

Noble Ruler 1041

Chapter 1041: Not a Loss

This was Lu Yu'er's voice.

Lin Tianfeng looked up and saw Lu Yu'er hurrying over from outside the courtyard, and anxiety filled her face.

When she walked to the yard, she was stopped by the pageboy as expected. "Madam, please stay here."

Lu Yu'er's originally anxious mood became even more terrible as she was stopped. I'm the Lin family's mistress, yet I don't even have the right to enter this small courtyard! All these years, I haven't stepped foot into this place—only because Lin Zhifei stayed here!

The entire Lin family couldn't casually enter this place, and even Lin Tianfeng had to send people to report his presence. However, the rest of the Lin family's people had entered more or less, but she was never approved—not even once!

Who in the entire Lin family didn't know that Lin Zhifei looked down on her as a stepmother?! Even if she had already become the Lin family's mistress, he still didn't care about her!

But no matter how much hatred she felt, Lu Yu'er wouldn't show it in front of these people. Hence, she obediently stood outside and gazed inside anxiously.

Very quickly, Lin Tianfeng walked over. “What’s wrong? What’s so urgent?”

While Lin Tianfeng walked over, he pulled Lu Yu’er to the side.

Lu Yu’er was angered, but she didn’t show it as she anxiously grabbed Lin Tianfeng’s arm and said with tears in her eyes, “Master, I rarely ever beg you, but this time... I really don’t have any other way...”

She cried miserably, and Lin Tianfeng’s heart ached when he saw this scene. “Don’t cry first. What exactly is going on? I’ll definitely do you justice!”

Lu Yu’er then wiped her tears and said discontinuously, “It’s about Lu Yi...”

Once Lin Tianfeng heard this name, annoyance flashed across his face.

“He has really been bullied badly this time!” complained Lu Yu’er.

Lin Tianfeng nonchalantly said, “He has always been the one bullying others. Who could ever bully him?”

Lu Yu’er knew that Lin Tianfeng never liked Lu Yi, so every time her brother caused trouble, she would try to suppress the news and not let him know about it. However, this time was different!

“Master, you might not know, but Lu Yi’s subordinates have been beaten up until only half their lives are left. All their limbs are broken as well! They were stuffed into a box and sent to Lu Yi! If this isn’t a threat, what is this?”

“Really?” Lin Tianfeng’s expression changed slightly. *There aren’t many people who dare to do this in the entire Grotto-Heaven Cliff...*

“Why would I lie to you? When he came over just now, there was still blood on his clothes...” Vengeance flashed across Lu Yu’er’s eyes.

She really hated the person who did this to Lu Yi in the dark! So this time, she complained to Lin Tianfeng for once.

Things had already ended up in this state. If she couldn’t stand up for Lu Yi, then many people in Grotto-Heaven Cliff would mock him in the future!

Lin Tianfeng knitted his brows tightly. “Do you know who did it?”

Lu Yu’er was dazed for a moment and hurriedly said, “I-I haven’t had the chance to ask yet. However, the person who dared to do this in Grotto-Heaven Cliff mustn’t be simple! From what I see, perhaps... the person might be targeting the Lin family...”

Even though Lu Yi wasn’t part of the Lin family, everyone knew that he was related to them. If one dared to attack him so harshly, they clearly didn’t care about the Lin family!

Being unreasonable in the Lin family’s territory was just challenging them!

Upon hearing this, Lin Tianfeng knitted his brows.

“Master, should I ask Lu Yi to come over and let him personally explain to you?” Lu Yu’er tried to ask.

Lin Tianfeng thought for a moment, turned around to look, and shook his head. “Not today.”

“Why?”

“I have something to do today. Tell him to come tomorrow.” Even though Lu Yi’s matter isn’t minor, its’ not as urgent as the pill for Zhifei. Dugu Yue had said that she needed my help to guard her, so I definitely can’t go back on my words. If not, who can be responsible if something happens?

Upon hearing Lin Tianfeng say this, Lu Yu’er almost instantly guessed what it was. Then, she instinctively looked in. “Y-you’re going to be busy with Zhifei’s things?”

Lin Tianfeng didn’t hear the abnormality in her voice as he nodded. “You should go back first. He just needs to wait for a day. Tomorrow, bring Lu Yi over at this time.”

Then, he turned around and planned to enter.

“Master—” yelled Lu Yu’er indignantly.

Lin Tianfeng glanced at her and thought for a moment. “Why don’t you send someone to investigate and find out what’s going on first? I’ll handle this tomorrow.”

Then, he didn't care about Lu Yu'er as he walked straight in.

Looking at his gradually leaving back view, Lu Yu'er slowly clenched her fists. Her intricately manicured nails dug deep into her palms, and it hurt her.

She instantly woke up as she took a deep breath in and turned around to leave.

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"What? He refuses to see me?" Hearing his elder sister's words, Lu Yi instantly jumped up from his chair. "I've been trampled all over, yet he doesn't care?! Even if it's not for me, he should care about the Lin family's reputation, right?!"

"Why are you yelling!?" Lu Yu'er was also very frustrated as she scolded him. "You're not his biological son, so of course, he wouldn't care about you! A heavenly doctor came these two days, and she said that she could treat Lin Zhifei... Of course, he's very concerned about that!"

Lu Yi couldn't help but chuckle. "All these years, how many heavenly doctors have come? He actually still hasn't given up... Hah! That Lin Zhifei is just waiting for death! Perhaps when he goes over this time, on the road, he'll just—"

Lu Yu'er glared at him in warning. "Even though this is my residence, this is the Lin family after all! Watch your words! If you have time, why don't you tell me in detail who is so bold to do this!?"

However, Lu Yi felt slightly guilty. *At the end of the day, I'm the one who wants to snatch the other party's items. Previously, Lu Yu'er had repeatedly reminded me not to be so open about my doings. If she knows...*

"I-I'm not too sure either... The other party didn't leave any clues..." He looked down and spoke in a blur.

Lu Yu'er was extremely frustrated. "Useless! We'll just wait then!"

When the Lin family investigated, it would naturally be much easier.

Even though Lu Yi felt indignant, he didn't dare to say anything else and could only agree.

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Within the room.

Chu Liuyue first set up a barrier in the surroundings. After confirming that the aura and the side effects wouldn't travel outside, she summoned the Heavenly Square Cauldron.

"You really want to use this thing?" Dugu Mobao stared at the transparent cauldron, and his gaze flickered slightly.

"I depend on this greatly now." Chu Liuyue shrugged her shoulders. "If not, I wouldn't have the confidence to form the pill directly in one try."

“You really can bear it.” Dugu Mobao was quiet for a moment. *Lin Zhifei is very lucky to have Chu Liuyue use the Heavenly Square Cauldron to produce a pill for him.*

Chu Liuyue’s lips curled up.. “It’s not a loss if I can use this pill to exchange for a chance to participate in His Grace’s birthday banquet.”

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Dugu Mobao sensitively detected a faint terrifying aura, so he sensibly didn’t continue this topic. *This woman is always scary when she goes crazy. Rong Xiu should handle this himself! Whoever makes a mistake should be responsible for it! Whoever hides from her should bear it all!*

As Chu Liuyue counted the herbs at the side and placed them in one row, she seemingly glanced at Dugu Mobao unintentionally and asked in a seemingly smiling manner, “Big Baby, do you agree?”

Dugu Mobao forcefully nodded. “En.”

Rumble!

A red fire suddenly appeared in the Heavenly Square Cauldron!

Dugu Mobao’s eyelids twitched.

“But luckily, his name is real.” While Chu Liuyue controlled the fire in the Heavenly Square Cauldron with one hand, she waved her other hand lightly and threw the red, fist-sized berry into it.

The jumping fire suddenly rushed up and devoured the berry completely! Very quickly, that berry turned into light-red powder.

A faintly sweet but bitter fragrance wafted to their noses.

“If not, I really can’t find him even if I want to. After all, the world is so big,” said Chu Liuyue slowly as if she was teasing him, and her lips curled up into a slight smile.

The spark jumped around and was reflected in her eyes, causing one to be unable to read her.

Dugu Mobao suddenly started to regret following her in. *I think it wouldn’t be bad if I waited outside?*

“Big Baby, tell me why the whole world knows that I’ve lost my memory except for myself?” questioned Chu Liuyue lazily as she threw the second herb in—it was an arm-sized ear root.

The red fire in the Heavenly Square Cauldron split into two and tightly surrounded the root! Then, the fire rapidly went in and crazily burned it!

Following an ear-piercing blast, the ear root’s original fresh jade-like appearance rapidly wilted. The fresh red juice inside then started dripping out bit by bit.

Dugu Mobao glanced at the tightly shut door and the flickering barrier as he fell silent. *If I don't use my barrier, I can't open this barrier and go out.*

"Big Baby, why aren't you speaking?" Chu Liuyue raised her brows slightly and glanced at him.

Dugu Mobao changed his posture and looked away. "You'll know what you should."

Nice, that's like not saying anything. Chu Liuyue pouted slightly, but she didn't really take it to heart. She had never thought of getting anything out of Dugu Mobao. *If he was willing to say it, he would've done so earlier on. I wouldn't have to wait until now. However, this let me confirm that he did know about Rong Xiu's 'Your Grace' identity long ago. But even to this day, all of them refuse to tell me.*

Forget it. Anyway, I'll be going over real soon. I can just ask him directly then! Thinking of this, Chu Liuyue flicked her wrist!

More than ten kinds of herbs were placed at the side, and they all landed within the Heavenly Square Cauldron.

She breathed in, gathered her attention, and focused on producing the pill.

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The room fell silent.

Lin Zhifei waited outside for a while, but he didn't hear any commotion within. Then, he realized that she should've set up a barrier inside and isolated everything. *In the beginning, I didn't realize that although this woman is seemingly ordinary, she is quite good—she is meticulous and brave when doing things. I don't know who her mentor was, but he definitely had sharp and sensitive eyesight. If she didn't have the child with her, according to her current abilities, she could definitely make a name for herself in the God Residence Realm.*

Lin Tianfeng returned very quickly.

Lin Zhifei initially wanted to leave but was stopped.

He looked at him.

"Zhifei, the elders have acted according to the method you suggested earlier. That transportation formation should be fixed very soon. This time, it's all thanks to you..."

Lin Zhifei smiled faintly, but his gaze was still nonchalant and distant. "I just provided some opinions. If the transportation formation can be fixed, it's all because of the elders' hard work. It has nothing to do with me. Father, you don't have to care about this."

"You..." Lin Tianfeng sighed. "I know you don't want anyone to know that you suggested it, so I've never told them about it. All these years, you have always been very discreet, and such things have happened more than once... However, you're still of the Lin family's bloodline. If Dugu Yue can really treat you this time, this Lin family..."

"All of these are matters in the future. We currently don't know if I can be treated, so Father, you don't have to bring it up anymore. I'm quite tired, so I'll take my leave first." Then, Lin Zhifei didn't wait for his father's reply and directly left.

Lin Tianfeng finally couldn't help but sigh when his son's figure disappeared. *Many people want to fight for the position of Lin family head, yet he has no interest in it. I know that the main reason is that Lin Zhifei was concerned about his health.*

But this time... Lin Tianfeng turned around to take a look. *Now, all our hopes are pinned on that woman...*

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Time passed very quickly.

When Chu Liuyue finally refined all those herbs, the moon was already high in the sky.

Within the Heavenly Square Cauldron, all kinds of herbs were separated and looked brilliant. All the smells mixed together and formed a unique herbal fragrance.

Even though it wasn't the first time she used the Heavenly Square Cauldron, Chu Liuyue still couldn't help but sigh emotionally. *One really might not be able to find a cauldron that can produce such a pure pill even if they search the entire world...*

This made her even more confident about succeeding.

She had finished refining the medicine, and now, she had to produce the pill.

Chu Liuyue was determined as she controlled the fire and gradually merged all these herbs together!

At this moment, a whirl suddenly sounded from the bottom of the Heavenly Square Cauldron!

Chapter 1043: I've Successfully Produced the Pill

Chu Liuyue looked over in shock, only to realize that the two Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds had come together at some point and were encircling each other at the bottom of the Heavenly Square Cauldron and that the whirring sound was produced from their powers affecting each other.

An invisible wave of energy rushed out and spread outside.

Appalled, Chu Liuyue quickly slapped the Heavenly Square Cauldron with one hand, making the invisible karmic fire grow bigger. "Stop!"

Like a leaping elf, flames rose and stopped that wave of energy from spreading. The residual energy hit the cauldron's inner wall and produced an ear-splitting whirring sound.

The tremors numbed Chu Liuyue's arms, but she didn't let go. Her palms remained stuck to the cauldron as she continuously injected force into it and controlled the invisible karmic fire to suppress the two seeds.

After a while, the ripples finally ceased.

“Phew...” Chu Liuyue let out a long breath as she watched the two Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds gradually calm down and quietly stay at the bottom of the cauldron. *Had my reaction been any slower or my force not been enough, these two seeds surely would’ve escaped from here.*

At this moment, she felt incredibly thankful that she had broken through to become a stage-seven warrior and had absorbed the rich force of the Beiming Dynasty’s ancestor, for she would’ve been really helpless in this situation otherwise.

“These two seeds are so cunning!” After coming back to her senses, she stared at the seemingly harmless Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds with a frown. *I could clearly feel that they were trying to take advantage of the opportunity to escape!*

“Most of your energy and attention are directed elsewhere when you’re refining pills, so your control over the karmic fire naturally slackened. It’s normal that the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds would try to escape at times like this.” Dugu Mobao—who was sitting next to her—was much calmer compared to Chu Liuyue, who was worried and scared. “Once you become stronger and can completely control them, you naturally won’t encounter such trouble again.”

Chu Liuyue’s eyelids twitched. “So... When would that be?”

Dugu Mobao shot her a side-glance. “When you can produce a Holy Body, of course.”

“...Forget I asked anything.”

Does this lass think of the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds as some ordinary items? Dugu Mobao narrowed his eyes. “Although the Heavenly Square Cauldron can help you suppress them, you ultimately have to rely on your own abilities to completely subdue them.”

Chu Liuyue sighed. "I know; I just find it a bit troublesome."

The corners of Dugu Mobao's eyelids twitched. *Those two seeds are something that many people can only dream of owning. She has two, and yet she finds them a bother... She really doesn't know how incredibly lucky she is!*

"In that case, the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds might come out and cause trouble each time I use the Heavenly Square Cauldron to refine pills?" At the thought of this, Chu Liuyue looked at the herbs that had just gathered together with frustration. *Pill refining requires concentration. I'm lucky that it hasn't been long since I started refining the pill, so I could still divert a bit of attention to dealing with the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds. However, if this had happened in the middle—or worse, toward the end... There's no telling what might've happened.*

"It won't happen every time." Dugu Mobao paused before adding, "Besides, the seeds won't be able to do much when the Heavenly Square Cauldron is around."

Hearing that, Chu Liuyue looked at him in surprise. *He... thinks so highly of the Heavenly Square Cauldron? I remember Ancestor saying that Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds are something that only legends own and that they are extraordinarily powerful. If the Heavenly Square Cauldron is more powerful than them, then...*

"Continue refining the pill." Dugu Mobao glanced outside.

It was twilight now, and everywhere was quiet.

"The earlier commotion didn't reach outside, so you don't have to worry."

Chu Liuyue nodded and put her thoughts away. It was only when she had made sure that the karmic fire had completely suppressed the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds that she started to continue refining the pill. *It's a good thing that I've been paying attention to the refining process as well. The red flame had enveloped the herbs that started to fuse together, almost creating a barrier against the ripples of energy outside, so it wasn't affected by anything.*

With a deep breath, she then began refining the pill.

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Night was over in the blink of an eye. When the morning light shone down, Lin Tianfeng couldn't resist turning his head toward the tightly closed doors once more.

Throughout the night, not a single sound was heard coming from the room. Even though he was waiting anxiously outside, he didn't dare to disturb Chu Liuyue.

However, what he didn't know was that Lu Yu'er had been quietly waiting outside the courtyard with Lu Yi since a long time ago. She had specifically ordered the servants not to announce their arrival so as not to disturb the people inside.

Time slowly ticked by, and Lu Yi gradually became impatient. After looking to his left and right, he couldn't resist grumbling, "Sis, you're the matriarch of the Lin family after all. You can go anywhere you want, so why must you be so submissive and live under Lin Zhifei's mercy?"

"What do you know?!" Lu Yu'er shot him a glare. *Only by doing this can my position in the family be higher! Lin Zhifei is Lin Tianfeng's most favored son. No matter what he does, Lin Tianfeng can't bear to scold him. Would he dare to behave like this if Lin Tianfeng didn't indulge him so much in the first place? Although it appears like I'm bowing my head to Lin Zhifei, I'm actually giving Lin Tianfeng face! This bit of grievance is nothing. As long as I can make Lin Tianfeng feel guilty toward me, I can get whatever I want in the future. And it's all because of this that I managed to get to where I am now.*

She calmed herself down a little. “That heavenly doctor is currently refining pills inside, and my husband is helping to guard the room. Once the pill is successfully refined, it might be able to cure the Fourth Young Master’s illness.”

“What heavenly doctor? Lin Zhifei has seen so many heavenly doctors over the years. Who can possibly do anything about his illness when even the Lin family’s chief heavenly doctor can’t do anything about it—the Grand Elder is a ninth-grade heavenly doctor!” Lu Yi snickered. *I heard that he found that heavenly doctor himself. Pfft, if that heavenly doctor really was capable, would they need to do this?*

“Don’t shoot your mouth off,” Lu Yu’er reminded him. “You might as well think about what you’re going to say to my husband when you see him later!”

Lu Yi choked, and only then did he stop talking.

Just then, a wave of energy fluctuations spread from the courtyard, along with a crisp collision sound. Not long after, a rich herbal fragrance wafted in the air.

Lu Yu’er breathed in deeply, only to feel refreshed and relaxed. Her eyes snapped wide open in shock. “H-how can this possibly be a seventh-grade pill?!” *This energy fluctuation... This smell... Both definitely aren’t what a seventh-grade pill can have!*

Meanwhile, Lin Tianfeng looked equally bewildered in the courtyard.

Creak...

The doors opened, and out walked a slender figure.

Lin Tianfeng hurriedly rushed forward.

Despite her somewhat pale complexion and the dark circles under her eyes, Chu Liuyue pulled her lips back into a satisfied smile and handed a jade box over to Lin Tianfeng. “Master Lin, I’ve successfully produced the pill.”

Inside the box lay a red pill with eight distinct lines.

Lin Tianfeng gasped. “An eighth-grade pill?!”

Chapter 1044: Trouble

Although the eighth line wasn’t as obvious as the rest, it was there nonetheless. Hence, the pill was indeed an eighth-grade pill!

Lin Tianfeng almost thought that he was imagining things. He dazedly stared at the pill for a long time. “D-didn’t you... say that you’re a seventh-grade heavenly doctor?”

“I was indeed a seventh-grade heavenly doctor at the time, but I didn’t say that I couldn’t refine an eighth-grade pill. Hm, since I succeeded this time, then it’s probably an eighth-grade pill...” said Chu Liuyue with a smile as she rubbed her chin in a thoughtful manner. To be honest, she was actually quite surprised herself, for the pill she wanted to refine was supposedly a superior seventh-grade pill. *Maybe it’s because the herbs used were all of superior quality, or perhaps it’s because I refined it with the*

Heavenly Square Cauldron... In any case, the pill produced barely made it into the eighth grade. This is considered an unexpected surprise.

Lin Tianfeng was speechless. She was indeed a seventh-grade heavenly doctor at the time, and yet she managed to produce an eighth-grade pill? Is she saying that she became an eighth-grade heavenly doctor in just a night?! Can this even happen?!

He considered himself as someone who had braved through many storms, yet he couldn't help but be at a loss for words when he saw the young lady's careless smile. He wanted to say something, but the words got stuck in his throat.

The heavenly doctor path was much harder and more complicated than the other two cultivation paths. Even those who were born with a bit of talent in the heavenly doctor path would find it extraordinarily hard to progress in this path, what more the majority of people who didn't have the talent. Besides, there was a huge gap between an eighth-grade heavenly doctor and a seventh-grade heavenly doctor.

Lin Tianfeng had seen countless heavenly doctors getting stuck at the seventh grade for life and being unable to break through this stage, but the woman in front of him didn't seem to have such concern.

Chu Liuyue closed the jade box, preventing the rich medicinal fragrance from wafting out. However, there was still a lingering fragrance in the air. Just a sniff was enough to make one relax, be it physically or mentally.

"Ms. Dugu sure is capable. You succeeded in refining the pill in just one try." Just then, Lin Zhifei came out from the other room. His pale and haggard complexion was looking much better, which was probably because Chu Liuyue had been taking care of him for the past two days.

With his hands behind his back and a small smile on his handsome face, he looked like a distinguished young master in troubled times.

Chu Liuyue raised her eyebrows slightly as she walked over with a smile and handed the jade box to him. "This is just the first pill. You'll still have to continue with treatment. I hope you'll bear with me as the process might be a little tough on you."

"The pain and suffering are nothing if I can get my life back in exchange. I owe you a favor this time." Lin Zhifei took the box from her and smiled. *Although Dugu Yue said that she's helping me because of the help she received from me at the God Residence Realm's entrance that day, it's nothing compared to hers. Even though she has her own considerations... that's not important to me. The fact is that she has done me a huge favor.*

"You're being too kind, Fourth Young Master," replied Chu Liuyue with a smile. *I don't know anyone here, so it'll be more convenient for me if I can claim some connections with the Lin family, especially Lin Zhifei... He seems more capable than he appears to be. It won't hurt to have him owing me a favor.*

Just then, a pageboy came forward and carefully said, "Master, Madam has been waiting outside with Young Master Lu for a while now..."

Previously, he didn't dare to come over and inform Lin Tianfeng about their arrival. It was only when he saw that Chu Liuyue had finished refining her pill that he dared to come over.

Upon hearing that Lu Yi was here, Lin Tianfeng instinctively furrowed his eyebrows and glanced at Lin Zhifei, but the latter appeared to be indifferent.

"Just go ahead if you're busy, Father."

Lin Tianfeng hesitated. He had only wanted to leave after watching his son consume the pill and seeing how effective the pill was, but he didn't expect Lu Yu'er and her brother to come so early.

“I-in that case, I’ll go over and take a look first. I...” He paused and looked at Chu Liuyue. “I-I’ll have to trouble Ms. Dugu to take care of Zhifei.”

Chu Liuyue nodded. “Don’t worry, Master Lin.”

Only then did Lin Tianfeng leave with peace of mind.

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“Fourth Young Master, I’ll go in with you. You might experience some side effects after taking the pill, so it’s better if I’m next to you,” said Chu Liuyue. *What he went through the past two days is nothing; this pill is what matters most. I still have to see if Lin Zhifei’s body can take it. Since I agreed to help him, I naturally have to see it to the end.*

Lin Zhifei, however, smiled after hearing that. A hint of a ripple of emotions could be seen in his clear but aloof eyes. “There’s no rush. I can take the pill after you’ve dealt with your trouble.”

Chu Liuyue’s heart skipped a beat as she looked at him.

Undercurrents were brewing as they met each other’s gaze.

A moment later, Chu Liuyue raised her eyebrows and broke into a smile. “In that case... Thank you, Fourth Young Master.”

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Meanwhile, Lin Tianfeng had arrived outside the courtyard and noticed the pair of siblings who appeared to have waited for a long time at the side. But before he could say anything, his wife rushed up to him and asked in concern, "Master, is the pill a success? Can Zhifei's illness be cured?"

Feeling comforted to see how concerned she was about Lin Zhifei, Lin Tianfeng's aloofness slowly melted away. He nodded. "Yes, but we still have to see how effective it is."

Although Dugu Yue appeared to be really capable, he didn't dare to talk big, especially since the pill hadn't been tested. He was afraid to end up in disappointment again.

"That's good. That's good..." Lu Yu'er patted her chest in relief.

Seeing this, Lin Tianfeng felt somewhat guilty for only caring about Lin Zhifei and treating her with impatience for the past two days. He thus looked at Lu Yi and asked, "Your sister said that your men got beaten up yesterday. What exactly happened?"

The fact he asked about this matter meant that he was willing to use the Lin family's influence to help Lu Yi out. Hence, Lu Yi hurriedly nodded and said, "That's right! Eight of my men were beaten unconscious yesterday. Not only were they stuffed into boxes and delivered to my doorstep, but the nerves in their hands and legs were all severed too! The weakest among them is an eighth-grade warrior, and yet they ended up in this state! You have to help me uphold justice, Brother-in-law!"

Lin Tianfeng frowned. "Do you know who was behind this?"

At this point, Lu Yi wasn't afraid of his older sister reprimanding him anymore. Since things had reached this stage, he frankly said, "It's an outsider called Dugu Yue! She maimed eight of my men! The fact that she did this to me clearly shows that she doesn't have any regard for you and the Lin family! You mustn't let her off, Brother-in-law!"

Chapter 1045: I Don't Know How to Use It

The moment Lu Yi said the word 'outsider,' Lu Yu'er secretly shot him a hateful glare. *No wonder he refused to tell me what exactly happened! It turns out that he got into such huge trouble! There's no doubt that he must've gone to pick a fight with her first and ended up infuriating her into hurting his men! He's the reason that we're in this situation now! I've warned him time and time again not to be so reckless, but he never learns from his mistakes! Now, he even dared to hide the matter from me and only spilled out the truth in front of Lin Tianfeng!*

Even though Lu Yu'er cursed Lu Yi out in her heart, he was ultimately her biological brother. There was nothing she could do except try and help him. But just as she was thinking about how she should speak up for her younger brother, she heard a familiar name.

Dugu Yue?! She stared wide-eyed in shock and disbelief at her brother. "Who... did you say it was?"

Lu Yi looked at her. "Dugu Yue! That's her name, alright! I've already sent my men to check!"

"H-how does she look like?" Lu Yu'er's heart and voice were trembling as she held onto the last shred of hope and posed this question. *Please don't let it be...*

"Average, I guess. But she's got a child with purple hair and eyes, so she's easily recognizable! As long as Brother-in-law agrees to help me, we can surely find her in no time!"

Lu Yu'er's vision went black, and her legs gave way, making her stagger and almost fall to the ground. *It's really that Dugu Yue!*

Lu Yi hurriedly went forward to support her. "Sis, what's wrong—"

Lu Yu'er pushed him away angrily. "Have you said enough?!"

What's going on? Why did she flare up at me for no rhyme or reason? Lu Yi became even more confused than ever. He snuck a quick glance at Lin Tianfeng, only to notice a strange look on the latter's face. It was then that he realized that something seemed wrong.

Apprehension sprouted in his heart, and he was no longer acting smug like before. "W-what's wrong..."

"You're looking for Dugu Yue?" Lin Tianfeng suddenly asked.

Lu Yi nodded subconsciously. "That woman is very cunning. If you can help—"

But before he could finish saying his piece, he heard a clear female voice saying, "There's no need to trouble Master Lin with this small matter."

Finding this voice somewhat familiar, Lu Yi instinctively raised his head and looked over, only to see a woman slowly making her way over from the courtyard. She had ordinary looks, twinkling eyes, a small smirk on her face, and an air of nobility. Walking next to her was a fair and adorable toddler with purple hair and eyes.

Lu Yi widened his eyes in shock as he pointed a finger at the approaching woman. “Y-you...”

“I’m right here, Young Master Lu. There’s no need for you to spend so much effort to look for me.” Chu Liuyue and Dugu Mobao stopped five steps away from them.

Lu Yi could hardly believe his eyes as he shouted angrily, “W-what are you doing here?!”

“Why can’t I be here?” Chu Liuyue blinked. “Is this also your territory?”

Lu Yi choked and glanced at Lin Tianfeng in panic. “What nonsense are you babbling about?!”

“In that case, what does my presence here have to do with you?” Chu Liuyue asked in a slow and deliberate manner.

“You! You hurt my men, yet you have the cheek to ask me that question, you vicious snake?! Say, did you come here to hurt more people?! That must be it, right?!” Lu Yi shouted as his gaze hovered back and forth over the rest of the people. “You’re just a lowly outsider, and yet you dream of creating havoc at Grotto-Heaven Cliff?!”

As if she were looking at an idiot, Chu Liuyue smirked. “Young Master Lu, why can’t I understand what you’re saying? You claimed that I hurt your men... But why would I hurt them for no rhyme or reason?”

“That’s because they went—” Lu Yi hurriedly zipped up his mouth when he realized that something was wrong, for he would end up being at a disadvantage if the truth was out. *Brother-in-law doesn’t like me much in the first place. If he finds out the truth, he definitely won’t want to get involved in this matter.*

“How would I know the reason?! It must be because you’re just too vicious! You didn’t spare a single one of the eight men! You—”

“Did I hear you right, Young Master Lu?” Are you saying that... I fought against all eight of them by myself and even ended up winning the fight?” Chu Liuyue laughed as if she had just heard a hilarious joke. “You think too highly of me!”

Lu Yi was hopping mad. “My men are still in my mansion. Do you dare to confront them in person?!”

“No need for that.” Chu Liuyue’s smile faded. “I believe it’d be an ugly scene, so I’m not interested.”

Hearing that, both Lin Tianfeng and Liuyue turned their heads toward Chu Liuyue. *Is she saying that...*

“So you admit that it was your doing?!” Lu Yi’s face was flushed, and his eyes were burning with anger as he took a step forward.

Chu Liuyue tucked a stray lock of hair behind her ear and smiled. “Since you claim that it was my doing, then it must be my doing. But then... So what?”

So what?! I’ve never met anyone as arrogant as her in Grotto-Heaven Cliff in years. Lin Tianfeng is the Lin family’s patriarch as well as Grotto-Heaven Cliff’s head, while my sister, Lu Yu’er, is my older sister as well as the Lin family’s mistress! She hurt my men, and yet she still dared to admit it in front of them? She must be truly tired of living! Lu Yi burst out laughing in anger. “Dugu Yue, I guess you don’t know who you’re standing next to right now. You want to feign innocence after doing that sort of thing?!”

Chu Liuyue didn't seem bothered by his threat, however. She tilted her head and crossed her arms in front of her chest before looking at Lin Tianfeng while rubbing her chin in a thoughtful manner. She asked innocently, "Master Lin, are you going to punish me?"

Lin Tianfeng was stumped.

Just then, a light voice was heard from behind. "Ms. Dugu."

Everyone turned their heads toward the voice and saw Lin Zhifei standing tall and aloof in front of the courtyard.. "I don't really know how to use this pill. Can I trouble you to help me take a look at it?"

Chapter 1046: Favoritism

Lin Zhifei's appearance shattered the stalemate.

When Lin Tianfeng came back to his senses, he gazed at Chu Liuyue with mixed emotions and said, "Ms. Dugu, go ahead and help Zhifei first."

Chu Liuyu smiled faintly in return. "Oh? What about Young Master Lu?"

"I'll personally settle this matter myself. You don't have to worry... Ms. Dugu." Although Lin Tianfeng didn't speak loudly, his tone carried a hint of irrefutable authority.

“Thank you then, Master Lin.” Chu Liuyue smiled and then turned around to leave without the slightest bit of hesitation.

H-he’s not going to pursue responsibility with Dugu Yue? Lu Yi was surprised by this turn of events, and he immediately moved to chase after Chu Liuyue while saying, “Brother-in-law, she injured eight of my men. How can we let this matter slide just like that?!”

Lin Tianfeng frowned.

Oh no. Lu Yu’er hurriedly stretched her hand out to pull her brother back while shouting a warning at him: “Lu Yi, stop fooling around! Ms. Dugu is Zhifei’s heavenly doctor, so she’s carrying a heavy responsibility on her shoulders!”

Hearing that, Lu Yi finally understood where the problem was. He gasped as he looked incredulously at his sister. “What are you saying, Sis? Dugu Yue... She... She’s the heavenly doctor who came knocking on the Lin residence’s doors to help treat Lin Zhifei?!”

“Of course!” *Wasn’t that clear enough?!*

“H-how is that possible...” Lu Yi was confused. *Dugu Yue was just an outsider without any status or background when I met her two days ago, yet she suddenly became Lin Zhifei’s heavenly doctor?! So she’s the one who will be following the Lin family to attend His Grace’s birthday banquet!*

The unexpected news rendered Lu Yi’s mind blank. Although he was rude, impudent, and impetuous, he wasn’t stupid. Never mind if she was just some random heavenly doctor, but she just had to be Lin Zhifei’s heavenly doctor. He could tell that Lin Tianfeng seemed to be quite trusting and protective of her. On top of that, Lin Zhifei himself had spoken up on her behalf.

Lu Yi knew very well that the reason he could behave so lawlessly in Grotto-Heaven Cliff was that he had the Lin family's protection. Be it Lin Tianfeng or Lin Zhifei, neither were people who he could openly offend.

It was only after Chu Liuyue left that Lin Tianfeng turned his eyes back to the pair of siblings and silently pulled his arm out of Lu Yu'er's arms.

Lu Yu'er's heart sank, and she secretly regretted not getting to the bottom of the matter before they brought it up to Lin Tianfeng.

"Yu'er, did you know about this matter?" Lin Tianfeng calmly asked.

"N-no!" Lu Yu'er immediately denied as tears welled up in her eyes. "I asked Lu Yi about it before, but he refused to tell me. He said that he'd only say it when he meets you to ask for your help in upholding justice for him. I didn't know—" *If I had known about it, I wouldn't have brought him here!*

Of course, she didn't know. If she had, she wouldn't have brought her brother to me. Lin Tianfeng remained indifferent to her cries and turned his gaze to Lu Yi instead.

Lu Yi quivered.

"You said that Dugu Yue injured eight of your men?" Lin Tianfeng asked.

Lu Yi nervously swallowed his saliva and nodded.

Lin Tianfeng stared at him. “Good. Then, tell me how you had planned to deal with her with those eight men!”

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“Thanks for your help, Fourth Young Master.” Chu Liuyue thanked Lin Zhifei immediately after entering his room.

Lin Zhifei sat down, looking as nonchalant as before. “Don’t mention it. This isn’t a big deal.”

Chu Liuyue raised her brows. Having stayed at the Lin residence for two days, she had gained a certain amount of understanding about Lin Zhifei’s personality, as well as the situation in the Lin family. *Although what he said earlier seemed really simple, he was actually declaring that he’s on my side. It’s why Lin Tianfeng naturally took my side as well. Looks like it’ll be hard for Lu Yi to stir up trouble now.*

“You’ve saved me a great deal of trouble.”

Lin Zhifei smiled and then took out the pill. “In that case, can we start now?”

Chu Liuyue’s expression became slightly serious as she nodded.

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Under Chu Liuyue’s watchful gaze, Lin Zhifei swallowed the pill.

The pill instantly melted in his mouth and transformed into a blazing hot energy stream that flowed down his throat, filling his entire windpipe and quickly spreading toward his organs.

It didn't take long before Lin Zhifei felt a piercing and numbing pain from all over his body as his face and body flushed red. It was like he had ants biting his Yuan meridian.

Crash!

His hand sent the things on the table sweeping to the ground.

“Draw out the force from your pearl of essence and perform a small Heavenly Cycle!” Chu Liuyue shouted.

Lin Zhifei gritted his teeth and closed his eyes before trying to circulate the force in his body forcefully. Bone-piercing pain immediately spread throughout his body.

His Yuan meridian—which was almost entirely covered with a strange thing—was now covered by the pill that had transformed into a scorching aura and flowed into his Yuan meridian. As such, when he started circulating his force, he had to control his force to pass through the blazing aura. In this process, his force would inevitably come into contact with his delicate Yuan meridian, which was what caused him extra pain. He felt as if countless burning sharp blades were slicing off his Yuan meridian.

Soon, blood started trickling from the corners of Lin Zhifei's lips. The blood, however, was black in color.

Chu Liuyue's eyes turned serious. *His condition has been dragged on for too long, so he can't completely recover with just one treatment. In order to show improvements, we have to be bold and decisive, so he has to go through the pain no matter what!*

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To Lin Zhifei, this was probably the most arduous time he had ever gone through—every minute and second felt long and grueling. In fact, he seemed to have exhausted his energy a long time ago, and his body had almost become numb to the pain. But whenever his mind was starting to get muddled, he could always hear a clear voice saying, “You’re halfway there, Fourth Young Master. Please continue.

“Your organs are cleared. It’ll be ending soon.

“Just a bit more before this Heavenly Cycle ends...”

The voice kept him awake again and again, but he himself didn’t know how he had managed to last through it. In the middle, he could vaguely feel a warm force flowing into his body, which helped him recover a lot of his strength.

He wanted to open his eyes, but this simple action was just simply too painful and too tiring to do so. Besides, he was constantly urged to continue the process. He knew who the voice belonged to, so he clenched his teeth and tried his best to get through the pain.

After some time, when he finally couldn’t take it anymore, he coughed up a mouthful of blood.

Chu Liuyue immediately looked over. She could faintly see a bead lying in the puddle of black blood. *That’s it!*

As she waved her hand, a stream of fire immediately shot out and enveloped that bead.

Chapter 1047: Totem!

Bam!

A clear and crisp sound was heard—that bead had tried to escape but ended up getting stopped by the barrier Chu Liuyue had cast over it.

It fell to the ground and into the puddle of black blood once more. If one didn't look carefully, it would've been hard to spot it.

Chu Liuyue waved her fingers, and scorching flames instantly appeared and formed a fist-sized ball to trap the bead within it. The fireball then floated back to her palm.

She examined the bean-sized bead carefully, although she wasn't able to see exactly what it looked like as it was covered with blood. Still, she could clearly sense that it contained a startling amount of force and that it was this very thing that caused Lin Zhifei to be seriously ill.

“Cough! Cough! Cough!” Lin Zhifei started coughing violently.

Chu Liuyue turned her head to look at him. “How do you feel, Fourth Young Master?”

It was only after coughing for a while longer that Lin Zhifei straightened his body. Although his flushed face instantly became pale and the bloodstains on the corners of his lips and chin made him appear even more haggard, his eyes looked even more energetic than before.

“I-I’m fine...” Lin Zhifei waved his hand while looking at her palm. His complexion regained a little of its color when he noticed the strange bead that was trapped inside the fireball. “What... is that?”

“You should be very familiar with this thing, Fourth Young Master. After all, it’s been inside your body for decades.”

Lin Zhifei widened his eyes in shock. “Are you saying that...”

“That’s right. This is what caused the bizarre changes in your Yuan meridian.” Chu Liuyue then glanced at the bead and narrowed her eyes dangerously as she laughed. “This thing seems to be able to devour Yuan meridians and cause one to become weak. It’s a good thing that you have a superior Dijing Yuan meridian. Otherwise... You wouldn’t have been able to survive this long.”

Lin Zhifei frowned. “W-what exactly is it?”

Chu Liuyue shook her head. “I don’t know either, but I managed to guess that something was inside your body when I was taking your pulse previously. I wanted to get rid of it there and then at the time, but unfortunately, it’s very strange and agile. It split into countless replications of itself in your Yuan meridian, so I couldn’t catch it in that short frame of time. Hence—”

“So the most important thing that you added in the pill you refined for me is actually... your own force, right?”

Chu Liuyue smiled and very frankly admitted it. "You sure are wise, Fourth Young Master!"

She had indeed injected a flame of hers into the pill when refining it, and the main effect of the herbs added was to buffer the force of her flame. If an eighth-grade pill could cure Lin Zhifei of his illness, the Lin family's heavenly doctors would've done that long ago and wouldn't have needed her help. Asking Lin Tianfeng to gather the herbs and making him stand guard was just a pretense that she had put up.

Nobody knew that it wasn't the pill that saved Lin Zhifei's life but the flame driving the bead out of his body. This was also why Chu Liuyue had been urging him to circulate his force. Only with the combined forces could she cut all the bead's escape paths.

A look of understanding flashed across Lin Zhifei's eyes, as did a hint of puzzlement. His voice still sounded a little weak, but the question he was about to pose was very important to him. "Did you already know that you could use this method to help me when you came knocking on our door, Ms. Dugu?"

Chu Liuyue blinked. "Are you suspecting me of something?"

"Of course not." Lin Zhifei denied it right away. "I-I'm just a little curious..." *About how she knows that she can do this when she hadn't even taken my pulse at the time.*

Chu Liuyue merely smiled in response, for she couldn't possibly say that her confidence stemmed from the power of the water droplet in her body.

"Of course, if it's not convenient for you to say, I won't ever bring it up again," Lin Zhifei immediately said after seeing her reaction. He could faintly guess that the woman in front of him possessed an extraordinary force inside her body. *Well, it's understandable that she's unwilling to tell me anything.*

Chu Liuyue appreciated Lin Zhifei's tact as it was much easier to deal with smart people. "Since we've gotten rid of this thing from your body, the rest are all just small problems now. There's still a portion of the bead remaining in your Yuan meridian, but we can slowly deal with that afterward. As long as you recuperate properly, you'll be able to recover soon."

Lin Zhifei was in a bit of a trance as he looked at Chu Liuyue's relaxed and breezy expression and heard what she said. He couldn't help squeezing his hands. "T-that's it?"

"Yeah!" Chu Liuyue studied his expression; it was rare for him to reveal such a bewildered and vulnerable expression that one could even see through his thoughts. "Although it sounds easy, a lot of effort is still needed. I'll be staying by your side for the time being, so don't worry and just focus on recovering."

Lin Zhifei nodded unconsciously. "Thank you... It's just that... Everything seems to have happened so suddenly..."

I've always thought that I wouldn't live long, so I've never taken anything seriously before. In fact, I came back this time fully prepared to wait for my death. But who knew that... As he stared at the bead, something suddenly occurred to him. He quietly whispered, "Does that mean I wasn't born with the illness?"

Chu Liuyue fell silent for a moment. "If my guess is correct, the bead probably entered your body not long after you were born. It stayed in your body for many years, which was how you ended up in this state. But..."

She paused and looked up. "This isn't something that you were born with."

Lin Zhifei lowered his head slightly, his pale and skinny face looking extraordinarily haggard and lonely at the moment. After some time, he finally let out a long sigh. "I see..."

I've always thought that I was the cause of my mother's death. I didn't know that... He felt relaxed as if a heavy stone that had weighed down on him for years was suddenly lifted. This must've been premeditated!

His face, however, soon sank once again. *But if I'm not the cause, then someone must've plotted everything—be it my mother's death or my illness!*

He looked up and asked, "Are you able to tell where this bead came from, Ms. Dugu?"

Chu Liuyue stared at the bead once more. By now, the flame had burned the bloodstains clean.

This is just a black and heavy bead, and nothing seems special about it... All of a sudden, her eyes focused. "There seems to be a drawing on it—no! I think it's a totem!"

Chapter 1048: A Night Together, A Life of Devotion Together

"Totem?" Lin Zhifei's expression turned serious.

Chu Liuyue handed the pearl over to him.

They saw that the dark, black pearl had an extremely tiny totem that reflected a faint light. However, this totem was very small. If one didn't take a close look at it, it would really be hard to notice it.

"This is a totem, right?" Chu Liuyue tried to ask.

Previously, she wouldn't have felt this way. But ever since she entered the God Residence Realm, Dugu Mobao had told her that all these established clans had their own totems.

Before this, she had also seen the Lin family's totem on the light curtain by the God Residence Realm's borders. Hence, she had this guess once she saw this pattern—this was an indescribable instinct.

"That's right. This is indeed some clan's totem." Lin Zhifei nodded affirmatively. "But... I temporarily can't tell who it belongs to."

The God Residence Realm was gigantic, and there were many clans. It wasn't very possible to know everyone's totems.

Even though he was the Lin family's Fourth Young Master and his status was distinguished in Grotto-Heaven Cliff, it was only limited to this place. If they went out, there were many clans like Grotto-Heaven Cliff or even much stronger and scarier existences.

It was rather difficult to check this totem's background in such a short amount of time.

"Would Master Lin recognize it if he saw it..." Chu Liuyue thought for a moment. *He is knowledgeable and might know a thing or two.*

However, Lin Zhifei suddenly said, "Ms. Dugu, I hope you'll keep this pearl a secret for now."

Chu Liuyue glanced at him strangely, but when she saw his genuine and sincere expression, her heart tingled. She didn't ask any further and nodded. "Okay."

It seems like... Lin Zhifei doesn't trust Lin Tianfeng very much... Or perhaps he is certain that someone beside Lin Tianfeng is problematic. Besides, even though this pearl is tiny, it might implicate many people in the Lin family once we start investigating old trifles and debts. It's normal for Lin Zhifei to be this meticulous.

"Then... I'll keep this item first?" asked Chu Liuyue.

Lin Zhifei nodded in agreement. "Thank you, Ms. Dugu."

Chu Liuyue shook her head. "It's just a small matter."

It was very simple to deal with this small thing after experiencing all sorts of struggles with the Heaven-Wrecking Holy Seeds previously.

Lin Zhifei's lips moved slightly, but he was hesitant. *With the totem on the pearl, it might bring about unknown trouble. Normally, people would try their best to avoid this, but I didn't expect her to be willing to help...*

"Then, we'll end here today. Fourth Young Master, rest properly. Big Baby and I will take our leave first." Then, Chu Liuyue bowed and brought Big Baby to leave.

“Hold on.” Seeing that the two of them were about to leave, Lin Zhifei suddenly yelled.

Chu Liuyue turned back curiously. “Fourth Young Master, do you have anything else for me?”

Lin Zhifei paused for a moment. “If nothing crops up, that first-grade transportation formation will be fixed tomorrow. Hence, we’ll most likely take off tomorrow.”

“That’s great!” Chu Liuyue was elated. *Previously, I was worried that it would continue dragging. Now that we can go over earlier, we should be able to make it.*

Lin Zhifei looked at the woman before him. *When she heard this piece of news, her eyes became lively. There seemed to be light darting within her black gem-like eyes, and they looked like stars shining. The curl on her lips is definitely not faked. She should... want to go there earlier very badly?*

Lin Zhifei’s lips also curled up slightly, revealing an extremely faint smile. *Originally, I didn’t really care about such things. However, it’s good if I can help her a little.*

“Then, I’ll go back and pack first?” Chu Liuyue smiled and bade farewell.

Lin Zhifei nodded.

Chu Liuyue then left with Big Baby.

When the duo’s figures disappeared from his line of sight, Lin Zhifei slowly sat back down on the chair. He then closed his eyes and sorted out his aura.

After he recovered some of his strength, he stood up and said, "Prepare the water. I'll bathe and change."

The bloody smell on his body was causing his temples to hurt faintly.

Upon hearing this, the pageboy waiting outside hurriedly came in. When he saw that Lin Zhifei's face and body were covered with bloodstains, he was taken aback. "Young Master, you—"

"It's nothing. Just prepare it." Lin Zhifei waved his hands.

The pageboy saw that he looked more energetic and less defeated than before, despite his unkempt appearance. The pageboy was also elated as he hurriedly acknowledged the order. "Yes!"

The pageboy was very efficient. In no time, he had prepared everything. "Young Master, go ahead!"

Lin Zhifei walked into the house.

The pageboy followed beside him, and he couldn't help but ask, "Young Master, is your health... getting better?"

Lin Zhifei paused for a moment. "It is slightly better than before."

The pageboy gasped in shock. "That's great! I didn't expect this Ms. Dugu to be this amazing!"

Even though her current cultivation level can't be compared to the few ninth-grade heavenly doctors in the Lin family, she is still capable if she can treat Young Master!

"I didn't expect someone from outside the God Residence Realm to be this outstanding!"

Upon hearing this, Lin Zhifei smiled faintly. "Actually, there's not much difference between outside and within the God Residence Realm. It's still up to the individual's ability."

Even if she is unknown now, she will definitely make a name for herself when the time comes!

"Young Master, you're right!"

As the pageboy served him, he couldn't help but ask, "Actually, there's something I didn't expect. Young Master, this Ms. Dugu is already so outstanding, so why does she still want to find that heartbreaker? Won't she just make herself suffer for nothing?"

Recalling her bright smile, Lin Zhifei was deep in thought.. "Probably because... the couple spent a night together, which leads to a lifetime of devotion."

Chapter 1049: Night Attack

That night, after Chu Liuyue solved Lin Zhifei's problem, she went back with Big Baby. They then peacefully waited for the next day's arrival.

However, Lu Yi wasn't so carefree and relaxed on the other side.

Lin Tianfeng was clearly on Lin Zhifei's side. As long as Chu Liuyue could treat Lin Zhifei, he would try his best to protect her no matter what she did.

Besides, at the end of the day, Lu Yi started this matter first. If he hadn't taken action first, Chu Liuyue wouldn't have possibly retaliated.

Hence, both logically and personally, Lu Yi was disadvantaged.

After Lin Tianfeng stated that he wouldn't help Lu Yi, he even sternly warned the latter not to do such nonsensical things again. He even scolded Lu Yu'er as well.

After such a series of actions, the sister-brother duo was totally dismissed.

Lu Yu'er originally wanted to argue with him, but Lu Yu'er forcefully pulled her brother away.

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Lu Yu'er didn't dare to let her brother stay in the Lin family, so she swiftly returned home with him.

When they reached the Lu family residence, she dismissed all the servants once she passed through the door. After everyone left, Lu Yu'er stretched out her hand and harshly knocked against Lu Yi's head. "Do you have a brain or not?!"

Lu Yi's forehead was scratched by her sharp nails, and blood flowed out. His stomach filled with anger and indignance also exploded at that instant! "Sister, why are you treating me like this too?! Am I not your biological brother?!"

"I'm scolding you because you're my biological brother! If someone else dared to do this, I would've long settled them in private!" Lu Yu'er looked at him as though she expected better from him. "Do you know that the things you did today will bring us a lot of trouble?! Previously, I asked you who exactly the person who attacked you was, and you refused to say! I didn't expect it to be Dugu Yue! What exactly were you thinking?! Don't you know that she just became Lin Zhifei's heavenly doctor two days ago?!"

"How was I supposed to know this?!" Lu Yi also felt very indignant as he yelled, "Who would've known that such a lowly person from outside the God Residence Realm would have such formidable methods?! That Lin Tianfeng and his son are also stupid. Do they really think that Dugu Yue can treat Lin Zhifei?! That item in his body—"

Lu Yu'er hollered in shock, "Shut up!"

Seeing Lu Yu'er's shocked and furious face, Lu Yi then realized that he had said something wrong as he felt fearful and guilty.

"If you dare to casually say such things in the future, you—" Lu Yu'er raised her hand and wanted to slap him as she glared at him furiously. However, she still didn't land her blow.

She angrily sat on the chair and harshly slammed the table. "Why do I have such a useless brother like you!? It's fine if you cause trouble normally, but you actually caused this much trouble! Do you think it's easy for me to attain this status in the Lin family?!"

Lu Yi scratched his head and went over. "Sister, don't be angry. You can't completely blame me for this, right? It's all because that Dugu Yue is too weird! Not only did she hurt my people, but she even stole my chance to go there! Sister, you must take revenge for me!"

When he mentioned this, Lu Yu'er's blood also boiled with hatred. *I convinced Lin Tianfeng with much difficulty to bring Lu Yi along, but I didn't expect him to be changed right before we left!*

"That Dugu Yue does have her methods..." She clenched her fists tightly as she muttered softly. Hatred flashed across her eyes.

"Yeah! Sister, think about it! She's from outside the God Residence Realm and even has a child with her. How exactly did she fight eight people alone and teach all my people a lesson? The few of them aren't weak at all!"

Lu Yu'er rolled her eyes. "Since she can barge in from outside, she's at least a demigod. Won't it be as easy as ABC to defeat your subordinates?"

However, Lu Yi shook his head. "Sister, do you think that I didn't think of this? It's precisely because of this that I picked the strongest few to go over."

He stretched out his fingers. "Out of the eight of them, half of them were stage-nine warriors, and two of them were even at peak stage-nine! For the remaining few, the weakest was also a stage-eight warrior! Isn't such a formation more than enough to fight against a beginner demigod?"

Upon hearing this, Lu Yu'er's expression changed slightly.

“Besides, even if they can’t fight against a demigod together, their abilities shouldn’t be that far apart. Why would they end up in that state?”

All eight of them were beaten up until only half their lives were left. Their limbs were broken, and they became handicapped.

Being able to do such a thing proved that Dugu Yue was cruel and heartless!

“What you say does make sense...” Lu Yu’er fell into deep thought. “Besides, she’s just a seventh... No, she should be an eighth-grade heavenly doctor now.”

It seemed like Dugu Yue was very talented as a heavenly doctor.

Normally speaking, someone with talent in this area would usually focus on it. Very few people would proceed with their cultivation as a warrior.

“I wonder how old that Dugu Yue is. If she’s really as young as she looks... In her twenties, and she’s someone from the outside realm... With such talent and potential, she’s really—” muttered Lu Yu’er, and she was shocked. She didn’t think so in the beginning, but now, she increasingly felt that this Dugu Yue wasn’t simple!

“Sister, you must avenge me!” begged Lu Yi.

However, Lu Yu’er waved her hands in frustration. “I can’t now. Lin Tianfeng is watching us closely. Besides, they’re leaving tomorrow.”

Furthermore, if something really happens to Dugu Yue at this moment, we'll be the prime suspects!

“Put this matter aside first. We'll talk again after seeing tomorrow's situation.”

Lu Yi was hesitant with his words, but he could only acknowledge reluctantly. Indignance flashed across his eyes.

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Night.

The moon hung high in the sky, and there were a few stars.

In the room, Chu Liuyue sat cross-legged and was cultivating. These two days, she had used up a lot of her force. If not for the water droplet in her dantian supporting her, she would've collapsed after producing the pill.

She closed her eyes. Under the moonlight, her white and charming face looked even purer—like jade.

Following her rhythmic breathing, the surrounding Heaven and Earth Force continuously entered her body like tidal waves.

After she broke through as a stage-seven warrior, her cultivation speed was much greater than before since she had passed the God Foreseeing Stage and recovered her Tianjing Yuan meridian.

After circulating her force for one Heavenly Cycle, Chu Liuyue finally recovered her breathing. Following this, she lightly breathed out and raised her right hand.

A silver light suddenly appeared on her index finger.

Then, it was the second one.

The third.

Not long later, five stars lit up on Chu Liuyue's hand, shining brightly!

A few rays of light then flew out and connected these five stars as a faint light covered her entire palm.

Right at this moment, a strange sound was heard outside the window! Harsh murderous intent suddenly pierced through the air!

Chu Liuyue instantly widened her eyes!

Chapter 1050: Sorry for the Trouble

The next moment, her wrist turned as she pushed out a palm print.

The silver palm print that dazzled seemed slow, but it moved forward very quickly! Perhaps the suppression was too strong as it even dragged out a long, dark space crack!

Bam!

The sound of something breaking was heard.

The light on the palm print dazzled and instantly darkened by quite a bit! However, the attack's strength was eventually stopped.

A few broken icicle pieces landed on the ground.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows and looked up—a long figure was reflected on the window!

She narrowed her eyes slightly. *This aura—*

“You are quite strong.” A low and stern voice sounded.

“Lu Yi?” Chu Liuyue almost immediately confirmed the incoming person's identity.

“You’re quite smart. Since this is so, I’m not going to hide myself either!” Lu Yi sneered as he abruptly waved his arm!

Whoosh—

He was extremely strong and directly ripped Chu Liuyue’s barrier apart! He forcefully entered through the window!

Chu Liuyue immediately jumped up from the bed! “What do you want?”

Chu Liuyue’s wrist shook, and the Long Yuan Sword appeared in her hands.

“Why are you so nervous?” Lu Yi raised his brows and chuckled as he sized Chu Liuyue up in contempt. “Aren’t you very amazing? What, are you scared?”

Chu Liuyue’s red lips curled up slightly, and she laughed gently, but her eyes were filled with cold intent. “Yeah, I’m very scared. If I accidentally cause Madam Lin’s biological brother to become handicapped, it’ll be unfortunate.”

Lu Yi’s expression instantly turned ugly. “Arrogant!”

However, fear started growing in his heart. *Since the woman in front of me could teach the eight of them a lesson, it proves that she isn’t weak. Could she... have already completely stepped into the Apotheosis Realm?*

Once this idea surfaced in his mind, Lu Yi immediately dismissed it. *Impossible! If she had really reached that stage, she wouldn't have directly chosen to escape when she met me that day. Besides, she even seemed to have used some sort of Yuan instrument to teleport instantly. This doesn't seem like something a person who has reached that cultivation level would do.*

"I think you're the arrogant one, right?" Chu Liuyue raised her brows. "I'm Fourth Young Master Lin's heavenly doctor now, and I'll be accompanying him to go to that place very soon... If something happens to me today, guess who Master Lin will find first?"

Lu Yi naturally knew that if this plan succeeded, he and Lu Yu'er wouldn't be able to avoid the suspicion. *But so what? As long as I do it secretly and nobody knows about it, Lin Tianfeng can't convict us even if he suspects us!*

"You're right." Lu Yi's eyes revealed a sense of ferociousness. "Thus, for safety reasons, you should forever shut your mouth from today onward!"

Then, he moved his foot, raised his triangular awl, and stabbed in Chu Liuyue's direction!

Chu Liuyue stepped away and used her sword to block it!

Tsing!

The two short weapons hit against each other!

Chu Liuyue's hand was instantly shocked until it was numb. *After all, the other party is a demigod—a few cultivation levels higher than me. If we fight head-on against each other, I have no chance of winning!*

Just as the thought appeared in Chu Liuyue's heart, Lu Yi—who was opposite her—was also taken aback. “You're not an Apotheosis-level warrior!”

It wasn't a question but a declarative sentence.

Within the God Residence Realm, almost all cultivators would use Yuan instruments to cover their aura and conceal their true abilities.

Ordinary people normally couldn't spot anything wrong, but as long as one took action, the cultivator's true abilities would be shown. It couldn't be concealed!

This was the first time Lu Yi battled Chu Liuyue, so he immediately felt something amiss.

Whoosh!

Chu Liuyue raised her wrist and flung his triangular awl away.

At the same time, a red fire spread along the Long Yuan Sword quickly! It flew toward Lu Yi at the speed of lightning!

Detecting the scorching aura attacking him, Lu Yi knew that it was bad! When he focused and saw it, he noticed that it was actually an abnormally hot red fire!

He sensitively felt that the power within this fire was extremely strong and couldn't be underestimated!

Without even thinking, he then took a step back and inserted his force into the triangular awl! "Three Yin Icy Awl!"

Many long, thumb-sized icicles formed in the air and flew out!

The two parties' attacks met each other!

Rumble!

The originally palm-sized fire started burning intensely! It formed a barrier and blocked Chu Liuyue!

Those icicles shot out. The nearer they got, the slower they were!

At the very end, they actually melted silently!

Lu Yi was stunned! *This Three Yin Icy Awl is a very useful Yuan instrument of mine. It's extremely strong, and its attacks almost cannot be stopped! However, it amounted to nothing in front of this red fire!*

At this moment, Chu Liuyue rapidly lifted her sword!

A ray of black light immediately shot out! In the blink of an eye, it flew to Lu Yi!

Lu Yi was alarmed and angered as he crazily circulated his force!

Chu! Chu! Chu!

Many icicles shot out again! This time, it was several-fold more than before!

In the blink of an eye, the icicles completely covered Chu Liuyue's figure!

That black light had stopped most of the icicles, but there were a few that barely avoided it and went straight toward Chu Liuyue!

Chu Liuyue held the Long Yuan Sword and was about to take action when she discovered that her surrounding space suddenly became sticky and heavy! Her body seemed to be suppressed by something, and every action was extremely tedious!

Lu Yi used his godly power!

"Hmph! Even though I haven't completely stepped into the Apotheosis Realm, it's enough to deal with you!" Seeing that Chu Liuyue was forcefully restricted, the tinge of nervousness in Lu Yi's heart finally subsided. He couldn't help but sneer. "Don't worry. This icicle is chilling to the bone. As long as one hits your body, it can completely freeze you! Without long, you can—what?!"

Just as Lu Yi revealed his delighted smile, he saw that the icicles didn't pierce through Chu Liuyue's skin when they hit her. Instead, they were all shocked by something and broke!

He looked forward in disbelief. Then, he saw a faintly golden armor on Chu Liuyue.

His icicles met with this armor earlier, and they all broke!

"T-this armor—" Lu Yi had the Lin family as his backing, so he had seen quite a fair amount of good things. Hence, at this moment, he immediately recognized that this armor was extraordinary! *It's able to stop my attacks easily...*

"You do have quite a lot of treasures!" Lu Yi was so angry that he laughed as greed appeared in his eyes. *As long as I settle her, all of these things will be mine!*

Just as he was about to take action again, the woman opposite him suddenly spoke. "Lu Yi, have you ever thought about how your subordinates ended up in that state when I'm not a full-fledged Apotheosis-level warrior?"

Lu Yi was stunned.

Chu Liuyue revealed a smile with deep meaning as she looked behind him.. "Sorry for the trouble."