

## **Noble Ruler 1131**

Chapter 1131 Erased Name

Rong Xiu!

Looking at the ever-familiar two words on the top of the ranking list, Chu Liuyue was suddenly dazed. Rong Xiu... is actually on the heavenly doctor ranking list, and he has such a high position?!

“How can it be... Why is he first?” Chu Liuyue muttered to herself.

Hearing her voice, Elder Wan Zheng looked up and squinted his eyes. “You’re talking about Rong Xiu? He’s not first.”

Chu Liuyue turned to look at him.

“Rong Xiu is second. There’s someone else above him.”

“Another one?” Chu Liuyue looked up and didn’t see any name appearing above Rong Xiu.

“First... The first person’s name has been erased.” Elder Wan Zheng’s tone was weird.

“Why?” Chu Liuyue didn’t understand why. Since everyone wants to be on the Qing Yun Ranking, why would the first-place holder’s name be erased?

“The director did it. Back then, after the first-place holder made it to the board, her name disappeared soon after. Many of the students who just came to the academy would mistake that Rong Xiu is first, but he actually isn’t.” Elder Wan Zheng raised his chin. “Look, if you take a closer look, there’s the director’s seal engraving on the first position.

Chu Liuyue took a closer look and realized that there seemed to be a faint suppression on the topmost position. But why did the director do this?

Chu Liuyue wanted to say something, but she didn’t know what. These top characters will have their own considerations for doing what they did. It would be futile if I asked Elder Wan

Zheng.

“But this had already happened a few years ago. Very few people talk about this in the academy now, so not many people know about

it.”

Even if they knew that the Qing Yun Ranking was amiss, many elders and students tacitly chose to remain silent. Elder Wan Zheng suddenly sighed lightly. If I didn’t accept Chu Liuyue as my disciple, I wouldn’t bring this incident up either. After all... some things from the past are already in the past. “You can just know about this; you don’t need to know the details. Now, there’s nothing wrong with having Rong Xiu at the top of the heavenly doctor Qing Yun Ranking. Chu Yue, you need to practice a lot harder and get on the ranking earlier!” Elder Wan Zheng laughed as he patted Chu Liuyue’s shoulders. His usually stern and ordinary-looking face looked surprisingly kind as his gaze flashed when he looked at Chu Liuyue, as if he had high expectations of her. Chu Liuyue felt faintly uneasy. “Master, you mean...”

Elder Wan Zheng laughed out loud. “Don’t worry, don’t worry! I won’t expect you to appear on the Qing Yun Ranking right away! I’ll give you three months; what do you think?”

Chu Liuyue looked at the last name on the heavenly doctor ranking.

The Qing Yun Ranking had a total of a hundred names, and the last one seemed to be a man’s name—Bian Wenhao.

“W-what grade is that Bian Wenhao at now?” asked Chu Liuyue softly. “Hehe, it’s not high! That kid is now a peak ninth-grade heavenly doctor! You just need to reach peak ninth-grade as well. With your talent as a heavenly doctor, you can definitely beat him!”

Chu Liuyue was speechless. Elder Wan Zheng seems to have some misunderstandings about me... No matter how talented I am, it’s quite unreasonable to expect me to break through to become a ninth-grade heavenly doctor when I’m only an eighth-grade one now, right?! Besides, I just broke through to become an eighth-grade heavenly doctor in Grotto-Heaven Cliff not too long ago!

“Is there a problem?” Elder Wan Zheng’s eyes were filled with kindness. “Why don’t I give you some encouragement?”

Chu Liuyue said, “...I’ll definitely do my best!”

“That’s my good disciple!” Elder Wan Zheng then heaved a sigh of relief and felt very emotional. It’s quite hard to find another talent like the troublemaker back then. If not, I wouldn’t have not found anybody these few years. Now, there is finally a Chu Yue. As long as he works hard, he can definitely succeed in life!

Elder Wan Zheng was comforted, but Chu Liuyue felt terrible. She glanced at the Qing Yun Ranking again. The last-the hundredth name is a peak ninth-grade heavenly doctor, then... What about Rong Xiu?! I don't even have any interest in asking that man. We are so far apart; what is there to ask?

Looking at the unfamiliar names on the board, Chu Liuyue sighed deeply. I have much to learn at Ling Xiao Academy...

Other than the heavenly doctor ranking, the other three ranking lists were also shown.

Most people gathered at the Xuan Master side and warrior side, while the Armory Refinement Master's side was rather empty. Other than an elder standing there symbolically, there wasn't even a person looking at the ranking.

The old students were used to it, and the new students were busying themselves, so it was quite empty there for now.

Chu Liuyue originally wanted to take a look at those two rankings, but there were too many people there. Thus, it was very crowded.

She thought for a while and walked to the Armory Refinement Masters' side.

Different from the heavenly doctor ranking, the Armory Refinement Master's one was very short. This also meant that there weren't even a hundred names on the ranking.

Chu Liuyue looked at the name at the top, and her eyes shrunk! It's... actually Rong Xiu too!

Chu Liuyue's heart suddenly trembled.

She paused for a moment and walked a few steps back. Standing at this position, she could see two rankings.

It was very obvious that Rong Xiu's name on the heavenly doctor ranking was slightly lower than his name on the Armory Refinement Master ranking. Rong Xiu is truly the top on the Armory Refinement Master's ranking! Chu Liuyue finally couldn't help but look at Rong Xiu, who was standing at Dong Huang Clock Tower. This man... actually hid so much from me! One doesn't even have to think to know how capable he is to attain such a ranking on the Qing Yun Ranking!

Rong Xiu looked down.

Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes and walked toward the warrior ranking.

The crowd was bustling with noise. "So this is the Qing Yun Ranking!"

"Sigh, I finally got in with much difficulty last month, but I didn't have many breakthroughs last month. I'm afraid I'll be squeezed out again..."

"I've heard that those who completely break through to become a legendary warrior can only forcefully barge into the top twenty. I really wonder what kind of beasts the people at the top are!"

"I heard that Senior Brother Rong Xiu has dominated the board for many years. Even to this day, nobody can beat him. It's really amazing..."

Chu Liuyue's heart tingled slightly. As expected, Rong Xiu's name was still at the top! However, there was a slight space below his name.

Thinking of what Elder Wan Zheng said earlier, she suddenly understood something.

Some new students asked in confusion at the side, "The first is Senior Brother Rong Xiu, but what's with second place?"

"Yeah! Why is there a spacing for no reason?"

"Shh..." Upon hearing this, the older students hurriedly gestured for them to keep quiet.

"The person in second place is a special student in our academy, and we can't talk about her name. It's fine if you don't understand this because you just came, but you mustn't bring this up again in the future!"

Confusion filled the new students' faces. "Why?"

"There are no whys; just know that you have to follow this rule in the future. You came to the academy to cultivate and practice. Anything else has nothing to do with you, do you understand?"

"... Thank you for your teaching, Senior Brothers!"

Chu Liuyue's heart tingled as she looked at the Xuan Master ranking. Rong Xiu's name was second. The name at the first position was already erased by someone, just like the heavenly doctor ranking!

## Chapter 1132 Dare to Battle!

Chu Liuyue had a strange feeling.

There were a total of four lists for the Qing Yun Ranking. Rong Xiu was number one for the Armory Refinement Master list and the warrior

list.

That mysterious student took the top position for the other two lists-heavenly doctor and Xuan Master. Without even thinking, the one that can compete with Rong Xiu would definitely be formidable. The director and the elders should love such an amazing student to death, but why did they purposely erase that person's name?

From how Elder Bo Yan and the rest treated Rong Xiu, she could tell that they were especially kind and gentle toward talented and outstanding students. But only this person...

Chu Liuyue recalled what she heard from Zhong Xun earlier. Could the person whose name was erased actually be the director's disciple?

Chu Liuyue sized the Qing Yun Ranking up. Suddenly, she was dazed slightly. I almost forgot something. My name doesn't seem to be on the Qing Yun Ranking!

Of course, Chu Liuyue wasn't thinking of her current 'Chu Yue' name but her previous name at Ling Xiao Academy.

Since I wanted to overtake Rong Xiu's name on the Qing Yun Ranking, I should have the capabilities back then. At the very least, I should be on the Qing Yun Ranking, right? However, it isn't there.

Chu Liuyue checked a few times, but she didn't see her own name. Then... Maybe I didn't use my real name back then?!

Chu Liuyue's gaze landed on the space where the erased name was on the Qing Yun Ranking for quite some time.

An outrageous and bold thought surfaced in her mind, but she quickly suppressed it. Not talking about others, one has to be a legendary warrior to be in the top twenty for the warrior list alone. However, I wasn't I wasn't even that when I was at my peak in the past. Thus, such a guess seems ridiculous.

Right at this moment, a loud voice came from the crowd. "I, Li Ziming, will challenge the hundredth-ranking person on the Qing Yun Ranking-Sun Xiao!" Chu Liuyue followed the direction of the voice and looked over.

The person talking was a muscular and tanned youth. He seemed nervous and anxious, but he couldn't conceal the agitation in his eyes.

Being on the Qing Yun Ranking was the biggest affirmation of a student's capabilities. Many people had this as their goal, so they kept working hard and cultivated painstakingly, hoping that they could make it onto the list one day.

Of course, they wouldn't dare to take it easy even if they were on the list. This was because they had the risk of being dragged down at any moment. Like now-once someone was on the list, there would be people challenging them every time it was the beginning of the month.

One had to know that unless there was some special situation, the people on the Qing Yun Ranking couldn't reject anyone when they were challenged at the beginning of the month. If not, it would be deemed as them surrendering.

Of course, if a few people wanted to challenge the same person, these few people had to fight it out first before the strongest one could duel against the person on the Qing Yun Ranking. And most of the people on the Qing Yun Ranking wanted to attain a higher ranking. Hence, those with lower ranks would challenge the higher-ranked ones.

But just from the warrior side alone, nobody dared to challenge the top three warriors in the past few years.

The ranks of the few people behind this trio regularly changed, and their capabilities were around the same. But as if they had a tacit agreement, nobody willingly challenged the ones at the top.

Not to mention Rong Xiu—who was first-or the mysterious person that had their name erased in second place, nobody even dared to challenge the third on the list. This was so even when the person in third place had been in the academy all along.

All in all, those few people at the top few ranks were like mountains. Countless people wanted to surpass them, but it was already very hard for them to harbor such hopes. Even the few who had hopes of surpassing them didn't dare to take action recklessly, let alone the others below.

Li Ziming and Sun Xiao's duel was about to begin really soon.

Then, other people started challenging each other continuously.

Qing Ming Square was huge, and it was more than enough to contain these people going against each other at the same time. Besides, the elders were taking control of the situation from the side, so they didn't need to worry.

The challenge quickly started on the Xuan Master's side.

In comparison, the heavenly doctor's side was much quieter. On the one hand, there were very few heavenly doctors. On the other hand, everyone had a rough inkling of each other's capabilities when they pill bet in usual times.

If they didn't have the confidence to win, they wouldn't challenge at all.

After a while, only a dozen or so people stepped out from the heavenly doctor's side to challenge.

As for the Armory Refinement Master's side... There was no point in talking about it.

Chu Liuyue even felt that as long as one had some slight talent in Armory Refinement, they would be able to get on the list.

"Chu Yue? Come! Watch more and learn more. It'll be your turn in a few months!" called Elder Wan Zheng.

Chu Liuyue walked over and obediently stood at the side.

There were a total of eight pill production matches occurring simultaneously in front of her.

Chu Liuyue was familiar with some of them, these few days, she had been pill betting at the mountain peaks in the academy, so she knew quite a few people.

“Kid, who do you think will win that match?” Elder Wan Zheng raised his chin and asked softly.

Chu Liuyue’s gaze flashed slightly. “Mentor, do you want to pill bet with me?”

Elder Wan Zheng was speechless. Has this kid gone nuts from earning points?!

But seeing the serious look on that youngster’s face, Elder Wan Zheng realized that the latter wasn’t joking. He really wants to win points!

“You just came to the academy, and you have plenty of time to earn points. Why are you so anxious? I was just asking for your opinion...”

Before Elder Wan Zheng could finish talking, he saw that youngster smile slightly. “Mentor, the academy seems to only ban pill betting at the end of the month but not at the beginning, right?”

Elder Wan Zheng’s eyelids twitched.

“I’ve heard that some people will also pill bet around this period. Honestly, quite a few people have already come to ask for my opinions...” Chu Liuyue seemed to be in a difficult spot. “Do you think I should say it or not...”

“I’ll give you points when we go back!” Elder Wan Zheng couldn’t help but shout. Why couldn’t I tell earlier that this kid had such tricks up his sleeves? He seemed obedient and mature, but now, he behaves quite differently than expected...

Chu Liuyue then smiled in satisfaction. Her eyes curved up, and they sparkled. “I knew you were the best, Mentor!”

However, this smile made Elder Wan Zheng’s eyes twitch. “Y-you-“

Why do I suddenly feel like I was tricked?! Also, this feeling seems eerily familiar...

But before he could think about it carefully, Chu Liuyue had already turned around to look at the competition venue. She crossed her arms and held her chin as if she were in deep thought. “I feel that this match should be...”

The sun shone down on him, and the youngster’s clear face looked pure and harmless. When he was thinking seriously, he was especially silent, and there was a special atmosphere around him.

Elder Wan Zheng felt that he had thought too much.

At this time, an ear-piercing sound was heard! “Rong Xiu! Do you dare to fight?!”

Chapter 1133 Fight for Who

This thunderous voice sounded-it pierced through the air!

Upon hearing this, the crowd looked up in shock. Someone actually wants to challenge Rong Xiu?!

When they saw the incoming person, the elders revealed looks of understanding. So it's him... Then, this matter isn't weird.

Some of the old students also recognized this person, and they gasped. "Yan Shuli?! He's out of seclusion?!"

Quite a few people suddenly recovered their senses.

"Yan Shuli? The person in the third position on the warrior ranking?!"

"That's right! He hasn't come out in a long while; I heard that he was cultivating in seclusion the entire time. I didn't expect him to appear today!"

"What's so weird about that? Didn't you hear that he came to challenge Rong Xiu?"

"There'll be a good show to watch now!"

Yan Shuli traveled through the air and held a long silver spear in his hands.

At the top of the silver spear, the dark blue lines intersected and gathered above, forming the sharp dark-blue blade. From afar, it looked like a silver and blue serpent with much suppression.

He was wearing a black outfit, and he looked pretty tall and muscular. His face was distinct, and his skin was tanned. His pair of narrow eyes were very sharp like blades.

If one exchanged glances with him, it was as if his vision could directly pierce through one's heart and see the depths of that person's heart.

At this point, his gaze was glued to Rong Xiu at the top of Dong Huang Clock Tower! Even though he was expressionless, the depths of his eyes were filled with unconcealable ambition and fighting intent!

Everyone could feel that he desperately wanted to challenge Rong Xiu! His bodily aura seemed even sharper than his spear!

Some people were born to fight, and Yan Shuli was clearly such a person!

Nothing mattered to him anymore. At this very moment, his mind was only filled with one thought: Beat Rong Xiu!

Countless pairs of eyes looked toward Rong Xiu

-curiosity, shock, expectations, nervousness. Clearly, the crowd really wanted to see Rong Xiu's reaction.

They also wanted to see how capable Rong Xiu, the number one on the Qing Yun Ranking, was!

One had to know that Rong Xiu hadn't been in the academy for the past few years! Now that he suddenly appeared, everyone naturally wanted to personally witness if he was as capable as the rumors claimed.

However, Elder Bo Yan spoke first. "Shuli, Rong Xiu came back to handle other matters today, not to—"

"I accept your challenge." Before Elder Bo Yan could finish his sentence, Rong Xiu interrupted him from the side.

His demonically handsome face looked nonchalant, and there even seemed to be faint smiling intent in his eyes as if he didn't take this matter to heart.

Elder Bo Yan hesitated for a moment. "Rong Xiu, aren't you busy with—"

"This won't take up too much of my time," said Rong Xiu lightly with a smile. Arrogant—this thought flashed across the crowd's minds in unison! Does he mean that he doesn't need to use much effort and time to go against Yan Shuli?! He doesn't even take Yan Shuli seriously! But even if Yan Shuli's ranking on the Qing Yun Ranking is lower than his, he is still legitimately third! Other than the name that mysteriously disappeared in between, the two of them are only one rank apart! Besides, Yan Shuli has been cultivating diligently in the academy for the past few years. Rumors have it that he can already put up a fight against some elders. However, he doesn't really show up normally and does things discreetly, so everyone isn't very familiar with him.

However, Rong Xiu was still too arrogant to say this in public.

Yan Shuli didn't look angered at all as the fighting intent in his eyes burned even more. "Okay! We'll battle once and for all!" Whoosh!

He flung his wrist, and his silver spear drew a beautiful arc in the air before it pointed straight at Rong Xiu! “Go ahead!”

Chu Liuyue watched everything from below. In actual fact, she was also very curious about how strong Rong Xiu was.

They had battled a few times, but she could clearly feel that Rong Xiu had just suppressed his abilities to a standard slightly above hers. In this manner, every time she thought she had hopes of winning, she would always be a little short of it.

One just had to think to know how scary a person who could control his abilities so perfectly was!

Right at this moment, Rong Xiu’s figure flashed, and he already appeared in front of Yan Shuli!

The two of them looked at each other.

For some reason, the vast Qing Ming Square suddenly became silent. The atmosphere instantly became tense!

“I haven’t seen Rong Xiu battle in a while...”

The people standing in Dong Huang Clock Tower looked over.

A young woman dazedly stared at the scene in mid-air as she muttered, “The last time I saw him fight, it was still with—”.

As if she thought of something, she suddenly fell silent.

“Rong Xiu rarely fights with people. Those who have tried to challenge him basically all gave up after fighting with him once, and they have never fought with him again. Only this Yan Shuli hasn’t given up. If you think about it in this way, his courage is commendable!” a youngster smiled and said from the side.

“Now that you mention it, this is already Yan Shuli’s fifth time challenging him, right? Rong Xiu is also weird. He actually agreed.”

Actually, in their eyes, Rong Xiu didn’t have the patience or mood to accept someone’s multiple challenges.

“Haha! Other than the first time, aren’t the remaining times because Yan Shuli fought with that person, so Rong Xiu agreed to his challenge and beat him three times consecutively?”

The moment he said that, the surroundings quietened down. Everyone glanced at the youngster talking with a strange expression.

That youngster then realized that he had said something wrong as he gasped and hurriedly covered his mouth. At the same time, he looked at Elder Bo Yan and the rest rather nervously. Perhaps it was because they were a distance away, or the elders weren’t focusing on this side, but they didn’t have much of a reaction.

“Hu...” That youngster sighed deeply but still had lingering fears. I actually forgot about this taboo!

“Hmph, you can’t say that,” said Wei Xiping coldly all of a sudden, breaking the silence. “I hear that Rong Xiu has been very busy these few years and barely spends much time in the Sky-Cloud Empire. Who knows what he was up to? Anyway, he definitely didn’t focus on cultivating. On the other hand, Yan Shuli has always been cultivating painstakingly. Perhaps there was a distance between the two of them previously, but now... It’s unclear who is strong and who is weak!”

Chapter 1134 Fight!

Rong Xiu was strong, and he had stably won over the rest when he was in the academy a few years back. But if he has given up on cultivation, he shouldn’t have his old glory after a few years, right? Not talking about anything else, but Yan Shuli is a ‘maniac’ in combat! With his current abilities against Rong Xiu, he might really be able to win!

Upon hearing this, the others had various expressions and did not speak further, as they all looked up at the duo facing each other in the sky.

Yan Shuli looked at Rong Xiu’s empty hands and knitted his brows. His originally expressionless face looked sharper. “Where’s your Yuan instrument?”

Rong Xiu shook his head. “I don’t need those.”

Yan Shuli’s face turned colder. “It seems like you have a lot of confidence in yourself! Rong Xiu, I have been practicing diligently every day for the past three years, all in preparation for this day! Today, I will do my best to beat you!”

A few years ago, after he repeatedly lost to Rong Xiu, Yan Shuli had strong fighting intent toward him! He had always been waiting to make a comeback, but Rong Xiu left the academy not long after and didn’t come back much in these three years. This caused him to be unable to have a chance to battle with Rong Xiu.

After knowing that Rong Xiu had come back this time, he immediately rushed over!

Rong Xiu smiled slightly. "Go ahead."

Yan Shuli squinted his eyes, and his surrounding aura exploded!

"Legendary warrior!" Gasps could be heard from the crowd!

"Seeing this suppression, he should've already broken through from a demigod and become a true god, right?!"

"As a true god, he can unleash his God Realm fully... However, he's only 25 years old this year, right? No wonder he's third on the warrior Qing Yun Ranking!"

"I wonder what realm Rong Xiu has reached this year. I heard that when he left the academy three years ago, he was already a legendary warrior. Now,"

The discussions from below entered Yan Shuli's ears and caused his fighting will to burn even more!  
Whoosh!

He waved his arm, and the silver spear in his hands suddenly shot out! "Sparkling lightning

spear!"

Whoosh! Whoosh!

When he inserted his force into the silver spear, the dark-blue lines on the spear body suddenly seemed alive as they started to dance around crazily!

With the terrifying suppression as the center, it crazily spread in all directions!

Thunder could be heard!

Yan Shuli's figure flashed across and instantly rushed to Rong Xiu! Then, he thrust his spear forward!

The crowd couldn't even see how he moved!

"Teleportation..." Chu Liuyue narrowed her eyes.

Above stage-nine warriors were demigods, and above them were true gods. As long as a cultivator broke through to become a true god, they would truly become a legendary warrior!

Only upon reaching that realm could a cultivator instantly teleport without using any external forces!

The distance of instant teleportation differed based on one's capabilities, and this move was very crucial in actual fights. However, Rong Xiu didn't seem to be worried about this at all.

Even when Yan Shuli appeared three steps before him, he still looked as calm as ever. It was as if... he had already predicted everything. Chu Liuyue's heart suddenly tingled! At this point, Rong Xiu finally moved! He raised his right hand, reached forward, and grabbed the tip of the spear!

“Ah!!!”

Gasps could be heard from the crowd!

Many women looked nervous.

Wei Xiping coldly snorted. “Pretentious!”

Yan Shuli's sparkling lightning spear was a true advanced legendary weapon!

Rong Xiu thinks that he can use his physical strength to counter it directly? Wishful thinking! People who are too arrogant will always have to pay the price for their pride!

But at this moment, Yan Shuli's expression suddenly changed! This was because he realized that the almost unstoppable sparkling lightning spear was actually easily stopped by Rong Xiu, and it couldn't move another inch forward!

Even the sharp spearhead didn't hurt Rong Xiu at all!

The two parties entered a stalemate.

Yan Shuli's expression became more serious as he injected more force into the spear! However... it didn't move at all!

At this point, the spectating crowd finally realized that something was amiss.

Logically speaking, Rong Xiu's hand should've been pierced through. But, As if thinking of something, Yan Shuli suddenly widened his eyes and looked at Rong Xiu in disbelief. "You already have a god—".

Crack!

He hadn't finished his sentence when Rong Xiu suddenly tightened his grip!

A dark-blue light flashed, but it did not affect Rong Xiu at all. He then swiftly pulled at it!

The spear was removed from Yan Shuli's control!

Whoosh!

Before the crowd could see what was happening clearly, they heard an ear-piercing sound!

The next moment, the scene in the sky stunned them!

That sparkling lightning spear had landed in Rong Xiu's hands at some point, and the terrifyingly sharp spearhead was pointed straight at Yan Shuli's chest!

It was as if he could directly pierce right through Yan Shuli's heart if he moved forward by an inch.

It was dead quiet between heaven and earth. Everyone was standing rooted to the ground as they dazedly watched the scene, unsure of how to react. R-Rong Xiu directly snatched Yan Shuli's Yuan instrument and even switched to offense, driving Yan Shuli to a corner?! He just used... one move!

The crowd didn't even know if they could consider this as a move! Everyone didn't even see Rong Xiu use his force. Their vision was blurred as the duo's positions were overturned!

Rong Xiu raised his chin slightly, and his face was still as nonchalant as usual. But at this moment, he looked much more suppressive in the crowd's eyes!

"Do you want me to continue?" said Rong Xiu lightly as his thin lips moved slightly.

Yan Shuli's entire body tensed up. He could even feel that the cold and sharp spearhead had long pierced through his clothes, touching his chest tightly!

A sharp pain could be felt. Without lowering his head to take a look, he already knew that his chest was bleeding.

If it were any deeper... He would've died!

Staring at those deep and unfathomable eyes, Yan Shuli had no doubts that Rong Xiu could do such a thing!

He pressed his lips against each other, and his face was slightly pale. Then, he sighed deeply. “I surrender!”

Hua!

The crowd below burst into an uproar. Surrender?! Yan Shuli actually surrendered like that?!

According to his competitive nature, it was very hard for him to swiftly admit defeat. At the same time, it also proved that he had no way of going against Rong Xiu’s attack!

The Yuan instrument was stolen away, and it was even pointed straight at his chest. Any person had to admit defeat, right?

This happened too quickly. Originally, everyone was expecting a formidable fight, but... Rong Xiu didn’t even give them such a chance.

The crowd standing at Dong Huang Clock Tower was equally shocked. “Rong Xiu... is actually so strong?!”

“Wei Xiping, didn’t you say that Yan Shuli could beat Rong Xiu? What do you think of this now? Hm?”

The surrounding people looked at Wei Xiping unanimously.

Chapter 1135 Have an Appointment with a Lady

Wei Xiping was first shocked, and when he reacted, his expression was ugly. He clenched his teeth and didn't speak a word as his surrounding aura became cold and stiff.

His hands in his sleeves gradually clenched tighter. Rong Xiu... He didn't waste his time these past few years and even improved?! How exactly did he do it?!

Wei Xiping wasn't the only one curious about this.

Yan Shuli wanted to know even more. He stared at Rong Xiu closely and said carefully, "You've already—" "No." As if predicting what he would say, Rong Xiu's lips curled up slightly as he flung his arm and threw the spear back. "But it's enough to go against you." Yan Shuli grabbed his spear, stared at Rong Xiu with furrowed brows, and felt complicated. I suspect that Rong Xiu has already formed his Holy Body, but since the latter denies it, he shouldn't have done so yet. But judging by the previous scene, he does have such signs.

Without a doubt, the gap between the duo had widened once again! Yan Shuli originally thought that he could close the gap between him and Rong Xiu after practicing so hard these few years or that he could even overtake the latter! However, he didn't expect that Rong Xiu would improve even faster than him!

He held the spear tightly and looked down.

Bloodstains started to expand on his chest.

If Rong Xiu wanted, he could totally take my life! Yan Shuli took a deep breath in, and when he looked up at Rong Xiu again, the sense of defeat and shock in his eyes had already disappeared. "Today, I lost to you because I am weaker and have admitted defeat. However, there will be a day where I'll beat you!"

Rong Xiu raised his brows. Yan Shuli always says this after he loses, and I'm already used to it. However, I won't give him such a chance.

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The duo had already ended their battle in the sky. However, the surrounding spectators hadn't recovered their senses yet. I-it ended just like that?! From start to end, only one move was made?!

The entire process looked enraging, but the more this was so, the more it proved how capable Rong Xiu was!

Nobody doubted that Yan Shuli wasn't strong enough. Of the top three people on the warrior list, he was the only one still in the academy the past few years. Even so, nobody dared to challenge him.

How could someone win against a 25-year-old legendary warrior so easily?!

To many students, Yan Shuli was the epitome of a talented warrior! They could only look up to him but not reach his standard!

However, even such a person couldn't play out more than one move under Rong Xiu.

Rong Xiu's strength... Was unimaginable!

"Senior Brother Rong Xiu is indeed formidable! He actually agreed to Senior Brother Yan Shuli so easily!"

“Previously, there were rumors that he was the top talent in the academy for so many years, and it’s not outrageous to say that he was a legendary existence! In the beginning, I thought that it was just an exaggeration, but who knew... After personally witnessing him, I realize that everything is true!”

“It’s a pity that Senior Brother Rong Xiu hasn’t been in the academy for the past few years, and it’s hard to even see him once. This time, he shouldn’t stay for long, right...”

“I wonder what kind of woman would this man like-“

“Do you still need to ask? Of course, it’s Jiang Zhiyuan! Her Fairy Water Mound is the strongest division in the Sky-Cloud Empire, and the two of them have known each other much long ago. They can even be considered childhood sweethearts!”

“Huh? Don’t you know? Rong Xiu has just selected his princess consort a while back!”

“What?!”

“I heard that his princess consort is someone from outside the realm... Anyway, it has nothing to do with that Jiang Zhiyuan...”

Quite a few girls discussed softly.

Some people started to look for Jiang Zhiyuan’s figure quietly. When the gazes landed on her, Jiang Zhiyuan felt many daggers at her back. She used an enormous amount of strength to control her urge to turn around and run away!

Even though Rong Xiu coincidentally left the academy when she came and the duo didn't spend much time in school together, other than the new students that just came, more than half of Ling Xiao Academy knew that she liked Rong Xiu. Amongst these people, some of them even tried to matchmake her.

Of course, this was also part of her plan.

Jiang Zhiyuan was pretty and talented, so she was naturally everyone's treasure-like existence in the academy. Quite a few senior and junior brothers had a good impression of her, and some even tried to chase after her passionately. However, they were all rejected by Jiang Zhiyuan.

In the beginning, nobody knew why she did this. But later, there were rumors that although she was born in Fairy Water Mound, she grew up in the Sky-Cloud Empire from a young age as the clan leader loved her.

It wasn't too much to say that she was the Sky-Cloud Empire's Big Missy that was doted on since she was young. In such a way, everyone naturally associated her with Rong Xiu.

Some even secretly came to find out some news from her.

Jiang Zhiyuan didn't admit it, but she did not deny it either. Hence, everyone gradually knew of this matter.

Quite a few people secretly felt that Jiang Zhiyuan would end up with Rong Xiu, but who knew that a woman would suddenly come out of nowhere and become Rong Xiu's princess consort?!

Now, there were people who pitied Jiang Zhiyuan, mocked her, or watched her become a laughingstock.

How could Jiang Zhiyuan not know this? Hence, those gazes and discussions made her feel even more terrible.

She wanted to leave, but she couldn't bear to. Thus, she could only stand around and be tortured.

Chu Liuyue had also heard such discussions, and she raised her brows slightly and felt quite incredulous. Rong Xiu can be considered a famous character in Ling Xiao Academy...

"Chu Yue? Chu Yue?" A familiar voice sounded.

Chu Liuyue turned around and was slightly shocked to see the incoming person. "Ms. Luo, why are you here?" She should be at the warrior side. Why did she suddenly come to the heavenly doctor's side?

"You... came to find me?" Chu Liuyue tried to ask.

Luo Shishi's cheeks flushed red slightly as she looked at Chu Liuyue with sparkling eyes. "Yeah, I came to congratulate you! Congratulations on becoming Elder Wan Zheng's disciple! I heard that he has very high standards! You're the only one that has succeeded in these few years!"

So it was because of this. Chu Liuyue's eyes curved up, and she smiled. "Thank you. Congratulations to you as well. Your mentor is Elder Wen Xi, right?"

"Yes!" Luo Shishi nodded and was clearly elated.

Elder Wen Xi was one of the top few elders in the academy, and he had a good personality. Luo Shishi also felt very lucky to be able to become his disciple.

“Brother Sheng is also Elder Wen Xi’s disciple, like me. Fifth Brother is following Elder Hua Feng. Originally, he wanted to follow Qiniang like Fourth Brother, but Qiniang has already accepted many students. Thus, Fifth Brother chose Elder Hua Feng in the end.”

Actually, these two elders were equally capable. As long as one focused on cultivation, it wouldn’t be very different.

Chu Liuyue smiled. “That’s great. Congratulations.”

The youngster smiled kindly, and his eyes were clear. His smile made everything in the surroundings lose its color.

Luo Shishi was momentarily dazed. For some reason, she blushed slightly. “We’re going to celebrate at night. Do you want to come?”

When Rong Xiu looked down, he coincidentally saw this scene—a handsome young man standing opposite a pretty girl. That young woman blushed slightly, and her eyes sparkled in a shy and happy manner. That young man then looked down slightly as if he were thinking of something before he looked up and smiled at that young woman.

Rong Xiu’s brows moved slightly in a seemingly smiling manner, but there seemed to be hints of frost in his eyes. She just came, but... she already has a date with a lady?

**Chapter 1136: Bright Future**

“Sure,” said Chu Liuyue with a smile.

She had just come to the academy, so she didn't know many people here. Probably because they entered on the same day and all passed the assessment at the beginning of the month to officially become Ling Xiao Academy's students that they felt closer.

Even though Zhuo Sheng wasn't polite toward her at the very beginning, Chu Liuyue realized that he didn't have any bad intentions after getting to know him. It was just that he was quite hot-tempered and loud. In actual fact, the few of them had good personalities.

Besides, Chu Liuyue now knew that the few of them came from the Luo family at Ming Sha Ocean, which was a true distinguished family. Even if it was compared to the Sky-Cloud Empire, the Luo family was still on par with it.

It was quite rare for one to be born in such an aristocratic family but not have a wilful personality.

Chu Liuyue wanted to get to know them better, so she agreed to Luo Shishi's invitation.

Hearing Chu Liuyue's affirmative reply, Luo Shishi was also elated. “Then, we'll see you tonight at Million Wine Mountain!”

Million Wine Mountain was a mountain inside Ling Xiao Academy, and it faced the northwest direction. It was at the intersection between the heavenly doctor area and the Armory Refinement Master area.

The reason why Million Wine Mountain got its name was that it had an extremely magical fountain. The water that flowed out of the fountain had a natural alcohol fragrance, and it tasted very similar to wine but wasn't intoxicating.

Hence, the students in the academy loved to go there. It could be considered as a popular place for leisure and relaxation in the academy.

Chu Liuyue naturally nodded in agreement. "Okay."

Receiving Chu Liuyue's affirmative reply, Luo Shishi then secretly heaved a sigh of relief and felt happy.

Chu Yue was clearly three years younger than her, but for some reason, she always felt nervous when she stood in front of him. His body seemed to have a natural elegance that caused others not to dare treat him casually.

Detecting the solid gaze from above, Chu Liuyue raised her brows slightly and looked up.

Noticing her gaze, Luo Shishi looked up as well.

"Senior Brother Rong Xiu is really amazing." Luo Shishi sighed sincerely. "It'd be great if I could have the chance to duel with him."

Chu Liuyue turned back to look at her and smiled. "What, you like Rong Xiu too?,"

This 'too' was naturally said in comparison with the other surrounding women who were crazy about him.

Luo Shishi hurriedly shook her head in denial. "Why would I?! I just feel that he's quite amazing. After all, he's someone who has topped the ranking for a few consecutive years. I believe every student in the academy wants to be like him, right?"

With Yan Shuli as a painful example in front, Luo Shishi didn't even dare to mention 'overtaking' Rong Xiu. The facts showed that it was already very difficult for them to catch up with him.

MB-besides, Senior Brother Rong Xiu already has a princess consort!"

Perhaps it was because of the unknown nervousness in her heart, but Luo Shishi didn't notice that the youngster in front of her didn't say 'senior brother' when he talked about Rong Xiu and that his tone and attitude were very calm and normal. It was completely different from the other academy students who respected, envied, or were jealous of Rong Xiu.

"That's true." Chu Liuyue nodded thoughtfully. At the very least, I really want to fight with him at this moment.

As Luo Shishi and Chu Liuyue stood at the side and talked about this, it looked like the two of them were coupled together and were spending a merry time from above.

"Rong Xiu, Rong Xiu?" Elder Bo Yan called Rong Xiu twice before the latter recovered his senses. "'What are you looking at?"

Rong Xiu silently retracted his gaze and smiled slightly. “Nothing much.” Then, he jumped up and flew back to Dong Huang Clock Tower.

Yan Shuli said he would battle him another day and quickly turned around to leave.

Nobody stopped him.

Anybody who lost so badly in public wouldn’t be able to stick around. Besides, Yan Shuli had already waited a very long time for this battle. Without a doubt, this matter had a tremendous impact on him.

However, Yan Shuli had a positive trait—the more he failed, the braver he got.

If other people lost, they would inevitably be upset and unmotivated. If they failed multiple times, the situation might be worse, and they might feel very defeated.

However, Yan Shuli definitely didn’t have such a problem. This defeat would only spur a stronger fighting desire to rise.

From this aspect, his competitive nature had benefits as well.

This match started suddenly and ended unexpectedly. Before the crowd could recover their senses, everything had ended.

Quite a few people were hesitant. “Sigh, what a pity! Originally, I thought I could see an amazing fight. I didn’t expect

“He countered his enemy in one move, and the person was even Yan Shuli! I’m afraid only Senior Brother Rong Xiu can do this in the entire academy, right?” “I wanted to take the chance and learn from observing him, but I had no chance at all! If only I had come to the academy a few years earlier. Perhaps I could’ve seen Senior Brother Rong Xiu fight more,,\_”

“Haha, you’re overthinking things! Everyone in Ling Xiao Academy knows that Senior Brother Rong Xiu never ever fights someone for the second time.”

Hearing the discussions below, the crowd standing in Dong Huang Clock Tower exchanged gazes of unspoken mutual understanding as they all smiled.

To most people, Rong Xiu really didn’t have the patience to fight the people he had defeated for the second time. However, Yan Shuli couldn’t be considered as the only exception.

From beginning to end, the only one who Rong Xiu would make an exception for was only one person. Those n•vo people would have a ‘friendly match’ once every few days, and they had fought countless times.

In the beginning, that person would always lose. However, Rong Xiu seemed to have limitless patience and tolerance for her as he would accede to her every request.

But that was something that happened much earlier on\_\_\_\_

Ever since that person left the academy or 'disappeared,' Rong Xiu returned to the Sky Cloud Empire not long after and rarely came back to the academy ever since.

All sorts of scenes that happened in the past couldn't really be seen now either.

"What? Do you have any junior sisters or junior brothers that you think are capable?" Elder Bo Yan asked in a joking manner.

Rong Xiu thought for a moment and actually nodded. 'There's one that's not bad.'

"Oh?" Elder Bo Yan was originally teasing him, so he couldn't help but be surprised when he heard Rong Xiu's words.

He looked down. "Which one?"

Rong Xiu smiled. "You clearly know it, so why ask?"

Elder Bo Yan widened his eyes slightly. "...It's really.. Chu Yue?"

Rong Xiu raised his brows slightly and nodded. "She has some natural talent as a heavenly doctor."

"That's true." After Elder Bo Yan was shocked, he quickly accepted Rong Xiu's thinking. "That child isn't bad."

If not, Elder Wan Zheng wouldn't have accepted him. Even though he can't be compared to that person from back then, they are quite similar.. Elder Bo Yan glanced carefully at the youngster standing below, stroked his beard, and said seriously, "If we properly nurture him, his future will definitely be bright!"

### **Chapter 1137: Bathe and Sleep!**

"Bo Yan, you think so too?" At this moment, Elder Wen Xi popped out of nowhere as he chuckled and reminded delightfully, "I recruited that kid! The moment I saw him a few days ago, I felt that his talent was shocking. He's obedient, and he definitely has a bright future ahead of him! How is it? My taste isn't bad, right? Sigh, the only pity is that this kid cultivates as a heavenly doctor! If he were a warrior, tsk tsk—"

Elder Wen Xi was elated and regretful. He was happy that he recruited such an outstanding student. He felt regret as this child couldn't follow him to cultivate, and it directly benefited Elder Wan Zheng.

"Hmph, Wan Zheng owes me a big favor this time!" said Elder Wen Xi confidently.

Rong Xiu glanced at him strangely. *Hm? You can't be sure who owes whom...*

"You accepted quite a few students too. One of them also seems to be the eldest daughter of the Luo family from Ming Sha Ocean?" Elder Bo Yan smiled. "Isn't that enough?"

Elder Wen Xi coughed. "Um... The more, the merrier, right!? The more, the merrier!"

Rong Xiu looked down again before slowly bidding the crowd farewell. "Elder Bo Yan, regarding the incident we talked about previously, I need to go back and make some preparations. Therefore, I won't stay any longer."

The few elders weren't surprised that Rong Xiu wanted to leave. It was already very hard for him to be willing to reveal his face on such an occasion.

Besides, he had just fought with Yan Shuli.

"Okay. I'll send someone—"

"Thank you for your kind intentions, Elder Bo Yan, but I won't need them for now." Rong Xiu smiled. "Even though I haven't been back in a few years, I'm still quite familiar with the academy as a student."

Elder Bo Yan heard Rong Xiu call himself that for once and felt emotional, so he nodded. "Okay, you can just do it your way."

Rong Xiu quickly left.

Seeing his figure disappear, quite a few people looked disappointed. However, they also knew that Rong Xiu no longer stayed in the academy, so it was already very hard for them to meet him even once. Hence, they didn't dare to think of anything else.

After his departure, Wei Xiping and the rest also left one after another.

In Dong Huang Clock Tower, only the elders were left.

The competition in Qing Ming Square still continued vigorously.

As the competition proceeded, the rankings on the Qing Yun Ranking gradually changed.

The people who successfully made it onto the lists were naturally over the moon, while those who unfortunately lost were dejected.

The people on the ranking lists competed even more intensely.

Everyone was a talent from all walks of life. Other than a special demonic-like existence, most people were equally capable. In such situations, the fight to be the stronger one would be very intense.

At this point, Chu Liuyue then knew that the higher one's ranking on the Qing Yun Ranking and the longer they stayed there, the more points they would get.

It was needless to talk about those few people at the top of the ranking lists.

Thinking of how 5,000 points were deducted in the blink of an eye after she managed to earn 20,000 points with much difficulty, Chu Liuyue's heart ached.

The fastest way to earn points was actually to get on the Qing Yun Ranking! But even for the heavenly doctor list that she had the most confidence in, the hundredth-rank person was a peak ninth-grade heavenly doctor!

If she wanted to beat him, she had to at least produce a pill of a similar grade.

Chu Liuyue felt her head ache.

“Chu Yue, what are you thinking about?” asked Luo Shishi.

Chu Liuyue gently stroked her chin. “I’m thinking... of how to get on the Qing

Yun Ranking...”

Luo Shishi couldn’t control herself as she snorted out in laughter. “You’re already thinking about this now?! Isn’t it a little... mm... early? I think you should try when you’re stronger and more confident so that you’ll succeed on the first try. What do you think?”

This was already said in a curt manner. As if she didn’t want to pour water on Chu Liuyue’s enthusiasm, she added, “It won’t take too long given your talent, right?”

Chu Liuyue’s gaze flickered slightly as she smiled slightly. “You’re right. I can’t rush this kind of thing.”

It’s already so hard to get on the heavenly doctor list. The competition for the other two lists will only be more intense. Out of all the ranking lists, only the Armory Refinement Master list that doesn’t even have a hundred people won’t have much competition.

Right—Armory refinement masters! Chu Liuyue’s eyes suddenly lit up as she looked toward the north. If I can exhibit some skills as an Armory Refinement Master, doesn’t it mean that I can directly get onto the list?

Upon deeper thought, I have produced Yuan instruments before. The

Cloud-Sky Copper Sword that Qiang Wanzhou used back then was produced by me! Even though it can't be considered as completely producing it, maybe... I can really give it a try?! Thinking of this, Chu Liuyue walked toward the Armory Refinement Master area.

Hearing Chu Liuyue's footsteps, Elder Ren Ran—who was about to fall asleep while standing had only one eye open. Oh, it's the new student that keeps walking around... He seems to be the one that followed Wan Zheng?

Following this, Elder Ren Ran saw that young man walking straight toward him and stopping before him.

"Greetings, Elder."

Elder Ren Ran opened his second eye and said lazily, "What?"

When ordinary people saw his attitude for the first time, they would definitely think that he was arrogant and rude. But in actual fact, those who were familiar with Elder Ren Ran or familiar with the tempers of Armory Refinement Masters would all know that he was already being very polite.

This was all because of Elder Wan Zheng.

Chu Liuyue didn't mind it either as she respectfully bowed and said, "I want to get on the Armory Refinement Master list."

“Mm... Mm?!” Elder Ren Ran reacted and straightened his body. Then, he sized Chu Liuyue up and suddenly laughed. “I couldn’t tell, but you do have quite a few treasures...

There really are very few Yuan instruments that can completely hide one’s aura and avoid my vision.

“Kid, what warrior level are you at now?”

Chu Liuyue paused and lazily said, “I’m a beginner stage-seven warrior.”

I should be able to break through to become an intermediate stage-seven warrior real soon—but she didn’t say this.

“What? Beginner stage-seven warrior?” Elder Ren Ran widened his eyes in shock as he slapped his thighs and laughed out loud. “Hahaha! Kid, you really have no fear! Do you know that you must at least be a demigod to be on the Armory Refinement Master list? You’re quite far off as a stage-seven warrior!” Elder Ren Ran’s laugh attracted quite a few people’s attention.

After hearing his words, everyone’s gaze landed on Chu Liuyue. What else did they not understand?

This kid that just entered the academy wants to use his skills as a stage-seven warrior to enter the Armory Refinement Master list?! Dream on! He doesn’t even know the most basic requirement for entering the list. Isn’t he too naive?! “Kid, it’s good that you want to get on the Qing Yun Ranking, but you need to see if you have that capability! You should just go home, bathe, and sleep!”

**Chapter 1138: Trigger Lightning!**

As Elder Ren Ran talked, he was about to close his eyes again.

“Elder, I have something I would like to ask.” Chu Liuyue was quite shocked by what he said, but she didn’t give up immediately. After thinking for a moment, she still spoke. *I’m not a demigod, but I have a holy force in my body. The more important thing is that I have already produced a Cloud-Sky Copper Sword even earlier on. Even though Ancestor had helped to trigger the lightning... I did deal with the remaining bolts of lightning myself...*

Elder Ren Ran opened his eyes and looked at her lazily. “Say it.”

“If one isn’t a demigod, then is there really no other way to test if they’re talented in Armory Refinement?”

“Why are you so persistent on this?” Elder Ren Ran laughed and stared at her as if he were looking at an ignorant kid throwing a tantrum.

He pointed at the side. “If you really want to get on the Qing Yun Ranking, you should go back and study your formulas—that might be faster. As for Armory Refinement... you should just give up!

Elder Ren Ran didn’t think that talking so much to a mere stage-seven warrior had much use. In his eyes, Chu Liuyue was just doing this because she was curious.

In actual fact, how was it so easy to be an Armory Refinement Master? Many cultivators who were already demigods couldn’t even touch the threshold to be an Armory Refinement Master, let alone this child.

Chu Liuyue paused. “I hear that Armory Refinement Masters need to trigger the power of the lightning to produce Yuan instruments. If I can do it too, can I be considered as an Armory Refinement Master?”

“Of course—what?!” Elder Ren Ran was stumped. He suddenly gazed at Chu Liuyue doubtfully. “What did you say just now? You can trigger lightning and produce Yuan instruments?”

Chu Liuyue blinked and nodded lightly.

“Impossible! Definitely impossible! Unless—!” Elder Ren Ran suddenly paused. “You have a legendary fiend?”

In Elder Ren Ran’s eyes, there was only one possibility as to why a warrior who wasn’t at least a demigod could trigger lightning: The cultivator had a legendary fiend!

When humans made an agreement with legendary fiends, the Heavenly Dao that originally belonged to the legendary fiend would enter the cultivator’s body. Depending on this, they might be able to trigger lightning...

Chu Liuyue’s gaze flickered, and she then nodded. “Yes.”

Seeing how insistent Chu Liuyue was, Elder Ren Ran didn’t think much as he nagged, “If it’s like this, you can try... But if you get injured, I won’t be responsible for it!”

Chu Liuyue laughed. “Thank you, Elder.”

“Chu Yue, what do you want to do?” Luo Shishi walked over with eyes filled with doubt. “You want to get on the Armory Refinement Master list?” There’s a heavenly doctor list, but he didn’t try to get on it. Why did he come to the Armory Refinement Master’s side?

Chu Liuyue nodded, and her expression was nonchalant.

Luo Shishi wanted to convince him, but when she saw his calm and composed manner, the words were stuck in her throat for some reason.

She hesitated for a moment before standing at the side.

At this point, most people’s attention was still on the remaining three lists.

Even if some people had noticed the situation here, they didn’t take it to heart.

The Armory Refinement Master list hadn’t changed in many years. How could a new student do anything to it?

Elder Ren Ran took out a fist-sized piece of green jade. “This is the Huanshen Pearl; it contains numerous bolts of lightning. As long as you can summon lightning, you’ll succeed.”

The Armory Refinement Master assessment was relatively easy. This was because it was rather troublesome to actually have them produce weapons on the spot. Hence, the elders would use this Huanshen Pearl to test the student’s talent and potential most of the time.

If they could trigger the lightning bolts within, it proved that they could be Armory Refinement Masters.

“The number of lightning bolts you can trigger represents the talent that you have.” Elder Ren Ran passed the Huanshen Pearl over. “As long as you can trigger one bolt of lightning, you succeed!”

“Girl, do you want my help?” Shangguan Jing’s voice sounded.

“Thank you, Ancestor, but I should do this assessment myself,” said Chu Liuyue in her heart.

On the one hand, she might be immediately discovered if her ancestor took action. On the other hand, she really wanted to see if she could do it.

She took the Huanshen Pearl over with two hands.

The Huanshen Pearl was entirely green. Its surface was smooth, translucent, and cold to touch.

Chu Liuyue looked at the Huanshen Pearl in her hands calmly. Then, she took a deep breath in and tried to focus.

There were four special forces left in her body: The two Heavenly Daos that entered her body when she made agreements with the two legendary fiends respectively, one other force gathered from Shangguan Jing’s Tianling God Realm, and the last holy force taken from the strength that Beiming’s ancestor had left behind.

The so-called holy force had the same origins as the Heavenly Dao.

Every legendary fiend was born into this world with the blessing of the

Heavenly Dao, so they were very related to the Heavenly Daos since birth.

The strength within their bodies had a mysterious natural relation to Heavenly Daos. This also meant that they were born with Heavenly Daos.

However, humans were different. All cultivators only had hopes of touching the Heavenly Dao after they broke through to become legendary warriors and turned all of their force into holy force.

Only the top warriors who had truly touched Heavenly Daos could have such heavenly suppression in their holy force. At this point, humans could then have a chance to reach the same standard as legendary fiends.

This was also why legendary fiends were born to be prestigious. Compared to all the other beings in the world, legendary fiends were the most respected existences.

The holy force that Chu Liuyue stole had a hint of Heavenly Dao aura within. Even though it was weak, as the Beiming Ancestor was already a legendary warrior when he left this force behind, it was much stronger than the Heavenly Dao that Shangguan Jing, a demigod, had left behind.

Hence, Chu Liuyue had a total of four Heavenly Daos in her body. It should be enough to trigger the lightning.

But for safety purposes, Chu Liuyue still chose to circulate the Heavenly Dao force that came from making an agreement with Tuan Zi.

A thick and vigorous force spread from Chu Liuyue's dantian and went toward her arms!

Whir!

The Huanshen Pearl seemed to have felt something as it made a tiny sound. At the same time, waves of ripples appeared on it.

The ripples gradually extended inward, and that translucent green jade seemed to be moving.

"Hm?" Seeing this commotion, Elder Ren Ran—who still thought lowly of Chu Liuyue—changed his expression. He instinctively straightened his back, and the laziness in his eyes completely disappeared. Very quickly, a dark-blue lightning bolt appeared.

Crack!

Even though it was a mini-version, as it was genuine lightning, its suppression was still not one to be underestimated.

Elder Ren Ran looked elated. "You really—"

But before he could finish his sentence, the lightning that was just summoned seemed to meet something terrifying as it ran back and quickly disappeared.

Chu Liuyue was confused..

### **Chapter 1139: You Can't Do It**

The venue instantly became very awkward.

Elder Ren Ran forcefully rubbed his eyes and confirmed that the lightning within the Huanshen Pearl had disappeared without a trace. Then, he looked at Chu Liuyue strangely.

Chu Liuyue innocently looked up and met his gaze.

“What happened just now?”

“...I don't know either.”

“You don't know? That bolt of lightning clearly came out, but it went back again. The Huanshen Pearl is in your hands, yet you don't know?”

“...Elder, you're very knowledgeable. You should have a better understanding of it, right?”

“...But I've never seen such a situation before!” Elder Ren Ran held his forehead and felt a faint headache. *I did produce this Huanshen Pearl, but Chu Yue was clearly the one being tested! At the end of the day, it's still Chu Yue's problem! But seeing that he looks rather confused, could it be that... he really doesn't know what's going on?*

“Try again!” said Elder Ren Ran.

Chu Liuyue nodded lightly and tried again. This time, she used the Heavenly Dao force attained when she made an agreement with the legendary three-eyed eagle.

She held the Huanshen Pearl with both her hands. Very quickly, the same ripple was produced!

Elder Ren Ran’s heart rose as well. As long as that bolt of lightning appears for a sufficient amount of time, she’ll succeed.

In the beginning, he didn’t really care about the youngster in front of him. But now, after what he had just experienced, he faintly felt that this Chu Yue might actually have some talent.

It was really difficult for the Armory Refinement Masters to accept a student. Hence, Elder Ren Ran’s originally nonchalant attitude changed, and he was a little expectant. I hope this kid can succeed!

Crack!

A bolt of lightning suddenly appeared!

Elder Ren Ran was happy, but before he could fully extend his smile, the bolt of lightning disappeared again.

This time, it was even worse than before as only a head appeared before it quickly retreated. It didn't even let anyone see its full body!

Looking at the empty Huanshen Pearl once again, Chu Liuyue and Elder Ren Ran fell silent for a moment.

"You..." Elder Ren Ran took a deep breath in and looked at her.

"Haha, I knew he couldn't make it! How can it be so easy to become an Armory Refinement Master?"

"Yeah! Even if he's a little talented as a heavenly doctor, he doesn't need to be this arrogant, right? Does he really think that he's an all-rounder like Senior Brother Rong Xiu?"

"He's just a stage-seven warrior, yet he dared to challenge. His courage... is commendable."

Discussions could be heard from behind.

They were standing relatively further away, so they couldn't see the lightning that flashed across in the Huanshen Pearl. Due to this, they thought that Chu Liuyue couldn't summon anything.

Their words were filled with unconcealable mockery and insults.

Even though the overall atmosphere in Ling Xiao Academy was decent, it didn't mean that everyone was harmonious in private.

Chu Liuyue performed in a very outstanding manner at the heavenly doctor's side earlier. Some were envious of her, and there were naturally those jealous ones.

At this moment, her behavior was akin to useless persistence to them.

"What are you talking about?!" Upon hearing this, Luo Shishi knitted her brows and turned around to scold them.

She was an elegant lady meticulously nurtured by an aristocratic family. Even though she was gentle, she didn't need to say much when she raged as the invisible aura around her was enough to frighten others.

The students who met her gaze all kept quiet. Even if they felt indignant, Luo Shishi was still from the Luo family, and they didn't really dare to offend her.

Besides, there were quite a few people in the Luo family, like Luo Yanlin, who was reputable in the academy. There was no need to offend them.

"Ms. Luo, there's no need to get angry over such small matters." Upon hearing this, Chu Liuyue turned around and smiled slightly.

Luo Shishi pressed her lips against each other. "They talked about you like that, but you—"

"Actually, they're right. I don't seem to have much talent in this aspect," said

Chu Liuyue as she returned the Huanshen Pearl. Mm... I seem not to have an affinity with this item.

Actually, she wasn't a stranger to this scene. When she was previously producing the Cloud-Sky Copper Sword, the same situation seemed to have happened... However, the situation back then was much worse and more realistic than it was now.

Even though she felt that she could forcefully grab those bolts of lightning back... she still gave up when she thought about how there were so many people watching.

Elder Ren Ran took the Huanshen Pearl and examined it carefully before shooting Chu Liuyue a complicated gaze. "What a pity... Logically speaking, you should have some talent as an Armory Refinement Master, but...

But it doesn't seem to be enough, or there are some other problems. All in all, Chu Yue didn't successfully trigger the lightning bolts, so he has failed the test!

Chu Liuyue didn't seem to look disappointed or regretful as she smiled slightly.

Before leaving without reluctance, she then said, "I understand. Sorry for the trouble,"

"Hey..." Luo Shishi hurriedly followed her and carefully looked at the latter's expression, seemingly hesitant with her words.

Chu Liuyue smiled. "Ms. Luo, if you have something to say, just say it."

Luo Shishi was dazed for a moment. “You... We’re also considered friends now, so y-you can directly call my name...”

Ms. Luo sounded too distant and polite.

Chu Liuyue went with the flow. “Shishi.”

Luo Shishi’s lashes trembled slightly as if something soft caressed her heart.

Chu Liuyue didn’t notice it. Thinking of the earlier scene, she smiled.

“Don’t worry; I’m fine. Elder Ren Ran is right—it’s not so easy to have the right to become an Armory Refinement Master. Originally, I just wanted to give it a try and see if I had potential in this area. It would’ve been good if I did, but if it’s not terrible that I don’t. After all—” Her lips curved up slightly, and her eyes were filled with confidence. “I’m quite talented as a heavenly doctor.” As she spoke, she intentionally looked at the crowd around her.

The discussions about her grew increasingly quiet.

No matter how she lost, she was still the only disciple Elder Wan Zheng received in the past three years! With this point alone, she had beaten many people!

What right did they have to mock her?

Seeing that Chu Yue really didn't seem troubled about this, Luo Shishi heaved a sigh of relief. "That's true! Ling Xiao Academy has recruited many students all these years, but not even a hundred of them could make it onto the Armory

Refinement Master list. It's normal if you can't do it too!"

Chu Liuyue looked up, and her gaze landed on the name at the top of the list.

She then raised her brows slightly. "Mm, this is enough to show that the people on the list are very strong..."

Luo Shishi followed her gaze and smiled. "Yeah! How can everyone be as amazing as Senior Brother Rong Xiu?"

Chu Liuyue didn't speak further.

At this moment, a rather familiar male voice came from afar.

"Shishi!" Seeing that his own sister was standing with that young man in a rather close manner, Luo Yanlin couldn't help but raise his voice.. "Come over here!"

#### **Chapter 1140: Purposely Made Me Wait for so Long**

"My Fourth Brother is calling me. I'll go first! See you at night!" Luo Shishi said to Chu Liuyue lightly.

Chu Liuyue smiled and nodded.

Luo Shishi pressed her lips against each other and smiled before she turned around and left happily.

For some reason, Chu Liuyue felt a faint coldness wrapping around her. She looked over and realized that this apparent aura of suppression actually came from Luo Yanlin far away.

As if he was shocked about her sensitivity, strangeness flashed across Luo Yanlin's face before he squinted his eyes.

The warning in his eyes was very obvious.

Chu Liuyue understood what he meant, but she felt very confused. *Warning... Luo Yanlin warned me for no reason—*

Suddenly, an idea popped up in her mind. *It's not because of... Luo Shishi, right?!*

Suddenly, her heart tingled. If even Luo Yanlin thought of this, then RongXiu

She shook her head and suppressed these messy thoughts. Since I have already officially become a Ling Xiao Academy student, the most important thing is to strengthen myself as soon as possible. Besides... There's still Jun Jiuqing!

During the past few days, Chu Liuyue indirectly heard that Jun Jiuqing was also considered a famous character in the academy. This was because he was also one of the top few students in the academy a few years ago. His talent was outstanding, and he progressed at a stunning speed.

From the bottom ten, he used three months to reach the top twenty of the Qing Yun Ranking.

This speed was heaven-defying. However, he spent a very short amount of time in the academy, and he left not long later.

He never came back afterward, causing his ranking to drop gradually later. He was currently ranked in the thirties.

However, many still had a deep impression of him. This was because his mentor was a reputable person in the academy—Elder Ke Lan.

There were at least 180 elders in Ling Xiao Academy. Elder Ke Lan wasn't the strongest, but he was still very reputable. This was because he was from the same clan as the current director!

Their mentor was the previous director of Ling Xiao Academy!

Rumors had it that the previous director wanted to choose one out of the two to take over his position.

He had always doted on his small disciple, Ke Lan, more, and everyone thought that he had already made up his mind. However, nobody expected him not to choose Ke Lan in the end and instead choose his eldest disciple, who was the current director.

Everyone partook in heated discussions regarding this. Some said that Ke Lan did something wrong and angered the old director, thus being stripped of his rights. Others said that Ke Lan was set up and was innocently implicated, being forced to give the position of director to someone else.

All in all, nobody could talk about what happened back then clearly. However, it seemed to be peaceful all along between the director and Elder Ke Lan.

But only they themselves know the true situation.

This was also the reason why Elder Ke Lan had a very special status in the academy.

All these years, he only recruited three students. Jun Jiuqing was the third one.

Now, Jun Jiuqing doesn't seem to have returned to the academy. Chu Liuyue could only calm herself down temporarily and wait patiently. Since Jun Jiuqing wants to use Chu Ning to threaten me, he definitely won't be overboard.

Seeing it from this perspective, Chu Liuyue could forcefully feel a bit more at ease. Now, I can only improve my cultivation as soon as possible while I search for the truth.

"Fourth Brother, why are you looking for me?" asked Luo Shishi when she returned to Luo Yanlin's side.

Luo Yanlin sized her up. "Since when were you so close to that Chu Yue?"

Luo Shishi was dazed, and her face flushed slightly. "No, I just felt that we have some fate since all of us entered the academy on the same day. I thought that it'd be good if we became friends "

Luo Yanlin's gaze had some meaning of scrutiny, but seeing that his own sister seemed rather nervous, he couldn't bear to push her too hard. He could only curtly nod. "Mm, that kid is pretty talented as a

heavenly doctor, so you can be his friend. But since you've already come to the academy, you should focus on cultivation. Breaking through to become a stage-nine warrior is just the start for you. You need to get onto the Qing Yun Ranking so as not to hurt the Luo family's reputation."

Luo Shishi looked much more serious. "You're right, Fourth Brother. I'll remember it."

"Great. Go back and cultivate diligently."

'Yes!'

The bustling assessment at the beginning of the month finally ended in the evening. All the new students that passed had their own belonging, and most of them were filled with excitement and expectancy toward their new academic life.

Other than the Armory Refinement Master list that didn't change much, the remaining three lists all changed slightly for the Qing Yun Ranking.

Some went up the ranks, while others went down. Some were elated, while others felt regret.

However, these things had nothing much to do with Chu Liuyue.

After being dismissed, Chu Liuyue and Elder Wan Zheng agreed to formally start her learning the next day. Then, she left Qing Ming Square and went back to her own residence.

Inside the room, Chu Liuyue sat down cross-legged and was deep in thought.

“Ancestor, what do you think is wrong with that Huanshen Pearl?” muttered Chu Liuyue in confusion. To say that I don’t have talent, but the lightning clearly came out. To say that I have.. That thing went back in again after coming out for a while?!

Shangguan Jing kept quiet for a moment before slowly replying, “Probably because you’re too fierce?”  
Chu Liuyue: “Am I?”

Shangguan Jing: “Hah.”

Am I the one who forcefully grabbed those lightning bolts back then?

Chu Liuyue:

That was a special situation. Who would’ve thought that these lightning bolts would behave like this?

“If you are more discreet, it might be better,” Shangguan Jing thought for a while and said, “but you don’t have much hope.”

You can’t hide some things.

‘You should just give up.’

Chu Liuyue was speechless. Originally, I did want to learn how to produce legendary weapons

After thinking for half a day and not understanding it, Chu Liuyue swiftly gave up. I won't produce then! I'll think about it after I complete Elder Wan Zheng's goal of getting onto the heavenly doctor list!

Chu Liuyue retracted her thoughts and started to focus on her cultivation.

The surrounding Heaven and Earth Force kept entering her body continuously as they gradually formed an energy vortex above her head.

Ever since she broke through to become a stage-seven warrior and recovered her Tianjing Yuan meridian, Chu Liuyue absorbed force at an even faster speed than before. Cultivation was naturally much faster and more convenient than before.

Time trickled past, and the sky quickly darkened.

The moon was high in the sky. At some point, a tall and big figure gradually closed in.

Chu Liuyue instantly widened her eyes and hurled out a punch!

Bam!

A warm and thick palm quickly and accurately grabbed her hand.

A familiar cold fragrance overwhelmed her—it instantly rejuvenated her body.

Rong Xiu came over.

'You purposely let me wait this long, hm?' His low and magnetic voice sounded very seductive in the quiet night, tickling one's heart..