

## The Doctor 1481

### Chapter 1481: Inside Story

Rong Xiu looked at Baili Chun and smiled nonchalantly. "Clan Leader, even if you have a distinguished status, these Sky-Cloud Empire rules are set by the ancestors. We can't just disobey them, right? If Jiang Zhiyuan can satisfy any of these criteria, I can spare her from dying."

The crowd's gazes became strange.

Of course, Rong Xiu didn't say this randomly.

How old was Jiang Zhiyuan? At most, she was a spoiled big missy.

She might've had talent, but now, she naturally didn't have it any longer. Such a person would definitely not be someone who had contributed greatly to the Sky-Cloud Empire, right?

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Then... there was only the second option left. But although Fairy Water Mound was one of the 28 divisions in the Sky-Cloud Empire, they had no blood relations!

How could Jiang Zhiyuan, the Jiang family's Big Missy have the bloodline of the Sky-Cloud Empire's eldest descendant?

Baili Chun was shocked and enraged. He stared at Rong Xiu closely, wanting to figure out something. *Does he already know something? He shouldn't! That incident has been buried for so many years, and all the people who knew of it aren't alive anymore. How does Rong Xiu—*

However, Baili Chun didn't dare to be sure. *According to Rong Xiu's personality, he wouldn't say this out of nowhere if he didn't have concrete evidence! But... how can I just admit to it?!*

There seemed to be something stuck in Baili Chun's throat, causing him to be unable to breathe.

"So this means that Big Missy Jiang doesn't fulfill any of the criteria?" Chu Liuyue spoke lightly and glanced at Jiang Zhiyuan—who had fainted—as if regretful. "I've heard that Big Missy Jiang is only 22 or 23 years old and that she used to be treated very preciously. It's such a shame for her to meet her demise..."

Baili Chun was so angry that his face flushed red. *Hypocrites! Earlier, these people wanted Jiang Zhiyuan to die! Previously, they forced her in all sorts of ways, yet they are putting on a show now. How disgusting!*

Rong Xiu looked calm. "Her mother died when she was young. Now that Jiang Hetian is also dead, she's left alone. Besides, her Yuan meridian is broken, and her reputation is tarnished..."

In such situations, death was the only relief for Jiang Zhiyuan. However, such words were like a prick that stabbed Baili Chun's heart.

Rong Xiu said, "Clan Leader, I know that you've always doted on Jiang Zhiyuan. Why don't... you move back first?"

Then, he suddenly took a step forward.

This step was as if trampling on Baili Chun's pain.

The last string in his mind suddenly broke! "Yuan Yuan is my biological granddaughter. Nobody should touch her!"

Complete silence then ensued.

Even though quite a few people had already guessed this beforehand, they were still astonished when they heard Baili Chun admitting it himself.

Everybody knew that the Sky-Cloud Empire's Clan Leader Baili was obsessed with cultivation in his entire life and had never married nor had descendants.

The fight between the various parties in the Sky-Cloud Empire was very intense, and he used this point to defeat the others and become the clan leader. At that time, he said that he didn't have any family, so he would be more impartial as the clan leader.

Now, he suddenly said that Jiang Zhiyuan was his biological granddaughter?!

The crowd was as though struck by lightning.

Rong Xiu paused in his tracks. His thin lips curled up at an extremely faint angle. "Oh? You've never been married your whole life, so why would you have a granddaughter? Clan Leader, even if you can't bear to leave Jiang Zhiyuan, you can't just smear yourself to save her, right?"

*If you tarnish your reputation, you can't save it anymore!*

Baili Chun's temples throbbed, and the blood in his body coursed around crazily, almost about to explode!

Rong Xiu's sentence directly pierced one's heart!

Baili Chun took a deep breath in and controlled his emotions with much difficulty. He then said harshly and coldly, "Every word I said just now is true! Jiang Hetian's wife, who is Yuan Yuan's birth mother, is my only daughter!"

Baili Chun said every single word with much difficulty. He deeply knew that this action was undoubtedly ripping off his mask and letting people step on it!

However, he had no other choice. He only had this method to save Jiang Zhiyuan!

"Grandpa Chun... w-what did you say..." At this point, Jiang Zhiyuan, who was unconscious for some time, slowly woke up. In her daze, she heard Baili Chun's words and was stunned.

Baili Chun turned over and carefully helped her up. "Yuan Yuan, don't be scared. You're my only granddaughter. I won't let you feel aggrieved."

*G-grandfather?* Jiang Zhiyuan really did not know about this.

After realizing what this sentence meant, she widened her eyes slowly and didn't recover her senses for a long time.

"You have the bloodline of the Sky-Cloud Empire's eldest descendant. Nobody can kill you!" Baili Chun comforted her.

This was actually a long story. Back then, he went outside for training for a period of time and met a woman. The two of them decided to spend the rest of their lives together and naturally talked about marriage.

Later on, the training ended. Originally, he planned on returning to the Sky-Cloud Empire first before bringing this woman back. However, the Sky-Cloud Empire was in chaos back then, so he couldn't care about it. Additionally, as he had no wife or descendants, he became the most powerful contestant.

After much thinking, he didn't bring this up to anyone any longer.

By the time the Sky-Cloud Empire's side stabilized, it was already around a year later. He silently went back and realized that the woman had already given birth to a daughter for him.

After seeing him again, that woman seemed to be filled with vengeance and committed suicide. Then, the lone daughter was left.

He naturally couldn't bring this daughter back to the Sky-Cloud Empire. Hence, he turned a few times and sent her back to a family.

For the next few years, he looked after her in secret. As he knew that this was his only descendant in his entire life, he doted on his daughter very much.

Later on, he racked his brains and tried to arrange for her to marry into the Jiang family.

Afterward, she gave birth to Jiang Zhiyuan. It was a pity that she lost too much blood during childbirth and passed away not long later.

How could Baili Chun not dote on his granddaughter? Hence, at that point, he was finally determined to ignore all the gossip from the crowd and brought Jiang Zhiyuan back to the Sky-Cloud Empire, allowing her to grow up next to him.

Everything she ate, used, and wore was as though she was the eldest missy of the Sky-Cloud Empire.

In the beginning, everyone felt that it was rather inappropriate. But seeing his persistent attitude, they didn't say much. They just felt that he didn't have descendants and felt rather lonely. Perhaps he had fate with Jiang Zhiyuan, so he was so insistent.

After some time, everyone got used to it, and they didn't speak about it any further.

When Jiang Zhiyuan heard this, she was a little dazed. However, she quickly captured the main point. *I'm Baili Chun's biological granddaughter! I'm the true eldest missy of the Sky-Cloud Empire! I don't need to die! I can even live well in the future! This identity is much more distinguished than before, right?!*

Jiang Zhiyuan cried emotionally and clutched Baili Chun's sleeves tightly. "Grandfather..."

"I see." Rong Xiu stood at the side and smiled slightly. "Since this is so, let's begin the test."

## Chapter 1482: Who's Illegitimate Child

Jiang Zhiyuan's tears suddenly stopped, and she stared at Rong Xiu strangely in shock. *?Test? What test??*

"Your Grace, are you still doubting Yuan Yuan's identity?" Baili Chun also knitted his brows as if very displeased. *?I've already admitted it personally and said clearly that Jiang Zhiyuan is my biological granddaughter! Saying this in front of so many people has already humiliated me. If it weren't true, why would I do this??*

Rong Xiu smiled and said, "Clan Leader, don't misunderstand. I'm just doing it by the book. After all, it concerns the Sky-Cloud Empire's legitimate bloodline, so we naturally must be more careful. After all, we can only allow her to openly go back to her ancestors after we've confirmed her bloodline, right?"

Jiang Zhiyuan not only had to face his questioning but also the entire Sky-Cloud Empire! Just a few sentences naturally couldn't convince others.

Baili Chun's anger was reduced a little. After some thinking, he finally nodded. "Yuan Yuan is severely injured, and her body is very weak now. Be careful when you're doing it."

Rong Xiu raised his brows slightly. "It's just a bloodline test; it's very simple. You don't have to worry."

Baili Chun didn't reply and gazed at Jiang Zhiyuan instead, patting her hands lightly. "Yuan Yuan, hold it in for a while. We'll go back later."

In the past, he cared about his face and could only bury this incident at the bottom of his heart. But now, to protect Jiang Zhiyuan, he could only do this.

Regardless of what others said, he didn't care anymore.

*I never expected myself to have such a huge secret! The eldest missy of the Sky-Cloud Empire... Even if I can't be the princess consort, I won't be bullied with this identity!* Jiang Zhiyuan was touched. "Grandfather, you're so good to me!"

Baili Chun was satisfied when he heard this. He smiled and said, "You're my only family member. If I'm not nice to you, who should I be nice to?"

Chu Liuyue watched from the side, and the corners of her lips curled up. *?This grandfather-granddaughter duo acknowledged each other really fast, especially Jiang Zhiyuan, whose mental strength is really quite decent. She just watched her own father die; then, she passionately called Baili Chun her grandfather. It seems like she is really ecstatic to be able to smile so brightly, and this is before her father's corpse has turned cold. It is also just a short distance away.?*

*But after some thinking, it is understandable. It is a bright future again after a perilous situation. Anyone else would be happy as well, right?*

"Clan Leader, please make way," said Rong Xiu.

Baili Chun then took a few steps back.

Jiang Zhiyuan mustered her courage and looked at Rong Xiu. However, her gaze no longer had the previous fear and cowardice. *So what if I'm not the Jiang family's Big Missy?! From now onward, I'm the Sky-Cloud Empire's eldest descendant!?*

Jiang Zhiyuan was much more confident, and it seemed as though her bodily pain was also reduced. "Your Highness."

Rong Xiu closed his eyes and raised his hand.

Golden rays of light shot out from his palm and gathered in mid-air. Then, a circular, grayish-white stone—about the size of a palm—appeared in front of him!

A golden fire burned across and formed an intricate needle in the middle!

Chu Liuyue watched on from the side and was rather surprised. *Such a small stone looks extremely similar to the Extreme God Sundial I saw that day. There are 12 numbers on it and one needle. Perhaps this is an item to test the Sky-Cloud Empire's bloodline??*

As if detecting her gaze, Rong Xiu slowly opened his eyes, smiled, and glanced at her. He patiently explained, "This is the Extreme God Sundial's child sundial. It's specially used to test the intensity of the Sky-Cloud Empire's bloodline. The higher the number, the purer the bloodline."

The purer the bloodline, the higher one's status in the clan.

Chu Liuyue nodded.

It was indeed related to the Extreme God Sundial, but the latter could test everyone's bloodline power, while this one could only test the Sky-Cloud Empire's.

Rong Xiu pushed his palm forward, and the sundial slowly flew forward, stopping before Jiang Zhiyuan.

"You just have to place your hand on it."

This item didn't require one to circulate their force. As long as one placed some blood on it, they could rapidly get the results.

Jiang Zhiyuan's hand was covered with blood, and she could just place it on top, which saved quite a bit of trouble.

Jiang Zhiyuan stared at that child sundial and was nervous and excited. She had seen this child sundial before, but she never expected herself to have such a day!

She held her breath in and carefully placed her hand on it.

*Whir!*

The moment it touched, the child sundial let out a whirl!

Jiang Zhiyuan's heart seemed to be tightly clutched, and she stared at it without blinking.

The Sky-Cloud Empire's disciples normally had a result of 'six' or 'seven.' The slightly more outstanding ones could be an 'eight.'

If one could hit 'nine,' they would have extraordinary status and treatment in the clan!

*I wonder how high she can be tested...?Baili Chun was also watching.?Even though the woman I was with back then was average, my bloodline power is high. Hence, she shouldn't be greatly affected. Besides, from Jiang Zhiyuan's previously outstanding talent, she should at least be an 'eight.'*?

Yet...

Time slowly trickled past, but the golden needle on the child sundial didn't have any movement.

Jiang Zhiyuan was confused. She looked at Baili Chun and felt uneasy.

Baili Chun said, "Yuan Yuan, try with your other hand."

Jiang Zhiyuan followed, but this time, the needle on the sundial still stopped at its initial location.

*How did this happen??*Baili Chun was about to walk forward. "This thing is spoiled—"

Jiang Zhiyuan clenched her teeth and decisively placed both her hands on it.*?I don't believe that I can't move this sundial!?*

*Thump!*

The moment Jiang Zhiyuan stretched her hands over, the sundial suddenly moved back!

That golden needle broke with the sound! A ray of light then flashed across, and the sundial returned to Rong Xiu!

Rong Xiu looked at the side and said in a seemingly smiling manner, "The sundial's needle automatically broke, which means that it has touched an external clan's bloodline. Clan Leader, Jiang Zhiyuan... doesn't seem to have our Sky-Cloud Empire's bloodline! I'm afraid... you got it wrong, right?"

Who knew whose illegitimate child Jiang Zhiyuan was!?

Baili Chun's expression changed drastically!

### **Chapter 1483: Joke**

"Impossible! There must be a problem here!" As he was agitated, Baili Chun's voice became shrill and sharp.

His old face was filled with shock and anger. "Test again!"

Rong Xiu smiled, but his gaze was filled with cold nonchalance and harshness. "Clan Leader, you clearly know that the sundial won't be wrong, so why do this again? Jiang Zhiyuan doesn't have a drop of the Sky-Cloud Empire's blood."

Every single word was like a sharp knife that harshly pierced Baili Chun's heart!

His footsteps were shaky. Patches of black appeared before him, and his entire body turned cold.*?How could it be... How is that possible?! When Jiang Zhiyuan was born, I had specifically sent someone to guard her so that her identity wouldn't be wrong. Then... there's something wrong with my daughter??*

*Back then, I had personally carried that child back! I also counted the time back then, so it should be my child! Could it be...?* A terrifying and ridiculous guess surfaced in Baili Chun's mind, causing his heart to beat wildly. His blood also coursed around violently and almost exploded!

He breathed loudly and clutched his chest tightly with one hand. The thoughts in his brain were messy!

The surroundings were silent.

Quite a few people recovered their senses and secretly exchanged glances. Their expressions were strange as though they were holding something in. *What a huge cuckold! What a good show! The 'biological granddaughter' Jiang Zhiyuan, who Baili Chun kept thinking about and taking care of, has no relation to him at all! All these years, he raised someone else's child and didn't know it himself! What a joke!?*

Originally, he thought that exposing Jiang Zhiyuan being his own granddaughter would be the most shocking news of the day. He never expected such a reversal to happen!

It even happened in front of so many people—it directly slapped his face!

It was incredible! From today onward, Baili Chun would be the entire God Residence Realm's laughingstock!

Nobody spoke, but those gazes landed on Baili Chun; they were ambiguous and conflicted. Amongst them, the mockery and ridicule were plain obvious!

The air seemed to be frozen.

Baili Chun just felt that there were invisible forces in the surrounding that pressed on him, almost sealing him in this enclosed room!

His face was on fire, but the surroundings were icy cold.

Jiang Zhiyuan was dazed when she heard Rong Xiu's words. *I'm not the Sky-Cloud Empire's descendant? But didn't the clan leader say that I'm his biological granddaughter? What exactly happened??*

Detecting something amiss, Jiang Zhiyuan felt a strong sense of uneasiness. She opened her mouth and looked at Baili Chun to ask for help. "Grandfather..."

This word instantly triggered Baili Chun's sensitive mentality! He suddenly turned around and hollered, "Don't call me!"

Jiang Zhiyuan was taken aback. Her body trembled, and she cried unwittingly. "...C-clan leader, I..."

In her impression, the clan leader had never used such a frightening tone or expression to talk to her.

*But what did I do wrong? He said he was my grandfather, and he said he wanted to protect me, not let me suffer any grievances. Now, everything has changed in the blink of an eye! I don't want such a test result either! Why am I blamed for everything in the end?!?*

In just a few moments, Jiang Zhiyuan fell from heaven to hell and was even harshly stepped on. No matter how foolish she was, she knew what was awaiting her.

Her face turned pale, and her cracked lips trembled intensely.

“Clan Leader, since this is a misunderstanding... you won’t have any objections to executing Jiang Zhiyuan, right?” Rong Xiu asked very politely and courteously.

Some people turned their heads and laughed secretly.

Isn’t Rong Xiu doing this on purpose!? It was already humiliating for Baili Chun when it was proven that Jiang Zhiyuan wasn’t his granddaughter in front of so many people. By asking again, isn’t he reminding Baili Chun how glaring his identity as a cuckold is?!

Baili Chun was so angry that his lungs were about to explode. He had never felt so humiliated and embarrassed in his entire life!

He flung his robe and turned around to leave! *?I can’t stay in this place for another moment!?*

“Clan Leader!” Seeing that he was about to leave, Jiang Zhiyuan was anxious. *?If he leaves just like that, what am I supposed to do??*

“Clan Leader, this sundial is wrong! It must be wrong!”

*Why wouldn’t I be the Sky-Cloud Empire’s bloodline? I must be—I have to be!?*

Baili Chun’s head hurt, and he turned around and berated, “Shut up!”

That child sundial was left behind by the Sky-Cloud Empire’s ancestors. Even after such a long time, it has never been wrong.

Previously, he was too stunned, so he lost his composure and said such doubtful words. But in his heart, he knew that the sundial was fine! Even he had no ability to tamper with the sundial, let alone Rong Xiu!

Jiang Zhiyuan was insane to say that!

“...”

Jiang Zhiyuan was so frightened that her entire body trembled. However, she just hesitated for a moment before she cried even more intensely.

She looked at Baili Chun with watery eyes. “...Grandpa Chun, no matter what, I grew up beside you. Do you really have no feelings toward me at all? Even if I’m not your biological granddaughter, I’ve really treated you as my own grandfather all these years!”

It was fine if she didn’t talk about this, but once she did, the hatred and anger in Baili Chun’s heart crazily surged up! *?Treat her well? Brought her up beside me since young? Wasn’t all of that because I thought she was my descendant!??*

But now that the truth was out, he realized that he was lied to for his entire life—tricked for his entire life! He had also become a complete joke!

There were many outstanding disciples in the Sky-Cloud Empire, even those that were better than her. The reason why he doted on her alone was still—many years of feelings?



All these years, the extent of how well he treated Jiang Zhiyuan and how much he cared about her showed how much pain he was in now—and how embarrassed he was!

Seeing that Baili Chun's expression wasn't right, Jiang Zhiyuan was rather scared.

However, she was even more afraid of dying. Hence, she hesitated for a moment and still reached her hand out toward Baili Chun. "Grandpa Chun, help me—"

At this point, she was severely injured and didn't even have the strength to stand up on her own.

Baili Chun was quite a few steps away from her. Even if she stretched her hand out, she wouldn't have reached him.

However, this movement was extremely infuriating to Baili Chun! His eyelids twitched harshly, and he almost instinctively waved his hand. "Get lost!"

*What kind of wild thing has lied to me for so many years? It actually has the cheek to ask for help now?!?*

*Thump!*

His move was filled with anger and strength!

With one shot, he hit Jiang Zhiyuan until she flew backward and landed on the ground harshly.

*Shoo!*

Jiang Zhiyuan spat out a mouthful of blood, and her breathing was weak.

She tried to stand up with much difficulty, but it was to no avail. She could only lie on the floor miserably like an ant.

She stared at Baili Chun as layers of hopelessness covered her eyes. Finally, the corner of her lips curled up in an extremely sarcastic yet miserable and self-ridiculing manner. *?My entire life was just a joke...?*

The next moment, before her smile could completely extend, she tilted her head and hit the floor.

She stopped breathing.

#### **Chapter 1484: Interrogation**

Jiang Zhiyuan was already injured when she came out from the Flood-Desert Northern Region. Even though she had been recuperating at the Sky-Cloud Empire during this period, she hadn't fully recovered.

To come here this time and fight with Chu Liuyue, she even took the Delusional Fragrance Pill without regard for the consequences, causing her Yuan meridian to break and her body to be severely damaged.

She was originally hanging onto her last breath, and Baili Chun's final strike was the last straw that crushed the camel's back.

Baili Chun didn't intend to actually kill her, but his strike was too strong, and Jiang Zhiyuan couldn't resist it.

The crowd fell silent. They were all speechless when they saw this scene.

Jiang Zhiyuan lay on the floor, and a large pool of blood appeared below her body.

Her head looked up at a strange angle—her body could no longer move, so she could only forcefully look at Baili Chun in this manner.

Her eyes protruded out, but her gaze dissipated, and her face was filled with bloodstains and injuries.

One could even see the veins on her forehead and neck.

Even if she was dead, one could still see how hopeless and desperate she was before she died. But at that time, she had no strength to do any useless retaliation or struggle.

She didn't die in peace.

After a temporary silence, soft discussions silently spread across.

"Tsk, he struck really harshly... he directly took Jiang Zhiyuan's life away! No matter what, he personally raised her beside him for a few years. He really had no feelings for her at all..."

"This was an illegitimate child that came from god knows where. Why would he be merciful? I think that Baili Chun clearly did it on purpose!"

"That's true. If I were him, I wouldn't have any face to come out!"

"It's even humiliating enough to have a child out of wedlock. In the end, it wasn't even his... This is enough for me to laugh at him for a year! Haha!"

"Shh, be quiet! Baili Chun has heard it. Didn't you see how his expression changed?"

"So what? If he could do such a thing, why can't others talk about it? Could he come over and shut all our mouths? Besides, in a few days, this matter will spread across the God Residence Realm. There are so many people and so many mouths—how could he stop them all?"

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The people present had extraordinary statuses. Even though they were rather polite to Baili Chun, it didn't mean that they were really afraid of him. This was especially so because the Sky-Cloud Empire's power was in Rong Xiu's hands, and it didn't have much to do with Baili Chun.

Couldn't they see that he could not even call a heavenly doctor after such a long time? This already stated too many problems.

Besides, the show of Jiang Zhiyuan using her blood to acknowledge her kin had completely tarnished Baili Chun's reputation.

Baili Chun clenched his fists tightly and gritted his teeth. The veins on his forehead also throbbed, and his wrinkles trembled slightly.

It was enough to see that he was on the verge of explosion.

He glanced at Jiang Zhiyuan, then turned around to leave without any hesitation. *?If I see Jiang Zhiyuan's face again, I will only recall those humiliating matters!?*

Upon seeing this, Rong Xiu raised his sharp brows slightly. "Clan Leader, are you leaving?"

Baili Chun stopped in his tracks. "I have something on. I'll go back first."

His voice was hoarse as if he were suppressing something.

Rong Xiu raised his chin. "Then, Jiang Zhiyuan's corpse..."

"Settle it with her father!" Baili Chun's tone suddenly became frustrated as he hastened his steps and quickly left. It seemed like mentioning Jiang Zhiyuan's name would dirty his mouth.

Rong Xiu seemed calm and nodded with a smile. "Okay. Have a safe journey."

Baili Chun didn't even respond as his figure flashed, and he disappeared on the spot!

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Baili Chun left, and the Jiang family's father and daughter were dead. However, the crowd could ruminate about today's incident for a long time.

For a Jiang Zhiyuan, the Sky-Cloud Empire's Clan Leader Baili would risk pitting himself against Rong Xiu and admit in public that he had an illegitimate daughter!

This was a lifelong stain for someone from a top-tier aristocratic family! Baili Chun risked it all for his only descendant.

But after much trouble, he realized that she wasn't even his descendant! Wasn't this too laughable?!

After being in seclusion for a few years, he finally came out. In the end, before he could even throw his weight around, his reputation was completely tarnished!

Rong Xiu turned around and looked at the people from Ling Xiao Academy. "Sorry, I dirtied the academy's floor."

Elder Bo Yan smiled and turned to say to the people behind him, "The few of you, go and clean it up."

Two elders stepped forward and quickly brought Jiang Zhiyuan and Jiang Hetian's bodies to the side before rapidly cleaning the floor.

Rong Xiu glanced at the sky. "I've already informed the Jiang family. In a while, they will come over."

The crowd smacked their lips. *?The Jiang family is very far from here. How could they rush over in such a short time, unless... Rong Xiu had long given this command! He had clearly made preparations to take these two people's lives before today!?*

Originally, everyone came for Chu Yue, but who would've thought Rong Xiu successfully used this chance to clean his household!?

This man was still extremely young, but he was very meticulous and unfathomable. It was as if everything was in his control!

The crowd had already feared him when he took the 'Your Grace' position, and he was known to be ruthless. But it was only today that they realized they still underestimated Rong Xiu!

His thinking, his talent... He was an elite in all aspects!

Such a person really couldn't be underestimated!

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Chu Liuyue turned around, took a deep breath in, and bowed to Elder Bo Yan and the rest.

Elder Hua Feng hurriedly said, "Hey, k—girlie, what are you doing?"

Chu Liuyue smiled apologetically. "I'm very sorry for using a fake identity to come into the academy and lying to the elders and my schoolmates."

Elder Hua Feng rubbed his hands. "Aiya, what does this count for?! Actually, not everybody uses their real identities in the academy! You didn't do anything wrong, so why should you apologize?"

There were too many people who wanted to study at Ling Xiao Academy. People came from all walks of life and had various identities. There were quite a few that changed their names and identities.

However, Chu Liuyue's incident was just blown up a little bigger. Strictly speaking, it wasn't a major mistake.

Elder Bo Yan stroked his beard, nodded, and said, "That's right. As long as you don't do anything against the principles, the academy won't pursue such matters. Besides, you've also contributed greatly to the academy during this period."

She also got into countless troubles, but this naturally couldn't be said now.

"No matter if you're Chu Yue or Shangguan Yue, you're still the academy's student. The academy... will protect you." As he spoke, Elder Bo Yan surveyed the surroundings.

His hint was very obvious—their Ling Xiao Academy didn't care that Chu Liuyue hid her identity, so other people shouldn't utter a word!

Chu Liuyue heaved a sigh of relief and felt grateful.

But at this point, a rather sudden voice sounded, "You've clarified the Black Demon Hole incident. We can also pass over the issue of you hiding your identity, but there's one thing you haven't said clearly. Shangguan Yue, is the Heavenly Square Cauldron with you?!"

#### **Chapter 1485: Summon!**

Chu Liuyue turned around.

The person talking was Jin Di. His expression was cold and stern, and his gaze was cunning like a poisonous snake that sent chills down one's heart.

Chu Liuyue sneered in her heart. *Is this Jin Di bent on going after me? In front of so many people, they can't directly snatch the Chi Xiao Sword, so they plan on taking other things??*

Upon hearing this, quite a few people were energized.

Heavenly Square Cauldron—this was indeed one of the things they wanted to make clear the most during this journey!

The Chi Xiao Sword was a supreme Yuan instrument, and it was indeed precious, but it already had an owner. This was the case unless Shangguan Yue's soul was burned and extinguished. Otherwise, even if others had this treasure, they couldn't use it.

It would have no meaning.

However, the Heavenly Square Cauldron was different—it was one of the top ten holy weapons in the God Residence Realm! With such a precious item around, the entire aristocratic family's status would move up another level!

Those clans with holy weapons could talk more confidently than the rest. Hence, in comparison, they were more interested in the Heavenly Square Cauldron.

Upon hearing this, Chu Liuyue laughed. "Would you believe whatever I say?"

All these people weren't nice to deal with. It was impossible to try to solve this matter in two sentences.

Jin Di smiled in a contorted manner and cunningly. "You're indeed the Sky-Cloud Empire's new princess consort. Your thinking is indeed clear. The Heavenly Square Cauldron is related to the Flood-Desert Northern Region, and it has great meaning. Not only me—I believe everyone present wants to know about this more, right?"

Some people nodded in agreement.

"That's true. Actually, everyone came over today to understand this matter."

"That's right. It'll be great if everyone can peacefully settle this matter. If you prove that you have nothing to do with this, we'll naturally apologize."

As if seeing that Rong Xiu treated this princess consort specially, everyone was more polite when they spoke.

Their attitudes weren't as oppressive as before.

Chu Liuyue's brows moved slightly, and she didn't really take this to heart.

In the beginning, she was just a young man with not much background. With such an identity, they naturally wouldn't care about her.

This was very normal in the God Residence Realm, and there was nothing much to be concerned about. However, the key was how they should solve this Heavenly Square Cauldron incident,

She laughed lightly and said, "I'm already very grateful that everyone is so kind and not holding the previous incidents against me. Regarding the Heavenly Square Cauldron, I will naturally cooperate with the investigation. Senior Jin Di, may I know how you want to do this?"

Jin Di slowly straightened his body. "To be honest, my Golden Wings Sect has a Heavenly Square Cauldron replica that we have been hiding for hundreds of years. Rumors have it that when the real product appeared in the world, there were two other exact replicas."

"The Heavenly Square Cauldron is very precious, so it's spiritual. Every time it's presented to the world, it will divide a part of its force and form several replicas to mess with people's vision and hearing. Only those people who really have fate can obtain the precious item!"

"It's a pity that we, the Golden Wings Sect, don't have this luck and can only get the replica after a twist of fate. But although this is fake, it luckily has a portion of the Heavenly Square Cauldron's aura. If it meets the real item, it can arouse a strong reaction." said Jin Di as he stretched his hand out and faced his palm upward.

A very tiny transparent square cauldron suddenly appeared in his hands!

Chu Liuyue's eyes shrunk. *That item is indeed exactly the same as the Heavenly Square Cauldron!?*

"Shangguan Yue, if you really have a clear conscience, you can just hold this item in your hand. If it has no reaction, it will prove that you don't have the Heavenly Square Cauldron! On the other hand—" Jin Di snorted and laughed.

His meaning was understood without being stated.

Nobody expected Jin Di to have such a move!

At that moment, everybody looked at Chu Liuyue.

Chu Liuyue paused for a moment before nodding. "Okay!"

*This move is indeed smart, and I have to accept it! However... there are some things that have to be asked clearly first.?*

"The Golden Wings Sect indeed has a huge foundation and deep background to have such a treasure." Chu Liuyue seemed to be praising him sincerely and genuinely. "Even though it's not a true Heavenly Square Cauldron, such an item is indeed considered a rare product."

Jin Di's gaze was delightful.

"However... Why didn't you take this item out previously at the Flood-Desert Northern Region?" Chu Liuyue changed the topic! "If you were willing to produce it then and directly identify that fake Heavenly Square Cauldron... quite a bit of trouble would be saved, right? Perhaps it could've even reduced quite a few injuries and deaths. What do you think?"

Chu Liuyue spoke as she knitted her brows slightly and shook her head as if filled with regret.

Jin Di was stumped. "You—"

Isn't this scolding the Golden Wings Sect for standing at the side and doing nothing?!

"T-this item wasn't with me back then!" He avoided Chu Liuyue's gaze, and his gaze was dodgy. "After all, it's a precious item, and it has been kept in the Golden Wings Sect's ancestral hall. How can I bring it along with me so casually?"

This was rather laughable.

*This item is indeed precious, but when everyone went to the Flood-Desert Northern Region, they indeed went for the Heavenly Square Cauldron. When their people went, how could they not bring this item along to identify its authenticity? He most likely only got this item recently. Motive...*

*The motive is naturally to go for me! However, I don't know where the Golden Wings Sect got the item from...? Chu Liuyue thought to herself. There are really many people who want to go for me. They have all gathered openly and secretly.?*

Chu Liuyue stared at Jin Di for some time.

Jin Di was stared at until his humiliation turned into anger. Then, he furiously stood up.

"What? Are you guilty and don't want to be investigated?!"

Chu Liuyue's lips curled up. "Senior Jin Di, why are you anxious? Previously, I said that I would definitely cooperate with this investigation and questioning. However, this matter implicates my reputation, so I naturally have to be more careful."

Jin Di kept quiet and sat back down in a similarly rough manner. "We will test and know what's the truth!"

This meant that he wanted to push everything to Chu Liuyue.

Chu Liuyue nodded. "Okay."

Jin Di was elated and immediately flung his hands!

That small, transparent square cauldron immediately flew toward Chu Liuyue.

Force gushed out of Chu Liuyue's palm and quickly caught that item.

The squarish cauldron silently stood on Chu Liuyue's palm. It was entirely transparent and crystallized in a clear and pure manner.

Chu Liuyue judged it detailedly.

She found it very similar when she saw it from afar, but when she took a closer look at it, she could still notice the differences. The average person couldn't tell, but she was most familiar with the Heavenly Square Cauldron and could identify it easily.

At this point, a ball of transparent fire suddenly formed in the tiny transparent square cauldron.

Chu Liuyue was stunned!

*Whir!*

The Heavenly Square Cauldron in her body suddenly exploded with a sound!

## Chapter 1486: My Man

*Crack!*

A crisp sound was heard!

The transparent square cauldron in Chu Liuyue's hand was filled with tiny cracks!

Her heart sank, and she immediately suppressed the Heavenly Square Cauldron in her body! However, this connection was intimate, and there seemed to be countless lines surrounding it.

It couldn't be blocked completely!

The next moment, the small cauldron suddenly shattered!

*Thump!*

The shards flew everywhere—they turned into multiple sparks and flew in all directions!

Jin Di immediately stood up and pointed at Chu Liuyue angrily. "The Heavenly Square Cauldron is in your body!"

Once he said that, the crowd was stunned! At that moment, everyone's attention was gathered on Chu Liuyue with varying expressions!

It was deadly silent!

Jin Di suppressed his shock, raised his voice, and berated, "Everyone saw it personally just now, right?! That replica suddenly exploded in Shangguan Yue's hand! If she doesn't have the real Heavenly Square Cauldron with her, such a big reaction would definitely not occur!"

Under the crowd's watch, the evidence was concrete!

"Shangguan Yue, how can you still deny it this time?!"

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows. *?I see...?*

She hadn't seen this so-called replica beforehand. Although she knew there might be a reaction, she didn't expect it to be so sudden.

She didn't have any time to prepare before everything happened! Additionally, so many people had seen it. Even if she wanted to explain herself, it would be hard!

Countless gazes landed on Chu Liuyue like a physical one.

*The Heavenly Square Cauldron is related to her. Doesn't it prove that she might've long known about what happened in the Flood-Desert Northern Region??*

On Ling Xiao Academy's side, Elder Bo Yan and the rest were dazed. *?Didn't she previously say that the Heavenly Square Cauldron was one of the ten holy weapons and that it had nothing to do with her? What is going on now?!?*



Jin Di was relentless and sneered. "What, you don't dare to talk anymore? Weren't you very righteous just now? Now—pfft!"

Before he could finish speaking delightfully, his voice trailed off as if someone suddenly strangled his neck. Then, he let out an urgent, short, and painful gasp.

The crowd turned around and saw that Jin Di's face had turned the color of a pig's lung. His hands were weakly holding his neck as if he were struggling to hold onto something.

Upon closer look, they could faintly see that a golden line had flown to Jin Di at some point and tightly strangled his neck!

He wanted to struggle free from this.

*Golden line...?* Quite a few people looked at Rong Xiu in shock.

"Noisy." Rong Xiu's voice was clear and cold. His expression was nonchalant, and it sent a chill down one's spine for some reason.

This man had a natural distinguished nature in his bones.

Just by standing there casually... He didn't do anything, but he was still noble, and others could only look up to him.

Some people present could clearly sit side by side with him, and in terms of seniority and experience, they were much better than him. However, Rong Xiu never lost out when it came to aura.

Even Jin Di's heart skipped a beat when he met those cold and deep phoenix-like eyes as he swallowed the curses that were about to leave his mouth. *?This Rong Xiu... could even humiliate my own clan leader in public and even silently change the owner of the biggest Fairy Water Mound under him! He isn't someone to be trifled with! In this world... there is probably nothing he wouldn't do!?*

Jin Di swallowed a few mouthfuls of saliva with much difficulty, and he stammered, "I-I just want to help everyone check clearly..."

Perhaps he was threatened by Rong Xiu's formidable aura, but his voice became much softer.

"Rong Xiu, what he said is right. Everyone came for this today, and now that we've found some clues, won't it be too inappropriate if we just leave it as that?" Someone spoke.

This wasn't to help Jin Di but to help themselves.

Now that the Heavenly Square Cauldron was proven to be with Shangguan Yue, they wouldn't let this be no matter what!

"Yeah! Jin Di is more agitated, but this matter has to be solved, right?"

"Rong Xiu, the Sky-Cloud Empire previously didn't openly participate in the Flood-Desert Northern Region, but you were there as well. This matter has something to do with you too. Besides, Shangguan Yue is your princess consort. If you keep protecting her, it doesn't seem rather appropriate, right?"

"Everyone, calm down. We can talk about this properly!" Someone eased the situation. "Shangguan Yue hasn't said anything yet, okay! Everyone, let's just listen first!"

The corner of Chu Liuyue's lips curled up at an extremely faint angle.

This sounded neutral and justified, but it was still forcing her to 'give an explanation' in actual fact.

Rong Xiu squinted his eyes slightly, and his surrounding aura suddenly froze!

He hated other people threatening him the most!

Right at this point, a gentle and warm hand suddenly stretched over.

Rong Xiu looked back and met Chu Liuyue's bright smile.

She lightly scratched his thick and powerful palm as her eyes curved. "Let me explain this matter."

This move seemed to be scratching Rong Xiu's heart in an itchy and numbing manner.

His brows moved slightly as he silently held her dishonest hand back. After staring into her stubborn and determined eyes for a while, he then lightly nodded. "If you want to say it, then do it. If you don't want to, it's fine."

He said lightly and clearly, "Why can't my Sky-Cloud Empire's princess consort want a holy weapon?"

That was unreasonable, arrogant, and domineering!

Quite a few people's expressions changed slightly. *Rong Xiu's words have a threat to them, and it seems like he is bent on protecting Shangguan Yue to the end!?*

Chu Liuyue blinked. *This man...?*

Her red lips curled up.

Her appearance was breathtakingly beautiful. It seemed like an entire galaxy was contained within her eyes. With just one look, one would instinctively be charmed and immersed in it.

She leaned in closer and gestured for Rong Xiu to lower his head.

Rong Xiu lowered his body and leaned his ear close to her lips.

She smiled and lowered her voice. "My man is so good. I'll naturally be obedient and not cause trouble for him."

As she spoke, her lips opened and closed as a moist and sweet warmth spread to his earlobes.

Half of Rong Xiu's body seemed to warm up as the anger suppressed in his heart disappeared without a trace instantly. His entire mind and eyes only had this person beside him.

His hand tightened comfortably and was quickly loosened, turning into a slight caress against the back of her hand. Then, he straightened his back.

The crowd was stunned. *Wasn't he filled with anger previously? Why did he change into another person after two sentences from Shangguan Yue? What did Shangguan Yue say??*

However, they could see one point—Rong Xiu’s change in emotions was indeed closely linked to this woman!

The crowd became even more fearful.

Chu Liuyue coughed lightly, looked around carefully, and said, “The Heavenly Square Cauldron is indeed with me, but different from everyone’s guesses, I didn’t get this item from the Flood-Desert Northern Region. In actual fact, it had already acknowledged me as its owner a few years ago!”

### **Chapter 1487: Who Dares to Bully Her?**

*Recognize her as its owner?!?* Hearing those few words, almost everyone present wasn’t calm.

“What did you say? The Heavenly Square Cauldron has already acknowledged you as its owner?” A man, who looked like he was in his thirties, couldn’t hold it in and asked immediately.

Chu Liuyue nodded rightfully. “Won’t the Heavenly Square Cauldron recognize an owner every time it appears in the world?”

An extreme treasure like the Heavenly Square Cauldron normally found its own owner. If one could receive its recognition, that person could naturally become its owner. If they couldn’t, then no matter how hard one tried, it would be to no avail.

The crowd was dumbfounded.

They only wanted to find the Heavenly Square Cauldron’s whereabouts, but they forgot about this!

*Recognize an owner... It already has an owner! Then, what were we so busy for?!?*

“Wait! You said that you obtained this Heavenly Square Cauldron a few years ago. What evidence do you have?” another person asked doubtfully. “Who knows if you found this treasure in that mysterious gully?”

Chu Liuyue smiled. “Why should I lie about such things? To be honest, this Heavenly Square Cauldron played a huge part in me having two legendary fiends! If you don’t believe me... I can’t do anything either.”

*The crowd was dazed.?Oh right, we almost forgot that Shangguan Yue indeed has two legendary fiends—one red-gold heavenly phoenix and one legendary three-eyed eagle. The latter is even the clan leader!?*

In the beginning, they also found it weird. Logically speaking, these two legendary fiends couldn’t serve the same master at the same time.

If there was the Heavenly Square Cauldron, it could explain a thing or two... It was a holy weapon after all!

“T-then...” Quite a few people exchanged glances, not knowing where to start asking in such a short amount of time.

At this point, Jin Di finally recovered his senses. As he exhaled loudly, he asked, “Since the Heavenly Square Cauldron has long been with you, you must’ve known that the Flood-Desert Northern Region’s news was fake from the start, right?”

The crowd was stunned in unison.

Chu Liuyue looked straightforward and nodded. “Yeah.”

Once he said this, even the academy elders couldn’t sit still. *?This girl actually long knew about it?! Then, she—*

“Thus, I planned to follow the academy crowd and see what exactly was going on.” At this point, there were many things she didn’t have to hide anymore. Chu Liuyue swiftly chose to lay out her cards. “It was a pity that I fell ill and stayed in the academy, so I couldn’t go with them.”

“Luckily, some problems happened in the Flood-Desert Northern Region, so I had a second chance to go there. And that time, I did go over. The few elders that went with me from the academy can testify to this.”

Elder Hua Feng hurriedly nodded. “That’s right, that’s right! I initially didn’t agree back then, but this girl was very insistent, so I brought her along!”

At that time, he just felt that she was young, ambitious, and filled with curiosity. He never expected there to be so many twists and turns!

Chu Liuyue smiled at Elder Hua Feng gratefully.

Elder Hua Feng’s daze flickered as he hurriedly turned around and clutched the armrest at the side tightly. *?This... This is really too similar!?*

He rubbed his brows and continuously warned himself, *?Two people! They’re two people!?*

At this moment, Chu Liuyue didn’t detect the conflict in Elder Hua Feng’s heart. She honestly looked at the crowd. “Back then, I wanted to investigate properly after going to the Flood-Desert Northern Region before I made a decision. However, I didn’t expect the later incidents to happen as well.”

That man in his thirties—who spoke impulsively in the beginning—couldn’t help but yell, “You didn’t expect it? You’re planning to brush us away with such a sentence? Shangguan Yue, did you know that if you had spoken earlier, so many people wouldn’t have died?!”

Chu Liuyue’s gaze was slightly cold, and her gaze was like a blade. “So you mean that you want me to be responsible for the deaths of those people?”

“You have to take at least half the responsibility, right?!” The other party was clearly more agitated. “If you said it earlier, why would we end up like this!?”

“Hah.” Chu Liuyue suddenly laughed. “Forgive me for not agreeing with what you said.”

Her gaze swept past the crowd like a frozen sharp blade! It pierced straight to the bottom of one’s heart! “You went to the Flood-Desert Northern Region just to snatch treasures. That has nothing to do with me, right?”

*What do I have to do with their life and death??*

“Besides, even if I said it back then, would you have believed it?”

Her light rhetorical questioning caused those people to be dumbfounded. They indeed wouldn’t believe an ordinary student from Ling Xiao Academy.

Besides, it was even related to the Heavenly Square Cauldron. Such a treasure with a teen... Anyone would think that it was a fairytale, right?! Who would listen?

Chu Liuyue tucked her loose strands of hair behind her ear, shrugged her shoulders, and smiled slightly. “I believe you know the logic of alerting your enemies better than I do, right?”

*Was I supposed to put myself in danger for a bunch of unrelated people? Even they wouldn’t do it!?*

“From start to end, the only people I wanted to save were those from Ling Xiao Academy. Everyone else’s life and death have nothing to do with me!”

Her one sentence was loud and righteous. She sounded harsh, but one couldn’t deny it.

The crowd was dumbfounded.

Suddenly, someone said in a cold voice, “You said that you have nothing to do with Black Demon Hole and that the Heavenly Square Cauldron had already recognized you as its owner a few years ago. Then, how could it be so coincidental that you’re the only one who successfully went into the mysterious region in the gully?! Shangguan Yue, do you really have an undiscoverable secret?!”

Chu Liuyue followed the voice and looked over.

That man, who looked like he was in his forties, had an average appearance and cold gaze.

Chu Liuyue was about to speak when she suddenly heard laughter that was as loud as thunder exploding far away.

“She’s from my Shangguan family. Of course, only she can enter my territory!” This voice was tremendous and was very clear when people heard it.

The crowd was taken aback, and all turned around to take a look.

Chu Liuyue’s heart also skipped a beat. She followed the direction of the voice and looked over.

A tall and burly figure rapidly descended from the skies! He was wearing a dark-green robe as he traveled a thousand miles in a step to walk across the skies! “At this point, I want to see who dares to bully her!”

The suppression was immense—it shocked everybody!

### **Chapter 1488: Ancestor Protects!**

“Legendary warrior!” Elder Bo Yan suddenly stood up and looked at the incoming person doubtfully.

The other party had a formidable and oppressive aura. He was definitely an elite amongst the warriors!

His gaze turned, and he looked at Chu Liuyue. “Chu—Girlie, who is that?”

*That man said ‘Shangguan clan’s descendant.’ Is that not Shangguan Yue?! Didn’t they say that this girl was from outside the realm? Why does she have such a formidable helper?*

Quite a few people pricked their ears up.

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Chu Liuyue looked at the middle-aged man that came from the horizon. Her heart beat intensely.

*Bang bang!*

*Bang bang!*

“A-Ancestor!” she softly muttered, and her eyes were filled with disbelief and unconcealable happiness!

Detecting her change in emotions, Rong Xiu’s gaze turned, and a smile flashed across his eyes. *I didn’t expect this person to come so quickly...*

In the blink of an eye, Shangguan Jing had already appeared before her.

His clothes blew with the wind. He wasn’t angry, but he had his own aura.

He walked toward Chu Liuyue step by step as he looked at her and smiled.

Chu Liuyue stared at him in a daze, not daring to believe what she saw at that moment.

There weren’t many changes to Shangguan Jing’s appearance and figure, but he was a translucent soul in the past. Now, he had a real, physical body!

His facial expression was so intimate and familiar.

Shangguan Jing lowered his head slightly, stared straight at Chu Liuyue, smiled, and said, “What? Girlie, you haven’t seen me for such a short while and can’t recognize me anymore?”

Chu Liuyue was still a little dazed. “...Ancestor?”

She really did not expect her ancestor to appear!

Back at the Flood-Desert Northern Region, she had faintly guessed that her ancestor had once gone there. Later on, she knew that it should be her ancestor’s tomb. At that place, she did think that her ancestor might be able to live. However... she never expected it to be true!

Besides... her ancestor’s capabilities seemed... extremely strong!

Seeing that she was so confused and dazed for once, Shangguan Jing couldn’t help but laugh out loud, reach out, and ruffle Chu Liuyue’s hair. “Hahaha! Are you silly, Girlie? Are you not happy that Ancestor is here?”

Everyone was stunned. *Ancestor?! This man is Shangguan Yue’s ancestor?! However, we haven’t seemed to have heard of warriors with the last name Shangguan... If there were, it was impossible that we didn’t know it!*

Quite a few people exchanged glances, but they clearly didn't understand this middle-aged man that appeared. However, his appearance made the crowd fearful.

Not only did Shangguan Yue have Ling Xiao Academy and the Sky-Cloud Empire backing her up, she even had this legendary warrior that came from nowhere! And judging from his aura, he could suppress the majority present!

If this person was really Shangguan Yue's ancestor... With their blood ties, he would definitely protect her till the end! That would be even trickier...

Shangguan Jing lightly patted her head and said properly, "Don't worry. With me around, nobody can bully you!"

Seeing her ancestor's kind and doting smile, tears suddenly welled up in Chu Liuyue's eyes.

She had always been resilient and did not give up easily. Even if she was surrounded and oppressed by so many people today, she didn't reveal any weakness! That was because she knew that she could not!

If she revealed a bit of her weakness at this time, these people would become even worse! Hence, she had to be stronger!

However, Shangguan Jing's light sentence easily broke through her wall. At that moment, grievances, pain, reminiscence, happiness... Countless complicated emotions overwhelmed her.

Shangguan Jing saw that her eyes went red, and his heart hurt. "Okay, okay. It's all my fault for coming too late! I caused you to be aggrieved, right?"

He wanted to help Chu Liuyue wipe the tears brewing in her eyes, but he didn't know how and was clearly helpless.

He had experienced countless thunderstorms and was best at fighting and killing, but when his own descendant cried, he really didn't know what to do. He could only stand there anxiously.

Chu Liuyue couldn't help but laugh and reach out to pull his sleeves. "Ancestor, don't worry. I was just too happy to see you."

Seeing that she smiled, Shangguan Jing's eyes sparkled, and he felt relieved.

Chu Liuyue sized him up and was slightly dazed. "How... did you come out?"

She asked this rather tactfully.

In actual fact, Shangguan Jing was just a soul back then and wasn't complete. All along, Chu Liuyue thought that as long as she helped her ancestor reform his physical body and find his remaining soul, he could live again. But now...

Shangguan Jing knocked her forehead, smiled, and said, "Girlie, did you forget that that's our territory?"

Chu Liuyue was dazed. *Our territory... Is he referring to... the comb?*

Suddenly, a ray of white light flashed across her mind. *With Ancestor appearing like this, doesn't it prove that his remaining soul had been buried in the tomb and—*

Her gaze suddenly landed on Shangguan Jing.

Her ancestor's face and hands had light scars; they seemed like old injuries.

*If he had reformed his physical body, he naturally wouldn't have such wounds. This is... Ancestor's original body?! Could the thing sealed in the tomb be Ancestor thousands of years ago—*

As if seeing through her thoughts, Shangguan Jing blinked.

Chu Liuyue instantly understood and swallowed the words in her throat. However, the ripples in her heart couldn't be appeased for a long while.

"Let's talk about this in detail when we go back. I'll settle this trouble for you first," said Shangguan Jing with a smile. Then, he turned around and looked at the crowd.

Finally, his gaze landed on the man in his forties that was questioning Chu Liuyue. The smile on his face had faded by quite a bit, and his gaze was like a blade that scraped past the other party as if he wanted to directly skin the other party!

Detecting the vague pain, that man's heart turned numb, and his gaze unwittingly became dodgy.

Shangguan Jing suddenly asked, "You were the one pressuring my Yue'er just now?"

His voice didn't have the gentleness when he spoke to Chu Liuyue, and it was now as cold as ice.

Every single word seemed to weigh a ton as it suppressed him!

That man's heart shuddered. Ever since this person appeared, he knew that the other party wasn't one to be trifled with. "I-I was just asking about some things and had no intention of pressuring her. Everyone was present, and they can testify for me!"

Upon hearing this, Shangguan Jing tugged at the corner of his mouth without much smiling intent. "Oh? Really?"

That man broke out into a cold sweat. *I've seen quite a few scenes before. If it weren't because the other party is too strong, why would I—*

"Of course, it's true! I asked in that manner so that she could have a chance to clarify! I—"

*Thump!*

Before he could finish his sentence, Shangguan Jing suddenly raised his hand!

A blue-black force suddenly flew out!

That man's figure instantly flew backward and landed on the ground harshly!

Shangguan Jing snorted. "What are you!? How dare you interrogate Yue'er!"

## **Chapter 1489: Stand Up for Yue'er!**

The surroundings instantly became so quiet that one could hear a pin drop!



Everyone was stunned by this sudden scene. *?H-he took action?! He directly took action. This is too direct, right?!?*

The questioning man was also born in a top-tier aristocratic family. Even though it was rather deserted and couldn't be compared to the Flying Star Sect, he still had the reputation of a top-tier aristocratic family, and everyone gave him face.

Who knew that this man—who suddenly appeared—would fight without speaking?!

"You!" The man being hit was clearly dazed.

He coughed a few times and spat out a few broken teeth that were mixed into the fresh red blood. He looked very miserable and disheveled.

"Master!" When the few people following that man saw this scene, they hurriedly rushed over and anxiously helped him up. "Master, are you okay?!"

Ye Lingran wanted to kick these few insensible ones to death! *?Do I look okay?!?*

But without these people supporting him at the side, he might not even stand stably now. The earlier move came too suddenly and caught him off-guard!

And Shangguan Jing's force was huge—he took action ruthlessly!

Half of Ye Lingran's face was still numb now, and every part of his body seemed to be harshly crushed by something! He was in so much pain!

Every time he breathed, there was pain in his chest. Perhaps his bones were broken, and his organs were also damaged!

His hand trembled as he pointed at Shangguan Jing.

Meeting that pair of cold and nonchalant eyes, his heart unwittingly trembled. His finger shuddered, and he retracted it. However, the anger on his face didn't subside.

"You snuck an attack on me once we had a disagreement. That's too much!"

Shangguan Jing directly laughed out loud. "What? Sneak an attack?"

"Of course, it was a sneak attack!" That man breathed intensely, his face flashing white and red.

"Everyone was talking nicely, yet you suddenly attacked. Of course, that's considered a sneak attack! Even if Shangguan Yue is your clansman and you're anxious to protect her, you can't do whatever you want. That's too much of a bully!"

Shangguan Jing squinted his eyes and grunted. "All these people seem to have seen clearly when I took action, and... I seem to be standing in front of you. If you couldn't even see this, are you blind?"

"You—" Ye Lingran never expected that not only was this person strong, but his skin was also as thick as a wall!

He spat out a mouthful of blood, and his heart was filled with vengeance. *?I've been totally humiliated being beaten into this state in front of so many people!?*

“There are so many people here, and we’ve been talking nicely since the start! Nobody casually took action, yet you—”

“That’s your problem. What does that have to do with me?” Shangguan Jing interrupted him in frustration. Then, he raised his brows and surveyed his surroundings.

His gaze was as cold and stiff as a blade! “You didn’t directly take action on Yue’er, but which of you didn’t bully her? All of you are from aristocratic families, and you are reputable people. In the end, all of you joined hands to interrogate a girl in her teens. Even if you don’t feel ashamed, I feel humiliated for you!”

This sentence successfully caused quite a few people’s expressions to change. However, they couldn’t say anything in retaliation.

Shangguan Jing glanced at Ye Lingran coldly. “If you don’t have that ability, don’t yell around! Humiliating!”

Ye Lingran felt stifled. His vision had patches of black, and he directly fainted on the floor.

“Y-you... What kind of a person are you to holler around here!?” He said it by putting on a strong front.

No matter what status the other person had, his skills were apparent. If he took action again just because he was upset...

Shangguan Jing lightly snorted. “You don’t have the right to ask me that question yet!”

Ye Lingran swallowed a mouthful of blood as his face flashed white, and his entire body trembled.

However, Shangguan Jing didn’t care as he turned around and looked in another direction. “You’re from the Golden Wings Sect?”

He was naturally asking Jin Di.

Suddenly being pointed out, Jin Di’s heart suddenly skipped a beat! He opened his mouth and was rather guilty. “...T-that’s right!”

*Earlier, Ye Lingran was beaten into this state in one shot and couldn’t even retaliate at all. He is indeed frightening! Now that person is targeting me...*

It was impossible if he said he wasn’t nervous.

“What do you want to do?!” Jin Di clenched his fists tightly.

Shangguan Jing tilted his head. After thinking for a moment, he turned around and asked Chu Liuyue, “At the Flood-Desert Northern Region previously, it was this thing that kept targeting you and putting you in a difficult spot, right?”

He was still in deep sleep back then, but he could faintly feel everything that happened inside and outside the gully. Hence, he remembered Jin Di and... had quite a deep impression of him.

Once he heard Shangguan Jing say this, Jin Di immediately felt that something was bad. *Did this person catch onto me since the Flood-Desert Northern Region? So—*

"It's him." Chu Liuyue nodded softly, and the corner of her lips curled up slightly. "Senior Jin Di has been very concerned about my matters."

"Shangguan Yue, what nonsense are you talking about?!" Jin Di was taken aback! *Isn't this purposely causing trouble for me!??*

"Huh? I didn't speak nonsense." Chu Liuyue looked innocent. "From the Chi Xiao Sword to the Heavenly Square Cauldron, you... or should I say the Golden Wings Sect—have been 'participating' rather enthusiastically, right?"

Participating? They were just causing trouble!

Rong Xiu's thin lips curled up slightly, and he glanced at her. *?This girl became gutsy after seeing her ancestor. She is getting better at setting traps for people...?*

"I-I... I was just..."

"Come over here."

Originally, Jin Di wanted to defend himself. Before he said anything clearly, he heard that man calling him to go over.

He gulped with difficulty. "If you have anything to say, just do it."

*I won't go over! Wouldn't that be courting death?! With what happened to Ye Lingran earlier... Even if all the people who came from the Golden Wings Sect are added together, we won't be his match! Then, why should I go forward and make myself uncomfortable?!?*

Shangguan Jing's expression turned lighter, and his voice became colder. "I told you to come over. Did you not hear me?!"

His every single word was filled with oppression. They were like heavy hammers smashing onto one's heart, causing Jin Di to feel suffocated and uncomfortable.

Jin Di clenched his teeth. "Actually, everyone just doesn't want to cause any misunderstanding. Didn't we solve all those misunderstandings earlier? We—"

Shangguan Jing was too annoyed to hear him talk nonsense. He suddenly raised his hand and pressed his fingers!

*Whoosh!*

Jin Di felt a huge force coming over. The next moment, his body flew forward uncontrollably!

The harsh winds were like blades that scraped past his face!

Before waiting for him to react, his neck suddenly turned cold! Then, he relaxed and tightened!

"Argh..." Jin Di let out a short and painful moan before falling quiet.

Shangguan Jing strangled his neck and coldly asked, "Do you think I'm as stupid as you?"

Jin Di wanted to say something, but he couldn't even spit out a single word. His face rapidly flushed red, and his veins popped out on his forehead.

Only his body was struggling. It was a pity that Shangguan Jing was very stable like a mountain, and he was just wasting his efforts.

Shangguan Jing strangled him and surveyed the surroundings at the same time. "All of you, listen up. All the inheritance in the gully within the Flood-Desert Northern Region belongs to my Shangguan clan! If anybody wants to fight with Yue'er... you will end up like him!"

*Ka!?*

#### **Chapter 1490: Who Can't Offend Whom?**

The crisp sound of bones shattering was heard.

Shangguan Jin casually threw Jin Di, and the latter's body fell to the floor softly.

His eyes protruded out, and his face and head were bruised. His head was also tilted to one side in a strange manner.

There were a few wounds on his neck, and the fresh red blood seemed to want to explode directly from underneath his skin!

His gaze had dissipated, and his expression was dazed. He had no aura at all—he was clearly dead.

In the giant square, the air was as though frozen.

Everyone was taken aback!*?W-what... just happened? This man actually directly killed Jin Di?!?*

When the remaining few people from the Golden Wings Sect saw this scene, they panicked. "Second Master!"

They wanted to rush over, but the body was next to Shangguan Jing. They were filled with fear, so they didn't dare to go near. Hence, they could only stand afar and watch on anxiously and fearfully.

One of them finally mustered the courage and yelled, "Do you know who this is? This is our Golden Wings Sect leader's only younger brother! Our sect leader will definitely not take this lying down!"

"What a coincidence." Shangguan Jing patted his hands lightly as if he felt that they were stained with something dirty. He then smiled faintly and said, "Coincidentally, I also think that killing him alone is not enough for revenge."

The crowd was speechless.*?Listen! Are these human words? It is fine if he kills one, but he even feels that it isn't enough? Does he want to exterminate the Golden Wings Sect??*

Once he said this, those few people's faces flushed white.

Shangguan Jing took another glance at them and laughed. "Don't worry; I won't kill you. After all, someone needs to go back and report the loss."

Besides, he felt that it was beneath him to directly handle these few people.

The crowd was speechless.

Chu Liuyue suddenly felt a lot of respect for her ancestor as she stuck up her thumb in her heart.

Rong Xiu leaned over and lowered his voice. "So your temper was inherited from your clan."

The ability to anger someone to death really couldn't be learned by any ordinary person.

His voice was low and melodious, and it even had a few hints of happiness now. Mixed together with the hot atmosphere, it landed on her thin neck, causing her to feel ticklish.

She turned around and glared at him angrily. However, she was overjoyed from seeing her ancestor, so her glance was also especially bright.

Her eyes were watery and charming.

Rong Xiu glanced at her red and soft earlobes as he chuckled softly. "Yet, I like it."

Then, he watched in satisfaction as the spread of red extended toward her porcelain-white neck. This man then retreated in content.

His appearance was decent, and his gaze was watery. He looked gentlemanly and peerless; it was as if he didn't say those words previously.

Chu Liuyue grunted lightly. *?With Ancestor around, we'll see how outrageous he can be.?*

She retracted her gaze, and it swept past Jin Di's corpse.

The people from the Golden Wings Sect were such bullies, and they had recently offended her quite a bit. However, she didn't expect that before she could retaliate, her ancestor had already taken action—and it was so simple and violent!

She had to admit... It felt good!

"It seems like you have all the courage in the world. With such behavior, you're planning on completely falling out with the Golden Wings Sect?" A voice suddenly sounded from the crowd.

The person speaking was the man in his thirties that had also questioned Chu Liuyue previously. Compared to the other old foxes present, he was clearly much more impulsive and... rather fearless?

At this point, his brows were tightly furrowed, and he had cold mockery in his eyes. It was obvious that he didn't think Shangguan Jing could challenge the entire Golden Wings Sect alone.

Shangguan Jing glanced at him and suddenly laughed. "You should ask the Golden Wings Sect this! Their ancestor doesn't even dare to go against me, yet they're so eager and enthusiastic to do so!"