

Chapter 281: My Junior Sister Is Amazing (3)

The blood fog that initially enveloped Deer City began to disappear slowly. It was then that everyone faintly felt that there was a way out. Without daring to delay at all, they quickly seized this time to rush out to the city gate.

Qin Huan wiped the cold sweat on his face away. Glancing at the Blood Moon Sect who was following behind Ye Qingtang, he uttered in annoyance. "Why did this rascal Zhou Qu return as well? Wasn't he dragged away by the zombies just now? I thought he would definitely be slaughtered by the Blood Moon Sect Elder."

Honestly speaking, Qin Huan really wished for such a lousy person like Zhou Qu to just die early.

Ye Qingtang looked at the Blood Moon Sect Elder, whose face was as black as the base of a pot, and laughed in her heart, though she maintained a calm expression on her face.

"He was able to survive only because the Blood Moon Sect Elder left hurriedly."

Qin Huan did not think much to it as well.

Everyone dashed towards the city gate of Deer City, but before they reached the city gate, they suddenly saw a group of people rushing into the city loudly.

Almost instantly, everyone's hair stood on ends. Could it be that the Blood Moon Sect Elder returned with his underlings?

Swiftly, the group of people entered Deer City, and everyone sighed in relief when they had a clear look of the incoming people!

There were over ten people wearing different sect uniforms, and the people in the lead were six elderlies with gray hair.

And among the six elderlies, two of them were wearing Xuanling Sect clothes that represented the status of an Elder!

"It's the inner sect elders!" Happiness filled Dai Changming when he saw the group of people.

Elders from different sects were rushing over with wardens and disciples.

"Xuanling Sect disciples greet two elders!" Dai Changming immediately led his junior brothers and sisters in greeting the elders.

It should be known that outer sect disciples like them did not have any chance of meeting the inner sect elders. These two elders were probably investigating in the area and rushed over because of the signal that Ye Qingtang sent out previously.

The elders who came along with the others were Elder Lin of the inner sect's Sword Faction and Elder Qin of the inner sect's Array Faction. Other than them, elders from Wind Moon Sect and other sects

hurried there as well. When the impressive group of people entered Deer City, they felt an aura that had not completely dissipated.

“What exactly happened?” Elder Lin frowned slightly at the disciples who knelt before him. Elder Qin and he brought a team to investigate in the vicinity, suddenly sensed the signal, and thus hurried over with sect elders who were searching in the same area.

“Elder, we encountered a Blood Moon Sect Elder in Deer City,” Dai Changming said.

Blood Moon Sect Elder?

Everyone had a shocked look on their faces after hearing him.

Recently, disciples from various sects disappeared unknowingly. The elders have investigated for a long time but never found a clue. The places they went to were all deserted, yet unexpectedly... Dai Changming and the rest were actually able to find a clue. However, what surprised them even more was that... it had to do with the Blood Moon Sect.

“What is the situation?” Elder Qin asked.

Dai Changming immediately recounted everything that happened in Deer City. Right after, a few elders brought some people and headed to the square. The elders’ faces turned white instantly when greeted with the bloody scene.

They were afraid that the recent disappearances of the various sects’ disciples were all related to the Blood Moon Sect!

Countless corpses of sect disciples laid in the entire square. When the Wind Moon Sect elder saw the corpse of that inner sect disciple, his face paled, and he shut his eyes in pain.

“Master...” The young teen from Wind Moon Sect looked at his Master with red, puffy eyes.

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The expressions of the two Xuanling Sect elders were rather ugly as they did not expect the matter to be related to the Blood Moon Sect.

“The Blood Moon Sect had been exterminated for thousands of years. I really never thought that there would be traces of resurrection.” Elder Lin’s brows were tightly furrowed. He looked at the group, and his eyes eventually fell on Ye Qingtang.

“Did you see the Blood Moon Sect Elder leave with your own eyes?”

Ye Qingtang looked up, and a cold expression darted across her eyes when she made eye contact with the domineering Elder Lin.

Elder Lin...

They really had a fate!

In her previous life, it was Elder Lin from the inner sect's Sword Faction who secretly went after her life after discovering her Heart of the Demon God, and Senior Brother Yun died in Elder Lin's hands in order to protect her!

Ye Qingtang knew that there would ultimately be a day where she would meet with Elder Lin again after entering Xuanling Sect, but meeting him now, the desire to murder him in her intensified.

If not for Elder Lin back then, there would have been no way the world would know that the Heart of the Demon God was in Ye Qingtang's body, Ye Qingtang would not have ended up in the distressing situation of being hunted down by everyone, and Yun Shu would not have died!

It could be said that Elder Lin was the culprit who caused Ye Qingtang to be hunted down for her life by everyone in her previous life!

Her eyes blazed with hatred when she came face to face with her enemy, but Ye Qingtang was aware that she was not Elder Lin's opponent right now. She could only hide away the coldness in her eyes, look down, and reply. "Yes, I witnessed the Blood Moon Sect Elder leaving. Senior Brother Zhou saw it as well."

Then, Ye Qingtang looked at the Blood Moon Sect Elder who became Zhou Qu.

"Yes, I saw it as well," said the Blood Moon Sect Elder calmly.

Elder Lin exchanged a look with Elder Qin.

The incident today was the only clue they found, and it resolved the mystery about the disappearance of the disciples. However, it had to do with the Blood Moon Sect... and it was by no means a trivial matter.

"It is good that everyone is safe. You all had a big shock. Once you all return to the sect, report everything you saw today in detail so it will be easier to organize the information." Elder Qin comforted the frightened disciples. Being able to escape safely after encountering someone of a Blood Moon Sect Elder status was simply an unimaginable feat.

Xuanling Sect did not suffer many losses this time. Apart from the death of one person, other disciples were not injured. Rather, there were heavy casualties for other sects, and Wind Moon Sect even lost a highly-talented inner sect disciple.

At that thought, Elder Qin could not help but look at Ye Qingtang from aside. According to what Dai Changming said previously, a major reason that accounted for their small loss was that Ye Qingtang diverted the Blood Moon Sect Elder's attention. Otherwise, not just Xuanling Sect disciples but even that last surviving teen from Wind Moon Sect would be buried here!

As early as during the sect assessment, Elder Qin had already thought rather highly of this new disciple, and now, he was even more satisfied.

Elder Lin noticed the look of approval in Elder Qin's eyes as well, but there was no trace of a smile on his face. After glancing past Ye Qingtang, he frowned slightly. He could faintly feel a strange aura from Ye Qingtang's body.

Ye Qingtang sensed Elder Lin's gaze, and her heart skipped a beat. She looked down calmly, though her attention landed on the space ring on her finger.

The Revolving Soul Orb that the Blood Moon Sect Elder gave her just now was currently stored in the space ring. This space ring was of low quality and was simply unable to conceal the aura of the Revolving Soul Orb. Looking at Elder Lin's reaction, she realized that he must have sensed something.

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Ye Qingtang frowned slightly. She could not keep this Revolving Soul Orb anymore, and if the sect elders found out about it, it would be even harder for her to explain.

Then, Ye Qingtang suddenly looked up and walked forward.

"I have something to report."

Elder Lin frowned while Elder Qin asked with a smile, "Is there anything?"

Under everyone's gaze, Ye Qingtang immediately took out the Revolving Soul Orb from her space ring.

"The Blood Moon Sect Elder dropped this item when he left. I thought that this may be related to the Blood Moon Sect."

The moment the Revolving Soul Orb was taken out, all the elders from different sects were attracted to it instantly.

"This is... the Revolving Soul Orb?!" A Wind Moon Sect elder was taken aback as shock filled his eyes.

The Revolving Soul Orb was an extremely-superior enchanted cultivation armament. It rarely appeared in sects, and only Wind Moon Sect had similar enchanted armament, of which was used to guard the sect. When the Blood Moon Sect was still in existence, its members were so powerful that ordinary sect disciples could not even be compared to them, causing everyone to bristle with anger. This power was mainly because the Blood Moon Sect possessed plenty of formidable enchanted armaments which others could not even imagine!

And the Revolving Soul Orb was one of the enchanted armaments!

Not just the Wind Moon Sect elder, but all the elders from different sects were shocked when they saw the Revolving Soul Orb.

Elder Lin and Elder Qin widened their eyes.

"This item was dropped by the Blood Moon Sect Elder?" Elder Lin asked with a serious expression.

Ye Qingtang replied. "Yes."

Elder Qin ran a hand through his beard and raised a brow. "Legend has it that the Revolving Soul Orb is an enchanted armament at the state of Martial Qi Level Two and was also a mystical artifact that could allow someone at the peak of Martial Qi Level Two to breakthrough to Martial Qi Level Three. This item is extremely rare, and only the Blood Moon Sect could refine it. It should be right."

Then, an infatuated expression emerged in the eyes of both Elder Qin and Elder Lin.

Both of them were at the late-stage of Martial Qi Level Two and were only a tiny gap away from the peak. If they could obtain this item, there was an opportunity for them to enter the Martial Qi Level Three state!

Although Martial Qi Level Three and Martial Qi Level Two were only a grade apart, there was a world of differences between these two.

The emotions of both elders fell into Ye Qingtang's eyes. Her lips curled up into a smile as a thought suddenly came to her. "I will present this item to the elders and hope that more clues regarding the Blood Moon Sect can be found using this item." Then, Ye Qingtang walked to stand in front of the elders with the Revolving Soul Orb in her hands.

The Blood Moon Sect Elder was instantly dumbfounded.

At that instant, there was greed in both Elder Lin and Elder Qin's eyes. They were not short of treasures given their high statuses of an inner sect elder, but the Revolving Soul Orb was such a precious item that was ultimately beyond their reach.

Elder Lin took a deep breath quietly and lifted his chin while glancing at Elder Qin from the corner of his eyes.

He was the Elder of Xuanling Sect's Sword Faction and had the highest position among the inner sect elders. Moreover, Ye Qingtang was a disciple in the outer sect Sword Faction, and it was logical that the Revolving Soul Orb should definitely end up in his possession.

Elder Qin realized this point as well, and his eyes revealed his slight disappointment. Had he known things would play out this way, he would have asked the outer sect elder to get in touch with Ye Qingtang since he thought very highly of her from the start anyway.

But now... it was too late.

Meanwhile, the elders from other sects had a gloomy expression, and their faces turned pale in anger as they looked at the Revolving Soul Orb in Ye Qingtang's hand.

Their disciples and Xuanling Sect's disciples both encountered the Blood Moon Sect Elder, but why was it that their disciples did not have such good luck? Not only did they not pick up such a precious treasure, they even lost their lives instead. It was seriously infuriating!

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And just when Elder Lin confidently thought that Ye Qingtang would hand the Revolving Soul Orb to him without a doubt, Ye Qingtang changed her direction slightly and handed it straight in front of Elder Qin.

"Please accept this item, Elder."

Elder Qin was taken aback, and delight flashed across his eyes. He stretched his hand out to take the Revolving Soul Orb, and a smile bloomed on his face.

“Sure sure sure. What a promising student who is worth teaching. I will definitely keep this item well. Ye Qingtang, you made a huge contribution this time. The sect will definitely reward you handsomely.”

Never would Elder Qin have thought that such a blessing would happen to him, and he laughed brightly.

Elder Lin, who was putting on a front, felt the arrogance on his face disappear completely. He glared at Ye Qingtang, who gave the Revolving Soul Orb to Elder Qin, as though he was going to devour her alive.

He never expected Ye Qingtang to actually present the Revolving Soul Orb to Elder Qin!

This was simply a slap in his face!

Elder Qin glanced at Elder Lin with a proud expression and showered Ye Qingtang with compliments.

Ye Qingtang stood there humbly and internally scoffed when she saw Elder Lin going green in the face from the corner of her eyes.

On the other hand, the Blood Moon Sect Elder’s lips twitched when he witnessed Ye Qingtang handing the Revolving Soul Orb into Elder Qin’s hands.

The elders from other sects were extremely envious but could not do anything about it as well. They secretly bad-mouthed Elder Qin for having dumb luck as Xuanling Sect did not have many casualties, and he even obtained a treasure without doing anything.

The Xuanling Sect disciples also had envious expressions on their faces, but they were envious of Ye Qingtang, who picked up the Revolving Soul Orb, and not Elder Qin. Judging from the rare excitement of all the elders, it was easy to realize how precious that treasure was. Ye Qingtang really made a huge contribution this time, and there would probably be many rewards waiting for her once she returned to the sect.

Elder Qin smiled blissfully, but Elder Lin pulled a long face.

After searching Deer City for another round and ensuring that there was no trace of the Blood Moon Sect Elder, the sects finally returned.

Before leaving, the teen from Wind Moon Sect suddenly found Ye Qingtang. He bowed to her and expressed his gratitude before leaving with his Master.

Elder Qin and Elder Lin led the group back. Ye Qingtang and the rest were considered to have completed this mission and returned to the sect immediately.

Qin Huan was very puzzled over why Ye Qingtang gave the item to the Elder of the inner sect Array Faction. “You foolish girl. Elder Lin is then the elder of the inner sect Sword Faction. Why didn’t you give the item to him?”

Ye Qingtang chuckled. “I like it.”

“...” Qin Huan remained silent.

Despite meeting with danger, everyone was able to return safely and was thankful to Ye Qingtang for diverting the Blood Moon Sect Elder’s attention.

When they returned to the sect, Dai Changming headed straight to submit the mission. Everyone bade their goodbyes and returned to take a required rest after suffering a huge fright.

The Blood Moon Sect Elder looked at the sect disciples who walked about the sect as though he saw an infinite surge of spirit energy waiting right before him for him to obtain.

Ye Qingtang sensed the Blood Moon Sect Elder's gaze and warned. "If you don't want your identity to be exposed, you better not do anything funny."

The Blood Moon Sect Elder immediately put on a loyal and honest look. "That's a given."

Ye Qingtang cast him a look skeptically. As Ye Qingtang was about to return to the dorm, a commotion occurred outside the sect, and a faint smell of blood spread in the air.

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"This smell of blood is so aromatic..." The Blood Moon Sect Elder was indulged in the bloody smell which was rich with spirit energy.

Ye Qingtang rolled her eyes at him and headed out to find out what happened.

However...

When Ye Qingtang scanned the situation, she suddenly saw a terribly battered figure which caused her mind to explode!

Outside Xuanling Sect, Yun Shu, who was covered in blood, collapsed on the clouds with feeble breathing. A large amount of blood gushed out from his body and stained the clouds beneath his body. All color was lost from his good-looking face, leaving a complexion as pale as a sheet of paper.

"Senior Brother Yun!" Ye Qingtang, alarmed, dashed out of the sect immediately.

A group of disciples surrounded and looked at the miserable Yun Shu in confusion.

Ye Qingtang hurried to Yun Shu's side and held Yun Shu up.

Yun Shu looked up with great effort, and when he saw Ye Qingtang, his body trembled slightly. He suddenly clutched onto Ye Qingtang tightly. "Junior... Junior Sister Ye..."

"Senior Brother Yun, what happened to you?! Who injured you?" Ye Qingtang's eyebrows were tightly furrowed.

"Lu... Lu Xiuwen... Junior Sister Ye... Lu Xiu... wen... He injured me... in order to snatch my... Shangyue Fire Tripod," Yun Shu said strenuously as though every word was squeezed out from his throat.

Shock filled Ye Qingtang's eyes.

Lu Xiuwen!

Yun Shu already had no energy left and passed out after forcing this sentence out of his mouth.

Ye Qingtang looked at the long trail of blood behind Yun Shu and did not dare to imagine how Yun Shu crawled back to Xuanling Sect with such heavy injuries.

The bright red blood stain pierced her eyes.

“Senior Brother Yun... I will not let Lu Xiuwen off... Don’t worry.” Ye Qingtang carried Yun Shu and rushed into the sect with the Blood Moon Sect Elder following right after.

In her previous life, Ye Qingtang only knew that Lu Xiuwen was the one who revealed her secret regarding the Heart of the Demon God, yet it turned out that he actually harmed Yun Shu secretly as well. It seemed that Yun Shu was so wretched in his previous life exactly because of Lu Xiuwen’s murderous schemes!

Ye Qingtang had heard of the Shangyue Fire Tripod that Yun Shu mentioned earlier. That was the treasure that he happened to obtain in the previous mission. It could increase one’s cultivation speed and was extremely rare, and Ye Qingtang was happy for him as well.

Yet, unexpectedly...

This Fengyue Fire Tripod actually caused him to meet with a fatal disaster!

Ye Qingtang swiftly sent Yun Shu to the physician, who was also stunned to see Yun Shu’s injuries and quickly treated him.

As the blood-stained clothes were disrobed from Yun Shu, a deep cut on his chest of which his bones could be seen was revealed. An intense murderous expression flashed across Ye Qingtang’s eyes.

The cut on Yun Shu’s chest was extremely deep and was less than a finger away from his heart. If the cut was just a little deeper, Yun Shu would have lost his life already.

The news of Yun Shu’s severe injuries spread throughout the entire outer sect rapidly.

It was then that Ye Qingtang realized that Yun Shu was out on a mission with a group of people including Lu Xiuwen and Su Wan. However, the group had already returned to the sect to submit their mission two days ago and even reported that Yun Shu met with a mishap in the mission.

Now that Yun Shu suddenly returned, there was indeed a huge stir, and the warden of the Disciplinary Hall immediately ordered for Yun Shu to be brought over after hearing what Yun Shu said before he fainted.

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Although Yun Shu did regain consciousness after the emergency treatment, he was still in a very bad condition. His body was so weak that he could not even stand still, and his hands were impaired from using them to crawl back to the sect such that it would be extremely strenuous for him to wield a sword in the future.

The physician treated Yun Shu while sighing in pity at the same time.

“Physician, how are Senior Brother Yun’s injuries?” Ye Qingtang asked with a frown.

The Physician sighed. "The wound on his chest is very deep, but it is fortunate that his heart was not affected, and his life is not in danger. However..." The Physician held his words back and only continued after a while. "His injuries have been dragged on for too long. He probably crawled all the way back to the sect, and there are too many wounds all over. His knee joints and hands are severely wounded and too much blood was lost. This would implicate his spirit root is damaged, and in the future..."

The Physician did not finish his sentence and merely shook his head regretfully.

Yun Shu was born with good natural endowments, and if he had not met with this accident, he definitely would have achieved many things in the future.

However, there were numerous injuries this time. There might be many effects even after he recovered. Thus, he might not progress much in the future.

It was really a pity.

Ye Qingtang clenched her fists tightly and frowned.

This was how the Senior Brother Yun in her previous life fell into a slump.

The once talented youth who had a bright future ahead of him was now... destroyed by Lu Xiuwen!

"Junior Sister Ye... I want to go... I want to unveil... Lu Xiuwen's disgusting face... in front of everyone," Yun Shu said with difficulty as he clenched his teeth. For the first time, there was hatred in his warm eyes.

He would never forget the moment when Lu Xiuwen attacked him.

They were clearly brothers from the same sect, yet Lu Xiuwen wanted to kill Yun Shu just to snatch the Shangyue Fire Tripod from Yun Shu!

Ye Qingtang frowned even more deeply as she looked at Yun Shu's current state. In her previous life, Yun Shu must have been through this as well. Otherwise, he would not have ended up like that.

However...

A few years later, Lu Xiuwen was still doing well in the outer sect and even became the best outer sect disciple. Evidently, Yun Shu's report failed.

Lu Xiuwen definitely must have made full preparations long ago, and even if Yun Shu reported the case to the warden, there was no way he could ensure Lu Xiuwen to be convicted.

"Please help me to bring my senior brother to the Disciplinary Hall. I will head there soon," Ye Qingtang said to the Physician slowly and quietly took a piece of Yun Shu's blood-stained clothes from behind her. There was a flicker in the eyes of the Blood Moon Sect Elder, who had been following beside Ye Qingtang, when he saw Ye Qingtang's actions.

Seeing that Ye Qingtang took her leave, the Blood Moon Sect Elder followed after her immediately.

Ye Qingtang did not go to the Disciplinary Hall straight but instead headed for the dormitory that the new disciples were staying in!

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Many disciples were surrounded in the Disciplinary Hall, and the outer sect elder in charge of discipline frowned at the two disciples before him.

“Yun Shu, you said that Lu Xiuwen secretly attacked you and stole your Shangyue Fire Tripod when you were severely injured after you all finished your mission. Is this true?”

In the big hall of the Disciplinary Hall, the pale Yun Shu was standing with difficulty while being supported by another disciple. Blood seeped out from the bandage around his chest. His lips were so pale that there was no color at all, and his legs were trembling uncontrollably as his body was overly weak.

“Elder, everything I said is true. It was Lu Xiuwen who led me to a deserted area and suddenly attacked me. After severely injuring me, he snatched the Shangyue Fire Tripod away.”

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The warden frowned deeply, and he looked sternly at Lu Xiuwen who was standing beside Yun Shu with a relaxed expression.

“Lu Xiuwen, what do you have to say about this?”

Lu Xiuwen took a glimpse of Yun Shu’s pale face from the corner of his eyes without emotion. “I have never done such a thing.”

The warden said, “When you all returned from the mission, it was reported that Yun Shu was met with a mishap. Now that Yun Shu is still alive and accused you of murder, how are you going to explain this?”

Lu Xiuwen replied. “Half a month ago, Junior Brother Yun and I went out on a mission with the rest. We did not have any conflicts on the journey. I was with other teammates from the start to the end and did not have any chance to attack Junior Brother Yun. Junior Brother Yun was lost from the group when we were killing the demonic beast. After the demonic beast was slaughtered, Junior Brother Yun was missing, and we searched the forest for a long time but only saw his blood-stained clothes, so we thought Junior Brother Yun was murdered...”

Then, Lu Xiuwen turned to look at the furious Yun Shu and said calmly, “I do not understand why Junior Brother Yun would accuse me as his murderer as well. Please clear my name, warden.”

Lu Xiuwen spoke neither hurriedly nor slowly, and there was neither panic nor guilt in his tone.

At that sight, the disciples surrounding outside the Disciplinary Hall could not help but start whispering.

Yun Shu and Lu Xiuwen were the most gifted out of the new disciples, and their skills were around the same level. However, these two new talents were involved in this incident, and many were interested to watch on.

“Lu Xiuwen is born in the Formidable Heavens Royals. What kind of treasures has he not seen before? He shouldn’t go as far as to snatch a Shangyue Fire Tripod, right?”

“What do you know? That Shangyue Fire Tripod is the best cultivation mystical artifact for Connate Level Nines. It can speed up one’s cultivation rapidly. Who doesn’t want it?”

“There was originally a slight difference between Lu Xiuwen and Yun Shu’s skills, and if one of them obtained the Shangyue Fire Tripod, that person would definitely be able to get way ahead of the other person. This item is, thus, obviously a treasure.”

The warden frowned slightly and said to Yun Shu, “Yun Shu, you said that Lu Xiuwen deliberately led you away. Is there anyone who can testify for you?”

Yun Shu frowned. After thinking for a while, his eyes scanned through the crowd and saw Su Wan standing amongst the people.

When Su Wan met with Yun Shu’s eyes, her eyes flickered a little, and she pursed her lips.

“When Lu Xiuwen called me, an outer sect disciple, Su Wan, was nearby as well,” Yun Shu said slowly.

The warden pondered for a moment and called Su Wan up.

The disciples were struck by a thought when they saw Su Wan going forward.

In this period of time, Su Wan and Yun Shu were very close, and there were already rumors about both of them in the outer sect. Now that Yun Shu called Su Wan up to testify for him, everyone could not help but guess that Su Wan would definitely stand against Lu Xiuwen given her affection for Yun Shu.

“Su Wan greets Warden,” Su Wan said gently.

The warden nodded. “Did you see Lu Xiuwen and Yun Shu leaving together that day?”

Su Wan’s lips were slightly pursed. She took a glance of Yun Shu’s expectant face and looked back. After remaining silent for a while, she finally said,

“The battle was very intense at that time. I was focused on attacking the demonic beast, so... I never took any notice of it...”

With that, everyone was stunned.

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“Don’t Su Wan and Yun Shu have a thing for each other? Why did she say such a thing here?”

“Since Su Wan said so, I think that Yun Shu’s words most likely cannot be trusted. After all, Junior Sister Su has always adored Yun Shu, and if such a thing really happened, would Junior Sister Su deny it?”

Su Wan’s words made many felt that Yun Shu was slandering Lu Xiuwen intentionally.

Everyone knew of Su Wan and Yun Shu’s relationship. If there truly were such a thing, Su Wan would definitely stand on Yun Shu’s side.

However, a hint of satisfaction flashed across Lu Xiuwen’s eyes.

Yun Shu widened his eyes in disbelief and looked at Su Wan, who was avoiding his eyes. Whatever he said earlier was not a lie. When Lu Xiuwen called him, he clearly exchanged a look with Su Wan, and she did see him leaving together with Lu Xiuwen. Why was it that... at this very moment, Su Wan denied everything?!

Yun Shu simply could not believe that Su Wan, who had always followed him throughout these days, would backstab him at this critical moment.

Su Wan did not return Yun Shu's gaze and only looked down to avoid everything.

She did witness Lu Xiuwen and Yun Shu leaving together, but... so what? Yun Shu was already crippled now...

While Lu Xiuwen...

Su Wan looked up at Lu Xiuwen's back view, and her mind replayed the scene where Lu Xiuwen expressed his affection for her on their way back to the sect. Lu Xiuwen was a royal from the Formidable Heavens Royals, and his identity was as prestigious as Yun Shu's. Now, Yun Shu had become disabled while Lu Xiuwen... had a bright future ahead of him.

Yun Shu stood rooted to the ground, dumbfounded. His last ray of hope was shattered the moment Su Wan spoke.

A hint of laughter darted across Lu Xiuwen's eyes. Then, he looked at the pale Yun Shu and said, "Junior Brother Yun, I know that you suffered a lot this time, and I am very upset as well, but I don't know why must you malign me like this."

Then, Lu Xiuwen showed a pained expression.

"Lu Xiuwen... when did I malign you? How can you..." Yun Shu trembled in fury when he saw Lu Xiuwen's attitude, and blood flowed out from the cut that was not yet healed.

Su Wan's words simply pushed Yun Shu into a bottomless abyss.

No matter how he explained now, no one would believe him.

Lu Xiuwen looked at the warden and added on. "Warden, all the disciples who participated in this mission can testify that I never left the group by myself."

Then, those disciples who were standing aside nodded along.

Yun Shu looked at the farce before his eyes and let out a bitter laugh. A drop of blood escaped his mouth as he shut his eyes in pain.

The warden frowned slightly. Yun Shu had violated the sect rules by maligning Lu Xiuwen. "Yun Shu, what do you still have to say now?"

Yun Shu shook his head slowly. Everyone was testifying for Lu Xiuwen, and no one would believe him at all no matter how he explained.

Human or devil, he finally saw clearly.

The warden announced coldly. "For maligning a fellow disciple in the sect, you are to be flogged thirty strokes. On the account that your injuries are severe, you are to head to the Disciplinary Hall by yourself to receive the punishment once you recover."

"Yes..." Yun Shu said with a bitter laugh.

The smile in Lu Xiuwen's eyes deepened.

"Warden, I have something to report." Suddenly, a beautiful female voice traveled into everyone's ears.

Chapter 289: Turn Of Events (2)

Everyone looked up instinctively and saw that Ye Qingtang was at Disciplinary Hall!

Lu Xiuwen narrowed his eyes upon seeing Ye Qingtang.

Yun Shu looked in confusion at Ye Qingtang, who suddenly arrived.

"Are you here to say anything about Yun Shu's matter?" The Warden asked.

The warden's words reflected what many thought. While Ye Qingtang did not interact much with Yun Shu during this period of time, Ye Qingtang was still on good terms with him previously. Now that Yun Shu was in trouble, could it be that Ye Qingtang was here to help him?

Lu Xiuwen swept his eyes across Ye Qingtang, though he was not at all bothered.

Ye Qingtang never participated in the mission with them, so no matter what she said now, Yun Shu's fate would hardly change.

However...

"Senior Brother Yun's matter?" Ye Qingtang was slightly surprised. She scanned the Disciplinary Hall and could not help but laugh. "You are mistaken. I am not here to talk about Senior Brother Yun's matter. After all, my mission was different from theirs. How would I know anything that happened in their mission?"

Quite a number of disciples were taken aback by her words.

She was not here to save Yun Shu?

The warden said, "So what are you here for?"

Ye Qingtang slowly walked up, and when she reached the warden, she suddenly handed a sword in her hand to the warden.

"Warden, I picked up a sword on my way back to the sect. There is a Xuanling Sect symbol carved on it, and I thought that some senior brother must have lost it, so I brought it back together with me. I'm handing it to you to check if there are any clues so that the item can be returned to its original owner."

Lu Xiuwen's eyes flickered when he saw that sword.

The warden looked at the sword before him and took it over. When he drew out the sword, there was an obvious, large patch of dried blood stained on the shiny sword. The warden furrowed his eyebrows. "Where did you pick up this sword at?"

"In the vicinity of Beiyue Mountains." Ye Qingtang replied.

With that said, Su Wan and the rest had a shocked expression.

Was that not where Yun Shu was on a mission at?

Lu Xiuwen's expression became a little ugly.

"Beiyue Mountains... Why do I remember that the location of Lu Xiuwen and the rest's mission is around that area?" A random disciple voiced from aside.

Lu Xiuwen's expression instantly turned even uglier.

Ye Qingtang scoffed in her heart. Catching onto what that disciple said, she looked at Lu Xiuwen and asked, "Oh? Could it be that this sword belongs to Senior Brother Lu then?"

Lu Xiuwen narrowed his eyes immediately and uttered coldly. "Junior Sister Ye, you should not speak carelessly. What evidence do you have to say that you picked up this sword at Beiyue Mountains and that this sword is mine?"

The warden frowned as well. "Ye Qingtang, do you have any proof?"

Ye Qingtang looked up, and her eyes quietly fell on the Blood Moon Sect Elder, who was in the crowd. "Senior Brother Zhou should have seen this sword as well." She immediately darted the Blood Moon Sect Elder a look, signaling him to say something.

The Blood Moon Sect Elder saw Ye Qingtang's eyes and pursed his lips.

What had it got to do with him?

Ye Qingtang narrowed her eyes slightly as her right hand casually held on the sword on her waist and drew it out a little.

"..." The Blood Moon Sect Elder felt a chill. He cursed in his heart and walked up rather unwillingly.

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When Lu Xiuwen saw the Blood Moon Sect Elder who became Zhou Qu, a hint of laughter emerged in his eyes.

This Ye Qingtang was really an idiot. Everyone knew about the enmity between Zhou Qu and Ye Qingtang. Plus, Zhou Qu obviously had an intention of cozying up to him on the arena previously. Calling Zhou Qu up right now would probably just be more of a hindrance than help.

Then, Lu Xiuwen secretly sighed and said to the Blood Moon Sect Elder, "It would be even better if Senior Brother Zhou was present. Please clear my name, Senior Brother Zhou."

Under Ye Qingtang's threatening eyes, the Blood Moon Sect Elder nodded with a smile and said with an expression which read 'absolutely,' "No problem. Don't worry, Junior Brother Lu. I will definitely say the truth in all honesty."

Lu Xiuwen nodded in satisfaction and glanced at Ye Qingtang with a cold laugh in his eyes.

The Blood Moon Sect Elder walked up to the warden and said, "Warden, I have something to report."

"Say." The Warden uttered.

After taking a look at the sword, the Blood Moon Sect Elder turned to look at Lu Xiuwen, who secretly gave him a nod. "I indeed witnessed Junior Sister Ye picking this sword up in the area near Beiyue Mountains."

Lu Xiuwen's expression immediately fell after hearing what the Blood Moon Sect Elder said.

Then, the Blood Moon Sect Elder continued. "I also saw Junior Brother Lu using this sword before."

Lu Xiuwen's expression darkened instantly, and he frowned. "Senior Brother Zhou, don't speak carelessly." Then, he cast a threatening look to the Blood Moon Sect Elder.

The Blood Moon Sect Elder was simply unaffected. "I am not speaking carelessly. I did see you holding this sword before."

Lu Xiuwen's expression turned ugly.

On the other hand, Ye Qingtang deliberately looked at Lu Xiuwen in surprise. "This sword really belongs to Senior Brother Lu? But... the blood stain on this sword..."

The warden's expression changed, and he immediately summoned someone to compare the blood stain on that sword and Yun Shu's blood. The results shocked everyone: the two blood samples were completely the same, and evidently, the blood on the sword belonged to Yun Shu!

When the results were revealed, Lu Xiuwen's expression became extremely ugly. He did attack Yun Shu, but he did not use that sword at all. He clearly placed that sword in his room all this while and had never used it, but why was it that it was in Ye Qingtang's hands now?

Lu Xiuwen really fell into a dire situation as his own sword was stained with Yun Shu's blood. Then, he said, "This sword is indeed mine. However, I already lost it one month ago, so I am really unaware of this matter."

"Unaware?" Ye Qingtang suddenly laughed. She narrowed her eyes at Lu Xiuwen, who was trying hard to wash his hands off everything. "That is really unusual then. Senior Brother Lu, your sword is stained with Senior Brother Yun's blood, and Senior Brother Yun said that he was injured by you... I'm afraid there's something hidden in this matter."

Lu Xiuwen glimpsed at Ye Qingtang and could not help but curse internally, though he did not show any expression on his face.

"All the disciples who went on the mission can testify for me that I did not bring this sword when I went out on the mission."

The Warden then interrogated other disciples, and the outcome was the same as what Lu Xiuwen said.

Even Yun Shu could not help but frown as well. He was injured by Lu Xiuwen's sword, but it was completely not the one that Ye Qingtang handed to the Warden. However, at that moment, Yun Shu was not foolish enough to speak up for Lu Xiuwen.