

## **Noble Ruler 1051**

### **Chapter 1051: A Year**

Lu Yi knew that something was amiss, and he immediately turned around to look! But before he could even see the scene before him clearly, he felt an excruciating pain in his head!

*Bam!*

His eyes turned black, and he immediately fell onto the floor, making a loud sound.

The room recovered its silence again.

If Lu Yi wasn't lying on the floor and a bloody hole had appeared in his forehead, it really looked like nothing had happened at all.

Chu Liuyue looked down and coldly glanced at him before sticking out her thumb in respect. "Big Baby, you're amazing!"

Opposite her, Dugu Mobao expressionlessly placed the chair down.

That chair was even taller than him. If one didn't see it personally, nobody would believe that such a cute child would actually use a chair to knock a demigod unconscious directly!

“He’s just a demigod that was cultivated by using all sorts of methods. His true combat power is around that of a peak stage-nine warrior,” criticized Dugu Mobao nonchalantly.

This was also the reason why Chu Liuyue could forcefully take his attacks previously.

Chu Liuyue smiled and said, “That’s true. You taught all eight of them a lesson previously. You can add him to your list now.”

Thinking of the scene back then, Chu Liuyue was still shocked.

Back then, she and Big Baby were stuck in the dark, narrow alley. They were surrounded by people with cultivation levels all higher than her.

Seeing that the scene couldn’t be controlled, Big Baby stood up.

From start to end, Chu Liuyue didn’t even lift a finger. It wasn’t that she didn’t dare but that she couldn’t do so in time. When she reacted, Big Baby had already settled the last person.

If one had to say that she did something... Did stuffing them into the box count?

This was also because Big Baby found it dirty, so he passed this miscellaneous task to Chu Liuyue.

From start to end, he only used a... brick.

When she thought of this, Chu Liuyue's expression became complicated. "Last time, it was a brick. Now, it's a chair... Big Baby, do you want me to buy you a useful Yuan instrument?"

Dugu Mobao glanced at her coldly and said, "I'll be humiliated if I still need to use a Yuan instrument against these people."

*"...Forget I asked anything." I seem to be overthinking when I'm talking about these matters with a terrifying existence that has formed a Holy Body.*

"But speaking of which, I thought you hid your aura from the start because it's inconvenient for you to take action..."

"It is inconvenient for me to take action, so I didn't use my godly power," said Dugu Mobao lightly. "This Holy Body is enough to deal with such minor problems."

Chu Liuyue's eyelids twitched. *M-minor problems?! I'm starting to regret talking to Dugu Mobao about this. Every time I do so, my self-esteem and self-confidence are crazily impacted.*

"Ahem!" Chu Liuyue coughed and glanced at Lu Yi, who was unconscious on the ground. "Then, what should I do with him?"

*It seems rather disadvantageous... if I just send him back like this.*

Dugu Mobao said nonchalantly, "Just ruin his pearl of essence."

*“Really?” Chu Liuyue’s eyelids twitched. It’s not that I’m kind-hearted, but... If he realizes that he has become a good-for-nothing after he wakes up, he will definitely push all the blame to me. Even though he isn’t one to be feared, his sister—Lu Yu’er—isn’t easy to deal with. Even if I can rely on treating Lin Zhifei to get a backing for myself, I’m still alone without any support. I’m not afraid of anything, but I feel that this will cause unnecessary trouble for myself.*

*This Lu Yi is very arrogant and has taken action on her many times, yet she doesn’t want to cripple him?* Dugu Mobao knitted his brows. “Then, what do you want?”

Chu Liuyue broke out into a bright smile and lightly said, “There are many ways to punish a person. Why must you do it so obviously?”

Then, she took out a pill and forcefully fed it to Lu Yi.

“What’s that?” Dugu Mobao squinted his eyes.

“Soul-sucking pill.” Chu Liuyue dusted off her hands. “After he consumes it, he’ll gradually forget all his memories within a year. He will first forget about tonight. When he wakes up tomorrow, it’ll be impossible for him to remember anything and point us out. When his memories are messed up, his mental health will also be affected. In the end, he’ll be a useless person with no rationality or emotions.”

Dugu Mobao’s sinister-like purple eyes seemed to glow faintly. His brows then relaxed, and he revealed a satisfied smile. “That’s more like it.”

*Even if she has changed to another body, I don’t want her to become soft-hearted.*

“Okay, we just need to send him back now—” Chu Liuyue was about to pull Lu Yi up and send him away when she suddenly stopped her actions. It was as if she were thinking about some problem as her expression was dazed.

There seemed to be ripples in the depths of her black, gem-like eyes.

Dugu Mobao found that something was amiss and immediately asked, “What’s the matter?”

Chu Liuyue didn’t react.

Dugu Mobao called her. “Yue’er Girlie?”

This time, Chu Liuyue finally recovered her senses.

She slowly turned her head over, and her actions were stiff. Her expression was also very strange.

“Big Baby,” she called out lightly. Even though she was talking to Dugu Mobao, her eyes weren’t focused as if she were looking at something through the air.

Her appearance caused Dugu Mobao’s heart to skip a beat. “What’s the matter?”

Chu Liuyue kept quiet for a moment before lightly pronouncing every word clearly.. “Coincidentally, it also seems to be a year... since I died in my previous life and was reborn in this life.”

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Dugu Mobao's eyes flickered. "It's just a coincidence."

"Really?" Chu Liuyue questioned in suspicion.

"Back then, you set yourself on fire and committed suicide. Your physical body was already completely ruined, leaving only your soul behind. You only managed to be reborn in this body by force. What has all of this got to do with the soul-sucking pill?" said Dugu Mobao nonchalantly.

"That's true... but—" Chu Liuyue nodded thoughtfully. *But I still feel that this matter is amiss. After I was reborn, I had even specifically asked for the date—that day was indeed coincidentally a year after I died. If one says that it's a coincidence... could there really be no other meaning?*

"Let's send him back first. If not, there might be unnecessary trouble," urged Dugu Mobao silently.

Chu Liuyue glanced at Dugu Mobao. *I wonder if he doesn't want to talk to me about this or whether he genuinely has no interest in it.*

However, she didn't ask in detail.

*Perhaps... I really am overthinking it?* She nodded and collected her thoughts as she pulled Lu Yi up.  
"Let's go!"

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The night silently passed on just like that.

The next morning, Chu Liuyue brought Dugu Mobao to the Lin family.

Upon seeing the duo's arrival, the guard bowed from far away and smiled warmly. "Ms. Dugu, you're here! Master and Fourth Young Master are both waiting for you!"

Seeing the guard's reaction, Chu Liuyue understood that the news of Lin Zhifei's body recovering had already spread around.

As expected, not long after she walked in, she saw Lin Tianfeng—who had heard the news and specifically came out to welcome her.

When Lin Tianfeng saw Chu Liuyue, his face immediately broke out into a smile. "Ms. Dugu!"

Chu Liuyue smiled and went forward. "Master Lin, I'm not late, am I?"

"Not at all! Not at all!" Lin Tianfeng's face was filled with smiles. "Hurry up and go in! Zhifei is currently packing his things inside, so he didn't come out. Ms. Dugu, don't blame him!"

*“Why would I?” Chu Liuyue raised her brows slightly. Even though I’ve long known that Lin Tianfeng is biased toward his son, I didn’t expect it would be to this extent. I haven’t even treated Lin Zhifei completely, yet Lin Tianfeng’s attitude toward me is much better than before. If Lin Zhifei really recovers fully... I don’t even know how he would thank me.*

While Chu Liuyue walked in with Lin Tianfeng, she asked, “May I know if Fourth Young Master is feeling better today?”

“He’s much better! Much better!” Lin Tianfeng hurriedly nodded, his eyes filled with unconcealable comfort and emotions.

“Ms. Dugu, you’re indeed amazing! It’s all thanks to you this time!”

Lin Tianfeng originally wanted to check on his son’s condition the night before, but the pageboy had said that he was resting. Thus, he didn’t disturb him.

When he saw Lin Zhifei this morning, he immediately felt that the latter was different!

Lin Zhifei’s health did take a turn for the better!

This finally calmed his uneasy heart.

When he saw Chu Liuyue again, his emotions were naturally different.

Chu Liuyue smiled slightly. “It’s mainly because Fourth Young Master’s core is good, and his circulation is better.”



“No matter what, I must thank you properly, Ms. Dugu!” said Lin Tianfeng emotionally.

As he talked, the two of them had already arrived at Lin Zhifei’s residence.

The pageboy welcomed them at the door.

The moment Chu Liuyue walked in, she saw Lin Zhifei.

Today, he was wearing a bamboo-green robe with a jade belt around his waist. It was clearly extremely minimalist clothing, but the robe had a clear aura to it.

His usually pale face was tainted with a slight bit of blood color. Together with his eyes that seemed brighter, his entire person looked much more different than before.

Without the weird pearl’s existence and with his internal conflict resolved, he naturally got better faster.

Seeing his appearance, Chu Liuyue was also secretly shocked. *I can only say that Lin Zhifei’s recovery ability is much much stronger than I had expected. Without those restrictions, this person’s future will definitely be bright. It’s no wonder Lin Tianfeng is so happy today. This should be the scene he has most wanted to see for the past few decades, right?*

“It seems like you’re indeed better, Fourth Young Master.” Chu Liuyue smiled and went forward.

The distance and coldness in Lin Zhifei's eyes subsided greatly. "It's all thanks to you, Ms. Dugu. Out of all these years, I slept most peacefully last night. May I know... if Ms. Dugu slept well?"

Chu Liuyue's heart tingled, and she smiled with slightly deeper meaning. "Thank you for your concern, Fourth Young Master. Big Baby and I slept very well."

Lin Zhifei nodded. "That's good."

Then, Chu Liuyue took the chance to take his pulse and said, "Fourth Young Master, your health has been deteriorating for the past few years. If you want to recover completely, you still need to recuperate for a period of time."

Lin Zhifei smiled and said, "I've already survived so many years. There's nothing I can't wait for."

Hearing the duo's conversation and confirming that Lin Zhifei's health did have a chance of fully recovering, Lin Tianfeng turned his head to the side slightly and took a deep breath in to suppress the tears in his eyes.

"Master, Fourth Young Master, everyone is waiting in the living room," reported the pageboy as he came forward.

"It's time to go!" Then, Lin Tianfeng turned around, smiled, and urged the two of them.

"Look at me, I actually forgot about this! Zhifei, Ms. Dugu, let's go!"

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The few of them went to the living room. When they reached, a group of people was indeed gathered there.

Chu Liuyue quickly surveyed her surroundings.

The three elders had an experienced aura, and they were clearly the elders the Lin family had chosen to go on this trip with them.

Beside them were three young girls. At first glance, they were all beautiful with good figures. Furthermore, these three people's auras weren't weak.

They were clearly beauties that had been meticulously chosen, and they were superior in all aspects.

Chu Liuyue's gaze suddenly turned a little strange. *I think these three must be the candidates Grotto-Heaven Cliff has chosen to participate in His Grace's consort-picking contest.*

Seeing Lin Tianfeng and the rest arrive, the people in the living room immediately looked up and bowed in unison. "Greetings, Master."

Lin Tianfeng raised his hand and smiled brightly. "We're about to set off. We don't have to care about these formalities."

When they saw that he was so happy, the few of them exchanged glances and later looked at Lin Zhifei, who followed him in. With that, they all understood why.

One of the elders laughed out loud and inquired, "Master, you're so happy. It seems like Fourth Young Master's body is recovering?"

"It's all thanks to Ms. Dugu!" said Lin Tianfeng heartily with a smile.

Hearing his affirmative response, the crowd in the room instantly turned around to look at Chu Liuyue together. *This woman seems ordinary, and we've heard that she came from outside the God Residence Realm. Could she really be that amazing?*

However, Chu Liuyue seemed to be in a daze.

Lin Zhifei gently called her. "Ms. Dugu? Ms. Dugu, what are you thinking about?"

Chu Liuyue recovered her senses and then noticed that the crowd was looking at her. Her lips curled up into a smile. "Nothing much.. I was just thinking that these few ladies are indeed very pretty. If His Grace sees them, he'll definitely like them, right?"

### **Chapter 1053: Abandon**

For some reason, Lin Zhifei faintly felt that Chu Liuyue's words were amiss. However, he couldn't specifically point out which part of it was wrong.

On the other hand, those few women looked elated when they heard this.

Even though they also knew that their chances of being chosen weren't high, who didn't like to hear compliments? Besides, who could say for sure? What if they were extremely lucky... Then, they could shoot up to the sky!

"Thank you for your words, Ms. Dugu, but there are many clans participating in the contest for the position of princess consort during His Grace's birthday banquet. Every clan has chosen their most outstanding girls of suitable age, so the competition is very intense. Nobody knows what the outcome will be." Lin Tianfeng laughed.

In actual fact, he didn't have much hope. Among the many clans, Grotto-Heaven Cliff could only be considered as one of the weaker ones. No matter if it was the size of their territory, resources, or any other aspects, they couldn't be compared to the other divisions.

The three women before the group were meticulously chosen by them with much difficulty.

At first glance, they might seem decent. However, he was afraid that they couldn't be compared to the elegant women the major clans carefully brought up.

Upon hearing this, the few women hurriedly retracted their gazes.

"Ms. Dugu, you're so young, and you came from outside the God Residence Realm. I didn't expect you to really be able to treat Fourth Young Master... I heard that you're already an eighth-grade heavenly doctor now, Ms. Dugu?" An elder standing at the back spoke suddenly. His tone was stern with a tinge of unconcealable arrogance.

Chu Liuyue followed the voice and looked over.

That elder was thin and had white hair, but his eyes were gleaming with a cold glint.

Since she and Lin Zhifei walked in, he didn't really smile at all. Furthermore, he seemed to have some hidden enmity toward her.

As if Chu Liuyue didn't see anything wrong, she smiled and said, "I just broke through to become an eighth-grade heavenly doctor two days ago. May I know this senior..."

"This is Elder Lou Ruhai," said Lin Zhifei. "He's also the First Elder in the Lin family who serves as our heavenly doctor."

Chu Liuyue instantly understood. *So this person is the greatest heavenly doctor in the Lin family? I heard Lin Tianfeng say that he seems to be a peak ninth-grade heavenly doctor?*

Knowing the other party's status, Chu Liuyue instantly understood why the other party disliked her. *He is extremely strong and has a distinguished status in the Lin family. He didn't manage to solve Lin Zhifei's illness after so long, but I did once I came. Won't this be slapping his face? It's no wonder he's treating me with such an attitude.*

Chu Liuyue bowed. "I'm Dugu Yue. Greetings, Senior Lou Ruhai—"

However, Lou Ruhai directly said, "Forget this formality! Perhaps I might have many questions that require your guidance in the future, Ms. Dugu!"

His words sounded weird, but Chu Liuyue didn't take them to heart as she smiled.

Elder Lin Mo, who spoke to Lin Tianfeng at first, concluded the conversation. "Haha! Since everyone is here—Master, shall we proceed?"

Lin Tianfeng nodded.

However, Lou Ruhai suddenly said, "We naturally must go, but... What's with that child?"

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat. As expected, he was staring straight at Dugu Mobao with a cold gaze.

She pulled Dugu Mobao behind her and smiled politely. "Big Baby is just a child, and he's always obedient. He won't cause us any trouble."

"Oh? Are you sure?" Lou Ruhai lightly grunted. "You need to know that the spots to go to that place are very precious. Seeing that you treated Fourth Young Master and that you still need to accompany him for a period of time, it's not unreasonable to give you a spot. However, this child..."

"Elder Lou, according to the child's age, he doesn't need to take a spot," reminded Lin Tianfeng.

"Of course, I know this. But Master, don't forget. This birthday banquet that His Grace is holding is also a contest to choose his princess consort. Won't it be rather inappropriate to bring a child along to such a venue...?"

Chu Liuyue smiled seemingly, but her eyes lost their smiling intent. “Then, do you think that I should leave Big Baby here alone?”

Lou Ruhai stroked his beard. “That can be a plan. Anyway, Madam is still around in the Lin family, and there are many people here to take care of the child. He won’t be mistreated, and it’d be more convenient for everyone, right?”

Chu Liuyue sneered in her heart. *Thinking of leaving Big Baby behind to be the hostage? Dream on! If Big Baby is angered, the others will be the ones to suffer!*

Chu Liuyue was too lazy to talk nonsense with him as she directly looked at Lin Tianfeng and lightly asked, “Master Lin, what do you think?”

Lin Tianfeng shook his head without any hesitation. “There’s no need. This child is so young. How can he separate from his mother? We have so many people; he won’t cause any trouble.”

*Dugu Yue originally came to the God Residence Realm to find her husband. It would be too unjustified if I separated the mother-son duo.*

Even though he was also worried, Dugu Yue had treated Zhifei, so he was willing to take responsibility for this.

“Master! This—” Lou Ruhai wanted to say something further, but he was stopped by Lin Tianfeng’s gaze.

“That’s enough. It’s getting late; we should set off now!” Then, Lin Tianfeng left directly.



Lou Ruhai's expression was ugly, but he couldn't argue further. He knitted his brows and glanced at Chu Liuyue and Dugu Mobao before following Lin Tianfeng.

Chu Liuyue touched Dugu Mobao's head. "Don't worry. Wherever we go, I won't abandon you!"

Dugu Mobao's eyelids twitched. But when he heard this, he still held back his urge to explode in anger.

The few of them didn't speak further and went straight to the transportation formation.

#### **Chapter 1054: Position of the Princess Consort**

Perhaps Chu Liuyue's current appearance was too ordinary and she was an outstanding heavenly doctor, or perhaps Dugu Mobao looked too cute, but it caused the few women's motherly hearts to flutter.

No matter what, their attitudes toward Chu Liuyue and Dugu Mobao during the entire journey were extremely good. The few of them surrounded the duo and asked quite a few questions, clearly quite interested in both of them.

Chu Liuyue was still okay as she occasionally talked to them. However, Dugu Mobao had a cold face, and he exuded a coldness that prevented strangers from going close to him.

It was a pity that it wasn't very convincing when paired with his current cute and adorable appearance and figure.

If Chu Liuyue didn't defend him sternly, Dugu Mobao's distinguished face would be terribly touched.

They passed through the extremely terrible period in this manner, and the crowd finally reached the place.

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Chu Liuyue looked up.

This was a large square.

In the center of the square, there was a black circular transportation formation. It was engraved with some pattern—that was the Lin family's totem!

There weren't many people in the surroundings, but a few guards were still stationed there as they guarded the place strictly.

The discipline was high, and the atmosphere was solemn.

After reaching this place, everyone seemed to be especially stern and serious. There seemed to be some faint form of fear and respect.

Lin Tianfeng surveyed his surroundings, knitted his brows, and asked, "Where's Yu'er?"

*According to the rules, Lu Yu'er should've been waiting here long ago to send us off. But everyone else is here at this moment, yet Lu Yu'er is nowhere to be found.*

The person at the front stepped forward and respectfully said, "Master, Madam... temporarily left because something cropped up."

*What thing could be more important than sending us off to that place? Without thinking, Lin Tianfeng knew what had happened, and his face turned cold. "Did something happen to the Lu family again?"*

"Uhm..." That man hesitated for a moment and whispered, "I heard that something is wrong with Young Master Lu's body..."

*"Hmph, he's the most arrogant one usually. What problem can he have?" It's fine if Lu Yi is immature, but even Lu Yu'er is messing around with him! For that younger brother she spoils, she doesn't even care about her responsibilities as the Lin family's Mistress!*

"Forget it!" Lin Tianfeng said as he stepped onto the transportation formation! *It isn't too late to do the accounts for this when we're back.*

Lin Zhifei, Elder Lin Mo, and the rest followed closely.

Then, it was the few young women.

Lastly, it was Chu Liuyue and Dugu Mobao.

Actually, this transportation formation wasn't considered huge. Only a hundred or so people could be transported at one time, but its aura was extraordinary.

Just as Chu Liuyue was about to get on, the women that had just gone up yelled in pain.

One of them was careless and directly kneeled on the floor! Her knees smashed against the floor harshly, letting out a sound. She was in so much pain that her face paled.

Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes. *This is clearly not the reaction one would get from knocking their knees. It seems like—*

"The other end of the transportation formation is connected to that place. Its suppression is naturally much stronger than other transportation formations." Elder Lin Mo hurried over and helped that woman up. "Even people like us—who have stepped into the Apotheosis Realm—feel that it's hard to handle, let alone you."

That woman forcefully stood up with Elder Lin Mo's help.

The other two women seemed to have only forcefully stabilized their figures due to the other two elders' help. But judging from their expressions, they clearly looked like they were uncomfortable.

"When we're on the road, you must remember to look after each other. Master and the elders will also help you," said Elder Lin Mo comfortingly.

The few women then felt more assured, but they still looked shocked.

Lin Zhifei looked at Chu Liuyue and slightly knitted his brows.

Chu Liuyue didn't notice this as she pulled Dugu Mobao over. But the moment she stood on the transportation formation, she felt an intense suppression coming from all sides!

*Danger!*

Chu Liuyue's alarm in her heart rang loudly! *My true cultivation level is only that of a beginner stage-seven warrior. How can I handle this? But right now, I can't openly get Ancestor's help or even Dugu Mobao's help!*

Just as she was very nervous, the Cosmic Ring on her hand suddenly vibrated slightly. An extremely small wave was then sent out!

*Hua!*

That unknown suppression suddenly dissipated, and the burden on Chu Liuyue seemed to instantly disappear at that moment!

Chu Liuyue looked down and glanced at the Cosmic Ring on her hand in shock. *There is nothing amiss. Other than me, it seems like nobody noticed this minute change.*

She pressed her lips against each other tightly. *This Cosmic Ring belongs to Rong Xiu, but it doesn't seem like an ordinary Cosmic Ring. This transportation formation's reaction...*

“Ms. Dugu, are you okay?” asked Lin Zhifei suddenly.

Chu Liuyue looked up and smiled. “I’m fine. Fourth Young Master, you don’t have to worry.”

Then, she looked at Dugu Mobao beside her. “Big Baby, how are you?”

Dugu Mobao originally didn’t want to talk, but seeing her concerned expression, he still spat out two words. “I’m fine.”

*What is this girl thinking? I’ve already formed my Holy Body, so the transportation formation naturally won’t pose much threat to me. Yet, she still asked... Dugu Mobao helplessly shook his head. She didn’t let me feel assured at all.*

When they were talking, the two of them had already reached the rest.

At this point, Chu Liuyue then realized that they were looking at her and Dugu Mobao with a strange gaze.

“...What’s wrong?” asked Chu Liuyue curiously.

*“Are you... really okay?” Shock flashed across Lin Tianfeng’s eyes. It’s okay for Dugu Yue. After all, she has to be strong if she could barge in from outside the God Residence Realm. But this child... Why does he seem so unaffected?*

Chu Liuyue roughly guessed their thoughts, but she didn't express much.

Lin Zhifei touched his palm and smiled slightly. "Good that you're fine. Father, let's go."

Lin Tianfeng nodded as he suppressed his inner doubts and gathered his force!

Very quickly, a bright pattern appeared above his head—it was the Lin family's totem!

*Whir—*

The transportation formation seemed to be urged by some force as it gradually spun!

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At the same time, miles away.

The islands floated quietly.

The rich Heaven and Earth Force formed white clouds, which floated around lightly.

A deep, blue ocean was beneath, and it flickered under the sunlight.

At first glance, it looked like paradise.

A few guards stood guard next to a transportation formation on one of the islands.

Suddenly, the transportation formation moved strangely!

One of the guards widened their eyes slightly. “W-why does this seem like His Grace’s aura...”

“What nonsense are you saying? His Highness’s birthday banquet is about to start, and everyone from the clans is already here. It’s very crowded on the main island. Why would His Highness be here?” retorted another guard by the side immediately.

“But—”

“No more buts.. I heard that the person from Fairy Water Mound is also here. The position of princess consort should belong to her, right?”

### **Chapter 1055: Sky-Cloud Empire**

“Hold on!” When Lin Tianfeng and the rest planned to leave, an anxious shout suddenly came from far away. “Dugu Yue, you can’t leave!”

When she heard this voice, Chu Liuyue’s heart tingled as she looked up.



The incoming person was Lu Yu'er. She hurried over with accumulated rage filling her eyes.

She rapidly rushed to Chu Liuyue and was about to board the transportation formation when she was stopped by the guards at the side. "Madam, you can't board the transportation formation now."

Lu Yu'er was very frustrated. She could only stand rooted to the spot and look at Lin Tianfeng with grievances. "Master, you mustn't let her go!"

Lin Tianfeng knitted his brows. "What are you yelling about?!"

"Master, she injured Lu Yi and even poisoned him! She's such a ruthless person. You mustn't leave her with you!"

"What nonsense are you talking about?" Lin Tianfeng was already very unhappy with her. When he now saw that she had completely lost her composure for Lu Yi, he was even more infuriated.

Seeing that the transportation formation had already been activated, Lu Yu'er was even more furious and anxious. She pointed at Chu Liuyue, her eyes filled with vengeance. "Dugu Yue, you know best what you did!"

Chu Liuyue smiled. "Madam Lin, what are you talking about? Why do I not understand? You said that I harmed Young Master Lu and even poisoned him, but Big Baby and I were resting in the inn last night and didn't go out. Do you have any evidence for what you're saying?"

“You...” Lu Yu’er was stumped.

This morning, she heard the news that Lu Yi was in trouble. She initially didn’t want to go since she had to bid Lin Tianfeng and the rest farewell after all. But upon seeing that the pageboy was panicking, she felt worried and still went over in the end.

It was fine if she didn’t go, but once she did, she realized that Lu Yi’s condition was terrible. Not to mention his forehead having a huge wound, but he even had a high fever and was unconscious the whole time as he kept muttering something under his breath.

Seeing him in this manner, she instantly guessed that he must’ve gone to cause trouble for Dugu Yue before ending up in this state. That was why she came to look for Dugu Yue in a rage and wanted the latter to give an explanation.

*But this evidence... Am I supposed to expose the entire incident? We are in the wrong! For now, the only person who can testify against Dugu Yue is Lu Yi, but he is muddle-headed and can’t say anything clearly.*

Seeing that Lu Yu’er had nothing to say, Lin Tianfeng’s tone became much sterner. “Ms. Dugu is my Lin family’s very important guest. How can you blindly smear her!? Don’t let me hear this again! If not—”

*Lu Yu’er bit her lips tightly, and a strong bloody smell attacked her lips and teeth. This Dugu Yue is smart. She depended on treating Lin Zhifei to gain Lin Tianfeng’s trust and protection easily! If she just leaves in this manner, it’d be hard to convict her in the future! However, I have no right to go with them...*

“Dugu Yue, I won’t let this matter slide! The truth will come out one day! At that time, we’ll see how you’ll explain yourself!”

Chu Liuyue shrugged her shoulders and laughed lightly. “You’re most welcome.”

When she saw Dugu Yue's relaxed expression that looked as if she didn't care about this matter, Lu Yu'er's blood boiled.

But at this moment, the transportation formation was completely activated! The transportation formation glowed brightly and instantly covered the few of them!

"Have a safe journey, Master!" As the crowd respectfully sent them off, their figures disappeared.

Looking at the empty transportation formation in front of her, Lu Yu'er clenched her teeth harshly. *Dugu Yue! Don't think that you can just leave like this!*

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Lin Tianfeng and the rest entered the space passageway.

Probably because this transportation formation's grade was very high and was built by strong warriors, it was very stable.

After entering it, Elder Lin Mo took out a lantern.

The clear light instantly illuminated the space the crowd was in.

“Ms. Dugu, what happened just now?” After a temporary silence, one woman couldn’t help but ask, breaking the silence.

Upon hearing this, everyone looked over.

Chu Liuyue looked normal and helplessly smiled. “I don’t know either. When I came to Grotto-Heaven Cliff a few days ago, I met that Young Master Lu once and had a minor argument with him, which didn’t end well. I’m not too sure why Madam Lin is behaving in this way today.”

The few women exchanged glances, and all nodded thoughtfully. *Who in Grotto-Heaven Cliff doesn’t know that Lu Yi is a pervert? Dugu Yue came from outside the God Residence realm and brought a child along with her. She can be considered as not having anyone to depend on. Why would such a person willingly cause trouble for herself? It must’ve been Lu Yi who first caused trouble, and now, he is playing the blame game.*

“Ms. Dugu, don’t worry. Now that you’ve treated Fourth Young Master, the Lin family will treat you very politely! You don’t have to fear anything else!”

“That’s right! Ms. Dugu, you’re so capable! Why would you scheme against such a person?”

“That Lu Yi is used to bullying people. Someone will teach him a lesson sooner or later!”

The few of them comforted her one after another.

Looking at Chu Liuyue and Dugu Mobao at the side, the few of them revealed looks of sympathy. *Is it easy for a widow to bring the child up alone?!*

“Thank you, everyone. I won’t take these matters to heart.” Chu Liuyue’s lips curved up slightly. “This journey is the most important one to me.”

The few women had complicated gazes, and all nodded.

Actually, they had all heard that this Dugu Yue came from outside the realm to find her husband. Rumors had it that her husband was from that side, and he fell in love with Dugu Yue outside the God Residence realm under some twist of fate—they even had a child. It was a pity that he went off without returning and directly abandoned the mother-son duo!

“All the men in the world are the same! After they’re done eating and playing, they’ll be super irritating!”

‘Ms. Dugu, if you’re going to find that man, you mustn’t back off at that time! You must teach him a harsh lesson and let him know how capable you are!’

“That’s right! Don’t worry. At that time, we’ll all stand on your side!”

“Even though you’re from outside the God Residence Realm, Ms. Dugu, you’re very outstanding and strong. That man is clearly blind to treat you in this manner! It’s not easy to find a three-legged croak, but two-legged men are everywhere! With your qualities, why wouldn’t you be able to find another man?”

The few women spoke with infuriated attitudes.

Chu Liuyue clenched her fist and brought it to her lips to cough. “Um... Actually, he’s not that bad...”

Before she could finish her sentence, the few women gasped in shock. “Ms. Dugu, don’t tell me you still miss that jerk?”

“You mustn’t do that!”

“That’s right! Such a man can’t be kept!”

Chu Liuyue was speechless. *If they know that the man they’re scolding now is His Grace—who they want to keep meeting and seeing—what will their expressions be? Furthermore, if that distinguished His Grace hears these words, what will his expression be?*

“We’re reaching soon,” said Lin Tianfeng suddenly.

Chu Liuyue looked up.

A bright light appeared at the end of the tunnel!

“The place in front is the Sky-Cloud Empire!”

**Chapter 1056: Personally Welcome**

*Sky-Cloud Empire!* Chu Liuyue kept thinking of these words in her mind. So... *this is Rong Xiu's family clan's name?*

When the others heard it, they instantly fell silent. Even in the dim passageway, it wasn't hard to detect the slightly tense atmosphere.

Even Lin Tianfeng's expression was stern and serious, one he had never shown before.

It could be seen that everyone was nervous to some extent.

Very quickly, a strange ripple came from the front!

Chu Liuyue instinctively held her breath.

As the pressure attacked her, the place before her turned bright!

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Chu Liuyue felt slightly more at ease when her feet landed on the concrete ground.

She wasn't too used to the blinding light, so she squinted slightly. Then, she looked at her surroundings.

A blue ocean was before her, reflecting the light as it looked pure and vast.

Far away, islands of different sizes quietly floated in midair. They were surrounded by smoke, and it looked just like paradise.

The sky was a clear light blue.

The place where the water and the sky intersected—it was hard for people to differentiate if the blue was the sky or the ocean.

There was a faint sweetness in the air, which rejuvenated one's organs and made one feel comfortable.

Chu Liuyue secretly felt shocked. *This place has the highest Heaven and Earth Force density I've ever seen in my life!*

Right at this moment, a stern voice sounded in her ear. "Grotto-Heaven Cliff?"

Chu Liuyue paused and turned in the direction of the voice.

Next to the transportation formation were a few guards in black armor. The person talking at the front seemed to be a grade higher as his bodily aura was stronger than the rest.

They all had a strange pattern engraved on the upper-left side of their chest armor.

*This should be their Sky-Cloud Empire's totem.* Chu Liuyue watched on and faintly felt that it was quite familiar.



Lin Tianfeng cupped his fists, smiled, and said, "I'm Grotto-Heaven Cliff's Lin Tianfeng. I brought my clansmen over to congratulate His Grace on his birthday banquet!"

The soldier at the front cupped his fists and politely said, "Greetings, Master Lin."

The few people behind him bowed in unison.

*Chu Liuyue watched on from the back with much interest. Even though these people are very polite to Lin Tianfeng, they don't put themselves in a very low position. And Lin Tianfeng clearly respects them very much since he treats them differently from ordinary guards. The Sky-Cloud Empire... is indeed different.*

These soldiers were clearly acting this way because they were from the Sky-Cloud Empire.

When a clan was strong to a certain extent, everyone would respect them. This... was the right to speak brought about by capabilities!

"Master Lin, why did you guys arrive so late? His Grace's birthday banquet is about to start in a few hours! If you were any later, you wouldn't even be able to go to the main island!"

Lin Tianfeng hurriedly said, "Sorry, we did meet with some troubles on the way here. Firstly, the transportation formation was faulty and kept delaying our arrival."

That soldier shook his head. "It's fine; there's still some time left. You—hm? Why is there a child?" He glanced at Lin Tianfeng and slightly knitted his brows. "Master Lin, I recall that you don't have such a young child, right?"

Lin Tianfeng hurriedly waved his hands in denial. "It's a misunderstanding—a misunderstanding! This child isn't from my Lin family; it's this Ms. Dugu's! She's my son—Zhifei's heavenly doctor, so they came along."

Quite a few people knew that Lin Tianfeng was biased toward his son Lin Zhifei. Rumors had it that he seemed to want to pass the position of Lin family head to the latter. It was a pity that Lin Zhifei had been frail since birth and was sickly.

Thus, many people didn't think well of this. However, Lin Tianfeng's attitude still didn't change.

*It's expected that he would bring Lin Zhifei and his heavenly doctor along, but... It's fine if his heavenly doctor came. What's with the child?*

"Master Lin, even though this child doesn't take up a spot, it seems rather inappropriate for you to do this! This is His Grace's birthday banquet and the contest to choose his princess consort. You—"

Lin Tianfeng coughed and lowered his voice. "Uh... You might not know, but this Ms. Dugu has no kin or relatives. It's really hard on her to bring a child along. I can't just ask her to abandon her child... I promise that this child won't run around and cause any trouble! Do you think... you can let this slide?"

Seeing how Lin Tianfeng was asking him for a favor, the soldier couldn't say anything further.

“Since this is so, then... Master Lin, you must be careful. You also know that this is the Sky-Cloud Empire.” When he said the second half of the sentence, that guard’s voice was sterner with a hint of authority in it.

Lin Tianfeng hurriedly thanked him.

The soldier waved his hands. “The people from the other clans have already arrived. You should hurry on too!”

Even though Grotto-Heaven Cliff was considered weak out of all the other divisions, they should do what they needed to.

He then moved his sleeves slightly, and a palm-sized white plaque appeared in midair.

The plaque was engraved with the Sky-Cloud Empire’s totem, and it had clouds carved on the edges.

It glowed brightly.

That soldier boomed, “Grotto-Heaven Cliff’s Lin family is here! Someone from the main island, please receive them!”

Then, the plaque whirred softly. Afterward, a silver ray of light shot out and spread in another direction!

Chu Liuyue and the rest looked toward the light.

Far away, a gigantic island floated quietly—it seemed to be the biggest and centermost island here! No matter if it were scale or authority, it was unquestionably the top existence here.

*That... should be the main island they were talking about, right?* Once this thought surfaced in Chu Liuyue's mind, a ray of light suddenly flew out from the main island.

Compared to the light on the plaque, that ray of light seemed much more substantial!

In no time, the two rays of light met in midair and formed a bridge!

"Everyone, go ahead!"

Lin Tianfeng jumped up first and landed on the bridge. The remaining people followed closely.

The few elders were alright as they were quite experienced, so they seemed rather calm. However, those few women still couldn't conceal the excitement and curiosity in their eyes, though they tried their best to calm themselves down.

It was their first time here.

To them, the Sky-Cloud Empire was once a high and unreachable place. Now, with this chance, they could actually be here...

It was like a dream!

Chu Liuyue brought Dugu Mobao with her, and they were the last to go up.

“Let’s go!” Lin Tianfeng led the way and walked forward first.

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At the same time, Rong Xiu was reading in the study. Suddenly, he paused in his actions, and his thin lips curled up into a faint smile. “She’s finally here.”

Then, he stood up and walked outside.

Seeing this, Yan Qing hurriedly went forward. “Your Highness, you really... want to personally go over now? Why don’t I first—”

*The outside is filled with people. His Highness’s actions will definitely be seen.*

Rong Xiu raised his sharp brows.. “I naturally must personally welcome my own princess consort.”

**Chapter 1057: Rules**

Yan Qing secretly thought to himself, *His words are gold, and he even said that she is his princess consort. Yet, he still openly organized a contest to choose his princess consort, making it so real. I wonder what reaction that person will have if she sees this!*

*But since His Highness plans to do this, we can only listen to him as his subordinates. In a short period of time, countless scenarios that might take place flashed across Yan Qing's mind. Hm? Perhaps I should also think about how not to be implicated by His Highness then...*

But the moment the master-servant duo walked out and before they could move anywhere else, Yu Mo hurried in from outside.

“Your Highness.” Seeing Rong Xiu, Yu Mo hurriedly bowed. “Your Highness, Big Missy Jiang is here. She’s currently waiting outside the palace, and she says that she has something to discuss with you personally.”

Without any background or name, just a ‘Big Missy Jiang’ was enough to explain who the other party was. This could only prove that this person had a very high status and that everyone would know who she was by her term of address.

Rong Xiu didn’t stop in his tracks as he looked nonchalant. “Ask her to wait.”

Yu Mo was dazed for a moment as he looked up strangely and glanced at Rong Xiu. *It’s fine if His Highness doesn’t see the rest, but this person...*

A bulb then lit up in Yu Mo’s mind as he suddenly thought of something. *Could it be...*

He quickly glanced at Yan Qing, and the latter silently nodded.

Yu Mo understood. *No wonder—so that person really is here!*

He then swallowed the words in his throat. *If that person is here, the rest will definitely have to be pushed back!*

But not long after Rong Xiu walked out, a sweet and gentle woman's voice sounded. "His Highness, where are you going? You're in such a hurry that you don't even want to see me?"

Rong Xiu stopped in his tracks and looked over.

A girl in a white dress stood there in a lively manner. She was thin and slim, and she didn't have any unnecessary accessories adorning her. There was only a thin, blue jade belt around her waist, which outlined her womanly figure.

She looked like a peach, and her features were perfect. The most charming thing was the gentleness in her watery eyes.

Her intricately tied-up hair had a blue hairpin stuck to it.

She tilted her head slightly and gently shook it as if she could tingle one's heart.

Rong Xiu squinted his eyes and lightly said, "Jiang Zhiyuan? Why are you here?"

As he spoke, his gaze turned and landed on Yu Mo.

Yu Mo was shocked and hurriedly said, “Your Highness, I previously told Big Missy Jiang to wait outside, and I didn’t invite her in. I don’t know why she’s here either.”

The soldiers at the side were dazed, and they then realized that they seemed to have done something wrong. Hence, they hurriedly kneeled down. “Your Highness, we—”

“I have long set rules—without my permission, nobody is allowed to enter or leave this area casually. It seems like your memory isn’t serving you well.”

“Your Highness! Your Highness, please spare us!”

“You are dismissed from your positions. Also, flog them a hundred times.” Rong Xiu’s expression was cold. “Immediately carry it out before the main hall!”

When they heard him say this, the soldiers’ faces turned pale as they collapsed on the floor in defeat. *Oh no...*

Jiang Zhiyuan’s smile froze. “Your Highness, what are you doing? They just let me come in because they saw that it was me. In the past, I’ve always come and gone to this place as I pleased. There was never—”

“That’s in the past.” Rong Xiu glanced at her with a deep gaze. “When the clan leader lived here, you could do whatever you wanted. But now, this is my bedroom. I have the last say.”

“I believe you should remember this rule this time, right, Big Missy Jiang?”



## Chapter 1058: Chosen

Jiang Zhiyuan's face gradually turned red as tears welled up in her eyes, and her nose turned sour. She bit her lips and tried hard to calm herself down, but her voice still had an obvious crying tone to it. "...It turns out that His Highness hates me so much..."

She originally came over happily and just kept thinking about what would happen after they met. These few years, she rarely came over; she hadn't met Rong Xiu in two years. She had imagined countless scenarios, but none of them was as embarrassing as the one before her.

Her face seemed to be on fire as it hurt with the burn. The surrounding people's gazes were like needles that pricked her body, and she wanted to disappear from this place immediately!

She never thought that he wouldn't leave her any leeway.

Compared to Jiang Zhiyuan's shock and pain, Rong Xiu didn't even take this matter to heart.

The clan leader was in charge in the past and indulged her, and Rong Xiu was too lazy to bother with it back then. But now, it was already different.

Jiang Zhiyuan's status wasn't low, but this was the Sky-Cloud Empire. She couldn't be unruly here.

"Yu Mo, stay here and watch them complete their punishment."

“Yes!” Yu Mo wiped away his sweat and couldn’t help but glance at Jiang Zhiyuan. He was slightly upset. *Does this Big Missy think that the current Sky-Cloud Empire is still like the Sky-Cloud Empire a few years ago? She is too courageous; she actually dared to barge in directly! She really doesn’t think of herself as an outsider!*

Then, Rong Xiu stepped out and wanted to leave.

Seeing that he was about to leave, Jiang Zhiyuan couldn’t help but call out. “Wait! Your Highness, do you not want to see me so much? We haven’t seen each other in a few years...”

Rong Xiu originally wanted to nod directly, but considering the Jiang clan, he still chose to be kinder with his words. “I have something to do.”

“At this time, what’s so important that you need to go personally, Your Highness?” Jiang Zhiyuan was slightly dazed. *The banquet is going to begin soon. What does he plan on doing?*

A thin layer of frost covered Rong Xiu’s eyes. “Big Missy Jiang, are you questioning me?”

Jiang Zhiyuan’s heart tightened. “No, I-I was just casually asking. It’s fine if Your Highness doesn’t want to say it...”

When she saw that Rong Xiu was really about to leave heartlessly, she clenched her teeth, took a step forward, and said, “Your Highness, I came here because I have something to discuss with you!”

Rong Xiu seemed like he was going to ignore her as he turned around nonchalantly.

“It’s regarding the academy!” yelled Jiang Zhiyuan.

Rong Xiu stopped in his tracks and turned around to glance at her, his deep eyes seemingly able to see through everything. “Say it.”

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Chu Liuyue and the rest followed the silver bridge and proceeded on. After about 15 minutes, they arrived at the main island.

When they were nearer, they could see everything on the main island clearer.

This main island was huge—mountains and forests stood high and low.

On these mountains, palaces and halls were everywhere like stars in the sky.

On the highest mountain, an extravagant hall stood still atop it.

The place where Chu Liuyue and the rest arrived was a lower-corner region of the main island, so they had to look up to see those palaces. This was why they couldn’t see them very clearly.

With the white mist surrounding those buildings, they could only see a rough outline. But even if they were this distance away, they could still clearly feel a tremendous suppression! It was an aura and force that almost made one bow down from their souls.

“Master Lin.” The soldier in charge of welcoming them stepped forward. Judging from his attire and aura, he seemed to be of a higher level than the first soldier that sent them over. “I am Hu Yang. In the coming days, I’ll be in charge of your everything.”

“Thank you, Officer Hu,” Lin Tianfeng smiled and said.

“Master Lin, you’re too kind,” said Hu Yang as he put away his white plaque. “Everyone, please follow me.”

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“Master Lin, you’re the last to arrive. All the other divisions have already settled down in their respective halls, waiting for His Grace’s birthday banquet to start at night,” said Hu Yang as he led the few of them forward. “If you were any later, it might be too late for the ladies.”

Lin Tianfeng smiled and said, “We were delayed because of some issues. I hope you won’t blame me.”

“Master Lin, you don’t have to worry about this. His Highness won’t mind such a small matter.” Hu Yang shook his head.

Then, Lin Tianfeng and Hu Yang exchanged pleasantries for a while longer before they quickly reached the venue—this was a smaller mountain, and there was a palace on it.

It was said to be a palace, but it couldn’t be compared to those above.

“This is Feng He Hall, which is also your residence for the coming days.” Hu Yang brought the people over.

Suddenly, silver bell-like laughter sounded from the side.

However, it seemed like there were a few women at the corner of the palace excitedly discussing something.

“The Sky-Cloud Empire is indeed different—everywhere is very extravagant! I heard that even the cup of tea we had just now is worth 100,000 white crystals!”

“Really? Wow... If only we could stay here for the rest of our lives!”

“What’s the point of staying here? The buildings above are the truly good places! Did you see the one at the top? Rumors have it that it’s His Grace’s residence!”

“Ah, not anyone can casually go into that place, right...”

“Isn’t that simple to solve? Now that His Grace is choosing his Princess Consort, as long as we’re chosen—”

“Shh! Keep it down! Are you really not afraid of others hearing you?! Even though all the divisions have sent quite a few outstanding women, who doesn’t know that the position of Princess Consort has long been set?”

Hearing this, Chu Liuyue raised her brows slightly.

“Are you talking about... the one from Fairy Water Mound?”

“Who else can it be other than her? Rumors have it that she’s an absolute beauty. When she was born, she was the same as His Grace—they both have the rare Tianjing Yuan meridian!”

“That’s not all. You need to know that Fairy Water Mound’s Jiang clan is the strongest out of all the divisions! Besides, the Sky-Cloud Empire’s old clan leader and the Jiang clan have deep relations; he always doted on that Big Missy Jiang. When she was young, I think she even spent most of her time in the Sky-Cloud Empire! It’s only these few years that the old clan leader is in seclusion while she’s hard-working in her cultivation that she came here less often.”

“With these conditions, do you think the position of Princess Consort can go to someone else?”

“Since this is so, why must His Grace hold such a huge contest openly? Can’t he directly get engaged with that Big Missy Jiang?”

“Who knows? Anyway, we’re here just to be her accompaniment. Besides, even if we can’t be Princess Consort, isn’t there also the position of second consort? If not, we can still be his mistress! Anyway, we don’t have to worry for the rest of our lives as long as we’re chosen!”

“I heard that His Grace is extremely handsome and that he looks like a fairy. I wonder what he looks like in person...”

Chu Liuyue stroked her chin. *Hmm... Princess Consort. Second consort. Mistress? It seems like His Grace is having the time of his life..*

### **Chapter 1059: You're Not Worthy**

Thinking of this, she suddenly couldn't help laughing.

The few of them were originally quietly listening to the few women talk by the corner, so Chu Liuyue's laugh instantly broke the silence.

Lin Tianfeng and the rest looked over strangely.

This commotion also attracted the attention of the few women who were chatting happily. They hurriedly stopped and glanced over rather nervously. *It's fine if we had this conversation in private, but if someone with ill intent heard it...*

When they saw Hu Yang standing at the front, the few women's faces turned slightly pale. However, they heaved a sigh of relief in their hearts—this was because Hu Yang wasn't their direct person-in-charge.

They quickly calmed themselves down and exchanged glances before swiftly walking over.

"Greetings, Officer Hu." The three women bowed in unison.

They were all very beautiful and had good figures. Their every move and action was magnanimous and elegant. They had clearly learned the relevant etiquette, and one couldn't spot any flaws at all.

Hu Yang nodded and pointed at Lin Tianfeng. "This is Grotto-Heaven Cliff's Master Lin."

"Grotto-Heaven Cliff?" The few women revealed looks of understanding before they smiled and bowed. "Greetings, Master Lin. We have long heard of your name. Now that we've met, you're indeed like what the legends say."

Their words were very polite and supportive. If they could conceal the contempt in their eyes, it would've been better.

Lin Tianfeng was composed and didn't hold it against them as he looked calm and hid his key emotions. "Ladies, you're very kind. If you can be chosen today, I would have to bow to you when I see you in the future."

The few women's faces changed instantly. *Isn't this clearly singling us out?*

But considering the other party's identity and Hu Yang and the rest standing at the side, they didn't want to cause a commotion. They swallowed their anger and forced a smile. "No, no... We're not worthy. We wouldn't dare have this desire."

Lin Zhifei suddenly coughed.



Upon hearing this, Lin Tianfeng immediately turned back and asked worriedly, “Zhifei, are you uncomfortable?”

Hu Yang said, “Fourth Young Master Lin, this way, please.”

Then, he led them to the side hall.

Chu Liuyue planned to go over, but she was suddenly stopped by the few women. “This lady, please stop here.”

Chu Liuyue stopped in her tracks and looked over. “What’s the matter?”

The pretty lady in a mint dress at the front smiled slightly, but her eyes didn’t have any smiling intent. “May I know what you were laughing about just now?”

Chu Liuyue smiled as well. “Nothing much. I just thought of some things, so I laughed. What, do the few of you have any opinions on this?”

The woman opposite her sneered and walked forward, inching closer to Chu Liuyue.

The three women—who originally planned to follow Lin Tianfeng—saw this scene and hurried forward to stand beside Chu Liuyue. “What are you trying to do?!”

“We’re not trying to do anything. It’s just that this lady seemed to have mocked us earlier. We just want to make it clear.” The lady in the mint dress stared at Chu Liuyue with contempt.

Chu Liuyue shot the girls with a reassuring gaze as she smiled slightly and said, "I'm not mocking you; I just feel that the few of you make a lot of sense. No matter what status one has, you'll be set for life as long as you're chosen. Besides, Rong—His Grace is indeed..."

*Sinisterly elegant and outstandingly handsome.* She suddenly paused.

"His Grace is indeed what?" asked the few women opposite her rather anxiously.

Chu Liuyue enunciated every single word properly and said, "His Grace is the man of many women's dreams."

"Hmph, is there a need for you to say it? But judging from your looks, you don't have any chance." The woman in mint unreasonably sized Chu Liuyue up. Her expression of contempt was enough to say everything.

"Hey, be more respectful! Ms. Dugu is an eighth-grade heavenly doctor, and she's also our Grotto-Heaven Cliff's important guest!" The few women beside Chu Liuyue instantly retorted.

The few women opposite them then reacted and realized that the ordinary-looking woman before them wasn't going to contest for the position of princess consort. There was still a small boy beside her...

Just as the two parties were about to continue arguing, Chu Liuyue said, "Forget it. Let's go back first."

She had no interest in wasting her time with these people here.

But once she said this, it was a sign of weakness in the other party's eyes.

When they turned around to leave, the few women didn't lower their voices as they laughed in mockery. "At least she has some self-awareness! With your looks, I'm afraid no man will take another look at you."

"Even if she's pretty, it's useless! Grotto-Heaven Cliff... pfft!"

"Originally, I thought they would give up sensibly. Who would've thought that they were so thick-skinned to come over? It's a pity. If we had come even earlier, we could've moved to another residence. We wouldn't have to squeeze with them."

"Forget it; there's nothing much to talk about with them. We should go back and prepare first! The birthday banquet is about to start!"

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One woman finally couldn't help but softly say, "The people from Cold Mountain Gully are outrageous! They clearly aren't stronger than us. What right do they have to be so arrogant!?"

Chu Liuyue smiled nonchalantly. "If they want to cause a commotion, allow them to do so. We'll just do our own things."

"Ms. Dugu, are you not angry at all?" asked the other woman curiously. "T-they talked about you like that..."

Chu Liuyue touched her own face and nodded thoughtfully. “Actually, they’re right. This face is indeed not suitable to join the contest for the position of princess consort.”

The few women looked at each other speechlessly. *Dugu Yue really doesn’t seem to care about this.*

Chu Liuyue walked into the room and took Lin Zhifei’s pulse before passing him a pill. “This is the last pill. I’ll make it again when I have the time. In another month or so, you should’ve pretty much recovered. But your body has been ill for many years, Fourth Young Master, so you must recuperate for a year or so to recover fully.”

Lin Zhifei nodded. “Thank you.”

“Master Lin, the people from Cold Mountain Gully have already snatched the main hall. I’m sorry... You have to stay in this side hall temporarily,” Hu Yang sighed and said.

Lin Tianfeng was hesitant with his words, but he didn’t rage as he nodded.

At this point, familiar footsteps could be heard from outside.

As if sensing something, Chu Liuyue looked up.

A figure appeared at the door—it was Yan Qing!

Hu Yang was shocked as he hurriedly went forward and respectfully asked, “Officer Yan Qing, why are you here?”

Yan Qing was in a hurry as his gaze swept across the room. When he saw Chu Liuyue, his heart instantly skipped a beat.

Chu Liuyue smiled brightly, and her red lips curled up. “Officer... Yan Qing?”

### **Chapter 1060: She Has a Lot of Background**

Yan Qing hurried to Chu Liuyue. He was about to speak when the woman opposite him suddenly stepped forward.

“I’m Dugu Yue. Greetings, Officer Yan Qing,” said Chu Liuyue with a smile as she bowed.

Yan Qing’s legs went soft, and he almost collapsed to the floor.

“You—” His voice trembled.

Before he could say anything more, he saw Chu Liuyue’s black sparkly eyes. That pair of star-like eyes were glowing with light.

Yan Qing was stumped, and the remaining words were stuck in his throat; he had sufferings that he couldn't state. *Originally, His Highness should've come here, but he was suddenly stopped by Jiang Zhiyuan. Hearing that it was related to the academy, His Highness stayed behind and asked me to go ahead first.*

Yan Qing long thought that Chu Liuyue wouldn't be in a good mood after knowing all of this. She might be angry, she might rage, she might scold... The only thing he didn't expect was her not even admitting to her own identity! However, this was even scarier than all those reactions!

Yan Qing regretted it slightly. *If I had known earlier, I should've waited for His Highness to come together! Why have I suddenly become the scapegoat now?*

The surrounding people then realized that the atmosphere around the duo was strange.

Hu Yang's gaze darted back and forth between the duo as he tried to ask, "...Officer Yan Qing, do you know Ms. Dugu?"

Yan Qing swallowed a mouthful of saliva with much difficulty as his throat became tight. "...Y-yes..."

"I've met Officer Yan Qing a few times before, but I didn't know of Officer Yan Qing's identity then. It's only until I came here today did I realize how capable Officer Yan Qing is." Chu Liuyue answered smoothly, and her smiling intent didn't subside at all as she looked very relaxed.

But when the surrounding people heard this, it was like thunder striking by their ears. *Dugu Yue actually knows Yan Qing? He's His Grace's closest confidant! This status is enough to kill 90% of the people in the Sky-Cloud Empire!*

Yan Qing's eyelids twitched harshly. Every word that Chu Liuyue said was akin to roasting him on a rack!

Lin Tianfeng watched on in shock when a white light suddenly flashed in his mind! *Hang on! Dugu Yue is from outside the God Residence Realm, so she shouldn't have come to the God Residence Realm before. Therefore, the two of them got to know each other outside the God Residence Realm? Seeing the duo's reactions, especially Officer Yan Qing's expression... How is it that they've only met each other a few times? Could it be...*

A ridiculous and bold thought surfaced in Lin Tianfeng's mind. This thought was too absurd, which caused his heart to beat uncontrollably just when he thought about it.

He almost instinctively looked at Lin Zhifei, and he saw that the latter was also observing the two of them in deep thought.

The surrounding gazes made Yan Qing feel that his back was being stabbed, and he gulped with difficulty. "...Ms. Dugu, may I talk to you in private?"

The originally silent room became even more silent.

*Who is Yan Qing? With his identity, he would actually talk to a woman so politely?! Actually, this can't even be called polite—it even has some sincere begging element to it.* Everyone present was shocked.

Only the person involved, Chu Liuyue, didn't look surprised at all as she smiled with even deeper meaning. "Sure."

Yan Qing took a deep breath in and stretched out his hand. "This way, please."

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After Yan Qing and Chu Liuyue left, the remaining people fell silent for a very long time.

After some time, Hu Yang gasped and stared at Lin Tianfeng in disbelief. He hurriedly asked, "Master Lin, why didn't you say earlier that Ms. Dugu knows Officer Yan Qing?!"

"...I-I didn't know either!" Lin Tianfeng looked innocent. *How long have we known Dugu Yue? How is it possible that we know everything clearly?!* Even I'm stunned, okay!

"Oh my god. Is Officer Yan Qing... that Officer Yan Qing with His Grace?" a woman at the side widened her eyes and asked meticulously.

Hu Yang sighed. "Other than him, who could it be?"

The few ladies exchanged glances and were shocked. "I heard that Officer Yan Qing is one of His Grace's most trusted confidants. In the Sky-Cloud Empire, his status is also very high. I didn't expect... Ms. Dugu to actually know him."

"From what they've said, it seems like they got to know each other outside the God Residence Realm?"

"I really didn't expect Ms. Dugu to have such a relationship with him... It seems like their relationship goes a long way!"

Anyone with eyes could tell that Yan Qing had a different attitude in front of Dugu Yue.



Hu Yang recovered his senses and couldn't conceal the emotions and agitation on his face. "This Ms. Dugu is also—she should've said earlier!"

*With this relationship, their situation in the Sky-Cloud Empire will be much better!*

The other woman weakly said, "Didn't she say that she didn't know Officer Yan Qing's identity before and only knew about it when she reached here... She must've never thought of this scene, right?"

However, Hu Yang laughed out loud. "Actually, that's not important! Ms. Dugu knows Officer Yan Qing, so it'll be much more convenient even for all of you! You need to know that Officer Yan Qing usually has a cold heart and a cold face. He's only loyal to His Grace and doesn't really care about anyone else. If you can be related to him, tsk tsk—"

He laughed and said to Lin Tianfeng, "Master Lin, numerous people in the many divisions can't even be related to Officer Yan Qing when they tried. You... are much better than them!"

Amongst the many divisions, Grotto-Heaven Cliff had always been ranked one of the last. Who would've thought that they would be this lucky?!

Lin Tianfeng yawned and silently exchanged glances with his father. *It can't be... that the guess is true, right?*

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"I'm guilty. Ms. Liuyue, please punish me!" Once they entered the room at the side, Yan Qing directly kneeled down on one knee and willingly admitted his faults.

Chu Liuyue widened her eyes slightly and was rather shocked. “Officer Yan Qing, what are you doing? Quickly, get up! I can’t bear your greeting. If the people outside know about this, it’d be rather inappropriate, right?”

Yan Qing laughed bitterly and begged, “Please don’t joke with me anymore. I was forced to hide it from you before...”

“Oh? Forced? So it means that your master was forced too?” Chu Liuyue raised her brows slightly.

Yan Qing was stumped.

“If I didn’t come this time, I’m afraid that His Grace would choose his entire harem and lead the time of his life over here, right? Hm?”

“Y-you’ve really misunderstood...”

“Chubby, slim, pretty, gorgeous—there are all sorts of beauties here. If I were a man, I would also be tempted if I saw them.”

Yan Qing felt that he was going to suffocate; this was the first time he hated his master. *You caused this trouble yourself. Why must I take it up?!*

Yan Qing had a severe headache. “Ms. Liuyue! Actually, His Highness planned on coming to fetch you personally, but Big Missy Jiang suddenly looked for him. Hence, he told me to come over first. It’s not too good if you stay in this Feng He Hall. Why don’t you follow me up first?”

Chu Liuyue crossed her arms in a seemingly smiling manner. “Big Missy Jiang?”