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Chapter 952 This is Very Chu Kuang

The Fantasy Editorial Department finally returned to normal, but everyone's expressions were filled with helplessness.

This was so Chu Kuang!

YangFeng forced a smile and said, "He never takes the conventional path and always challenges the least popular themes. Whatever the readers are least interested in, he insists on writing about that. That's Chu Kuang for you. It's actually our reactions that are strange. Shouldn't we have been used to this kind of thing by now?"

"Alas."

"We were all too optimistic before, thinking that after writing two detective novels, Teacher Chu Kuang was getting closer to mainstream themes. The reality proves that Teacher Chu Kuang is still the same Chu Kuang."

"Utterly willful!"

"Since his debut, aside from detective stories, Chu Kuang has never really written any mainstream long-form themes. In the readers' words: 'This person seems to have been born to oppose the readers and even the editors.'"

"What's the big deal about writing death?"

"From the very choice of novel themes, he has fully demonstrated an unfriendly attitude towards readers, as if he's challenging everyone with this tactic: 'You don't like this? Great, then I'll write this, and I will write it until you do like it!'"

As the editors discussed,

Ol' Xiong took a deep breath, "Wuxia mainly targets the Zhao Continent readers. It's far-fetched, but this isn't the most far-fetched thing Chu Kuang has done. Perhaps this novel can also bring us a pleasant surprise."

"I believe so too!"

Chapter 953 Zhao Continent Wait for Me

Wait for Me "YangFeng" and other editors were reading "The Legend of the Condor Heroes". Being the chief editor of the Fantasy Department, Ol' Xiong naturally did the same.

Afternoon.

Five thirty.

The standard closing time for Silver Blue Books.

Except for those who needed to work overtime, employees from other departments gradually left until the floors were empty.

Only the Fantasy Department remained, including Chief Editor Ol' Xiong, none of whom moved. They all sat obediently in front of their computers, engrossed in the screens.

Their seriousness even made the passing company leaders nod in approval.

The work attitude and enthusiasm in the Fantasy Department are impressive, they've even learned to work overtime on their own!

If the leaders came in for a closer look, they would discover:

On every computer screen in the entire Fantasy Department, the content of "The Legend of the Condor Heroes" was displayed.

In other words.

These people weren't working overtime at all, they were simply addicted to reading novels.

They hadn't even completed their basic work very well; most of their time was consumed by this unpublished novel, fully utilizing their editor status to laze around openly.

Fantasy novel editors, after all.

Reading fantasy novels during working hours, how is that not reasonable?

Suddenly.

The main door to the chief editor's office opened.

Ol' Xiong hurriedly prepared to go home.

Chapter 954 - 954 885 The Completion of The Legend of the
Yan, and Han felt offended.

Because they were the so-called "sons" of readers in the mouths of Zhao people.

They were the group of "fools" who fed Chu Kuang according to Zhao people.

Some readers from Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, and Han were furious and, for the first time, hoped that Chu Kuang would give those readers from Zhao Continent a good beating and let that group of Zhao people know what an old rascal is!

To be honest.

Why weren't the readers from Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, and Han that resistant to Chu Kuang's new book about martial arts?

It wasn't just because everyone was used to Chu Kuang's penchant for choosing niche genres for his creations, but more because everyone thought that Chu Kuang was aiming to attract fans from Zhao Continent.

This was normal.

Whenever a new continent joined the merger, many creators would shift their creative styles to cater to that continent, thereby acquiring the local fan market as quickly as possible, or at least securing a foothold—

Doesn't Zhao Continent love martial arts?

People understood that Chu Kuang wanted to capture more of the market in Zhao Continent, as the market of a continent was very large indeed.

Therefore.

In many people's minds, Chu Kuang's martial arts work should not target the user readership of Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, and Han, but be tailor-made for Zhao people.

"It's kind of sour, isn't it?"

"When Qi Continent joined the merger, how come Chu Kuang didn't write a novel especially for us, Qi people?"

Chapter 955 Release Day

However, unlike before, the most intense discussions about Chu Kuang's new book weren't by readers across the continents but by major bookstores in the Blue Star literary circle.

At that moment.

All the major bookstores were in a dilemma.

Normally, when Chu Kuang released a new book, all the major bookstores would scramble to buy it!

Especially after experiencing shortages due to underestimating the market for "Zhu Xian" years ago.

Insiders, cautious of underestimating Chu Kuang's new books, would conservatively order more to ensure a sufficient supply for the market.

However, this time was somewhat special.

Chu Kuang's new book was a wuxia theme, specifically targeted for the audience in Zhao Continent, precisely selecting its audience by genre!

Outside Zhao Continent.

Readers from Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, and Han were not at all interested in wuxia novels.

Given this, how many copies of "The Legend of the Condor Heroes" should bookstores from Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, and Han order to be appropriate?

Keep in mind.

Even if the readers from Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, and Han weren't interested in wuxia, they were interested in Chu Kuang. Who knew how many readers from these places would buy "The Legend of the Condor Heroes" just because of the old rascal's reputation?

Chapter 956 days Mount Tai Big Dipper

9 AM.

Peng Lan, the head of Su City's New Cathay Bookstore in Qin Continent, had arrived early with her personal assistant to inspect the main store.

By this time, "The Legend of the Condor Heroes" had already been released.

She wanted to know the first-day sales of Chu Kuang's new book.

Due to the special circumstances of this release, although the major bookstores across Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, and Han had adopted a conservative strategy, the total volume of stock was still substantial.

Everyone was worried about sales, so there were many managers like Peng Lan who personally visited bookstores to observe the situation.

However,

when Peng Lan and her assistant entered the Su City New Cathay main store, they were startled by the scene inside.

Inside the bookstore,

customer after customer filled the different seats.

Upon closer inspection, one could see that nearly every customer was holding a copy of “The Legend of the Condor Heroes”!

At the front desk,

the crowded crowd was slightly noisy, with many customers holding “The Legend of the Condor Heroes” checking out at the cashier, creating a bustling scene:

“Where’s Chu Kuang’s new book?”

“One copy of Chu Kuang’s new book, please!”

“The same for me, the old rascal’s new book.”

“Two copies of ‘The Legend of the Condor Heroes,’ thank you!”

“Is this Chu Kuang the old rascal’s new book? Oh, yes, then I’ll take one, two, three, four, five... six copies, and also a few for my five sons in the dorm.”

Peng Lan was dumbstruck.

The assistant beside her was also astonished.

If Chu Kuang had written a detective novel or such, the two would not have been shocked by such a sales scene.

The old rascal had the market appeal.

But the issue here was that this was a martial arts novel!

Since when did the readers from Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, and Han take such an interest in martial arts?

Chapter 957 I See the Future of Martial Arts

“The little peach tree blooms on its own without a master,

The tobacco fields stretch vast, carrying the crows at dusk.

Several dilapidated walls surround the old well,

Once upon a time, each was a household’s dwelling.”

Duan Qingyun’s eyes immediately lit up, and he soon exclaimed, “Nevermind the beginning, this quatrain is truly poetic brilliance.”

“Good poem!”

Canyang nodded in agreement upon reading this passage.

Actually, this is a work by Dai Fugu, a poet of the Southern Song Dynasty, making its first appearance in Blue Star, and naturally both took it for an original creation by Chu Kuang.

Afterward.

The two no longer conversed, each deeply immersed in the spiritual world crafted by The Legend of the Condor Heroes.

Actually, the pace of The Legend of the Condor Heroes is quite slow; the protagonist does not even appear by the end of the first chapter, only entering the scene in the second.

However, the groundwork laid in the first chapter carries both necessity and inevitability.

Whether it's the origins of Guo Xiaotian and Yang Tie Xin, as well as Qiu Chuji, or the children in the wombs of Li Ping and Bao Xiruo, who, due to their parents' misfortunes, are sent on wholly different life paths, there's an undercurrent running miles beneath the surface.

The text repeatedly uses contrasts and juxtapositions of characters' fates:

Bao Xiruo, having lost her husband, feels secretly delighted when praised for her beauty by Wan Yan Hong Lie, even succumbing to the current and following this man.

Facing the same loss of a spouse,

Chapter 958 Do We Have Enough Inventory to Sell

As the last bastion for the martial arts genre, the love of the Zhao people for martial arts is well-known across Blue Star.

Thus.

During the time when Canyang and Duan Qingshan were excitedly discussing "The Legend of the Condor Heroes" to the point of no return.

A storm suddenly swept through the martial arts forums of Zhao Continent!

The storm started with a post, which was simple, but the tone of the poster was incredibly exaggerated:

"Aaaaaah, who has read 'The Legend of the Condor Heroes'!?"

As a result.

That post exploded with countless readers who had just started reading “The Legend of the Condor Heroes”!

Hundreds of replies!

“Reading it, reading it, from afternoon till night, can’t put it down!”

“You think that’s something? I’ve been reading from 8 AM to 6 PM, a whole ten hours without a break, even forgot to make lunch, now I’m so hungry my stomach is growling, and I don’t want to waste time cooking when I could be reading, so I had to order takeout. I freaking hate takeout, but what I hate even more is Bao Xiruo, this green tea. If she could die earlier, I would be willing to eat takeout for a month!”

“Turns out I’m not the only one who feels this way. This martial arts novel is incredible!”

“Me too, me too. This novel is simply addictive, I just can’t stop reading. How can a martial arts novel be this thrilling!”

“This novel completely shattered my preconceived notions about martial arts. It’s totally different from our Zhao Continent’s style!”

“King’s Path, huh. ‘The Legend of the Condor Heroes’ style is the real King’s Path of martial arts!”

Chapter 959 JingRongs Romance

Of course there isn’t enough to sell!

The number of readers coming to the bookstore to buy books on the third day was terrifying.

It was around nine o’clock in the morning when a certain large chain bookstore reluctantly put up the “The Legend of the Condor Heroes sold out” sign first.

And then.

It was like a domino effect.

Following the first bookstore's inability to cope, more and more bookstores found themselves in the awkward situation of having nothing to sell, and more "The Legend of the Condor Heroes sold out" signs were reluctantly put up.

Soaring Dragon Bookstore sold out!

Universal Bookstore sold out!

Pinnacle Bookstore sold out!

Tranquility Bookstore sold out!

New Cathay Bookstore sold out!

Countless bookstores across the five continents of Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, and Han sold out in turn; "The Legend of the Condor Heroes" suddenly became out of stock!

Too small!

The scale was too small!

Chapter 960 Five Uniques

This was the fifth day since the release of The Legend of the Condor Heroes!

This time, there was no embarrassment of being sold out, as the shelves of major bookstores were well-stocked with The Legend of the Condor Heroes.

Amid such a big commotion, the media of course could not remain silent.

For instance, Qin Continent News did a special report early in the morning.

The program began.

The host started with a broadcaster's tone, introducing the situation:

“Renowned author Chu Kuang recently launched his new work The Legend of the Condor Heroes, a wuxia novel. As everyone knows, apart from on Zhao Continent, wuxia novels don't have a big market on Blue Star. This is a generally recognized niche genre. Yet, a work of such a niche genre was continuously sold out in major bookstores within three days of its release, until it was restocked this morning. Now, let's see what kind of magic this wuxia novel holds for its readers...”

As the host narrated, the screen switched to the entrances of various major bookstores.

New Cathay Bookstore, Soaring Dragon Bookstore, Tranquility Bookstore, and other famous national bookstores flashed one by one on the screen.

Followed by close-ups of various covers of The Legend of the Condor Heroes on the shelves.

Then, a field reporter randomly interviewed customers at the bookstore entrances.

“I came to buy The Legend of the Condor Heroes.”

A male customer waved the book in his hand at the camera.

The reporter asked a standard question, “Do you really like reading wuxia novels?”

The male customer nodded and then shook his head, speaking again amidst the reporter's confusion, “I like wuxia, but I've stopped reading wuxia novels because after a while, they seem uninteresting. But the day before yesterday, my buddy bought a copy of The Legend of the Condor Heroes, and I casually flipped through a few pages and was completely hooked...”