

## **Noble Ruler 1151**

### Chapter 1151: The Secret of the Fountain

Its dazzling light lit up half of the sky.

“Run!” Luo Yanming shouted as he dragged Luo Shishi down the mountain, with Zhuo Sheng following closely behind. Just as he took a step forward, though, he suddenly remembered something. He quickly looked back and shouted to Chu Liuyue, “Why are you still standing there, Chu Yue?! Run!”

This isn’t the time for him to be standing there like an idiot. Does he want to be struck by the lightning?!

Chu Liuyue had just taken a step when she saw a flash of red shadow—it turned out to be Tuan Zi.

“Tuan Zi!” Chu Liuyue hastily called, but the fiend didn’t seem to hear anything. With a few leaps, it headed straight toward the fountain at the top of the mountain.

She frowned. Why is it going back when it has only just returned?! Is there something in the fountain that’s attracting it? Still, nothing is more important than its life!

Meanwhile, the bolt of lightning was about to land. The red furry figure appeared particularly tiny under the dazzling lightning.

If it gets struck by lightning.. Chu Liuyue gritted her teeth and rushed up the mountain.

“Chu Yue, are you out of your mind?!” Zhuo Sheng shouted out in shock. Isn’t that as good as courting his own death?!

Luo Shishi and Luo Yanming who had already gone down some distance—looked back when they heard Zhuo Sheng’s shout, and their eyes grew wide in disbelief.

In the darkness of the night, where the lush trees cast dark shadows on the cold and eerie mountaintop, a bolt of lightning suddenly landed on a patch of trees, ripping and burning them. The sight of it—hell, even a glance—would make people shiver in fear.

While everyone was desperately trying to avoid the lightning, one person was running toward the top of the mountain.

“Chu Yue!” Luo Shishi instinctively shrieked, but her voice got swallowed in the deafening commotion caused by the violent winds and thunder. She gritted her teeth and moved to run back up, only to get pulled back by Luo Yanming. “What are you doing?!” Luo Yanming sternly questioned. “Do you want to die?!”

Luo Shishi opened her mouth, but she eventually swallowed what she wanted to say when she saw her brother’s expression.

Luo Yanming could also see the worry in her eyes. He sighed internally and then shouted at Zhuo Sheng, “Zhuo Sheng, come take Shishi away first! I’ll bring Chu Yue back!”

Although Luo Shishi and Zhuo Sheng were warriors and Luo Yanming was a Xuan Master, he was the strongest among them in terms of combat power.

Zhuo Sheng quickly understood what he meant and rushed over. But just as Luo Yanming wanted to go up the mountain, a clear and powerful voice suddenly came from above. "Don't bother about me. Just leave first!"

The trio didn't take those words to heart at first. In their opinion, Chu Liuyue wasn't in the right frame of mind at the moment; otherwise, she wouldn't have risked her life to go up the mountain. They thought that she was taking her life too lightly.

But before Luo Yanming could take a step up the mountain, a rich force suddenly wrapped around him in a domineering yet gentle and tolerant manner. The force made the trio go down the mountain, which got them looking at each other in shock. Chu Yue really wants us to leave first! He really intends to deal with that lightning on his own!

Luo Yanming furrowed his eyebrows. After a moment of silence, he said in a serious tone, "Maybe Chu Yue has his own plans. Why don't we leave first and wait for him at the foot of the mountain? It'll be better than staying here and causing him trouble."

For some reason, even though it seemed extraordinarily ridiculous, he felt that Chu Yue was capable of handling the current situation on his own.

Luo Shishi didn't agree to it though. Her willowvy eyebrows remained tightly knitted.

Chu Yue's slim and upright figure appeared extraordinarily thin in this dazzling light.

"But

Plop!

Zhuo Sheng accidentally stepped into the stream.

“He has the black jade plaque with him. The elders won’t sit back and do nothing if something really happens to him,” said Luo Yanming calmly. “This is still the academy grounds after all!”

Luo Shishi could be seen wavering slightly, and she eventually nodded. “Then

Rumble!

Before she could complete her sentence, the second bolt of lightning appeared in the night sky. Much to their horror, it was heading straight toward them. “Let’s go!” Upon sensing that something was amiss, Luo Yanming quickly made the decision to leave with the others first.

Zhuo Sheng hurriedly pulled himself out of the stream, and one of his legs was entirely wet.

Still, no matter how fast they were, the lightning was even faster. It took just the blink of an eye for the lightning to reach above their heads, and a powerful pressure enveloped them.

Meanwhile, Chu Liuyue had already followed Tuan Zi all the way back to the fountain.

“Tuan Zi, we...” Her words trailed off as she was stunned by the scene in front of her.

Water was no longer flowing out of the inch-sized square mouth of the fountain. All that was left was a small patch of transparent water that showed a clear reflection of the radiant lightning bolt above their heads.

For a moment, Chu Liuyue had the feeling that the lightning bolt was actually swimming in the water. Next to it, there seemed to be a stream of light pouring out and flowing down the stream. It was such a bizarre and astonishing scene that she stood rooted on the ground.

Tuan Zi was currently squatting next to the mouth of the fountain and watching it. It seemed to be waiting for something, yet at the same time, it looked like it wanted to go into the water and take out the treasures that were hidden beneath the water surface.

Chu Liuyue suddenly recalled what the legendary three-eyed eagle had said. It said that the water here could help awaken the power of Tuan Zi's bloodline... Could there really be some sort of secret hidden down there?

After a brief moment of hesitation, a faint golden glow surrounded her. Feeling slightly at ease with the pure gold armor's protection, she extended a hand toward the mouth of the fountain.

A weird crackling sound was heard just then.

Chu Liuyue looked up, only to see the lightning bolt descending upon her at an even faster speed and hear the wind blowing violently.

The second lightning bolt that was above Luo Shishi and the others earlier made a sudden U-turn and charged toward Chu Liuyue.

Whoosh!

Luo Shishi and the others looked over, and their eyes were filled with horror the next second.

At the peak, two bolts of lightning came striking down on a slim and tall figure.

Boom!

Following the explosion was a blinding light that swallowed the youth's figure..

Chapter 1152: Which of You Wants to Go First?

"Chu Yue!" They cried out in shock, their hearts almost leaping out of their mouths.

Just then, a strong wave of force spread rapidly from the top of the mountain.

Luo Yanming quickly pulled the other two backward, but they weren't fast enough. They felt a terrifying and powerful force sweep over them before their bodies were sent flying backward, and they fell to the ground.

Luo Shishi endured the pain on her back and lifted her head with much difficulty, only to realize that she had been sent out of Million Wine Mountain along with Luo Yanming and Zhuo Sheng, who were lying next to her.

Looking up from here, Million Wine Mountain seemed peaceful and quiet with the leaves rustling in the wind. It didn't look like anything had happened.

Luo Shishi gasped.

"Are you okay, Shishi?" asked Luo Yanming out of concern as soon as he climbed to his feet, not caring about the pain in his own body.

Luo Shishi shook her head. "Don't worry, Fifth Brother. I'm fine. It's just that..."

It was only when Luo Yanming noticed her odd expression that he looked in the direction of her line of sight, and he was shocked to see Million Wine Mountain being so dark and quiet. He squinted his eyes as he said, "W-What's going Even though we're currently at the foot of the mountain, we should be able to see a little of what's happening at the top. Moreover, it was such a huge commotion. We should be able to see it even if were standing further away, but it looks so quiet now..."

"It looks like there's a special barrier around Million Wine Mountain!" Zhuo Sheng grimaced in pain as he stood up. "Otherwise, this shouldn't be the scene we're seeing right now! That explains why nobody is here to check out the commotion!"

Zhuo Sheng's words enlightened the other two.

"No wonder!" Luo Yanming understood what was going on now. "I didn't realize it before, but now that I think about it, don't you find it weird that Million Wine Mountain is only open for a specific time every day? That rule might've been set because an elder is there refining weapons and is thus always summoning the lightning. Also.. "

“In order not to cause suspicion and worry, the elders also set up a barrier around the mountain to hide what’s happening there. Unless one stays on the mountain, nobody knows what’s going on up there.” Luo Shishi finished what he was saying.

The trio fell into a brief silence.

This matter was actually quite easy to understand. They saw the two bolts of lightning descending on Chu Yue just a moment ago, but as soon as they were driven out of the mountain, everything disappeared.

“But Chu Yue is still inside!” Zhuo Sheng scratched his head.

Luo Shishi and Luo Yanming looked at each other, and they could see the worry in each other’s eyes. The force of the two bolts of lightning was so strong that they themselves didn’t dare to face them head-on. The worst thing was that Chu Yue was just a beginner stage-seven warrior.

“Million Wine Mountain is between the heavenly doctor area and the Armory

Refinement Master area, so there will probably be elders around...” Luo Yanming slowly said. “It’s unlikely that we’ll be able to enter the mountain right now.”

Luo Shishi hesitated for a moment before saying, “I’ll look for my mentor.” She was naturally referring to Elder Wen Xi.

“Now?” Luo Yanming looked up at the sky. It’s almost midnight right now. It doesn’t seem appropriate to look for him at this hour...

Luo Shishi who seemingly saw through his thoughts shook her head. "This matter has to be dealt with as soon as possible. The longer Chu Yue stays inside, the more dangerous it'll be for him." The lightning is no joke.

After a brief hesitation, Luo Yanming finally nodded his head. "Alright! I'll wait here while you guys go and fetch Elder Wen Xi!"

Meanwhile, Chu Liuyue was in a stalemate with the two bolts of lightning.

Yes, stalemate.

As soon as she felt the lightning descending upon her, she removed her hand from the water and flicked it dry while standing up. However, the two bolts of lightning ended up stopping a few steps in front of her instead.

She looked over and got a clear look at the glowing lightning.

The power they exuded was even more frightening close-up, but they weren't moving at all. They appeared a little hesitant as they hovered in mid-air.

If someone were to see this scene, they would surely find it absolutely ridiculous.

Whoosh!

With a flicker of a black light, the Long Yuan Sword appeared in Chu Liuyue's palm, and she grabbed it tightly in her hand. The ancient and heavy sword body glinted coldly in the dark as it waited to battle.

As rich force flowed into the sword, Chu Liuyue narrowed her eyes and curled her lips into a reckless smile. "Which of you wants to go first?"

"Master! Are you in there, Master?!"

Elder Wen Xi was resting when he suddenly heard someone knocking urgently on his door. He sat upright in his bed when he realized that the anxious voice belonged to his new disciple, Luo Shishi.

Using his willpower, he opened the door.

Upon seeing Luo Shishi and Zhuo Sheng standing at the doorway and looking really anxious, he frowned and asked, "What's wrong? What happened?"

It must be a big deal if there here at this hour.

Luo Shishi anxiously said, "Master, please quickly go to Million Wine Mountain and take a look! Chu Yue is trapped on the mountaintop!"

"What?" All signs of weariness vanished as Elder Wen Xi widened his eyes and jumped out of bed. "Did you just say that Chu Yue is trapped on Million Wine Mountain?"

“Yes! When we were coming down, there were two bolts of lightning

Elder Wen Xi’s expression became serious, and he immediately walked toward the door. “I’ll go there right away!”

Luo Shishi and Zhuo Sheng were somewhat relieved to hear that. Things might be a little safer for Chu Yue if Elder Wen Xi can reach there sooner.

“Both of you stay here!” Elder Wen Xi suddenly turned around and said this to them in a serious manner.

“But

“Also, you mustn’t breathe a single word about tonight’s incident to anyone else!”

It was the first time that Luo Shishi and Zhuo Sheng had seen such a serious and stern expression on Elder Wen Xi’s face, for he was usually smiling away. They couldn’t help but flinch inwardly as they unconsciously nodded their heads. “Don’t worry, Master. We’ll definitely keep it a secret!”

Elder Wen Xi stared at the two of them for a moment before exhaling slightly. “Alright. You guys don’t need to worry too much either. I’ll go and take a look

“Please bring Chu Yue back safely,” Luo Shishi blurted out.

Elder Wen Xi let out an angry huff. “I’ll definitely bring him back even without you saying! If he’s trapped on Million Wine Mountain, it means that he didn’t come down in time!”

The two students fell silent out of guilt. It wasn’t exactly very late... Just a bit later... We didn’t expect things to turn out this way.

“Watch how I punish him when we come back!” Elder Wen Xi fumed. Today is just his first day of becoming an official student of the academy, yet he’s already gotten himself into such huge trouble! I thought he was a well-behaved and obedient chap, but he turned out to be— “Eh? What are you doing, Wen Xi?”

Chapter 1153: Who’s Trapping Who?

Upon hearing the voice, the three of them turned their heads and saw a familiar figure walking unsteadily toward them under the moonlight. Said figure was none other than Elder Hua Feng.

Elder Wen Xi looked at him with distaste when he saw the wine bottle in his hand. “How much have you drunk this time?”

Elder Hua Feng giggled. “Not too much! Just a few sips—eh? Why are there two students here?”

He took a closer look at the students and then gazed at Elder Wen Xi with a puzzled expression when he recognized who they were. “You’re giving the students extra lessons at this time of the night? You’re going too far!” Even if he wants to give them extra lessons, there’s no need for him to be so enthusiastic. It’s only their first day as his official students.

Elder Wen Xi looked at Elder Hua Feng as if he were looking at an idiot. “Do I look like that sort of person? Use your brain!”

Luo Shishi and Zhuo Sheng were speechless.

Elder Wen Xi couldn't be bothered to waste any more time on him and just hurriedly walked ahead. “There's trouble on Million Wine Mountain.”

“What?” Elder Hua Feng instantly sobered up. “What happened? Hey, tell me!

I'm counting on that fountain

“Chu Yue is trapped there!” explained Elder Wen Xi succinctly.

“Oh, well—come again?!” Elder Hua Feng's eyes bulged. “Chu Yue?!”

While they might not know all the students in the academy since there were so many of them, it was hard for the two elders to forget who Chu Yue was. They were the ones who recruited him, after all. On top of that, Chu Yue had just performed well on today's monthly assessment and became Wan Zheng's student.

Elder Hua Feng forgot all about his wine and hurriedly followed Elder Wen Xi.

“I'll go with you!”

Elder Wen Xi glanced sideways at him.

Elder Hua Feng let out a loud cough and said, "Well, I'm also worried about Chu Yue's safety!"

He's just concerned about the fountain's water. Elder Wen Xi snorted, but he didn't expose the other. It's better to have more people at times like this. Besides, it's more reassuring to bring him along than let the other elders know about this and cause huge trouble.

He turned his head and looked at Luo Shishi and Zhou Sheng. "Stay here and wait for us to come back!"

Luo Shishi and Zhou Sheng could only agree to it and watch the two elders quickly leave.

Once the two elders disappeared into the distance, Zhou Sheng couldn't resist saying, "Shishi, don't you think the elders seem to be very secretive about Million Wine Mountain?"

It looks like there's some sort of secret hiding on the mountain. Luo Shishi nodded in agreement, but her instincts told her that it was best for them not to know so much.

"Chu Yue will probably be fine since the two elders are heading there now..." Luo Shishi exhaled softly, although she still felt as if a huge stone was weighing on her heart.

After thinking about it, Zhou Sheng comforted her, "Don't worry. He has a red-tailed phoenix after all! He'll be fine!"

Luo Shishi could only nod her head. I sure hope so.

Things became even quieter at the top of Million Wine Mountain after what Chu Liuyue said. The five bolts of lightning seemed to have gone still as they stayed motionless above her head.

“Hm?” Chu Liuyue cocked an eyebrow and pointed the sword at the first bolt of lightning. “Since you came down first, then... You go first?”

Whoosh!

The first bolt of lightning took a step backward.

Chu Liuyue, thus, pointed the sword to the second one. “You?” Whoosh!

The second bolt of lightning retreated even further than the first.

Tuan Zi looked at them with disdain. Bah! Useless!

“Are you coming down or not?” asked Chu Liuyue in a clear and nonchalant voice as she twisted her wrists. Tch, and here I thought that they were different from the lightning I encountered previously. They’re the same.

She felt slightly frustrated. I’m not refining a sword or any weapons here.

Logically speaking, they shouldn't be behaving this way.

Rumble!

Just then, the third bolt of lightning came striking down.

"There's more?" Chu Liuyue looked up impatiently. "In that case, I'll wait until you've all arrived!"

When Elder Wen Xi and Elder Hua Feng arrived at the foot of Million Wine Mountain, they saw Luo Yanming standing there.

"Master?" Luo Yanming was also surprised to see Elder Hua Feng there. What's he doing here?

Elder Hua Feng glared at him. Tch! To think that I was mocking Elder Wen Xi about his new students being troublemakers just now. The next moment, I see my own student here!

"Pfft." Elder Wen Xi looked at Elder Hua Feng in disdain. Well, who's better

Elder Hua Feng let out an awkward cough as he wiped the sweat on his forehead. "It's fine, it's fine. Our students are outside the mountain. The worst one is the one inside."

"That's true." Elder Wen Xi nodded in deep agreement. "I wonder how Wan Zheng will react when he finds out about this." As long as there's someone worse than us!

“Yanming, just leave this place to us and go back first,” urged Elder Hua Feng. Héll just be finding trouble for himself ifhe continues to stay here.

“But Shishi and Zhuo Sheng...” Luo Yanming looked behind the two and found nobody behind them.

“They didn’t come,” Elder Wen Xi added. “Hurry up and go back. Remember not to mention anything about this incident to anyone.”

Upon hearing the serious and stern tone of the two elders, Luo Yanming nodded. “Will do.’

The two elders only looked at each other after Luo Yanming left.

“Let’s go up and take a look!” With that, Elder Wen Xi headed up the mountain, with Elder Hua Feng following closely behind. He then flew up and took out his green jade plaque.

Whir!

The air vibrated like rippling water.

“This feels like *déjà vu*...” Elder Hua Feng whispered to Elder Wen Xi as he nudged the other with his elbow. “Hey, Wen Xi. Doesn’t it feel like this has happened before in a dream...”

Is this old man drunk for real? Elder Wen Xi shot the other party a withering look as he ‘kindly’ reminded, “It wasn’t a dream; it did happen before. Have you forgotten what happened a few years ago? You were drinking on the mountain when you got caught by that scourge—”

Elder Hua Feng's eyes slowly widened as the images that he had almost forgotten flashed through his mind. A trace of panic then appeared in his eyes. „D\*mn it! Shut up, will you?!”

After saying that, he quickly scanned his surroundings, instinctively grabbed the wine bottle at his waist, and kept his plaque. It looked like he had something on his conscience.

Elder Wen Xi was saddened to see him acting this way. “Grow a spine! It's not like that scourge will appear to steal your wine!”

Elder Hua Feng was just about to say something in retort when the barrier in front of them suddenly opened.

Rumble!

A crackling bolt of lightning suddenly descended upon them..

Chapter 1154: Keep Secretly

“What are you doing?!” Elder Wen Xi's reaction was extremely fast as he whipped his sleeves, and a wave of force flew out.

Bam!

The two waves of force hit each other intensely!

After all, Elder Wen Xi was one of the top few strong warriors in the academy. With this impact, the strength of the lightning bolt was instantly reduced by quite a bit.

The originally dazzling light instantly dimmed.

“Who summoned this!?” Elder Wen Xi was ferocious as he stepped into the barrier!

Elder Hua Feng followed closely after. “Where’s that kid, Chu Yue? He didn’t get struck by lightning, right?”

Once Elder Hua Feng said this, he saw Elder Wen Xi’s body stiffen as the latter looked in front in shock, as if he had seen something incredulous.

“What are you looking—” He followed Elder Wen Xi’s gaze and looked over. His voice trailed off mid-sentence.

He saw a young man standing at the top of Million Wine Mountain. His figure was slightly skinny, but he still stood tall and upright.

At this point, he was standing beside the fountain as he held a completely dark longsword. His surrounding force moved aggressively!

It was Chu Yue!

At this point, there were two bolts of lightning hovering above his head! The lightning was only a short distance away from him.

As long as it moved another step forward, it could easily kill him! But for some reason, those two bolts of lightning didn't move and just floated above quietly. And Chu Yue had his back straightened. He held his sword as if he wasn't even fearful.

This scene was indeed too strange, causing the two elders who were used to seeing all sorts of thunderstorms—to be speechless for a while.

As if detecting the commotion over here, that young man looked over.

“Elder Wen Xi, Elder Hua Feng, you're finally here!” Chu Liuyue looked grateful as if she heaved a sigh of relief.

The two elders had weirder expressions. T-this isn't right!

“Luo Shishi said you were trapped in Million Wine Mountain...” said Elder Wen Xi hesitantly. “But this doesn't seem like it...”

Chu Liuyue raised her sword and pointed at the five lightning bolts above her. “Yeah! I am stuck here!”

Didn't it just hit me and make me fly backward? I was even caught by Elder Wen Xi.. Chu Liuyue thought this in her heart, but her expression didn't break at all.

The two elders looked at the two bolts of lightning that didn't move at all before exchanging gazes. Both of them looked strange. He doesn't seem like IVs trapped at all! When we previously saw how nervous Luo Shishi and the rest were, we thought Chu Yue was in a life and death situation. However, why is it completely different from what we expected?

Elder Wen Xi waved his hands. "Don't worry. We're here. That thing can't hurt you; just come over!"

Chu Liuyue looked down hesitantly and glanced at Tuan Zi, who didn't even move its butt at all as it squatted next to the fountain.

"Elder, um... Can I go after a while?"

"Huh?" Elder Wen Xi was confused. "You still want to stay here?"

"Is this your legendary fiend?" His gaze turned, and he finally saw Tuan Zi below. If I don't see wrongly, that's a red-tailed phoenix, right?

Chu Liuyue nodded.

"Tsk, this red-tailed phoenix's color is actually so pure and intense. I'm afraid that its bloodline strength must be stunning!" Elder Hua Feng's eyes lit up! I've seen other red-tailed phoenixes in the past, but this one is definitely top-tier!

“You’re pretty lucky! You can even make an agreement with this kind of legendary fiend...” Elder Hua Feng smacked his lips. “You’re staying here because of it?”

Chu Liuyue hesitated for a moment before nodding slightly. The fountain at Million Wine Mountain has a secret. These two elders most likely know about it. If so, I have no reason to hide anymore.

“No wonder... but you can’t do this! Students aren’t allowed to overstay at Million Wine Mountain at all. Besides, this is within the restricted time, yet you brought the kid over. Quickly leave with us!”

Chu Liuyue wanted to leave as well.

After all, the five elders had already come over. If she continued staying, they might discover something.

She walked over and picked Tuan Zi up.

Tuan Zi looked at her with much desire. Very soon.. Really soon! It’s a waste if I leave now!

From the corner of her eyes, Chu Liuyue saw that the fountain seemed to be glowing. She focused on it and suddenly became dazed.

This was because the water didn’t reflect the images of lightning bolts, but.. There were actually bolts of lightning!

At some point, countless bolts of lightning gathered in this fountain and were like swimming silver dragons as they swam around in the water!

Chu Liuyue held her breath in. Who would've thought that this fountain hid such a big secret!? Tuan Zi was waiting... for this?!

Chu Liuyue looked down slightly and suppressed all the emotions in her eyes. When she looked up again, her face was calm.

Just as she brought Tuan Zi away from the fountain, the two bolts of lightning in the sky suddenly struck one after another!

Plop!

Without turning around, Chu Liuyue knew that it was the sound of lightning landing in the fountain!

Then, the third bolt of lightning—which Elder Wen Xi had reduced the strength of—rushed over closely.

Elder Hua Feng and Elder Wen Xi exchanged looks. This child might be able to guess something...

“Chu Yue, pretend you've never seen what happened today” Before Elder Wen Xi could finish his sentence, a few loud noises could be heard from the sky.

Rumble!

A few bolts of lightning consecutively appeared, and this time, another delighted voice boomed, “Hahaha! I finally broke through!”

Chapter 1155: What’s With You

Once this was said, a figure suddenly came from the sky!

Chu Liuyue looked up and saw that the incoming person’s robe flew with the wind. The latter took only a few steps, but they covered a huge distance.

Before she could see the other party’s movements clearly, the person had already arrived before them.

Her heart skipped a beat. *This person can only be stronger and not weaker than Elder Wen Xi and the rest!*

“Again!” That person stood in the air and waved his arm!

Dark clouds tumbled in the sky, and three bolts of lightning appeared at the same time! In addition to the ones from before, there were a total of nine bolts!

Chu Liuyue stared at them closely! *Armory Refinement Master—this is actually my first time formally meeting an Armory Refinement Master! When I previously refined that sword, I only succeeded in the end because of Ancestor’s help.*

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Armory Refinement Masters used to be a legendary existence to her. They were distant and mysterious as if one could never reach them.

Even if she had produced the Cloud -Sky Copper Sword with Shangguan Jing's help, strictly speaking, it wasn't truly weapon production! After all, the Cloud-Sky Copper Sword already had its shape and core back then. All she had to do was use the lightning that Shangguan Jing guided to refine it.

Now, she finally knew what Armory Refinement meant!

She saw the person stand in mid-air while his two hands moved around. The lightning seemed to land according to his command!

Plop!

Bolts of lightning continuously landed in the fountain! The stunning suppression and aura almost caused Chu Liuyue to suffocate.

She should move back to avoid being hurt by accident, but her feet seemed to be nailed to the ground. She couldn't move at all.

The silver light in the fountain shone! Even if she was a distance away, Chu Liuyue could still clearly see the scene within!

Countless strong forces intertwined with each other!

At this moment, the person in the sky raised his hand suddenly!

Whoosh!

A green light flew out from the fountain, landing in that person's hands!

Chu Liuyue looked up and saw that it was actually a broadsword!

The broadsword was entirely green—it was as clear as jade, and it gave out a faint crystal glow. Its body was thin and narrow, but it was extremely sharp! Its suppression was also stunning!

Hua!

That person held the sword and lightly sliced the air! Then, a gigantic black crack suddenly appeared!

A tiger's howl could be heard vaguely!

This was enough to show how formidable the sword was!

Chu Liuyue's heart trembled.

This was her first time seeing a true Armory Refinement Master producing a legendary weapon. Even though she couldn't see it clearly, everything before her was enough to shock her!

Stealing the power of lightning to form a legendary weapon! At that moment, it seemed like everything in the land was under his control!

Even though her expression didn't change much, Chu Liuyue's heart was overwhelmed uncontrollably.

Her pair of black, gem-like eyes dazzled! Nine bolts of lightning... Then, that person should be producing a top-tier legendary weapon! This person is, at the very least, a superior Armory Refinement Master!

"Not bad! Not bad! I didn't waste my efforts from the past month..." That person was clearly very happy as he held the broadsword in his hands with elation.

But at this moment, Elder Wen Xi and Elder Hua Feng's expressions weren't great.

Elder Hua Feng didn't hold himself back as he yelled, "Ouyang! Get down right now!"

Elder Ouyang then recovered his senses and looked down. "Hua Feng? Wen Xi?"

Why are the five of you

As he spoke, his gaze turned, and he saw Chu Liuyue standing by the side.

His eyes that couldn't be seen because he was smiling widened instantly. He was stunned. "Why is there a doll here?!"

The two elders were speechless.

Chu Liuyue—who had been ignored the whole time—was speechless. Even though my appearance isn't as eye-catching now, I'm not that easily ignored, right..

"Hey, what's with the two of you?" Elder Ouyang glanced at the sky.

The darkness of the sky was about to go away as the sides were dark blue.

Where heaven and earth connected, the white horizon could be seen.

Light gradually shone through the layers of clouds.

"The sky is about to turn bright. Why did you still bring a doll with you?"

"Pui!" Elder Hua Feng couldn't hold himself back and spat. "Ouyang, open your eyes wide and look! We didn't bring this kid in! When you summoned the lightning bolts to produce your weapon, he was already standing there! You're blind yourself, yet you blame us?!"

"What? He's been here since just now?" Elder Ouyang was dazed before he carefully sized Chu Liuyue up. His expression then turned increasingly weird. "This is a new student? He doesn't know the rules?"

Chu Liuyue's eyelids twitched. She suddenly felt that ever since she entered

Ling Xiao Academy, she was going head-on against the word 'rules.'

The key was that she didn't purposely disobey the rules, but she would always end up in all sorts of situations for some reason. This caused her to reach a state where she couldn't make herself clear.

"Isn't this all your fault!?" Before Chu Liuyue could explain her side, Elder Wen Xi sneered first. "Before you produce your weapons, don't you know how to check if there are any students around?"

According to what Luo Shishi and the rest said, they should've left on the dot. But before they could leave, the lightning bolts came. Hence, Chu Yue was stuck, and this happened in the end.

"I..." Ouyang blinked in a very innocent manner. "How would I know that there would be other people here?!"

I was in a rush today, but I didn't do it much earlier. After all, it has always been fine before. Who knew—

At this point, Chu Liuyue finally understood what was going on: It turned out that Elder Ouyang had long been preparing to produce his weapon here. Today was the last day, which was the most crucial day to summon the lightning bolts and nourish his weapon!

Previously, he could only summon eight bolts of lightning. Now that he could finally summon nine bolts today, he was elated, so he didn't care about so much and swiftly produced it in advance.

Within the fountain was a sword core he put in previously. After the last step was done today, he could officially produce the legendary weapon.

Who knew that he would coincidentally bump into Chu Liuyue and the rest who left late? This then resulted in this scenario.

“That’s not right!” Elder Ouyang suddenly thought of something when he turned around to look at Chu Liuyue, his eyes filled with doubt. “Even if we did bump into each other, the lightning power would’ve chased all of you out. Why

He paused. If I remember correctly, the lightning bolts that I first summoned stopped after meeting this kid?!

“Kid, what’s with you?”

### **Chapter 1156: Trouble Maker**

Chu Liuyue looked innocent as she blinked lightly, with her clear eyes looking confused. “I... don’t know either.”

Elder Ouyang looked at her doubtfully. “After I summoned the lightning bolts, they should all directly land in this fountain. They will only change route when they feel some other threat. Just now... It seems like you’re the reason why the lightning hesitated for so long?”

He sized Chu Liuyue up and softly muttered, “You seem pretty young. You shouldn’t be able to handle the lightning...”

“Ouyang, what are you thinking about!?” Elder Hua Feng laughed out loud. “Chu Yue is just a beginner stage-seven warrior. How can he go against that lightning? If Wen Xi and I didn’t come on time—”

At the side, Elder Wen Xi didn’t support his words. On the other hand, he glanced at Chu Liuyue, and his gaze was deep.

He entered this barrier a step before Elder Hua Feng, so he saw more clearly than the latter. At that time, Chu Yue was standing at the top of the mountain after the duo entered.

*However, Chu Yue didn’t seem to be trapped by the lightning, and it looked more like... they were in a stalemate. Right—yes, stalemate! Elder Wen Xi was a pretty experienced person, and he knew that this kind of situation would only happen when a cultivator was extremely strong. However... this is definitely not something a Chu Yue can do!*

He still recalled that when the young man turned around to look, even though he seemed surprised, the depths of his eyes were filled with unexpected calmness. But when he thought of it, he felt it wasn’t right.

Chu Liuyue looked down slightly and pretended not to know anything.

Elder Ouyang asked for a while, and seeing that he really couldn’t get any information, he swiftly gave up. *I probably guessed wrongly...*

“Let’s not talk about this first. What do you plan to do with the current situation?” Elder Ouyang’s gaze swept back and forth between the two elders with deep meaning. *Normally, this Million Wine Mountain has its opening hours strictly restricted, and we never allow students to appear here at such a time. But not only is Chu Yue here now, but he has also seen too much! Even if he still doesn’t know about the secret within the fountain, he has already seen things he shouldn’t have.*

If it were an outsider who purposely barged in, they could've just directly executed them. But Chu Yue was still their own academy's student after all, so they couldn't do that. Hence, this matter became hard to handle.

Elder Wen Xi kept quiet for a moment and looked at Chu Liuyue. "Chu Yue, can you be tight-lipped about today's matter and not tell the people outside anything about this?"

Could Chu Liuyue say 'no?' She nodded and seriously said, "I have been cultivating at my residence today, and I don't know anything about anything else."

Elder Wen Xi stared at her closely. "That fountain... you..."

He hadn't finished his sentence.

The young person in front of him looked youthful. His eyes were clean and pure as if one could see the bottom at one look.

He heaved half a sigh of relief in his heart. "Forget it. Let's take it as today's incident never—"

*Hula!*

Before he could finish his sentence, a weird sound came from the fountain on the mountain peak!

Chu Liuyue instinctively turned around and saw the fountain glowing brightly! She could vaguely see the countless lightning bolts swimming even more quickly!

They intersected crazily! It was as if they would jump out the next moment!

Chu Liuyue's heart tingled slightly. Standing here, she could clearly feel the suppression rising at a stunning speed!

At this point, Tuan Zi suddenly flew out from her shoulders and went straight for it!

Chu Liuyue's heart suddenly jumped. "Tuan Zi!"

The three elders were taken aback.

"Stop it!" Elder Wen Xi hollered!

However, it was already too late!

Chu Liuyue and Tuan Zi were originally very close to the fountain, and the fiend took action at such an unexpected time. Who could've stopped it?

*Plop!*

Tuan Zi directly stuffed its head into the fountain!

Sparks instantly flew everywhere, and its tiny red figure was instantly covered by countless silver rays!

*Pilihuala!*

Chu Liuyue could even clearly hear the sounds of lightning crazily swimming around Tuan Zi's body!

She was about to take action when she suddenly felt a weird sensation.

*This is... Tuan Zi's aura is strengthening! Chu Liuyue was genuinely stunned. This... is the reason Tuan Zi had to go over! This is just the beginning, but its bloodline potential seems to have signs of being unleashed! If it stays inside longer—*

“Quick! Get him out quickly!” yelled Elder Ouyang as his hands trembled.

“My wine!” Elder Hua Feng cried bitterly and pounced over first. *This thing actually jumped right in!*

He directly ran to the side of the fountain, moved his hand, and captured Tuan Zi.

Tuan Zi blinked its round eyes and suddenly dove even deeper!

Elder Hua Feng was anxious, and he couldn't help but scold, “Come out right now!”

Tuan Zi finally found a chance to enter and was enjoying it to the fullest. How could it come out?

Elder Hua Feng was enraged to the point his teeth were itchy, and he planned to take action instinctively. But when his hands entered the water, he suddenly paused as signs of struggle flashed across his face. *We accumulated this over many years with much difficulty...*

“Chu Yue, immediately get it out!” Elder Wen Xi spoke.

Seeing his expression that became more serious, Chu Liuyue clenched her hands in her sleeves and looked at Tuan Zi. “Tuan Zi, if you don’t come back now, don’t ever come back!”

She said this sentence very calmly, but her voice was filled with obvious warning.

Tuan Zi’s body froze. After quickly swimming one round in the fountain, it flew up reluctantly.

Its entire body was wet, and its red feathers looked even more intense in color as it was drenched in water.

Above it, one could still see a few silver rays of light that quickly flashed across and entered its wings.

When the few elders saw this scene, their faces turned incredulous. *T-those are the lightning bolts we accumulated in the fountain with much difficulty! We only managed to gather such an amount after all these years, but it was totally taken away by this thing!*

“You!” Elder Wen Xi took a deep breath in, and his vision turned black.

Tuan Zi squatted on Chu Liuyue’s shoulders with its wet body. It then used its wings to wipe its head and looked innocent.

Elder Wen Xi suddenly couldn’t finish his scolding. *The red-tailed phoenix is a legendary fiend, and it has a mind that won’t lose out to humans at all. It did this... totally because it wanted to, and it still dared to do it in front of us! With such personality and guts, there is no use in scolding it a hundred times!*

Elder Wen Xi’s gaze turned, and he looked at Chu Liuyue. Suppressing his anger, he asked, “Chu Yue, what do you think we should do now?!”

Chu Liuyue kept silent for a moment. Suddenly, she picked Tuan Zi up, passed it over, and seriously said, “Elder, whoever causes trouble will be responsible for it. Is that okay?”

### **Chapter 1157: Make Mistake**

Tuan Zi—who was abandoned, was—speechless. *Master, did you say something wrong? Hm? You’re not serious, right?!*

With that last bit of hope, Tuan Zi turned its head with much difficulty and glanced at Chu Liuyue, its eyes watery.

Chu Liuyue returned a gaze that meant she would love to help but couldn’t. *I’m sorry! My instincts tell me that this incident is very serious—extremely serious!*

*Seeing the few elders' current state... If I don't remove myself from the situation, I will be punished harshly.* Chu Liuyue personally thought that she didn't have the strength to go against these three elders. *Then... We'll try to save as many as we can!*

She held Tuan Zi's wings and passed it forward. Her expression was filled with apology and sincerity. "It's all because I didn't teach it properly, causing such an issue. But I'm really incapable, and I couldn't guard it properly just now..."

At the end of the day, the red-tailed phoenix was still a legendary fiend. If it insisted on doing something, a mere beginner stage-seven warrior couldn't hold it back.

The three elders exchanged glances. *We did clearly see that it was this red-tailed phoenix that suddenly ran out. Chu Yue stopped it, but it wasn't done in time.*

"This is your legendary fiend after all," said Elder Wen Xi. "You can't be excused!"

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat.

"From today onward, your punishment is to be grounded in Fengmin Mountain for a month!"

*Fengmin Mountain?* Chu Liuyue pressed her lips against each other. I've been to quite a few places in the academy these few days and understand the area a fair bit, but why have I not heard of this place before...

“A month? It seems a little too long...” said Elder Hua Feng rather hesitantly. “This kid is Wan Zheng’s newly accepted disciple...”

*That old thing hasn’t taken in disciples for a few years. Now that he’s finally found a suitable one, he definitely treasures him like a baby. His face will be ugly if his disciple has to be grounded for a month!*

Elder Wen Xi paused. “Then, ten days! It can’t be any less!”

This time, the other two elders didn’t object to it.

Elder Wen Xi’s gaze swept across Tuan Zi’s body.

Tuan Zi immediately held Chu Liuyue’s hands tightly.

“Now you know how to be afraid?” Elder Wen Xi sneered. “If I find out later that you did such a...”

“Elders, don’t worry. I’ll definitely discipline it strictly,” said Chu Liuyue seriously and sincerely.

Elder Wen Xi grunted. “And you—you’ve already gotten into such trouble on the first day you came!”

*How exactly did I think that this was an honest and obedient one?*

Chu Liuyue lowered her head and obediently listened to the elders’ lectures.

At this point, the sky was slightly bright.

Chu Liuyue stood with her hands behind her back, and she looked down slightly. They could only see her thick lashes trembling slightly and her white and smooth chin.

She seemed like she was obedient and quiet again.

Elder Wen Xi suddenly couldn't finish his scolding. Actually, at this point, he could already tell that this kid was a troublemaker. However... His innocent, pitiful, and remorseful look caused him to be unable to scold the kid.

"Forget it." Elder Wen Xi shook his head. "Never again!"

Chu Liuyue could hear the relaxation in his voice, and she couldn't help but look up in surprise. "Thank you, Elder!"

The young man looked handsome and clean. He smiled with sparkling eyes, and he looked especially alluring.

An extremely familiar feeling suddenly overwhelmed Elder Wen Xi, and his heart beat harshly. *This expression, this smile is extremely like—*

Chu Liuyue could sense his strange expression, so she immediately retracted her smile silently.

“Ouyang, bring him to Fengmin Mountain.”

Elder Ouyang widened his eyes. “Why me?”

Elder Wen Xi rolled his eyes at him and was too lazy to talk nonsense as he directly turned around and left.

Elder Hua Feng patted Elder Ouyang’s shoulders in sympathy. “Brother, you also have to take responsibility because you didn’t guard this fountain well. But don’t worry—we’ll definitely put in a good word for you later on.”

Then, before Elder Ouyang could respond, he quickly left.

Very quickly, only Chu Liuyue and Elder Ouyang were left on the mountain peak.

The mountain wind blew over, and it was slightly cold.

Elder Ouyang then recovered his senses and glanced at Chu Liuyue grudgingly. “You kid... Forget it; follow me!”

...

At this moment, the sky had just lit up. However, quite a few students had already started cultivating in the academy.

All the students were busy with their own things at the top of the mountains.

The monthly assessment had just ended, and everyone was in a good mood. Those who won wanted to stabilize their position, and those who lost wanted to make a comeback.

As for the new students, it was needless to say that they were filled with excitement and curiosity. Their minds were all focused on properly cultivating so that they could beat their senior brothers and senior sisters earlier and have a footing in the academy!

But at this moment, a strange and weird scene appeared in the academy—an elder in the academy glided through the air with a student. They passed by an academy and arrived at a mountain peak in the warrior region.

That mountain was located in a rather deserted area, so even the warrior students rarely went over. The key was that there was an extremely strong barrier outside of the mountain, and outsiders couldn't easily go in.

These two people suddenly came at this moment, so they naturally attracted a lot of attention.

“Who is that elder? Why haven't I seen him before?”

“You just came not long ago, so you naturally don't know! That's one of the few Armory Refinement Masters our academy has—Elder Ouyang!”

Once he said this, the crowd burst into an uproar. “Armory Refinement Master?”

“Didn’t they say that those few people rarely come out usually? Why did he suddenly—wait! Why does the young man beside him look a little familiar?”

“Ah! I think... his name is Chu Yue? He performed quite well at the heavenly doctor’s assessment yesterday!”

“Why did a heavenly doctor student and an Armory Refinement Master elder come here...”

At this point, Luo Shishi and Zhuo Sheng—who hadn’t rested well the entire night—finally came back after receiving Elder Wen Xi’s permission.

Hearing the surrounding discussions, the two of them were collectively stunned. They exchanged glances and immediately looked up.

As expected, two people were standing in mid-air in front of another mountain.

*Isn’t one of them Chu Yue, who was trapped on Million Wine Mountain earlier?!*

“Why is he here?!” The two of them were shocked.

Previously, they had stayed at Elder Wen Xi’s residence the entire time. After a long time, Elder Wen Xi and Elder Hua Feng finally came back.

Originally, they thought that Chu Yue would come back with them. But once they asked, Elder Wen Xi and Elder Hua Feng's expressions turned strange. The elders just said that Chu Yue was safe and told them to go back without worrying.

They thought that Chu Yue had returned to his own place. Who knew... he actually came here?!

Suddenly, someone spoke. "Fengmin Mountain is only used to punish and ground students who made major mistakes. What exactly did the new Chu Yue do to go in on the second day of coming to the academy?"

#### **Chapter 1158: Close**

Including Luo Shishi and Zhuo Sheng, many people who heard this voice couldn't help but turn around and look toward the source of the voice.

The person talking was a young man who looked like he was 26 or 27. He was rather tall and muscular, and his skin was molt-colored. His five features were distinct, and his gaze was sharp.

"Senior Brother Mo Ran, are you saying that it's because Chu Yue committed a mistake that he has to be locked up in Fengmin Mountain?" someone asked curiously.

When Luo Shishi and Zhuo Sheng heard this name, they couldn't help but be secretly shocked.

Mo Ran—ninth on the warrior list! He could definitely be considered one of the elites in the academy! Thus, his words were more trustable.

“Yeah.” Mo Ran didn’t have much of an expression, but his gaze slightly flickered when he looked at the thin and tall figure afar. “This newcomer does have his own skills...”

His sentence was so soft that nobody could hear him.

But receiving the affirmative answer to the previous question, the crowd was in an uproar. “Who made a mistake? That Chu Yue just came, so what kind of mistake can he make?”

“Yeah! Besides, he’s personally brought over by Elder Ouyang... Did he cause trouble at the Armory Refinement Master’s side?”

“That can’t be, right? Nobody really goes over there usually. Since he’s already admitted into the academy, the elders must’ve reminded him that he can’t casually go to the Armory Refinement Master’s side, right? Besides, there’s a barrier there. How can he casually enter?”

Everyone was filled with curiosity, and their eyes had unconcealable nosiness and excitement.

Life in the academy was actually pretty calm overall. This sudden movement would naturally attract their attention.

“Senior Brother Mo Ran?” A gentle voice came from behind.

Mo Ran turned around.

A man and a woman who looked like they were around 20 years old rushed to his side. The two of them looked rather worried.

“Senior Brother Mo Ran, the thing you talked about... Being locked up in Fengmin Mountain, is it really serious? How long will he be locked up for?”

Mo Ran silently sized the duo up. “The duration of his lockup depends on the severity of his mistake... He’s the only one who went in for the past half a year in the academy.”

Luo Shishi and Zhuo Sheng glanced at each other and knitted their brows. *Why did this happen? Previously, Chu Yue was trapped on Million Wine Mountain, so we sought help from Elder Wen Xi and Elder Hua Feng. Logically speaking, it would be lucky if Chu Yue could come back safely. But... Why did he suddenly get locked up for no reason? Could it be... he stayed on Million Wine Mountain during the restricted hours?*

Other than this, they really couldn’t think of another reason. However, they couldn’t say such words. After all, the two elders had already reminded them not to reveal anything that happened the day before.

Suddenly, an idea surfaced in Zhuo Sheng’s heart. “Right, does Elder Wan Zheng know about this?”

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In front of Fengmin Mountain, Chu Liuyue and Elder Ouyang stood in the air.

Once they stood still, an old voice came from the mountains. “Ouyang? Why are you here?”

This voice was deep and caused one's heart to rattle, even vaguely increasing the force circulating in one's body.

Chu Liuyue secretly felt shocked. *The person talking is probably much stronger than expected!*

“What can I do here? Of course, I came to send someone over!” Elder lightly grunted. “Lock this kid up for ten days!”

The other party fell silent momentarily.

Chu Liuyue felt that there was a gaze that faintly and slowly swept across her body! At that moment, she felt that everything about her was directly exposed to everyone—clearly!

She unwittingly restrained her aura.

After a moment, that invisible pressure finally disappeared. “New student?”

Elder Ouyang felt his head ache. “He just came yesterday!”

“Oh?”

For some reason, Chu Liuyue suddenly felt that the other party was interested in her.

“Interesting... The last one that came so early was—” That voice suddenly trailed off. It was as if he was rather hesitant or there was some taboo, so he could only stop his sentence abruptly.

Chu Liuyue instinctively glanced at Elder Ouyang and saw that his expression was dazed for a moment. However, such a change only lasted for a moment as Elder Ouyang’s gaze quickly returned to normal.

If it weren’t because Chu Liuyue’s eyes were sharp, she really wouldn’t have noticed it.

*She felt faintly confused. If I didn’t guess it wrongly, the person the other party mentioned should be... the mysterious person whose name was erased on the Qing Yun Ranking? Everyone in the academy, from the director to the elders and even the students below, seems to keep mum about this person. Even now, I still don’t know what that person’s name is.*

According to what they’ve said, that person is no longer in the academy, but there are traces of that person everywhere. It’s hard to even avoid or ignore it.

Chu Liuyue sighed in her heart lightly. *I really don’t know what kind of person that is.*

“Okay, I’ve got. I’ll release him in ten days.” Once he said this, the area before the duo vibrated, and the rays of lights were vibrant!

Then, the barrier formed by Xuan formations was quickly activated.

Elder Ouyang raised his chin toward Chu Liuyue.

Chu Liuyue seriously bowed before she took a deep breath in and walked in!

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“What?! You guys locked him up at Fengmin Mountain?!” Elder Wan Zheng—who had just finished tidying the herbs—stared at Elder Hua Feng in shock. “Are you guys crazy?!”

Elder Hua Feng almost spilled the wine in his hands. “Your kid is crazy! I kindly came here to tell you about this, so why did you yell at me?!”

“If your disciple was locked up, wouldn’t you be anxious?!” Elder Wan Zheng rushed over in frustration. “Speak! What happened?! If you don’t explain it clearly and have bullied my disciple, I—”

“Your kid stayed on Million Wine Mountain yesterday!”

This sentence caused Elder Wan Zheng’s expression to be dazed for a moment. “What does that mean?”

“Hmph, it means what you think it means!” Elder Hua Feng tidied his collar and coldly grunted. “Not only that, but he even coincidentally saw Ouyang producing his sword! He saw most of what happened! If not for you, that kid would have to stay on Fengmin Mountain for a month!”

Elder Wan Zheng’s breathing paused. *I never expected Chu Yue to get into such huge trouble in a day!*

“But—” Elder Wan Zheng was hesitant in his words.

He wanted to defend Chu Yue, but he didn’t know where to start. This was because this incident was too serious!

Ling Xiao Academy had been established in the God Residence Realm for thousands of years, and they recruited many students. Even now, the academy had around 3,000 students.

How could nobody make a mistake out of so many people?

The academy had all sorts of punishments. Being locked up in Fengmin Mountain was definitely considered one of the top three punishments.

If they didn’t have a choice, the elders wouldn’t want to do this. And now, the student he finally found with much difficulty went in directly!

Elder Hua Feng chuckled and comforted, “Aiya, think of the bright side! Didn’t you always want to take that trouble—that person as your disciple but failed? Look at it now; Chu Yue was locked up in Fengmin Mountain on the second day of school. At least he’s similar to that person in this regard!”

### **Chapter 1159: Same Choice**

Elder Wan Zheng glanced at him deeply.

Elder Hua Feng sensibly kept quiet. “Ahem! I was kidding! Don’t mind me, don’t mind me!”

Elder Wan Zheng suddenly laughed. "It's okay; this joke is pretty funny. I'll tell it to her when she comes back, and she'll definitely love it to death!"

"Hey!" Elder Hua Feng's expression changed. "Look at you! Am I not—okay, okay, it's my fault! I admit my mistake!"

Seeing Elder Wan Zheng's seemingly smiling manner, Elder Hua Feng wanted to slap his own mouth. *Who asked you to speak so quickly!? You could talk about anything, but you had to mention that troublemaker! Great, you've now dug a hole for yourself!*

Elder Wan Zheng then let the matter rest, but he still couldn't help but frown slightly regarding Chu Yue being locked up. *This child has shocking talent and is very sensible. As long as I properly guide him, he will definitely be outstanding! Originally, I wanted him to get onto the Qing Yun Ranking as soon as possible, but this can only be delayed now. To think I even planned what I was going to teach in advance!*

Elder Wan Zheng helplessly shook his head. "Then... We'll wait for him to come out!"

...

The news of Chu Liuyue being locked up in Fengmin Mountain quickly spread around the school.

The crowd had different reactions, and they partook in heated discussions.

However, Chu Liuyue knew about none of this at this moment. After walking into the barrier, she saw a seven-story pagoda in the middle of Fengmin Mountain.

Her instincts told her that this was the place the voice came out from and also the place she had to be locked up in. Hence, she walked forward.

Arriving below the pagoda, Chu Liuyue stood before the door.

The surroundings were filled with lush greenery. There was nobody around the pagoda, and it had accumulated with grayish-white mountain rocks.

It looked like nobody had been here in a long while—or perhaps, people rarely came here.

Seeing the black metallic door in front of her, Chu Liuyue gathered her focus, calmed herself down, and walked forward.

When she reached the entrance, the door automatically opened before she reached out.

*Creak...*

At that moment, Chu Liuyue even had the feeling of opening something that had been sealed for many years.

“Come in.” An old voice drifted into her ears.

Chu Liuyue calmed herself down and walked in.

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The moment she walked in, the path before her was pitch black.

Chu Liuyue surveyed her surroundings, but she could only see a blurred black figure.

She knitted her brows. Suddenly, the door behind her gradually closed shut.

*Bang!*

Hearing the noise, she instinctively turned around to take a look. At that moment, the surroundings suddenly lit up.

Her heart skipped a beat as she took a hurried glance and saw that the lock on the door seemed to be a little rusty.

“There are a total of seven floors here. Which one do you want to go to?” That voice continued to reverberate by her ear.

She turned around and looked in front again.

Within the spacious and empty hall, seven doors floated quietly. The doors glowed faintly and reflected a solemn and holy figure on the black marble floor.

Chu Liuyue's heart seemed to be tightly clenched by something as even breathing became difficult for her. This was the natural reaction that occurred when she faced a formidable strength!

Even if the seven doors looked ordinary... Chu Liuyue knew very clearly that the strength they contained wasn't something she could imagine!

In times like these, she had to be calm.

Her gaze swept across the seven doors one by one.

Actually, these seven doors were exactly the same. From their appearance, she couldn't tell any difference.

Chu Liuyue originally wanted to try using her force to test it, but she didn't do so in the end. In such places, it was better to be quiet.

The area fell silent.

Chu Liuyue knew that the other party was waiting for her to make a choice.

"I choose..." She hesitated for a moment and chose the second door from the right. "This."

After a moment, that voice rang again. "Why?"

This time, the voice sounded rather strange and surprised.

Chu Liuyue blinked. *Why? What 'whys' can there be? Didn't I just randomly choose one?*

However, she naturally couldn't say this. Hence, she paused and replied, "...I can't... choose this?"

Chu Liuyue originally asked casually, but the other party actually kept quiet after she spoke! This made her heart sink gradually. *Did I really choose something that I couldn't?*

"I'll give you a second chance." That voice sounded again. "Choose properly."

Chu Liuyue diligently nodded. "I understand."

Then, the seven doors suddenly glowed brightly! It was so bright that Chu Liuyue couldn't help but raise her hands to cover her eyes.

However, it happened very quickly, and the light rapidly disappeared.

Chu Liuyue put her hand down and looked in front. Without thinking, she knew that the arrangement of the seven doors had changed.

"Choose," said that person.

Chu Liuyue nodded slightly, and she sized up the few doors before choosing the one in the middle. "I'll choose this."

Silence.

Chu Liuyue suddenly felt uneasy. *Did I choose an inappropriate one again? Will it be that much of a coincidence?*

"Hah." At this point, that person suddenly laughed. "It seemed like it's destined."

She couldn't tell his emotions from his voice as if he had restrained all of them. However, Chu Liuyue's heart sank. *It seems like I... really chose the same one as before!*

"Go in. Ten days later, the door will automatically open and let you out."

Chu Liuyue collected her thoughts, nodded slightly, and walked in. She walked to the door in the middle, raised her hand, and pushed it open.

Her figure quickly disappeared behind the door.

After a while, the voice sounded lowly again. "...They actually chose the same one... It's really... I hope this kid can make it out in one piece!"

**Chapter 1160: Old People Come Back**

Due to her two earlier choices, Chu Liuyue was rather uneasy when she pushed open the door to enter. But after she went in, she realized that things were very different from what she had imagined.

This was because there was actually a square room before her. This room wasn't very big, but it could definitely fit a few dozen people.

The four walls had patterns of black and white intersecting.

Chu Liuyue glanced at it. Other than forcefully recognizing that the academy's totem seemed to be printed on the upper-left-hand corner of one wall, she didn't understand the other patterns at all.

Overall, the lines looked messy and disorganized as if someone randomly drew on a piece of paper. Other than that, there was nothing at all.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows and walked to the middle.

The door behind her closed automatically.

Chu Liuyue didn't care about it. No matter what, she had to stay here for ten days.

After surveying the surroundings closely and realizing that there was nothing strange about this place, Chu Liuyue swiftly sat down, closed her eyes, and started cultivating. *Not bad. Although there aren't any windows here, it isn't stuffy, and it's filled with rich Heaven and Earth Force like the outside. Since I can't do anything here, I should just cultivate.*

Just as she was about to close her eyes and begin—

*Putong!*

Something small suddenly landed on the ground—it was Tuan Zi.

Seeing the wet Tuan Zi in front of her, Chu Liuyue was dazed for a moment. *I had already called Tuan Zi back earlier, and I didn't call for it just now, so why did it come out on its own?*

“Tuan Zi?” she called out.

*Hululu—*

Tuan Zi crazily flapped its wings as if it wanted to shake the water away to make itself dry.

Chu Liuyue stared at it for a while and couldn't help but remind, “Tuan Zi, you can use your fire to dry yourself.”

Tuan Zi paused in its actions and looked at her with much desire.

Chu Liuyue's eyes suddenly shrunk. This was because a ray of silver color quickly flashed across Tuan Zi's eyes! *That is lightning?! I knew that Tuan Zi took the chance to absorb quite a few bolts of lightning to unleash its bloodline power, but I didn't expect such a scene to appear.*

“Tuan Zi, are you okay?”

Tuan Zi shook its head and started to shake its wings crazily.

“There are many bolts of lightning swimming around in its body, but it can’t absorb them fully. If it suddenly summons fire now and burns, it might not even be able to control it,” explained the three-eyed legendary eagle coldly.

Chu Liuyue then understood as she watched Tuan Zi diligently moving on the ground, and the corners of her lips twitched slightly. “Then... How long does it need before it can fully absorb this strength?”

“It depends on itself. If it’s fast, one day. If it’s slow... three days.”

Chu Liuyue heaved a sigh of relief.

“This was because it took action when the lightning’s strength was at its greatest, so it absorbed quite a bit. But if it wants to unleash its bloodline power fully, you still need to do what I previously said.”

It was fine if it didn’t mention this, but Chu Liuyue felt her head ache once it did. *I overstayed at Million Wine Mountain for the first time and was dragged to be locked up here for ten days. If it really stays there for a month...*

Chu Liuyue felt that she could be expelled.

As if guessing Chu Liuyue's thoughts, the legendary three-eyed eagle lightly said, "It'll be fine if you don't get discovered."

Chu Liuyue: "...Do I look like someone who has such capabilities?"

*Million Wine Mountain is guarded strictly. How am I supposed to go there continuously for a month without being discovered? Chu Liuyue looked at Tuan Zi and suddenly felt that it was doing fine. Didn't it beat Liu Yintong's red-tailed phoenix previously?!*

"Of course, you do." The legendary three-eyed eagle gave an affirmative reply.

Chu Liuyue was stumped. At that moment, she didn't know if she should be happy that the legendary three-eyed eagle actually thought highly of her or if she should be worried about how to complete this ridiculous task.

She shook her head and chose to suppress her thoughts.

She closed her eyes lightly, breathed in, and started absorbing the surrounding Heaven and Earth Force.

Waves of force gathered and entered her body. This force spread across all her limbs and finally gathered within her dantian.

Time trickled past, and Chu Liuyue's surrounding aura strengthened continuously. However, she didn't know that the walls around her were also silently changing.

The seemingly disorganized lines seemed to be dragged by some sort of strength as they gradually moved and silently became weird patterns.

With the movement of these lines, Chu Liuyue's surrounding space seemed to move as well. The layers of suppression rapidly overlapped amidst this movement.

At this point, Chu Liuyue had her eyes tightly shut and was completely focused on cultivation.

If she opened her eyes at this moment, she would realize that there were black cracks in the contorted space.

The terrifying ripples gradually and determinedly went toward her like waves! But just as the ripples were about to hit Chu Liuyue, they suddenly stopped.

Then, the force took a step forward. Almost at the same time, Chu Liuyue's body glowed with a golden light—pure gold armor!

Detecting this light and aura, the aura that the force had gathered disappeared immediately!

Then, the force turned around, and the surrounding strength seemed to be affected. It gradually removed its terrifying suppression and surrounded Chu Liuyue in a seemingly dotting and longing manner.