

The Doctor 1241

Chapter 1241: The Chi Xiao Sword

"That's..." She looked at Rong Xiu in shock.

"That's the notes left behind by the sword's creator," said Rong Xiu with a smile. "It took me quite the effort to find it."

Although Rong Xiu had said this in a joking tone, Chu Liuyue understood how difficult it must've been for him to find the book. The academy had millions of books in its collection, so one could just imagine how much time and effort were needed to locate that one book. Besides, the academy had spent great effort to retrieve the Xuan instrument, so it was only natural that everything related to it was kept strictly.

I can't believe he managed to get it...? Chu Liuyue could feel the thick, heavy, and rough pages of the book in her hands. Her heart stirred. "This book... I doubt the academy would hand it over just like that, right? How... did you manage to get it?"

"Without the Yuan instrument, the notebook itself is meaningless. It's only considered a treasure when it's in your hands. It's pointless for them to keep it, so it's not as hard to obtain as you think."

Despite what he said, Chu Liuyue knew that things weren't so simple. But since it was clear that Rong Xiu had no intention of sharing the details with her, she knew that she wouldn't be able to get an answer out of him no matter what.

"I had to keep my promise of getting this book for you." As Rong Xiu said that, he held Chu Liuyue's face in his hands and kissed her glabella.

When his warm breath landed on her forehead, Chu Liuyue felt as if she was burning up. She looked up at him. "Rong Xiu..."

Her red lips parted in an attempt to say something, but she didn't think that there was any word that could quite convey her feelings. *This man has always been by my side, giving me everything I wanted. I believe only very few people in the world are capable of doing that, but he did just that. He has never boasted about how good of a man he is—it's like he's only doing what he should do. How rare of a husband he is.*

When Chu Liuyue stretched out her arms to grab Rong Xiu's clothes and pull him toward her, he cooperated and leaned down slightly to meet her kiss.

That kiss was incredibly soft and sweet, and it left both of them giddy with pleasure.

It took a while before they finally pulled apart from each other.

Rong Xiu then tightly held her in his embrace and rested his chin in the crook of her neck. "Is this a reward?"

His voice was deep, slightly hoarse, and even carried a hint of confusion when he asked that question. It almost instantly made Chu Liuyue's heart tremble when she heard it.

"No." Chu Liuyue closed her eyes. "It's love."

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Chu Liuyue ended up going back to her room obediently because, according to a certain person, he couldn't guarantee what would happen next if they continued staying together in that situation.

It was late at night, and her surroundings were all quiet. All that could be heard was the occasional rustling of the evening wind passing through the forest, and that made the night seem extra lonely.

Chu Liuyue sat cross-legged with the notebook in her hands. She still felt as amazed as before even as she looked at it now. Her eyes carefully swept across the cover in great detail.

The strange golden pattern engraved on the sword sheath appeared stately and mysterious. The gold-blue hilt was carved into the shape of a dragon's head, and its eyes were so dark that it seemed capable of swallowing someone when they looked into it. Further above it was a clean, smooth, round, and black handle that had a tassel dangling at the end.

"So this sword is somewhat associated with the dragons..." Chu Liuyue muttered to herself. *That explains why the Long Yuan Sword's sword aura managed to fuse with it smoothly. Of course, Ancestor must've played a part in its success too.*

With a mere thought, a stream of sparkling light appeared right in front of her, followed by the appearance of a longsword. Although it was just quietly floating in the air, the space around it distorted a little.

This showed how tremendous its pressure was.

Chu Liuyue stared closely at the sword in front of her—it looked exactly the same as the one drawn on the notebook's cover. It was just that the notebook—despite being well-kept—had become slightly yellowish due to it being too old, so it looked as if a grayish-yellow veil was covering the drawing. It was only when said sword appeared right in front of her that she could clearly sense its majestic aura, which seemed to have come from a distant time and space.

Everything was so vivid.

She flipped open the notebook, and on the title page were the words 'Chi Xiao Sword' written in a powerful handwriting.

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Slowly and carefully, Chu Liuyue flipped through the entire book. When she finally finished the last page, she closed the book, closed her eyes, and let out a long breath.

It turned out that this sword's former owner-cum-creator was Elder Fan Bei. Back then, Elder Fan Bei, upon receiving a piece of precious sword core, was determined to refine the ultimate sword. In order to forge this sword, he went to Ancient Feather Abyss and stayed there for three whole months, calling on the lightning every day before he finally managed to produce it.

Unfortunately, he was dying by the time the Chi Xiao Sword was produced, having exhausted all his energy and power in those three months. Knowing that his days were numbered, he decided to take his heart's blood and fuse it with the sword. Using his own life, he managed to turn the sword into a supreme Yuan instrument, but he died in the process of doing so.

Just like that, the Chi Xiao Sword fell into Ancient Feather Abyss before it could even emerge, and it stayed that way for years after. It wasn't until recently—when there was chaos happening in Ancient Feather Abyss—that the elders of Ling Xiao Academy realized that the sword was about to emerge.

Many people actually knew that there was a Yuan instrument hidden within Ancient Feather Abyss. It was why the Golden Wings Sect and many other sects had sent so many people to try and get their hands on the sword.

Word out there was that the Chi Xiao Sword was a royal Yuan instrument, but it was actually a supreme Yuan instrument in reality. It was fortunate that Ling Xiao Academy managed to get it back in the end, so not many people knew the true grade of this Yuan instrument. Otherwise, it would become quite a problem for them.

Elder Fan Bei had kept a constant record of the Chi Xiao Sword's forging process. The notebook contained every step of the process, as well as some of his thoughts. It was just a shame that he failed to include the usage method since he died as soon as the sword was produced. Hence, Chu Liuyue could only figure things out on her own based on the notes he had left behind.

That said, such a supreme Yuan instrument was highly intelligent in the first place. There wouldn't be a problem for her as long as she was able to master it completely.

Chu Liuyue put the book away and looked at the sword in front of her. After taking a deep breath, she grabbed its hilt.

Chapter 1242: Strike!

Despite having put a lot of strength, the Chi Xiao Sword didn't budge.

Confused, Chu Liuyue took a closer look at it. *It's not rusty at all... Why can't I pull it out?*

She then gritted her teeth and tried harder this time.

The Chi Xiao Sword showed no response though—it was like the sword was stuck in the sheath. No matter how hard Chu Liuyue tried, she just couldn't get it out.

After numerous failed attempts, Shangguan Jing said, "Stop wasting your energy. This sword can't be used until its weapon soul is refined."

Chu Liuyue's eyes bulged. "What?! So I won't be able to use it if I don't refine the weapon soul?"

Shangguan Jing gave the question some thought before saying in all seriousness, "Hm... That seems to be the case. By the way, I forgot to tell you that the Long Yuan Sword's sword soul has been transferred into this sword. This means that... the Long Yuan Sword is now useless."

Shocked, Chu Liuyue immediately summoned the Long Yuan Sword.

A long, cold, and heavy black sword appeared in her hand. She then injected her force into it, but there was no response from the Long Yuan Sword.

"What..."

“The supreme Yuan instrument is so powerful that it can easily crush the Long Yuan Sword. If I wasn’t around at the time, the Long Yuan Sword would’ve been destroyed the moment its sword soul was transferred to the Yuan instrument,” Shangguan Jing explained with a sigh. “It’s not so easy to control.”

Chu Liuyue was speechless. *So what am I going to do now? Not only am I unable to use the Long Yuan Sword, but I can’t even pull out the Chi Xiao Sword!*

She rubbed her glabella in frustration. *Doesn’t that mean there’s only one way left?*

“Heh, this is nothing. I’m around anyway. I can help you call on the lightning while you complete the refining of the weapon soul. Isn’t it easy?”

Chu Liuyue was at a loss for words. *He seems to think a little too highly of me... But then again, there’s no other solution either.*

After a slight pause, she said, “Please help me, Ancestor!”

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Chu Liuyue walked out of the room and headed to the mountaintop, which was the most appropriate place for her to call on lightning. Although she was worried that she would attract the attention of many people if the commotion got too big, she couldn’t care so much right now. She figured that the barrier Rong Xiu had placed around Jiuhe Peak would be able to provide some shielding.

After finding a relatively flat spot, she took out the star stone and placed the Chi Xiao Sword on it.

A translucent figure—Shangguan Jing—appeared at that moment.

Chu Liuyue looked at him with squinted eyes. “Ancestor, why does it seem like you’re becoming a lot more... opaque?”

There was a vast difference between how Shangguan Jing looked now compared to when he previously looked like an apparition.

Shangguan Jing stayed silent for a moment before nodding his head. “You’re right. I feel the same.”

The longer he stayed together with Chu Liuyue, the stronger he became. When they first met, he was in a state where he could dissipate at any moment, but he had gradually become stronger since then. He didn’t know what was going on though. Ever since the Long Yuan Sword’s sword soul entered the Chi Xiao Sword, he realized that he seemed capable of living independently.

Chu Liuyue became more certain about her previous guess. *This must be his soul. It’s just that his power diminished, and his memory became somewhat fuzzy over time. That must be why he thought that he was just a remnant of his consciousness.*

After thinking about it for a bit, a thought suddenly struck her. *If his soul still exists, then... does it mean that he has the chance to come back to life once I refine the Chi Xiao Sword’s weapon soul?*

She took a deep breath and pushed the thought aside. *Let’s think about it once I’m done refining the weapon soul!*

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“Step back a bit.” Shangguan Jing—who was floating in the air—became serious as Chu Liuyue took five steps backward while staring closely at the star stone and the Chi Xiao Sword. His power began surging madly around as he lifted his arms in the air.

A formidable pressure began spreading in all directions.

Dark clouds soon gathered above, and the sky became darker, with the moon being hidden by the dense clouds.

They were surrounded by undulating mountains, and it was all quiet around them. The only thing that could be heard was the wind passing through the mountains and the forest.

Chu Liuyue felt as if her heart was being squeezed. She could hear her heart beating wildly inside.

As the wind blew and the dark clouds rolled in, a lightning bolt finally appeared from behind the clouds. It was followed by a second and a third one.

Chu Liuyue gasped, for the speed at which the lightning bolts had appeared was far faster than she had imagined. She wondered how many lightning bolts she had to withstand in order to refine the supreme Yuan instrument’s weapon soul.

From the looks of it, it would far exceed the number of lightning bolts she had withstood when forging the Cloud-Sky Copper Sword.

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Almost at the same time the sky had changed, Rong Xiu—who had just laid down in bed—suddenly opened his eyes and pushed his blanket aside to hop off the bed. He then rushed out of the house and looked toward the mountaintop, where a few lightning bolts were hovering in the sky.

His eyes narrowed slightly as he raised a hand.

A golden stream of light flew out and transformed into countless dots of light before floating down on the barrier around Jiuhe Peak.

Now that the barrier was strengthened, it perfectly hid what was happening inside.

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Chu Liuyue had no idea about this as her entire attention was currently on the lightning bolts that were about to strike down.

The dark clouds had gathered dozens of silver lightning bolts in just a short span of time, but the problem was that the number was still increasing.

“I called on a total of 81 lightning bolts when you were forging the Long Yuan Sword, but I don’t know how many lightning bolts there’ll be this time since this is a supreme Yuan instrument,” said Shangguan Jing.

Chu Liuyue’s eyelids twitched.

As the Chi Xiao Sword was two grades higher than the Long Yuan Sword, it was hard to imagine how one could fill this huge gap.

The black star stone sparkled as it reflected the light from the numerous lightning bolts in the sky.

When countless dots of light finally appeared on it, the Chi Xiao Sword slowly rose to the air. It quietly floated above the star stone while giving out an astonishing aura.

Chu Liuyue hadn't even begun the refining process, yet she could already feel something heavy pressing down on her heart. Even the simple act of breathing felt difficult to her. *?I wonder what will happen when the lightning strikes...*

As soon as this thought appeared in her mind, she heard a loud rumble in the sky.

A thick, shining lightning bolt came shooting down in a flash toward the Chi Xiao Sword.

Chu Liuyue could hardly open her eyes in this blinding light.

It was followed by another loud rumbling sound.

This time, however, the rest of the lightning bolts came striking down one after another.

Chapter 1243: Try Her Best

Chu Liuyue had never seen such a scene before.

The countless lightning bolts surged toward them as though they were free of charge! It was like a gigantic silver sword that shot out of the clouds and struck down!

Looking up at it, it was like it directly split the sky into two!

The light was bright, and the sound reverberated throughout the sky!

The strong impact almost caused Chu Liuyue to fly away, but she immediately stabbed the Long Yuan Sword into the ground! She clutched it tightly to prevent herself from being blown away by this violent wind!

Her clothes blew with the wind, and only the crazy howls of the wind could be heard beside her ear!

Shangguan Jing's gaze had never been this stern and solemn! This was because he knew that it would definitely be a tough fight as soon as he saw the lightning bolts!

He was afraid that... this would be the most intense fight with the most number of lightning bolts summoned in his entire lifetime!

After the lightning bolts landed, new lightning bolts quickly appeared!

Shangguan Jing's strength quickly diminished along with the terrifying refinement process!

Time seemed to pass especially slowly!

Just when Chu Liuyue felt that her face was about to be scraped by the terrifying force, the Chi Xiao Sword finally moved!

A glow of golden light appeared on the sword sheath, glowing quietly!

The light from the surrounding lightning bolts was very sharp, but this golden glow wasn't dimmer than the rest.

Chu Liuyue saw clearly that the golden pattern on the sword sheath had exploded with a crystalized light!

"Girlie! Go forward!" Shangguan Jing hollered!

Chu Liuyue immediately jumped up and held the Chi Xiao Sword by its hilt!

Countless rays of silver light flashed on the sword sheath!

The sword sheath was cold to touch, but the strength of the lightning was scorching hot! The two extreme forces merged with each other!

Chu Liuyue clenched her teeth and held the sword tightly!

A familiar aura gradually surged up her heart—this was the Long Yuan Sword's sword soul!

If one wanted to refine it to become a weapon soul, the Chi Xiao Sword had to undergo the impact from these lightning bolts!

For some reason, the lightning bolts respectively avoided Chu Liuyue when they went past her. This helped reduce the pressure she felt.

As the lightning bolts kept landing, there seemed to be a seal on the sheath that gradually weakened.

The patterns—which had been originally dim for thousands of years—finally glowed a little with their original golden light!

Chu Liuyue tightly held the sword hilt as the surrounding violent strength kept rushing toward her, yet she didn't move at all!

Force was silently injected into the Chi Xiao Sword!

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Time seemed to pass especially slowly.

After some time, Chu Liuyue's hands had been struck numb by the terrifying force, and her bodily strength seemed hard to constrain. It vaguely had the signs of erupting.

However, the lightning bolts kept striking downward! It was as if there were no end to them!

Chu Liuyue forced herself to open her eyes and looked up.

She couldn't see anything clearly in the sky filled with bright lights. This meant that the attack from the lightning bolts hadn't ended!

She clenched her teeth and urged her force to circulate!

As she injected more force into the Chi Xiao Sword, the golden pattern on the sword sheath became increasingly clear.

She could clearly feel that the strange connection between her and the Chi Xiao Sword kept deepening! As long as she persisted to the end, she could definitely succeed!

But at this moment, a strange and sudden phenomenon suddenly occurred in her body.

Chu Liuyue turned around, and through the sparkling light, she shockingly saw that her ancestor seemed to collapse onto the ground as his body couldn't hold on any longer!

His body became much weaker as if it would be blown away by the wind at any time! His face was even paler. His originally energized appearance looked much older and frailer instantly.

Chu Liuyue was overwhelmed. "Ancestor!"

She nervously yelled, "What's wrong with you?!"

Hearing the voice, Shangguan Jing forced his body up. "N-nothing... It's just that there are too many lightning bolts, so I used too much of my strength..."

Hearing the weakness in his voice, Chu Liuyue felt increasingly worried. *?Even though Ancestor doesn't have a physical body, he is very strong. This is my first time seeing him in such a frail manner.?*

One couldn't help but worry about him.

Rumble!

Lightning bolts kept landing!

Shangguan Jing's aura started weakening at an observable speed!

Chu Liuyue quickly glanced at the Chi Xiao Sword.

Only one-third of the pattern on the sheath had lit up!

This cannot go on!? Chu Liuyue calmly thought. *?Seeing Ancestor's current look, he definitely can't last till the end. The Chi Xiao Sword is a supreme Yuan instrument. The lightning bolts required to nourish the sword soul into a weapon soul will definitely be shocking. I definitely can't finish it with Ancestor's strength alone!?*

Chu Liuyue didn't want to risk her ancestor's life just because of this!

"Ancestor, please stop triggering the lightning bolts!" Chu Liuyue rapidly made a decision and yelled loudly.

Shangguan Jing outright rejected her. "No!"

The supreme Yuan instrument is a treasure. Girlie was lucky enough to get it—it's in her fate. Many people can't even see one in their lives, yet she took it so luckily. How can she not treasure it? Even if it means exhausting my last bit of strength, I have to help her to the end!? Shangguan Jing then focused, gathered his strength, and flew up again!

Many lightning bolts appeared in the dark sky again!

The winds howled crazily, and Shangguan Jing's figure seemed to move.

Chu Liuyue looked down nervously and felt her heart ache. She knew very clearly that her ancestor had reached his limits. *?If this doesn't stop, the consequences will be unimaginable! This isn't Ancestor's remaining sense of consciousness but his true soul! If anything happens to him today, the consequences will be irreversible!?*

Fire burned in Chu Liuyue's heart as her eyes turned red. "Ancestor, please go back!"

Shangguan Jing stood in mid-air and straightened his back. He didn't turn back.

Darkness and brightness intertwined with each other in the sky. It was as if he were going to leave the world alone and take on everything by himself!

As time passed, Shangguan Jing's aura became increasingly weak.

Gradually, lightning bolts didn't appear in the sky any longer.

Shangguan Jing's heart harshly sank. *?With my current cultivation level... Even if I use my life, I can't summon enough lightning bolts!?*

Rumble!

The last lightning bolt struck down!

Shangguan Jing's face flushed white. He finally turned around, looked at his descendant, and felt apologetic.

His lips trembled. "I-I was useless..."

Chu Liuyue shook her head. "You've already done your best. I am very grateful!"

At this point, the pattern on the Chi Xiao Sword had only lit up by half!

Chu Liuyue closed her eyes. When she opened them again, her black gem-like eyes seemed to have some ripples in them as they burned brightly!

She held her Chi Xiao Sword tightly and stood up!

The lower half of her body had long been affected by the terrifying force—she couldn't feel anything anymore. At this point, she relied on her last bit of consciousness to hold onto the Chi Xiao Sword tightly!

Shangguan Jing sighed deeply. "It's a pity... I actually wasted your efforts..."

However, Chu Liuyue said, "Not exactly."

The Tianling Dynasty's ancestor was dazed. "What other methods do you have?"

Chu Liuyue squinted and looked in another direction. *?Lightning bolts... There's a place that has plenty!?*

Chapter 1244: Fight for the Lightning Bolt

Chu Liuyue raised her eyes.

Outside Jiuheng Peak, a faint golden barrier shone quietly in the dark.

Her heart tingled, and she looked toward a place below the mountain.

A long figure was rapidly flying over—it was Rong Xiu!

His speed was extremely fast. In the blink of an eye, he flew to her!

The two of them looked at each other.

Chu Liuyue said, "I want to go to Million Wine Mountain."

Rong Xiu slightly nodded. "I'll go with you."

Without any explanation and with just an exchange of gazes, they could tell what each other was thinking.

Chu Liuyue's heart felt slightly warm, and her slightly pale lips curled up. "Are you not asking me why I'm going there?"

Rong Xiu raised his brows. "That's not important. As long as you want to go, I'll go with you."

As he spoke, his gaze swept across Chu Liuyue's hand that was holding the Chi Xiao Sword tightly. "Follow me."

He then waved his wrist lightly, and the barrier on the mountain suddenly rippled! Following that, an opening was made!

His figure moved, and he rushed out first! Chu Liuyue followed him closely!

After the two of them left, the barrier rapidly closed again, covering everything silently. From the outside, it was like nothing had happened.

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It was still late at night, and the entire academy was quiet.

The two of them left Jiuheng Peak and went to Million Wine Mountain.

Rong Xiu seemed to be very familiar with that place as well as he didn't stop at all on the way there.

As he was worried that the Chi Xiao Sword's movements would attract attention, he had even specifically set up a barrier around Chu Liuyue to cover her aura completely.

In this manner, the two of them arrived below Million Wine Mountain successfully.

The barrier around Million Wine Mountain couldn't be seen in the dark. One could only see the rising mountains within and the shadows that were cast by the trees.

The surroundings were quiet, but Chu Liuyue's heart beat even more quickly.

The Chi Xiao Sword in her hands let out a weird sensation.

She looked down and saw that the bolts of silver lightning—which were originally covering it—had completely disappeared.

The golden pattern—which finally had lit up halfway with much difficulty—vaguely looked like it was going to dim again. This was because too few lightning bolts were triggered previously and the sword soul couldn't completely become a weapon soul. Thus, it was stuck in the middle, neither here nor there.

If she couldn't give it more lightning bolts, she would fail this refinement, and whatever she suffered earlier would amount to nothing! Hence... she couldn't give up just yet!

Chu Liuyue looked at the barrier before her. A tremendous aura exuded from it!

Ever since that incident happened to her, the elders seemed to have strengthened Million Wine Mountain's defensive barrier. Given her current state, it was impossible for her to barge in.

But luckily, there was Rong Xiu!

He stood before the barrier and raised his hand.

A few golden rays of light shot out and outlined a strange Xuan formation in mid-air. That small golden Xuan formation then stuck to the barrier lightly.

Whir!

An opening rapidly appeared!

Chu Liuyue glanced at Rong Xiu in shock. Seeing his composed appearance and calm gaze, she couldn't help but ask, "Rong Xiu, this isn't your first time doing such things, right?"

His technique looked too smooth!?

Rong Xiu's thin lips curled up slightly. He glanced at her in a seemingly smiling manner. "I learned it all from you."

Chu Liuyue was speechless. *What exactly did the previous me do in the academy? From what Rong Xiu has said, it seems like I led him astray...?*

"Go up. I'll tell you these things when you get back."? Or perhaps, she will remember it unintentionally, like the medicinal garden incidents.?

As Rong Xiu spoke, he stepped past the barrier.

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in, raised her sword, and walked in.

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After passing through the barrier, her first reaction was to look at the mountain peak. Without surprise, a figure was standing at the highest point.

Dark clouds gathered in the sky as lightning bolts flashed and kept striking! It seemed like he was refining a weapon.

Some of the lightning bolts landed in front of him while others landed in the fountain.

Even if they were such a long distance away, Chu Liuyue could still feel the shocking strength contained in those lightning bolts.

She licked her pale and cracked lips. This... That's what I need the most! However, that person seems like an academy elder as well. It'd be rather inappropriate if I directly rushed over.

But just when Chu Liuyue was in deep thought about how to discuss with that person, her Chi Xiao Sword struggled and rushed out!

Whish!

The Chi Xiao Sword drew a faint golden line in mid-air! In the blink of an eye, it had already rushed to the top of the mountain!

Chu Liuyue was taken aback and immediately went after it without thinking! I just thought for a moment, and the Chi Xiao Sword took the chance to directly leave my hands! It even went straight for that mountain peak! No—it is going for the lightning bolts!?

Chu Liuyue was already chasing at full speed, but no matter how capable she was, how could she be faster than a supreme Yuan instrument?

Very quickly, the Chi Xiao Sword directly rushed up under her shocked gaze!

Those bolts of lightning suddenly sensed something as they changed direction and struck the sword!

Rumble!

Sounds reverberated throughout the area as sparks flew everywhere!

Chu Liuyue couldn't open her eyes due to the sharp and bright light, but she could only endure the pain and watch on!

The lightning bolts that should've landed were all intercepted by the Chi Xiao Sword midway!

Shang Yulin was originally focused on refining his weapon when he detected a strange force.

He suddenly looked over and saw something flash across! Then, bolts of lightning exploded above his head!

Rumble!

Chapter 1245: Borrow for Me to Use

Shang Yulin's first reaction was to set up a barrier around him to block all the terrifying force that shot out! Even so, the lightning bolts clashed right above his head. He was extremely close to them, so he couldn't possibly avoid all of them.

The shocking aura rushed toward him, causing his chest to turn numb.

He almost collapsed onto the ground, but he still forced himself to stand up and rapidly look up! At this moment, he saw clearly what had happened.

The lightning bolts that should've landed were all intercepted by a sword that came from nowhere!
Silver light flashed brightly, while sparks flew everywhere!

Bam!

An explosion could be heard.

Shang Yulin looked down. The Yuan instrument he produced with much difficulty cracked due to the great difference in temperature—which occurred due to the lightning refinement stopping.

Shang Yulin raised his brows sharply, dropped the Yuan instrument onto the floor, and couldn't help but yell, "Who the heck did this?!"

His shout was like the thunder that reverberated throughout Million Wine Mountain.

Chu Liuyue stopped in her actions and instantly felt guilty. *?Originally, I planned on bringing the Chi Xiao Sword over and dipping it into the fountain when the lightning bolts gathered there. Who knew... such a thing would happen??*

At this point, Shang Yulin also detected Chu Liuyue's existence and looked over sharply! "Who?! Come out!"

As he yelled, he furiously rushed over and wanted to directly drag that person out!

Seeing that the other party had already rushed down, Chu Liuyue knew that she couldn't avoid it and sensibly stood out. "I'm Chu Yue. Greetings, Elder!"

Shang Yulin then saw the person in front of him clearly.

The latter looked like a young man about 16 or 17 years of age. He had a slim figure and a clean appearance. His face was slightly pale, and there were bloodstains at the corner of his mouth, clearly showing that he had just experienced an ordeal.

Shang Yulin angrily shouted, "All students in the academy aren't allowed to step into Million Wine Mountain at this time! Don't you know?!"

Chu Liuyue thought to herself, *?Of course, I know. It's not the first time I've done such a thing.?*

She looked up slightly and looked past the middle-aged man's shoulders. In mid-air, the Chi Xiao Sword kept absorbing the lightning that dropped from the sky.

There were many bolts of lightning, which showed that this person was very capable.

She felt slightly more at ease before she bent down and admitted her mistakes. "You're right, Elder! Actually, I didn't do it on purpose. I was just anxious, so I accidentally barged in..."

"Don't tell me this nonsense!" Thinking of his Yuan instrument that was damaged and incomplete, his blood boiled. *?I have been in Ling Xiao Academy for so many years, and such an incident hasn't happened before! A student actually barged into Million Wine Mountain suddenly and interrupted my refinement process, intercepting my lightning bolts! He has really eaten bear hearts and leopard galls!*

“You’re going against the heavens! You—immediately put away your item! Then, ask your mentor to come over and personally apologize to me!”

Chu Liuyue was dazed for a moment and looked like she was in a difficult spot. *“The Chi Xiao Sword rushed out on its own, and it probably won’t be easy for me to take it back now. Besides, I came to Million Wine Mountain for the lightning bolts. Now that I’ve found them, how can I just leave? As for asking my mentor to come over...”*

She wondered what expression Elder Wan Zheng would have when he heard about this.

Chu Liuyue thought for a moment and revealed an extremely apologetic and flattering smile. “Elder, today’s incident is purely an accident! I know that I’m in the wrong and understand the severity of the consequences. No matter what, I can’t escape the punishment, but... Can I ask for you to just wait a while?”

Shang Yulin raised his brows, glared at her, and yelled, “Wait? Wait for what?!”

Chu Liuyue paused, raised her finger, and pointed above. She lowered her voice and said, “Um... Wait... for me to finish refining my Yuan instrument...”

Shang Yulin was about to laugh from being too furious. *“I have never seen such a student before! Forget that he has made a mistake, but he is going too far! On the brink of his own death, he actually still has the courage to raise conditions?!”*

“Hah!” He sized Chu Liuyue up again. “Great! You’re such a young kid, but you’re very gutsy! What kind of treasure can your Yuan instrument be to even snatch my lightning bolts! You—”

Suddenly, his voice trailed off, and the gaze he shot at Chu Liuyue changed.

Chu Liuyue felt guilty for some reason and couldn’t help but ask, “Elder, w-why are you looking at me like that?”

Shang Yulin squinted his eyes. “What did you say your name was?”

Chu Liuyue answered honestly, “Chu Yue.”

“It is you!” Shang Yulin’s lips twitched.

As he was too agitated, he didn’t hear Chu Liuyue reporting her identity clearly. Now that he was closer to her, he found her rather familiar. *“Chu Yue! Isn’t it the kid I was talking to Bo Yan about in the morning!?”*

Chu Liuyue blinked. *“Basically all the elders in the academy know me, but this person seems like he is seeing me for the first time. I... also find the face rather unfamiliar as if I haven’t seen him before.”*

“If I haven’t recalled wrongly, you were locked up at Fengmin Mountain for barging into Million Wine Mountain, right? How long has it been, yet you’re doing it again?!” Shang Yulin was still talking when he suddenly recalled something and immediately turned around. “Wait! That thing... is the Yuan instrument you snatched back from Ancient Feather Abyss?”

The object which Chu Yue has and is strong enough to intercept my weapon refinement seems... to be that?!?

“Ahem. Elder, you’re very smart.” Chu Liuyue laughed awkwardly and said very urgently and honestly, “I really don’t have any other intentions in coming here! I-I just want... to borrow the lightning bolts here...”

Chapter 1246: Help

Shang Yulin thought that he was hallucinating.

“What did you say?” He clenched his teeth and said every word clearly. Every word was as if squeezed out of the gaps of his teeth, with hints of teeth-grinding aura.

Chu Liuyue shrank her neck back. I don’t have a choice. I stole his item, and I’m guilty, but I really didn’t have a choice in this! Who knew that he was refining weapons here? Besides, I didn’t do anything after I arrived. The Chi Xiao Sword ran out on its own, so I can’t be completely blamed!?

However, she didn’t really dare to say these words to defend herself, and it seemed like there wasn’t much use even if she did.

She lowered her head. “I know I’m wrong.”

Her genuine repentant behavior caused Shang Yulin to be unable to rage.

“Hmph, you’re really capable! ‘Borrow’ lightning... To think you could say such a thing!” Shang Yulin flung his sleeves and looked at the mountain peak again.

A longsword could be vaguely seen under the lightning bolts that kept striking.

He squinted his eyes and asked, “Is that the Chi Xiao Sword?”

Chu Liuyue was quite shocked that he recognized the sword, but a thought popped up in her head. He is an elder at the academy after all, so it is nothing strange for him to know this. This was originally a Yuan instrument that an academy senior produced, and that notebook had been kept precious in the academy.?

“Yes.”

“You really lucked out.” Shang Yulin grunted softly. I’ve thought about this item for so many years, but I still couldn’t see it. Who would’ve thought I would coincidentally miss it just when I went into seclusion for a short period. The key is that this Chi Xiao Sword has even recognized an owner! It isn’t that simple for a supreme Yuan instrument to recognize an owner. I wonder how this kid did it.?

Chu Liuyue hung her head even lower. “I’m guilty.”

She faintly felt that this elder had a rather different attitude toward the Chi Xiao Sword compared to the other elders. Elder Bo Yan—even Elder Shu Feng and the other elders who went to snatch the Chi Xiao Sword personally—didn’t seem to have such a deep understanding of the Chi Xiao Sword.

“Is it refining its weapon soul?”

Shang Yulin's next sentence caused Chu Liuyue to be slightly shocked, but she thought about it and understood. *The other party is originally an Armory Refinement Master, and it seems like he has quite a high standard, so it is normal for him to tell at one glance.*

"Elder, you're very observant. I admire you."

"Hmph, you don't have to lick my boots! Strictly speaking, I am much more familiar with this Chi Xiao Sword than you are!"

It's a pity I don't have that fate! Since this supreme Yuan instrument could recognize a new owner, it proves that it didn't have a weapon soul.

Thinking of what Bo Yan had told him earlier, he roughly guessed what situation this was. *The sword soul moved to the supreme Yuan instrument without a weapon soul and forced it to recognize an owner... Such a situation has a one-in-a-million chance, but it really happened!?*

This caused others to be unable to feel envy.

"Why are you still standing here? Are you not going to go up?" Shang Yulin glanced at Chu Liuyue in contempt. "Do you not even know how to do this?"

Chu Liuyue was dazed for a moment and realized that he was rushing her. *This... Didn't he really want to teach me a lesson a moment ago? Why did he suddenly become so supportive??*

"...Elder, um... Don't you mind?" Chu Liuyue tried to ask.

"Why are you so wishy-washy! Even if I mind, haven't you already stolen the lightning bolts?!" Shang Yulin wanted to take over directly. *This kid looks sensible, but why is he so stupid at such a crucial time? The Yuan instrument I wanted to refine is already ruined, and it can't be salvaged. There isn't much use in thinking about it, but this Chi Xiao Sword is at a very crucial stage!?*

"If anything happens during the refinement of the weapon soul, it could cause failure! If you don't go up now, do you want to see such a treasure get ruined?" Shang Yulin finally couldn't hold back as he grabbed Chu Liuyue's shoulders and pushed her. "Hurry up and get there!"

Chu Liuyue didn't hesitate any longer. "Thank you, elder!"

Then, she went on her toes and rapidly flew toward the top of the mountain!

Shang Yulin looked up.

The number of lightning bolts in the sky was decreasing. All those were previously summoned when he was about to refine his weapon, and he was interrupted in the middle, so other lightning bolts naturally didn't appear later.

And the previous few were used up very quickly—only about half was left.

But until now, the Chi Xiao Sword didn't move much. This also meant that it was still very far away from refining its weapon soul.

Shang Yulin glanced at it and couldn't help but snort. "You still need me to take action! How troublesome!"

As he spoke, he stepped on the ground heavily and rushed up to the sky!

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Chu Liuyue rushed to the mountain peak, where the Chi Xiao Sword floated in mid-air.

Two-thirds of the golden pattern on the sword sheath had appeared. However, the aura surrounding the sword seemed to be much more chaotic, and it had signs of erupting.

“Girlie, you must hold this sword properly! If you don’t control it well, the weapon soul might not be suppressed. That will cause the entire process to fail!” Although Shangguan Jing’s voice was weak, it was especially stern and serious.

Even though this wasn’t Armory Refinement, it was still very hard to refine a weapon soul for a supreme Yuan instrument.

Chu Liuyue nodded. “I know.”

She took a deep breath in and walked forward, passing through the countless shining lightning bolts while holding the Chi Xiao Sword in her hands. Then, she continued to insert her force within!

There were immediate results.

Very quickly, the violent aura surrounding the Chi Xiao Sword became stable again. The familiar and strange connection gradually strengthened!

Suddenly, Tuan Zi ran out of her body and stuck its head into the fountain below!

Plop!

Chu Liuyue looked down.

The calm water surface rippled slightly, but one could still see the countless lightning bolts crazily swimming within.

...

Rumble!

Another wave of commotion came over.

Chu Liuyue was stunned and rapidly looked up!

Many lightning bolts appeared again in the sky that had originally quietened down! It was a thunderstorm between the sky and the ground.

A figure stood in mid-air—it was Shang Yulin!

His clothes flowed with the wind as he whipped his sleeves, causing his surrounding aura to rush around in an oppressive manner!

When he did such movements, increasingly more lightning bolts appeared in the sky!

Chu Liuyue instantly understood that he was helping her to trigger the lightning bolts! She felt a wave of gratitude. "Thank you, Elder!"

Shang Yulin didn't turn back and yelled, "Why are you thanking me!? Focus on refining the weapon soul. If it fails, see how I'll punish you!"

I used so much effort to help him. This definitely can't fail!?

Chu Liuyue couldn't help but smile and didn't speak further. She retracted her vision and focused on the Chi Xiao Sword!

Finally, the sword sheath seemed to move a little!

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat, and she held the hilt tightly!

Chapter 1247: Quick!

At this point, the entire peak of Million Wine Mountain was covered by the bright, silver lightning bolts. Amidst the roar of the sparks, it was very hard to see what was going on.

One could only faintly see Shang Yulin in mid-air.

As for the place where the lightning bolts gathered, one could only see a tall and slim figure vaguely.

Seeing this scene, Rong Xiu stopped not far away. *! originally planned on helping her, but since someone else has taken action, I can just observe quietly.*

It seemed like everything was progressing rather smoothly, but such a 'harmonious' scene was quickly ruined. This was because... someone else came!

Elder Ouyang originally heard that Shang Yulin had come out of seclusion and was going to refine his weapon at Million Wine Mountain at night, so he came over to take a look. But the moment he stepped through the barrier, he realized something was wrong.

This ripple... is too stunning!? He almost instantly looked up and was taken aback by the scene before his eyes.

Lightning bolts kept striking, but they weren't targeting Shang Yulin. However, Shang Yulin—who was in mid-air—kept triggering lightning bolts.

What kind of situation is this?!? Elder Ouyang wanted to go forward immediately.

Suddenly, a figure appeared from the side and blocked his path. "Elder Ouyang, please hold on."

The deep, melodious, and familiar voice caused Elder Ouyang to be dazed. When he saw the person in front of him clearly, Elder Ouyang widened his eyes in even more shock. "Rong Xiu?! Why are you here too?"

Rong Xiu smiled slightly. "I just arrived. I'm waiting for someone."

Elder Ouyang glanced at the mountain peak suspiciously. "Who are you waiting for?"

There wasn't much meaning in lying at such a time as they would all know about it eventually. Hence, Rong Xiu answered very honestly, "Chu Yue."

"Chu Yue?!" Elder Ouyang's eyelids twitched harshly. He was ever so familiar with this name! *Isn't that the kid who caused trouble here only a while ago?!*

He reacted, and the change in his expression was incredulous. He pointed at the blurred figure enveloped by the lightning bolts at the mountain peak in disbelief. "You're saying... that's Chu Yue?!"

Rong Xiu nodded and gently explained, "She's busy with some urgent matters now and can't be distracted. Elder Ouyang, if you can be considerate, please go over later."

Elder Ouyang was speechless. *Busy with some urgent matters? With so many lightning bolts on Million Wine Mountain, isn't it obvious what this kid is busy with?!*

"Y-you-you... H-he... What is he doing again?!" Elder Ouyang was agitated and started stammering. "Oh yes, and that Shang Yulin! What is he doing again?"

It's fine if Chu Yue is being ridiculous, but why is Shang Yulin helping him?! Elder Ouyang was confused, and his entire person was unwell.

"You'll know after you ask them when they come down," said Rong Xiu with a smile.

Elder Ouyang was also an Armory Refinement Master. He naturally knew that outsiders couldn't casually disturb them in such a scenario.

If something really happened, the consequences would likely be irreversible. Hence, even if he found this scene extremely strange, he could only hold himself back and wait.

"This kid was previously punished once because he stayed at Million Wine Mountain during the restricted hours. Logically speaking, he shouldn't commit that mistake again in such a short period of time. Yet, he appeared again today... Does he not have a brain, or did you give him the courage?" Elder Ouyang glanced at Rong Xiu suspiciously.

A faint light flashed across Rong Xiu's deep eyes, and his thin lips rose slightly. "Nothing can escape your eyes, Elder Ouyang."

"Hmph! It is you!" Elder Ouyang flung his sleeves. "Previously, they said that you thought highly of this Chu Yue, and I didn't really believe it. However, it seems like it's true!"

If it were someone else, it was impossible for Rong Xiu to bring them to Million Wine Mountain at this time!

Seeing Rong Xiu smiling and not speaking, Elder Ouyang couldn't help but raise his voice. "Rong Xiu, you can come in and out as you wish, but that kid can't! Don't think that Chu Yue will be absolved of all responsibility just because you're standing up for him!"

Not to mention that he has knowingly gone against the rules, but he has done so repeatedly! If he isn't taught a lesson to remember this time, he will be rebellious in the future!?

Rong Xiu thought to himself, *“If the punishment is still locking her up at Fengmin Mountain, she will probably be elated.”*

However, he had to give Elder Ouyang face, so he nodded in seeming agreement. “Elder Ouyang, you’re right.”

Seeing how he was nonchalant and unaffected, Elder Ouyang felt suppressed. *“He isn’t very old, but his maturity and thoughts are very deep. Even I—at my old age—can’t guess what exactly Rong Xiu is thinking. That is the case now. Rong Xiu clearly wants to stand on Chu Yue’s side. Not only did he bring Chu Yue over during the restricted hours, but he even let the latter do all of that at the mountain peak!”*

The fountain was right there, but Rong Xiu’s appearance caused people to be unable to rage—just because he was Rong Xiu.

Elder Ouyang glared at him. “It’s not wrong for you to protect Chu Yue, but you have to tell me clearly first. What exactly is that kid doing at the mountaintop?”

Rong Xiu paused. “She’s holding onto the Yuan instrument that appeared in Ancient Feather Abyss.”

Elder Ouyang was dazed and immediately understood. “Weapon soul?!”

That Yuan instrument was extraordinary, so he naturally heard of the incident. However, he was agitated just now and didn’t recall it in time.

But with Rong Xiu’s reminder, he instantly understood: Chu Yue was refining the weapon soul for that Yuan instrument!

No wonder! Given Chu Yue’s strength, he probably can’t even trigger lightning bolts, so he came over. Shang Yulin is also problematic. He actually tried his best to help Chu Yue?!?

“He still can’t give up on that thing!” Elder Ouyang rolled his eyes. Even if he thought with his toes, he knew that Shang Yulin definitely went for that Yuan instrument.

Rumble!

Thunder could be heard again!

The surroundings of Million Wine Mountain were entirely lit up!

As lightning bolts kept striking, the repeated refinement caused the golden pattern on the Chi Xiao Sword to appear gradually.

Chu Liuyue held the sword hilt tightly, took a deep breath in, and stared at the sword sheath tightly. Finally, the final pattern lit up!

Whoosh!

The dragon eyes on the sword hilt suddenly burned with fire! One gold and one blue!

It was as if a gigantic dragon—which had been hibernating for a long time—finally woke up!

Roar!

The dragon seemed to roar, and it reverberated throughout the area!

Chu Liuyue clenched her teeth tightly and tried to pull at the sword hilt!

Shing!?

The sword body finally left the sheath gradually! Right at this moment, all the lightning bolts in the sky suddenly seemed to land in unison!

Shang Yulin's heart harshly skipped a beat. *There aren't enough lightning bolts!?*

He immediately turned around and yelled toward Elder Ouyang, "Ouyang, don't talk nonsense there! Hurry—come up and help!"

Elder Ouyang was dazed for a moment. *Is he... yelling at me?!?*

Shang Yulin raised his voice. "Hurry up!"

Chapter 1248: Rong Xiu Takes Action!

Elder Ouyang's lips twitched. *It's fine if Shang Yulin wants to help Chu Yue himself, but he still yelled at me to go over? What is going on??*

But seeing that the situation in the sky was indeed very urgent, Elder Ouyang clenched his fists. "I'll help you this once, but you will have to return the favor!"

Then, he finally moved and rushed up to the sky!

On the mountain peak, Chu Liuyue's figure was already covered by the countless lightning bolts, and one couldn't see her clearly.

The sky was completely dark, and all the lightning bolts had just finished striking. But the Yuan instrument's weapon soul was clearly not finished and needed more lightning bolts to be triggered.

Elder Ouyang floated in mid-air and crossed his arms before him. Then, a shocking aura instantly covered him!

Whoosh!

He pointed at the sky! Very quickly, a loud sound spread from the overlapping dark clouds in the sky.

A silver bolt of lightning appeared once again! With this bolt, other lightning bolts naturally appeared.

In no time, the sky was illuminated with countless intersecting lightning bolts.

At this moment, Shang Yulin finally heaved a sigh of relief. *If he were any later, we wouldn't have made it. The closer we are to the end, the more we can't relax!?*

He lowered his head to take a look and couldn't help muttering, "There are so many lightning bolts. How did this kid manage to survive them..."

Didn't they say that Chu Yue is only a stage-seven warrior? Even if these lightning bolts are headed for that Yuan instrument, he is standing right beside it and will be affected to some extent. Besides, he is the Chi Xiao Sword's new owner, so he has to direct the force to nourish and refine the weapon soul.?

The exhaustion of one's energy and force is extremely terrifying. If it were another cultivator of the same grade, they would've already collapsed to the ground. But from start to end, Chu Yue seems very stable. I heard that he beat a stage-eight warrior as a stage-seven warrior...?

"No wonder Elder Meng Ye takes so much notice of him..."

In the beginning, Shang Yuling didn't really care about Chu Yue. He just thought that the latter was a kid who made trouble and was a little smart. But now, he finally realized that this Chu Yue was indeed capable!

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The roars of dragons could be heard everywhere.

The tremendous suppression caused Chu Liuyue to be unable to breathe. She crazily circulated all the force in her body to pull out the sword bit by bit.

From the portion that appeared, one could already tell that it was a silver sword. It was roughly three fingers wide, thick in the middle, and had a very sharp blade.

Just from this glance, one could clearly feel the sharp and cold aura coming from it!

Chu Liuyue's heart beat crazily, and she could only hear her blood flowing in her ears.

Even though she hadn't completely unsheathed it, Chu Liuyue could already confirm that this Chi Xiao Sword was much stronger than the Long Yuan Sword by at least a hundred times!

This was a strength that couldn't be compared to!

On it, some silver bolts of lightning flashed across.

The originally oppressive lightning bolts would have their strength absorbed or extinguished once they landed on the sword body.

In front of the Chi Xiao Sword, even the lightning bolts paled in comparison.

Chu Liuyue already couldn't remember how many lightning bolts it had digested, but as time passed, she gradually felt that there was something gathering within the Chi Xiao Sword.

And the strange connection between her and it became increasingly stronger. It was so strong that... At this moment, she could faintly feel how much strength was being absorbed as the lightning bolts coursed through the Chi Xiao Sword.

The supreme Yuan instrument snatched the strength from countless lightning bolts to refine its weapon soul! It showed how oppressive it was!

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At this point, the few people on Million Wine Mountain had their attention on the Chi Xiao Sword. But not far below Chu Liuyue, a strange change was also taking place in the not too big fountain.

The calm waters rippled slightly, and countless lightning bolts gathered under the water, swimming around and intersecting with each other.

A red figure was buried within—it was Tuan Zi!

The surrounding lightning bolts kept swimming around Tuan Zi as its aura changed slightly!

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The Chi Xiao Sword used up the lightning bolts at an increasingly higher rate.

Not long later, Elder Ouyang realized that the number of lightning bolts in the sky kept decreasing. He couldn't help but turn around to take a look. "Why does it take so much for this thing to refine its weapon soul!?"

The speed at which he triggered lightning bolts couldn't catch up with its absorption speed!

Shang Yulin also noticed this situation and couldn't help furrowing his brows tightly.

The Chi Xiao Sword was even more formidable than he had predicted, so they needed even more lightning bolts to refine it continuously. But he was already at the end of his wits, and Elder Ouyang wasn't any better.

Perhaps... it wasn't enough even if the both of them tried their best!

At this point, a tall figure silently appeared in mid-air.

Rong Xiu glanced at the sky, looking extremely calm. Then, he raised his hand slightly.

Rumble!

Almost in the blink of an eye, countless lightning bolts appeared in the clouds again! Without any hesitation, these lightning bolts struck downward!

At that moment, it seemed like a rain of silver swords!

Elder Ouyang and Shang Yulin looked back in shock.

"What the heck! Since when did Rong Xiu become so strong?!" Shang Yulin couldn't help but curse.

Elder Ouyang swallowed a mouthful of saliva with much difficulty. "How would I know!?"

Rong Xiu actually broke through to this cultivation level after so few years?!

At this point, Chu Liuyue finally pulled the Chi Xiao Sword out from the sheath completely!

Chapter 1249: Interrogation

The moment the longsword was unsheathed, there seemed to be an invisible barrier silently breaking within.

An aura—which seemed to rush over from a distant time—instantly rushed out of the Chi Xiao Sword and entered Chu Liuyue's body. It was as if a vague line connected her and the Chi Xiao Sword.

The Chi Xiao Sword—originally as heavy as a rock—suddenly felt as light as a feather at this moment.

Chu Liuyue had suffered some internal injuries previously, which rapidly healed under the nourishment of this tremendous and gentle strength.

The aura was familiar and also strange. It was familiar because it was combined with the Long Yuan Sword's sword soul strength, and it faintly had some of Shangguan Jing's aura.

As for unfamiliarity... It was the original strength of the Chi Xiao Sword!

Chu Liuyue held the Chi Xiao Sword, and there seemed to be something overwhelming her heart. The next moment, she whipped out the sword—

A terrifying sword aura swept forward! After a temporary silence, the trees in front of her were all collectively cut down!

When those trees landed at the same time, Chu Liuyue shockingly realized something and couldn't help but slightly widen her eyes. *?This... I only wanted to give it a try unconsciously and just waved it around randomly, but why was such a terrifying suppression generated?!?*

At first glance, the trees in front of her were all silently chopped!

However, this wasn't the end. That was because some trees couldn't hold up against this sword aura. Hence, after the lush greenery was chopped down, its speed didn't decrease at all as it went for Million Wine Mountain's barrier!

"Quickly stop it!" Elder Ouyang was taken aback and hurriedly yelled.

Shang Yulin was about to take action when a figure flashed across his eyes—it was Rong Xiu!

He raised his wrist, and a ray of golden light rapidly flew out!

Rumble!

This force was extremely quick, and it chased after the sword aura. Finally, it managed to stop the sword aura right before it reached the barrier.

The two forces harshly slammed against each other and let out a bang!

The barrier was affected by the aftershock impacts and intensely vibrated.

Elder Ouyang watched on fearfully and hurriedly rushed over.

He frequently came to Million Wine Mountain, so he was very familiar with this and hurriedly strengthened the barrier. After confirming that the barrier had no more risks of being damaged, he heaved a long sigh of relief. *?If this barrier broke, everything that happened on Million Wine Mountain would be rapidly known by everyone! It would be bad if this incident was blown up!?*

Thinking of this, his blood boiled as he raised his brows. He glared at Chu Liuyue and clenched his molar teeth. "Chu Yue, you better give me a good explanation!"

Chu Liuyue touched her nose and went to put away the Chi Xiao Sword carefully. A thought then popped up in her head, and the Chi Xiao Sword directly went to her dantian.

In this manner, she could still clearly feel everything that was happening to the Chi Xiao Sword. This made her certain that the current Chi Xiao Sword had finished refining its weapon soul and that it had completely recognized her as its owner!

Her uneasy heart finally settled down. *?Now that the most important thing is settled, I have to handle the troubles that come after...*

She looked at Elder Ouyang with a helpless expression and clean eyes. "Elder Ouyang, I know I'm wrong."

No matter what, it is good to admit my mistakes first.?

But Elder Ouyang was already experienced, so he wouldn't fall for her trick. He stood with one hand behind his back and snorted. "You know you're wrong? I don't see it at all! Chu Yue, it's not your first time going against the rules and barging into Million Wine Mountain, right?! I remember that it has only been a little more than a month since you were last locked up at Fengmin Mountain for ten days? Not to mention that you were locked up again for a month in between because of some other mistakes!"

"What, do you feel uncomfortable if you don't cause trouble for a day?" Elder Ouyang was enraged. "You really don't remember your lessons, do you?!"

Chu Liuyue waited until he finished scolding her before she softly defended herself. "Elder Ouyang, I really didn't have such intentions. You also saw the previous situation... The Yuan instrument needed to refine its weapon soul, so I could only come here. After I came here, it was uncontrollable, which caused the later incidents..."

"Don't give me that!" Elder Ouyang interrupted Chu Liuyue's words in frustration and felt his head ache. "Don't you know what standards you have now? You actually wanted to use your own strength to refine that Yuan instrument's weapon soul... Do you think you have been having too much of a great time recently, or are you really not afraid of death?!"

If something really happened, nobody could help him!?

Chu Liuyue sighed in relief. *?Even though Elder Ouyang is harsh with his words, he is still caring for my well-being. Besides, if he really didn't like me, he wouldn't have helped me without reservations previously. At the end of the day, his bark is worse than his bite.?*

Chu Liuyue smiled at Elder Ouyang. "Am I not doing fine? Although I'm young and inexperienced, I know that life is precious, Elder. I would never dare to joke with it."

If she had no confidence at all, she would never agree even if someone urged her to come over.

Elder Ouyang was stumped. *?This is true. After all, anyone that obtains such a treasure wouldn't want to seek death. However, this was still too dangerous!?*

"What, do you think that you'll be safe with Rong Xiu around?"

Chu Liuyue kept quiet for a moment and seriously nodded. "Yeah!"

"You—" Elder Ouyang was even more at a loss for words.

Rong Xiu's lips curled up in a perfect angle, and he lightly laughed and said, "Elder Ouyang, since I brought him over, I'll definitely bring him back in one piece."

"You! You guys!" Elder Ouyang flung his sleeves. *?I can't continue with this interrogation!?*

Chapter 1250: Hide from the Whole World!

As he couldn't continue questioning the two of them, Elder Ouyang swiftly changed his target. "Shang Yulin, what were you doing?!"

Rong Xiu brought Chu Yue to fool around, but what identity does he have to play along with them?!?

However, Shang Yulin really wasn't afraid of Elder Ouyang. Hearing this, he crossed his arms and lazily answered, "Didn't you see it all just now? I was helping him! Don't you see what he's holding?"

He had thought about the Chi Xiao Sword for many years but didn't even get to see it once. Now that he finally had the chance, it had already recognized Chu Yue as its owner. He was naturally unhappy and indignant, but what else could he do?

This kind of Yuan instrument wouldn't easily recognize someone as its owner.

Even if he had thought about it for many years, he didn't dare to harbor such hopes. From start to end, he only wanted to wait for the Chi Xiao Sword to come into the world. Then, he could have a chance to study it in close proximity after it was brought back to the academy.

After a twist of events, it had now become Chu Yue's. Other than the word 'fate,' he couldn't describe it in any other way.

If Chu Yue wanted to refine its weapon soul, how could he just watch on without caring? After all, he had thought about the Chi Xiao Sword for so many years yet still missed it. Even if it wasn't for Chu Yue, he had to take action for this Chi Xiao Sword!

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Elder Ouyang felt that his entire person was unwell. He closed his eyes and held his forehead as it ached. *These people are all troublemakers! But they clearly have sharp tongues, causing it to be hard for me to argue with them.?*

"Ouyang, there's not much meaning in you asking this now!" Shang Yulin stroked his chin. "Didn't you also participate just now?"

If Shang Yulin didn't urge me, would I have done such a thing?! It's also my fault for being foolish—I actually helped!? Elder Ouyang was speechless. "Hmph, do you mean that we're all on the same boat now?"

Shang Yulin glanced at him strangely, and his entire face had an expression of 'obviously.'

Elder Ouyang's brows twitched harshly. He felt that he was wrong to even think about conversing with them.

Shang Yulin—he was frequently not in the academy and always went into seclusion once he came back. He was always very carefree and did whatever he wanted.

Rong Xiu—one of the most outstanding talents in the academy, and he had a high status. He even held more power than some elders did.

Chu Yue—there was nothing much to say about him except that he was a stupid kid with an extreme amount of courage! He even committed mistakes repeatedly!

Elder Ouyang took a deep breath in and tried his best to calm himself down. “Shang Yulin, Bo Yan will know about what has happened tonight sooner or later.”

Shang Yulin nodded. “Of course, he’ll know.”

A portion of Bo Yan’s force was within the barrier and the Xuan formation below Million Wine Mountain.

“However, this is nothing much. He already knows that Chu Yue has the Chi Xiao Sword. Refining the weapon soul... How can it be considered a mistake? If that item was with me, I’d do it too,” Shang Yulin said nonchalantly and looked regretful. “It’s a pity I don’t have the luck.”

Then, he looked at Chu Liuyue again. “Since I have helped you today, what do you think of lending me the Chi Xiao Sword for a day some other time?”

Chu Liuyue already faintly knew that he had cared about the Chi Xiao Sword for many years and swiftly nodded. “Elder, I’ll do all that I can to repay your favor. You can just let me know whenever you need it.”

Since the Chi Xiao Sword has already become mine completely, other people can’t forcefully snatch it from me. Therefore, there is nothing to worry about.?

Seeing that Chu Yue was so decisive, Shang Yulin instantly had a better impression of him. “Hahaha! Okay! With your sentence, I didn’t help you in vain today!”

As he spoke, he was agitated and even wanted to reach out to pat Chu Liuyue’s shoulders.

Rong Xiu silently took a step forward and stood in between the two of them, preventing Shang Yulin’s fan-sized hand from landing. “Elder Ouyang, I actually brought Junior Brother Chu Yue over today. Everything happened because of me, and I’m willing to take full responsibility.”

“Rong Xiu, you—” Elder Ouyang had long guessed that Rong Xiu would stand up for Chu Yue, but he still couldn’t help feeling shocked when he heard Rong Xiu say this. *?I really don’t understand why Rong Xiu is so protective of Chu Yue, but I have to admit that with Rong Xiu standing up for him, this incident won’t be too severe.?*

He glanced at Rong Xiu deeply and shook his head to sigh. “He hasn’t come to this place in a few years. I never expected you to come here this time because—”

He had only said his sentence halfway when he stopped and looked hesitant with his words.

Rong Xiu’s expression was normal as he smiled faintly. “I haven’t had the chance to thank you for today.”

Elder Ouyang completely lost his temper. He then surveyed his surroundings and knitted his brows.

The mountain peak was filled with debris. Countless trees had tipped over, and many rocks had fallen down as they were hit by the countless lightning bolts. A large patch of black had also appeared with deep cracks.

Anyone who saw it could guess what had happened here.

“It seems like we have to close Million Wine Mountain for a while.” Judging by its current appearance, quite a bit of effort had to be used to refurbish the area.

The dark clouds in the sky gradually dissipated.

It was already dawn, and the white horizon could be seen in the sky. It seemed like daybreak was about to arrive.

“Let’s go! Let’s go find Bo Yan!” Elder Ouyang sighed deeply and left first.

Chu Liuyue turned around and looked at the fountain—Tuan Zi was still inside.

She opened her mouth and wanted to shout, but a thought suddenly flashed across her mind.

“Kid, what are you looking at? Follow me!” Elder Ouyang urged her from the front.

Chu Liuyue retracted her gaze. “Coming.”

Her figure flashed and left together with him, not turning back again.

A ripple occurred in the fountain and quickly disappeared.