This chapter was translated for http://nuttyisprocrasinating.wordpress.com only. And only for those people who don't mind reading unprofessional translation that was being translated FREELY at the translator's, editor's and proofreaders' own free times.

Chapter 87.1

The Strange Formation

Dong Yu's Master Camp

Once Shang Jun arrived, the morale in the army camp had received a great boost. A group of people had gathered in front of the topographical map as Pei Che presented, "The formation that Cang Yue set up is very strange; after our vanguard broke in and entered, no sound was heard, there was no fighting, and in the end, they died tragically inside as snow wolves came out with their severed heads in their mouths. We are completely unfamiliar with the situation inside the formation, so we do not dare to make any rash moves. Does Master Shang have any opinions?"

Everyone looked at Shang Jun; they had been frustrated by this strange formation over the past few days and it was as if Shang Jun was their only hope this time.

Shang Jun shook his head and replied, "I do not have any opinion. I will know after I enter and check the formation." What Pei Che revealed really did not contain anything he could use to form an opinion, and since he had only checked the outside of the formation at that time, how could he even offer an assessment when Pei Che had asked just now?!

"Out of the question!" As soon as Shang Jun's voice fell, the three people sitting at the end shouted out simultaneously.

The first one who objected was Shang Xiao. She ran to the front of Shang Jun and pulled his hand as she angrily shouted, "Older brother, you did not come here to throw your life away!" Whatever that formation is that they were talking about just now, it is really scary! There were snow wolves, so why did they not enter and check on their own ah?!

Qin Xiu Zhi also knitted his good-looking eyebrows and asked, "Isn't there another way?"

Murong Shu Qing also did not approve and said, "Jun, this is very dangerous."

Even though Shang Jun felt a warmth in his heart, moved by their protectiveness, he still did not know whether to laugh or cry as he helplessly said, "You guys do not need to be so nervous. How will I break the formation if I do not go inside and check it out?" They thought that he was already a god who used a bright light to imagine the formation?!

Even though it made sense, but since older sister was her only close relative, Shang Xiao was still unwilling to accept it as she said, "Then you can just command them; why do you need to go ah? Can they not go?!" After she finished speaking, she firmly stared at these supposed generals; this group of grown men still wanted to let her older sister go alone on a dangerous mission.

Shang Jun took a deep breath and said very seriously, "Xiao Er, if I do not understand the formation, how will I explain how to break it? If you act willfully again, you need to go back to the

manor." He knew Xiao Er was only looking out for his own good, but there was no other way to do this.

Shang Xiao aggrievedly held her tongue and pitifully looked at Murong Shu Qing; he must listen to older sister Shu Qing's advice.

Sensing the look in Shang Xiao's eyes for her help, <u>Murong</u> Shu Qing also had conflicting views. She did not understand anything about formations and was also anxious for Shang Jun, but what Shang Jun had said was actually the truth. If he did not understand the formation, how could he figure out how to break it? After thinking for a bit, <u>Murong</u> Shu Qing asked, "With the information that you have now, what kind of formation is this?" If they had some traces that he could follow, maybe he did not need to go in?

Shang Jun pointed at the topographic map and said, "According to the situation outside, the formations are made of mountain, rocks, forest and trees; most of them are the five-element formations. They generally disorient people and make it easier for the enemy to be dispersed and killed. But, according to the generals, there was no sound, no fighting once inside and they all were killed by snow wolves. There might still be another formation within this formation, and therefore, I have to enter it to check it out before I can think of a way to break the formation." Actually, there was another option for him not to go in personally and that was if there was at least one survivor who had entered the formation. This person might be able to outline the situation inside or maybe knew the name of the formation that You Xiao had set up. If that was the case, then he might be able to research the type of formation. But, since nobody really knew this formation right now, he had to enter it to know how to break it.

Murong Shu Qing still wanted to say something more, but Shang Jun gently shook his head, so she swallowed down what she wanted to say. She should believe him since this was his decision, so she could only support it.

Shang Xiao knew that her older sister's heart was determined to check out the formation this time, so with tears in her eyes, she pleaded, "Then you do not need to go alone ah; there are so many people here, let them accompany you, alright?!"

<u>Xuanyuan</u> Yi also knew the danger of this formation and regardless of the reason, Shang Jun was willing to help, so he did not want to see him (SJ) get hurt either, therefore he persuaded, "Master Shang, we will send a team of people to accompany you and protect your safety."

At this moment, Lei Yi stepped forward, cupped his hands, and offered with a clear voice, "I will be willing to go." Since entering Piao Miao Manor until now, he did not have an opportunity to thank Master Shang and even if he mentioned it, Master Shang might not remember either. He was aware that everything pointed to disaster by entering the formation this time, but he still wanted to accompany and protect him (SJ), so it could be regarded as repaying the favor for saving his life.

Shang Jun smiled, shook his head and said, "Many thanks for the general's good intention, but the formation is not an ordinary place, so only I will go check on the formation. It will be less dangerous to enter alone." He would enter this time hoping to stir up the trap mechanisms as little as possible. With his martial arts and understanding of the five-elements formation, it should not be difficult to come out. If he added a group of people, then it would be harder to do so.

Patting Shang Xiao's hand that was still firmly holding his own hand, he gave her a hearty smile.
Shang Jun cupped his hands and said with a smile, "Everyone does not need to worry, I will come back soon." After speaking, he agilely went out of the tent.