

The Strongest

Chapter 45 – The Inferior Student of the Class

Cutting off the call, Shi Feng immediately ate his instant noodles and hurried to school.

When he was on the road, Shi Feng finally recalled this incident. It was one of the reasons that caused his parents to fall gravely ill.

In Shi Feng's previous life, he and Blackie joined Shadow Workshop. When Zhao Ruoxi called him to go to the school, he chose to continue playing God's Domain instead of going. He joined Shadow Workshop after much trouble. If he wanted to rise in position within Shadow, he needed to have a good performance. How could he have the time to care about small matters that happened in the classroom?

As a result, his university recommendation became nonexistent. Although it was just a recommendation, it could allow students to find better jobs. The stress levels of the current society were extremely powerful, and jobs were not easy to find. Such a recommendation would be a stepping stone towards the higher levels of a company.

Shi Feng's parents were deeply worried after they found out about this incident.

It was also because of such worries that caused the mental stress on his parents to increase substantially. Only, Shi Feng's parents never revealed it to him. Instead, they encouraged him. They didn't want him to worry about their household debts. As a result, they became both physically and mentally exhausted, falling gravely ill a year later.

In this life, Shi Feng did not wish to repeat such a disaster, even if the recommendation was absolutely useless to him. However, he also wished to know the reason that caused him to lose the recommendation.

Shi Feng was considered average regarding results amongst his class. There were absolutely no problems with him obtaining the recommendation. He did not have a share in it. The only reason he could think of, for such a situation, was the incident that would happen today.

After walking into the university, Shi Feng discovered a very interesting situation.

The school was crowded; there was an abnormal number of students in the university today. Usually, there would not be that many people within the university grounds. The students would usually study in the library or gather outside to have some fun. Worst case scenario, they would just stay in their dormitories and play games. Unlike the current situation, they wouldn't normally come out for a stroll.

When Shi Feng walked towards Teaching Block 3, he discovered that the normally empty classrooms were packed with people. All of them were fully occupied.

"What is happening today?" Shi Feng was puzzled.

The moment Shi Feng entered Classroom 401, he could feel the air in the room was slightly odd. His classmates all shifted their gaze towards him, their expressions filled with astonishment. Shi Feng was like something that should not be there, yet had actually appeared.

The male students only glanced at Shi Feng. They did not pay him any attention as they continued with their conversations.

Meanwhile, some of the gorgeously dressed females in the class sent Shi Feng expressions of disgust. However, Shi Feng had long since gotten used to such reactions. When he was about to turn around and look at them, the females immediately turned their heads away.

“Fellow student Shi Feng, you’re here. Find a place to sit. When fellow student Ling Feilong arrives, everyone in the class will be present.” The female monitor, Zhao Ruoxi, had a calm expression on her face when she spoke to Shi Feng as if it was all just for formality’s sake.

However, Shi Feng could faintly feel a hint of expectation in Zhao Ruoxi’s eyes when she turned around to look at him. However, that expectation was not targeted towards him, but most probably towards the Ling Feilong she spoke of.

“Alright.” Shi Feng nodded his head, simply choosing a corner to sit down in. As for sitting and starting a conversation with the other male classmates, Shi Feng could tell it would be impossible just by looking at their expressions.

In regards to such a situation, Shi Feng could only let loose a bitter smile. In his previous life, he truly has failed at being a functioning human being...

However, there was nothing he could do. To save money, he never participated in any of the student gatherings or class events. He had long since become an invisible existence within the class. In the eyes of his classmates, Shi Feng might be a very reclusive person.

“Why is this person here?”

“The class monitor should be the one who notified him. I never thought he would actually show up.”

“He’s just an inferior student in the class. Just looking at him makes me mad. Look at how cunning his eyes are. Don’t tell me he took a fancy to this young lady? Disgusting.”

The students in the class started a quiet discussion about Shi Feng. They were very shocked at Shi Feng’s arrival. Usually, Shi Feng would never participate in any events, but now, this person, himself, actually showed up. Their disgust towards Shi Feng was clear in their speech. Their tones when speaking also showed how much they looked down on him. The reason for such treatment was because Shi Feng was weak. He was also often bullied by students from other classes. Moreover, he was the inferior student who was always too poor to join the class outings. It was just an embarrassment to be in the same class as him.

Although their voices were soft, Shi Feng could still hear them clearly. It was better to say they let Shi Feng hear their conversation.

Learning was only secondary in everyone’s eyes. The truly important thing to have was a strong body. After all, the current age was one where body training was strongly emphasized upon. However, Shi

Feng's weak body clearly did not fit the current age. So, naturally, he had become an outcast within the class.

However, Shi Feng simply laughed away at his situation. He was no longer a child, so why would he be angry over the actions of these children? Currently, his heart was only concerned about the matters regarding the recommendation.

Not long after, a robust youth entered the classroom. The youth's height was an entire 1.9 meters.

This person was Ling Feilong.

According to Shi Feng's memories, Ling Feilong was a person with many tricks up his sleeve. After he graduated from university, he managed to woo the princess of a large corporation. Three years later, he became the corporation's CEO. However, due to the virtual world's influence towards the real world growing ever larger, Ling Feilong invested in God's Domain as well. At that time, he looked for Shi Feng, his classmate, wanting to collaborate in God's Domain.

At that time, Shi Feng was the Captain of Shadow Workshop. He was also the Guild Leader of the Guild, Shadow. Shadow was barely considered a second-rate Guild during those times. However, it still had control over a large city with a population of five hundred thousand people.

Considering they were once classmates, Shi Feng agreed to Ling Feilong's proposal. Afterward, although Shadow earned quite a lot of money from the collaboration, Ling Feilong earned even more. At the same time, Ling Feilong groomed several powerful subordinates. Then, he somehow managed to gain the favor of a first-rate Guild, abandoning Shadow.

Everyone watched as Ling Feilong entered the classroom. The male students all stood up, displaying their respect towards him. On the other hand, the gorgeous female students from before sent meaningful gazes towards Ling Feilong. Even Zhao Ruoxi had some changes to her calm expression. Shi Feng had plenty of experience with women in his previous life, so he could tell Zhao Ruoxi was somewhat interested in Ling Feilong.

"What kind of situation was this?" Shi Feng could not make heads of the current situation. It would be fine if it were just the other students, but Zhao Ruoxi was the class flower. She had a calm personality, an oval face, a graceful body, and even her family background were good. Normally, male students from other classes could be seen chasing after her. However, none of them ever entered her eyes. So, why did she take a fancy upon Ling Feilong?

Was Ling Feilong fated to become a protagonist in life, a person who was loved and welcomed by all?

"Everyone, sit down." Like a leader, Ling Feilong naturally walked up to the lectern. He gratefully said, "Thank you for coming to congratulate me. I would not be here today were it not for all of your support."

"Brother Feilong, you are too humble. More than five thousand people entered the school's fighting competition, yet you've managed to enter the top ten. You are the pride of our class. You now have the rights to enter Jin Hai City's fighting competition without going through the preselections. This feat is not achievable by the average person. You mustn't forget about us once you've become a martial arts master in the future."

“That’s right, Brother Feilong. We’re looking forward to you becoming the champion.”

The students in the class gave their congratulations one after the other. Some of the female students even thought of throwing themselves at Ling Feilong.

However, Shi Feng was an exception.

He was truly dumbfounded. Originally, he thought a huge incident occurred, but it was just the school’s fighting competition having just ended. They were only here to congratulate Ling Feilong for being able to enter the city’s fighting competition.

If it was before, Shi Feng might have envied Ling Feilong. After all, there were just too many people who liked fighting competitions. Those who were able to participate in the city’s fighting competition were much more appreciated than some big celebrity. This was due to the difficulty of entering the fighting competition. There was a strict selection system, and it was considered good to have three to four people selected out of ten thousand. If these selected participants performed well, they might even get a contract to become the spokesperson for a large enterprise. With all the celebrity advertisements that would be offered, it wouldn’t be difficult to amass wealth. Their futures would have boundless prospects.

However, along with the rise in popularity of God’s Domain, people became even more addicted to fighting battles and wars in the game. After all, being able to personally experience the fight was still the best experience. The lack of danger of fighting in the game only made it even more exciting. As a result, many experts became idols of the players in God’s Domain.

Chapter 46 – Meeting an Acquaintance

As everyone was giving their congratulations to Ling Feilong, the person, himself, had his eyes swept over to a corner of the room, the corner where Shi Feng sat. His eyes held a hint of dissatisfaction when he looked at Shi Feng.

He was the pride of the class and, even more so, a future celebrity. Yet, an inferior student like Shi Feng actually did not intend to flatter him?

After a round of flattery, Ling Feilong allowed the students to return to their seats.

“I thank everyone for your support. Please quiet down for a moment. I am here today because I have a matter that I wish to discuss,” Ling Feilong said.

Hearing Ling Feilong’s announcement, everyone listened attentively. Only Shi Feng remained uninterested towards Ling Feilong’s matter.

However, Shi Feng could not help but pay attention after hearing Ling Feilong speak.

“It’s something related to the school’s recommendation.” Ling Feilong calmly said, “Everyone knows how I am obsessed with fighting. However, my grades at school aren’t that good, so it has caused some problems with my recommendation. So, I wish for someone here to give up a spot. The school has already agreed to this; so I am here to discuss this matter with everyone else.”

“Brother Long, this is only a trivial matter. It is only a recommendation. As the pride of the class, as long as Brother Long requests it, there will definitely be someone in the class willing to give up their spot,” a bootlicking male student said.

Although everyone in the class agreed to this person’s words, there was nobody who willingly stood up to give away their recommendation.

In the end, finding a job was just too hard. The recommendation was much more valued than a person’s educational background when working inside a big company. If they were to give up their recommendation, what would they do in the future?

As for the ones who had no rights to the recommendation, to begin with, naturally, it was easier to be brave standing from a safe distance. They continuously incited the others like hot-blooded mad-men.

Ling Feilong’s expression slightly darkened when he saw nobody taking initiative.

“Since everyone is reacting so proactively, it won’t be good if I’m the one who does the choosing. How about this, let’s raise our hands and vote,” Ling Feilong suggested with a smile.

“That’s a good idea! Brother Feilong is the smartest!”

“Then let’s start voting!”

The hot-blooded mad-men all stood up one after another, their faces holding expressions of delight, delight at the misfortune of others.

Shi Feng, who sat by the wall, was suddenly enlightened after looking at this scene.

Crap! So it was these bastards who stole my recommendation!

A wrathful flame ignited within Shi Feng’s heart. He was truly a fool in his previous life for actually working with Ling Feilong. Not in this life, however. If Ling Feilong wished to cause trouble for him in this life, he couldn’t be blamed for reacting in kind.

Maybe it was a continuation of his previous life, but the voting results did not change in the slightest. The students immediately sat Shi Feng on the ‘throne.’

“Fellow student Shi Feng, you are really lucky! I’m slightly envious of you!”

“You’ll get to have Brother Long cover for you from now on; you should be grateful to us.”

Everyone in the class started congratulating Shi Feng as if Shi Feng had just won a five million Credit lottery.

“Fellow student, Shi Feng, thank you, truly. After school is over today, I invite you to come with me for a drink at the Maple Leaf Bar,” Ling Feilong smiled a hypocritical smile. He did not place Shi Feng within his sights at all. There was not a hint of gratitude in his tone, only disdain. Following which, he turned to

look at the other students, saying, "Of course, everyone else is also invited. Let us enjoy ourselves today."

"Hold on a moment," Shi Feng suddenly said.

Suddenly, everyone in the class turned their sights towards Shi Feng. If Shi Feng did not actively speak up, they might have long since forgotten about his existence.

"May I know if fellow student Shi Feng has something he wishes to say?" Ling Feilong looked towards Shi Feng, asking with a smile.

"I will not agree with this, so why are you getting all joyous all on your own?" Shi Feng shot a glance at Ling Feilong, saying, "If any of you wish to give him your recommendation, then just give it to him. In any case, I won't be letting go of my recommendation. If there are no other matters, I'll be leaving."

Suddenly, the entire classroom became dead silent. Nobody could imagine that Shi Feng, a person constantly bullied by students of other classes, actually rebelled against Ling Feilong. His current display was very abnormal. Was Shi Feng not afraid of being taken out by Ling Feilong?

Ling Feilong, as well, was shocked, not because of Shi Feng's actions, however, but at Shi Feng's foolishness.

Did he actually think he could protect his recommendation just because he had refused to hand it over?

This was a result voted by the entire class. It would be meaningless, even if Shi Feng refused. When the time came, the university would still give him the recommendation. Even though the result was unchangeable, Shi Feng still foolishly chose to stand against him.

Should Shi Feng be called foolish? Or did he have a few screws loose?

Just when Ling Feilong wanted to take action, an impatient voice sounded from outside the door.

"Little Long, are you still not done? Brother Zhang doesn't like to be kept waiting."

A tall blond youth came in through the door. Following behind him was an alluring girl dressed in sexy and revealing clothing. The two together caused the male students to look on in envy.

Shi Feng shot a glance over, discovering that it was actually an 'acquaintance.'

The tall and blond youth was coincidentally Flaming Tiger. His real name was Zhou Yuhu, and he was a fourth-year university student, similar to Shi Feng. This person had great talent, and he managed to obtain a good result of third place in the university's fighting tournament this time around. Meanwhile, the enchanting female by Zhou Yuhu's side was also an acquaintance of Shi Feng's. Her name was Qin Shuyu, and she was Shi Feng's classmate during high school; she was also the flower of the class at the time.

Shi Feng was truly blind during those times. Young and dumb, he was actually enchanted by Qin Shuyu, even to the point of confessing his love to her. Naturally, the result was rejection. After entering university, Qin Shuyu had become Zhou Yuhu's girlfriend. Qin Shuyu even mentioned to Zhou Yuhu the matter of Shi Feng's confession. As a result, Shi Feng was often 'taken care of' by students from other

classes. After Shi Feng joined Shadow, he was often sent to carry out senseless tasks, stunting his growth in God's Domain.

"Brother Hu, why have you come here? I'll immediately go after I'm done settling my business here." When Ling Feilong saw the person who had arrived, he respectfully went up to welcome him with a smiling face.

"How much longer do you need? I don't have that much time to waste" Zhou Yuhu wrinkled his brows, impatiently saying. He was parted from his duties as Team Leader today all because of that Ye Feng character, and he had only recently risen to Level 2. Afterward, he was even given a scolding by Brother Zhang. These occurrences caused him to become greatly irritated deep within his heart.

"Two to three minutes should be enough." Ling Feilong replied. He felt teaching Shi Feng the ways to be a proper person should not be a big problem.

"Good, then hurry up," Zhou Yuhu demanded.

Currently, Qin Shuyu's eyes unintentionally landed on Shi Feng; her expression was suddenly turning sour. She had no good impressions of Shi Feng. He had neither money nor power. There was not the slightest feeling of safety or strength coming from him. When compared with Zhou Yuhu, the difference between the two was hundreds and thousands of miles apart. Shi Feng even confessed to her without knowing his own worth. It was just an insult to her person, and as a result, she was often made fun of by the other girls.

Seeing the disgust on Qin Shuyu's face, Zhou Yuhu hooked up her chin with his robust hand, teasingly saying, "Baby, I'll take care of him for you immediately, lest he shows up in front of you again."

Qin Shuyu faintly smiled as she nodded, not having any intention of stopping Zhou Yuhu.

"Hey brat, come over here," Zhou Yuhu pointed his finger at Shi Feng, loudly roaring.

Everyone was shocked at seeing Zhou Yuhu's imposing manner. Who was Zhou Yuhu? He was ranked third in the school's fighting tournament. He was much more powerful when compared to the ninth-ranked Ling Feilong. A single hit from him was enough to send a person to the hospital for half a month.

Ling Feilong naturally understood what was happening before him; Zhou Yuhu was irritated by Shi Feng and wished to take care of him. Originally, he too wanted to teach Shi Feng a lesson and let the entire class know of his prowess. If he were to take care of Shi Feng right now, not only would he be helping himself, but he would also be able to sell a favor to Zhou Yuhu; he would be killing two birds with one stone. Hence, Ling Feilong stepped forward and volunteered, "Brother Hu, no need for you to personally take action. Originally, I already wanted to teach this kid a lesson. Give me thirty seconds."

"Little Long, so the matter you had to deal with before was this." Zhou Yuhu looked towards Shi Feng in disdain. He licked his lips, saying with a cold smile, "Better to let me. I also wish to loosen my bones a little."

Saying this, Zhou Yuhu walked towards Shi Feng with a cold smile.