

The Doctor 1171

Chapter 1171: Fat Chance

The two people present were in a stalemate, but one looked nonchalant while the other had his five features contorted.

“You—” Liu Zi’an gasped and glared at Chu Liuyue in front of him with shock and disbelief. Why does a stage-seven warrior have such terrifying physical strength?!

Originally, he thought that he could directly get rid of the other party with this punch. However, he didn’t expect the latter to fracture his own hand first!

The excruciating pain from his hand caused his vision to turn black!

He instinctively wanted to retract his fist, but the young man opposite him suddenly smiled. That smile was extremely faint and cold.

A chill ran down Liu Zi’an’s spine, and all his hair stood on end!

Without even thinking, he immediately retreated! However, it was too late!

Chu Liuyue first turned her fist into a palm as she clutched onto his wrist and bent it forcefully!

Ka!

Another bone-breaking sound was heard!

“Ah!” Liu Zi’an finally couldn’t hold it back anymore as he let out a miserable cry. His forehead kept breaking out into a cold sweat.

Seeing the extremely strange posture that his hand had been twisted into, the surrounding spectators felt their hearts jump out of their throats.

Actually, they had seen quite a few scenes that were more bloody than this. However, the horrifying thing was that the young man had such a natural and nonchalant expression when he did this.

His lips were even curled up into a faint smile. It was as if there was no difference between breaking a human hand and breaking a block of wood.

To have such a reaction, either he was naturally cold-blooded, or... he was used to seeing such scenes, so he didn’t take it to heart at all.

But whichever one it was, it all had the same conclusion to it: This person wasn’t one to be messed with!

Liu Zi’an planned to circulate his force to retaliate, but Chu Liuyue had already raised her leg and harshly kicked his heart!

“Shoo!”

Liu Zi’an flew backward and landed on the ground harshly, spitting out a mouthful of blood as his face instantly turned ashen!

He used his other elbow and struggled to get up, but he failed after trying a few times. At the same time, his aura became increasingly heavy as if it were a broken fan that could only gasp 'huxu huxu.'

There seemed to be tiny needles that kept piercing through his chest, causing him to be in immense pain.

Liu Zi'an secretly felt hatred. This was caused by Chu Yue's kick!

If he didn't personally experience it, he never would've believed that a stage-seven warrior was so strong!

When he tried to stand up again and fell back onto the floor, a pair of black deer leather boots and the corner of flowing clothes appeared in his vision.

He suddenly stopped in his movements, and his heart beat wildly as if it were about to jump out of his chest!

He raised his hand slowly, and with much difficulty, indeed saw that familiar face.

As Liu Zi'an looked at the young man's youthful appearance and the pair of black eyes that he could never see through, unprecedented terror filled his heart! At this moment, he suddenly realized that this young man wasn't someone he could mess with!

Chu Liuyue looked down at him from above and snickered. "Stage-eight warrior... You're too easy to beat."

She thought that Liu Zi'an could resist for a while longer, but he directly collapsed after a punch. He was worlds apart compared to puppets of the same standard that Big Baby used to train her.

What Chu Liuyue didn't know was that those puppets were meticulously produced by Big Baby. Other than them not having force, they were the best at all other aspects.

After she was used to fighting those puppets, fighting such people naturally couldn't be compared.

When the crowd heard her words, their hearts suddenly skipped a beat as they looked at her strangely. So easy to beat... He's one entire stage better than you! Your words are too harsh!

Nobody could understand the horror in Liu Zi'an's heart currently.

The other party only executed two moves earlier and didn't really use their force, yet he was handicapped! Chu Yue's physical strength... was petrifying!

Previously, I thought that he was only talented as a heavenly doctor and was ordinary as a warrior. Thus, it shouldn't be a point of concern. Who would've thought he would be so maniacal?! Liu Zi'an felt that half his life had been kicked away by that foot.

Bang!

A low sound was suddenly heard from the side. Something dropped onto the ground, and even the ground shook.

Liu Zi'an turned around, and he was stunned.

His wind scooping bird was directly struck down to the ground by that red-tailed phoenix!

Upon closer inspection, the feathers of the wind scooping bird were largely burned and messy. It looked extremely miserable.

Chu Liuyue turned around, and her lips curled up slightly. "Tuan Zi, I'm faster than you this time."

Tuan Zi harshly stepped on the wind scooping bird's face before it flew back to Chu Liuyue's shoulders and squatted down.

When Tuan Zi heard Chu Liuyue's words, indignation flashed across its sparkling eyes. It's just because I absorbed all that lightning strength and my bloodline power is about to be awakened, so I used some time to circulate my force. Hence, I was late in taking action. If not, I'd definitely be faster!

Chu Liuyue patted its head and looked at Liu Zi'an.

Meeting those seemingly smiling eyes, Liu Zi'an suddenly had an epiphany and said with much difficulty, "I surrender! I really surrender! I'm not fighting anymore!"

If this continues, what will happen if I leave the remaining half of my life here!?

His words filled with terror and sincerity caused everyone to fall silent completely.

This scene was too strange—one was standing while the other was lying down. One was above, and the other was below.

It was originally a competition with no ambiguity, yet the person who was bitterly begging for mercy was Liu Zi'an, who had a higher standard.

Even ten minutes ago, nobody would've believed that things would progress in such a direction.

Amidst the deadly silence, only Liu Zi'an's beggar-like voice was especially clear.

Chu Liuyue tilted her head. "You admit defeat?"

"Yes, I admit defeat! I'm not as good as you. I've lost convincingly!"

"You're not fighting anymore?"

"No! I'm not!" Facing Chu Liuyue's questions, Liu Zi'an answered every single one of them very quickly without hesitation.

Seeing that Chu Liuyue seemed to be deep in thought, a hint of hope suddenly rose in his heart as he added, "I guarantee that I won't fight with you anymore in the academy!"

Chu Liuyue stroked her chin. "Oh... It seems like you really don't want to continue anymore..."

Liu Zi'an swallowed a mouthful of saliva with much difficulty. At this point, he couldn't care about the order from Liu Yintong to teach Chu Yue a harsh lesson. He just wanted to get out of this predicament as soon as possible!

"Yes! I-I won't disturb you anymore! I guarantee it!" Liu Zi'an hurriedly retrieved his black jade plaque and used it as a guarantee.

"You don't want to continue anymore..." Chu Liuyue lifted her brows slightly and smiled suddenly. A faint light then flashed across her eyes in a cunning manner as she lightly said, "Fat chance!"

Chapter 1172: Release Him!

Liu Zi'an's expression instantly stiffened, and he stared at Chu Liuyue in disbelief, feeling like he had misheard something. However, the smiling eyes glowing with cold intent reminded him silently that he didn't!

"Y-you still want to continue?" Liu Zi'an heard his stammering voice. Perhaps it was because he was severely injured or something else, but his voice was very weak and floaty. Accompanied with his current pale face, he looked like a ghost.

Chu Liuyue smiled as if she were in a very good mood. "Yeah! Aren't these the rules of a competition?"

A competition would only end if both parties agreed! If any party wanted to continue, the competition would not stop! As long as it didn't cost one's life, they could do anything they wanted!

Liu Zi'an's eyelids harshly twitched. This Chu Yue is serious!

Boundless regret and hatred overwhelmed and drowned Liu Zi'an! I shouldn't have challenged Chu Yue! I could've just taught him a lesson and casually dueled according to the initial plan, yet I went overboard and initiated a challenge! Actually... it was already wrong when I agreed to Liu Yintong's request to teach Chu Yue a lesson!

However, saying all of this was useless now.

"Chu Yue, I've already surrendered! What else do you want?" Fear, worry, and anxiety filled Liu Zi'an's heart, and he couldn't help but explode! Since Chu Yue has no plans of letting me off, there is no use and meaning in continuing to beg him!

"I admit that I've lost to you these two times! You've already won, yet you're so relentless! What must I do for you to stop?!"

Shock surfaced in Chu Liuyue's heart. "You're the one who initiated this challenge. Why are you blaming me now that you've lost?"

As she spoke, she looked at Zhong Xun at the side and sincerely asked, "Senior Brother Zhong Xun, if one wins a challenge in the academy, do they need to apologize to the losing party?"

"Pfft." Suddenly, someone among the crowd couldn't hold it in and laughed.

It was as if this laugh had flipped a switch as increasingly more people laughed, and it became a mess in the end.

"Hahahaha! That's right! The person who wins needs to apologize to the losing one! Junior Brother Chu Yue, you've beaten up your senior brother to this state, so you must apologize to him properly! Hahaha!"

"Aren't you going to help your Senior Brother Liu up? Apologizing to him isn't enough. You still have to give a gift, right?"

“Our academy is indeed different—the losing party can still call the shots! I also want to challenge the few people on the Qing Yun Ranking and teach them a lesson!”

The crowd burst into laughter. All sorts of mockery and teasing mixed together, and every word was as clear as day.

Zhong Xun also laughed and raised his voice. “Junior Brother Chu Yue, don’t worry. You’ve won fair and square—we all saw it! The challenge rules have been passed on for many years, and they haven’t changed before. Just do whatever you want!”

In the academy, the strong were still respected in the end!

Liu Zi’an’s face was as pale as a ghost before it rapidly turned red. He really wanted to dig a hole and bury himself!

He had been in the academy for more than a year, but he had never felt so humiliated before!

He was utterly humiliated!

Chu Liuyue stepped forward. Her step was very light, but it felt like it weighed tons as it suppressed Liu Zi’an’s heart heavily!

Liu Zi’an breathed heavily, and every part of his body was in immense pain. His lips trembled slightly, but he couldn’t say anything anymore.

Chu Liuyue raised her hand.

“Wait!” A gentle voice suddenly came!

Chu Liuyue raised her head and looked in the direction of the voice.

The crowd instinctively split from the middle as one person gradually went forward.

It was Liu Yintong! Her cheeky face was covered by a layer of frost as her entire body exuded a shocking cold intent.

The originally bustling crowd rapidly fell silent due to her arrival, and quite a few people secretly exchanged glances. There have long been rumors in the academy that Chu Yue offended Liu Yintong at Million Wine Mountain. Now, it seems like it’s true! The two of them did have some conflict!

Liu Yintong seemed to ignore all these gazes as she walked straight to the square, looked at Chu Liuyue, and coldly commanded, “Let him go.”

Her tone was very righteous and commanding. It was as if others were born to listen to her every word.

Zhong Xun knitted his brows and spoke first. “Liu Yintong, this is a challenge. According to the rules, outsiders can’t casually intervene.”

Liu Yintong glanced at him, and her face was filled with unconcealable contempt. “Since when could you discipline me?”

Zhong Xun’s face turned ugly.

The other party's position on the Qing Yun Ranking wasn't low, and she had her name on both the warrior list and the heavenly doctor list. Thus, she indeed was more capable than him and had higher authority.

"I'm not disciplining anyone. I'm just stating the facts." Zhong Xun clenched his hands tightly and didn't look like he was going to give in. "No matter if it is you or anyone else present, they can only spectate. The continuation of this match depends on both of them."

To be more accurate, it depended on Chu Liuyue.

"Boring." Liu Yintong snorted and disregarded him completely.

She retracted her gaze and looked at Chu Liuyue. This time, her voice was even more shrill and had even clear commanding intentions. "Chu Yue, I told you to let him off. This match will end here!"

"You—"

Once Zhong Xun spoke, Chu Liuyue stopped him. "Senior Brother Zhong Xun, this is between Senior Sister Liu and me. You don't have to worry about it."

Since I've already offended Liu Yintong, this is nothing. However, Zhong Xun doesn't need to be implicated because of me.

Zhong Xun was hesitant in his words, but when he saw Chu Liuyue's gaze, he suppressed the urge in his heart and nodded slightly.

Chu Liuyue glanced at Liu Yintong and smiled. "Senior Sister Liu, long time no see. How are you doing? May I know if your red-tailed phoenix has recovered?"

It was fine if she didn't talk about it, but once she did, Liu Yintong's blood boiled!

"You don't have to worry about it! There's no use in talking about these useless things either! I'm asking you: did you hear what I told you just now?"

Chu Liuyue nodded. "Yeah!"

"Since you've heard it, be sensible and quickly do it!" Liu Yintong always had a fiery temper and very high self-esteem. After losing that match previously, she hadn't come to terms with it yet and felt stifled every time she thought of it.

If it weren't because Chu Liuyue was standing on Qing Ming Square, she would've rushed forward directly!

"Oh, this..." Chu Liuyue dragged her last word, and her lips curled up into a smile, looking rather nonchalant.

One of her feet stepped on Liu Zi'an's remaining unharmed hand.

Liu Zi'an originally wanted to avoid it, but he couldn't do so in time. When he reacted, he already felt excruciating pain spreading from his hands!

Chu Liuyue gradually pressed on Liu Zi'an's hand harder, and the sound of bones breaking continuously sounded.

She tilted her head and smiled slightly. "It seems a little difficult because I hate other people commanding me the most."

Chapter 1173: Forget

On the spacious square, the marble floor was glowing faintly.

That young man stood upright with a smile on his face. His tone was nonchalant, and he dragged his last syllable slightly, which made him sound especially lazy.

If one just saw his current expression, they would think that he was gently whispering something. Who would've thought that he was currently harshly stepping on another person!?

Preposterous!

Arrogant!

Bold!

When everyone saw this scene, they couldn't help but have such thoughts. This young man seems gentle and harmless, but he isn't not one to be trifled with at all!

Liu Yintong never thought that the other party would ignore her when she had already given such a strict warning! The latter even publicly humiliated Liu Zi'an!

This foot seemed to have stepped on Liu Zi'an, but it was actually targeted at her!

Liu Yintong was so angry that her chest heaved up and down intensely. She couldn't help but raise her voice, and it became a little shrill. "Chu Yue! You better control yourself in the academy!"

After ensuring that Liu Zi'an's hand was pretty much broken, Chu Liuyue lifted her leg.

Liu Zi'an was in so much pain that he couldn't yell as he huddled on the ground and trembled intensely. He couldn't describe to people what he felt earlier.

Chu Yue... really wanted to kill him!

Furthermore, this person had an unknown aura for some reason, which caused people to be unable to underestimate him. Even when he retracted his expression, others would unwittingly submit to him.

He was stepped on the whole time, and he couldn't struggle or retaliate. On the one hand, he was injured. On the other hand, it was because Chu Yue had a terrifying suppression!

Chu Liuyue glanced at Liu Zi'an and retracted her gaze in satisfaction. She smiled and said,

"Senior Sister Liu, I don't understand what you mean. I've come to the academy for only 11 days, and I spent ten of them trapped at Fengmin Mountain. How do I not know how to control myself?"

"You—" Liu Yintong clenched her teeth. Not only is this Chu Yue arrogant and flippant, but he also has a very sharp tongue!

“Liu Zi’an just came to duel with you, yet you caused him to be in such a state—”

“I don’t even know Liu Zi’an, yet he suddenly came to find me. Isn’t that weird to begin with? Besides, to ‘duel’ with me, he even waited outside my residence for a long period of time....” Chu Liuyue smiled slightly deeply and said with much meaning, “I really don’t know how someone like me—who has just come to the academy—has the ability to cause Senior Brother Liu to be so insistent on fighting this match with me?”

The crowd looked at Liu Yintong in unison.

Actually, Chu Liuyue’s words were very clear.

Liu Zi’an purposely caused trouble for her because Liu Yintong had instructed him to. As for the reason... It was naturally because she lost to a junior brother who had just come to the academy when she was previously at Million Wine Mountain!

No matter what, she was a talent who had a decent position on the Qing Yun Ranking. Additionally, she was used to being arrogant normally, so it was hard to discipline her.

How could such a Liu Yintong swallow this? It was very understandable that she would do such a thing. However, she never expected this to be the eventual outcome!

Not only did Liu Zi’an fail in teaching Chu Liuyue a lesson, but the latter had even humiliated her!

Some people’s gazes toward Liu Yintong gradually changed. She initiated the competition, yet she wasn’t convinced when she lost and even wanted to play such tricks to bully someone... She’s way too petty!

She only dared to bully Chu Yue like that because he is a new student with not much background. If it were someone else who was stronger than her or had an even more formidable backing, she would definitely have another reaction.

Liu Yintong felt countless daggers at her back. The surrounding crowd’s gazes made her feel immense pressure. I can’t stay here any longer.

Finally, she couldn’t help but coldly laugh. “So you admit that you’re purposely taking revenge?”

Chu Liuyue smiled slightly and said, “Senior Sister Liu, ‘revenge’ is too serious. I’m just an ordinary student who came to Ling Xiao Academy to elevate my cultivation. I don’t have any other intentions. If other people don’t offend me, I won’t mess with them either. But if they do... I can’t be a weakling who lets people walk all over me, right?”

Liu Yintong clenched her silver teeth tightly.

“This time, I’ll give you face and let this slide, Senior Sister Liu.” Chu Liuyue lightly glanced at Liu Zi’an lying on the ground. “Senior Brother Liu, you must properly recuperate after you go back. When I have the time, I’ll visit you again.”

A chill ran down Liu Zi’an’s spine. I don’t need Chu Yue to visit me! I never ever want to see this person again!

He stood up with much difficulty and left with a limp.

His body had suffered quite a severe injury, so he couldn't really stand up. But it was probably because he wanted to distance himself from Chu Liuyue, so he mustered all his courage, really clenched his teeth, and hung in there.

Walking to Liu Yintong, he lowered his head with much guilt.

Liu Yintong gave him an extremely cold gaze filled with warning as she scolded him in the softest voice. "Useless!"

Liu Zi'an's body stiffened, and he hung his head even lower. Without thinking, he also knew that his future days would be terrible with Liu Yintong...

Liu Yintong suddenly stepped forward. "He's not your match, then... What about me?"

The crowd fell silent in unison! Liu Yintong wants to... fight with Chu Yue?!

Including Zhong Xun, many people looked worried. Even if Chu Yue can beat Liu Zi'an, he definitely isn't Liu Yintong's match currently! If the two of them really compete, Chu Yue—

Just when Chu Liuyue was thinking about how to reply to her, a familiar voice suddenly sounded from the side. "Liu Yintong, it's a bit beneath you to compete with a junior brother that just came to the academy, right?"

Chu Liuyue followed the source of the voice and was rather shocked. The person talking is actually Luo Yanlin! That's weird. Didn't he have some form of enmity toward me previously? Why did he willingly help me?

After seeing that the person talking was Luo Yanlin, shock flashed across Liu Yintong's eyes, and she felt rather fearful. The other party is much stronger than me, and he isn't someone I can easily offend. Since Luo Yanlin has spoken up, it means that he is standing on Chu Yue's side!

Liu Yintong calculated it in her heart for a moment and swiftly chose to give up. "Senior Brother Luo, you're right."

She forcefully tugged at her sleeves. "I was just anxious because I saw Zi'an in this state, so— Forget it. Since Senior Brother Luo has stepped in, I'll forget about this incident!"

Liu Yintong shot one final deep look at Chu Liuyue. "Chu Yue... I hope you get onto the Qing Yun Ranking soon! At that time, we'll officially compete!"

After saying that, she turned around to leave.

Liu Zi'an followed her slowly with much difficulty. There were a few people helping him from the side.

But before Liu Yintong took two steps out, Chu Liuyue's voice sounded from behind. "Senior Sister Liu, please hold on."

Liu Yintong turned around and knitted her brows.

However, Chu Liuyue smiled. "Senior Sister Liu, did you forget something?"

Liu Yintong knitted her brows even more tightly.

Chu Liuyue reminded rather patiently, "There seems to be an aspect of our bet that hasn't been completed. Senior Sister Liu, did you forget about it?"

Chapter 1174: Who Taught

Even if Liu Yintong didn't look for me, I would go and find her. I won the bet with much difficulty, so I naturally can't give up on the stakes we set up.

"Of course, I didn't!" Liu Yintong was so angry that her face turned pale. Go to Million Wine Mountain continuously for a month and must have the best seat... This isn't so easily done for me! Originally, I thought Chu Yue would restrain himself a little after being locked up in Fengmin Mountain, but I didn't expect him to be even bolder.

"Sorry for the trouble then, Senior Sister Liu. You'll have to send me to the peak of Million Wine Mountain for the following month." Chu Liuyue's next sentence angered Liu Yintong further.

"What did you say?! You want me to send you personally?!"

"Senior Sister Liu, why are you so shocked?" Chu Liuyue raised her brows slightly. "I've also heard that the seat isn't fixed, and one has to book it every day. Thus, I said this. If you don't want to go with me... How can I get the seat right next to the fountain myself, am I right?"

Liu Yintong's chest heaved intensely, and there seemed to be waves crashing!

As if Chu Liuyue had seen through something, she asked carefully, "Senior Sister Liu, the bet is completed. You won't... disagree with it, right?"

Liu Yintong was so angry that she laughed. "Okay! Since you've said so, I'll play with you until the end! Don't you want to go to Million Wine Mountain? I'll accompany you there for the next month every day!"

I want to see what tricks this Chu Yue has up his sleeves!

Liu Yintong turned around and left furiously. Her steps were much quicker than before.

The crowd hurriedly made a path for her.

After Liu Yintong's figure disappeared, quite a few people turned back and looked at Chu Liuyue in admiration. Tsk! This Chu Yue really has gotten into a vicious cycle! From now onward, he has completely fallen out with Liu Yintong, right? He's really... bold!

Chu Liuyue seemed to have not noticed those people's gazes as she tidied her messy clothes and walked down from the square.

Zhong Xun hurriedly walked forward. "Junior Brother Chu Yue—"

Seeing his rather worried appearance, Chu Liuyue smiled slightly in comfort. "Senior Brother Zhong Xun, don't worry. I know what I'm doing."

Seeing that young man's determined and calm expression, Zhong Xun suddenly felt that he was much more mature and composed than he had imagined. Even he couldn't guess what the other party was thinking.

He nodded. "Anyway, she started this incident first. It won't be your fault no matter what. Besides, if she really wants to do something, Elder Wan Zheng won't agree to it."

As the only disciple Elder Wan Zheng had accepted in the past few years, one could think with their feet and know that Elder Wan Zheng definitely doted on him very much. He wouldn't let his disciple be bullied by others.

At this point, a voice came from the side. "Your combat skills aren't bad."

Chu Liuyue and Zhong Xun turned around. They saw that Luo Yanlin and the rest had come over.

The person talking was Luo Yanlin. He sized Chu Liuyue up, and his gaze flickered slightly. "Beginner stage-seven... You don't seem like it."

Chu Liuyue smiled and chose to reply in a more tactful manner. "I can just last a little longer."

This was the truth. After she fought with those puppets, even stage-eight warriors—let alone those of the same standard as her—might not be able to compare to her resistance!

Of course, it was the same when she hit other people—every punch was lethal!

It was all thanks to Big Baby that I could win this match easily. Thinking of this, Chu Liuyue suddenly knitted her brows. Big Baby said that he would wait for me in the academy, but he hasn't made much noise even now.

She wondered if he was in the academy now and why he didn't come to find her.

"Chu Yue, what's wrong with you?" Seeing Chu Liuyue in a daze, Luo Shishi couldn't help but ask.

Chu Liuyue recovered her senses and shook her head. "Nothing much. It's just that I'm a little tired after suddenly fighting."

The crowd was speechless. You have been winning since the start and didn't suffer many injuries. Why are you tired?

Luo Yanlin suddenly said, "You seem to be talented as a warrior too. If you have time, you should talk to an elder and cultivate properly. You might not be bad at it."

If this Chu Yue really is just a beginner stage-seven warrior and can easily beat Liu Zi'an, it is enough to prove his potential! Even if his current cultivation level isn't high, his future is bright!

Chu Liuyue's lips curved up slightly. "Thank you for the advice, Senior Brother Luo. Besides, I owe you a favor for today's incident. If there's a chance in the future, I'll definitely repay you."

Luo Yanlin admired the other party even more in his heart. I didn't speak because I purely wanted to help Chu Yue. However, it was rather smart and loyal of the other party to acknowledge my efforts.

"It was just a sentence; I don't need you to repay me. After all, you're Shishi's friend, and this is just a small matter. Cultivate properly in the future and get onto the Qing Yun Ranking earlier. Then, you won't be bullied by anyone."

Chu Liuyue restrained her expression and nodded seriously.

"Okay. Since this matter has already ended, you should go back and properly rest—"

"Chu Yue." Before Luo Yanlin could finish his sentence, he heard a voice from behind.

The few of them turned around and saw Elder Wan Zheng walking out from Dong Huang Clock Tower's door that suddenly opened.

He walked over and paused in front of the few of them for a moment.

The few of them bowed in unison. "Greetings, Elder Wan Zheng."

Chu Liuyue quickly glanced at his expression. "Master?"

"Follow me." Elder Wan Zheng didn't have much of an expression, and they couldn't tell his mood. He just left this sentence behind before he walked forward.

The remaining few people exchanged glances.

"Why do I feel that Elder Wan Zheng seems amiss?" muttered Luo Shishi.

"It's not 'seems,' but he is!" Zhuo Sheng's tone was affirmative, and his face was filled with confusion.

"That's weird... Logically speaking, your mentor, Elder Wan Zheng, should be very proud and happy that you won this match beautifully. Why—"

He couldn't pinpoint the reason, but it was just weird.

It wasn't like he was elated or angry. He was unfathomable.

Chu Liuyue shook her head. "I'll leave first. I'll find you guys later."

Then, she followed him.

"This..." Zhong Xun originally wanted to follow her, but thinking of Elder Wan Zheng's previous expression, he stopped in his tracks.

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Chu Liuyue followed Elder Wan Zheng back to his residence.

This was Chu Liuyue's first time here on this mountain. Originally, she was supposed to formally acknowledge her mentor the day after the monthly assessment concluded, but she got into trouble at Million Wine Mountain that night. Thus, she was directly locked up at Fengmin Mountain afterward and didn't come out.

The mountain was filled with lush greenery, and the air had a faint herbal smell.

In the academy, every elder had their own private housing, so there were only the two of them on this mountain.

There was a simple wooden house in the middle of the herbal field at the mountain.

The two of them entered the house, and Elder Wan Zheng finally stood still, turning around.

He looked at Chu Liuyue quietly but with a sharp gaze in the silence! It was as if he wanted to see through her completely!

Chu Liuyue's heart gradually tightened—

Elder Wan Zheng stared at her and said every word carefully, "Who taught you your fist technique?"

Chapter 1175: Big Baby's Identity

Chu Liuyue never thought that he wanted to ask this, so she couldn't help but be slightly stunned. Fist technique? Actually, I didn't think much when I took action earlier. I just instinctively hurled my fists around. Thinking about it now, it seems like they were... the fist techniques Big Baby once taught me when I fought with the puppets?

As I had spent most of my energy thinking of how to deal with those puppets, I didn't pay particular attention to this. Why did Elder Wan Zheng suddenly ask about this? Chu Liuyue paused for a moment before replying, "I learned from a senior."

"Which senior?" Elder Wan Zheng continued to ask.

Chu Liuyue's brows moved slightly. Seeing Elder Wan Zheng's appearance, could it be that he knows Big Baby? But previously, Big Baby didn't state his specific identity, nor did he even bring up Elder Wan Zheng and the rest.

At this point, Chu Liuyue couldn't conclude what background he had or what relationship he had with Elder Wan Zheng.

"A... senior that I met by chance," said Chu Liuyue slowly. "I learned these few moves when I exchanged moves with him."

"You? Exchange moves with him?" Elder Wan Zheng asked back in a strange tone.

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat, and she felt that Elder Wan Zheng's gaze was about to see through her!

"Where is he now?"

Chu Liuyue shook her head. "I don't know."

She really didn't know. Even though Big Baby said he would meet her in the academy, she hadn't even seen his shadow yet. After she entered the academy, she also didn't have the time to look for him. Besides, she didn't know his identity, so she did not dare to be too outright about it.

"You don't know?" Elder Wan Zheng clearly didn't believe the latter, but after staring at the young man in front of him for a while, he couldn't see anything.

This caused his originally confident answer to falter. "You really don't know?"

Chu Liuyue sighed lightly. "I really don't know."

The room fell silent for a while.

Elder Wan Zheng sighed. "If he's willing to teach you this fist technique, it shows that he thinks of you highly..."

His words have much longing to them, but he doesn't seem to have ill intentions... Chu Liuyue thought in her heart and carefully asked, "Mentor, do you know him?"

Elder Wan Zheng was dazed for a moment and laughed bitterly. "In a way!"

Chu Liuyue was increasingly confused. What does he mean by... 'in a way?'

"Kid... you're pretty lucky!" Elder Wan Zheng looked at his student with a complicated gaze, and there seemed to be something stirring in his eyes.

Chu Liuyue said in a calculated manner, "I also think that... it's an honor to be able to receive that senior's guidance."

Elder Wan Zheng nodded before suddenly shaking his head and smiling. "It's no wonder you... could actually beat Liu Zi'an as a beginner stage-seven warrior..."

With that person's guidance, what does a mere Liu Zi'an count for?

Chu Liuyue didn't say a word.

Elder Wan Zheng suddenly smiled helplessly. "If I knew of this earlier, I might not have taken you as my disciple back then..."

"Mentor, why would you say this?" Chu Liuyue was a little surprised.

Elder Wan Zheng looked at her with deep meaning. "You hid your talent as a warrior, right?"

Chu Liuyue smiled. "Mentor, you must be jok—"

"If you're not talented enough, that person will definitely not teach you. He has always hated stupid people the most." Elder Wan Zheng waved his hands.

Thinking about the days she spent with Big Baby, tears surged up in her heart. That's true! Even I couldn't avoid Big Baby's constant displeasure, let alone the rest.

"Even though I don't know why you're still a beginner stage-seven warrior now, your combat skills aren't bad. You have much potential and a bright future ahead!" Elder Wan Zheng patted Chu Liuyue's shoulders. "Don't tell anyone about this for now. But if Elder Bo Yan and the others ask you, just answer honestly."

Chu Liuyue nodded. "I understand."

"If you have the time in the future, you should go practice at the warrior's side. Don't lag behind."

Elder Wan Zheng's reminders made Chu Liuyue feel rather strange. He means...

"Ahem, if you meet that person again and get criticized because you're not capable enough, don't say it's because I didn't give you enough time to train!" Elder Wan Zheng forcefully defended himself. If I

had known that person had his eyes on Chu Yue, I never would've snatched his disciple! However, I'm caught between a rock and a hard place, and this child is very talented as a heavenly doctor. I can't bear to give him up if I really had to. Hence, I can only use such a method.

Chu Liuyue was speechless. I faintly feel that Elder Wan Zheng seems to respect and fear Big Baby greatly? This tone and this attitude are really abnormal.

She paused and tried to ask, "Mentor, is that person... an academy elder too?"

Elder Wan Zheng glanced at her strangely.

Chu Liuyue: "..."

Why do I feel like he looked down on me...

"It's fine if you don't know. You have plenty of chances to learn about it in the future." Elder Wan Zheng sighed. "Where's your black jade plaque?"

Chu Liuyue picked up her plaque and passed it over.

Elder Wan Zheng took out his own green jade plaque. A ray of light then flew out from his plaque and was inserted into Chu Liuyue's.

Chu Liuyue saw that another 100,000 points were added to her plaque.

"Consider this as a small greeting gift for you. These points are enough to last you for another two or three months. When you break through to become a ninth-grade heavenly doctor, I'll have more rewards for you. Of course, the sooner you get onto the Qing Yun Ranking, the more rewards you'll have."

As Elder Wan Zheng spoke, he brought an ancient book over. "This medical book is filled with ninth-grade pill formulas. During this period of time, study it properly and try to break through earlier. If you're lacking in any herbs, just use your points to exchange for them at Medicinal Valley."

Chu Liuyue took it with both her hands. "Thank you, Mentor."

Elder Wan Zheng nodded and asked, "Oh, right, how did you spend your days at Fengmin Mountain?"

Chapter 1176: You're Too Weak!

Chu Liuyue originally wanted to say that she had a great time there and wanted to go again, but her last bit of rationality made her swallow her words.

She hung her head down slightly. "I made a mistake, and I should be punished."

Seeing her in this state, Elder Wan Zheng couldn't bear to scold her further. "Since this matter has already come to an end, I won't pursue it anymore. Million Wine Mountain isn't a place where students can casually go. You mustn't do this in the future anymore, do you understand?"

Chu Liuyue acknowledged his words obediently. "Thank you for your teachings, Mentor."

Elder Wan Zheng nodded in satisfaction. "Okay. Go back and study the formulas in this book first. If there's anything you don't understand, just come and ask me."

He instructed Chu Liuyue a while longer before letting her leave.

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What identity does Big Baby exactly have? Chu Liuyue kept thinking about this on her way back. Seeing Elder Wan Zheng's attitude, Big Baby should have quite a high status. That is true. After all, a legendary warrior that has forged their holy body should be a pretty formidable existence even in the entire Ling Xiao Academy, right? When I see Big Baby next, I should really ask him about this properly...

She quickly returned to her residence.

Zhong Xun was already waiting in front of the door. When he saw her return, he looked elated. "Junior Brother Chu Yue, how are you? Elder Wan Zheng... didn't do anything to you, right?"

Chu Liuyue smiled. "That's my mentor, so he naturally won't do anything to me. Senior Brother Zhong Xun, you worry too much."

Zhong Xun scratched his head in embarrassment. "I-I was just anxious... After all, when Elder Wan Zheng left with you earlier, he really didn't look good..."

That didn't seem like a good thing.

Chu Liuyue thought for a moment before saying, "With a disciple that got into trouble the moment he came, it's inevitable that my mentor's head would ache."

Zhong Xun couldn't refute this. Even I have to admit that Chu Yue is such a troublemaker! He has just come to the academy, but he has already caused a lot of commotion.

"You know it too? Anyway, your name has been spread far and wide in the academy! Quite a few people are waiting to see how things will end between you and Liu Yintong!"

Chu Liuyue smiled slightly and walked to her own yard. "What's there to see?"

"She bullied you in that manner. Do you really plan to let this go?" Zhong Xun found it weird. "I thought you purposely told her to accompany you to Million Wine Mountain for a month continuously—"

"I did do it on purpose, but it wasn't to take revenge." Chu Liuyue looked nonchalant. "Her position on the Qing Yun Ranking is in the forties, but there are many people who want to go to Million Wine Mountain, including those who are as good or even stronger than her. Even if I bring her black jade plaque and go there, some people might not give her face. At that time, what should I do? I don't want to offend more people, so bringing her along is the most appropriate method."

I can take revenge and properly kill her aura, and I can also hide behind her when there are any sudden happenings... Why not?

Zhong Xun's gaze suddenly changed, and he slowly raised his thumb. "You're... harsh!"

After today's incident, everyone thinks that Chu Yue did it to take revenge against Liu Yintong. But actually, Chu Yue did it to go to Million Wine Mountain! From start to end, her target was never Liu Yintong!

“But no matter what, Liu Yintong is quite a capable talent on the Qing Yun Ranking. I’ve heard that she has been diligently training a warrior technique and wants to break through. If she really does it... She might actually be able to get into the top forty! At that point...”

Chu Liuyue stood still, tilted her head, and asked with much interest, “Is it... that amazing to be in the top forty?”

Zhong Xun was dazed for a moment. Seeing that young man’s nonchalant appearance, his heart tingled, and he instinctively thought the other party compared Liu Yintong and Luo Yanlin.

“Top forty... is pretty amazing... Of course, compared to someone like Luo Yanlin, she’s still lacking. But... Chu Yue, you also know that you should depend on yourself rather than others, right?”

Luo Yanlin can help once, but he can’t help every time, right?

Chu Liuyue had one hand on the door and was about to push it open when she stopped in her movements. She then turned around and said seriously, “Thank you, Senior Brother Zhong Xun.”

Zhong Xun relaxed a little and smiled. “Anyway, it’s fine as long as you know what you’re doing. With your talent, you’ll be able to get onto the Qing Yun Ranking sooner or later! In the future, you might even be able to exceed them! Junior Brother, you’ve been busy for so long, so you should rest now. I won’t disturb you any longer.”

Chu Liuyue nodded slightly.

Zhong Xun quickly left.

Chu Liuyue then pushed the door open and entered.

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She carefully locked the room door properly.

Kada.

“You really haven’t changed your troublemaking nature.” A cold yet cute voice came from behind.

Even though this tone was as cold and stern as it could be, his voice was too cutesy, so it sounded very out of place. It even made one have the urge to go up front, mess up his hair, and squeeze his small face.

Chu Liuyue controlled her smile and turned around.

Inside the room, who else could it be other than Dugu Mobao—whom she had not seen in a while—sitting upright with his back straightened?

He was still wearing his purple robe, and his white and chubby face had no differences from before.

Chu Liuyue’s hand suddenly felt itchy. Then, she met Dugu Mobao’s pair of charismatic and devilish eyes.

The two of them looked at each other for a moment.

As if seeing through her thoughts, Dugu Mobao's expression gradually became dangerous. A faint coldness exuded from his body at the same time!

"Ahem!" Chu Liuyue hurriedly coughed and went forward. "Big Baby, where did you go all this while? Why did you only come now?"

I was just thinking about him previously, and he appears now. He's really...

Dugu Mobao sneered. "If you weren't locked up in Fengmin Mountain, would I have to wait so long for you?"

Chu Liuyue instantly felt guilty. "I didn't do it on purpose..."

She did not explain further as she somehow felt that Big Baby should know all of this.

As expected, Big Baby didn't ask further as he knitted his brows. "If you broke through earlier and became stronger, why would you be bullied into this state?! You're still too weak!"

Chu Liuyue was speechless. I knew his mouth wouldn't say anything nice! I just met him, yet he talked about this again!

She rubbed her brows and tried to defend herself. "I want to become stronger, but I must have the time to do so first. If not, can I just keep breaking through and directly become a legendary warrior?"

Dugu Mobao glanced at her coldly.

Chu Liuyue: "...I'll work hard!"

"Good that you know." Dugu Mobao then let her off. "Since you've already come to the academy, you should take the time to cultivate properly."

Chu Liuyue looked at him and suddenly leaned in closely as she curiously said, "Big Baby, Elder Wan Zheng could tell that I used the fist technique you taught me, and he even asked me about you. You—"

Dugu Mobao's expression did not change. "You don't have to care about him."

Chapter 1177: Rong Xiu is Not Useless

Chu Liuyue: "...But he's my mentor now. It's not nice if I don't say it, right?"

"He won't ask further," Dugu Mobao looked calm and said confidently. "Just say anything you like to dismiss him."

Chu Liuyue was speechless. But that is Elder Wan Zheng. How do I dismiss him like that?

Chu Liuyue increasingly confirmed the guess in her heart. She clenched her teeth and secretly clamped her hands as she asked, "Big Baby, your status is higher than Elder Wan Zheng, right?"

Dugu Mobao glanced at her as if he were looking at a fool.

Chu Liuyue obediently swallowed her remaining words. Nice. Master, master, I shouldn't have asked that!

Dugu Mobao suddenly changed the topic and seemingly asked unintentionally, “How’s... Fengmin Mountain?”

Chu Liuyue leaned against the chair and held her chin with one hand. In front of Dugu Mobao, she didn’t need to hide all of this, so she honestly said, “Pretty great—no, very good!”

She stroked her chin. “I feel that I can go there a few more times.”

If others heard her words, they would think that Chu Liuyue was insane.

However, Dugu Mobao didn’t say anything further. He looked down slightly, and his thick and long lashes trembled slightly, hiding the emotions in his eyes.

“Why do you think so?” he asked faintly.

Chu Liuyue briefly told him about the incident that happened at Fengmin Mountain.

“...Anyway, it’s very smooth when I cultivate there, and compared to outside, it’s even more...” Chu Liuyue paused and didn’t know how to describe that feeling at that moment. Convenient? Comfortable? I can’t pinpoint it. I have a Tianjing Yuan meridian, so my absorption ability of Heaven and Earth Force is naturally strong. But when I was inside, the tremendous force was especially gentle. When it entered my body, I also didn’t need to use much effort to merge it with my strength completely. I’ve never had such a feeling before.

“Could it be that there’s something special about that place? Hence, the force there is different from outside?” Chu Liuyue looked at Dugu Mobao. “Big Baby, what do you think?”

Even though Elder Wan Zheng said that Big Baby wasn’t the academy’s elder, Chu Liuyue felt that he should have an extremely close relationship with Ling Xiao Academy. Thus, he might have a better understanding of Fengmin Mountain?

“Fengmin Mountain’s pagoda is originally a special existence in the academy. If not, it won’t be a place that serves as one of the harshest punishments...” Dugu Mobao’s tone was light as if he had no interest in this. “Your experiences... aren’t that strange on their own.”

Chu Liuyue nodded thoughtfully but still didn’t understand. “Since it’s a punishment, I should feel terrible after I enter. However, why is it exactly the opposite?”

Dugu Mobao looked up and retorted calmly, “Since when were you the same as an average person?”

Chu Liuyue was speechless. I actually have no way of defending myself... My cultivation journey does seem rather different from that of an average person.

“Perhaps I have fate with Fengmin Mountain?” muttered Chu Liuyue softly. To be more accurate, I have fate with the space behind the door. I chose the same one twice consecutively. I wonder if I’ll still choose that one if I go again?

Once this dangerous thought emerged, Chu Liuyue forcefully suppressed it. I came to the academy to cultivate, not cause trouble!

“You’re going to break through to become an intermediate stage-seven warrior?” Dugu Mobao sized her up again.

Chu Liuyue smiled. “Yeah! I previously thought it wouldn’t be so soon, but I didn’t expect my progress to be so fast after I cultivated at Fengmin Mountain for ten days.”

If this continues, I can officially break through in no time.

Dugu Mobao waved his small hand, and a chessboard glowing with a faint light appeared between the two of them. “Since this is so, let’s continue with the previous chess game!”

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This time, Chu Liuyue had broken her record of most number of moves made under Dugu Mobao. Of course, she was exhausted in the end, and her soul almost left her body.

But perhaps he knew that she had experienced quite a few things today, so Dugu Mobao let her off very quickly.

Glancing at the completely dark sky, Big Baby stood up and flew down from the chair.

Chu Liuyue strangely asked, “Big Baby, are you... leaving?”

Dugu Mobao didn’t turn back and nodded slightly. “Just cultivate here.”

“Where are you going?” Talking about this, Chu Liuyue suddenly recalled that she hadn’t asked him where he had been during this period of time. If he was also in the academy, then...

“I have my own place to go. “Dugu Mobao’s reply was extremely succinct, and he had no intentions of talking further. “I’ll come again tomorrow at this time.”

Chu Liuyue hurriedly stopped him. “Hey... Big Baby! I won’t be here tomorrow at this time!”

Dugu Mobao then turned around and knitted his brows. “What does that mean?”

“Ahem, actually... I’ll be going out later. For the next month, I won’t be here at night as well.”

Dugu Mobao suddenly realized something, and he squinted his sinister purple eyes dangerously. “You’re... going to Million Wine Mountain?”

“I finally won the bet with much difficulty. Of course, I can’t give up on it!” Chu Liuyue nodded obediently. I have already completely offended Liu Yintong over this. Won’t it be too much of a disadvantage if I don’t go?

Dugu Mobao snorted. “It is still because of that red-tailed phoenix?”

Once he said this, Tuan Zi ran out and squatted on Chu Liuyue’s shoulders. It shook its wings and nodded forcefully, looking prideful. Of course!

Dugu Mobao glanced at it coldly. “Even if you don’t go, its bloodline power will also be gradually unleashed as you become stronger.”

Chu Liuyue wasn't surprised that Dugu Mobao knew these things, so she shrugged her shoulders, smiled, and said, "I know, but since there's this chance, I naturally won't want to give it up. If we wait until I break through to become a legendary... Who knows how long it'll take?"

Dugu Mobao knitted his brows slightly and was hesitant in his words. Actually, she might not need that long... However, I can't tell her this.

"Since you've made up your mind, just do it. However—" Dugu Mobao paused. "You're not allowed to stay on Million Wine Mountain during the restricted hours."

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat, and she laughed. "Of course not! I've already been locked up once. There definitely won't be a second time!"

Dugu Mobao looked at her deeply.

Chu Liuyue suddenly had an epiphany. "Big Baby, you know about the secret on Million Wine Mountain, right?"

Dugu Mobao didn't speak.

"Why don't you tell me—ahem, kidding, kidding!" Chu Liuyue said her words halfway and sensibly retracted her remaining words.

Dugu Mobao turned around and walked outside.

Chu Liuyue refused to give up and asked, "Big Baby, if I really made a huge mistake in the academy or offended some formidable character, my life—"

Dugu Mobao stopped in his tracks. "With me around, nobody can take your life. Besides—"

He scoffed coldly. "Rong Xiu isn't useless!"

Chapter 1178: Thank You for the Compliment

Chu Liuyue was rather shocked. I didn't expect him to suddenly talk about Rong Xiu, and... His words seem so strange...

"But it's one thing that you have a backer and another if you have a death wish." Dugu Mobao opened the door. "When you're here at Ling Xiao Academy, although we can't continue most of the training we did before... When I have the time, I'll still personally teach you."

Then, he stepped out. The next moment, his small figure disappeared into the thick darkness!

"Hey, you—" Chu Liuyue recovered her senses and rubbed her brows. She could already predict what kind of days were waiting for her!

She picked Tuan Zi up and walked outside. "Let's go! We should tour around while we're still free!"

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Million Wine Mountain.

Evening to midnight was Million Wine Mountain's opening hours.

At this point, quite a few people had already gathered at Million Wine Mountain. However, there were much fewer people than the day before.

To most of the students in the academy, Million Wine Mountain was a place they could rest and relax. It was nice if they came once in a while, but there was no need to come every day.

Besides, the incident between Chu Liuyue and Liu Yintong had caused much commotion these few days. Quite a few people were fearful and didn't want to get into trouble, so they didn't come.

Once Chu Liuyue stepped into Million Wine Mountain, she attracted everyone's attention. Countless pairs of gazes landed on her in unison with varying expressions.

However, Chu Liuyue pretended she didn't see them as she went up.

She finally stopped when she was about to reach the peak.

At this point, almost all the seats near the fountain had been taken, and Liu Yintong's figure wasn't there.

Chu Liuyue looked at a young man next to her. "Senior Sister Liu hasn't come yet?"

There was a tacit understanding of who this 'Senior Sister Liu' was.

That young man was dazed for a moment and instinctively nodded. "I haven't seen her."

Chu Liuyue raised her eyebrows slightly. It seems like Liu Yintong didn't take my words seriously... She actually hasn't come yet at this time. I can wait, but Tuan Zi doesn't have that patience.

Chu Liuyue stood at her spot and waited for about 15 minutes before Liu Yintong finally strolled in.

Together with her was also Gong Sheng from that day.

"Senior Sister Liu, you really made me wait quite a bit," said Chu Liuyue first with a smile.

After Liu Yintong saw Chu Liuyue, she felt agitated again when she had just forcefully calmed herself down. However, the surrounding people's gazes still made her swallow those words.

"I was delayed by some matter," she said frustratedly, and her tone was cold.

Chu Liuyue didn't plan to waste time on pursuing her mistakes and smiled. "Senior Sister Liu, you're very busy, and it's already hard for you to make time. Please—"

Liu Yintong secretly clenched her teeth. This is only the first day, and I already feel utterly humiliated! I really don't know how I'm supposed to survive the coming month! However, I've already given my promise in front of so many people. If I really go back on my words midway... my reputation in the academy would be ruined! Hence, no matter how torturous it is, I still have to continue!

She took a deep breath in and looked at the top of the mountain.

When she saw those few people's faces, her expression changed slightly. Why are they here today?!

Seeing her expression, a thought surfaced in Chu Liuyue's heart as she looked over as well and quickly sized the few people up.

There were males and females in extravagant clothing; they all looked like disciples taught by distinguished families. The most important thing was that the few of them had an aura as strong or stronger than that of Liu Yintong!

Besides, seeing Liu Yintong's expression, those people might even be stronger than her...

"What, Senior Sister Liu, is there a problem?" asked Chu Liuyue gently.

Liu Yintong clenched her fists even more tightly, and her nails dug into her palm. He still has the cheek to ask!

But she was caught between a rock and a hard place and had to go up bravely.

She turned around, lowered her voice, and said carefully, "We'll fulfill the bet in a month!"

The threat and warning in her voice weren't concealed at all.

Chu Liuyue looked apologetic. "Originally, I still thought that we could let this go if you feel like you're in a difficult spot today. But since you've said there's no problem, then... I'll gladly accept it."

As Chu Liuyue spoke, her lips curled up slightly. "Senior Sister Liu, you do as you promised! You're really my role model!"

Chu Liuyue didn't lower her voice when she said these two sentences, so the surrounding people heard her rather clearly.

At that moment, the atmosphere became strange.

Liu Yintong didn't expect Chu Liuyue to play such tricks in front of so many people, and she almost couldn't control her expression. "You—"

"Ah Tong." Just when Liu Yintong was about to explode, Gong Sheng suddenly spoke from the side and pulled her last bit of rationality back. "We still have things to do later on. You should quickly settle Junior Brother Chu Yue's problem. If not, Junior Brother Chu Yue would think that you've forgotten."

As Gong Sheng spoke, he glanced at Chu Liuyue deeply. Even though he was smiling, his words were filled with unconcealable mockery.

He wasn't present that day, but he had heard Liu Yintong speak about what happened. Even though he was shocked that a stage-seven warrior like Chu Liuyue could beat Liu Zi'an—who was an entire stage higher than her—he still despised Chu Liuyue even more.

In his eyes, he felt that Chu Liuyue's victory was problematic and that she definitely used unscrupulous means. Besides, she later requested Liu Yintong to continuously send her up to Million Wine Mountain for a month, so he hated Chu Liuyue even more.

Chu Liuyue didn't care about this. No matter what they say, nothing else matters as long as they do what they should.

Hence, she smiled and continued, "Senior Brother Gong Sheng is right. My memory has always been bad. For the following month, Senior Sister Liu, you have to bear with me."

Liu Yintong felt like there was a flame in her heart that crazily shot up, almost burning her alive! She didn't speak further and walked up.

Gong Sheng followed her closely. When he passed by Chu Liuyue, he stopped in his tracks, turned around, and glanced at Chu Liuyue deeply. "You have guts."

Even though he was smiling, his words were sinister and cold, sending a chill down one's spine.

Chu Liuyue slightly smiled. "Thank you for the compliment, Senior Brother Gong Sheng."

Gong Sheng took a deep breath in, turned around, and rapidly followed Liu Yintong!

Chu Liuyue raised her brows slightly and slowly walked over.

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Liu Yintong arrived near the fountain.

The few people who heard the noise all turned around.

Liu Yintong stood still, took a deep breath in, and politely said, "Liang Xiaoxiao, is there another seat here? I can—"

"No." An intricately dressed-up woman interrupted her directly and said lazily, "There's already someone here, and he should be coming soon. If you want to come, come earlier tomorrow."

Chapter 1179: Confession

Liang Xiaoxiao spoke in a very straightforward manner, clearly not planning to give Liu Yintong any face. This was only because her ranking on the warrior list was 39th—it was much higher than that of Liu Yintong!

One had to know that the competition on the Qing Yun Ranking was very intense. Every single improvement in position meant that the person was much stronger than the previous one. Liu Yintong naturally didn't dare to offend Liang Xiaoxiao casually.

Of course, there was another reason behind it: Liang Xiaoxiao was from an aristocratic family, and her background was much better than that of Liu Yintong, who was from a second-tier family.

Even if everyone rarely talked about their backgrounds in the academy, it didn't mean that they could actually ignore it. After all, they wouldn't stay in the academy for the rest of their lives.

These were problems they had to face when they left the academy and had to survive in the God Residence Realm. If they offended some of these people with backgrounds, their future days wouldn't be easy.

Thus, Liu Yintong—who always had a fiery temper—didn't rage when someone gave her a cold face. Her facial expression even became more polite. "Um... May I know who that person is? I can use points to exchange—"

As if hearing some joke, Liang Xiaoxiao suddenly covered her lips and laughed. "Points? Do you think we're people who lack them?"

Her tone was light as if she were teasing Liu Yintong, but the latter found it very jarring.

It wasn't that Liang Xiaoxiao and the rest truly didn't lack points. The importance of points was understood by all in Ling Xiao Academy—nobody would think that they have too many points. It was just that in comparison, they had no need to exchange points for such matters.

It was beneath their status.

This sentence was also to mock Liu Yintong.

Liu Yintong was also in a difficult spot. Who would've thought that I would meet this bunch of people on the first day? They normally don't come here, but for some reason, they all came over today! Besides, they have occupied all the seats here, not even giving me a chance! I don't want to offend these few people, but there is a Chu Yue who keeps forcing me from behind...

Just when Liu Yintong was planning how to speak up again, Liang Xiaoxiao's eyes lit up as she waved to someone behind Liu Yintong. "Zhiyuan, come quickly! We've been waiting for you for a long time!"

Hearing this voice, the crowd present looked over.

Liu Yintong's heart skipped a beat, and she hurriedly turned around. When she saw the incoming person, her expression immediately became ugly. Jiang Zhiyuan?! The person Liang Xiaoxiao said who had yet to come was her?

Jiang Zhiyuan's movement technique was light as she floated down. Under the moonlight, she looked somewhat like a fairy descending.

The venue fell silent, and quite a few people seemed amazed.

However, Jiang Zhiyuan completely didn't notice these gazes as she walked straight to the few people, slightly smiled, and said, "Sorry that I came late. I was about to come when I suddenly understood some matters in cultivation. Thus, I came late."

Liang Xiaoxiao smiled widely. "You're going to break through again?"

Jiang Zhiyuan blushed slightly and shook her head. "Not so fast."

"That means it's still fast!" Liang Xiaoxiao and the rest exchanged glances.

"Look at you—you just broke through not too long ago, right? In the blink of an eye, you're quick to break through again! If this continues, we'll be completely suppressed by you! We won't play with you in the future!"

"Yeah! Zhiyuan, when you cultivate, can you consider other people's feelings!? My heart has been crushed into pieces by you!"

"Haha! Zhiyuan wants to catch up with Senior Brother Rong Xiu. She's not somebody you can compete with!" The last young man's unintentional sentence caused the originally bustling crowd to fall into an awkward silence.

Jiang Zhiyuan's smile froze for a moment before it became much fainter.

Liang Xiaoxiao glanced at the man who had no brain. “Senior Brother Rong Xiu is extremely strong and ranks at the top on two of the four Qing Yun Ranking lists! Who doesn’t have him as their target in the academy? What’s there to talk about that?”

That man hurriedly said, “Yeah, yeah! I meant that too! But Rong Xiu is still a rare top talent. Normal people can’t even be compared with him.”

Jiang Zhiyuan lightly said, “Of course... he’s the best. How do I deserve to be compared with him?”

The crowd exchanged glances, and the atmosphere was extremely awkward.

Everybody in the academy knew that Jiang Zhiyuan was completely devoted to Rong Xiu. Even if Rong Xiu had already left when she entered the academy, and he rarely ever came back afterward, everyone was well-aware of her relationship with Rong Xiu.

Everyone thought that she would be Rong Xiu’s princess consort. Who knew—

Liang Xiaoxiao’s eyes turned, and she had a natural flirtatious look to her. “Hey, what’s the use of talking about that? Zhiyuan, you haven’t come to Million Wine Mountain in a while, right? Quickly, come! This fountain seems to be sweeter than before!”

Jiang Zhiyuan forced a smile. Just as she was about to walk over, she saw Liu Yintong standing at the side from the corner of her eyes.

Hatred quickly flashed across her eyes. “Liu Yintong? Why are you here?”

Liu Yintong secretly felt that it was too easy to bump into enemies. I actually have to see Jiang Zhiyuan out of everyone else! It’s all my fault for being too careless. Liang Xiaoxiao and the rest have always been on good terms with Jiang Zhiyuan. When I saw the few of them earlier, I should’ve thought of this. If I immediately left, it would show that I was in the wrong and that I felt guilty.

“Can’t everyone come to Million Wine Mountain?” Liu Yintong asked in return.

Jiang Zhiyuan pulled at her lips without much smiling intent. “That’s true. Then... Do as you wish.”

She then walked forward and didn’t even give the other party an additional gaze. It was as if she didn’t even take Liu Yintong to heart.

Liu Yintong secretly felt enraged as she turned around to leave. But the moment she took a few steps out, someone stopped her.

“Senior Sister Liu, where are you going?” Chu Liuyue stood before her, raised an arm, and blocked her path. “You haven’t completed what you promised me before.”

Liu Yintong was extremely frustrated. “Today doesn’t count! We can talk about everything tomorrow!”

As she spoke, she was about to leave.

However, Chu Liuyue blocked her tightly and didn’t give her a chance to walk forward. “Senior Sister Liu, I’m really sorry, but I don’t wish to wait for tomorrow. If you delay tomorrow to the day after, or three days later... What does this bet count for?”

Liu Yintong clenched her teeth. "I said tomorrow!"

Chu Liuyue's gaze shuffled between her and Jiang Zhiyuan. It seems like the two of them have a deep grudge... I didn't expect to directly bump into them today. The opposing few people seem to be rather capable. It's no wonder Liu Yintong wants to leave. If she stays, she will be humiliated for nothing. However, I don't plan on caring about these things. I just want Liu Yintong to fulfill her part of the deal.

"Senior Sister Liu, I also said that I don't want to wait till tomorrow." Chu Liuyue's tone became more serious.

Right at this point, Liang Xiaoxiao's playful laugh sounded from the side. "Yo, Liu Yintong, have you reached a state where you'll be bullied by a junior brother? Thinking about how you confessed to Senior Brother Rong Xiu in public back then, you were so amazing. How did you become like this now?"

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"Liang Xiaoxiao!" As if she were a cat that had its tail stepped on, Liu Yintong instantly felt irritated and couldn't hold it back anymore. She yelled in a shrill manner, "Don't forget that I'm still considered as your senior sister! Be more respectful!"

"Senior Sister?" Liang Xiaoxiao smiled widely. "A senior sister that entered the academy earlier than us but has skills far behind us?"

Her words were filled with mockery.

Liu Yintong was so angry that her face turned red, and there seemed to be a fire burning in her eyes! These people... are overboard!

However, Chu Liuyue raised her brows slightly. Confess... in public? Oh, it seems like Rong Xiu is quite popular in the academy. No wonder the atmosphere between Liu Yintong and Jiang Zhiyuan was so strange. When these two enemies met, their eyes turned especially red. It seems like these two people have previously exchanged blows a few times, openly and secretly.

However, Liu Yintong was clearly on the losing end. The other party has more people, and they are more capable than her. It's normal that she would be humiliated.

"Xiaoxiao," said Jiang Zhiyuan as if she had intentions of making peace. "They're all matters of the past. Why bring it up again? Anyway..."

Anyway, the person currently beside Rong Xiu isn't either of us.

Jiang Zhiyuan had long known that Rong Xiu had many admirers in the academy. If she targeted them one by one, she would be exhausted. Hence, she only wanted to shoot the bird that stuck out, which is why she fought with Liu Yintong to this extent.

There were many people that liked Rong Xiu, but most of them didn't even dare to talk to him. However, this Liu Yintong... actually confessed to Rong Xiu in public.

The incident spread far and wide back then, causing Jiang Zhiyuan to remember it in her heart. Although Rong Xiu didn't even give Liu Yintong an additional gaze, it still happened, and Jiang Zhiyuan was very upset about it.

The more ridiculous thing was that Rong Xiu had told Liu Yintong that he already had someone he liked. This wasn't just for Liu Yintong but for all those people who had thoughts about him in the academy.

After Liu Yintong knew about this, she instinctively thought it was Jiang Zhiyuan. Hence, she caused a scene at the latter's place.

The two held a grudge against each other since then.

When Rong Xiu wasn't even in the academy any longer, the two of them still had a deep grudge and would be in an awkward situation every time they met.

It was still fine in the beginning. Later on, as time passed, Jiang Zhiyuan caught up to Liu Yintong and gradually overtook the latter. Additionally, with the news of her being romantically close to Rong Xiu, quite a few people wanted to befriend her in the academy.

Jiang Zhiyuan's capabilities strengthened greatly, and she expanded her connections, quickly suppressing Liu Yintong.

Hence, Liu Yintong's life at the academy gradually became not so good.

Although Jiang Zhiyuan didn't finish her sentence, everyone could tell that she didn't even take Liu Yintong seriously, considering her nonchalant look.

Liang Xiaoxiao smiled curtly. "Great, great! Since you've said that, then... Senior Sister Liu, stay safe on your journey back. We won't send you off."

Liu Yintong's gaze was sharp. She was about to retort when Gong Sheng held her back.

His normally playful and disrespectful face looked worried for once. "Ah Tong, bear with it for a while to avoid trouble."

Currently, we really aren't their match.

Liu Yintong flung his hand away. "I know how to walk!"

But the moment she took a step out, she heard Jiang Zhiyuan's voice come from behind. "Mm, there's nothing much to be angry about... There's no need to lose my status for such a person..."

When Liu Yintong heard this, her suppressed anger finally exploded! She turned around in anger and quickly walked back.

Gong Sheng saw that her expression was amiss and hurriedly went to pull her back. "Ah Tong—"

Liu Yintong quickly dodged him and didn't even let him touch her.

Detecting Liu Yintong's ferociousness, Liang Xiaoxiao and the rest all looked over.

"Jiang Zhiyuan!" Liu Yintong stood still and stared straight at Jiang Zhiyuan.

Jiang Zhiyuan knitted her brows lightly.

Liu Yintong coldly sneered. "Who do you think you are? Do you really think Rong Xiu cares about you? The news has long been spread around the academy. Rong Xiu has long chosen his princess consort, and

that person isn't you! You've always stayed in the Sky-Cloud Empire with the identity of future princess consort, but you never thought that you wouldn't even be his mistress in the future, right?"

Her sentence was said hurriedly and anxiously as if it were a cannon that shot out, not giving anyone time to react!

Jiang Zhiyuan's expression finally changed! "Liu Yintong, how dare you!?"

Liu Yintong chuckled. "How dare I? What identity are you using to talk to me in this manner? In terms of status, your Fairy Water Mound is just one of the many divisions in the Sky-Cloud Empire. You're considered a second-tier family! In terms of seniority, you entered the academy after me. Don't you know the meaning of 'being respectful toward your elders as a junior?! In terms of skills... Yes, your ranking on the warrior list is higher than mine, but I am ranked on two lists. If we really compare, I might not be worse than you in any way!"

"The Sky-Cloud Empire's princess consort hasn't scolded me yet. How is it your turn?!"

Crash!

Jiang Zhiyuan finally couldn't hold herself back as she directly slapped Liu Yintong!

Her combat skills were better than Liu Yintong's, so the latter couldn't even hide from this slap.

The surroundings fell into deadly silence.

Chu Liuyue stroked her chin with much interest in a seemingly smiling manner. Someone isn't around, yet he can cause such a big commotion. He's really something...

"Jiang Zhiyuan!" Gong Sheng immediately stood forward and blocked Liu Yintong. He then furrowed his brows tightly. "You're too overboard!"

Jiang Zhiyuan regretted it the moment she took action. I've always maintained a good public image. Who would've thought I would take action when I was agitated—

Quite a few people looked at her.

Her eyes rapidly turned red, and she looked like she had suffered grievances. "I... I don't have the right! He doesn't like me. The agreement between the elders and us growing up together were all for naught. If he likes someone, it would be fine even if she came from outside the realm. What do I count for?"

Then, she stomped her feet and rapidly left.

"Hey, Zhiyuan!" Liang Xiaoxiao called after her and anxiously said to the few people beside her, "Why are you still in a daze? Chase after her quickly!"

Those few people rapidly followed her.

Liang Xiaoxiao took a few steps out and turned back to glance at Liu Yintong. "We'll remember what you've done today!"

Then, her figure also rapidly disappeared before the crowd.

Liu Yintong's face turned white. At this point, she then understood what exactly she had just done!

Chu Liuyue crossed her arms, and her long and slender fingers knocked gently. Her brows had risen slightly. She... publicly poured dirty water on me?