow! Such powerful control over spiritual water.

Qiao Mu and the other two blinked their eyes as they arched their necks together to look at this sight.

Not only did they act this way, in reality all the students at the summit of the Lava Mountain Range were showing looks of astonishment.

They had never seen such a stunning sight.

The staircase formed from the water spirit unfurled to the ground with gleaming steps. It was as if that person had spiritual energy so boundless that he could use it wantonly.

When the middle-aged man glimpsed the staircase formed from the water spirit, he hastily bowed in its direction. "Wei Xu greets Dean Yun."

The students were not fools. Seeing Mentor Wei Xu bowing so respectfully toward the southeast, they hastily mimicked him too.

A plainly-dressed man with a chilly expression and long, loose hair walked down from the steps.. He didn't look to be going that quickly, but he had practically arrived before Qiao Mu's group of three in a single breath.

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The man's chilly gaze locked onto Qiao Mu's left wrist at once.

An indistinct, lustrous emerald color glimmered on the surface of that flawless white jade bangle.

The man's gaze flickered, and his gaze moved upward to the frosty little face. He asked in surprise, "You are a disciple of the Holy Water Sect?"

Qiao Mu was also stunned. It was only then that she recalled that Murong Xun had mentioned in her letter that she just needed to let the dean of Apex Academy see the jade bangle.

She had forgotten this fact!

So what if she remembered it now? She had already decided to not stay in this annoying academy anymore.

The little fellow herself was someone who was unwilling to be restrained or fettered by any restrictions, but you just had to be so nitpicky. Sorry, could you just scram!

"What is your name?"

Qiao Mu swept that man a look before answering reluctantly, "Qiao Mu."

The plainly-dressed man nodded and beckoned toward her. "Follow me."

Mentor Wei Xu's eyes bulged at this sight and hastily went up to block Dean Yun's path. He spoke candidly, "Dean, these students have yet to participate in the entrance exam. Accordingly, they cannot be admitted directly."

"This does not conform to the rules." The middle-aged man continued with his candid report, "Furthermore, these people have been putting on the airs of young ladies and young masters of patrician families from beginning to end. They do not know the immensity of heaven and earth and only know to make trouble and create disturbances. They are truly not suited to joining the academy. It will ruin the learning atmosphere here."

“No matter.” Yet who knew Dean Yun would just give him these two words in response to the middle-aged man’s long speech.

This truly was a bit...

The middle-aged man felt like he had done an arduous but thankless task. When he looked up and saw that Dean Yun had already made up his mind, he kept his mouth shut.

Dean Yun beckoned to Qiao Mu again. “Follow me.”

Qiao Mu was surprised. Even though this dean had a chilly expression, he treated her rather kindly.

Since it would not do to snub someone who was doing her a favor, it was naturally not nice for her to go against his wishes. She thus followed after him.

There almost seemed to be a voice in her mind telling her nonstop that she should follow him, that she must follow him!

“Wait.” Qi Xuanxuan turned to look at the little fatty and Qi Xuanxuan. “They came together with me. We either leave together, or we stay together.”

Dean Yun glanced back at Qi Xuanxuan and the little fatty. He said with a nod, “Wei Xu.”

“Dean.” The middle-aged man bowed.

“Arrange for them to do the entrance exam with everybody else.”

Wei Xu was surprised. He knew Dean Yun very well. Since the dean had already made his decision, there was no use for him to say any more. He subsequently nodded and answered yes in response.

This summit was covered in cottages made from piled rocks. These rocks were crimson, or perhaps it was because of the molten lava circling the mountain that caused this entire Lava Mountain Range to look bright red.

Qiao Mu passed by many stone cottages constructed from red bricks as she followed Yun Cong.

It wasn’t until the two ambled all the way to the rear mountain of Lava Mountain Range’s summit that Dean Yun suddenly stopped and looked back at her. “Your name is Qiao Mu?”

Qiao Mu nodded. “Mhm, my name is Qiao Mu.”

Yun Cong sighed. “Since you are a disciple of the Holy Water Sect, don’t worry about anything and stay here at our Apex Academy to study.”

“You should have only just arrived, so there’s much for you to learn. Have you grasped the energy of the five spirits?”

Qiao Mu nodded.

“Catalyze the energy of the five spirits in your body so I can take a look.”