

## Noble Ruler 1181

### Chapter 1181: She Hasn't Come Back

Dead silence.

The originally crowded mountain suddenly became cold and lonely due to this sudden commotion.

Quite a few people exchanged glances and had various expressions. *Jiang Zhiyuan's previous words... contain too much information! Agreement between the elders, childhood sweethearts?! Doesn't this mean that... she and Rong Xiu long had a marriage agreement settled by the elders? However, someone stole her love in the end, and it wasn't fulfilled? Also... the Sky-Cloud Empire's princess consort is actually someone from outside the realm?*

Even though Elder Bo Yan and the rest had long known of the news regarding the Sky-Cloud Empire, it didn't spread. Thus, quite a few people in the academy didn't know about it, which was why it was especially shocking now that they suddenly heard it.

Gradually, all sorts of discussions could be heard amidst the crowd.

"Previously, I only heard that the Sky-Cloud Empire's princess consort has a mysterious background. However, I didn't expect her to be from outside the realm!"

"Such a person won't even be worthy of a child from a third-tier country in the God Residence Realm, let alone Senior Brother Rong Xiu, right?"

“Tsk, I really don’t know what Senior Brother Rong Xiu was thinking., Did he reject his marriage agreement with Jiang Zhiyuan and marry another woman?”

“There shouldn’t be a marriage agreement between Jiang Zhiyuan and Senior Brother Rong Xiu, right? If there really was one, according to her personality, she should’ve spread the news far and wide...”

“Even if there isn’t, it should be roughly the case. After all, she grew up in the Sky-Cloud Empire from a young age and was raised by their clan leader. He was clearly raising her to be the Sky-Cloud Empire’s future princess consort! But it’s a pity—”

“I’m rather curious about what kind of woman could gain Senior Brother Rong Xiu’s favor.”

The crowd partook in heated discussions.

Chu Liuyue ignored all of them and walked to the fountain. Mm... No matter what, they’re gone and have freed up a huge space.

Tuan Zi flew down, stood on the rock beside the fountain, and lowered its head to drink happily. If it weren’t for so many people being present, it would’ve long stuck its head in!

Chu Liuyue saw how happy Tuan Zi was and also smiled as she turned to look at Liu Yintong.

“Thank you so much, Senior Sister Liu!”

If Liu Yintong wasn’t around today, it would be rather tricky.

Her voice caused Liu Yintong to recover her senses and instinctively look up. When Liu Yintong saw the smiling young man standing beside the fountain, her heart harshly sank! On purpose— this Chu Yue... clearly did it on purpose! He must've long expected that there would be a fight over this spot next to the fountain, so he purposely made me come with him. I became his tool, and I offended all those people in his place! Even if they want to take revenge in the future, those people will only cause trouble for me! In contrast, Chu Yue... has gained all the benefits and can sleep soundly!

Liu Yintong wanted to explode and scream at the top of her lungs, but she was only left with weak hopelessness in the end.

She could not do so—she had no reasons.

There was never a moment Liu Yintong regretted her actions as much as she currently did. From the very start, I shouldn't have gone with the gamble or agreed to Chu Yue's conditions!

However, it's too late now.

Thinking of Liang Xiaoxiao and the others' warning before they left, she gradually felt uneasy. One Jiang Zhiyuan is indeed not that difficult to handle, but all of those people... Besides, she still has the Sky-Cloud Empire's clan leader as her backer...

When Liu Yintong thought of this, her legs went weak, and she almost collapsed onto the floor.

"Ah Tong!" Gong Sheng hurriedly helped her up and knitted his brows tightly, his eyes filled with worry. "Ah Tong, I'll send you back first?"

Liu Yintong nodded with difficulty.

Gong Sheng looked at Chu Liuyue and boomed, “Junior Brother Chu Yue, don’t think that you can completely absolve yourself from the responsibility. If anything happens to Ah Tong in the future, you won’t be able to escape as well!”

Then, he helped Liu Yintong up and left.

Chu Liuyue looked down and glanced at Tuan Zi. “Tuan Zi, for you, I have offended everyone I can.”

Tuan Zi rapidly looked up, and its eyes sparkled. There seemed to be silver lightning flashing in its eyes.

Chu Liuyue couldn’t help but smile. The effects of this fountain are rather obvious... Tuan Zi is already very strong now. I wonder what it will be like when it completely awakens its bloodline power.

While Tuan Zi was absorbing the strength within the fountain, Chu Liuyue wasn’t idle.

The density of the force on Million Wine Mountain was also very high. Perhaps it was because of the numerous lightning bolts hidden in the fountain, but the force here was faintly different from the outside.

Chu Liuyue swiftly sat down cross-legged and started to cultivate peacefully.

She became increasingly closer to breaking through and becoming an intermediate stage-seven warrior. She could even feel the invisible barrier as if she just had to exert some force to break it!

Chu Liuyue was waiting for that opportunity.

Seeing how calm and composed Chu Liuyue was, the other people on the mountain found it increasingly weird. Speaking of today, the source of the problem is still him, Chu Yue. Liu Yintong and Jiang Zhiyuan have completely fallen apart and ended on such a bad note, but he acted as if nothing had happened. Not only did he let his legendary fiend drink the fountain water, but he has even started cultivating himself!

What confidence does he have to be so nonchalant and calm? He probably has a backer, but we've never heard about it before. His mental capacity might be too strong, but this has been proven countless times since he entered the academy.

Some people originally wanted to go up and greet him, but they decided not to do so after thinking of tonight's incident. Offending one Liu Yintong wasn't enough, and there is another

Jiang Zhiyuan now. Even though the two of them fell apart, Chu Yue will most likely be implicated when Jiang Zhiyuan calms down and thinks about it. After much thinking, most people still chose to avoid all of this.

Million Wine Mountain gradually became quiet.

On the other mountain, Elder Wen Xi was packing the ancient books he had treasured for many years in the room.

There was already a thin layer of dust on the bookshelves—clearly, nobody had touched them in a while.

Elder Wen Xi waved his sleeves and swept away the dust on the books.

Seeing the flying dust, his gaze seemed distant as he muttered to himself, “Nobody has come to read it in secret in a while...” Knock knock!

Knocks were heard at the door.

Elder Wen Xi retracted his thoughts and looked up.

The door opened, and a familiar figure leaned against the door frame.

“Hua Feng? Why are you here again?” Elder Wen Xi secretly heaved a sigh of relief, but annoyance still flashed across his face.

From the corner of his eye, he saw Elder Hua Feng holding a bottle of wine.

“If you’re drinking, go back to your own place and drink!” Elder Wen Xi said as he directly chased him out. “Why are you walking around at night?”

Elder Wen Xi went over and was about to close the door when he smelled an intense alcoholic smell.

That was the smell coming from Elder Hua Feng.

Elder Wen Xi knitted his brows in contempt. “Why did you drink so much? I’ll say it first: I don’t collect drunken ghosts—”

“Wen Xi,” said Elder Hua Feng suddenly, without any drunken intent. He slowly exhaled. “Why do you think that troublemaker hasn’t appeared yet?”

### **Chapter 1182: Done Reading**

Elder Wen Xi’s heart skipped a beat. He took a closer look at Elder Hua Feng and realized that his expression was normal with clear eyes.

The latter didn’t look like he was drunk at all, yet the thick and intense alcoholic smell spread out from his clothes.

The bottle of wine was empty, yet it seemed like it didn’t enter his stomach and was instead spilled out.

Elder Wen Xi grabbed Elder Hua Feng’s elbow, pulled him into the house, and closed the door behind him.

After ensuring that the surroundings were empty, Elder Wen Xi looked at him calmly. “You came today to talk to me about this?”

Elder Hua Feng found a seat for himself, knitted his brows, and looked like he had a lot of problems. “That day, she clearly already entered Fangzhou City. Even if she loves to play, she logically should’ve been back after so long, right? But why... Why hasn’t she appeared yet?”

For this, he had even specifically waited at Fangzhou for a few days. However, she had yet to show up to this day.

The longer it had been, the more Elder Hua Feng couldn't let it go. Thus, he decided to come and find Elder Wen Xi to seek his opinion.

"She has always been unpredictable like this. Perhaps she was delayed by something last minute. Besides... Even if she's back at Fangzhou, nobody said that she has to come back to the academy." Elder Wen Xi sat down at the side. "Perhaps she has left?"

Elder Hua Feng's lips moved, and he couldn't help but scold, "She has no conscience!"

She had already reached Fangzhou. According to her abilities, she definitely knew that it was Wen Xi and me there that day!

"She disappeared without a trace a few years ago, and she didn't even see us when she came back! She doesn't even know her rules!"

Elder Wen Xi looked at him with a deep gaze. "Since when was she related to the word 'rules?'"

Bang!

Elder Hua Feng slammed his wine bottle onto the table. "It's fine if he doesn't come back! Without her, I can still drink a few more bottles of wine!" Elder Wen Xi was too lazy to expose him.



Seeing Elder Hua Feng's disinterested face, Elder Wen Xi knew that the latter wouldn't feel good no matter how much alcohol he drank.

"She has her own thoughts. When she wants to come back, she will. Why are you so anxious?" Elder Wen Xi smiled. "Didn't you just accept a disciple recently? Teach her well! She's neither of our disciples, so why should we waste our time on her?"

"Pfft." Elder Hua Feng glanced at the bookshelf at the side in contempt. "Why did you purposely bring out those books? Other than her, nobody would dare to secretly come over and look at your books!"

"You—" Elder Wen Xi was stumped. It's most annoying to hurt each other!

"Besides, didn't you accept a disciple too? That Luo Shishi and Zhuo Sheng aren't bad, especially Luo Shishi. In time to come, she'll definitely have a place on the Qing Yun Ranking."

"Hmph, that girl's mind is filled with Chu Yue half the time!" Elder Wen Xi couldn't help but tease. "However, Chu Yue seems to be quite talented in this aspect. Previously, we couldn't really tell..."

They had found out that Chu Liuyue defeated Liu Zi'an, and they were all very shocked.

Being able to beat someone of a higher grade said a lot.

"Back then, he just said that he was a stage-seven warrior and didn't reveal the rest. Who would've guessed? But seeing what he plans, he probably wants to specialize as a heavenly doctor."

Elder Wen Xi shrugged his shoulders. "It's too easy for Wan Zheng. It's hard to see such natural talents."

The two of them sat opposite each other and stayed silent for a while. Then, the two of them exchanged a glance.

"Hua Feng, don't you think that Chu Yue is a little similar to her?"

The moon was high in the sky.

Nearing the time she had to leave Million Wine Mountain, Chu Liuyue absorbed the last bit of force and gradually opened her eyes. In no time, I should be able to break through. She turned around and saw that Tuan Zi had immersed half its body into that fountain.

Bubbles kept floating up, and the fiend looked very comfortable.

Chu Liuyue grabbed her fiend's wings and picked it up.

Tuan Zi was originally enjoying it properly. Now that it was suddenly interrupted, it couldn't help but grumble.

Chu Liuyue pretended like she didn't see it, flinging it away like a used cloth. "Not today."

I've just come out from Fengmin Mountain. Even if I want to go back again, today is not the day.

Wouldn't that be me purposely causing trouble for myself? Besides, when I left the residence, Big Baby purposely reminded me not to wreak havoc. I have a prediction that if I do this secretly, Big Baby will definitely know immediately! By that time. .. Nothing good would be waiting for me.

"I'll think of a way another day."

The wet Tuan Zi could only agree. Even though this bit of force it absorbed wasn't sufficient, it could forcefully accumulate.

When the time came, it could unleash the bloodline power completely!

When Chu Liuyue walked to the foot of the mountain, she turned back to take a look. As she had already left the barrier, she couldn't see the scene on the mountain peak too clearly.

Perhaps an elder was producing a weapon there, or perhaps the lightning strength within the fountain kept increasing.

She retracted her gaze and left with Tuan Zi.

Chu Liuyue spent the next period of time rather peacefully. During daytime, she would study the medicinal formulas Elder Wan Zheng gave her. At night, she would cultivate with Tuan Zi on Million Wine Mountain.

Of course, before she went to Million Wine Mountain, Big Baby would come to 'duel' with her punctually.

Perhaps it was because a huge commotion was caused between Liu Yintong and Jiang Zhiyuan on the first day, so not many people went to Million Wine Mountain during this period. This undoubtedly benefited Chu Liuyue greatly.

Ten days later, she successfully broke through to become an intermediate stage-seven warrior.

Everything seemed to be progressing smoothly.

But as time passed, Chu Liuyue became increasingly anxious. This was because she still hadn't thought of a way to stay on Million Wine Mountain for the whole day.

Just depending on that bit of time at night caused Tuan Zi to accumulate limited strength. The main point was that the lightning strength would only appear in the fountain during the restricted hours, and it was the key to unleashing Tuan Zi's bloodline power!

Bang!

On the mountain, Chu Liuyue slapped her bare hands, and the pill within the cauldron rapidly flew up!

She quickly caught it and stored it within the jade box.

Kacha!

The remaining intense herbal fragrance spread around.

“Mentor.” Chu Liuyue walked over and presented the jade box with both hands.

Elder Wan Zheng stroked his beard in satisfaction and took the jade box. “I didn’t expect you to choose this first.”

He opened the jade box as he spoke, and surprise flashed across his eyes.

Actually, when Chu Liuyue competed with Liu Zi’an previously, he saw clearly from Dong Huang Clock Tower. Thus, he knew that this newly accepted disciple of his was much stronger and more talented than he had thought.

But after he saw the pill, he was still taken aback and pleasantly surprised.

“You managed to succeed in producing a superior eighth-grade pill on your first try. You did every step well... How rare!” He looked at Chu Liuyue emotionally. “In no time, you should be able to try and produce a ninth-grade pill!”

Chu Liuyue laughed lightly and took out the medicinal book, passing it back to him.

Elder Wan Zheng was dazed for a moment. “This is—”

Chu Liuyue paused. “I’ve finished reading this book. I’ll return it to you. “.

**Chapter 1183: Medicinal Valley**

“You’ve finished reading it?!” asked Elder Wan Zheng in shock. “You’ve already remembered all the formulas here?”

Chu Liuyue nodded.

Actually, she had already finished reading it a few days ago, but she only had time to return the book today.

A portion of it was eighth-grade formulas, and the other portion was ninth-grade formulas. They were all for superior pills.

Elder Wan Zheng looked at her doubtfully. “I know that you have a photographic memory, but... You’ve understood the ninth-grade formulas here?”

One had to know that the difference between an eighth-grade pill and a ninth-grade pill wasn’t that simple. The number of herbs used in a ninth-grade pill was many more than the number of herbs used in an eighth-grade one. Additionally, its steps were complicated and had an extremely high requirement for techniques.

It was actually not that simple to break through to become a ninth-grade heavenly doctor from an eighth-grade one. Normally, eighth-grade heavenly doctors had to spend a lot of time understanding ninth-grade formulas.

It has only been ten days... He has already memorized all of them ?

Meeting his gaze, Chu Liuyue smiled openly. "If you don't believe me, you can just test me."

Elder Wan Zheng took the book over and asked a few questions.

Chu Liuyue answered them smoothly.

Elder Wan Zheng stared at her, and his eyelids twitched harshly. "...Y-you've seen the formulas here before?"

Chu Liuyue paused for a moment. "I've seen five of them before."

This meant that she had seen the remaining ones for the first time, yet she was able to understand all of them in such a short period of time!

Elder Wan Zheng felt very conflicted at that moment. When I saw Chu Yue successfully producing the pill that day, I already knew that he would be close to breaking through to become a ninth-grade heavenly doctor. However, this is too...

"What's wrong, Master?" Chu Liuyue saw his weird expression and couldn't help but ask.

Elder Wan Zheng held the cauldron and waved his hands. "It's nothing; I was just feeling emotional. So this is how it feels like to have a talented disciple."

Chu Liuyue was speechless.

“Kid... you have been so quiet all the way. You’re really...” Elder Wan Zheng glanced at Chu Liuyue deeply.

I have been in Ling Xiao Academy for many years and have seen countless students. Those who can enter this place are definitely all geniuses, but there are also differences between them. And Chu Yue... is undoubtedly one of the top few!

Actually, even now, I’m still not sure of my new disciple’s family background. If he really comes from an aristocratic family, his name would’ve been spread far and wide if he had such talent.

Chu Liuyue looked down slightly. Hm? It seems like I can’t count it like that completely. .. My reputation as the Sky-Cloud Empire’s princess consort has been spread pretty far and wide recently...

However, she naturally couldn’t say this.

“Have you tried producing a ninth-grade pill?” asked Elder Wan Zheng.

Chu Liuyue shook her head. I haven’t recovered my abilities after I was reborn, so I didn’t do it.

Thinking of the pill she previously produced with its uniform color and thick herbal fragrance, it

could’ve been considered a superior one!



“Your aura seems to be stronger than before?” As Chu Liuyue had been carrying a Yuan instrument that hid her aura with her, even Elder Wan Zheng couldn’t clearly determine her current cultivation level.

Chu Liuyue smiled and nodded. “I just broke through to become an intermediate stage-seven warrior.”

“I knew it!” Elder Wan Zheng thought deeply for a moment before punching his other palm and saying in temptation, “Since you’ve already broken through, why don’t you directly try to produce a ninth-grade pill?”

Chu Liuyue was dazed for a moment and didn’t reject him. “I’ll listen to you, Mentor.”

Elder Wan Zheng was elated when he heard his disciple agree. “Don’t worry. This is just a trial, so it’s fine if you fail. Anyway, I’m here! Since you’ve already finished that book, do you like any of the inferior-class ninth-grade pills?”

Chu Liuyue thought for a moment and chose a simpler one. “I feel that the Transcend Ninth Golden Pill is not bad.”

“Transcend Ninth Golden Pill? It’s decent—that pill can aid stage-eight warriors to become a stage-nine one. If you can successfully produce it, you can use it for yourself in the future!” Elder Wan Zheng felt that this choice was very good and immediately agreed. “Its production method is considered relatively easy amongst ninth-grade pills. It’s good to use it to practice, but some of the herbs within are quite special, so I don’t have them with me. Go to Medicinal Valley and get some!”

Chu Liuyue originally wanted to say that she had those herbs, but after some thinking, she swallowed her words.

Anyway, she still had the 100,000 points Elder Wan Zheng gave her, and she hadn't really used them. Besides, she had been in the academy for a while now, so she wanted to take the chance to check Medicinal Valley out.

"Okay."

After confirming the herbs she was about to collect, Elder Wan Zheng told her the exact position of Medicinal Valley and let her leave.

Chu Liuyue acknowledged it respectfully and left for Medicinal Valley alone.

Ling Xiao Academy was huge.

Medicinal Valley was a place specifically used to plant herbs in the academy, so it occupied a larger space.

Chu Liuyue took about an hour to reach it.

As its name suggested, Medicinal Valley was a valley. There were two rising mountains on the sides and a valley in the middle.

Inside the valley and the two mountain peaks were all kinds of planted herbs.

Chu Liuyue stood on one of the mountain peaks and looked down. Even though she was already prepared, she couldn't help but look surprised.

The ground that was neatly cut into separate pieces had all kinds of treasured herbs on it. Its color was vibrant and brilliant.

The intense fragrance of the various herbs caused one to be rejuvenated when smelling it.

Amongst them, one could see figures of some elders and students. This scene was unexpectedly harmonious.

In the middle of the valley was a piece of empty land. An elder placed a bed there, lay on it, and looked very carefree.

Some people walked past from time to time.

After watching for a while, Chu Liuyue understood that this elder should be in charge of guarding the herbs within Medicinal Valley.

Everyone who came to exchange herbs at Medicinal Valley had to register on that elder's side.

Chu Liuyue flew down.

Medicinal Valley was huge, and there were many herbs planted here, so it wasn't that easy to accurately find the herbs one needed. Luckily, Chu Liuyue had already confirmed three of the herbs' locations when she came over, so she quickly found them after she went down.

There were two other herbs remaining, and she started searching for them slowly in the vast spread of herbs.

Being immersed in it, she was surrounded by the aroma of the herbs. Chu Liuyue couldn't help but take a deep breath in and felt more refreshed.

Actually, Chu Liuyue wasn't lacking any herbs. After all, Shangguan Jing and Rong Xiu's items were basically all with her.

But looking across the field, she still saw some treasured herbs she didn't have.

The treasured herbs that seemed hard to find outside were ordinary here. The top academy in the God Residence Realm indeed lived up to its reputation! .

#### **Chapter 1184: Medicinal Garden**

Some people looked over from time to time as if they had recognized Chu Liuyue.

Chu Liuyue completely ignored them as she focused on finding the herbs she needed. After surveying her surroundings, she found one of them.

The last remaining herb was the treasured pin-bone leaf, and she didn't see it after searching for a while.

Medicinal Valley was really too huge, and there were too many herbs. A treasured pin-bone leaf was the size of a nail, so it was very hard to find. However, this herb always grew toward the sun, so it could most probably be found on the sunny side of the mountains.

Chu Liuyue thought for a moment and walked to the left mountain. After walking a very long distance, she finally smelled the familiar faint scent.

She was elated. *It should be at the top!*

But just as she wanted to quickly walk over and retrieve the treasured pin-bone leaf, a faintly glowing transparent barrier suddenly appeared in front of her.

She paused in her tracks.

“Kid, that’s not a place you can go.” An old and deep voice sounded with a hint of laziness, as if he had just woken up.

Looking at the faint silver lines on the barrier and the shocking suppression, Chu Liuyue sensibly stopped and looked back. The place I’m located is very isolated, and there aren’t many people in the surroundings. This sentence seems to come from... the elder who is lying in the middle of Medicinal Valley far a way?

The two of them were a very long distance away from each other. That elder was still lying on the wooden bed motionlessly, as if he were having a good sleep. However, that voice was very clear as if he was right beside her.

“Kid, what are you looking at?” That voice had a hint of teasing to it.

Chu Liuyue confirmed that the person talking was indeed that person, and she was secretly shocked. Medicinal Valley is huge, but everything is clearly under that elder’s control. He should’ve made this gigantic barrier.

She cupped her fists toward that elder and respectfully bowed. “I’m Chu Yue. Greetings, Elder.”

“Hm? Chu Yue?” Hearing her words, that elder sounded a little shocked.

Chu Liuyue then saw the elder—who had been lying down motionlessly—finally sit up and place one hand on his brows as he looked over.

Even though she couldn’t see the other party’s face and expression clearly, Chu Liuyue was very sure that his judging gaze was filled with curiosity.

“You’re the one who got sent to Fengmin Mountain after coming here for a day?”

Chu Liuyue was speechless. So my name has been spread far and wide in Ling Xiao Academy...

“I was in the wrong.” She hung her head down slightly. “I just wanted to retrieve a few treasured pin-bone leaves. I didn’t know I couldn’t go here, and I had no intentions of offending anyone. Elder, please forgive me.”

“It’s your first time here, so it’s normal that you don’t know this.” That elder seemed like he had no intentions of blaming Chu Liuyue as he smiled. “However, it seems like Wan Zheng is very satisfied with you. He actually told you to come to Medicinal Valley so quickly?”

The elders were clearly familiar with each other. Chu Liuyue didn’t know what to say next as she obediently fell silent.

“The position of the treasured pin-bone leaves is indeed strange, but it’s still within the barrier. If you go to take it, don’t cross the barrier.” A weird sensation occurred behind her.

Chu Liuyue turned back and saw that the light on the barrier had dimmed quite a bit. That elder had clearly reduced the strength of it.

Feeling the great weakening of the suffocating suppression, Chu Liuyue heaved a sigh of relief and immediately went up swiftly. She moved away a shrub and found a few treasured pin-bone leaves in a corner under a gigantic stone.

The leaf was entirely emerald green, and it was the size of a nail. It had toothed edges with a faint layer of frost.

It seemed translucent like jade. If one took a closer look at it, one could still see the thin veins on it, which looked like bone structures.

Chu Liuyue carefully retrieved the herbs.

Suddenly, a gust of wind blew over.

A few loose strands of hair dropped down, causing her face to itch slightly.

She bent down and unintentionally looked forward. Then, she suddenly focused her gaze.

As the strength of the barrier was greatly reduced, the originally blurry scenes became much clearer. This also allowed her to see the scenery she hadn't noticed before.

There seemed to be a sapphire blue lake far away.

The lake was clear, and there was a faint layer of mist above the water, adding to its blurred beauty. However, this was why Chu Liuyue was so shocked.

She knitted her brows as she stared closely at the translucent pinkish flower in the middle of the lake. Her heart was in chaos. That's... Dancing Lotus!

Many, many Dancing Lotuses were swaying above the water surface, and it looked heavenly!

Dancing Lotuses were extremely precious and hard to grow. Even Chu Liuyue couldn't guarantee that she could grow a Dancing Lotus properly.

She thought back on how she had racked her brains and experienced so many troubles just to get that one stalk, yet there were so many here!



Just when Chu Liuyue was shocked, something flashed across her eyes, and a strong force suppressed her.

She suddenly recovered her senses and hurriedly took a few steps back. When she looked up again, the barrier had regained its original appearance.

The lake she had just seen and the blooming Dancing Lotuses had all become blurred images and disappeared.

For a moment, Chu Liuyue almost suspected that it was an illusion. However, the faint aroma lingering around her nose reminded her that everything was real!

“Kid, now that you’ve taken your item, it’s time to leave.” The elder’s voice sounded by her ears.

Chu Liuyue pressed her lips against each other, retracted her gaze, and walked toward that elder.

Passing through half of Medicinal Valley, Chu Liuyue finally reached the center. There, she respectfully bowed. “Greetings elder.”

Elder Meng Ye’s hair was rather messy. He wore a white robe and was barefooted as he lazily sat on the wooden bed.

He stretched out one leg, bent the other, and placed his elbow on his knee, looking very casual. He then opened his eyes and sized Chu Liuyue up. “Tsk. You look obedient, but you’re quite bold!”

He laughed and asked ambiguously, "What did you see just now?"

Chu Liuyue paused and nodded. "I didn't see anything."

"Pfft." Elder Meng Ye held up a wooden block in his hand and directly knocked it against Chu

Liuyue's forehead. "You're so young, yet you don't speak the truth? I won't eat you up anyway!"

Chu Liuyue hissed and obediently replied, "...I'm wrong. I saw... a field of mature Dancing

Lotuses."

"And what else?"

"Nothing else."

Elder Meng Ye was then satisfied and lightly grunted. "That's better. In this Medicinal Valley, nobody is allowed to hide from me. Do you understand?!" Chu Liuyue frankly said, "Thank you for your teachings, elder."

"Okay, you don't have to tell Wan Zheng about it."

Chu Liuyue was dazed. "Why?"

Elder Meng Ye grunted lightly. “That medicinal garden is—forget it, forget it. Why are you asking so much? Just remember my words!”

However, Chu Liuyue’s heart skipped a beat. Medicinal garden?!

### **Chapter 1185: Practice as You Wish**

*The herbs that elders and students in the academy require to produce pills can all be taken from Medicinal Valley. Only one person in the entire academy has her own medicinal garden—the student whose name was erased from the Qing Yun Ranking! That means the medicinal garden belongs to that person? Chu Liuyue thought to herself.*

*Previously, I only heard Zhong Xun talking about it. He said that the director specifically dug out a piece of land from Medicinal Valley to be that student’s medicinal garden, and others couldn’t go to that place.*

*I originally thought that it was hidden in some mysterious place, but I didn’t expect it to be right beside Medicinal Valley! However, the elders used a barrier to separate it. Thus, the people in Medicinal Valley can’t detect it.*

Thinking of how she had surveyed the surroundings on the mountain peak when she first came, Chu Liuyue also didn’t see any additional land. After thinking about it again, that medicinal garden should’ve been hidden with some special methods.

Originally, Chu Liuyue wasn’t very interested in that medicinal garden. But after seeing the many blooming Dancing Lotuses, she suddenly felt very curious and wanted to investigate it.

She couldn't explain where this feeling came from, but it was as if something hidden inside attracted her. However, these were just thoughts that flashed across Chu Liuyue's mind. She looked down. "Elder, you're right. I'll remember your words carefully."

This attitude pleased Elder Meng Ye, and he chuckled. "Okay! You don't have to be nervous either. No matter what, you're Wan Zheng's disciple, and I have to give him face. Right, calculate the points for these herbs."

He pursed his lips toward the side.

Chu Liuyue then saw that a green jade plaque was hanging by the head of the bed.

It should be his.

"You can just place your black jade plaque on it!" Chu Liuyue acted according to his instructions.

The moment the two plaques touched, a ray of white light flashed across.

Chu Liuyue clearly saw the six-digit figure becoming a five-digit one.

She instantly felt her heart ache. How expensive! These herbs aren't ordinary ones, so they are naturally more expensive. Luckily, I'm using the points that Elder Wan Zheng gave, so I can still accept it. In the future... I definitely have to pay for them on my own.

Chu Liuyue put away her own black jade plaque and bowed to bid farewell.

When her figure disappeared from Medicinal Valley, Elder Meng Ye stroked his beard and laid back down as he propped his leg up and shook his foot. “Why... does this kid look so familiar...”

Chu Liuyue brought the herbs back.

Seeing her return, Elder Wan Zheng welcomed her with a smile. “Was everything smooth?”

Chu Liuyue took out the herbs one by one. “I didn’t fail your wishes and brought all the herbs back, Mentor.”

Elder Wan Zheng counted them and nodded in satisfaction. He then asked, “How’s Medicinal Valley?”

Chu Liuyue paused for a moment before seriously replying, “It’s a land filled with treasures.”

“Hahaha!” Elder Wan Zheng laughed out loud. “That’s right! It’s indeed a unique place!”

Chu Liuyue’s eyes flickered a little. Being able to produce so many precious herbs, Medicinal Valley’s existence on its own is a miracle. Only Ling Xiao Academy—which has a history dating back thousands of years—has such a rich foundation.

“There are many good things there! If you want to produce pills in the future, just go over and take the herbs from there!”

Chu Liuyue's eyes lit up before quickly dimming again.

Elder Wan Zheng sharply captured the momentary change in her gaze and couldn't help but ask, "What's the matter? Is there a problem?"

"That..." Chu Liuyue laughed in embarrassment. "Medicinal Valley has many herbs, but they all require a lot of points..."

So it's because of this! Elder Wan Zheng reacted and nonchalantly waved his hands. "I was wondering what problem you had! Isn't it just points? As long as you can quickly break through to become a ninth-grade heavenly doctor and get onto the Qing Yun Ranking, I'll definitely prepare a substantial gift for you! In the meantime, just tell me if you need any herbs! You can consider it to be public funds—it'll be deducted from me!"

What do points count for? With such a rare talented disciple, many people will be envious to death! I have waited for so long and finally obtained such a good disciple. How can I not try my best to nurture him? In comparison, wasting some points and using some herbs are normal! His sentence of generosity energized Chu Liuyue instantly. "Mentor, are you for real?"

Elder Wan Zheng acted angry and glared at her. "Can I still lie to you? Don't worry!"

Chu Liuyue smiled until her eyes curved into crescents, and her eyes sparkled. "I'll thank you now then, Mentor!"

Elder Wan Zheng waved his hands. "Come! Let me see if you can produce a ninth-grade pill!"

Chu Liuyue nodded, walked to the cauldron, and arranged the items she needed in order.

Bang!

She slammed her hands on the mouth of the cauldron!

Two balls of fire instantly surged out, filling the entire cauldron!

Rumble!

The fire burned brightly, and the surrounding temperature instantly increased greatly.

Chu Liuyue took a deep breath to calm herself down. Then, she placed the herbs inside in an organized manner to refine them.

All sorts of herbs were gathered in the fire within the cauldron.

Elder Wan Zheng watched her familiar techniques and smooth actions from the start, feeling emotional. Previously, quite a few people doubted me when I said that I wanted Chu Yue to get onto the Qing Yun Ranking in two or three months. This time, I want my precious disciple to blind their eyes!

He magnanimously yelled, "Disciple, practice properly! Don't worry about anything! I'll be your backing, so just train however you want!".

**Chapter 1186: Ancient Feather Abyss**

With this sentence, Chu Liuyue could finally rest assured. *It's rare to have such a chance, so I have to treasure it!*

Thus, she rapidly recalled the herbs she saw at Medicinal Valley today. After calculating for a while, she came to a conclusion: *I'm on a roll! In consideration of how much Elder Wan Zheng is going to spend, I have to produce the pill properly this time!*

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Miles away, in Ancient Feather Abyss.

The mountains surrounded the area with lush greenery.

A dark-blue lake was in the middle with many trees growing beside it, adding a tinge of soft greenery around it.

The sky and the water were of the same color as the branches swayed, and the water flowed down from one direction, forming a faint silver waterfall.

It appeared like a river that passed through the forest, looking brilliant.

This was an extremely special place within the God Residence Realm. Rumors had it that a royal Armory Refinement Master had produced weapons here thousands of years ago and successfully made a royal



Yuan instrument. It was a pity that the production had exhausted all of the Armory Refinement Master's strength and energy.

Not long after he produced the royal Yuan instrument, he collapsed. Ever since then, the royal Yuan instrument had been left within Ancient Feather Abyss, disappearing without a trace.

Over thousands of years, countless cultivators from the God Residence Realm came here and used all the means they had to find that royal Yuan instrument. However, Ancient Feather Abyss was very perilous.

Cultivators left their lives here one after another, yet they still couldn't find that item. Gradually, fewer people came.

But in recent months, strange happenings kept occurring in Ancient Feather Abyss.

Quite a few people guessed that it was probably the royal Yuan instrument that was about to descend! Hence, everyone was tempted! Many powers wanted to take this chance and obtain it for themselves!

Originally, Ling Xiao Academy rarely participated in such matters.

But this time was different. This was because the person who produced the royal Yuan instrument and had fallen—the royal Armory Refinement Master—was someone from Ling Xiao Academy!

Thus, the elders and students formed teams this time and made preparations to come to this place.

Rong Xiu and the rest had been waiting here for a solid ten days.

During this time, many people came from all sorts of places. When some people saw Ling Xiao Academy's formation, they cowered and sensibly decided to give up.

However, there was still a portion that stayed.

Ling Xiao Academy was truly the top academy in the God Residence Realm. The people who came today included Rong Xiu and the others, who represented many formidable aristocratic families.

But even so, it couldn't deter everyone.

After all, the Sky-Cloud Empire and the others weren't the only aristocratic families in the God Residence Realm. Besides, with such benefits, who would care about those things?

At this point, people from all walks of life gathered at Ancient Feather Abyss as they waited for the descent of the legendary royal Yuan instrument.

"It has already been so long. Other than the occasional strange phenomena appearing in the sky, there hasn't been much reaction below. I wonder how long we will need to wait for the treasure to descend..." A woman's soft voice could be heard from Ling Xiao Academy's team.

"It's a royal Yuan instrument after all, so it'll naturally require some effort. We've already waited a few thousand years. This bit of time is nothing," comforted someone from the side.

“Yeah! Such Yuan instruments haven’t appeared in the God Residence Realm in a while. Besides, this is an item that originally belonged to our academy’s senior. No matter how long it takes, we have to wait for it.”

“Not only do we have to wait, but we still need to bring the item back successfully. If not, we’ll waste our time here, and we’ll tarnish our reputation.”

They discussed softly, but from start to end, Rong Xiu didn’t say anything as he stood at the side and waited patiently.

He was dressed in a snow-white robe and stood upright as if he were quietly admiring the scenery of Ancient Feather Abyss. But if one took a closer look, they would realize that the surrounding Heaven and Earth Force was entering his body rapidly and silently.

Actually, those who traveled with him had long discovered this. But every time they saw it, they still couldn’t help but be shocked. Only the people who have completely entered the Apotheosis Realm can do this, yet he can do it so smoothly and nonchalantly!

People couldn’t even be jealous of him.

When one was more outstanding than the surrounding people, they would usually be the targets of jealousy or ostracization. But if they were much better—to the extent that others could only look up to them—those feelings would turn into admiration and respect.

Rong Xiu was the second type. It wasn’t that nobody wanted to overtake him, but... It was too difficult!

“Rong Xiu has left the academy for a few years, right? I didn’t expect him to improve in strength so quickly... Even some of the elders in the academy might not be his match now, right?”

“Didn’t they say that the Sky-Cloud Empire has been very messy for the last few years? Originally, I thought that he wouldn’t have time to properly cultivate as he would be busy handling those matters. Who knew... The Sky-Cloud Empire is in his hands now, and his abilities have been greatly strengthened! How exactly did he do it?”

“Tsk, you’re asking me? If I knew, could I still be like this?”

The crowd of people roared with laughter, and the atmosphere was rather harmonious. However, there were times when people loved to ruin such an atmosphere.

“He just became a true god one step earlier than us. What’s so amazing about that?” Wei Xiping’s face was cold, and his voice had a hint of mockery.

The surrounding people’s voices gradually quietened down as quite a few people exchanged glances in secret.

A young woman smiled and said, “It’s easy to talk. Wei Xiping, you’re also considered a famous cultivator. Surely you know how difficult it is to ‘become a true god one step earlier,’ right?”

They were all around the same age and had entered the academy around similar times. But now, Rong Xiu had already broken through to become a true god, yet they could only admire him.

The difference between them grew larger and larger. How could they not feel emotional?

Wei Xiping clenched his teeth and didn't answer. He thought to himself, When I have the chance, I must kill RongXiu's aura! This time, I must be in front of RongXiu when the royal Yuan instrument descends!

Rong Xiu completely ignored those discussions. As he kept absorbing the surrounding Heaven and Earth Force to strengthen himself, he kept looking at the scenery below and around him. His handsome and demonic-like expression was light. Nobody knew what he was thinking.

Rumble!

A loud sound suddenly came from the sky, and the originally noisy sounds disappeared in unison.

Everyone looked up, and they saw that the dark clouds gathered quickly in the cloudless sky!

The harsh winds howled angrily, and the thunder boomed.

The sky quickly darkened.

"It's for real this time! That item must be descending!" On a mountain peak not far away, a macho man with tanned skin laughed. "It came just on time! Let me see what this legendary weapon can do!"

Rong Xiu also looked up. His eyes were filled with calmness, and nobody could see through him.

Rumble!

The lightning descended!

## Chapter 1187: Snatch!

The waterfall below gradually stopped flowing, and a vortex appeared in the center of the blue waters.

The vortex gradually expanded as time passed, slowly and silently absorbing all the lush trees in the surroundings. At the same time, dark clouds appeared in the sky as if they were also attracted by some sort of strength, slowly turning and forming a gigantic windstorm.

The world was completely dark.

The winds howled, and the suppression was heavy!

The crowd waiting at the respective peaks of Ancient Feather Abyss were all energized! *Given this phenomenon, the royal Yuan instrument really is about to descend!*

“When all the water below has dried up, it’ll definitely be the time when the royal Yuan instrument descends! At that time, we must act quickly and snatch it before the rest!” Elder Shu Feng instructed seriously.

The crowd gradually nodded and waited alertly.

Time slowly trickled past.

Below the water vortex seemed to be a black hole that kept swallowing everything in the surroundings.

The windstorm in the skies gradually went down.

Countless pairs of eyes stared at this scene closely.

At some moment before the water vortex was about to disappear, the windstorm attacked!

The two parties touched each other!

Rumble!

A loud sound was heard from within! The next moment, a ball of sparkling light exploded from within!

“Now!” Elder Shu Feng commanded and rushed out first!

The crowd behind him took action in unison! At the same time, the other people waiting at Ancient Feather Abyss also rushed over to that side!

Ling Xiao Academy was actually the fastest. Seeing that they were about to take the lead, the others secretly panicked.

The tanned, muscular man that spoke earlier boomed suddenly, “Everyone! Why don’t we make an alliance?”

Upon hearing this, Elder Shu Feng and the others’ hearts sank!

As expected, that man raised his voice and yelled, “The treasure that’s about to descend is left behind by someone from Ling Xiao Academy. If they want to snatch it, it’ll be much easier for them! Why don’t we make an alliance first before we discuss who the treasure belongs to!?”

His voice was low and vigorous, with much strength. Once he spoke, his voice reverberated loudly!

Quite a few people hesitated in their actions for a moment as they exchanged glances and had complicated gazes.

Elder Shu Feng angrily yelled, “Golden Wings Sect, how dare you?!”

That man laughed out loud. “I even dare to snatch the item in front of you. What else do I not dare to do?”

Their Golden Wings Sect was also an aristocratic family within the God Residence Realm. They had a rich family heritage and were very powerful.

Ling Xiao Academy had a distinguished status, but they were an academy in the end. It was true that the strong were like clouds, but they were still different from actual traditional aristocratic families. After all, Ling Xiao Academy couldn’t let all their elders and students risk their lives for the academy.



Besides, although the treasure descending today was a rare royal Yuan instrument, it wasn't enough to make Ling Xiao Academy fall out with the rest.

Thus, the others dared to snatch it so openly! Besides, there were other people present, so they were even more fearless.

"Everyone, why are you still hesitating?! Since we're already here, do you really plan to see the treasure land in someone else's hands?"

This sentence finally caused the other present families to make up their minds.

Shua!

The sound of things piercing through the air could be heard.

The people who originally planned on rushing for the center all changed their direction and went for Ling Xiao Academy's team.

Apart from Ling Xiao Academy, there were many people in the surroundings. Adding up the pockets of people, there were about 180 people, which was many times more than that of Ling Xiao Academy's team!

Even if the people from Ling Xiao Academy were all quite capable, they couldn't withstand the attacks from so many people! After all, those who could openly go against them wouldn't be weak.

Once they met, they were bound to lose today's battle!

The people gathered around and trapped Ling Xiao Academy's team within.

An idea popped up in Elder Shu Feng's head as he looked at Rong Xiu. "Rong Xiu, we'll stop them! When you find the chance, go and retrieve the item!"

Rong Xiu nodded lightly.

"Hah! How would it be so easy for you to avoid us?" That man coldly snorted and went straight for Rong Xiu. "I'll meet you first!"

Rong Xiu looked up slightly, and his expression was cold. There were no ripples in the depths of his eyes.

The next moment, his body immediately disappeared from the spot.

"What?!" Including the man about to attack Rong Xiu, the other spectators were also taken aback when they saw this scene.

What they were shocked about wasn't that Rong Xiu knew how to teleport instantly but that he could do it so easily and freely under such a stressful situation!

There were quite a few true gods present, but even true gods might not be able to break through the situation so quickly!

The next moment, Rong Xiu appeared behind the crowd! He was just a small distance away from the sparkling ball of light!

That man from the Golden Wings Sect was the first to react as he hollered, “Stop him!”

Elder Shu Feng commanded, “Go forward!”

The two parties attacked each other with their short weapons and rapidly descended into chaos!

A few gusts of cold wind came from behind.

Rong Xiu didn't turn around and rapidly flashed across, easily avoiding it. In the blink of an eye, he had already arrived where the windstorm was.

Standing here, everything appeared in front of them clearly.

The previous water had already disappeared, and only a gigantic black vortex was slowly turning in the wetland.

It was completely dark and so deep that one couldn't see the bottom. Looking down from above, it was like a gigantic fiend had opened its mouth.

Once one dropped into it, endless torture and death would await!

At this time, the windstorm caused by the gathering of the dark clouds had already hit them.

The grayish-black windstorm was also gradually absorbed by the black hole-like existence. Only where the two parties connected could one see a faintly glowing ball of light.

It was only the size of a human head. The light was soft yet magnificent as it exuded tremendous strength!

Rong Xiu stared at it closely, and shock flashed across his eyes. This aura... It doesn't seem to be the royal Yuan instrument?

"Go and die!" While Rong Xiu was momentarily dazed, the people behind found an opportunity to strike.

Majority won. Even though the people from Ling Xiao Academy had already tried their best, they still gradually became the losing side.

Some people tried to break through their line of defense and went straight to Rong Xiu!

Detecting the countless cold auras behind him, Rong Xiu's expression turned cold as harsh murderous intent flashed across his eyes!

He didn't turn around as he waved his hand! A ray of golden light flew out, forming a very strong barrier around him!

The muscular man—who thought that he was winning—suddenly had a change in expression.

“You—”

Coincidentally, Rong Xiu had already rapidly gone forward and took that ball of light into his arms at this time.

“Shoo!”

Elder Shu Feng’s two fists couldn’t go against four hands, and he suddenly vomited blood.

However, he still immediately noticed Rong Xiu’s actions, and he couldn’t help but be elated.

Withstanding the bloody taste all over his mouth, he boomed, “Activate the formation!”

### **Chapter 1188: Fight!**

The many elders took action from the side!

*Whoosh!*

Waves of brilliant light flew out.

The light intersected in the sky and formed a gigantic Xuan formation in the blink of an eye! Suppression faintly spread from it!

The surrounding empty space distorted with it, and numerous black cracks appeared!

“They’re leaving!” someone yelled at the top of their voices.

That man from the Golden Wings Sect glared at Rong Xiu with anger and hatred. Yet, he didn’t go forward for some reason as if he feared something.

Hearing the shout, he hesitated for a moment before swiftly turning around. “Break down their Xuan formation!”

Everyone knew that once the Xuan formation was formed, the people from Ling Xiao Academy could rapidly escape from this place! At that time, it would be even harder for them to stop it!

The crowd surrounded Ling Xiao Academy.

Elder Shu Feng and the rest couldn’t care for their own safety as they respectively increased their speed of forming the Xuan formation!

The Xuan formation was very complicated and brilliant. As the patterns on it were gradually completed, its aura became increasingly stronger!

“I want to see how you guys can go back today!” That man from the Golden Wings Sect hollered and suddenly jumped up! He held a gigantic black axe in his hand and harshly slammed it down!

A crack appeared on the Xuan formation!

The terrifying force crazily surged in from the crack, spreading in all directions!

Elder Shu Feng and the others’ faces flushed white! If this Xuan formation is ruined, we won’t have a way to rush back to the academy. With so many people surrounding us, we are doomed to fail!

He was furious as he looked at that man. “Jin Lei! Do you really want to go against Ling Xiao Academy?”

Jin Lei laughed out loud. “Elder Shu Feng, you mustn’t misunderstand! At the end of the day, we just want that royal Yuan instrument. If you produce the item, I promise that we’ll immediately let you go! We’ll also go and apologize to you personally another day!”

Elder Shu Feng was so angry that he laughed. “This item originally belongs to Ling Xiao

Academy. It’s already outrageous that you guys are openly snatching it. Do you still expect us to present it to you with both hands?!”

“Thousands of years have passed!” Jin Lei interrupted him and looked arrogant. “This item isn’t produced in your Ling Xiao Academy, and the royal Armory Refinement Master also fell back then! His body isn’t even here anymore! Then, how can this treasure be counted as yours? Since this item has no owner, why can’t we snatch it?”

“Unreasonable!” hollered Elder Shu Feng furiously. “Stabilize the Xuan formation!”

Jin Lei raised the axe in his hands again. “Everyone, help me!”

A crack had already appeared on the Xuan formation. If another one appeared, the Xuan formation would definitely collapse completely.

The other people also seemed to have seen hope as they revealed excited looks and injected their force into the axe!

A terrifying force surged up, and heaven and earth shook!

The bloody taste in Elder Shu Feng’s mouth became increasingly strong, and the others weren’t any better.

At this point, a golden ray of light flew over! It lightly covered the crack on the Xuan formation!

Whir!

With this sound, the Xuan formation—originally on the verge of collapsing—rapidly mended!

The golden ray of light quickly formed countless small branches as they spread in all directions. At that moment, it covered more than half of the Xuan formation!



Seeing this scene, even Ling Xiao Academy's team was shocked!

Rong Xiu was quite good as a Xuan Master, but his most outstanding aspects had always been the warrior and Armory Refinement Master paths. Hence, everyone thought that although his skills as a Xuan Master were good, they couldn't be compared to his talent in the other two aspects.

But now, they realized that Rong Xiu had already become a top contestant as a Xuan Master!

This Xuan formation was successfully formed with so many of them working hard to build it. Rong Xiu used his own force to repair the Xuan formation that was about to break down and finish the remaining portion...

Wei Xiping stared at the man standing upright in mid-air, whose clothes flowed with the wind.

The latter wore his white robe and looked like a deity. He was so strong that other people could only look up to him.

RongXiu... Since when did the gap between us become so large? Wei Xiping clenched his teeth, looked down, and hid his indignation and jealousy in his eyes. Right at this moment, the Xuan formation was finally completed!

Elder Shu Feng immediately yelled, "Activate!"

With his command, a gigantic crack suddenly appeared on the brilliant Xuan formation in mid-air!

“Rong Xiu, let’s go quick!” Elder Shu Feng anxiously yelled.

Rong Xiu raised his long legs, and his figure rapidly disappeared within the crack! Then, Ling Xiao Academy’s team continuously followed him.

Seeing that they were leaving one by one, Jin Lei couldn’t help but hold the axe in his hand tightly, about to rush up.

“Chase them!”

The few people behind them hurriedly advised, “No!”

“This Xuan formation breaks through space, and it definitely connects to Ling Xiao Academy! We can’t go there!”

“That’s right. Here, we could still fight with them. But if we reach their territory...”

The crowd partook in heated discussions, and they all expressed their disagreement.

Jin Lei’s face darkened. It would be very infuriating to let them leave with the royal Yuan instrument!

“There’s a special barrier outside Ling Xiao Academy, which is guarded strictly. Nobody can enter as and when they wish! I’m guessing that they’re probably going to Fangzhou, which is outside the academy! As long as we can reach there in time, we might...”

He surveyed the surroundings, and his sinister and cold gaze swept across the crowd. He then suddenly smiled coldly. “Everyone, have you forgotten that it’s a... royal Yuan instrument!? Since we’ve already offended Ling Xiao Academy, are we still missing this step?”

Quite a few people were tempted. After all, the temptation of a royal Yuan instrument was too great!

“Quickly! See if the Xuan formation has been kept properly!” someone suddenly gasped.

The crowd—including Jin Lei—looked over and saw that the crack suddenly froze when it was about to close.

Without any hesitation, Jin Lei’s figure flashed across as he followed them!

The people from the Golden Wings Sect naturally followed closely behind.

The remaining few people exchanged glances and were quiet for a moment.

A middle-aged man suddenly yelled, “Let’s just go! We’ve offended them already anyway. If we give up now, we’ll be letting the Golden Wings Sect get the treasure for nothing!”

Then, he also moved immediately!

Everyone who had other intentions naturally didn't hesitate further when they heard this, and they rushed up!

Ling Xiao Academy.

Chu Liuyue was producing pills on the mountain.

Elder Wan Zheng stood at the side.

The surroundings fell silent, and the atmosphere was slightly nervous.

Chu Liuyue had failed the first two attempts. Now, this was the third attempt.

However, Elder Wan Zheng didn't seem too worried.

It was originally not that simple to break through to become a ninth-grade heavenly doctor from an eighth-grade one. If Chu Liuyue really succeeded in one try, it would be too strange.

The process in front was done rather smoothly, and she was about to reach the last step of pill production!

Chu Liuyue held her breath in, controlled the fire within the cauldron, and merged all the herbs!

Rumble!

The fire burned even more intensely.

But at this moment, Elder Wan Zheng's expression suddenly changed as he looked toward the academy entrance! .

### **Chapter 1189: The Precious Stone Lands its Innocent Possessor in Jail**

This place was still quite a distance away from that area, but Elder Wan Zheng still sensitively detected a hint of dangerous aura.

He furrowed his brows tightly and walked forward. But the moment he took half a step out, he suddenly recalled that Chu Liuyue was still producing her pill beside him.

He suppressed his overwhelming feelings. After much thinking, he still decided to stay here first and wait for Chu Liuyue to finish producing her pill.

Even if the academy really were in danger, the other elders were still around. Thus, it was okay for him to go late.

On the other hand, Chu Liuyue was at the most crucial moment of finishing her pill. If she was abruptly interrupted at this point, it would spell trouble.

Chu Liuyue also noticed that something was wrong with him as she averted her gaze and glanced at him.

His face—which was previously filled with excitement—had hints of nervousness and worry now.

Her heart sank slightly as well. “Mentor, what’s wrong?”

Elder Wan Zheng hurriedly shook his head. “Nothing, nothing. Just focus on producing your pill! I’ll be watching you from here. Don’t be distracted—it’s going to be produced soon!”

However, Chu Liuyue didn’t believe him. I have come to the academy for some time, but I have never seen Elder Wan Zheng reveal such an expression.

She originally wanted to ask him about it, but after much thinking, she held it in and turned her attention to producing the pill.

A fist-sized pill had already appeared in the fire!

Feeling the force from within, Chu Liuyue felt slightly more at ease. This time, I might actually succeed!

Even though she used to be a ninth-grade heavenly doctor, she still couldn’t help but feel agitated and elated now that she could come back after her rebirth and reach such a stage again.

Every day after her rebirth, she hoped that she could return to her peak or become even stronger! She didn’t expect to achieve this goal in the heavenly doctor aspect first!

She focused all her strength and became increasingly careful.

At the side, Elder Wan Zheng couldn't completely rest assured as he kept looking in that direction from time to time. The academy's plan this time is confidential, and even some elders aren't too clear about it. This shows how highly everyone thinks of this issue. Calculating the time, they have been gone for more than 20 days, so it is normal that they came back at this time. But that ripple... clearly had hints of strangeness and uneasiness.

Whoosh!

Whoosh!

A few figures quickly flashed across in mid-air! Those were clearly elders who noticed that something was amiss, and they rushed over.

Elder Wan Zheng gradually clenched his fists tightly.

Chu Liuyue furrowed her brows slightly. She originally wanted to focus on producing her pill, but the strange vibe change on Elder Wan Zheng's side wasn't ignorable.

As she stared at the pill in the cauldron closely and controlled the fire carefully, she said,

"Mentor, if you really have something urgent on, you can just go ahead first. I'll be over real soon

"No, I want to supervise you personally. You don't have to care about those things; just produce your pill." Elder Wan Zheng was very insistent.

Chu Liuyue could only swallow her remaining words, but she was increasingly curious. It's probably not a small matter that can cause Elder Wan Zheng to be so worried. Previously, a few elders had already flown over in the sky. It seemed like... they were going toward the academy entrance? Did someone come and cause trouble?

But once this thought flashed across her mind, Chu Liuyue dispelled it. This is Ling Xiao Academy. Who has so much courage to cause trouble? Won't they be making it unpleasant for themselves?

The fire burned relentlessly, and the pill gradually formed within.

A wave of herbal fragrance spread across.

Elder Wan Zheng's eyes lit up, and he couldn't help but take a step forward and cross his arms tightly. Is this... succeeding?!

Whoosh!

Another figure flew across the sky!

Elder Wan Zheng felt as if another pot of cold water was poured on him. It seems like the situation is even worse than I thought...

He knitted his brows tightly and stared at Chu Liuyue and the pill in front of her without blinking. His heart beat increasingly quickly.



Time seemed to pass especially slowly.

The pill's fragrance became increasingly strong.

Chu Liuyue held her breath in, circulated the force within her body, and turned it into fire, causing it to surge up!

Whir!

A strong force circulated within the cauldron!

Chu Liuyue was sure that the success of the pill production was right before her eyes!

She slammed against the cauldron harshly, and the fire suddenly exploded!

The pill in the middle became increasingly round and smooth. The lines gradually surfaced more clearly!

Chu Liuyue's lips had already become slightly white. For the current her, she still had to force herself to produce a ninth-grade pill. This pill production basically exhausted all her force.

As she had already failed twice before, she was even weaker. Hence, this pill came with much difficulty!

The waves of weakness attacked her until her legs became soft.

She bit the tip of her tongue and used the sharp pain to wake herself awake.

The faint bloody taste spread across her lips, but Chu Liuyue already couldn't care about all of this.

As long as I can successfully produce it, Elder Wan Zheng's previous promise will come true! Thinking of this, she tried her best and sent the last bit of strength into the cauldron, merging it with the fire!

Whish!

That pill suddenly flew out, and it seemed like it was about to escape!

Chu Liuyue clenched her teeth tightly and controlled it as much as she could! If I just continue for a while... the pill will—

“Wan Zheng, why are you still here?! Fangzhou is already in a mess!” An anxious voice suddenly sounded, and it was Elder Hua Feng who rushed over. “That item is with Rong Xiu now, and they're being surrounded—”

Bang!

Explosions could be heard from Chu Liuyue's cauldron!

Ashes flew everywhere, and an intense burning smell spread across the area.

Chu Liuyue's pill... was destroyed!

### **Chapter 1190: Stalemate**

The explosion successfully allowed Elder Hua Feng to notice Chu Liuyue's presence.

The main thing was that the incident happened too quickly, and he was focused on calling for Elder Wan Zheng. As he was too anxious, he directly spoke when he saw the latter, not realizing that Chu Liuyue was still at the side.

The venue fell silent. Only the spreading burning smell indicated what had just happened.

Chu Liuyue looked at the extinguished cauldron in front of her with its inside and edges totally black. *One more step... Even the pattern on it was about to be formed!*

She gradually clenched her fists.

The atmosphere gradually became strange and nervous.

Elder Wan Zheng then realized that he seemed to have done something wrong as he opened his mouth and glanced at Elder Wan Zheng anxiously. "Um... Did I come at the wrong time..."

Elder Wan Zheng glanced at him deeply. Needless to say! This kid was about to succeed! I held it in the entire time and patiently waited without leaving, wanting to see Chu Yue successfully produce the ninth-grade pill! Great, everything is wasted!

“Um, Chu Yue—” Elder Hua Feng also felt rather embarrassed. He was about to explain when he saw the young man turn over.

The young man’s handsome and gentle face had lost its usual smile and had more cold intent.

“Elder Hua Feng,” said that young man coldly.

Elder Hua Feng’s heart trembled for some reason, and he instinctively answered. “Yeah?”

“Did you say that Fangzhou is in a mess? Rong Xiu... Senior Brother Rong Xiu is being surrounded?”

“Yeah! Hm? Why are you asking about this?” Elder Hua Feng originally thought that the young man was angry because his pill was destroyed and wanted to reason with him, but he didn’t think that the latter would ask about this, so he nodded without much thinking.

After saying it, he suddenly felt that it wasn’t good to let a student know about this. Thus, he added, “But don’t worry. We’ll be going over right away, so there won’t be much of a problem.”

As he spoke, he looked at Elder Wan Zheng.

Elder Wan Zheng sighed in his heart. “Chu Yue, go back first. We’ll settle the matter outside.”

Chu Liuyue narrowed her eyes. If things could be settled that simply, Elder Hua Feng wouldn't be so nervous when he came and wouldn't have said such words, They are just saying these things to comfort me.

However, she didn't show these thoughts as she acted as if she believed them and heaved a sigh of relief. 'That's good. I still thought... Actually, Mentor wanted to leave earlier, but he was delayed because I was producing the pill.'

She looked at Elder Wan Zheng. "Mentor, you should follow Elder Hua Feng and take a look!"

Elder Wan Zheng sighed. "Okay. It's a pity about your pill today... You could've succeeded..."

Chu Liuyue then smiled. "I've already felt the barrier, so I'll succeed sooner or later. You don't have to worry, but... Your previous promise still counts, right?"

Seeing that Chu Liuyue's attitude was still decent and that she didn't blame the world due to her failure, Elder Wan Zheng felt comforted. "Of course, it does! Besides, Elder Hua Feng has a part to play in this issue today. In the future, I'll get him to give some points to you to make up for it!"

Elder Hua Feng didn't know what this mentor-disciple duo was talking about, but it seemed like it was related to points. This wasn't a big deal, so he immediately agreed. "That's right! I'll make it up to you when I come back!"

Chu Liuyue smiled with even deeper meaning as she respectfully bowed. "I won't bother you anymore. Mentor, I'll leave first."

Elder Wan Zheng thought that she was about to go back and study the pill, so he directly agreed.

Thinking of the trouble outside that hadn't been settled, the two elders quickly left.

Chu Liuyue was soon left alone on the mountain.

When the two elders' figures disappeared, Chu Liuyue's smile slowly disappeared. Her black gem-like eyes seemed to have ripples. Fangzhou City? People actually dare to chase them here and cause trouble for Ling Xiao Academy? The key is—what exactly is 'that thing?' As it is with RongXiu, Rong Xiu isn't in an optimistic situation?

She turned around and walked down the mountain.

Fangzhou.

The varying parties of people fell into a stalemate.

Rong Xiu was standing in the middle, and the people from the Golden Wings Sect surrounded him completely.

The outer layer was Elder Shu Feng and the rest, including people from Ling Xiao Academy who gradually came over.

At this point, the number of people kept increasing.

Countless people were looking up from the city, and their hearts shook. Who would've thought they would see such a scene at Fangzhou, outside Ling Xiao Academy?

All of those people in the sky were legendary warriors from the God Residence Realm! Now, the focus of their fight was clearly Rong Xiu!

Elder Shu Feng and the rest had ugly expressions. This was because according to the previous plan, as long as they activated their Xuan formation, they would be able to forcefully create a transportation formation to go back to the academy directly. However, they didn't expect these people to be so relentless and chase them all the way over here!

Jin Lei and the rest weren't feeling any better. They originally wanted to quickly handle Rong Xiu when they reached Fangzhou to snatch the item back. Who would've known that Rong Xiu was extremely strong and delayed until this moment!?

Increasingly more people came out from Ling Xiao Academy, and they all gathered at this place.

If this continued, their situation would be increasingly worse! They had to handle it as soon as possible!

But both parties had their own fears and things holding them back, so they entered an awkward state.

Finally, Jin Lei held up the ax in his hands, and thunderous sounds could be heard from below his feet.

He went straight to Rong Xiu! "Everyone, go up! Settle him!"

