

Noble Ruler 1141

Chapter 1141: Jealousy

A strange numbing sensation spread from the tip of her ears to half her body.

Chu Liuyue curled her finger before swiftly relaxing her body. She then turned around to look at him in a seemingly smiling manner. "This is a misunderstanding. Senior Brother Rong Xiu, you're not discussing important matters with the elders, yet you're here at my place in the middle of the night. What are you doing?"

Rong Xiu looked at her sparkling eyes that still seemed to shine in this dark sky with rays of light that strummed one's heartstrings. He clenched his hands and played with her soft and tiny palm, but his tone was much lazier. "You're angry?"

Chu Liuyue looked at him calmly and shook his head. "I was just curious why you don't want me to come to the academy."

"It's not that I don't want you to, but..." Rong Xiu paused and recalled the scene of meeting Elder Hua Feng and the rest previously. They haven't seemed so happy and relaxed in a long time... Today, at Dong Huang Clock Tower, Elder Wen Xi even delightfully announced that he was the one who recruited Chu Liuyue. If they discover her true identity.

"Even if I didn't want you to come, aren't you here already?" Rong Xiu helplessly held his forehead as a doting and loving smile was plastered on his lips.

Chu Liuyue suddenly realized something. "Y-you knew about it earlier on?!"

Rong Xiu leaned in and placed his chin on her shoulders, his voice low and seductive. "If I can't even guess what my own princess consort is doing, that would be weird. But... I just didn't expect it to be so quick."

According to Chu Liuyue's sensitivity and intelligence, she would realize that something was amiss sooner or later. However, he didn't expect her to make up her mind so early and come to Ling Xiao Academy directly.

Chu Liuyue thought about it and agreed. If I didn't unintentionally talk to Lin Zhifei about this matter that day, I wouldn't choose to take action so swiftly.

"Anyway, I'm already a student of Ling Xiao Academy. It's impossible for you to ask me to leave." Chu Liuyue raised her brows.

Without Rong Xiu, there wasn't much meaning in staying at the Sky-Cloud Empire. She felt that it was more interesting to stay here.

Rong Xiu suddenly laughed, and Chu Liuyue could even clearly feel his chest vibrate.

"I won't do that," said Rong Xiu with a smile. "You can stay here however long you like. I'll help you take care of the matters on the Sky-Cloud Empire's side." This time, Chu Liuyue was truly shocked.

She used some force and struggled free from Rong Xiu's embrace, turning around to look at him seriously. "Really?"

'When have I ever lied to you?' asked Rong Xiu as he chuckled. Chu Liuyue snorted lightly. "When have you not?"

Rong Xiu was speechless. I forgot that this is a vengeful one..

He moved back and leaned against the head of the bed as he stretched his long legs. His eyes which seemed so deep like they could contain everything stared at Chu Liuyue quietly.

The gentleness and deep emotions within could almost drown one.

He sighed lightly, and his voice was much softer, but he still had indubitable confidence in it. "If my lies can be exchanged for your eternal happiness and joy, I'll be willing to lie to you forever."

Chu Liuyue's heart suddenly trembled.

This was the first time Rong Xiu said such words to her in such direct and honest manner.

Strictly speaking, Rong Xiu really hasn't lied to me previously. Instead, he hides the matter from me. Every time I recall some matters or discover some truth, Rong Xiu won't argue further and chooses to admit it directly.

It's like... theres a gigantic curtain hiding everything in front ofme, and Rong Xiu is standing right behind that curtain. He won't willingly pull the curtain open, but if I stretch my hand out, he won't stop me.

Chu Liuyue never understood why exactly Rong Xiu did this. He clearly knew a lot of things, but he refused to tell her about them completely.

Chu Liuyue had many guesses, but she never expected to get Rong Xiu's_ answer at such a time.

She kept quiet for a moment, stared at Rong Xiu, and said carefully, "Rong Xiu, you don't want me to remember what happened in the past, right?"

Rong Xiu smiled and shook his head, his long fingers carefully caressing her palm as if he were touching a world-class treasure. "It's just that there are some unhappy matters."

Even if it also contains our past. But for her, everything else doesn't matter.

Rong Xiu had once thought that there was nothing bad if she could never remember those memories. However... some things seemed to have been destined.

"Since you're already back at the academy, I won't force you to leave." Rong Xiu suddenly exerted strength with his arms and pulled her in. "At the end of the day, you should decide your own matters."

"Then

"I'll just stand beside you and accompany you." Rong Xiu's gaze was nonchalant. In the dark night, the bright moonlight reflected on his face, making him look deity-like and demonic at the same time.

Chu Liuyue's heart tingled, and something seemed to be moving in her chest as her entire body started to warm up slightly.

She suddenly leaned over.

The lips were slightly cold and soft.

At that moment, her entire world spun, and her back was against the bed.

When the temperature in the air gradually rose, they heard knocks.

Dong dong!

Following that, a familiar female voice was heard. "Chu Yue, are you there?" It was Luo Shishi!

Chu Liuyue recovered her senses. Her previously dewy and misty eyes quickly recovered their clearness. Oh right, we previously agreed to go to Million Wine Mountain at night to celebrate! In the end, I completely forgot about this once Rong Xiu came!

Chu Liuyue pushed the man in front.

When he heard the commotion outside, Rong Xiu hesitated momentarily. However, it was only for a moment.

Then, as if he didn't notice anything, he hugged her tighter and slowly kissed her.

“Chu Yue?!” Luo Shishi yelled in a strange manner. “Why is nobody answering...’

“Is there nobody around?” This was Luo Yanmings voice.

“No, we already agreed during the day,” replied Luo Shishi in confusion.

Chu Liuyue glared at Rong Xiu warily.

Rong Xiu chuckled softly, and his dark eyes sparkled in a nonchalant and slightly dangerous manner..
“...You have a date?”

Chapter 1142: Be Good, Don't Cause Trouble

This voice didn't come from Rong Xiu's mouth, but Chu Liuyue still heard it clearly. It was low, hoarse, and seductive.

Chu Liuyue was dazed for a moment, but she quickly recovered her senses and dangerously squinted at him. She didn't believe that Rong Xiu did not know about this. “It's just a trip to Million Wine Mountain.”

“Million Wine Mountain?” Rong Xiu raised his sharp brows slightly. As if he thought of something, strange and incomprehensible smiling intent appeared in his eyes. “It is a good place.”

She just came back to the academy, and she is going there already...

“What, we can’t go to Million Wine Mountain?” Chu Liuyue blinked. Rong Xiu doesn’t seem to be praising Million Wine Mountain when he talks about it.

“Why not?” Rong Xiu smiled and lightly pecked her lips. “Go early and come back early. When you’re there, be obedient and don’t cause trouble.”

Chu Liuyue was speechless. I’m just going to play with a few friends, not pick a fight. Why does Rong Xiu sound like I’m going to do something bad purposely?

“Why is there no sound at all? Is he really not around?” This was Zhuo Sheng’s voice. ““Why don’t we go somewhere else to look for him?”

“He shouldn’t be... Since we already agreed...” muttered Luo Shishi.

“Let’s go in and take a look. If there’s nobody else, we’ll think of another way,” said Luo Yanming as he stepped in and was about to push the door open.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows.

The moment the door opened, Rong Xiu’s figure had disappeared from within the room.

“Chu Yue?” Seeing Chu Liuyue sitting cross-legged on the bed, Luo Yanming was dazed for a moment. “We were calling for you just now. Why didn’t you answer?”

Chu Liuyue slowly breathed out and gently jumped down from the bed. “Nothing much. I was too engrossed in thinking of a formula, so I didn’t hear you.”

The light in the room was very dim. Hence, the few of them couldn’t see Chu Liuyue’s slightly red and swollen lips, as well as her dewy eyes.

Chu Liuyue smiled. “Let’s go!”

Million Wine Mountain.

When the few of them arrived, the moon was already high in the sky.

The bright moon shone down and cast faint shadows in the forest. The night wind blew slowly, and the leaves rustled.

One could hear crisp noises from time to time.

Chu Liuyue leaned in to listen carefully and realized that there seemed to be a cacophony coming from the top of the mountain.

“Today is the beginning of the month, so many students will be here,” explained Luo Shishi from the side as if she had seen through Chu Liuyue’s intentions. “We came here a little late, but Fourth Brother had already helped us reserve a seat earlier. Therefore, we can just directly go over.”

Chu Liuyue then realized that Million Wine Mountain had so many rules.

“Can’t everyone come here? Why is it so troublesome?” asked Chu Liuyue rather casually.

“Of course, it’s because of the fountain!” Zhuo Sheng—who was walking in front—suddenly turned back and chuckled. “It seems like you really don’t know! Rumors have it that the water that oozes out of the fountain is very beneficial to a cultivator’s health! Sometimes, it can even help them break through to a higher level! Hence, the nearer one is to the fountain, the more precious it is! Today is the beginning of the month, and most people will come around, so it’ll be extremely difficult to get seats!”

Chu Liuyue nodded in understanding and roughly guessed what happened.

Everyone had been busy during the day. Now that they had a chance and a place to relax, they naturally wouldn’t miss it.

The new students who passed the test wanted to come and celebrate. The old students who got onto the Qing Yun Ranking would also come to celebrate.

Even those disappointed ones who were beaten would inevitably want to drink their sorrows away.

There was no surprise as to why this place was bustling with people.

“Is that fountain really that magical?” In comparison, Chu Liuyue was more curious about this. She had seen quite a few heavenly treasures, but she had never heard of this.

Water coming out of a fountain actually had such shocking effects. It definitely made one curious.

“Hehe, I’ve only heard about it! We’ll know the exact effects ourselves when we go up, don’t you think?” Zhuo Sheng said without a care.

Clearly, he didn’t really care about these rumors. He cared about whether they could have a fun time at night!

Chu Liuyue didn’t ask further and continued to go up.

The nearer they were to the mountain peak, the clearer the bustle. There seemed to be sounds of a stream of water splashing down.

Chu Liuyue looked over in the direction of the sound. It was a pity that one couldn’t see clearly into the thick forest and could only forcefully see a stream of water flowing down.

The moonlight shone on it, and the water rippled.

It doesn’t seem like anything special ____

“Zhuo Sheng, why did you only come now?” On the mountain, a carefree young man’s voice sounded suddenly. “We all thought that you weren’t coming anymore!”

Following this, Chu Liuyue saw a few people come down from above.

Zhuo Sheng laughed out loud. “Haha! Won’t it be very meaningless if we don’t come?”

Hearing their exchange, Chu Liuyue knew their identities—they were also students that the Xuan Master side recruited just today. The first person that talked to Zhuo Sheng was their senior brother, who came to the academy a year ago.

The coincidental thing was that he already knew Zhuo Sheng beforehand. Hence, the two parties seemed quite close.

Afterward, Zhuo Sheng introduced the two parties’ identities.

After they heard the name ‘Chu Yue,’ the few people’s gazes paused on Chu Liuyue for a moment longer. However, most of their attention was still on Luo Shishi.

This was especially so for the young man who initially greeted Zhuo Sheng. He treated Luo Shishi very enthusiastically.

Everyone could tell that he was interested in Luo Shishi, and it wasn’t hard to tell from the conversation that they already knew each other earlier on.

However, Luo Shishi didn’t seem to be interested in him as she maintained her reserved and polite attitude, not even talking much.

The group of them went to the mountain peak amidst this slightly strange atmosphere.

Million Wine Mountain was actually a very tall mountain with a spacious peak that could accommodate many people at once.

As the bright moon shone down, the atmosphere was perfect. Together with the intensely fresh alcohol fragrance, it caused one to be intoxicated.

From afar, Chu Liuyue smelled the strange fragrance.

She wrinkled her nose slightly and took a deep breath in. Then, she instantly felt the intoxicating alcohol fragrance spread throughout her chest.

However, this fragrance wouldn't cause one to truly lose their senses. Hence, the elders in the academy would normally turn a blind eye to the students relaxing here.

After Chu Liuyue went up the mountain, she immediately saw the fountain right in the middle..

Chapter 1143: Allow It to Go

Speaking of which, the fountain was at the top of Million Wine Mountain, but nobody knew how the water came in.

The fountain was the size of a normal well, and it was surrounded by white translucent mountain rocks. Perhaps it was due to the nourishment of the mountain water or the overly bright moonlight, but the fountain looked especially clear.

From afar, the water kept flowing out of the fountain and moved down, forming a stream down the mountain peak.

Quite a few people were standing in the surroundings. Some of them directly filled their wine cups with alcohol and finished everything in one shot, while others savored it slowly.

Everyone chatted heartily, and the atmosphere was lively.

Chu Liuyue arrived at the position they agreed on beforehand, and it was beside the stream.

This place was still a distance away from the fountain.

Chu Liuyue looked over and realized that the people closest to the fountain seemed to be the senior brothers and senior sisters, who were extremely strong.

When outsiders looked over, envy was written all over their faces. However, nobody crossed the border.

It was clear that everyone obeyed the rules here.

“I really wonder when we can stand at the place nearest to the fountain...” Zhuo Sheng lowered his voice for once, and envy filled his eyes. “I hear that the water which emerges from the mountain contains the purest strength. When it flows down, its effectiveness will be greatly reduced. If we could stand there.

“Hah! In the academy, who wouldn’t want to do so? However, how can this be so easy? You need to know that the people up there are top 50 in the Qing Yun Ranking!”

Chu Liuyue’s eyebrows rose slightly. If they are in the top 50, they should basically be ranked in the forties. If not, they would directly say that they are in the top 40 or even top 30. In the academy, this ranking is definitely one of the more outstanding ones. Of course, they aren’t at the top. The most powerful bunch won’t really appear in such a place.

Chu Liuyue retracted her gaze and walked closer to the stream. Then, she took a closer look at it.

Standing here, she could feel the strange aura coming from within. It seemed like... a special and pure strength.

Chu Liuyue felt rather curious.

She had heard that this Million Wine Mountain was actually an ordinary mountain back in the day. One day thousands of years ago, there was a strange weather phenomenon, and a thunderstorm brewed for some reason. After the commotion, this strange thing appeared on Million Wine Mountain.

It had already been a long while since then.

“Tsk, this Million Wine Mountain’s wine is indeed good!” Zhuo Sheng couldn’t conceal his curiosity as he took a wine cup.

Then, his eyes sparkled after finishing it. “You should try!”

Luo Yanming and Luo Shishi drank a few mouthfuls each, and they looked surprised. "It's indeed good!"

"This seems to be even more fragrant than the Nine-Leaf Green we drank in our clan..

At this point, Chu Liuyue's shoulders suddenly sank.

She turned around, and Tuan Zi appeared without her knowledge as it squatted on her shoulders. At this point, it was staring at the fountain water flowing down and looked as if it desired it very much.

Chu Liuyue: "You want it?"

Tuan Zi nodded crazily. Yes! Yes! Isn't this smell heavenly?!

It was rare for Chu Liuyue to see Tuan Zi appear in such a manner, so she couldn't help but laugh. Then, she took a cup, filled it, and brought it to her fiend. "Here, for you."

Tuan Zi stuck its head in and drank a mouthful. With that, its eyes sparkled even more than before.

Not long later, the water inside the cup completely disappeared.

Tuan Zi smacked its lips and looked at Chu Liuyue; its emotions could be seen at one glance.

'You still want it?' Chu Liuyue glanced at the fiend's stomach doubtfully. The current Tuan Zi hasn't revealed its true body. It's just palm-sized now, and the earlier cup could completely contain it. Nobody knows how it drank so much fountain water, yet it still wants more now?

Tuan Zi inched closer in a flattering manner and lightly pecked her cheeks before burrowing its furry forehead against her face.

Its intentions were exposed immediately.

Chu Liuyue: '

"Hm? Chu Yue, is this your fiend?" asked Luo Shishi in shock.

Chu Liuyue nodded.

"Si___ This seems to be red-tailed phoenix?" Luo Yanming who stood at the side—couldn't hide his shock.

This was a legendary fiend, and it was a legendary fiend with the strongest bloodline! Even they might not be able to make an agreement with such a legendary fiend.

Luo Shishi widened her eyes slightly. I knew that Chu Yue had a legendary fiend. If not, he wouldn't willingly take part in the Armory Refinement Master test during the day. However, I didn't expect Chu Yue's legendary fiend to be such a formidable existence.

“I really couldn’t tell! Chu Yue, you actually have a legendary fiend at your age?!” Zhuo Sheng glanced from the corner of his eyes, and his face was filled with shock. “Don’t you specialize as a heavenly doctor? How can you make an agreement with such a formidable legendary fiend?”

They all knew that Chu Yue was just a beginner stage-seven warrior. According to this talent and capability, she shouldn’t be able to convince such an arrogant legendary fiend.

Chu Liuyue smiled slightly. “I was just luckier.”

“But you’re too lucky.” Zhuo Sheng couldn’t help but mutter as he shot Chu Liuyue an increasingly strange gaze. “What kind of background do you have?”

According to this family background, he should at least be a disciple from an aristocratic family, right?

Chu Liuyue smiled but didn’t speak, not having any intentions of revealing her status.

Luo Shishi and the rest didn’t mind either.

The students in Ling Xiao Academy could come from any place or any clan on the mainland. Due to various reasons, many people weren’t very willing to expose their backgrounds. In addition, with the director and the elders’ control and guidance, everyone focused on cultivation and nothing else.

Hence, when someone didn’t want to state their background, the others would sensibly not ask further.

Any-vvay, this was secondary in the academy. As long as you were sufficiently outstanding, everything else didn't matter.

Chu Liuyue teased Tuan Zi. "If you still want it, you can just go and drink." Anyway, we are right beside the stream, so Tuan Zi just has to fly down.

However, Tuan Zi shook its head as its eyes sparkled in a certain direction enthusiastically.

Chu Liuyue followed its gaze and looked over. Then, the corner of her lips twitched slightly. "...You're not... going to head to that fountain to drink, right?"

Tuan Zi waved its wings. Yeah! There!

Chu Liuyue was speechless.

She grabbed Tuan Zi's wings and hurled it up, looking straight into its eyes. 'Tuan Zi, do you have some misunderstandings about yourself, or do you have some misunderstandings about me?

I don't even have the right to go over, yet it is interested?

Tuan Zi looked at her with much desire.

"Let it go." The legendary three-eyed eagles voice coldly sounded..

Chapter 1144: Way

Chu Liuyue was dazed.

“Even though it broke through to the maximum stage and became a red-tailed phoenix, it can’t unleash a huge part of its bloodline strength. This is a good chance for it,” said the legendary three-eyed eagle. “If not, nobody will know how long it will take for your breakthroughs to spur its bloodline strength.”

“My breakthroughs?” Chu Liuyue was dazed.

“Yup, it wasn’t born as a red-tailed phoenix. Without someone from its clan guiding it, the bloodline strength in its body can’t be unleashed fully. Only when you become a legendary warrior can its potential be fully unleashed. Take note: you have to be a true god, not a demigod.”

The legendary three-eyed eagle’s voice was so cold and direct that it sounded rather inhumane. “The current you still requires a long time before reaching that step.”

Chu Liuyue was speechless.

It was the truth, and she couldn’t even argue against it!

“This means that the water that comes out from the fountain at the top of this mountain has such effects for Tuan Zi?”

“Mm,” acknowledged the legendary three-eyed eagle simply. “Of course, if you don’t want to, you can directly stop it and slowly wait.”

Chu Liuyue was speechless. It has already said so much. The addition of the last sentence was rather unnecessary. The legendary three-eyed eagle is arrogant and cold, so it shouldn't be a small matter that made it open its mouth. Previously, I really didn't know that Tuan Zi had such a problem.

She looked at Tuan Zi.

Its pair of sparkling and brilliant eyes looked at her with much desire.

Chu Liuyue paused. "Okay, I'll bring you there."

Tuan Zi's eyes brightly glowed as it came up intimately and wanted to kiss her.

Chu Liuyue pressed its wings down and looked at Zhuo Sheng beside her. "Is there a way to go to the fountain?"

Zhuo Sheng took a while to react before he understood what Chu Liuyue meant. Then, he gazed at her strangely. "You really want to go over? I don't think you should! Haven't I already said that it's those few people's territory? We can't

"I just want to go and take some fountain water. Besides, Million Wine Mountain is part of the academy's jurisdiction. Since when did it become theirs?" Chu Liuyue smiled slightly and interrupted him. "If there are stronger people here, they also have to move away obediently, right?"

"Shh! You can't say such words!" said the young man who previously welcomed them suddenly.

He first glanced at the fountain. After ensuring that those few people didn't hear Chu Liuyue's words, he slowly breathed out and looked at Chu Liuyue grudgingly and alertly. Then, he furrowed his brows tightly. "It's fine because it's your first time here, and you don't know the rules. But in the future, you mustn't say such words anymore! If not, if something happens... Even we can't save you!"

Chu Liuyue's gaze swept past his body. Mm, an intermediate stage-nine warrior really isn't that useful. He'll have a problem protecting himself, let alone protecting us.

"There should be other ways, right?" asked Luo Shishi suddenly, glancing at the young man with her face filled with questions. "Senior Brother Yin Fan?"

Yin Fan instantly looked like he was in a difficult spot.

It was rare that Luo Shishi took the initiative to talk to him, but it was for that Chu Yue. He felt very awkward, and he found Chu Liuyue increasingly annoying.

"Of course! There's no absolute thing in the world, right! If you really want to go, there are two ways. Firstly, you can use points to exchange with them. The starting price is usually 50,000. Secondly, you can get someone to be your middleman. As long as this person is important enough, the other party will naturally give them some face." Yin Fan glanced at Chu Liuyue, and mockery filled his eyes. "Junior Brother Chu Yue, you can choose one out of the two." Once he said this, the few of them fell silent.

These two methods didn't sound wrong at first, but it was actually very difficult to execute them. On the one hand, they had just come to the academy and couldn't produce so many points. On the other hand, even if they did have so many points, very few people could bear to take them out to exchange.

As for the second method... They had just arrived, so how could they know anyone?

“If only Fourth Brother is willing to step up...” muttered Luo Yanming softly.

Luo Yanlin was also on the Qing Yun Ranking, and his ranking was toward the front, so those few people should give him face. However, Luo Yanlin didn't come together with them tonight.

This made the matter much more difficult.

‘Why don't I go over and talk to them? Given Fourth Brother's face—’

The moment Luo Shishi spoke, Yin Fan rejected her. “There's no use if you go. They only recognize competitors that are good enough. Even if you are Senior

Brother Luo Yanlin's sister, they won't give you much face.”

If everyone uses the family card, won't it cause a huge mess? There will only be hope if Luo Yanlin personally steps up.

‘Then, there's no way, right?’ Zhuo Sheng nudged Chu Liuyue with his elbow. “Hey, Chu Yue, why are you so insistent on going over? Our location is pretty decent! Why must you cause trouble for yourself?”

Luo Shishi glanced at Chu Liuyue and pressed her lips against each other. “Why don't we ask Fourth Brother for help next time?”

Anyway, we are all family, so Fourth Brother won't reject me.

Chu Liuyue didn't say a word.

Tuan Zi squatted on her shoulders pitifully, and the light in its eyes dimmed. "How long will it take for Tuan Zi's bloodline to awaken?" Chu Liuyue asked in her heart.

After a momentary pause, the legendary three-eyed eagle replied, "It needs to stay near the fountain for at least one month."

Chu Liuyue rubbed her temples painfully. If it were only a day or two, I could ask Luo Yanlin for help. At most, I would just have to owe him a few favors. But one month... That's very difficult.

Tuan Zi leaned against her shoulders lazily and weakly. Actually... If there's no way, I just won't go.. Anyway, the bloodline strength is here. I can just slowly unleash it.

Chu Liuyue patted its head. If I exchange with points, I will use them up even faster than I can earn them. Besides, points are very precious. It's not very worth it if I use points to exchange for this opportunity every time. If I could get up on the Qing Yun Ranking and use my ability to get a spot.

Chu Liuyue seriously pondered for a while and felt that she had no chance of being in the top fifty in such a short amount of time, so she gave up.

It seems like there is no other way... I can't get Rong Xiu to show up personally. Chu Liuyue cursed in her heart.

“Hey, Chu Yue, I think you should stop thinking about it! Million Wine Mountain’s fountain water is greatly beneficial to one’s cultivation, but you should work hard yourself if you want to become stronger at the end of the day!” advised Zhuo Sheng loudly.

Chu Liuyue looked up and smiled slightly. “That’s true.”

Luo Shishi also comforted her. ‘Yeah. With your talent, you’ll be on the Qing Yun Ranking sooner or later. As long as you’re sufficiently strong, won’t coming here be a small matter?’

Her voice was very gentle.

Yin Fan watched on from the side and suddenly knitted his brows as he said, ‘Actually, I do have a way..’

Chapter 1145: Tease

Chu Liuyue looked up and glanced at him.

Yin Fan held a wine cup in his hands. His face was slightly red, and his mouth was filled with the smell of alcohol. If it weren’t because they knew that the fountain water wasn’t intoxicating, they would’ve really thought that he was drunk.

He moved his hand and pointed in a direction, his gaze seemingly shining with a mysterious and strange light. “Everyone comes to Million Wine Mountain around evening to midnight. Other than that, there’s nobody else here. If you really want...”

“Yin Fan, what are you talking about?” interrupted Luo Shishi in dissatisfaction as she furrowed her sharp brows slightly. “You clearly know that everyone isn’t allowed into Million Wine Mountain during daytime. If you say this, do you purposely want to let Chu Yue commit a mistake?”

“Am I not just saying this because he really wants to go to the fountain?!” Yin Fan burped, and the intense smell of alcohol was almost suffocating.

He stared at Chu Liuyue and seemed to be smiling, but there was no smiling intent in his eyes. “Junior Brother Chu Yue, what do you think?”

Chu Liuyue raised her eyebrows slightly. Is Yin Fan doing this because Luo Shishi is angry at him? What an unnecessary trouble.

Chu Liuyue originally wanted to give him some face, but this person was very petty, and there really was no need to interact with him further.

She moved a step back, touched Tuan Zi comfortingly, and lightly said, “Thank you for your ‘kind intentions,’ Senior Brother Yin Fan, but I have my own plans.

I won’t trouble you.”

Yin Fan sneered. VVhat an act! I don’t believe that this Chu Yue has such guts!

He smiled. "Junior Brother Chu Yue, you've just come to the academy, so there are many things that you don't know. As your senior brother, I have to remind you that it's good to have thoughts. But if you desire something that doesn't belong to you... you'll only cause trouble for yourself!"

The warning in his voice was very clear.

Luo Yanming and the rest felt that something was wrong as their expressions changed slightly.

Luo Shishi knitted her brows even more tightly.

However, Chu Liuyue just smiled slightly. "Thank you for your reminder, Senior Brother, but I have always been lucky."

Yin Fan shot her a deep gaze.

Chu Liuyue had already turned around and was looking at the fountain.

Actually, Yin Fan's words did remind me. The opening hours of Million Wine Mountain are very weird, but perhaps it has always been like this, so everyone is used to it. During daytime... What kind of secret does Million Wine Mountain have?

Hula!

At this point, flapping could be heard.

Upon hearing this, Chu Liuyue looked up. The next moment, she saw a red figure suddenly flying down from the top!

“Haha! Ah Tong, why is your little fellow going crazy again?!” A clear bout of teasing laughter could be heard coming from the top of the mountain at the same time.

Another woman cutely replied, “Pfft, you’re the crazy one! My one is a legendary fiend with the bloodline power of the red-gold heavenly phoenix. Perhaps its abilities will be strengthened when it drinks this fountain water!”

As she spoke, the red figure had already flown down from above!

Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes and saw that the fiend was surrounded by burning red fire.

Everywhere the fiend went, leaves would be burned, and the rocks would turn black, showing its authority.

When it passed by the bustling crowd, there were even gasps.

To avoid this fiend, the crowd shied away and hid respectively. The originally lively mountain peak descended into chaos instantly.

Chu Liuyue didn’t want to join the mess, so she took a few steps back and wanted to avoid it. Who knew that the fiend would suddenly change its direction after flying halfway and go straight for Chu Liuyue!?

When the burning temperature attacked her, Chu Liuyue slightly knitted her brows. This thing...

Whoosh!

Tuan Zi was suddenly energized! It flapped its wings and was about to rush out!

Chu Liuyue stopped it, and upon a closer look, she realized that the fiend rushing over was very familiar. Hm?

She tilted her head and looked at her own Tuan Zi. The same figure, the same first... That seems to be a red-tailed phoenix too!

Whoosh!

The opposite red-tailed phoenix closely stared at Tuan Zi as the fire in its body burned even more brightly. Then, it suddenly increased its speed and rushed to the latter!

This was an attack!

Chu Liuyue instantly understood something, and her expression turned slightly cold.

Tuan Zi's eyes burned with maniacal fighting intent! However, Chu Liuyue still stopped it and moved away.

Ca!

A ball of fire flew out and barely brushed past Chu Liuyue's ears!

A few strands of loose hair were burned. When the faint smell spread around, it frustrated Chu Liuyue.

"Chu Yue!"

"Are you okay?!"

Luo Shishi and the rest questioned her hurriedly. It was too scary just now! If it were a little slanted, then...

"I'm fine." Chu Liuyue's voice was calm as she looked forward coldly.

On the opposite side, that red-tailed phoenix was staring at Tuan Zi on her shoulders with a teasing gaze.

They were both red-tailed phoenixes, so logically speaking, they should be closer since they were from the same clan. But in actual fact, the red-tailed phoenix clan was very competitive, and they always battled amongst themselves. Once they met their own kind, they had to fight until there was a winner.

Hence, this red-tailed phoenix suddenly flew over because its motive was to fight with Tuan Zi! This was the rule of their clan, so other people couldn't say anything much. However... such a sneak attack didn't have much meaning.

“Hah! I was wondering what’s wrong with this fellow. It turns out there’s another red -tailed phoenix! ”

Chu Liuyue followed the voice and looked over.

A muscular young man stood at the top of the mountain and looked down at this scene from above.

There was a curvy young woman beside him, and she looked beautiful. She had a whole head of red hair and looked very arrogant. At this point, she also saw Chu Liuyue standing below, as well as Tuan Zi on her shoulders.

Her face—which originally had a smile—turned slightly cold as she raised her brows. “Wow, it’s really that... There are indeed all sorts of hidden powers in the academy. Even legendary fiends can be the same—how interesting.”

Everyone could tell the unhappiness in her voice.

“Ah Tong, his red-tailed phoenix’s color seems to be even purer and more intense than yours!” That young man laughed as if he were worried that the world wasn’t chaotic enough. “If they really fought, I think you’d lose!”

That red-haired girl knitted her brows and sized Chu Liuyue up. “You’re new?”

Another man beside her suddenly said, “Hm? Isn’t that the disciple Elder Wan

Zheng just recruited today? I think... he's called Chu Yue?"

Chu Liuyue saw clearly that the red-haired girl's expression turned even uglier after she heard this.

"So he's such a capable junior brother! I believe he must be outstanding in all aspects to be able to gain Elder Wan Zheng's liking, right?" The young man who spoke at the start laughed with ill intentions. "Ah Tong, didn't you want to go to Elder Wan Zheng's side in the beginning and was eliminated?"

That red-haired girl glared at him before looking at Chu Liuyue.. As if she were commanding Chu Liuyue, she said, "You... Come over!"

Chapter 1146: Bet!

Her scream caused the surrounding crowd to quieten down, and everyone looked at Chu Liuyue with various expressions.

Chu Liuyue paused and walked forward.

"Chu Yue!" Luo Shishi came forward to stop her and looked worried. "Why don't we accompany you—"

"Shishi, do you know who that girl is?" Yin Fan sneered with his eyes filled with warning. "That's Liu Yintong. She's ranked 49th on the heavenly doctor list, and she's also 46th on the warrior list! You can't

offend her! And the person who spoke first—that guy is Gong Sheng. He’s ranked 39th on the warrior list! As for the rest, they’re all quite strong too, and they’re not random characters. We... can’t afford to offend them like this!”

This ranking was definitely already outstanding in Ling Xiao Academy. One had to know that the entire academy only recruited talents from all over the world. It was already very amazing to be able to be accepted into Ling Xiao Academy, let alone these people who had a reputation in the academy.

“But—”

“Senior Brother Luo Yanlin’s ranking is ahead of them, but you need to know that you can only depend on yourself for some things in the academy,” said Yin Fan as he glanced at Chu Liuyue meaningfully.

Luo Shishi wanted to speak further, but Chu Liuyue gave her a reassuring gaze and smiled slightly. “Don’t worry. I know what to do.”

Then, she stretched out her legs and went forward.

Quite a few people looked over.

The mountain peak was especially quiet for a moment.

“Xiao Feng, come over.” Liu Yintong called the red-tailed phoenix.

With an ear-piercing sound, the red figure quickly drew an arc in mid-air.

That red-tailed phoenix had already returned to the front of Liu Yintong, and the fire on its body disappeared silently.

Chu Liuyue walked over and stopped about five steps in front of them.

The two parties entered a stalemate, and it was a weird atmosphere.

Liu Yintong's gaze first swept across Tuan Zi's body.

The two parties stood opposite each other at a close distance at this moment, so they naturally could see each other's situations more clearly. Hence, the few of them—including Liu Yintong—were all looking at Tuan Zi on Chu Liuyue's shoulders.

Its body was as red as a burning fire, a pure and intense shade. It was clearly much better than Liu Yintong's fiend. This also proved that Tuan Zi's bloodline strength was even purer and more intense.

Liu Yintong knitted her brows. Ever since I made an agreement with this red-tailed phoenix, I've always felt very proud. After all, not everyone has such good luck. Who knew that this ordinary new student in the academy would actually have a red-tailed phoenix!? And it's better than mine!

It would be a wonder if Liu Yintong could feel good about it.

"Greetings, Senior Brothers, Senior Sister. I am Chu Yue." Chu Liuyue spoke first and politely greeted the few of them. She not only seemed respectable and humble, but she also didn't look nervous at all.

“So you’re Chu Yue.” Liu Yintong outrageously sized Chu Liuyue up in a teasing manner as if she were checking a cheap product.

Chu Liuyue pretended not to see her gaze as she still seemed calm and collected. “I came here not long ago. Senior Brothers and Senior Sister, do guide me along.”

“Hah! You’re a kid that knows how to speak!” At the side, Gong Sheng clapped his hands and smiled delightfully. “This red-tailed phoenix is quite interesting! Normally, Ah Tong is always flaunting hers. Now that another one has come with much difficulty, why don’t we let them battle each other?”

Chu Liuyue’s expression changed slightly. “Senior Brothers and Senior Sister are all the cream of the crop. I wouldn’t dare to go overboard.”

“You don’t want to compete?” Gong Sheng’s words were very direct, and it would seem rather critical at many times. “Tsk! Ah Tong, look, your junior brother doesn’t even want to compete with you!”

Chu Liuyue glanced at Gong Sheng. This was clearly done on purpose.

As expected, Liu Yintong’s face turned cold. She stared at Chu Liuyue closely. “Why? Do you think that your legendary fiend will definitely win, so you’re too lazy to compete with me?”

Chu Liuyue was speechless. Are these few people out of their minds?

However, she didn’t say it out loud and even hid her expression really well. “Senior Brothers, Senior Sister, you’ve misunderstood. All of you are capable people on the Qing Yun Ranking, while I’ve just

come to the academy. I am lacking in many areas compared to all of you. I wouldn't dare to compare with Senior Sister."

"You don't know what's good for you if you disagree," interrupted Liu Yintong in frustration. "You definitely know the red-tailed phoenix clan's rules. Since this is so, just let them fight it out and see who the winner will be."

I've already given the other party sufficient face by taking the initiative to invite him. If he still dares to reject me in public...

Chu Liuyue felt a vague coldness in the air, and she blinked. "Since you insist, I will respectfully oblige. But..."

"But what? Stop being wishy-washy!" Liu Yintong seemed to be really impatient.

"Hey... hang on!" Gong Sheng suddenly interrupted and smiled at the duo. He said, "Ah Tong, if it's just a simple match, it'll be too boring! Why don't we bet on something?"

"What kind of bad intentions do you have?" Liu Yintong glanced at him in contempt.

Gong Sheng didn't seem to care about her gaze as he continued smiling. "Look, this red-tailed phoenix of yours clearly has a weaker bloodline power than that of Junior Brother Chu Yue. But you're stronger than him, so the strength that your legendary fiend can unleash is naturally greater than his."

"In other words, both of you have your own advantages. It's really not easy to say who will win. If I were to speak... Why don't we use three drops of the respective legendary fiend's blood as a bet? Whoever loses will take out three drops of the legendary fiend's blood and give it to the other party!"

The crowd instantly fell silent. Even if they didn't have a legendary fiend, they knew clearly what these three drops of blood meant.

Every legendary fiend had a limited amount of blood with bloodline power in their bodies! Giving three drops away just like that was akin to giving their bloodline strength to the other party!

"If it were other matches, there wouldn't be much meaning to compete like this. However... these two are red-tailed phoenixes!" Gong Sheng's eyes sparkled with excitement.

Since they were of the same clan, it meant that they could absorb the other party's bloodline power!

An idea surfaced in Liu Yintong's mind. She didn't think of it in the beginning, but after hearing Gong Sheng's words, she was quite tempted. If I can snatch the other party's bloodline power and merge it into my own legendary fiend's body... My legendary fiend can definitely overtake the other one!

"Okay! It's settled then!" She looked at Chu Liuyue. "Chu Yue, do you agree?"

Even though it was a question, she wasn't seeking his opinion. It was clear that they didn't allow Chu Liuyue to reject them.

Chu Liuyue squinted her eyes slightly and looked at the water spouting out from the fountain. Then, she suddenly smiled. "Sure, but I have a request. I want to add on to the bet.."

Chapter 1147: Fight!

Upon hearing this, the crowd was stunned.

“Add on to the bet?” Liu Yintong suspiciously sized her up. “What do you want to add?”

Chu Liuyue raised her hand and pointed at the fountain. “If I win, other than the three drops of legendary fiend blood, I want to have the right to stay beside this fountain for a month. I believe this won’t be hard for you, right, Senior Sister Liu?”

Liu Yintong never expected Chu Liuyue to make such a request.

She knitted her brows and looked conflicted as she pondered over the latter’s words. This was because it was rather troublesome for her as well.

One had to know that even if she had a decent ranking on the Qing Yun Ranking, there were quite a few people with similar rankings. Occasionally, they would want to come to Million Wine Mountain and get a seat too.

The fountain was only that big after all, and there were only a few spots beside it. It was fine if one occupied the best spot for a day or two because everyone could just take turns. However, it would be rather overboard if one occupied it for a month.

Even I can’t guarantee that I can continuously do it for a month. But now, Chu Yue actually wants to take that as a wager?!

Chu Liuyue slightly smiled as she looked at Liu Yintong in a calm and collected manner, without arrogance or frustration. It was as if she didn't realize how shocking her conditions were at all.

"Hahaha! Junior Brother Chu Yue is indeed carefree!" Gong Sheng was exhilarated when he heard this, and he hurriedly urged Liu Yintong to agree. "Ah Tong, since Junior Brother has already spoken, it can't be that you don't dare to agree, right?"

This sentence triggered Liu Yintong, and she glared at him. "You're the cowardly one! Do you think I'll lose?!"

Nobody thought that she would lose. Even though everyone could tell that her legendary fiend was slightly weaker than the other party's, she was a strong warrior on the Qing Yun Ranking, and her legendary fiend's combat power couldn't be underestimated.

In contrast, the other party was just a junior brother that just entered the academy. Besides, he specialized as a heavenly doctor, and he only seemed to be a beginner stage-seven warrior.

There was nothing much to worry about.

"I'll agree to it." Liu Yintong looked straight at Chu Liuyue, and her gaze was high and mighty. "But if you lose, what kind of punishment should you get?"

Chu Liuyue shrugged her shoulders and smiled slightly. "You can decide whatever you want, Senior Sister Liu."

"That's a deal." Liu Yintong glanced at the red-tailed phoenix at the side.

Whoosh!

It spread its wings, and the burning fire rose once again!

The surrounding air seemed to burn, and the people standing nearer took a few steps back unwittingly!

Everyone knew that this fiend had shocking warring capabilities and that it was as hot-tempered as its owner. If one wasn't careful, they might just be implicated!

On the mountain peak, they quickly emptied an area with Chu Liuyue and Liu Yintong in the center.

The people below had long gathered around. Even though they didn't dare to go too near, their eyes were tightly glued to the two people standing opposite each other.

Chu Liuyue tapped Tuan Zi's forehead and lowered her voice. "I've already fought for a chance for you. Now, it depends on you to make use of it."

Tuan Zi nodded forcefully and rapidly flew out.

Hua!

Fire also started burning intensely around Tuan Zi! Different from the one opposite it, its fire was even redder and more intense. The suppression it contained was clearly stronger!

Their capabilities could be seen with one glance!

Liu Yintong felt even more upset. But upon thinking that she could gain the bloodline power of the other party's legendary fiend after this competition ended, her expression turned bright again.

She glanced at Chu Liuyue, who wasn't far away. Seeing that the latter was completely unaffected, she knitted her brows and looked away. The kids that just enter the academy always think that they are the most outstanding talents in the world. If they don't suffer a little, they won't know their limits.

"Why would Chu Yue agree to such a bet?" Luo Shishi couldn't help but mutter worriedly. "He doesn't have any chances of winning this match!"

"He can't reject it. Given the earlier scenario, he didn't have a second option." Luo Yanming patted her shoulders in comfort. "Let's just watch first. If he really needs help, we can ask Fourth Brother to come forward."

Luo Shishi could only nod her head.

Even though they didn't come to the academy for long, they had already known some rules beforehand. For example, outsiders couldn't casually interfere with such duels.

In the academy, the strong were respected.

If someone only knew how to depend on and always relied on others to stand up for them, then they would be increasingly looked down on. Hence, Chu Yue had to depend on himself to overcome it.

“Don’t worry. His legendary fiend’s bloodline strength doesn’t seem weak. Perhaps he has a bit of hope.” Zhuo Sheng scratched his head as he didn’t expect that things would progress to this stage.

Luo Shishi smiled bitterly. His words are as good as not saying anything. They are both red-tailed phoenixes. Even if their bloodline strength is different, how different can it be? However, Chu Yue and Liu Yintong are worlds apart! The former is bound to lose this match, yet he added such a wager for himself at the end! I really don’t know what he’s thinking.

“He doesn’t know his limits. Since he dares to do it, he’ll need to be prepared to pay for it.” Yin Fan chuckled. “Very quickly, he’ll know that this is Ling Xiao Academy, not somewhere he can throw his temper!”

The sky was dark, and the moon hung high in the sky!

Above the mountain peak, the two red-tailed phoenixes stood opposite each other!

Tuan Zi stared at the one before it and dangerously squinted its eyes. It actually thinks it can challenge me just because its owner is capable... They must be tired of living!

Tuan Zi flapped its wings. The next moment, it disappeared from the spot!

The crowd gasped in shock. Chu Yue’s fiend attacked first! This fiend really follows its masters personality, and it is very daring!

Bam!

A violent collision was heard!

Two balls of fire harshly crashed against each other, and sparks instantly flew everywhere!

The two figures instantly tangled together!

As they were originally from the same clan, they looked extremely similar. Besides, both of them had fires burning around them. When they were tangled up together, they completely became a ball of fire, and others couldn't see them clearly.

From afar, they could only see sparks that kept exploding out. Above it was a terrifyingly hot ripple that kept spreading in all directions!

Bam!

Crash!

Whoosh!

All sorts of clashes could be heard.

After a while, the two of them finally separated!

Tuan Zi dropped a few feathers, and its entire body looked much messier.

Meanwhile, the fiend opposite it had its claws bleeding, and its body was stained with blood. It looked even uglier.

With one look, anyone could tell who was stronger and who was weaker.

Liu Yintong was originally confident she would win, but when she saw this scene, her expression changed slightly. "Xiao Feng!" she hollered. "Defeat it!"

I have to win this match!

Once she said this, the crowd saw the fire around that red-tailed phoenix suddenly rise!

Bam!

A gigantic figure appeared in mid-air and cast a thick shadow!

Scorching!

Oppressive!

That red-tailed phoenix changed into its true size. It looked down at Tuan Zi coldly and rushed down!

Its sharp beak was about to cut the other fiend's throat!

Chapter 1148: Suppress!

Almost at the same time, Tuan Zi's figure changed drastically as well!

An even hotter fire suddenly rose! But in comparison, Tuan Zi seemed to be a little smaller than the other party.

"Pfft." When Liu Yintong saw this scene, she couldn't help but sneer as she looked extremely confident. The amount of strength unleashed by a legendary fiend that has made a pact is closely related to its owner's cultivation level and capabilities. No matter how pure this red-tailed phoenix's bloodline power is, it can't change the fact that its owner is just a mere stage-seven warrior! The difference can't be made up for!

"It should end!" With Liu Yintong's command, that red-tailed phoenix flew toward Tuan Zi!

Its size was a clear advantage, and a shocking suppression came over!

Tuan Zi flapped its wings and was about to fly, but it realized that its surrounding space suddenly became very strange!

Everything in the surroundings became heavy. It was as if it sunk into soil, as struggling became more difficult than ever.

“God Realm!” Someone within the crowd gasped!

Legendary fiends were different from humans, who had to cultivate diligently and become legendary warriors before they could build their own God Realms. Legendary fiends had this ability since they were born. When they were of age, they could successfully unleash their own God Realm.

At this point, that red-tailed phoenix actually used this trump card directly!

“I heard that if the owner isn’t capable enough, their legendary fiend will be implicated and can’t fully unleash all of its bloodline power... Now, it seems like it’s true!”

“Chu Yue’s red-tailed phoenix also looks like it hasn’t come of age yet. It’ll definitely lose this battle!”

“Liu Yintong became a demigod long ago. Even though the legendary fiend she has can only unleash limited strength, it should be more than enough to deal with Chu Yue, right?”

The crowd burst into an uproar as they engaged in heated discussions, already confirming the outcome of this match.

At this moment, that red-tailed phoenix stretched its extremely sharp claws toward Tuan Zi's eyes! It almost wanted to dig out the latter's eyeballs the next moment!

Tuan Zi's eyes burned with anger! My god! If I don't show you how good I am, you really think that you're invincible, right?!

Bam!

The next moment, under the crowd's stunned stares, a terrifying ripple also exploded out of Tuan Zi's body!

Something seemed to be breaking inch by inch in the air.

Shock flashed across that red-tailed phoenix's eyes, but very quickly, that shock turned into horror and panic! It almost moved backward without thinking!

"Xiao Feng!" Liu Yintong was taken aback when she saw this scene. Wasn't it doing okay just now? Why did it suddenly become like this in the blink of an eye? I can even clearly feel the terror coming from the bottom of its heart.

Very quickly, Liu Yintong knew why it felt such horror.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

A series of crisp sounds were heard.

The God Realm that the red-tailed phoenix had initially unleashed started collapsing inch by inch.

The black cracks in space intersected. From afar, it looked like a piece of dehydrated land and was horrifying.

An even stronger suppression seemed to overcome everything and rushed over at first instance!

Liu Yintong suddenly widened her eyes!

At the side, Gong Sheng's expression changed as he unwittingly put down his crossed arms and speechlessly stared at everything that was happening in shock. He almost thought that he was seeing it wrong!

Everyone else's reactions were about the same. This was all because Tuan Zi had also unleashed its own God Realm!

Even though the God Realm was very small, it still easily oppressed Liu Yintong's red-tailed phoenix wherever it passed!

"How is this possible?!" Gong Sheng gasped and muttered, "Chu Yue is just a mere stage-seven warrior. How can his legendary fiend unleash a God Realm?"

Nobody answered his question.

Everything happened in the blink of an eye.

Seeing that the red-tailed phoenix was about to escape, Tuan Zi's eyes sparkled with an extremely cold glint. Then, it sped forward!

At this point, the surrounding space was wrapped in Tuan Zi's God Realm, so it traveled very quickly and reached the red-tailed phoenix's back in the blink of an eye.

That red-tailed phoenix felt something and turned around. Following that, a hint of shock and terror surfaced in its arrogant eyes for once.

Tuan Zi glanced at it.

Shoo!

A clear shrill suddenly spread around as it reverberated throughout the air above Million Wine Mountain.

Everyone was stunned—it was as if a heavy rock had dropped down from above! It instantly caused everyone to have difficulty moving as if all the blood in their bodies was frozen!

"This is... the red-tailed phoenix's suppression...?" Amidst the deadly silence, someone softly muttered. The voice was light but filled with shock. "T -this is a legendary fiend that truly has the red-gold heavenly phoenix's bloodline power!"

The next moment, under countless pairs of eyes, Tuan Zi rushed forward!

The red-tailed phoenix opposite it instinctively dodged!

Huala!

A gigantic wound was scratched on its wings! Its feathers dropped everywhere, and it looked very bloody!

One could see the scarily white bones where the wound was.

Quite a few people suddenly took a deep breath in. It just scratched it once and actually directly ripped half its wing apart?! What kind of shocking combat power is this!?

Even Liu Yintong had already lost all words when she saw the scene in mid-air. They are both red-tailed phoenixes, and my one has already come of age. It is also bigger and looks stronger. Originally, I thought victory was in my hands. Who knew—

“Xiao Feng!” Liu Yintong suddenly recovered her senses and screamed, “What are you doing?! Beat it!”

If—I lose...

When the red-tailed phoenix heard that command, struggle flashed across its eyes.

But before it could fully prepare itself, Tuan Zi's claws harshly slammed down! Who told you to be arrogant!? Who told you to be proud!? Your bloodline strength is so meager that it's pathetic, yet you think you can beat me?!

Huala—

The sounds of feathers being ripped, muscles being shredded, and bones clashing merged together, and it made one's heart shudder!

Blood splattered everywhere.

Quite a few people felt their hairs stand on end. Th-this... If it continues, that red-tailed phoenix will be destroyed!

Liu Yintong also realized this point, and she was shocked and enraged. She never thought that her legendary fiend—which she thought was a treasure— would actually be beaten up in this manner one day!

“Stop!” Her body was trembling slightly, and tears welled up in her eyes.

At this point, even if she didn't want to admit it, she knew that everything was set. Her legendary fiend was clearly not the other party's match, and it even became the meat on the butcher's board!

As if Tuan Zi didn't hear her, it continued leaving all sorts of wounds on the red-tailed phoenix crazily!

Liu Yintong suddenly looked at Chu Liuyue and yelled harshly, “Are you not getting it to stop?!”

Chu Liuyue then slowly opened her mouth, but she didn’t get Tuan Zi to stop according to her request.

She looked at Liu Yintong.. “Senior Sister Liu, are you admitting defeat?”

Chapter 1149: Courting Death

Trust him to ask me that at this point! Liu Yintong was hopping mad, her voice rising a decibel in a screeching manner. “I say, get your fiend to stop what it’s doing! Can’t you hear me?!”

“Senior, nobody can interfere in a fight between fiends. Besides, Tuan Zi is known to have a foul temper. Even I can’t control it much at times. If we don’t put an end to this match, I’m afraid that... it probably won’t stop,” said Chu Liuyue with a hint of an apologetic expression.

Everyone, however, knew that this wasn’t the case—its owner refused to get the fiend to stop and was trying to force Liu Yintong into admitting defeat.

Liu Yintong naturally could tell what Chu Liuyue was trying to do here. Her body trembled with anger as she glared at the latter with fury in her eyes. “You’re being insolent, Chu Yue!”

Chu Liuyue pretended as if she couldn’t hear the threat in Liu Yintong’s words. She remained indifferent and didn’t respond to her.

Meanwhile, Tuan Zi seemed to be having the time of its life and didn't look back even once. It happily swiped its claws and ripped the feathers off the other red-tailed phoenix, which barely had any left now.

The red-tailed phoenix naturally couldn't put up with the humiliation, but it wasn't a match for Tuan Zi with it being terribly injured and hanging onto its last breath. It didn't even have the energy to retaliate and could only tilt its head to the side and let Tuan Zi continue to torture it.

It was one hell of a bizarre sight.

All of a sudden, Liu Yintong sneered and turned around. "Fine! Since you refuse to make your fiend stop, I'll stop that thing myself!"

"You'll automatically be admitting defeat if you get involved in the fight," Chu Liuyue kindly reminded her.

That got Liu Yintong to stop in her tracks.

A wave of cold air descended upon them, and the surroundings were filled with dead silence. Everyone turned to look at Chu Liuyue as if she were a lunatic. Where in the world did this guy get his guts from to challenge Liu Yintong in this manner?!

"Hah!" Liu Yintong scoffed, her voice sounding forced as she gritted out,

"Consider this your win! Now, get your beast to stop right away!"

Chu Liuyue lifted her chin slightly, her calm and peaceful expression instantly vanishing and being replaced by a glacial look. "Please take back the last sentence, or I can't guarantee that your 'beast' will survive tonight."

She spoke so slowly that everyone could clearly hear each and every word she said. Despite her youthful look, the way she spoke was resolute. It was like she had immense power.

Liu Yintong—who wanted to snap back at her—suddenly shivered internally when she met the latter's dark and unfathomable eyes. The retort that had made its way to the tip of her tongue got swallowed back into her throat instead.

After a moment, she finally turned her head and said stiffly, "I concede!"

This was the biggest 'concession' on Liu Yintong's part, although it was more appropriate to say that she had yielded to Chu Liuyue.

Gong Sheng and everyone else were at a loss for words. As Liu Yintong's close friends, they naturally knew how big of a humiliation it was for her to say this to a junior who had just joined the academy. But then again, there wasn't any other way out.

Her contracted fiend was about to die in the claws of Chu Yue's fiend. What more could she say or do now?

"Tuan m," Chu Liuyue finally called. "Come back."

Only then did Tuan Zi fling the dying red-tailed phoenix down and fly over. It even stomped on the other phoenix's face on its way down. Bah! Serve you right for eyeing my bloodline!

The red-tailed phoenix's head flopped down, and it finally passed out completely.

Liu Yintong was so angry that she stared daggers at Tuan Zi.

Tuan Zi, however, seemed oblivious to her glares. It flew over to the mouth of the fountain and gulped down the water, its eyes lighting up in surprise when warm energy instantly spread to its entire body.

Despite Tuan Zi's wish to continue drinking the fountain water, it knew that Chu Liuyue was still waiting for it, so it reluctantly flew back to her, shrinking to the size of a palm before landing safely on her shoulder.

Even though its feathers were stained with blood, Tuan Zi didn't look like it was suffering from any serious injuries. Chu Liuyue's mind was put at ease after carefully examining it.

Liu Yintong stormed over, only to see her contracted fiend unconscious and seriously injured. From the horrifying wounds on its body, she could tell how hard Tuan Zi had gone on her fiend earlier.

D*mn it! This useless thing! Liu Yintong's expression darkened as she let out a curse internally. It looks like it will take at least ten days for it to recover. Will this affect my ranking on the Qing Yun Ranking next month? The reason why I'm able to rank in the top fifty on the Qing Yun Ranking warrior list is mainly due to my contracted fiend, but now...

Just as Liu Yintong wanted to summon her fiend, she heard a clear voice from behind. "You seem to have forgotten something, Senior."

Liu Yintong looked back, only to see Chu Liuyue smiling harmlessly at her while saying words that drove her hopping mad: "The bet."

The audience drew a sharp intake of breath. The nerve of him! Can't he see how dark Liu Yintong's expression is?! He's completely offended her!

Chu Liuyue naturally knew that this would make Liu Yintong hate her even more, but it wasn't like the latter had given her a chance before. They were the ones who proposed to have a match with a bet after all. If it weren't because Tuan Zi was capable enough and that she had a few tricks up her sleeves, the fiend lying on the ground now would have been Tuan Zi.

From the moment she possessed a red-tailed phoenix that had a stronger bloodline than the other red-tailed phoenix, she had already offended them. In that case, there wasn't a need for her to be forbearing and conciliatory since whatever she did would be wrong.

Liu Yintong clenched her fists and gritted her teeth. If it weren't for the fact that fighting between students wasn't allowed on Million Wine Mountain, she would've gone straight up to Chu Liuyue and ripped that sickening face.

She turned around and walked to the red-tailed phoenix lying on the ground.

With a lift of her hand, a red force shot out and enveloped the fiend.

Soon, a red drop of blood gathered at the top of its head, followed by the second and third drops. She then flicked her hand and made the three drops of blood fly over to Chu Liuyue. "There you go!"

Chu Liuyue raised her eyebrows slightly as she channeled her force and caught the three drops of blood safely in her hands.

The expressions of the people with keen eyes became a lot more complicated when they looked at Chu Liuyue after seeing this scene.

Liu Yintong was a demigod after all. Even if she didn't use all her strength, that move contained a considerable amount of force. However, Chu Yue, a mere stage-seven warrior, had easily caught the blood.

The corners of Chu Liuyue's lips curled up. "Thank you for honoring your word, Senior. You really are generous."

The crowd was speechless. Please! That's enough! Stop making things difficult for yourself!

Chu Liuyue—who seemed oblivious to their inner cries—fed the blood to Tuan Zi and then asked with a grin, "Then... What about Million Wine Mountain's fountain...?"

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"I'll naturally keep my word!" Liu Yintong couldn't resist bellowing.

A momentary silence fell over the crowd as many of them cast a pitiful look at Chu Liuyue. He really has completely offended her! The consequences of offending any member of their group are unthinkable! All it takes are some wits and scheming from them, and Chu Yue's life in the academy will become very tough! Even if his mentor is Elder Wan Zheng, he can't completely control the students' relationship dynamics. This guy... is doomed!

The student in question, however, remained seemingly oblivious to it all. Upon hearing what Liu Yintong said, Chu Liuyue raised her eyebrows and flashed a smile at her. "And I naturally trust your character."

Chu Liuyue's reply was met with dead silence, and everyone could basically foresee how miserable her school life would be in time to come.

"Hah, no wonder Elder Wan Zheng likes you. You sure are something..." The smile on Gong Sheng's face had faded a lot, and his eyes were filled with a coldness that couldn't be disguised.

Had it been someone else, they would surely tremble with fear under his watchful gaze. But not Chu Liuyue. She calmly replied, "Thank you for the compliment, Senior. I still have a lot of shortcomings, so I need to learn more from you all."

Even the arrogant Gong Sheng was rendered speechless at this moment. He choked upon hearing those words and then let out a cold and angry laugh.

"Well, well, well... Chu Yue, you sure are something!"

After saying that, he quickly walked over to Liu Yintong's side. "Ah Tong, let's go back and treat your fiend first. We can leave the rest of the matter to another day..."

Liu Yintong nodded, and the few of them turned to leave since the relaxed and happy mood had been completely destroyed.

The people standing further down parted quickly to form a spacious path for them.

After taking a few steps, Gong Sheng suddenly looked back and stared at Chu Liuyue. “Chu Yue, let’s have a friendly sparring exchange when the chance arises! Show us what you’re capable of when the time comes.”

The group then finally left the mountain, their shadows quickly disappearing among the dense woods.

The atmosphere on the mountaintop remained tense, and nobody spoke for a long time. Nobody had expected things to end up in this manner.

“Are you okay, Chu Yue?” Luo Shishi walked up to her and asked in concern.

Chu Liuyue smiled. “Of course, I am. What can possibly happen to me?”

“You’re too arrogant for your own good!” Yin Fan couldn’t help sneering at her.

“You think you’re all capable and impressive after winning that fight? Have you any idea who exactly you’ve offended?! Nothing good will come out of this!”

Chu Liuyue raised her eyebrows. “Then, what should I have done to avoid offending them? Get Tuan Zi to admit defeat and offer its blood?”

Yin Fan was rendered speechless, for nobody would possibly be fine doing that. It wasn’t just robbing the legendary fiend of its blood but also an utter humiliation to its owner.

“Forget it. What happened has already happened, anyway. Let’s just go with the flow,” Luo Yanming stepped forward and said comfortingly. “They were being unreasonable in the first place. They can’t really do anything to you.”

“You’re being naive!” Yin Fan snorted.

Luo Shishi and the others didn’t pay any more attention to him. By now, they could tell how much he disliked Chu Yue. Although they had known him for a longer period of time, they were on Chu Yue’s side on this matter, for they could see the many problems of it.

“Don’t worry, Chu Yue! You won fair and square! Even if you tell the elders about it, they’ll be the ones at a disadvantage! If they really plan to deal with you, you have us! At most, I’ll rope my Fourth Brother in too!”

Luo Yanlin’s rank on the Qing Yun Ranking was much higher than any of them.

Chu Liuyue was comforted to hear that. “Thank you, but this is ultimately my problem. I’ll try to handle it myself.”

She then paused, her eyes quietly sparkling away. “I came to the academy to cultivate and become stronger, not bow down to anyone! If anyone wants to do anything to me, I’ll just pay them back in their own coin.” Since they have no respect for me, then I don’t have to be courteous with them, either!

“That’s right!” Zhuo Sheng had an approving look on his face. “They won’t have the cheek to pick on you since they can’t defeat you!” Only the strong get respected.

While Luo Shishi and Luo Yanming exchanged a worried look, Chu Liuyue shook her head and smiled. "Alright, don't let this matter dampen your spirits.

Tuan Zi..."

She tapped Tuan Zi on its head. "Go on! We still have some time left!"

Upon hearing that, Tuan Zi excitedly rushed over to the fountain and plunged its head into the water. Gulp, gulp..

Chu Liuyue didn't need to ask or even look at Tuan Zi's expression to know how happy and excited it was. She could sense it herself, and this made her mood improve considerably.

Although the five of them were happy now, the rest of the people on the mountain had different thoughts. Some people were starting to leave the mountain; it was clear that they didn't want to hang around the bold and reckless freshman and have anything to do with him.

Soon, there were only very few people left on Million Wine Mountain. The originally bustling place instantly became quiet and deserted.

Yin Fan tried to urge Luo Shishi and the others to leave as well, but he got rebuffed and ostracized by them instead. In the end, he stormed off angrily on his own.

Time slowly trickled by.

Luo Yanming took another look at the fountain and asked in perplexity, “How come it still hasn’t drunk its fill? Does it intend to stay here?”

It had been a long time since the match had ended, but Tuan Zi was still at the fountain.

Chu Liuyue rubbed her sore temples. Looking at Tuan Zi’s condition, the power contained in the fountain water has an extremely obvious effect on it. Its injuries have almost completely healed, although it was also due to the help of the three drops of blood. If Tuan Zi stays here longer, it might be able to awaken its bloodline sooner!

“Time’s almost up. We have to go now,” Luo Shishi reminded them as she glanced at the sky.

Chu Liuyue shouted Tuan Zi’s name, and only then did Tuan Zi reluctantly leave the fountain while turning its head back with every few steps. By the time it finally arrived at her side again, some time had passed.

Knowing the others must be nervous and in a hurry, Chu Liuyue said, “Let’s go!” We’re probably still in time to leave the mountain— Rumble!

An alarmingly loud sound suddenly exploded in the sky above Million Wine

Mountain.

Shocked, Chu Liuyue and the others immediately looked up, only to see the bright moon get hidden behind the dark clouds and silver lightning gathering at lightning speed.

“Someone’s trying to summon the lightning bolts to refine weapons!” Luo Yanming shouted in alarm.
“Quickly, leave!” It’ll be bad if we get struck by the lightning!

As he spoke, a lightning bolt suddenly fell from the sky and toward them..