

## **My Crown 1661**

### **Chapter 1661: Cleaning Up the Battlefield in Advance**

“You all don’t see her?” Fairy Huanghe screeched.

Her teammates looked at her like she was a mental patient.

They simply didn’t understand what she was screaming about!

“You’re using an invisibility talisman!!” Fairy Huanghe let out a higher-pitched scream than before, and she pointed at Qiao Mu with wide eyes.

Everyone held their weapons at the ready as if facing a formidable foe. They looked vigilantly toward where Fairy Huanghe was pointing.

*What?*

*Fairy Huanghe was saying that there was someone within the beast pack?!*

*F\*ck, there was actually somebody inside this sea of beasts. Who exactly was this?*

Qiao Mu was ushering the big rhino to drive away the small mystic beasts around it.

When she reached the spiritual beast, she leaped toward its back.

However, the moment she landed on this spiritual beast’s back, she could sense its intensifying wrath.

It seemed to want to shake her off with all its might, and an angry roar erupted from its mouth.

After releasing this roar, the beast pack started stirring restlessly in agitation. The beasts surged toward Fairy Huanghe and company in a fierce attack.

All the beasts fought with Fairy Huanghe and the others with all their might without care for their lives.

Fairy Huanghe and company couldn’t help but groan in agony.

This had originally been a very simple matter. Fairy Huanghe had issued a mission to find fire-bellied snakes, and she was also heading the team personally. As long as they found the fire-bellied snakes, that would be it!

Yet they didn’t expect, didn’t expect it!

That the situation would actually develop this way.

“Chirp, Chirpy!” A fat squirrel suddenly hopped down from the big rhino’s back. It then bounced back and forth among the mystic beasts’ corpses on the ground.

If someone observed it closely, they would definitely be able to discover that every time this fat squirrel landed on a mystic beast carcass, it would precisely dissect the skull with its sharp claws to extract the core within.

Therefore, the little fat squirrel had basically scavenged all the mystic beast cores on the battlefield.

How pitiful it was that Fairy Huanghe and the others were simply unaware of this matter. Even when they cleaned up the battlefield afterwards, they could only admit to their bad luck. They had freakin' killed so many mystic beasts, yet not a single one had a core!

"Was it you, were you the one who found so many mystic beasts to attack us? Why!" Fairy Huanghe screamed toward Qiao Mu hysterically.

Qiao Mu glanced at her speechlessly. She then clobbered that spiritual beast, forcing it to skedaddle in a hurry.

That super large spiritual beast had a tiger's head, but its running speed was much faster than ordinary tigers'.

As it barrelled through the beast pack, it even knocked some mystic beasts unconscious.

Qiao Mu stabbed her sharp ice spike at its head.

The spiritual beast jumped up abruptly, wanting to shake Qiao Mu off with an angry roar.

Unfortunately, no matter how wildly it tried to run and shake its body, Qiao Mu continued to sit firmly on its back.

"Roar, roar!"

"Fairy Huanghe, what exactly happened just now??" Everybody else was unable to see what Qiao Mu was doing and hastily asked Fairy Huanghe. They were a bit tense and couldn't suppress their agitation.

Fairy Huanghe's expression was also rather strange.

She saw clearly just now that the little lady wanted to lead that super large spiritual beast away from the beast pack.

*In that case, she had misunderstood her!*

*The little lady clearly wasn't a bad person..*

Chapter 1662: Refining Pills Is This Easy?

Not only was the little lady not a bad person, she even had an extremely noble moral character.

Look at how she dared to fight for these people she had never seen before by taking the initiative to draw the spiritual beast's attention. What a noble child she was!

"Little Miss, allow me to assist you!" Fairy Huanghe shouted.

Yet just as she wanted to fly up and give Qiao Mu a helping hand, Che Ruman collapsed to the ground in exhaustion beside her.

Her head hit the ground hard with a "thud." The sound instantly made Fairy Huanghe halt her footsteps and look at Che Ruman.

On the other hand, Qiao Mu glanced back at Fairy Huanghe and blinked her eyes in puzzlement. She hastily drove this spiritual beast toward where Duanmu Qing and the rest were.

She didn't understand why the woman who was screaming at her earlier had changed her attitude in an instant and now wanted to help her?

Sigh, women really were fickle and hard to understand. Qiaoqiao didn't get it!

Upon seeing Qiao Mu finally bringing that spiritual beast back after some struggle, Duanmu Qing and the rest immediately ganged up on it again before finishing it off.

Qiao Mu knitted her brows as she gazed afar at the mystic beast droves. She scratched her petite nose and asked with a light cough, "Have you guys discovered that there are very few spiritual beasts here?"

Weren't their numbers pitiful?

That medicinal powder had already attracted more than a thousand mystic beasts, yet there was still barely a trace of any spiritual beasts.

They also had to struggle a lot just to guide the two spiritual beasts that had happened to run over out from the mystic beast droves.

"Could it be that there just aren't that many spiritual beasts in this Zone One?" Qi Xuanxuan brought up a point.

The little fatty nodded upon hearing this. "I think that might be possible."

"Then I'll first make a medicinal powder to drive away the beast pack. Later, let's find a place closer to Zone Two before trying this medicinal powder again."

Everyone nodded in agreement at this.

Qiao Mu thus summoned the Nine Stars Mirroring the Moon Cauldron from her conscious pool and set it on the ground. She started refining a medicinal powder to drive away the mystic beasts.

Everyone felt that watching her refine medicine was simply artistry in the making.

The entire process, starting from when the little lady cheerfully took out the medicinal materials she needed up until completion, only took a few minutes.

Qi Xuanxuan asked uncontrollably, "It turns out that refining pills is this simple?"

Qiao Mu was startled, but then she said while shaking her head, "It's this Nine Stars Mirroring the Moon Cauldron that is incredible. It has simplified the steps for refining medicine."

Before this, when Qiao Mu was using a stewing pot to refine pills, she had to select her medicinal materials and grind them to extract their essence. Of course, she also had to watch the fire and control the flame after that...

In contrast, the Nine Stars Mirroring the Moon Cauldron automatically extracted the essence from the medicinal materials and expelled all the dregs. That's why this middle step could be omitted.

Besides, this step of watching the fire could also be omitted since the Nine Stars Mirroring the Moon Cauldron's cauldron fire would automatically adjust the flame to suit the medicinal materials inside.

If it was refining a pill, she perhaps had to spend some more time.

After all, pill formation was dependent on the strength of the flame.

But Qiao Mu was merely refining some medicinal powder at present. That was simply too easy since she didn't even need to liquefy the medicinal powder with the fire. Medicinal powder was the easiest to make, so that's why she only needed approximately five minutes.

She liked this little cauldron more and more now. She had simply scavenged a treasure by exchanging this cauldron for a mystic breakthrough pill and a blood stasis dispersing pill!

After Qiao Mu finished refining the medicinal powder, she collected it in a porcelain bottle.

Chapter 1663: A Beautiful Misunderstanding

Qiao Mu stroked her little cauldron with a faint smile on her lips.

As if sensing its master's affection for it, the little cauldron glowed faintly in response.

Finally, she put the little cauldron away into her conscious pool with a whoosh.

Qiao Mu then coughed lightly before looking up at Qi Xuanxuan and the rest. "You guys should go a bit farther away. This medicinal powder doesn't smell all that nice."

It's more than not nice!

It simply stinks to the high heavens!

The moment she scattered that medicinal powder, everyone looked like they were constipated.

Qiao Mu finished scattering the medicinal powder calmly and collectedly before getting back with them again.

Qi Xuanxuan pinched her nose and asked Qiao Mu curiously, "Qiaoqiao, don't you find it stinky?"

Wasn't that stoic face too unperturbed!

Qiao Mu shook her head. She looked at the gagging little fatty and deadpanned, "Oh, I blocked my sense of smell."

What???

Ma Ta, the little fatty, and Qi Xuanxuan all looked at Qiao Mu in dumbfoundment.

See, wasn't this little one toying around with them?

Couldn't she just have told them to block their sense of smell like her from the start? Why did she make them go farther away in dead earnest?

It was just freakin' like they wouldn't be able to smell the stench if they went farther away?

Beside them, Duanmu Qing burst out in laughter while looking at Qiao Mu unblinkingly.

He didn't know whether it was just his false impression.

He felt that this little lady had been avoiding his gaze both wittingly and unwittingly this whole time.

Duanmu Qing couldn't help but crease his brows when he came to this conclusion.

The little expression that Qiao Mu swept at Ma Ta and the others was simply...!

Those cold eyes were clearly saying 'Are you stupid? You don't even know to block your sense of smell when it's stinky and have to be taught.'

Ma Ta was unable to respond.

Qi Xuanxuan and the little fatty exchanged glances before both letting out a sigh.

Fine, they got tricked by the little stoic!

"Let's go!" Qiao Mu waved her petite hand.

The group of five headed for Zone Two.

The mentor had said earlier that they were responsible for their own actions if they treaded into Zone Two.

There was a divine beast presiding over Zone Two that was not to be provoked.

But it wasn't like it wasn't okay to do something weird at the entrance to Zone Two!

Qiao Mu's party moved quickly before noiselessly retreating from the boulders.

On the other hand, the several teams that had been fighting the mystic beasts were all incredibly worn out. They lamented that their lives were about to come to an end here.

"The mystic beasts are withdrawing!" Someone suddenly shouted.

Fairy Huanghe, who was holding a mystic weapon with a shaky hand, promptly also discovered that the beast pack was slowly retreating.

These beasts were not attacking them like mad anymore. Instead, they were scampering everywhere chaotically like headless flies.

Fairy Huanghe's gaze flickered as she watched the mystic beast drives receding like the tide. She let out a long sigh of relief and said, "It's all thanks to that miss's assistance."

"Fairy, what happened?"

"I had misunderstood that miss earlier. That miss has a noble character and unquestionable integrity. She took the initiative to guide away a powerful spiritual beast without regard for personal danger," Fairy Huanghe praised profusely.

"I'm thinking that these mystic beasts are retreating because they've sensed that the spiritual beast has left and are now lacking a leader."

Only then did everyone understand, and they also nodded while concurring, "It's only Fairy who saw that high-minded miss."

"Yeah, if we encounter that miss next time, we must thank her."

#### **Chapter 1664: Seizing Every Fleeting Opportunity...**

Fairy Huanghe nodded with a smile when she heard this. She looked down at the mystic beast carcasses at her feet. "Everybody clean up the battlefield and see if there are any mystic beast cores and the like."

"Some mystic beasts' furs and teeth can be exchanged for a bit of spirit currency. Feel free to gather them and share with each other." When Fairy Huanghe gave the word, her ten or so teammates immediately cheered and went up to examine the mystic beast carcasses.

But soon, everyone discovered that they could not find even a single core from the numerous mystic beast carcasses on the ground.

"Fairy, this really is peculiar. This sawtooth wolf mystic beast doesn't even have a single tooth."

"Yeah, I've looked for so long but I haven't found a core from any mystic beast."

"Fairy, I've only found three snake galls from the fire-bellied snakes. All the other fire-bellied snakes have no snake galls at all."

Fairy Huanghe was stunned before she also went up and bent down to check. As expected, she saw that many of the mystic beasts' skulls had clearly been dug open previously.

But what was strange was that these skulls didn't look like someone had cut them open with a blade. Instead, it seemed like they had been clawed open with bare paws.

Fairy Huanghe could not make heads or tails of it and could only say while standing up, "Looks like there must be some formidable spiritual beast hiding in the shadows. Let's hurry to clean up and leave the Lava Mountain Range immediately."

"Masta, Masta, look at this, a fire sable's fur. It can become a fire sable fur cloak for Masta! Also a sawtooth wolf's teeth, Masta do you like necklaces crafted from sawtooth wolf teeth?"

"No." Qiao Mu cut off the little fat squirrel's incessant chattering with a headache.

"Tut-tut, if Masta doesn't want them, they can all be sold for money!"

"There's this, there's this too—the snake galls of fire-bellied snakes. Masta, do you like it?"

Qiao Mu's face remained stoic as she pocketed the two storage talismans the little fat squirrel turned over. She said with a nod, "Not bad."

The snake galls of fire-bellied snakes were a necessary ingredient in refining fire spirit pills. That was a nice harvest.

The fat squirrel immediately chirped in glee.

*Masta said she liked it...*

Qiao Mu turned her head and noticed the other four people's dumbstruck expressions.

It turned out that Qiaoqiao had actually sent out this fat squirrel to clean up the battlefield in advance with storage talismans.

*Then was there anything left for those people?*

The four of them could not help but silently give their sympathies to Fairy Huanghe and company.

They felt that if Fairy Huanghe and them knew the truth, they would absolutely whup Qiaoqiao to death.

This person seized every fleeting opportunity. Not only did she take away numerous cores and snake galls, but she also didn't even spare the mystic beasts' teeth and furs...

She calmly walked in front of everyone while carrying that somewhat heavy little fat squirrel.

She did not think that Little Chirpy had gone too far at all!

This originally should've been the case!

Besides, she had put in effort to attract those mystic beasts over. She naturally couldn't let Che Ruman and them profit from the spoils.

The group of five eventually reached the boundary between Zone One and Two while following the map in their minds.

The scarlet rocks here were more immense than the ones inside Zone One, with each piece as tall and broad as an adult man.

Each rock had queer and cragged shapes, standing before them in picturesque disorder.

Qiao Mu took out the medicinal powder that attracted mystic beasts from her pocket. She gestured for the other four to disperse before scattering some of the medicinal powder.

Soon, they heard two beast roars coming from deep within the rock forest..

Chapter 1665: A Cup of Spiritual Tea

It was evening, and the sky had completely turned dark.

This time, Qiao Mu had scattered a rather appropriate amount of medicinal powder. Only ten or so mystic beasts and three spiritual beasts had come while tracing the scent.

They only hunted those three spiritual beasts and let the rest go.

Nighttime in the Lava Mountain Range was very hard to endure.

Because once night set, the temperature in the mountain range would become even hotter than during the day.

If during the day, you felt like you were inside a large smelting furnace, sweating like rain with any slight movement...

Then at nighttime, you would discover that you were situated at the center of the smelting furnace. Even if you lay there without moving, you would still want to pant from the heat.

Everyone rested feebly against the rocks, but merely sitting there made them feel like they were suffocating. It was like their bodies were roasting inside intense flames, and it was extremely unbearable.

Qiao Mu generated an ice ball, but when it melted from the Lava Mountain Range's heat in less than a minute, she didn't bother to waste her mystic energy anymore.

There wasn't much use in making it anyway since it would evaporate within minutes from the heat.

Like the others, Qiao Mu dozed off to replenish the strength she had expended.

She planned to scatter some more medicinal powder after dawn broke to ensnare more spiritual beasts.

Being able to hunt five spiritual beasts on the first day was a pretty good achievement for them.

They would do their best to finish their mission tomorrow, and then they could contact Wei Xu.

"Masta, Masta, do you want me to drag you into Paradise Planet to sleep?" The sapling Qiuqiu's voice rang in Qiao Mu's ears.

Paradise Planet was perpetually in spring and made people comfortable all year long, while the mystic energy there was also dense and thick.

But Qiao Mu did not want to just hide inside Paradise Planet whenever she encountered trouble.

Besides, it was just that the environment she was resting in was somewhat vile.

Compared to the even more vile environments she had arduously endured in her previous life, how could she be so pampered in this life?

She steadfastly shook her head. She could endure it. Spoiling herself wasn't good.

"Then, how about Qiuqiu let you take a sip of the spiritual tea I just brewed?"

Miss Qiao smacked her slightly parched lips. Her eyes immediately lit up as she communicated in her mind, "Qiuqiu, you've already harvested the spiritual tea tree?"

"That's right. I've already plucked the first batch. But there's only 30 taels. It's only enough for 500 brews."

Thirty taels was too little right!

It was worthy of being a precious spiritual tea tree. Its yield was pitifully scanty.

"Masta, don't worry. The spiritual tea tree can be harvested every two weeks. In the future, when our Paradise Planet transforms into a spiritual domain, its yield will probably be able to double."

But that's merely a 60-ael yield, Qiao Mu groused.



“Do you want a cup to refresh yourself, Masta?” The sapling Qiuqiu’s voice lured enticingly.

Miss Qiao nodded inexplicably.

Afterwards, a steaming cup of spiritual tea was sent into Qiao Mu’s petite hands.

It turned out that Qiuqiu had already prepared it beforehand and was just waiting for her to give the okay.

A faint spiritual energy, mixed in among the pristine and refreshing tea fragrance, wafted in the scorching air.

Qiao Mu took a sniff and smelled a lingering tea fragrance. When she took a sip, she felt her body relax considerably. In an instant, most of the fatigue had left her body.

Wasn’t this way too effective.

Qiao Mu looked down at the spiritual tea before drinking it all in one gulp.

Chapter 1666: Tea at Midnight

After she finished drinking this cup of tea, a fragrance lingered in her mouth, and both her body and mind felt at ease.

Qiao Mu felt warm and comfortable, no longer feeling the scorching and sweltering temperatures.

It felt like her entire body was soaking in a hot spring. It was extremely relaxing.

“Qiuqiu, pour me another cup. Was this brewed with three grams of spiritual tea?”

“Correct, Masta.” Masta had a very precise grasp over the weight of medicinal materials, so she was naturally able to apply this mastery to spiritual tea and figure out the exact amount used.

A green vine took the teacup back to Paradise Planet and came back out with a steaming cup of spiritual tea in less than a second, placing it into Qiao Mu’s hands.

After drinking another cup of spiritual tea, Qiao Mu could sense that her body had completely replenished all the mystic energy that had been expended.

With the third cup, Qiao Mu could even feel a thread of spiritual energy circulating through her meridians, slowly tempering them.

Compared to the amount of mystic energy in her body, this bit of spiritual energy was like a drop in the ocean. It immediately settled without a trace.

Yet it could not be denied that if she was to continue drinking this spiritual energy regularly, it would naturally be able to alter her meridians imperceptibly over time. It would help her mold her spiritual meridians and increase the amount of spiritual energy in her body.

By the fourth infusion, the effects were somewhat less prominent.

Only after drinking seven cups in a row did Qiao Mu feel that the spiritual tea in her cup tasted no different from normal tea.

But normal tea basically had no flavor that could be savored by the seventh infusion either.

Qiao Mu set down her teacup, and she observed that her strength had already recovered to its peak. Even if three spiritual beasts ran over right now, she could fight them all at once.

“Qiuqiu, brew another four servings of tea.” She was going to treat her teammates to tea!

Qiuqiu groused, “This tea is very expensive! There’s only enough for 500 servings. There’ll be less every time you drink it! And can their weakling bodies even handle this spiritual tea.”

Although the grumbling didn’t stop, Qiuqiu still ran to brew the tea. Soon, Qiuqiu told her that the tea was ready.

Qiao Mu turned a deaf ear to the grouching Qiuqiu and got up excitedly. She ran over and naughtily shook her teammates awake one by one.

Duanmu Qing hadn’t really fallen into a deep sleep, so when he sensed someone walking up to him, he opened his eyes at once.

Qiao Mu had been hesitating over whether to push him awake. When she saw him suddenly open his eyes, she reflexively stepped backwards. She averted her eyes guiltily for some reason and said with a light cough, “Ah, since you’re awake, come drink some tea.”

The little fatty yawned while covering his mouth, and he grumbled groggily, “Qiaoqiao, I thought that there was some mystic beast attacking us in the middle of the night.”

What was wrong with this kid? Waking them up in the middle of the night to drink tea!

“What do you mean by drinking tea. I want to sleep.” Qi Xuanxuan sat there with a drooping head and with her whole body drenched in sweat. It felt so unbearably sticky.

“Come, come. Drink tea.” Qiao Mu handed a cup of tea to each of them. “Bottoms up.”

Unable to refuse her hospitality, the other four were bemused and started drinking the tea.

After half a night’s sleep, they did indeed feel a bit thirsty. This cup of tea was indeed timely.

The other four’s eyes immediately widened once the tea entered their stomachs.

As if he had returned from the grave, the little fatty sputtered, “Qiao, Qiaoqiao, this tea, tea?”

It was so strange. Where did Qiaoqiao get this tea from in the middle of the night? It was freakin’ still steaming too!

“What do you think?” Qiao Mu wanted to know if the effects of them drinking the spiritual tea were the same as it was for her.

**Chapter 1667:** Busy the Whole Night

“It’s awesome!” The little fatty slapped his thigh, and he instantly felt his mind become energetic.

“I feel so comfortable, like my body is soaking in a hot spring. I suddenly don’t feel hot anymore!” Qi Xuanxuan’s eyes lit up. She felt like the stinky and sticky sweat had also vanished from her body.

Even though she was sitting in this Lava Mountain Range that was engulfed in heat waves, she could still feel the cool night breeze caressing her face.

“Right, right, right. This tea is too miraculous!” All his pores had opened up. What was going on with this feeling of relaxation?

A teapot appeared in Qiao Mu’s hands. She poured another cup of tea for the other four. “Have another cup!”

The four quickly picked up their cups and did not bother to talk anymore. They didn’t care about whether the tea would scald them either and gulped the tea down like they were downing water.

“How do you feel?” Qiao Mu inquired again.

“I, I feel like my entire body is filled with mystic energy. The mystic energy I used up earlier has recovered!” The little fatty shouted while stammering, his eyes full of disbelief.

Wasn’t this too fast?

Even a mystic-returning medicinal solution wasn’t so good!

The normal mystic-returning medicinal solution circulating on the market recovered at most 10 percent of one’s mystic energy per use.

On the other hand, this normal cup of tea actually... actually recovered 100 percent of their mystic energy!

My Heavens, what kind of tea was this exactly?

Qiao Mu earnestly recorded the effects with a small brush and notebook.

That was to say, the first infusion of this spiritual tea could purge a person’s limbs, bones, and meridians, making you feel like you were bathing in a hot spring.

The second infusion would recover all of your strength.

While it was probably the third infusion that would inject a minute amount of spiritual energy into your body.

The effects weren’t that great for the subsequent infusions.

After putting away her notebook, Qiao Mu looked up at her dumbfounded teammates. “The effects aren’t that great starting from the fourth cup. Do you still want to drink?”

You’ve got to be kidding. If they didn’t realize by this point that this tea was out of the ordinary, then they would absolutely be idiots.

How could they refuse to drink such good tea. Besides, Qiaoqiao only said that the effects weren't that great, not that it was completely ineffective. Of course they could not let it go to waste!

The four people bobbed their heads simultaneously.

Qiao Mu poured them another cup of tea.

Just like her, they downed seven cups of tea in a row. Their stomachs were probably bloated with tea...

Only then did Qiao Mu wave her hand and say, "Go sleep now."

But the funny thing was that all five of them were full of energy right now, as if injected with chicken blood. How could they fall asleep!

After tossing and turning sleeplessly for a while, Qiao Mu suddenly got up from her rock.

The other four also sat up and looked at her in exasperation.

"Uh-cough." Qiao Mu cleared her throat nonchalantly. "How about, we scatter some medicinal powder right now and provoke some spiritual beasts to battle!"

"Good idea!" Qi Xuanxuan immediately concurred.

Her mind was so freakin' alert right now, and she was not the slightest bit sleepy. There was not much use to tossing and turning while lying there, so they might as well continue with their mission...

Seeing that the other four people did not object, Qiao Mu thus took out the porcelain bottle with the medicinal powder and scattered some.

This night was quite hectic!

The entire Lava Mountain Range was also in a frenzy in the middle of the night!

Many kinds of beasts ran over to where Qiao Mu and company were. The mystic beasts galloping through the rock forest made things miserable for Fairy Huanghe, Che Ruman, and the others.

They simply had no idea what was going on.

They only knew that the mystic beasts in the Lava Mountain Range were very busy tonight.

### **Chapter 1668: Teammate Leveling Up**

By the time dawn broke, the five people obtained another three spiritual beast carcasses.

Qiao Mu stuffed them all into the storage talisman.

After busying around the entire night, the five of them were a bit tired. Luckily, they had a good harvest.

Their mission was basically 70 percent done.

Ma Ta was incredibly happy as he rotated the spiritual beast meat on a roasting spit, and he exclaimed with a smile, "Heavens, I never knew that the entrance exam could be done this way."

"Your entrance exam this time compared to ours, tsk tsk. My entrance exam back then was full of difficult hardships and extreme suffering!"

The other four were sitting in a circle next to the roasting spit, closing their eyes while recovering the mystic energy in their bodies.

Soon though, sweat started trickling down their foreheads.

The effects of the spiritual tea had already been spent now after lasting the night.

They could once again feel the unbearable heat from the surroundings. However, no one asked Qiao Mu about the spiritual tea from the previous night, nor did they ask to drink more of it.

Qiao Mu felt that although these teammates of hers looked like clowns, they were in reality quite reliable.

After drinking the spiritual tea and battling fiercely for the whole night, everybody observed that their cultivation had advanced by a bit.

Qi Xuanxuan could even feel that the barrier to her level-13 peak-rank mystic cultivation was already weakening. She opened her eyes ecstatically and shouted, "I-I, I think I'm about to advance a level!"

The little stoic also opened her eyes upon hearing this. She took out a mystic breakthrough pill and handed it to Qi Xuanxuan with smiling eyes, "Eat it. I'll keep watch for you, so go through with the advancement."

Qi Xuanxuan was greatly moved by these two few sentences.

She nodded toward Qiao Mu. She didn't say any words of gratitude or the like and merely took the mystic breakthrough pill. After swallowing it without any hesitation, she closed her eyes and shut off her five senses, entering a simulated vacuum closed-door cultivation state.

Soon, Qiao Mu could perceive waves of mystic energy drifting over from above the rock forest.

The mystic energy coming from all directions was gushing into Qi Xuanxuan's body.

Mentor Wei Xu, who was meditating on top of a certain boulder in the Lava Mountain Range suddenly opened his eyes and looked up at the turbulent mystic energy above the mountain range. He mumbled to himself, "Someone's actually advancing a level in the Lava Mountain Range?"

Wei Xu closed his eyes once again without the least concern for his surroundings.

On the other side.

Fairy Huanghe looked gloomily at her ten or so teammates and announced, "Let's leave the Lava Mountain Range now."

*Last night had really been lively!*

*All the mystic beasts in the Lava Mountain Range had been moving at the slightest gust of wind, no?*

It made them unable to sleep much last night.

Since she had already obtained the few three fire-bellied snake galls yesterday, completing the mission, they could have immediately left the Lava Mountain Range.

But it had already gotten late, and trekking through the Lava Mountain Range at night was not very safe.

Therefore, Fairy Huanghe decided that everybody would stay another night and set out early the next morning after resting up.

Yet the result turned out contrary to her wishes!

Don't mention resting last night. Fairy Huanghe and the others were all on edge in fright and simply feared even closing their eyes.

They were worried that those frolicking mystic beasts would blindly charge over again sometime.

Just as everybody resolutely decided to leave after enduring through a wacky night, Fairy Huanghe discovered that the mystic energy above the mountain range was gathering toward a certain area from all directions..

Chapter 1669: No More Water

Fairy Huanghe looked up in surprise and mumbled to herself, "Someone's actually advancing a level in such a vile environment." Afterwards, she didn't pay any more attention as she led her team back the way they came.

"Wait, wait up!" Suddenly, a feeble voice came from nearby, making Fairy Huanghe pause her footsteps.

Fairy Huanghe turned around and saw a dog-tired Che Ruman beckoning toward her while lying in Li Qian's arms.

"This friend, cou-could you sell us a bit of water?" After several rounds of fierce battle, not only did Che Ruman feel utterly exhausted, she couldn't even lift up her arm. Furthermore, that feeling of thirst was almost about to drive her crazy!

She wanted to drink water. Right now.

Yet each of her teammates had already finished drinking all of their water during the fierce battle.

Fighting the mystic beasts expended a lot of their strength, and only by hydrating themselves continuously could they barely brace themselves from toppling to the ground.

They were able to persist until the end, but they had drunk all their water when it was only the second day of the exam.

They were at a loss. After all, the mentor's mission for them was to hunt ten spiritual beasts level-one or above.

Even so, they basically hadn't seen any spiritual beasts appearing in the mystic beast army that they encountered yesterday.

Even if they did see one, who had the energy to target a specific spiritual beast when they were nearly at the jaws of death?

Fairy Huanghe was a rather nice girl. When she saw Che Ruman and her team's conditions, she couldn't help but sympathize.

She took out the remaining two bottles of water in her inner world and handed them to Che Ruman, saying, "I've basically drunk all ten or so bottles of water that I brought here. You can have these two, but I see that you guys are in extremely poor condition right now. If possible, you should leave with us and restock supplies at a nearby village first."

"There aren't any villages within 50 kilometers of here. The closest to the Lava Mountain Range is o-only Wengka City."

"Then we'll go to Wengka City."

"No." Che Ruman bit her lip and said while shaking her head, "We haven't completed our team's mission yet. Could you also have your team members give us several bottles of water. Since you will be leaving the Lava Mountain Range anyway and should be reaching Wengka City tonight at the latest."

Fairy Huanghe was put in an awkward spot as she looked at the teammates behind her.

Due to their prudent character, some team members looked down and avoided Fairy Huanghe's gaze. That meant a clear rejection.

Fairy Huanghe naturally found it awkward to force her team members. After all, they had yet to completely leave the Lava Mountain Range's special environment, so they weren't considered completely safe.

Seeing Fairy Huanghe's awkward situation, only two team members stepped out and each gave Che Ruman two bottles of water.

Che Ruman was a bit dissatisfied. There were ten or so people in Fairy Huanghe's team, yet they only gave them six bottles of water. Weren't they being too petty?

However, she had no other choice and could only look on helplessly as Fairy Huanghe's team walked off.

Che Ruman then turned to look at the heaving Li Qian. "Li Qian, you promised that we will definitely get first place in this time's competition."

Irritation flitted across Li Qian's eyes. "Who knew that the environment in the Lava Mountain Range would be so vile."

At this time, the two of them were about to get into an argument.

It was rather the last level-13 mystic cultivator that had joined the team who placated with a sleazy smile, "First place isn't impossible."

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Che Ruman turned around to look at him.

That sleazy man with an ape's chin chuckled, "Miss Che, do you still remember the mission the mentor issued to Qiao Mu's team."

Che Ruman was taken aback, and then her expression became delighted. "You mean that we should find Qiao Mu's team, follow them stealthily, then find a chance to steal the cores from the spiritual beasts they killed?"

The sleazy man stroked his goatee and cackled. "That is the poorest plan. How many spiritual beasts can we snatch from them? If they become vigilant, we will definitely not end well in their hands considering their members' strength."

"Then what good plan do you have?"

The sleazy man pulled out a talisman that was dazzling with a blue light. "Miss Che, please look at this."

"This is a yellow-rank puppet curse. If we secretly stick this onto the little girl, then she'll be sure to be at our bidding for seven days." The sleazy man cackled again.

Che Ruman and the others were stunned.

The level-14 mystic cultivator, Zhu Bozong, couldn't help but crease his brows. "How come you have such a foul thing as a curse?"

No matter where, curse practitioners were a detestable existence.

Their mentalities were too sinister and frightening. They always hid in the dark to give people a fatal attack. Yet those whom they harmed were completely ignorant of what was going on.

The sleazy man smiled. "You don't have to bother about that. I have my own channels at any rate. Just say, are you in or not? I'm telling you guys, this curse of mine has a spectacular origin. The cultivation of the master who crafted this curse is much higher than that lass surnamed Qiao. She'll definitely be afflicted unbeknownst to anyone."

"Hehe." After saying this, he pulled out another talisman from his pocket. "This is an invisibility talisman that I bought from the black market by lucky chance."

"If Fairy Huanghe hadn't reminded me earlier, I would have forgotten about this invisibility talisman." The sleazy man glanced at Li Qian. "How about it, Young Sir Li. Are you in or not? Do you dare?"

"You want me to apply the invisibility talisman on myself to sneak over to Qiao Mu and use this puppet curse on her?" Li Qian promptly understood.

"But of course. Your cultivation is the highest out of all of us here, so your movements will be the most agile. There is no one more suited for this task than Young Sir Li."

On the side, Che Ruman gritted her teeth. "Li Qian, let's just do it like that!"

Li Qian involuntarily creased his brows, but he couldn't go against Che Ruman's wishes. "Will other people see through this invisibility talisman?"

After all, the other party's team had a level-three spiritual cultivator.



However, the sleazy man's eyes merely glinted, and then he reassured with a chuckle, "How could that be possible? This invisibility talisman will absolutely make you invincible in those 15 minutes it is effective for. Don't worry, the cultivation of the talisman master that crafted this invisibility talisman is definitely greater than level three spiritual cultivation. You absolutely will not be exposed in front of Qiao Mu's team!"

These words didn't reassure them much at all.

Li Qian knitted his brows, but in the end, he couldn't say no to Che Ruman's entreating gaze. He planned to try it despite the risk.

"Where can we find Qiao Mu's team?"

The sleazy man's eyes gleamed, and he cackled, "That's too simple. If we follow this billowing mystic energy to its source, we will naturally be able to find that Miss Qiao."

Che Ruman was startled. She shouted in surprise, "You mean that she's the one who's causing this commotion with level advancement?"

The sleazy man shrugged.. "Perhaps.