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Chapter 1771: Sky Ascension Stairs (1)

This time round, she had really fallen down!

Li Moying's expression grew uglier still.

Huang Yueli however kept grinning as she said, "Hey, why are you so petty! I didn't tell you because I'm worried that you would be jealous and in the end, you're really jealous!"

"I'm NOT jealous!" The Sovereign declared as a matter of fact, "Only those weaklings who are not confident of themselves would get jealous, why should I get jealous?"

"Yes oh, the sour smell is assailing my nostrils to death, still saying you're not jealous!" Huang Yueli mumbled softly.

Her voice was indeed very soft but Li Moying's hearing was very good so he was still able to hear her clearly.

His face grew darker still, "What did you say?"

Huang Yueli blinked her eyes innocently, "Then since you're not jealous, why do you hate Ye Xing Hua so much? Isn't it a good thing that he had unwavering loyalty towards me? With his aid, I will be able to enter the Armament Guild Headquarters freely and need not worry about exposing my identity, so why won't you allow me to meet him?"

"I... this...." Li Moying was stuffed and couldn't think of any words to rebuke her so he might as well put on a straight face, "Anyway I just don't like him! In future you're not allowed to go to the Armament Guild!"

Huang Yueli didn't know to laugh or cry as she spoke out, "Hey, you're really enough! Armament Guild's environment is most suitable for refining armaments and there's fire attributed spiritual artery to add on the effect and also various arrays to supplement which are extremely difficult to replicate in other places. Moreover, that place has many rare materials for sale which could not even be purchased in the Soaring Heavens Merchant Guild's auction, how could I possibly not head over?"

"So after saying so much, you just want to go meet Ye Xing Hua!"

Li Moying put on a tsundere look on his face and towards that "little disciple" who took up his fiancée's major portion of her attention, he hated him from the depths of his heart.

"No, I really don't.... how about this, next time you go along with me? But you must promise me that when you meet Ye Xing Hua, you're not allowed to bully him!"

"I bully him? Since when have I bullied him? It's that soft legged prawn whose cultivation is just too weak, getting jelly legs when he meets top exponents and since he fell and needed support, how could you blame me for that?" Li Moying spoke righteously when he said these, without even blushing at all.

Huang Yueli couldn't help but rolled her eyes at him.

That's right, how many people would be able to resist kneeling onto the ground when the Number One top exponent under this heaven's Profound Energy leaked out a little bit of his suppressive aura? Moreover Ye Xing Hua was merely at seventh stage realm cultivation that year, and he was that kind of scholarly weak Armament Master without any actual combat ability.

But Huang Yueli didn't dare to expose him at this moment in time.

She coaxed him for half a day before she finally managed to placate this man who had drowned a huge urn of vinegar down, barely making Li Moying agree to accompany her to the Armament Guild and also took action in a low key manner, not alarming or disturbing any Armament Master in the guild.

But Li Moying was still insistent in not admitting that he was jealous.

"I'm doing this for your safety and also, I don't wish for you to be tangled with men with dubious intentions."

"Yes, yes, yes, you're totally right!"

A stubborn man was really hard to coax!

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She had finally managed to placate her fiancée and Huang Yueli also decided not to go out in the near future as she stayed in Levitation Sword Palace with a peace of time, cultivating and refining armaments.

In the early morning three days later, Huang Yueli and Li Moying had just finished their breakfast.

Li Moying kissed her face in front of the female attendants and instructed her to stay in Blue Profound Sect obediently before returning back to the rear palace hall to cultivate.

Huang Yueli walked to the front courtyard and happened to see Luo Jiyun walking hurriedly to the outside of the palace doors.

Chapter 1772: Sky Ascension Stairs (2)

"Junior Brother Luo, where are you going so early in the morning?" Huang Yueli asked curiously.

Luo Jiyun halted in his footsteps as he turned around, "Lil Sister-in-law, you're up so early! Weren't you the one who told me that Blue Profound Sect has a mountain climbing Sky Ascension Stairs assessment in the rear mountain and the disciples who gain a rank in the top few places, would be able to gain a chance to refine their bodies in the Swordbath pool?"

Huang Yueli suddenly realized that, "Right, that day Guardian Jun told me, these few days will be the time for assessment! How about it, today should be your turn?"

Luo Jiyun shook his head and said, "Tomorrow is the assessment date for direct disciples and today is the last day for inner disciples. Brother Mo Yi and the others will be making their move today and I intend to go over and take a look there now."

Huang Yueli's interest was piqued from hearing about that as she said, "I'll go along with you!"

When they were in South Sky Region, Mo Yi and the others helped her quite a lot and she had always wanted to raise their cultivation and aptitude to thank them. But unfortunately, although the few of them had joined Blue Profound Sect, due to their innate talent, their advancement was limited hence she wasn't able to help at all.

Today was the Sky Ascension Stairs assessment and that was the best chance for ordinary Blue Profound Sect disciples to leap over the gateway to raise to turn their lives around so she must personally head over to take a look.

The rear mountain behind Blue Profound Sect was part of their turf and was extremely safe so Li Moying naturally wouldn't object to it.

Huang Yueli made someone pass a message to him and then followed Luo Jiyun speedily towards the rear mountain.

At this point of time, the foot of Blue Profound Sect's rear mountain had already gathered a large number of practitioners.

Although the crowd was massive, but under Cang Po Jun and the other's organisation and arrangements, the scenario was orderly without any chaotic situation occurring.

The crowd had been split into several groups and the practitioners who were taking part in today's assessment had been assigned a number and everyone followed their own number tag and queued up from the designated entrance as they waited for the assessment to start.

Whereas those disciples who were here purely to watch were all blocked by an array in the outer zone, which was at least five hundred meters away from the rear mountain.

Luo Jiyun took a look at the cliff from afar and was a little dazed from it, "Heavens, the rear mountain is practically shrouded in the fog and from such a far distance, we can't see anything clearly at all! Couldn't they allow us to stand a little nearer to take a look?"

Huang Yueli smiled and said, "You think that you're not able to see clearly just because you're standing too far? That's not the case alright? Even if you're above the Sky Ascension Stairs, the scenario you see will still be fog, which is impossible to be any clearer than what you're seeing now!"

"Oh? Why is this so?"

"This is part of the assessment. Every year there will be different practitioners who fall down from the cliff because they can't see the stairs carefully....."

"F, F, Fall....fall down?" Luo Jiyun was stunned, "Are you sure? Falling down from such a tall cliff, even if it was a seventh stage realm practitioner, there was a possibility to become seriously injured right?"

Blue Profound Sect's rear mountain was the top ten ranking tall mountain in Soaring Heavens Continent and it was several thousand meters tall. Standing at the foot of the mountain looking up, it looked majestic as it was tall and erect, reaching through the clouds. Whereas this mountain was southern facing as though it had been chopped by an invisible huge axe, forming a flat and tidy cliff wall.

This cliff looked extremely tidy and every few meters, there would be a palm sized stone piece, intermittently from the foot of the mountain all the way to the top of the mountain, forming a flight stairs leading to the sky.

Other than this, there didn't seem to be any place for them to rest their feet anywhere.

Chapter 1773: Sky Ascension Stairs (3)

This kind of arduous cliff, just looking from afar made one feel fearful so no wonder Luo Jiyun felt uneasy.

He gazed towards Huang Yueli anxiously hoping to obtain a negative answer.

Whoever knew that the minute Huang Yueli opened her mouth, it almost made him faint.

"Sustaining a serious injury from the fall? If it was really only a serious injury, that would be great!" Huang Yueli replied indifferently, "Somewhere near the cliff, there is an array boundary which amplifies the effect and it would suppress the practitioner's Profound Energy. The higher one ascended, the stronger the suppression of the practitioner and the minute one climbed to mid mountain, the intensity of the Profound Energy within the body would be left with less than ten percent. Under such circumstances, there was no way to maintain one's own protection profound energy. In this way..."

She paused and met Luo Jiyun's terrified gaze.

".... Once they fall from mid mountain or above position, basically there is no difference from an ordinary person falling down from the cliff. It is a definite death for practitioners who are in seventh stage realm and below whereas for practitioners who are in seventh stage realm and above, they would probably be half dead from the fall and whether they can be saved or not will depend on their luck....."

Luo Jiyun shivered all over coldly as the words he said also started to stutter.

"Why.... Why is this... this so dangerous?"

Huang Yueli said, "I told you this earlier right? The Sky Ascension Stairs assessment towards ordinary disciples in Blue Profound Sect is the best chance for one to rise to stardom and at the same time, it is also one of the most dangerous assessments. Every year there would be at least hundreds of disciples who died here!"

"But... but, isn't this a little too dangerous? Isn't the Sect's aim to filter all the outstanding talents so why must they make it so dangerous? Can't they just use the array to protect the surroundings, at least for those practitioners who fell down to restore their protection profound energy, and not fall too badly?"

Luo Jiyun's words blurted out like that and Huang Yueli had not been able to answer in time when someone by the side started laughing.

"I saw... this Junior Brother, this is your first time taking part in the assessment as a new disciple?"

"Ughh, right." Luo Jiyun nodded his head.

The person who said that was a twenty over year old young practitioner who was dressed in a direct disciple uniform. He was fair and plump, someone who looked like he had a good temper.

This Junior Brother, there's something that you don't know. This Sky Ascension Stairs is not built by our Blue Profound Sect but a historical remain which was left behind by the Ancient God Clan. Not only could it filter out the outstanding disciples, moreover even if you had not obtained the top few ranks, as long as you are able to climb up the Sky Ascension Stairs at least once, after you come down from it, you will also reap huge rewards."

"Practitioners on the cliff suffer from the pressure of Profound Energy and this is the effect caused by the ancient array which is set up around the surroundings of the Sky Ascension Stairs. Our Sect's Guardian Yu is Soaring Heavens Continent's Number One Array Master and I heard that twenty over years ago, he had once spent several months with the Number One Armament Master Huang Yueli to attempt to set up an array near the cliff to protect the practitioners who had fallen off. But eventually they did not succeed."

Luo Jiyun knew about Huang Yueli's real identity and when he heard that, he shot an astonished gaze at the young lady beside him.

In his heart, his lil Sister-in-law had such outstanding talent and there didn't seem to be anything which she could not settle.

There was actually a mechanism array which even she, was not able to do.....

Luo Jiyun frowned and asked, "Then in this case... if I were to climb until mid-mountain and unable to ascend to the top, what happens if I were stuck half-way? Could it mean that it's the end for me?"

Chapter 1774: Sky Ascension Stairs (4)

Fair fatty smiled and said, "How could that be possible? When it's your turn for an assessment, you will be given a piece of token. If you are willing to end the assessment yourself, just pinch the token into pieces and you will instantly be transported to the foot of the mountain without any harm. Those practitioners who have fallen down the cliff are because they wanted to obtain a higher ranking and break through their limit so they took the risk to continue climbing which was why they lost their footing and fell."

Hearing that, Luo Jiyun then came around it.

But he wasn't feeling appeased at all, instead he became even more uptight.

Every year there would be hundreds of practitioners who paid the price with their lives just to break their own limits.

This aspect explained everything, in Blue Profound Sect where the competition between disciples was so intense, which one of these practitioners who were able to join the Number One Sacred Lands wasn't a peerless talent from their original powerhouse?

But when they all came to Blue Profound Sect where so many talents were gathered, their innate talents appeared even more ordinary so in order to obtain even better cultivation resources, they gambled their lives for it!

Facing so many talents who were trying their best, could he.... really distinguish himself?

Huang Yueli saw his extreme uneasiness as she opened her mouth to comfort him, "No need to be overly anxious, just try your best."

Fatty heard her exceptionally sweet voice and turned his gaze towards the direction of the sound and it was then when he realised that the two who were standing beside him were also dressed in a direct disciple uniform.

Blue Profound Sect's direct disciples were chosen to be one in ten thousand people and that wasn't a mere exaggeration. The number of practitioners who could obtain the position of direct disciple could be counted with one's finger and every new direct disciple who appeared would attract the entire Sect's attention.

Fatty saw their dressing and combined it with Huang Yueli's age and looks, he immediately guessed her identity.

"So... this young lady must be Bai Ruoli, Young Miss Bai? Fifteen to sixteen year old direct disciple, you're the only one in the who with this status!"

Huang Yueli smiled as she nodded her head, "I am, may I ask for Senior Brother's name."

Fatty chuckled heartily, "I'm called Pang Yihao but many of them call me Fatty Senior Brother so you can just call me that." He waved his hand expansively and turned towards Luo Jiyun, "Since this person here is Young Miss Bai, then could this be...."

Luo Jiyun understood his hint and hurriedly waved his hand.

"No, no, no, I'm not! You're looking for me Eldest Senior Brother right? He's not here today!"

Pang Yihao laughed, "I wanted to ask if you're Junior Brother Luo Jiyun, who did you think I wanted to say you were? Of course I know you're not Senior Brother Li, his fame has spread through the entire Sky Emperor City and his reputation is extremely impressive! It's rumoured that his innate talent is at ninth grade upper level and he had met with many fortuitous meetings but he had just broken through to ninth stage realm at twenty over years old! Moreover his looks were extremely handsome and the number of young ladies who fell under his long robe were plenty.... it didn't look like you fit the description!"

"Ughh, haha, looks like I've thought too much. That's right, I'm Luo Jiyun, my pleasure to meet Senior Brother Pang!" Luo Jiyun gave an embarrassed smile as he cupped his fists into the other to show his respect.

Huang Yueli couldn't help but curl her lips, feeling that this Fatty Senior Brother was rather interesting.

Moreover, she also noticed that Pang Yihao's age wasn't very old and although he had a carefree personality, his cultivation really wasn't bad at all.

Twenty over years of age and had reached the sixth stage realm peak, just a step away from seventh stage realm.

This kind of innate talent, even in Blue Profound Sect, had reached the standard of a first rated talent.

The three of them were acquainted and Pang Yihao asked in curiosity, "Both, I'd like to ask a presumptuous question, will Senior Brother Li come to take part in the assessment tomorrow?"

Chapter 1775: Winner of Cloud Mounting Chart (1)

"Ughh ... ah?"

Luo Jiyun had not expected him to ask this kind of question hence he didn't know how to reply so he just stood there gazing towards Huang Yueli blankly.

Huang Yueli shook her head and said, "He's been in closed door cultivation recently and will not be heading over to take part in the assessment."

Luo Jiyun echoed along with that she said, "Right, right, Eldest Senior Brother had been in closed door cultivation recently!"

Pan Yihao replied with an "Oh" and a smile was revealed on that plump face, "I was thinking that as well. With Senior Brother Li's innate talent, the resources within the Sect should be accessed at his will so how would he risk his life at the Sky Ascension Stairs just so that he could soak a few days in the Swordbath pool? But in that case, those top experts of the Cloud Mounting Chart will definitely be disappointed. They had waited several days just so that they could experience just how strong the legendary Sky Emperor City's number one genius was!"

Luo Jiyun put on a dazed look, "Ah? What Cloud Mounting Chart? What's that?"

Pang Yihao laughed, "You really don't know anything at all! Since everyone is mounting the Sky Ascension Stairs, they must follow according to the height of the climb so there will naturally be a chart which is the Cloud Mounting Chart. Do you see that levitating blue gemstone tablet right over there? The gold words on the surface are engraved with gold letterings and that is the name list of the Cloud Mounting Chart."

Luo Jiyun suddenly saw the light as he looked over towards the direction which Pang Yihao's finger was pointed at.

A huge stone tablet was floating in mid sky, just in front of the Sky Ascension Stairs and was extremely eye-grabbing but because he was overly anxious earlier, he didn't notice it.

The stone tablet was filled with gold engraved names and at the front of each name there was a rank. The later part of the line also indicated the height which that person had ascended and there were a total of one hundred names.

Moreover this stone tablet was apparently a Profound Armament. The words on the surface kept on changing and after every practitioner had completed the assessment, if their results were able to squeeze them into the top hundred, then his name would be placed into the correct rank and the Cloud Mounting Chart's rank would then change.

Pang Yihao saw that he was totally absorbed by it as he laughed and walked over while explaining his queries.

"Sky Ascension Stairs assessment is said to be one of Blue Profound Sect's most difficult assessment and the assessment not only tests the practitioner's innate talent and ability, more so it requires

overwhelming determination and courage hence Cloud Mounting Chart practically represents Blue Profound Sect's disciples combined abilities ranking and every single one of these disciples who had rather outstanding ability cared about this ranking very much, which could also symbolise their status!"

"I see!" Luo Jiyun nodded and at the same time he spoke out in astonishment, "Senior Brother Pang, you're ranked fifty eight on the Cloud Mounting Chart! I thought a genius like you would be ranked at least in the top thirties!"

Luo Jiyun's words were not flattery because a twenty over year old sixth stage realm peak had indeed not bad innate talent.

That year, when Li Moying hadn't met Huang Yueli or invigorated his bloodline and innate talent, he was merely at this cultivation stage and had already been awarded as South Sky Region's number one genius.

Whoever knew that when Pang Yihao heard that, his face flushed red and he lowered his voice, "Oh my, Junior Brother Luo, don't say that please. If anyone heard that, they would laugh at me for overestimating my own self! Obtaining this ranking is already very lucky. Every single one of the top thirty Senior Brothers and Sisters are much stronger than me!"

Luo Jiyun was shocked as his eyes turned into full moons, "Surely not right, Senior Brother Pang's innate talent only allowed you to squeeze into rank fifty eight?"

Pang Yihao smiled, "My innate talent is considered okay but there are plenty of people with better innate talent than me in Blue Profound Sect."

Chapter 1776: Winner of Cloud Mounting Chart (2)

"Moreover speaking, the Sky Ascension Stairs assessment doesn't rely mainly on innate talent! The person who takes over Sovereign to hold the Sect's affairs is Guardian Jun who was number one on the Cloud Mounting Chart that year but his innate talent was rather ordinary."

Luo Jiyun nodded as he recalled similar words which Huang Yueli had mentioned previously.

"Thank you Senior Brother for your pointer."

Pang Yihao continued as he pointed to the upper most portion of the chart, "See the first few people's names? Those who are able to rank in the top ten on the Cloud Mounting Chart are all Blue Profound Sect's most powerful direct disciples and all of them are ninth stage realm peak Elders' direct disciples under their wings and some even have ninth grade innate talent! Especially Feng Zhehao who is ranked number one, he's Elder Feng's biological grandson, twenty eight years old this year, his cultivation had already broken through to eight stage realm and he had already occupied the Cloud Mounting Chart's first place for three years!"

"Wa, that's so incredible!" Luo Jiyun sighed in admiration but was also slightly disappointed, "Before today, I was hoping to be able to obtain a good ranking in the Sky Ascension Stairs but thinking about it now, it seems that I'm just too frivolous....."

"You need not undervalue yourself, as long as you practice the cultivation method which your Eldest Senior Brother had personally selected for you, entering the top fifty is absolutely no issue at all." Huang Yueli butted in indifferently.

She originally didn't wanted to show off but this young lad Luo Jiyun's character was soft by nature and his self-confidence was easily shaken so after hearing what Pang Yihao said, it was evident that he had cowered back a little so she could only jumped out to give him some encouragement.

Luo Jiyun turned back and looked at her, "Ah? Really?"

"Of course, that's what your Eldest Senior Brother said personally! You ought to give a good performance and not embarrass him!" Huang Yueli vowed solemnly.

These words actually weren't said by Li Moying but by herself. However she was lying to him because she had also taken a look at the cultivation method which Li Moying gave Luo Jiyun. As long as he is able to master until a small accomplished realm, entering top thirty would be a breeze so top fifty was just a conservative saying.

Luo Jiyun naturally trusted his own Eldest Senior Brother totally and instantly regain his self-confidence.

Pang Yihao was listening by the side as he got even more curious about Li Moying.

"Why? This Senior Brother Li is really so incredible? Just casually giving some pointers to Junior Brother and he will be able to enter the top fifty?"

Huang Yueli smiled as she said, "Senior Brother Pang don't believe this? It's ok, tomorrow when Junior Brother Luo takes part in the assessment, then you will find out!"

To tell the truth, Pang Yihao really didn't believe it. He usually self-assumed that he had outstanding talent and was already extremely hardworking but he merely ranked fifty eight.

This Luo Jiyun, his age was much younger than him and his innate talent didn't seem to even match up to his and moreover this was his first year at Blue Profound Sect, would he be able to enter top fifties in his first assessment? Just because he obtained Li Moying's pointers?

If it was really so miraculous, then how would he even be able to hang on around here?

Pang Yihao shook his head and said, "Alright, then I ought to take a careful look tomorrow! But is Senior Brother Li really not coming over?"

Huang Yueli shook her head as she gave an affirmative reply, "Not coming!"

Pang Yihao sighed, "Young Miss Bai, you don't know that many people are actually not convinced by Senior Brother Li and are just waiting for his Sky Ascension Stairs results. If he doesn't come, he will definitely be termed as a coward...."

He had yet to finish his sentence when someone called out to him from behind.

"Little Fatty, who are you talking to? These two people looked unfamiliar!"

Pang Yihao's body stiffened as a helpless expression filled his face and he turned around to cup his hands in obeisance.

"My respects to Senior Brother Feng."

The incoming person didn't look at him but instead landed his gaze on Huang Yueli's face, and instantly, a glint filled with surprise flashed by his eyes!

Chapter 1777: Winner of Cloud Mounting Chart (3)

"What's the matter? Little Fatty, not going to introduce us?"

From the moment his eyes landed onto Huang Yueli, his gaze had completely been attracted by her, totally unable to shift away. Ever since Huang Yueli broke through to the sixth stage realm, her looks had grown even more beautiful and alluring and it would cause people walking by who to turn their heads back.

Pang Yihao felt that something was amiss and took a look at him before replying, "Senior Brother Feng, these two here are our newly joined direct disciples. This lady here is Junior Sister Bai Ruoli and this is Junior Brother Luo. Junior Sister Bai is.... ughh, Senior Brother Li's fiancée."

Following that, he turned towards Huang Yueli and Luo Jiyun as he introduced, "Junior Sister Bai, Junior Brother Luo, this person here is whom I had mentioned earlier, Cloud Mounting Chart's Number One ranking, Feng Zhehao Senior Brother Feng."

"Oh... so you're Senior Brother Feng, it's an honour to meet you at last!" Luo Jiyun saw a top expert who was also a Senior Brother from the same Sect so he was naturally extremely respectful as he hurriedly cupped his hands in greeting.

But Huang Yueli merely raised her brows as she didn't say anything.

She could already tell that this young practitioner with a haughty face in front of her, harboured ill intentions.

Indeed, Feng Zhehao totally ignored Luo Jiyun but kept staring at Huang Yueli intently as a cold smile curled on his lips.

"So you're Li Moying's fiancée! This fellow really has a good fortune in love affairs! I know that women all love men with great abilities and you chose him as your fiancé is also within reason. But he's merely South Sky Region's Number One talent! Now that you're in Blue Profound Sect, you will find out that there are much more incredible disciples in the Sect than him!"

Huang Yueli spoke in a smile which didn't resemble a smile, "Someone more incredible than my Brother Moying.... surely you're not trying to speak of yourself right?"

Feng Zhehao didn't seem to understand the ridicule in her words as he puffed out his chest and spoke in a conceited manner, "That's right! I'm also one of those!"

Huang Yueli sized him up and after a moment, she spoke out leisurely, "Really? But why can't I tell at all? Moying is already in the ninth stage realm whereas you're only in the eighth stage realm and you're so much older than him.... could Blue Profound Sect's evaluation of geniuses, be different from the other powerhouses?"

Huang Yueli's words were really vicious, just short of directly saying that he's shameless.

But when she was saying that, she put on a sweet smile and her tone was totally innocent. When paired with that flawless beautiful face, it really made one unable to get upset with her.

Feng Zhehao was stuffed and didn't know how to reply because Huang Yueli had poked his sore point accurately!

However, there were tons of people around and many of those practitioners who were passing by had already noticed them, and even heard their conversation.

Many of them casted a strange gaze towards them.

"What backing does this Junior Sister come from? How dare she talk to Senior Brother Feng like that? Doesn't she know that Senior Brother Feng is the most outstanding talent among the younger generation in the Blue Profound Sect?"

"Haha, most outstanding talent, you're joking right? In the past he was barely considered as one but now... you know who that beautiful white dress young lady is? She is Li Moying Senior Brother Li's fiancée!"

"Ah! It's actually her!"

"No wonder she spoke so discourteously towards Senior Brother Feng. With Senior Brother Li as her backing, Senior Brother Feng is indeed just not enough!"

The crowd started to break out into discussions and Feng Zhehao's expression grew uglier by the minute.

Originally his status in Blue Profound Sect was rather high standing so how would same generation disciples even dare to discuss about him in his face?

Chapter 1778: Winner of Cloud Mounting Chart (4)

Ever since that South Sky Region's peerless genius Li Moying arrived at Blue Profound Sect, the entire situation changed completely.

He was no longer the number one genius who was adored by the masses!

The party whom everyone exclaimed in admiration had changed to Li Moying! They even said that his innate talent surpassed that year's Mu Chengying and he was the one with the most hope to become the Number One top expert in Soaring Heavens Continent, to helm Blue Profound Sect!

Feng Zhehao had always been proud and arrogant so how would he easily admit that there was someone who was stronger than him by that much! How was he able to endure the fact that his esteemed position had been stolen away from him in just one day?

So in this period of time, he had been spending all his time to cultivate hard just so that he was able to breakthrough his own limit during the Sky Ascension Stairs assessment to create an unsurpassable record, completely crushing Li Moying just to show everyone who was Blue Profound Sect's Number One genius!

Moreover, Feng Zhehao felt that his chances of victory were huge.

After all Li Moying had just arrived from South Sky Region and he probably hadn't practiced high grade cultivation methods or Profound Skills so even if his innate talent was indeed shocking, but in terms of actual combat ability, he might not match up to those Blue Profound Sect's veteran direct disciples.

In the end, the direct disciple's assessment had yet to start and Feng Zhehao had already heard so many idle gossip around and adding on to the fact that he was despised by Li Moying's fiancée, it made him grew even more melancholic as he got even more anxious to have a duel with Li Moying.

"Shut up! Who dares to sprout nonsense in front of me!"

Feng Zhehao suddenly shouted out harshly and the surrounding practitioners all shut their mouths.

He crossed his arms and surveyed the increasing bystanders as his eighth stage realm top exponent's aura naturally revealed, making those practitioners who were sprouting nonsense hang their heads low due to guilt.

"I haven't even had an official match with Junior Brother Li and you've already deemed that I cannot win him? Who's stronger and who's weak isn't debatable just by your presumptuous comments, but depending on actual ability!"

Saying that he turned towards Huang Yueli, "Junior Sister Bai, please convey the message to Junior Brother Li that I, Feng Zhehao, is initiating a battle invitation to him, asking him that it is a must to take part in the Sky Ascension Stairs tomorrow. All the disciples in Blue Profound Sect will be our witness and we shall have a showdown!"

His words were said openly and candidly, neither servile nor overbearing which made the practitioners present cheer out.

"Right, Senior Brother Feng is right! Sky Ascension Stairs assessment is the fairest and since Senior Brother Li is so talented, becoming the Number One in Cloud Mounting Chart should be an easy matter right?"

"That's hard to say, after all Senior Brother Feng is more experienced!"

"Anyway, an open fight is the best method. I really want to experience the legendary genius who was rumoured to be much more outstanding when Sovereign was young, just how much stronger is he!"

Everyone looked at Huang Yueli, waiting for her to run back to convey the message.

Whoever knew that Huang Yueli just took an indifferent look at Feng Zhehao and slowly shook her head.

"My apologies, Senior Brother Feng, I've just told Senior Brother Pang earlier that Moying is recently in closed door cultivation and doesn't have the intention to take part in the Sky Ascension Stairs."

"What? He's actually not taking part?"

"How could that be possible? Such an important assessment, why isn't he taking part?"

"Even if he doesn't lack that little bit of reward, but Cloud Mounting Chart's rank is a representation of a top exponent's reputation and didn't those peerless geniuses care most about their reputations?"

"Could it be that Senior Brother Feng had guessed it correctly? Senior Brother Li only has cultivation but his actual combat ability is very weak and he's afraid to take part in the assessment which couldn't match up to those older disciples hence he doesn't dare to attend?"

Feng Zhehao's first thought was that Li Moying didn't dare to come.

Chapter 1779: Winner of Cloud Mounting Chart (5)

Suddenly his thoughts changed, feeling that it wasn't quite possible.

A peerless genius with such outstanding talent, how was it possible that he was afraid of a battle?

Probably it was Li Moying's fiancé who was afraid that he would lose hence she helped him reject it eh?

Feng Zhehao said, "Junior Sister Bai, you're not Junior Brother Li so how will you know that he's not willing to come take part in the assessment? As long as you go back and convey my message to him, he will definitely be here tomorrow!"

However Huang Yueli shrugged her shoulders calmly, "Don't you understand what I just said? Moying is behind closed door cultivation! Closed door, understand? If there's nothing major, he will not come out from it!"

Although Li Moying's closed door cultivation was all short term and he would generally be out in a few days, but why would she even bother him with such a small matter?

Feng Zhehao's expression stiffened, "You... what do you mean? The annual Sky Ascension Stairs assessment determines the ranking of the Cloud Mounting Chart for the entire year! Isn't this considered as a major matter? Even if he doesn't care about the rewards, but I've already issued a challenge towards him, shouldn't he come and take up the challenge?"

Huang Yueli threw a baffled expression at him, "Why is it that when you issue him with a challenge, he must take it up? There are so many people who want to challenge Moying every day and if he were to agree to it all, wouldn't he be extremely tired?"

This was the truth. Ever since various large powerhouses had scrambled for Li Moying at Sky Emperor City's city gates, he received numerous battle invitations and those were all from various powerhouses' practitioners who were unconvinced about his power and had specially sent it over to challenge him.

But Li Moying made his men throw those invitations away directly and had never ever responded to it once.

Feng Zhehao's face grew even darker still, "Can I be compared to those people? Haven't you heard what Little Fatty said earlier? I've been on the top of the Sky Mounting Chart consecutively for three years! If there are no accidents, this year would be the fourth year!"

Huang Yueli's lips curled slightly, "So what about it?"

"So what about it?? Do you know that this is the fight for the Number One Genius in Blue Profound Sect! It is the deciding crucial factor between us to see whose ability is stronger! If he is a man, he must definitely come!"

When Huang Yueli heard what he said, she got slightly upset as the look on her face sunk.

"Whether my Moying is a man or not, it's not up to you to judge! What fight for Blue Profound Sect's Number One Genius, to think that you can even say that out! Whoever is stronger or weaker between the two of you, anyone with eyes will be able to tell! You're just depending on the number of times which you have ascended the Sky Stairs, wanting to take the chance while Moying isn't familiar with the situation, using this advantage to win over him this time!"

Huang Yueli exposed his ulterior motive and Feng Zhehao's face totally couldn't hang on.

"You.... what gibberish! What's called using this advantage? I've obviously asked for a upright battle with Li Moying, how could you act in such a way, to gauge the heart of a gentleman with one's own measure...."

Although he said that, Feng Zhehao's tone was obviously tinged with a hint of guilt.

Moreover, the surrounding practitioners had also managed to grasp this.

"What Young Miss Bai said is correct. While one had taken part in the assessment for so many times while it's the other's first time, how could this be considered as a fair competition?"

"That's right, Junior Brother Li's cultivation is right there so even if he lost this time, by next year, he will have learnt all the heaven grade cultivation methods in the Sect so his ability will definitely surpass Senior Brother Feng!"

"Moreover Senior Brother Feng himself, when he first climbed the Sky Ascension Stairs, he fell down even before he reached five hundred meters....."

Feng Zhehao's face gradually flushed red.

Huang Yueli laughed and said, "But even if you use those low stratagem, you will absolutely not be able to win Moying so don't bother wasting your effort!"

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When Feng Zhehao heard that, he immediately responded, "Since you say Junior Brother Li will definitely win, then just let him come attend the assessment! Otherwise who doesn't know how to make empty promises? Since you are so confident to say such words, but he doesn't dare to come, it really makes me doubt if what you're saying is the truth or not!"

He's most afraid of people saying that there's nothing for him to be delighted about over his win.

If Huang Yueli were to bite on this point, he would really not be able to pull his face down.

He had not expected that Huang Yueli would actually continue saying that Li Moying would definitely win which gave him a chance of rebuttal. Since you're so arrogant, then how about showing a hand or two?

But Huang Yueli merely casted a floating gaze at him and said, "It's up to you to believe or not, what does it have to do with me? Anyway, Moying is not interested in the ranking of what Cloud Mounting Chart so whatever you say is of no use at all!"

Feng Zhehao felt as though he was given two tight slaps by someone.

He had valued the ranking of the Cloud Mounting Chart so much but from Huang Yueli's mouth, it sounded as though Li Moying totally didn't treat this ranking as something important.

This was equivalent to saying that his position as Number One of the Cloud Mounting Chart, in Li Moying's eyes, wasn't considered as anything at all!

He clenched his teeth tight as he flew into a rage out of humiliation, "Forget it if you're not willing to convey the message! I will get someone to send my battle invite to Levitation Sword Palace! If Junior Brother Li doesn't dare to come, I can only assume that his ability is not up to mark and he's afraid that he will lose to me! By then, everyone will know that he's a coward who is as timid as a mouse!"

Saying that, he turned around and left.

The surrounding practitioners started to discuss even louder than usual and he felt that he had no face to continue staying on here.

Originally he thought that sending out a battle invite to Li Moying would give him a tight slap on his face.

But in the end, not only did he not successfully secure the battle, he didn't even get to see Li Moying and he was even run on a bank by his fiancée so much that he couldn't even pull his face down.

Since when had he ever suffered such grievance, especially after he had spent so many glamourous years in the Number One Sacred Lands!

After Feng Zhehao left, the surrounding practitioners saw that there was no show to continue watching and that day's assessment was about to start so they started to disperse.

But everyone was still whispering about Li Moying's matters.

Luo Jiyun was filled with suspicions and took many gazes at Huang Yueli, wanting to ask something but didn't dare to.

"Just say whatever you want to!" Huang Yueli finally found him too frustrating to look at.

Luo Jiyun lowered his voice, "Ughh, Lil Sister-in-law, Eldest Senior Brother is really not coming to take part in the assessment?"

Huang Yueli took a curious look at him, "Forget it if other people ask about it, why are you asking about this for? It's not as if you don't know, if your Eldest Senior Brother were really to take part in this assessment, what ranking would he even need to fight with other people for, then in future... wouldn't other people laugh their teeth off?"

Li Moying's actual identity would be revealed sooner or later.

By then, as the Sovereign of Blue Profound Sect, just because of a sentence from a younger generation disciple made him take part in an extremely dumb assessment ranking, if this matter leaked out.... he would probably be the talk of the entire Sky Emperor City for many years to come.

"But... but... isn't that Feng Zhehao too arrogant? Eldest Senior Brother wouldn't come and if everyone thinks that Eldest Senior Brother is really afraid of him, then what should we do?"

Luo Jiyun was still unresigned over this.

Huang Yueli shook her head while bursting out in laughter, "Those talented practitioners who are able to join Blue Profound Sect, which one of them are retards? Who wouldn't know that Moying is more incredible! Only you don't understand this. To tell you the truth, Feng Zhehao invited Moying for a battle, not because he is high spirited but because he's worried that your Eldest Senior Brother will be accepted by Sovereign as his disciple!"

"Huh?? But.... isn't Eldest Senior Brother..... Ughh....."