

Noble Ruler 1111

Chapter 1111: Tired

Zhuo Sheng's previous attitude couldn't be considered polite, but he didn't have any ill intentions.

Being able to willingly admit that she was outstanding was already much better than most people. This was because there were many people who couldn't even admit that others were capable. But at the same time, Chu Liuyue truly realized that the strong would be respected! This was truly the only rule in this place—even Ling Xiao Academy wasn't an exception!

Seeing how wide Chu Liuyue's smile was and that she didn't take the small conflict to heart, Zhuo Sheng's last bit of discomfort disappeared. He then laughed out loud. "You're easygoing! You're the youngest out of all of us. Call me Brother!"

Crash!

Elder Wen Xi relentlessly smacked the back of Zhuo Sheng's head. "You guys entered the academy on the same day, so you have the same status!"

Zhuo Sheng let out a yelp.

Luo Shishi and the rest laughed.

"All follow me." Elder Wen Xi waved his hands and brought the few of them to

leave.

Elder Hua Feng miserably yelled from behind, "Don't forget what you promised me earlier!"

Elder Wen Xi silently hastened his pace.

The few of them quickly reached the gigantic barrier.

Seeing the flickering barrier, Luo Shishi and the rest couldn't conceal their excitement and emotions.

Elder Wen Xi said, "Later on, you just have to put your black plaque on the barrier to open it and smoothly enter!"

Then, Elder Wen Xi pointed at Luo Yanming, who seemed to be the most mature. "Luo Yanming, come over first."

"Okay." Luo Yanming took a deep breath in and walked forward. Standing nearby, he could clearly feel the unspeakable suppression! It made one involuntarily fear and respect it!

He looked much more serious as he raised his hand and carefully placed the black plaque on the barrier.

Whir!

A soft sound came from the barrier, and the black plaque lit up at the same time! The next moment, a ripple appeared on the barrier, and a hole gradually cracked open from the middle! Luo Yanming's eyes lit up, and he immediately entered.

The moment his figure disappeared, the barrier immediately closed! "The academy's barrier is very strong, and one can only open it with a pass. After you use the pass to enter the academy, your records of entering will also be left on the barrier," Elder Wen Xi explained.

"Record?" asked Luo Shishi strangely.

"Yes, the barrier will note down all of this information and automatically arrange it. But normally, only the director can see this."

This also showed how strictly they guarded the area. Luo Shishi and Zhuo Sheng nodded thoughtfully and looked surprised. "I see!"

Ling Xiao Academy indeed lives up to its name!

But when Chu Liuyue heard this, she was slightly stunned. This means that everyone who enters or leaves Ling Xiao Academy will leave their traces behind. Then... What about Dugu Mobao? Previously, he said that he would wait for me in the academy. Therefore, he should already be inside now, right? I wonder how he entered.

However, everything still seemed very peaceful from the current situation.

"Next, Zhuo Sheng!" Zhuo Sheng looked excited as he rapidly went forward and placed the black plaque the same way Luo Yanming did.

The same scene happened again!

He rapidly passed through the barrier!

Elder Wen Xi smiled and waved toward Luo Shishi.

Luo Shishi entered very smoothly as well.

In the end, it was Chu Liuyue's turn.

"Come, kid. It's your turn!" shouted Elder Wen Xi.

Chu Liuyue walked forward like the previous few people. At this point, she was only a step away from the barrier.

She produced her black plaque, but at this moment, a scene quickly flashed across her mind!

There seemed to be someone in the scene standing in front of the barrier as well. That person's figure was very blurry and unclear, but this didn't stop Chu Liuyue from seeing the white and pretty hands.

The fingertips danced around, and countless rays of light shot out, intersecting in mid-air. Very quickly, they formed a small Xuan formation.

Although the Xuan formation wasn't big, it was very complicated, and the countless intersections caused one's eyes to be blurry.

Then, that person pushed the small Xuan formation over.

The Xuan formation lightly stuck to the barrier.

Whir!

The barrier made a small sound. Then, countless lines lit up!

That was the Xuan formation hidden in the barrier-it was actually summoned directly!

The big and small Xuan formations stuck close to each other and had a strange connection. Then, a hand lightly tapped the small Xuan formation.

The Xuan formation broke. At the same time, the huge Xuan formation also collapsed!

A hole silently opened in the barrier!

When the hole expanded until it was enough to fit a person, the blurry figure instantly went in!

The speed was extremely fast, and Chu Liuyue couldn't see it carefully.

But when that figure disappeared, she clearly saw that the barrier returned to normal silently! It was exactly the same as it was in the beginning!

If she didn't 'personally witness' it, she wouldn't believe that the barrier was opened so easily!

Just when Chu Liuyue was shocked in her heart, a thunderous scolding suddenly sounded in her mind. "You opened the barrier secretly again?! Go and reflect on yourself!!!"

Then, the scene disappeared. Chu Liuyue's expression turned strange. "What's the matter?" Elder Wen Xi noticed her abnormality and couldn't help but ask.

"It's nothing much." Chu Liuyue recovered her senses, shook her head, and took out the black plaque. Then, she paused for a moment, looked at Elder Wen

Xi at the side, and asked, "Elder Wen Xi... Does Elder Hua Feng also guard the barrier usually?"

Elder Wen Xi was dazed for a moment and glanced at her weirdly. "Why did you suddenly think of asking this?"

Chu Liuyue smiled slightly. "There's the power from a Xuan formation on this barrier, and I coincidentally heard that Elder Hua Feng is a Xuan Master, so.." "The academy's barrier is usually guarded by a few elders, and everyone is in charge of different regions. Hua Feng did guard it in the past, but afterward, he refused to do it no matter what." Elder Wen Xi shrugged his shoulders, his expression ambiguous. "He said he was tired."

Chu Liuyue was speechless. Looking after a barrier shouldn't be tiresome to a Xuan Master...

Chu Liuyue recalled the thunderous voice that flashed across her mind. Mm... it does sound like Elder Hua Feng... I wonder who he was yelling at. That person didn't need to use the black plaque and could open the barrier with the Xuan formation she produced on her own. It seems like that person is rather capable.

Chu Liuyue retracted her thoughts. When she recalled that her dantian once shook when she entered the city, her gaze flickered.

She gathered all her focus to suppress the water droplet in her dantian before she circulated her force and inserted it into the black plaque!

Whir!

The barrier opened!

Chapter 1112: Don't Smile!

This time, the water droplet didn't show anything abnormal.

Chu Liuyue heaved a sigh of relief in her heart.

However, Elder Wen Xi glanced at her weirdly. “You... seem to have very outstanding bloodline talent...”

Normally, a genius with stronger bloodline talent would have greater potential. Similarly, when the barrier sensed this aspect, it would open an entrance of various sizes.

Of the previous few people, Zhuo Sheng had the smallest entrance, and Luo Shishi the biggest. However, they were still much weaker than the young man in front of him.

Chu Liuyue’s eyelids twitched. I didn’t expect the barrier to have such a trick too.

However, she didn’t show it on her face as she smiled and said, “Thank you for the compliment, Elder.”

“That’s not a compliment.” Elder Wen Xi shook his head. “This kind of talent seems...”

He suddenly thought of something and kept quiet as he shook his head and smiled. His gaze was filled with envy and regret. “What a pity! You cultivate as a heavenly doctor! If you were a warrior... I’d definitely think of a way to get you to be my disciple!”

Chu Liuyue’s gaze flickered slightly, and she didn’t speak further.

“Let’s go! We should go in too! If not, they’ll be anxious from waiting!” Elder Wen Xi laughed out loud and closely followed Chu Liuyue through the barrier!

The temporary white light flashed.

Chu Liuyue stood still and looked over. Even if she was already mentally prepared, she was still taken aback for once when she saw the scene in front of her clearly.

The sky was bright, and there was not a single cloud.

On the multiple peaks, the lush greenery looked like jade.

The most obvious landmark was the magnificent, metallic black clock tower standing right in the middle. At first glance, it almost seemed to connect the sky and the ground.

Below the metallic black clock tower was a gigantic, spacious white square. The black and white colors complemented each other.

Under the shine of the sunlight, it reflected a holy veil.

Other than this, with this clock tower and square in the center, one could still see quite a few intricately built houses on the peaks—most of them were independent.

The space was wide, and one couldn't see the edges with one glance!

The rich and pure Heaven and Earth Force rejuvenated one.

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in and couldn't help but be secretly shocked. Though the density of the force here is lower than at the Sky-Cloud Empire, it won in purity! If one is able to cultivate here, their cultivation speed will definitely be elevated significantly!

"This is Ling Xiao Academy..." muttered Luo Shishi. Her pair of watery and beautiful eyes were filled with expectations and shock.

Though the other two people tried their best to control themselves, one could still tell that they couldn't conceal their excitement. A thousand rumors can't compare to seeing it once! Ling Xiao Academy indeed lives up to its name!

"Yo! Wen Xi, why did you bring so many kids back this time?!" A voice suddenly came from afar.

The few of them looked up in unison and saw an elder in gray robes suddenly flying toward the few of them. Before they could even see his movements clearly, he had already reached them!

He was clearly outside the few peaks a moment ago, yet he reached here in the blink of an eye!

Teleportation! This was something that only a legendary warrior who had completely entered the Apotheosis Realm could do!

Luo Shishi and the rest had increasingly respectful attitudes.

Chu Liuyue was also slightly shocked in her heart.

“Haha! Of course!” Elder Wen Xi laughed out loud delightfully. “Qiao Zhi, these four kids are very outstanding! You can’t envy them!”

Upon hearing this, Elder Qiao Zhi then carefully scrutinized the few of them, and his eyes were filled with shock.

Elder Wen Xi had very high standards. If he said such words, it proved that these few people really weren’t bad.

His gaze slowly swept past Luo Shishi and the rest. “Beginner stage-nine... Beginner stage-nine... Ninth-grade Xuan Master...”

While he looked, he muttered and seemed very satisfied. “Not bad! Not bad! They’re all good kids!”

As he gasped, he didn’t know that the few people opposite him were all shocked because of this. This Elder Qiao Zhi can actually discern our actual cultivation levels in one shot! W-we clearly hid our auras!

“Hahaha! Don’t worry. In the academy, all the Yuan instruments used to hide auras will lose their effectiveness. Every student’s true cultivation level will be shown. Besides, Qiao Zhi’s eyesight is superior. It’s normal for him to be able to see your cultivation levels!” As if seeing that the few people were

uneasy, Elder Wen Xi explained with a smile.

Hearing this, Luo Shishi and the rest calmed down and felt even more respectful and fearful toward the academy.

Everyone in the God Residence Realm wouldn't casually reveal their actual capabilities outside, which caused an increase in demand for many Yuan instruments that specifically hid auras. However, they didn't expect that all these items would be completely useless within the academy!

On the one hand, this proved that the academy was strong. On the other hand, this also showed that everyone in the academy was disciplined and wouldn't cause trouble.

Elder Qiao Zhi's gaze landed on Chu Liuyue at the end. "Hm?"

"You..." His smile froze slightly, and his gaze deepened. His aura-concealing Yuan instrument is actually not restricted?!

"What's your capability?" asked Elder Qiao Zhi.

Once he asked this, the remaining few people looked over.

Elder Wen Xi then realized that something was amiss with Chu Liuyue. "Hm... Chu Yue, I couldn't tell that you have such an amazing Yuan instrument!"

Elder Qiao Zhi's brows suddenly trembled. "What did you say his name was?"

Elder Wen Xi comforted, "Chu Yue—the other Yue. Can't you tell that this is a boy?! Why are you so nervous?!"

Elder Qiao Zhi rolled his eyes at his colleague. You're talking as if you're not nervous! Of course, I know that the person in front is a young boy! I was just casually asking!

Chu Liuyue was dazed for a while as she smiled, and her eyes curved up. "I'm Chu Yue. Eighth-grade heavenly doctor."

Qiao Zhi's eyes suddenly narrowed. "Don't smile!"

Chapter 1113: Thunder Strike

Chu Liuyue's gaze flickered, and she immediately concealed her smile. She then blinked innocently and purely as if she didn't know what was going on.

This gaze caused Elder Qiao Zhi to be guilty. "Ahem! I-it's fine... I just find that your smile seems a little familiar... I'm not quite used to it..."

Elder Wen Xi was about to say that he was making a mountain out of a molehill. But from the corner of his eyes, he coincidentally saw Chu Liuyue controlling her smile.

Her eyes that were distinctive between black and white were clean and pure. Upon closer look, it was very deep—clear yet mysterious.

At first glance, he really looks like that troublemaker... It's no wonder Qiao Zhi had such a huge reaction.

“Elder Wen Xi, did I do something wrong?” Chu Liuyue turned her gaze and looked at Elder Wen Xi as if she were asking for help.

Being stared at by her pair of eyes, Elder Wen Xi’s heart trembled for some reason.

“No, no! Didn’t he say just now that he thinks y-you’re quite similar to a-a... person? Yes, very similar to a person! Don’t take it to heart, okay?!” Elder Wen Xi hurriedly explained.

He felt that he and Elder Qiao Zhi were making a ruckus for nothing.

This child looks clean and fresh. The key is that he is only a 16-year-old boy! Why would he be related to her? It’s not very nice to frighten the child on the first day he comes to the academy. Thinking of this, Elder Wen Xi said again, “Right! Qiao Zhi, don’t underestimate this child. He’s just 16 years old

this year!”

This sentence indeed caused Elder Qiao Zhi to be taken aback, and he recovered his senses. “Really?”

It was very rare to have a 16-year-old eighth-grade heavenly doctor in the academy!

“How can this be fake?! Hmph, those old fogeys got lucky!”

It was rare to meet such a talented child, yet he cultivated as a heavenly doctor. But luckily, he had Luo Shishi and the rest, so it wasn’t considered a complete waste. At the very least, he was comforted.

Qiao Zhi was also a warrior. Hearing this, he seriously nodded and frowned. "Forget it! They originally already had very few students. They'll owe you a huge favor for sending this child over!"

"Hehe, that's right!" Elder Wen Xi instantly felt better as he turned around to talk to the rest. "Today is your first day at the academy. Even though you've already tested your talents and capabilities, for the first few days of coming to the school, you can move around freely and casually learn from all the

teachers in the academy. At the beginning of every month, all the teachers will recruit students at the same time. By then, you can personally decide who you want as your teacher."

'Don't worry. As the academy's recruitment is very flexible, there are always new students around. Thus, everybody is basically very polite to the newcomers. As long as you learn from them humbly and politely, you won't get into any trouble in the academy."

"Of course, during this process, you might inevitably meet some people who want to duel with you. If you're willing, you can agree to it. If you're reluctant, you can reject it. It's not compulsory," said Elder Wen Xi patiently before his expression turned stern. "In the academy, it's most important to

strengthen your own cultivation. As long as you're strong enough, everything else can be talked about! As for your identities and the rest, they all don't matter anymore. Do you understand?"

Luo Shishi and the rest all nodded seriously.

Chu Liuyue had a much better impression of Ling Xiao Academy.

Even though this place also promoted the idea that the strong were respected, it was clear that they tried their best to maintain equality between students. This point alone was already very difficult to achieve.

The students from Ling Xiao Academy came from all around the world. Some of them were descendants of aristocratic families, and some were civilians with ordinary backgrounds.

Outside, their statuses were different. But here, they only held the identity of a Ling Xiao Academy student!

This was more beneficial toward cultivation.

“The academy is quite big. It’s your first time here, and it’s easy for you to get lost, but you just need to remember that when you’re lost, just walk to the Dong Huang Clock Tower in the center to come back safely.”

“Of course, you can just reach the Qing Ming Square below the Dong Huang Clock Tower. You don’t have to go up or enter. Only the elders and director with the plaque can enter that place. If others casually barge in without permission, they will encounter danger if they’re slightly not careful. Once

something happens, nobody can save you. Do you understand?” When he said the last sentence, Elder Wen Xi’s words were filled with warning.

The heavy suppression unwittingly caused a chill to rush down Luo Shishi and the others’ spines. They hurriedly said, “I understand!”

Chu Liuyue glanced at Dong Huang Clock Tower.

Even under the bright sun, the completely metallic-black color still exuded a sinisterly cold aura.

If I haven't guessed wrongly, the Qing Ming Square below also seems to have a rather strong Xuan formation... She retracted her gaze and suppressed her thoughts.

"Other than this, the academy is basically split into four quadrants—north, south, east, and west. The east side is for heavenly doctors, south is for Xuan Masters, and west is for warriors." As Elder Wen Xi talked, he gestured to let the few of them see. "Even though the regions are split quite clearly, there's

a lot of interaction between the few of them as there are quite a few students in the academy who have double specializations or even triple. You can just directly go to the region that you're best at. If you want to go to the other regions to take a look, it's possible as well."

This was indeed the top school in the entire God Residence Realm. If it were some other place, it was already very hard to find a genius with double specializations, but one with triple specializations wasn't even rare here.

"Elder Wen Xi, what's the place in the north?" asked Zhuo Sheng in a straightforward manner.

"Hahaha! That's a good place!" Elder Wen Xi laughed out loud. "That's for the Armory Refinement Masters!"

"Armory Refinement Masters?!" Luo Shishi and the rest looked surprised.

“That’s right! Even though there have always been rumors that the Armory Refinement Masters’ craft was already lost, our academy has quite a few elders around. But as their disciples are really too few, they have always been discreet.”

They can’t even not be discreet. With such a low recruitment number, there were already many people who found them. If they stood out even more, the academy’s gate would be broken down!

They had no choice as there were indeed only a few people who knew the armory refinement methods left in the world.

Most of the legendary weapons in the market were made by Armory Refinement Masters thousands of years ago, or they were left behind by strong warriors.

Now, an Armory Refinement Master who could truly produce amazing legendary weapons was too precious. This was also the reason why they still occupied a quarter of the entire academy even though they had low numbers.

Thinking of something, Elder Wen Xi said in a thankful manner, “If you have nothing to do, you don’t have to go over there. The Armory Refinement Masters are busy crafting weapons all day long, and there will be lightning striking down from time to time there. It won’t be good if you’re implicated by

accident.”

Chapter 1114 An Obedient One

The few of them acknowledged it obediently.

“Great! Now that I’ve explained the rough situation of the academy to you, you need to experience the rest for yourself to understand it properly! I won’t talk nonsense anymore!” Elder Wen Xi clapped his hands. “Qiao

Zhi, please help me send these kids over. I have something that I’m busy with.”

Elder Qiao Zhi—who was suddenly mobilized—was dazed. “What’s so urgent?”

Elder Wen Xi coughed. “I’m going to chase them to get the next person on duty to get to Fangzhou earlier.”

“Didn’t you just come back? Hua Feng should be there now, right? Why are you so anxious?” Elder Qiao Zhi found it weird.

ormally speaking, every elder would be stationed outside for a day. Once it reached a specific time, the elder in charge of the next shift would go an hour earlier.

it was very rare that the previous one just came back and went to call the next one.

I can’t say that we felt that the troublemaker is back. If I say it, nobody will go! I’ll just hide as much as I can. Elder Wen Xi was hesitant in his words. “Ah, it’s nothing much. You also know Hua Feng’s bad habit—he likes

to drink alcohol whenever he has the time. I'm afraid he'll secretly drink there alone. It's fine if he's drunk, but it'll be bad if other incidents are delayed."

Elder Qiao Zhi then nodded. "That's true... I've talked to him about his habit countless times, but he always refuses to change."

"Hey, isn't he afraid because he was forced to quit alcohol in the past? Now that he has the chance, he can finally drink freely! He—" Elder Wen Xi was talking when his voice suddenly trailed off.

Qiao Zhi's expression changed slightly and was slightly strange.

Hua Feng quitting alcohol... was all because of one person. Even the director couldn't make him quit, but someone did. However, the method was slightly violent. The process was tenacious, and Hua Feng was a little

miserable.

Now that he was freed from his misery, it caused him to be even worse than before.

The two of them looked at each other.

Qiao Zhi thought of something, and his eyes were filled with reluctance. "Forget it. Let him drink! I'll help you bring these kids along. Go and find someone to help him!"

Elder Wen Xi turned around and quickly disappeared before the crowd. His capabilities were indeed not weaker than Elder Qiao Zhi.

“Come! We’ll go to the warrior side first!” Elder Qiao Zhi waved his hands.

Qiao Zhi walked at the front, while Luo Shishi and the rest followed him closely behind.

Chu Liuyue silently followed at the back of the team. While she listened to Elder Qiao Zhi talk about the academy from time to time, she kept surveying her surroundings. /t might be an illusion, but I feel that I might’ve

been here before.

In addition to the scene that appeared in her mind before, she increasingly confirmed this guess. However, it was a pity that most of her memories were broken. Other than that scene, she couldn’t recall anything else.

Hence, she could only temporarily suppress her thoughts.

After flying forward for a distance, it was clearly much more crowded. One could see students cultivating almost at every peak. From time to time, one could still see teachers teaching.

In a nutshell, it was vibrant, lively, and very energetic.

Chu Liuyue felt elated for some reason. Jf can cultivate here, it will be a good thing... Why did Rong Xiu always hide this from me?

Thinking of this, Chu Liuyue raised her brows slightly.

“The place in front is the warrior region!” Elder Qiao Zhi suddenly called out.

As if detecting the movement above, quite a few people looked over. “Quickly, look! Elder Qiao Zhi is here! Could the people behind him be the new students today?”

“One, two, three, four! There are actually four people?”

“It seems like there’s a junior sister?!”

Some people couldn’t conceal their excitement.

One had to know that there weren’t many female cultivators here, so they were elated every time they saw a junior sister entering the academy.

Crash!

A tall figure walked out from the crowd. “Collect your thoughts and watch your eyes.”

Once the person said this, quite a few people shrunk their necks.

There was no other reason besides the person talking being one of the top elites in the academy—Luo Yanlin!

“Brother Lin, do you know them?” The young man who was beaten bared his teeth and bravely asked.

Luo Yanlin snorted, but he didn’t care much about him as he directly flew forward to those few people! The next moment, he stood beside Elder Qiao Zhi and respectfully greeted the latter. “Greetings, Elder Qiao Zhi!”

Luo Yanlin, why did you come here today?” Elder Qiao Zhi saw him and laughed.

just studied a Xuan formation, so I wanted to try it on them,” said Luo Yanlin as his gaze landed on Luo Yanlin and the rest. His handsome appearance instantly became gentle. “Also, I came to fetch my brothers and

sisters.”

“Oh?” When Elder Qiao Zhi heard this, he turned around and understood the matter.

“Fourth Brother!” Luo Shishi and the rest couldn’t conceal their excitement as they yelled in unison.

Zhuo Sheng was their cousin. They grew up together since they were young and were on good terms, so he also called Luo Yanlin ‘Fourth Brother.’

Luo Yanlin smiled deeply. "That's nice. You came here earlier than I expected; it seems like Shishi broke through in advance. How are Father and Mother?"

Luo Shishi's face turned slightly red. "They're well, but they really miss you, Fourth Brother."

The people below watched them and talked in hushed tones. It turns out she's really Luo Yanlin's younger sister! She's even his biological one! Then, there's not much hope now.

Not many people in the entire academy were Luo Yanlin's match. If they even thought of his sister, they would be tired of living!

"Hey! Why did three junior brothers come at once!?" Someone sighed deeply.

Once Elder Qiao Zhi heard this, he looked down and snorted. "You're dreaming! Out of these four kids, only Luo Shishi and Zhuo Sheng are warriors!"

The crowd looked at the remaining Luo Yanming and Chu Liuyue in shock. "The remaining two aren't warriors?"

"Luo Yanlin, bring them down first and let them familiarize themselves with the area. I still have to send the two of them off," instructed Elder Qiao Zhi.

Luo Yanlin nodded and waved toward the two new warrior students. "Shishi, Ah Sheng, follow me."

The two of them obediently walked to him.

After not seeing each other for so long, they definitely missed each other very much.

“We’ll go to the Xuan Master’s side next,” said Elder Qiao Zhi.

Luo Yanlin smiled at Luo Yanming. “Go over first. I’ll be right there. They will give me face, and they won’t bully you.”

Luo Yanming smiled and nodded.

At this point, Luo Shishi suddenly said, “Chu Yue, you must work hard too!”

Luo Yanlin glanced at his own sister before following her line of vision and looking over.

That was a handsome young man. His eyes were clear, and his aura was clean.

He squinted his eyes. “Chu Yue?”

Luo Yanlin didn’t expect Zhuo Sheng to raise his fists as well. “Chu Yue, I’ve heard that those heavenly doctors are all very proud. You mustn’t back down!”

Chu Liuyue blinked and lightly laughed before she nodded. “Okay.”

Elder Qiao Zhi suddenly turned around to look at her.

Chu Liuyue almost instinctively straightened her back and restrained her smile.

“Hey! He’s an obedient one!” Elder Qiao Zhi nodded in satisfaction. Then, J can rest assured!

Chapter 1115 Fated

Chu Liuyue quickly followed Elder Qiao Zhi and left with Luo Yanming. “Who is he?” When the trio’s figures gradually left far away, Luo Yanlin looked toward the two people beside him and seemingly asked nonchalantly, “It seems like you guys are close?” “Actually, we’re not very close, but we met at Fangzhou!” At the side, Zhuo Sheng chuckled and smiled brightly. “That young man is very talented! He’s only 16 years old, yet he’s already an eighth-grade heavenly doctor!” “Oh?” Luo Yanlin raised his brows slightly, and a strange gaze flashed across his eyes, but they quickly recovered back to normal. Zhuo Sheng and the rest have just arrived, so they might still be shocked and curious when they encounter such an incident. However, I’ve been in the academy for many years, and I have seen many top elites that come from all over the world. Even though this Chu Yue isn’t bad, he isn’t that surprising.

He’s not bad. If he can develop properly, his future will be bright.” Luo Yanlin gave a neutral comment. feel that he can do it,” said Luo Shishi suddenly. Luo Yanlin’s gaze flickered, and he saw Luo Shishi having a serious expression as she stared at the departing figure. ‘ve also met quite a few outstandingly talented heavenly doctors, but most of them are very proud. However, this Chu Yue...”

He was humble, well-mannered, and knew when to advance and to retreat. If they didn’t see it personally during the test, they wouldn’t dare to believe that he was only 16 years old.

Zhuo Sheng was already twenty-three. In front of him, Chu Yue felt like a child. No matter if his calm and composed nature was developed after birth or if he was a natural at it, it was very shocking.

Luo Yanlin stroked his chin. "We'll have to know whether he's capable when it's time to follow the teachers at the start of the month."

That bunch of prideful heavenly doctors isn't that easy to be fooled.

He waved toward the duo. "Okay, let's forget about them first. I'll bring you around to familiarize yourselves with the surroundings. Later on, I'll go and check on Yanming's situation. Shishi, now that you've already broken through to become a beginner stage-nine warrior, do you want to duel with me again?" "Okay!" Luo Shishi finally retracted her gaze, and her eyes lit up. Ever since Fourth Brother came to Ling Xiao Academy, we've never fought with him again. I'm very tempted.

At the side, Zhuo Sheng hurriedly yelled, "Fourth Brother, what about me?!"

Luo Yanlin broke into a smile. "Come with her too!"

Hearing this, the group of students spectating below cheered.

With Luo Yanlin around, the two of them quickly became one of them.

Hearing all sorts of weird noises coming from the students behind them, Chu Liuyue couldn't help but turn around.

Elder Qiao Zhi seemed to have sensed it as he asked, "What? Do you want to stay behind and watch?"

Chu Liuyue shook her head, and her thin lips curled up slightly in a faint angle. "I was just surprised that the academy would look like that." "Hehe, then what did you think it would look like?" Elder Qiao Zhi laughed. "Blindly fighting has no meaning at all, nor does acting strong all the while. Those who can enter Ling Xiao Academy are all the most outstanding talents in the entire God Residence Realm. They will understand this logic. The most important thing is to duel with each other and improve one's own cultivation level."

Other than in the academy, they knew for a fact that there were even stronger warriors outside! They only could make themselves stronger so as not to waste every single minute and second spent here. "You're right." Chu Liuyue lightly sighed. The academy's director and elders must've spent a lot of effort to create such a positive competitive environment where everyone can tolerate each other.

In the beginning, she had many other thoughts when she came here. But now, she suddenly had some expectations and hopes for Ling Xiao Academy itself. "The people over there are all Xuan Masters." Elder Qiao Zhi suddenly stopped and pointed below.

Chu Liuyue followed his line of sight.

More than twenty students were standing on a broad and spacious piece of land in the middle of the mountain. There were men and women who looked young and energetic.

A woman around 30 years old was standing at the frontmost of them. Her figure was thin and curvy, and she looked very gentle. However, her vague suppression caused one to be unable to underestimate her as they were too scared to even take another look at her.

Beside her was a gigantic and complicated Xuan formation. It seemed like she was teaching a lesson.

Hearing the movement, she raised her head slightly and walked over.

Elder Qiao Zhi laughed out loud. "Qiniang, I brought you a child with much potential today!"

Miao Qiniang smiled. "It's clearly Wen Xi's hard work. Why are you fighting for it?"

Hearing this tone, it seemed like all the elders had the same status.

Elder Qiao Zhi grunted softly. "I knew I couldn't hide it from you! You already knew about it when they passed the barrier earlier on, right?!"

Miao Qiniang smiled and didn't say a word, but she didn't deny it either.

She was in charge of a portion of the Ling Xiao Academy's barrier. This was also the reason why she could know some things that happened.

She gently looked at Luo Yanming. "You're Yanlin's younger brother, right? He talked about you previously, and you are indeed quite good."

Luo Yanming hurriedly said, "Greetings, Elder. I'm Luo Yanming." "You can just call me Qiniang. Calling me elder makes me sound so old." Miao Qiniang sighed as if she were whining.

However, Luo Yanming didn't dare to do so.

Miao Qiniang didn't tease him, but the other students started talking really loudly. "Qiniang really doesn't like people to call her elder. Newcomer, you must remember this!" "He called her that just now, but Qiniang didn't get angry. Is it because of Yanlin?" "Of course! Haha, Yanlin is Qiniang's proud disciple! Now that another one has come, she doesn't even have the time to be happy. Why would she be angry?!"

Seeing that the crowd was so lively and that they all addressed her in that manner, Luo Yanming was secretly shocked as he didn't expect there to be such an 'elder' in the world.

Miao Qiniang glanced at the crowd in a seemingly smiling manner. "Don't scare the child. Have you understood the Xuan formation yet? Why did you come here to join the commotion?"

The crowd hurriedly retracted their gazes and continued studying her Xuan formation.

Miao Qiniang's gaze turned, and she looked at Chu Liuyue. "This child seems not bad too... Hm?"

She raised her sharp brows slightly, revealing a meaningful smile. / actually can't see this person's abilities. This shows how formidable the Yuan instrument he has is. The Luo family is already one of the top aristocratic families in the God Residence Realm, yet Luo Yanming doesn't have such an object. This young man... "Hey... Qiniang, he isn't left for you! This child is a heavenly doctor!" explained Elder Qiao Zhi hurriedly.

Miao Qiniang looked regretful. "Ah... that's such a pity... I feel rather fated with this child!"

That was the truth.

This young man had distinctly black and white eyes that were as clean and clear as fountain water, causing one to feel elated. His eyes and brows were vaguely familiar.

Elder Qiao Zhi's lips twitched. "Okay, okay! Since I've already sent the person over, I won't stay here any longer!"

Then, he brought Chu Liuyue and left.

Not long later, Chu Liuyue smelled a thick herbal fragrance from the mountains.

Her eyes lit up. Someone is producing a pill!

Chapter 1116 Pill Betting

Very quickly, she discovered that it wasn't only one person that was producing pills but two!

Two youngsters stood opposite each other at the bottom of the mountain. They each had a cauldron before them, and the fires inside were rising high. One could faintly see a pill the size of a dragon's eye.

The thick herbal fragrance exuded from there.

Beside the duo was a stone table. On the stone table were quite a few black plaques, but on the other stone table, there was only one.

They seemed to be competing!

There were a few people standing around the duo as if they were spectating the match. They should be the ones who placed the black plaques on the table.

Chu Liuyue took a closer look.

The two young men looked like they were either 23 or 24 years old. The one on the left was tall and skinny. He wore a blue robe and looked very proper as his eyes were glued closely to the pill that was about to be completed in the cauldron.

His originally white face flushed slightly, and thin beads of sweat broke out on his forehead. One could tell that he was at the end of his wits.

On the other side, the man in the light-green robe had deep features and looked much more relaxed. One seemed to be able to tell who won and lost at one glance. "It seems like Tuo Baxuan is going to win again." Elder Qiao Zhi seemed to be not surprised by this scene as he stroked his beard and said, "If he wins this round, he'll win five matches in a row!"

Chu Liuyue followed his line of sight and noticed that he was staring at the young man with deep five features.

The stone table beside him indeed had many black plaques. Clearly, everyone thought that he would win.

On the other hand, the youngster in blue only had a lone black plaque on the stone table. That should be his own.

Detecting her gaze and seeing the curiosity in her eyes, Elder Qiao Zhi laughed and explained, “They’re pill betting.” “Pill betting?” Chu Liuyue was dazed for a moment. “That’s right. There are many students who are learning to be heavenly doctors in the academy, and they’re not convinced by each other, so they regularly pill bet.” “The people involved in the betting have to choose a time and a venue to proceed with the competition. Whoever produces a pill with higher medicinal efficacy will be the winner. However, it’s different from normal competitions as they all have to place their own bets before the match. The bets can be anything. The spectating crowd also has to bet on who will win and lose before the match starts.” “Other than this, there should be more rewards for winning the bet, right?” Chu Liuyue narrowed her eyes. A pure bet doesn’t seem to be enough to get this bunch of prideful kids to be so invested. It’s fine if they do it once or twice, but there is no need to do it frequently. It’s better if they used the time to research pills. Since so many people are so enthusiastic about it, there must be another reason.

Elder Qiao Zhi looked at her in approval. “You’re smart. Actually, these bets aren’t the main point. The main point is that winning or losing this bet will affect their points in school.” “Points?” “In the academy, many things have to be exchanged with varying amounts of points. In other words, points are the currency in the academy, which is also ‘money.’ They can be used to exchange for herbs, books, or anything else you want.” “When they pill bet, other than the ordinary bets, they will usually bet their points. Using such a method, they can quickly accumulate points. Of course, they will have nothing if they lose.”

Chu Liuyue nodded in understanding as she looked at the black plaques on the stone tables. “Spectators will also bet points?” “That’s right. Their rate of winning also varies with their bets; these are all to be communicated in advance.”

As long as one pill bet regularly, it wouldn’t cause much trouble. The academy’s elders also supported this; normally, they wouldn’t intervene.

Elder Qiao Zhi glanced at her and chuckled. "What, you want to bet too? You've just entered the academy, so you should have 100 points."

Chu Liuyue curled her fingertips. "I just came here. Can I do it?" "Why not!?" Elder Qiao Zhi waved his long sleeves and flew downward.

Chu Liuyue followed him closely.

Detecting the person coming from behind, the people focused on spectating the battle turned around. "Elder Qiao Zhi!" Seeing the person coming, the few people hurriedly bowed and greeted him.

Elder Qiao Zhi waved his hands and smiled. "Don't stand on ceremony! I came here today to bring you a newly recruited kid!"

The few people looked at Chu Liuyue standing behind him.

Chu Liuyue cupped her fists and bowed toward the few people. "Greetings, Senior Brothers."

The few of them politely bowed back, but when they saw Chu Liuyue's gaze, they all seemed doubtful. "What's your cultivation level, Junior Brother?"

Chu Liuyue smiled slightly. "Eighth-grade."

The few of them looked like they understood what was going on and had vague contempt in their eyes.

Elder Qiao Zhi knew their characters the best, and he couldn't help but grunt. "A 16-year-old eighth-grade heavenly doctor is pretty good in your area, right?"

The few students were then taken aback as they looked at Chu Liuyue with different gazes. "Chu Yue, go place your black plaque on whoever you think will win!" Elder Qiao Zhi confidently patted Chu Liuyue's shoulders. / helped to bring him in, so I must support the child a little!

With a hit of the palm from a legendary warrior, half of Chu Liuyue's shoulders were directly numbed. However, it was lucky that she had followed Dugu Mobao and cultivated with him for a while, so she could withstand it.

At this point, she could forcefully stabilize herself.

Originally, at this stage of the pill bet, nobody else could participate. But since Elder Qiao Zhi had said it, they couldn't retort and could only agree. Forget it. It'll just be a greeting gift for the new junior brother!

Chu Liuyue took a glance and walked to one of them before placing her black plaque on the stone table.

The number of black plaques on the stone table turned from one to two. "Hey..." Elder Qiao Zhi raised his hand and wanted to stop her, but it was already too late. "Hey, kid!"

Didn't I already tell him that the person who'll win is definitely Tuo Baxuan?! Just by judging the number of black plaques on the stone tables, one will be able to guess who has a higher chance of winning!

Elder Qiao Zhi had expected better from him.

When the people at the side saw this, they exchanged glances, and mockery flashed across their eyes. A 16-year-old eighth-grade heavenly doctor sounds shocking, but it seems like he isn't very capable. It's already at the last step of the pill production, yet he still chose wrongly?!

Chu Liuyue didn't seem to notice these as she walked over after putting down her plaque and looked very calm.

Elder Qiao Zhi lowered his voice. "Chu Yue, what are you doing? Your 100 points are going to be wasted just like this!"

Chu Liuyue blinked. "Isn't the point of pill betting to gamble?"

Chapter 1117 Minority Beat the Majority

Elder Qiao Zhi shook his head in his heart. To think that I just thought this child was very obedient and mature, yet he is so daring when he gambles. Even if he wants to gamble, he should bet on the winning side! Who

bets on the losing side!? Great, now he'll lose everything not long after arriving at the academy!

"Don't do this again in the future! You really don't know how hard it is to earn points!" Elder Qiao Zhi advised kindly.

Chu Liuyue nodded seriously, but it was another question whether she had heeded his advice.

At this point, a whirl was heard!

The surrounding crowd looked up and saw that the commotion was coming from Tuo Baxuan's cauldron.

"It's about to be complete!" someone yelled softly.

The herbal fragrance became increasingly stronger as the fire rose, and lines continuously appeared on the pill!

The crowd couldn't help but hold in their breaths!

But at this moment, a tiny ripple suddenly came out from within!

Tuo Baxuan's expression changed slightly. Then, before he could react, the pill actually exploded!

Rumble!

A loud sound was heard!

Tuo Baxuan was right in the middle of it and was immediately flung away by the terrifying force, harshly slamming against the ground! However, he didn't care about himself as he hurriedly got up and gazed at his

cauldron.

The fire inside was completely extinguished, and the pill was destroyed, leaving only dust behind.

The faint burning smell permeated the air.

Tuo Baxuan's face flashed white. How did it—I only made a small mistake just now! Originally, I thought I had already fixed it, but who knew...

The sudden explosion caused the surrounding people to be taken aback.

Almost at the same time, Zhong Xun also reached the last obstacle!

His face was slightly red, and his lips were white as he kept sweating. He looked as if he couldn't hold on any longer, but his feet were still tightly glued to the ground as he used up all his strength to insert the last bit of

his force into the pill!

Whir!

A ripple hit the cauldron, and an intense herbal fragrance exploded!

A few lines continuously appeared on the pill! Then, the pill actually rushed out!

Zhong Xun hurriedly grabbed a jade box and captured it!

Kacha!

The jade box was closed! That pill was nicely locked within!

Zhong Xun staggered backward and almost fell on the floor.

After he stabilized himself, he finally got a breather as he glanced at the crowd. His lethargic face had an unconcealable elation. "I-I won!"

The crowd was silent.

Nobody expected that Tuo Baxuan—who had the advantage the entire time—actually lost everything at the last step and lost to Zhong Xun!

Even Elder Qiao Zhi was dazed for once.

"Congratulations." The person talking was Chu Liuyue.

Zhong Xun looked at her and revealed a smile. “Thank you for supporting me just now.”

Chu Liuyue blinked. “Senior Brother, I actually only wanted to take the risk to gamble. I should thank you instead. You won’t blame me for splitting your winnings, right?”

“Haha! Why would I!?” Zhong Xun laughed.

This time, he had won quite a bit from his comeback, so it was nothing to split it with this junior brother. The more important point was that when everyone thought lowly of him, only she stood up to support him.

He had to admit that he didn’t have much confidence in himself back then. Only this junior brother helped to calm him down. This was more important than anything else.

Zhong Xun walked to the other stone table.

Tuo Baxuan had already stood up, and his expression was complicated.

“Everyone, I won’t hold back on the points that were bet!” Zhong Xun laughed.

Tuo Baxuan took a deep breath in. “I admit defeat—just take it! I’ll get it back from you next time!”

Zhong Xun used his plaque to touch those few black plaques, and rays of light flashed across.

Chu Liuyue then realized that this black plaque actually had a cosmic bag inside.

After Zhong Xun touched all those black plaques, he walked to her and smiled. “Junior Brother, bring yours over.”

Chu Liuyue brought her black plaque over. Light then flashed across, and a few lines floated above it.

Chu Liuyue quickly scanned it and discovered that there were quite a few items inside. There were herbs and also formulas.

There was a number on the last line: “1,000.”

That should be the number of points she had earned.

“Senior Brother, this—”

“I’m Zhong Xun.” Zhong Xun smiled and returned the black plaque to Chu Liuyue. “All of this is what you deserve. Don’t stand on ceremony!”

Chu Liuyue hesitated for a moment before finally taking it over. Then, she smiled and said, “Thank you, Senior Brother Zhong Xun.”

This black plaque indeed had similar uses to a Cosmic Ring.

As if seeing through her thoughts, Zhong Xun explained, “You can store many items in the black plaque, and the storage expands along with your accumulated points. Additionally, all the items in your plaque will have

your aura on it, so you don’t have to worry about it being stolen.”

Chu Liuyue thought to herself, This item is indeed convenient. Just based on this alone, many people will dispel their evil intentions.

“The winnings obtained through regular betting or items that are willingly given will be recorded down, so you won’t get into trouble.”

Chu Liuyue had a better impression of the black plaque in her hands. “So this item is this impressive...”

“Of course! Every academy student’s black plaque was specifically made by the Armory Refinement Master elders,” added Elder Qiao Zhi.

As he spoke, he walked over and shot Chu Liuyue a more surprised look. “Kid, you’re really lucky!”

He could actually win in such a situation!

Chu Liuyue smiled slightly. “I’ve always been lucky, but this time, it’s mainly because of you and Senior Brother Zhong Xun. If not, I wouldn’t have this chance.”

Elder Qiao Zhi felt good when he heard this. "Okay! I've sent you over already, so during this period, you should learn from them first! You'll undergo assessments to find your teacher at the beginning of the next

month! I still have something on, so I'll go first!"

Chu Liuyue acknowledged it.

The other students hurriedly bowed.

Elder Qiao Zhi's figure quickly disappeared before the crowd.

The surroundings quickly fell silent.

"What's your name?" Tuo Baxuan's voice came from behind.

Chu Liuyue turned around and smiled faintly. "Chu Yue."

"Chu Yue?" Tuo Baxuan swallowed the mouthful of blood in his throat and looked at her with a doubtful gaze. "Why did you bet that he would win just now?"

Chu Liuyue's expression didn't change. "It's only interesting if the minority wins against the majority."

If I bet with the majority, I'll only get a bit of everyone's soup. Besides, Zhong Xun definitely would've won this round. Why would I go against myself?

Tuo Baxuan controlled his expression and felt that he had thought too much. He's just an eighth-grade heavenly doctor; he shouldn't be able to discern anything. Perhaps... it really was a coincidence?

"Junior Brother Chu Yue, I'll bring you around. It'll be the beginning of the month in the next few days. There isn't much time left for you to prepare," said Zhong Xun.

Chu Liuyue nodded. "Thank you, Senior Brother Zhong Xun."

Chapter 1118 So Many Points, I Want to Take a Look

Elder Qiao Zhi's previous worries were rather unnecessary. He never expected that although Chu Liuyue had no status or background, she could still stabilize her footing with just a pill bet.

At the very least, with a senior brother like Zhong Xun helping her willingly, it would save her a lot of trouble.

Even though heavenly doctors were mostly very prideful, they would still have a good impression of the people who chose to stand on their side in times of difficulty.

Zhong Xun brought Chu Liuyue around. After interacting for a while, he felt that this new junior brother wasn't bad. Though he's young, he is very mature and well-mannered. His appearance can only be considered clean, and he definitely isn't an eye-catching existence among the crowd. However, he

seems to have a natural elegance in his bones. This rare aura makes him different from the rest. In the beginning, Zhong Xun felt that since the other party had supported him during the pill bet, he had to give the latter some face. But slowly, he wanted to make friends with him.

This young man named 'Chu Yue' is indeed outstanding in many aspects. He should be a young master from some aristocratic family, Zhong Xun secretly thought to himself. This aura is definitely not something an ordinary person would have. Even though this junior brother hasn't talked much about his background as if he were intentionally hiding it, many of the students here do the same thing, so it isn't surprising.

Hence, Zhong Xun didn't mind it either.

Chu Liuyue followed him and toured a few places, bumping into a few people on the way. "It's going to be the end of the month soon. Everyone is busy cultivating in preparation for the test at the start of the month," explained Zhong Xun when he walked to a sheltered stone pathway. "Other than new students who need to find their teachers, the old students have their own tasks too. You need to know that the competition here is very intense."

Even though Zhong Xun said this with a smile, it wasn't hard to see his serious expression.

Chu Liuyue nodded. It's the top academy in the God Residence Realm, where all the talents gather. It would be weird if it wasn't intensely competitive. "I just broke through a few days ago, so I wanted to practice with Tuo Baxuan."

Actually, he didn't have much hope either. Who knew—

He could only say that no matter how good one was, they had to treat every pill production seriously and carefully and put in their best. If not, someone would bring you down at any moment! "That Senior Brother seems to be about to break through too," said Chu Liuyue.

Zhong Xun glanced at her strangely. "How did you know that?"

Chu Liuyue paused.

This kind of matter was actually very easy to discern, but the condition was that one's abilities had to be stronger than the other party or at the same level at the very least.

Tuo Baxuan was a ninth-grade heavenly doctor. He seemed to fail when he tried to produce a middle-grade ninth-grade pill.

Even though Chu Liuyue hasn't fully recovered her capabilities, she could still see these things. However, she couldn't say such words. "I guessed it," said Chu Liuyue with a smile. "When I want to break through, I also like to find people to duel with them."

Seeing her genuine expression, Zhong Xun didn't doubt her. "There's another reason why he agreed to my pill bet. If he could win five rounds in a row, his points could be doubled."

Tuo Baxuan should've been sure that he could've won, so he agreed to the match. It was a pity that he was too anxious.

Points—points again! Chu Liuyue couldn't help but question, "It seems like these points are very important?" "Of course!" Zhong Xun laughed out loud. "You just entered the academy, so it's normal that you don't know this. Although Elder Qiao Zhi briefly explained it to you previously, you'll only truly understand when you slowly experience it."

As he spoke, he sized Chu Liuyue up. "Do you want a ninth-grade pill formula?"

Looking at his face, Chu Liuyue swallowed the words ‘I’m not interested and smiled slightly. “Yes.” “In the academy, you can buy a ninth-grade pill formula with 1,000 points! Of course, it’ll be a low-grade one. If you want a middle-grade or a superior-grade one, you have to use more points. But as long as you want to and your points are sufficient, there’s nothing you can’t buy here!” said Zhong Xun with a slightly emotional expression.

Ling Xiao Academy had been around for millions of years and had a deep foundation. Any aristocratic family in the God Residence Realm couldn’t compare to the academy!

The academy was even stronger! Things that couldn’t be found outside and were highly sought after or things that one hadn’t even heard of could be found here! As long as one’s points were sufficient, they could exchange for it!

This showed how important points were! “This means that points really are quite important... Then, aren’t my 1,000 points quite useless?” Chu Liuyue blinked and nodded as if she understood. It’s only enough to buy a beginner ninth-grade pill formula. It’s a waste of time and emotions.

However, Zhong Xun didn’t notice the faint contempt in her eyes as he encouraged her. “That’s why you must work hard to earn points after you enter! But you don’t have to worry—you’ve already turned your initial 100 points to 1,000 points on your first day. You’re much better than many people! In times to come, your points will gradually accumulate!”

Then, he realized that the youngster opposite him had slightly hung his head as if he were thinking of something. “Chu Yue? Chu Yue?”

After Zhong Xun called twice, that youngster looked up and smiled at him slightly. His black eyes dazzled and shone under the reflection of the sunlight. “Senior Brother Zhong Xun, you’re right.” The pure youngster smiled in a gentle and harmless manner. “There should be other people pill betting in the academy, right? I wonder if... Senior Brother Zhong Xun can bring me along? I want to take a look.”

Chapter 1119 Who Organized This?!

Chu Liuyue and the others' arrival didn't cause much of a commotion in Ling Xiao Academy. Everyone was used to it as new students would come in once every few days.

Now that there were only three days left until the assessment at the beginning of the month, they couldn't even handle their own matters, let alone care about others!

There were many talents in the world. Here, only the capable ones had the last say!

Fangzhou.

After Elder Wen Xi left with them, Elder Hua Feng was left alone to guard the area.

It quickly became nighttime. Elder Hua Feng packed his items up and returned to his house.

He sat on the stone chair in the yard, and the surroundings were silent. However, Elder Hua Feng wasn't calm.

"It has been so long... Why hasn't she come out yet..." muttered Elder Hua Feng softly as he stared at the sparkling stars in the sky.

That's not right. It really isn't right. I clearly felt that that person had come. Even if I die, I won't mistake that familiar aura!

In the beginning, that person didn't show up, and Elder Hua Feng thought that she was tricking him. But after waiting for so long and being on his guard for the entire day, he didn't even see half a person's figure.

Elder Hua Feng stroked his beard, and his head ached. It was as if one knew that a mine was buried next to them, but they didn't know the exact location or when it would explode!

He felt very uneasy, and this feeling wasn't good.

Elder Hua Feng thought for a while as he held up his wine bottle and drank a big mouthful from it.

His throat burned! Then, he forcefully wiped his mouth and grunted softly. "Don't come if you don't want to! Who is waiting for you!?"

Following that, he stood up and returned to the house. He lifted his blankets and directly lay on the bed, planning to rest.

The moonlight shone in from the windows.

Clang!

Elder Hua Feng jumped up in frustration. “Ah! I’m so annoyed! When I find you, just see how I’ll teach you a lesson, rascal!”

The night was silent.

Nighttime in Fangzhou didn’t have the hustle and bustle of daytime as the surroundings fell silent.

A figure with a slightly curved back paced back and forth on the spacious streets. His footsteps seemed light and silent, but they were very quick.

Even if there were people who walked by in the night, they couldn’t detect him.

“That’s weird... Not here... Not here either...” After searching for a long time, Elder Hua Feng finally found a desolate corner and stopped. His head ached. Was it really an illusion?

After much thinking, Elder Hua Feng finally clenched his teeth and walked in the direction of the city!

The city gates were as per normal, and there was nobody guarding it at night. However, people were prohibited from entering or leaving at night. Hence, the area near the city gates was also very quiet and empty.

Elder Hua Feng walked to the entrance and held his breath to gather his focus. Gradually, his expression became determined. That’s definitely not an illusion...

Then, he averted his gaze and stared at the hole that was chopped out by the city gate.

“We haven’t seen each other in years, yet your patience has grown!” grunted Elder Hua Feng softly.
“Let’s see how long you’ll last!”

Elder Hua Feng didn’t sleep the entire night.

The next morning, he felt someone coming. It was the elder who was supposed to take the next shift—
Guan Song.

Seeing Elder Hua Feng’s slightly lethargic expression, Elder Guan Song was taken aback. “What
happened? You were just stationed here for half a day. Why did you become like this?”

Elder Hua Feng was stumped. / can’t say it’s because I was waiting for that troublemaker...

“Nothing, nothing. Just come over.”

Elder Guan Song glanced at the empty bottle by his waist and said concernedly, “Why don’t you go back
earlier? I think you—”

“No need!” Elder Hua Feng swiftly rejected him. I’ve already changed my mind! I must wait here!

Elder Hua Feng waited for three days in one go.

Quite a few elders changed shifts in between, yet Elder Hua Feng insisted on being stationed here and didn't leave. But after much waiting and searching, that person still didn't appear.

Elder Hua Feng's heart was crushed. /f you've come back, you should come out after hiding for a few days. If you haven't come back...

Elder Hua Feng's eyes lit up! Could it be that the troublemaker really didn't come back?!

After much consideration, Elder Hua Feng finally went back the day before the beginning of the month. J won't wait anymore! It's more important to accept disciples!

At this moment, on a certain mountain in Ling Xiao Academy, two youngsters were staring straight at each other in the middle of an empty space.

Hundreds of people gathered around in a circle to watch.

Two stone tables were placed beside the two youngsters. Their respective black plaques were placed on them.

The atmosphere was tense; it was clear that it was another pill betting session. But at this moment, before the two youngsters began, the crowd's gazes all fell on a figure in the crowd.

It was a youngster in a green robe. His eyes were clear, comfortable, and clean.

"Chu Yue, who are you betting on for this match?!" Zhong Xun asked at the side.

Once he said this, the crowd increasingly fell silent.

Some people unwittingly held their breaths in as they closely stared at the young man being questioned. It seemed like they were waiting for his answer.

Chu Liuyue felt her head ache withstanding these enthusiastic stares. This matter... seems to have blown up...

It was actually very simple. Three days ago, she told Zhong Xun to bring her around and see if there were other pill bets as she wanted to earn some points to spend for herself.

In the end, after she won five matches consecutively, the matter started developing in an uncontrollable direction.

Many people heard that a new junior brother had consecutively won five pill betting wagers! The key was that all five matches he chose had a high compensation rate!

When everyone thought that he would lose completely, he made a comeback and directly won the many points countless people accumulated over a long time!

This allowed the junior brother to earn more than a hundred-fold of his points when he started from 100 points on his first day in the academy!

Once this news spread around, it caused quite a big commotion.

Pill bets were very common in the academy. On the one hand, everyone could duel with each other and learn from each other. On the other hand, it could entertain them and adjust their mood.

Hence, once someone started a bet, quite a few people would follow them all the while. There would be wins and losses for the majority. After all, there were many aspects to pill betting.

Even if one's cultivation level was higher, they might fail if they made a slight mistake during the competition. Such uncertainty caused pill bets to be more fun. But now, a new student actually won five pill bet wagers

in a row! How could it not shock others and make them curious?

Thus, many more people started following her around. Until today, wherever Chu Liuyue went, the betting locations would be very crowded.

Everyone was waiting for her to make a decision.

Chu Liuyue rubbed her glabella. Actually... it was such a coincidence... I purposely chose those matches with a high compensation rate as I wanted to earn fast money. Who knew it would turn out like this?

"I think..." Chu Liuyue walked to one of the stone tables.

Once she placed her black plaque down, she heard a voice boom from above. "What are you doing?! Tomorrow is the assessment. Why are all of you gathered here?!"

The crowd looked up.

Chu Liuyue looked up as well.

“Which scoundrel organized this? Stand up!”

The crowd quickly put away their black plaques and looked at Chu Liuyue in unison.

Chu Liuyue—who had just placed her black plaque down—was confused. .

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“You! Yes, you! Come over here!” While he was speaking, that elder’s figure had already quickly flown over from afar and landed on the ground.

The crowd moved a step backward in unison and respectfully greeted, “Greetings, Elder Wan Zheng!”

Elder Wan Zheng grunted. “I’ll deal with you later!”

He looked at the ‘mastermind’ Chu Liuyue. “This kid... Hm? You—”

Seeing the unfamiliar face, Elder Wan Zheng was dazed. “You’re new?”

Chu Liuyue's eyelids twitched as she hurriedly stepped forward, cupped her fists, and respectfully bowed. "I'm Chu Yue. Greetings, Elder Wan Zheng." "So you're Chu Yue!" Elder Wan Zheng had heard of this name before.

Two days ago, he heard Wen Xi mention that he recruited a rare talent for them. Said talent was only 16 years old and was an eighth-grade heavenly doctor.

Originally, Elder Wan Zheng thought that Chu Yue would be busy familiarizing himself with the academy and cultivating. After all, the assessment was coming up, and he had to get a mentor. Who knew he would actually be busy with such illicit matters?!

Seeing that the kid was still considered polite and was young, Elder Wan Zheng toned down a little. However, his tone was still rude. "Chu Yue, do you know that you're not allowed to pill bet on the last day of the month?"

Chu Liuyue was dazed. How would I know?! Nobody told me before!

At the side, Zhong Xun hurriedly went forward and explained, "Elder Wan Zheng, it's all my fault. Junior Brother Chu Yue just arrived, and I didn't tell him about it properly, so..." "If he doesn't know, do all of you not know too?" Elder Wan Zheng interrupted him, surveyed his surroundings, and looked solemn.

The crowd exchanged glances and became increasingly silent. "Everyone present has violated the academy rules. 3,000 points are to be deducted from everyone!" "Ah!!!" The crowd groaned in misery. We just wanted to earn some quick bucks, and we haven't even started! Why did we suddenly have our points deducted!?

Elder Wan Zheng raised his brows slightly. "What? Do you want it deducted two-fold?"

Everyone immediately fell silent. “The two people who made the agreement to pill bet are to have 5,000 points deducted!”

The two lone people standing next to the cauldron could only be angry, but they didn’t dare to speak. Who told them to do it on purpose?

Originally, they thought that they would be lucky and could prepare a little before the beginning of the month, but who knew they would be harmed by their wit? They could only silently accept the deduction. “And you—” Elder Wan Zheng glanced at Chu Liuyue. “You led the betting. Even though you didn’t know about it, your points still have to be deducted! Since this is your first offense, I’ll deduct 5,000 points!”

Chu Liuyue raised her eyebrows slightly. I only managed to earn more than 20,000 points these three days. Now, 5,000 is deducted in one go. It’s a huge loss for me. “Elder Wan Zheng, Junior Brother is really innocent in this matter. It’s all because we didn’t tell him on time and guide him properly. You should deduct these 5,000 points from me!” said Zhong Xun hurriedly.

Actually, he blamed himself quite a bit.

They didn’t do it on purpose. Even though the academy had rules that they couldn’t pill bet on the last day of the month, the restrictions had exceptions—it didn’t allow more than two people. This also meant that other than the two parties who were betting, it wasn’t against the rules as long as the others didn’t follow.

In the end, more than a hundred of them gathered in one go. It would be weird if Elder Wan Zheng wasn’t angry.

Luckily, they hadn't officially begun. If not, the punishment would be worse!

He also forgot about this issue as excitement overwhelmed him when he spent so much time with Chu Yue and saw the latter winning many times. In the end, he implicated everyone—especially his junior brother, who had just come and didn't know anything. "Senior Brother Zhong Xun, thank you for your kind intentions. But since I did this, I should take responsibility for it." Chu Liuyue shook her head and rejected Zhong Xun's help.

Elder Wan Zheng squinted his eyes. "That's more like it!"

Then, he flicked his wrist and brought up his own jade plaque.

This jade plaque was slightly different from theirs, be it in terms of size or appearance. Clearly, this was something that only an elder would have. "Everyone come and queue up now!" Elder Wan Zheng commanded, and the crowd could only go forward obediently.

They queued up and placed their black plaques above one by one. Rays of light flashed across.

Quite a few people looked heartbroken, but they didn't dare to speak further.

Very quickly, even the duo who hadn't competed in time walked over and had 5,000 points deducted. Zhong Xun glanced at Chu Liuyue hesitantly. Chu Liuyue willingly walked forward and placed her black plaque forward. A ray of white light flashed across, and the number above decreased instantly. Chu Liuyue's attitude put Elder Wan Zheng in a better mood. "That's the way! You need to familiarize yourself with the academy rules. If not, such a situation will happen again because you're ignorant!" Chu Liuyue acknowledged it obediently. "Thank you for the reminder, Elder Wan Zheng. I'll remember it." "Great! You're a talent, so don't spend time on these nonsensical things! Prepare well today and perform well tomorrow!" A rare smile finally surfaced on Elder Wan Zheng's face.

Chu Liuyue nodded.

Elder Wan Zheng then waved his hands. "Go back! Go back!"

Once he said this, the crowd acknowledged the order in unison and disappeared instantly.

Chu Liuyue was speechless.

In the blink of an eye, only the three of them were left on the giant mountain peak.

Elder Wan Zheng reminded them again and then left.

Looking at the empty surroundings, Chu Liuyue was speechless for once. "Junior Brother Chu Yue, don't mind it. Elder Wan Zheng said all of that for your own good. He didn't really mean to blame you." Seeing that her expression seemed amiss, Zhong Xun hurriedly comforted her. "It's all my fault—" "Senior Brother Zhong Xun, you don't have to blame yourself." Chu Liuyue shook her head. "I know that Elder Wan Zheng meant well, but I just find it weird." "What's weird?" "The atmosphere in Ling Xiao Academy has been great, and everyone toes the line. Why is there such a rule?"

Can't pill bet at the end of the month... If they're really unhappy, they could just ban it altogether. Why must they impose the restriction for the last day only? "Oh, you're talking about this?" Zhong Xun smiled in understanding. "You just came, so you don't know. The start of every month is when everyone needs to use up their points crazily, so many people will suddenly have a surge in wealth the day before since they try to accumulate as many points as possible to have better advantages. You'll understand this in detail in the future." "The academy set this rule to prevent competition with ill intentions as they might steal other people's points, and..." Thinking of something, Zhong Xun restrained his expression, and his eyes looked deep.

Chu Liuyue looked at him. “And what?” “Actually, this is just hearsay,” said Zhong Xun slowly after feeling conflicted for a moment. “This rule had never existed before, but a few years ago, a student used pill betting to gain one-third of all the academy students’ points at the end of the month, causing those people to be unable to cultivate properly for the next few months! Ever since then, the academy specifically set this rule to prevent such an event from happening again.”

Chu Liuyue blinked and asked with much interest, “Who is it? This person is so capable.”.