

Noble Ruler 1191

Chapter 1191: Senior Brother Rong Xiu

In Ling Xiao Academy, many elders gradually gathered together and rushed to Fangzhou.

The entire academy's atmosphere silently became nervous.

When Chu Liuyue rushed to the academy entrance, she saw that many students had arrived around Qing Ming Square. Clearly, they already knew that something had happened outside.

Chu Liuyue slowed down her steps and mixed into the crowd, not looking obvious.

Quite a few students talked in hushed whispers. "Did you hear? Something wrong has happened outside!"

"It seems like someone came to cause trouble at Fangzhou, right? I heard that Elder Shu Feng and the rest are still fighting with them outside, and some of the elders from our academy have rushed out..."

"Who exactly are they? How do they have the courage to barge into our academy?"

"They seem to be from the Golden Wings Sect. They've never really had many interactions with our academy and are extremely arrogant just because they're powerful. This time, it seems to be because they're fighting for something... Other than that, they still collaborated with other clans."

“Even if they want to fight for something, there is no need to chase all the way here, right? Isn’t this causing trouble for themselves? Do they really think that our academy can be easily stepped

“It seems to be for some precious treasure. Previously, Senior Brother Rong Xiu and the rest came back just to help the academy retrieve that item... Just now, I unintentionally heard an elder say that Senior Brother Rong Xiu is surrounded because of that item... I wonder what’s happening now... ”

“This... It’s right outside our academy after all. We can’t possibly let them succeed, right?”

All sorts of discussions entered Chu Liuyue’s ears, causing her to be increasingly frustrated as she furrowed her brows tightly. It turns out that the letter LingXiao Academy previously sent to RongXiu was about this. Rong Xiu didn’t bring it up the whole time, so I didn’t ask about it in detail.

So many people took action at the same time after all, with quite a few elders from the academy. Logically speaking, there shouldn’t be much danger. But now... Rong Xiu has clearly put himself in a perilous situation.

She panicked in her heart, but she could only comfort herself. After all, they had already arrived at Fangzhou City, which was right beside the academy. Even if they really met with trouble, many elders in the academy could provide assistance.

Elder Hua Feng and the others have already rushed over. They should be able to reach in time.

More and more students gathered around, and the originally silent Qing Ming Square became noisy.

Chu Liuyue silently walked over as she thought of how to go out quietly to take a look.

Even if the academy's barriers were guarded strictly, she couldn't help but be worried as she knew that Rong Xiu was in danger.

"Chu Yue!" A familiar voice sounded from the side.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows and stood still. When she looked up, her expression returned to normal. "Zhuo Sheng, Shishi, why are you here?"

Other than these two, there was still Luo Yanming.

The three of them cultivated different aspects, so it was usually hard to see them all at once. Zhuo Sheng winked. "Why do you think we're here? Of course, it's for the same reason as you!"

Luo Shishi patiently explained, "I was originally training with my mentor, but something happened suddenly, and he left. Thus, we came here. Then, we coincidentally met Fifth Brother." The mentor she was talking about was Elder Wen Xi.

Chu Liuyue nodded. "I was also producing pills just now when Elder Hua Feng came over and called my mentor. They then left together."

Actually, many students experienced similar situations. Hence, Luo Shishi's trio didn't think much when Chu Liuyue gave such an explanation.

"Did you hear what those people said earlier?" asked Zhuo Sheng mysteriously. "Are they crazy?!"

They dared to chase all the way to Fangzhou to fight for the item!”

Luo Yanming, who was silent all along, suddenly spoke. “The Golden Wings Sect is extremely strong. Even though they’re a top-tier family as well, the cultivation technique they pass down in their sect is extremely domineering. Within the sect... From the sect master to the disciples, all of them are formidable. Hence, their behavior is extremely arrogant. It’s not surprising they would do such a thing.”

People die because of fortune, and birds die because of food.

An item that could get Ling Xiao Academy to send out so many students and elders mustn’t be something ordinary, and it would definitely cause other people to be jealous. Besides, the other party seemed to have collaborated with other clans, so they were even more fearless.

“They could just settle them as soon as possible, but leaving them around for a while longer doesn’t pose much of a problem as well.”

Zhuo Sheng glanced at him strangely. “Yanming, why do you know so much?”

Luo Yanming fell silent. “...Mentor said a thing or two before he left.”

Elder Hua Feng had a very loud personality and was very shocked after he learned of the news, so he didn’t care to keep his mouth shut. While he was speaking, Luo Yanming and the others— who were beside him—roughly heard what was going on.

The few of them were speechless.

Recalling the previous scenario, Chu Liuyue silently mourned for her ninth-grade pill that could've succeeded.

“Elder Hua Feng is indeed fiery sometimes...”

Dong—

A low clock sound was heard—it came from Dong Huang Clock Tower!

The square quickly fell silent, and the crowd looked up in unison.

Elder Bo Yan stood on the tower with one hand behind his back. His hair was white, and he looked calm. “A small incident happened outside the academy, but it’ll be settled as soon as possible. Everyone, go back and don’t worry. Just cultivate.”

His deep voice reverberated throughout the area as it gently and clearly landed in everyone’s ears, causing people to unwittingly be more secure.

Some students were originally still worried and uneasy, but they gradually calmed down when they heard Elder Bo Yan’s words.

Actually, upon deeper thought, this is still Ling Xiao Academy’s territory. Can others really come here and do whatever they want? The elders are very experienced, so they naturally can handle all these problems.

However, a woman's voice sounded amongst the crowd. "Elder Bo Yan, as a member of the academy, the academy's safety is closely related to all of us. Hence, I, Zhiyuan, volunteer to go out and fight!"

This voice was especially sudden in the silent crowd, so everyone heard it clearly.

Countless pairs of eyes looked toward the source of the voice.

It was Jiang Zhiyuan, who was standing behind the crowd!

At this point, Liang Xiaoxiao and the rest were standing behind her. But as Jiang Zhiyuan was the one who spoke, everyone's attention fell on her.

Elder Bo Yan laughed. "I've already said just now that it's only a small problem. We've already sent a few elders to handle it together. You don't have to worry and should just stay in the academy."

Jiang Zhiyuan pressed her lips against each other and looked obviously worried. "But Senior Brother Rong Xiu..."

Chu Liuyue raised her brows. I, the legitimate princess consort, haven't spoken, yet Jiang Zhiyuan is so enthusiastic. I really don't know if I should compliment her for not giving up on him in times of trouble or that she is extremely stubborn.

To some people, perhaps Jiang Zhiyuan's behavior was devotion. But to Elder Bo Yan, she behaved as if she didn't know the importance of the matter.

His expression turned faint, and he asked nonchalantly, "Are you doubting Rong Xiu's capabilities or the abilities of the academy's elders?".

Chapter 1192: Rong Xiu Danger

This sentence shocked everyone awake.

Jiang Zhiyuan originally wanted to take the chance to go out. Even if she could only show her face in front of Rong Xiu once, at least she could let him know that she would disregard everything for him.

But now that Elder Bo Yan spoke, she suddenly realized how stupid it was to say such words in public!

"I-I didn't mean it that way..." she hurriedly explained in panic. "I'm just worried about Senior Brother Rong Xiu..."

"Rong Xiu's talent and capabilities are one of the top few in Ling Xiao Academy, and he's also the Sky-Cloud Empire's His Grace. Could it be that you think his ability to protect himself isn't as good as yours and that he needs you to worry for him?" Elder Bo Yan's tone was light, but his words made Jiang Zhiyuan increasingly humiliated.

The entire square was silent.

Everyone looked at Jiang Zhiyuan with complicated and strange gazes. That's right! Elder Bo Yan makes sense. The situation outside is indeed perilous now, but many elders in the academy have already taken action. Therefore, it is impossible for those people to have their way outside the academy. Besides, RongXiu is also at the top of two of the four Qing Yun Ranking lists. What is the use of a demigod like her being worried? Even if she goes over, she will probably cause more trouble and become everyone's burden. Since this was so, her attitude is especially...

“Pfft, someone just wants to act like she’s really devoted in front of everyone, but she should see if she has the capabilities and the right to do so.”

Chuckles could be heard from the crowd.

Jiang Zhiyuan’s face instantly flushed white and red. She rapidly looked up, wanting to identify who had said those words.

But there were many people in the square, and that voice was rather unfamiliar, so she couldn’t identify who said it.

She bit her lips and looked aggrieved.

In the past, this expression of hers would receive many people’s pity and sympathy. However, it didn’t seem to work this time.

When the academy was in trouble, everyone’s first thought was about the academy and not an individual.

Jiang Zhiyuan’s series of actions was clearly for her own needs, so the crowd would naturally ignore her and even feel disgusted.

“That’s right! Elder Bo Yan already told us not to worry and that we should go back and wait, yet she wants to risk her life to go over. VVhat can she do over there? Offer her head? Haha!”

“I believe she thinks too highly of herself, right? What right does she have to be worried about Senior Brother Rong Xiu?”

“Hehe, I’m actually pretty worried about Senior Brother Rong Xiu too! But I know my own capabilities, so I won’t cause trouble for Senior Brother and the elders at this point!”

The many mockeries and jokes were like needles that stabbed Jiang Zhiyuan’s heart, shredding, throwing on the floor, and trampling all over her face and dignity!

She had always been the apple of everyone’s eyes, and she was the proudest and most doted on existence everywhere she went. But now, those people looked at her like they were watching a show.

Jiang Zhiyuan’s limbs turned soft. She didn’t understand why it suddenly became like this when she just said a few sentences and didn’t do anything wrong.

Seeing her pale face and dejected and embarrassed appearance, Elder Bo Yan shook his head. “I heard your mentor say that you’re about to break through, so you should just focus on cultivating for now!”

This sentence was considered as giving Jiang Zhiyuan an out.

Jiang Zhiyuan bit her lips and forced herself to acknowledge it before turning around and leaving rapidly.

Her head—which was always held up proudly—finally fell, and her back view looked embarrassed and dejected.

Liang Xiaoxiao and the rest exchanged glances, looking awkward, and quickly left together.

After experiencing this small incident, everyone in the square felt more relaxed than before. Hearing what Elder Bo Yan had said, there shouldn't be much of a problem.

So as Elder Bo Yan kept urging them, the students that gathered together dispersed quickly.

"Let's go back too!" Zhuo Sheng moved his limbs. "Shishi, I didn't really understand the point that

Mentor taught earlier. Could you exchange blows with me later and help me tidy it up?"

Although his current cultivation level was higher than that of Luo Shishi, the latter was, in actual fact, more talented than him as a warrior.

Zhuo Sheng had long known this fact, so he would regularly ask Luo Shishi for guidance patiently.

Luo Shishi nodded.

Luo Yanming thought and said, "Then, I'll go back and study Xuan formations."

Even though they had just come to the academy not long ago, they also felt enormous competition and pressure here. So even if they were rather talented and had a good background, they didn't dare to take it easy.

“Chu Yue, what about you?” The few of them looked at Chu Liuyue.

She smiled. “Since you guys are all going back, I’ll go too.”

The group of people dispersed on their own.

Chu Liuyue walked toward the heavenly doctor’s side, but she didn’t go up the mountains in the end.

At this point, the sky was gradually darkening as the sun set in the west.

She chose an extremely discreet location, and after confirming there was nobody else in the surroundings, she raised her wrist.

A peach blossom silently bloomed on her snow-white wrist. A thought then popped up in her mind, and her figure quickly disappeared from the area!

With the instant teleportation, Chu Liuyue silently arrived at the edge of the academy’s barrier.

Probably because the academy’s elders had heightened their defenses, but the barrier had a faint glow to it and a strong suppression.

She held her breath in and stared at that barrier closely. Many thoughts flashed across her mind.

Elder Bo Yan was right. Fangzhou City was right outside the academy, so nobody would act unreasonably here.

The elders had already taken action together, so it shouldn't pose a problem for them to handle the bunch of people. Besides, Rong Xiu was also very strong.

Chu Liuyue had known him for so long, but until now, she couldn't be certain of Rong Xiu's cultivation level.

Logically speaking, nothing would happen.

Chu Liuyue pressed her lips against each other, and her internal struggle was intense. If I go over, I might very possibly be like Jiang Zhiyuan, becoming a useless burden. If that is so, it would be better for me to wait here silently. Besides, the academy's barrier is heavily guarded, and it is almost impossible for me to go out secretly without anyone noticing.

After much thinking, Chu Liuyue turned around and wanted to go back.

But the moment she made a move, a ripple suddenly came from her dantian! That ripple wasn't from the water droplet but... the black pyramid!

An extremely faint golden light seeped out from the three cracks! For some reason, the black seal had faint signs of moving!

This... Chu Liuyue focused on it, and just when she was thinking about what it meant, a silver light abruptly flashed before her eyes.

She looked forward and saw the dagger—which Rong Xiu had given her—suddenly fly out on its own!

Whir!

The dagger vibrated!

The sharp blade gleamed with a cold light—it had murderous intent!

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat. Rong Xiu... is in danger!

Without thinking, she immediately rushed to that barrier! .

Chapter 1193: Key to Unlock the Barrier!

Chu Liuyue grabbed that dagger back and held it tightly in her palm. In this manner, the intense movement became even clearer.

Chu Liuyue's heartbeat seemed to increase along with it as if her heart were about to jump out of her chest!

She hastened her steps and quickly felt the pressure from the barrier! The nearer she was, the heavier it felt!

She was at the bottom of a mountain. There were many rocks around her, and she quickly hid behind them.

As the sky had darkened, and the place was originally desolated with not many people passing by, nobody noticed her. However, Chu Liuyue didn't dare to take it easy. This was because she knew that the difficulty she had to overcome wasn't this, but... the gigantic barrier in front of her!

What must I do to open the barrier silently... Chu Liuyue knitted her brows tightly.

Suddenly, a ray of white light flashed across her mind. Got it! When I first entered the academy and stood in front of the barrier, some blurred images had flashed past my mind. Someone has set up an extremely small Xuan formation that connects with the barrier. Later, it became a key that easily opened the barrier! If I can also draw out that Xuan formation, then— This thought made Chu Liuyue tempted.

She closed her eyes and started to search for that memory crazily. If I don't recall wrongly, that Xuan formation doesn't seem to be super hard. I might be able to succeed if I work hard with my current abilities. However, the image only flashed across my eyes once, and I didn't notice it much before the entire scene disappeared. Hence, I only have a vague impression of it.

She didn't remember exactly what the Xuan formation looked like. But she now had to recall the shape of the Xuan formation clearly and completely!

This matter seemed simple, but it was very hard to do.

She had lost a large part of her memory, so she didn't even know when that memory took place or what happened after it. This caused it to be even harder for her to recall.

Now that she wanted to pick up the vague and broken pieces of her memory, it was akin to finding a needle in a haystack.

The surroundings were completely silent, and a light breeze blew past, blowing her loose strands of hair.

Chu Liuyue could clearly hear her own heartbeats as countless scenes flashed across her mind.

Time became incredibly hard to pass at this moment.

Finally, she picked up that broken piece and started searching for more details in her mind.

In her vague memory, it was still a pair of white and long hands.

That pair of hands gently moved around in mid-air, and numerous rays of light flew around, quickly outlining a Xuan formation.

To Chu Liuyue, that small Xuan formation was actually a blurred ball of light. However, she didn't give up as she 'watched' on patiently.

The same scene kept replaying—time and time again.

She even stared at the pair of hands' every single movement closely, not letting go of any details. Finally, the Xuan formation gradually showed a general outline.

She was elated. I originally didn't harbor much hope, but I didn't expect this to really work! And it is even faster than I had expected.

Gradually, every line on the Xuan formation became clearer slowly.

This process was actually very peculiar. It was like a layer of mist covering the glass, causing one to be unable to see anything.

But when she wiped the mist away bit by bit, everything started to become clearer. Everything happened smoothly, as if... she already knew what that Xuan formation looked like.

Once that thought appeared in her mind, Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat! She almost instinctively knitted her brows and rejected this guess. The reason why I could do this so smoothly is probably that... I used to be a ninth-grade Xuan Master and had a very high level of understanding of Xuan formations. Therefore, it's normal for me to understand everything in one go.

Chu Liuyue didn't care much about this incident as she rapidly turned her attention to the Xuan formation.

Some time had passed, and the last stroke could finally be seen clearly!

Chu Liuyue suddenly opened her eyes as she raised her bare hands and slowly outlined something in mid-air.

Countless rays of light flew out and intertwined in front of her, looking very mesmerizing.

Following what she had learned before, Chu Liuyue meticulously followed the steps and did it step by step. Very quickly, a rough Xuan formation outline appeared in front of her!

But as it was her first time, she wasn't well-practiced in many areas. Besides, Chu Liuyue hadn't recovered her status as a ninth-grade Xuan Master, so although she forcefully outlined the Xuan formation, it was still rather rough.

However, Chu Liuyue was already very satisfied with this.

She gathered all her focus, stared at the Xuan formation closely, and slowly added the remaining lines.

As the Xuan formation became increasingly complete, its suppression and aura slowly strengthened!

When she solemnly and carefully drew the last stroke of light and completed the Xuan formation, she didn't even dare to breathe loudly. She tried her best to contain her emotions and looked up.

The academy's barrier was only ten steps away from her!

She raised her wrist gently and sent the small Xuan formation out. At first glance, it was like a butterfly that was eager to fly as it flew over, dancing lightly in mid-air.

Chu Liuyue held her breath.

Plop!

Plop!

Her heart seemed to be clutched tightly! Her heart beat intensely and clearly!

Such a short distance seemed to be especially long at this point.

Finally, the Xuan formation flew to the barrier. It was like a thin piece of paper that gently stuck itself to the barrier.

At this moment—

Chu Liuyue suddenly felt that there was a strange connection between her and that barrier!

This feeling wasn't unfamiliar.

She pressed her lips against each other as she walked forward and landed silently.

As she got closer to the barrier, the suppression and strength she felt became increasingly scary. When she stood near it, her bones even felt faintly painful.

However, Chu Liuyue had no time to care about all of this. Following the image in her mind, she stretched her hand out.

An extremely soft sound was heard.

The gigantic barrier slowly split open from the middle! The movement was extremely light, and the barrier at the sides didn't seem to be affected—they were as calm as the start.

Chu Liuyue raised her leg and stepped right over!

Rumble!

The moment Chu Liuyue walked out of the barrier, she heard a loud sound from far away!

She suddenly looked up and was shocked as her eyes rapidly shrunk!

Hundreds of people were fighting in the distant sky, and that sound seemed to have come from there!

Forces of all colors flew around and crazily collided with each other!

It was extremely messy, but Chu Liuyue still spotted Rong Xiu at first glance!

At this moment, Rong Xiu seemed to be surrounded by a group of people. His snow-white robe was already messily stained with blood.

Those people had no intention of letting him off.

A sharp arrow suddenly pierced through the air, going straight for the back of Rong Xiu's head!

The peach blossom on Chu Liuyue's wrist immediately bloomed as she crazily circulated her bodily force! The next moment, her figure completely disappeared! .

Chapter 1194: Protect Her Safety

Rong Xiu detected the gust of cold wind attacking him from behind. His eyes turned harsh, and the golden light in his palm moved!

Suddenly, he paused in his movement, his face looking confused for once.

With that moment of hesitation, that sharp arrow had reached behind him and was about to pierce through his body!

"Rong Xiu!" When Elder Shu Feng and the rest saw this scene from afar, they were stunned as they widened their eyes. They hollered, "Quickly move away!"

How could Rong Xiu be distracted at this point?!

Jin Lei sneered, and the corner of his lips curled up. His eyes were filled with mockery as if victory was in his hands. *Rong Xiu is very good at combat. The crowd surrounded him and attacked him, but we couldn't get much of an upper hand. But so what? At such a critical moment when he couldn't be hesitant and distracted, a minor mistake will cause severe consequences!*

But just when Jin Lei thought he could wait for Rong Xiu to fall, a long and slender figure suddenly appeared behind Rong Xiu!

That person appeared extremely suddenly. Without even any energy ripples, he appeared right there!

Teleportation!

When Jin Lei and the surrounding crowd saw this, the same thought surfaced in their minds! *They should be a true god at the very least to be able to teleport instantly. However, we've already surrounded Rong Xiu completely, and the academy elders failed in coming after many tries. How did this person—*

Tsing!

A crisp and forceful impact was heard!

That person held a black sword and blocked the arrow on the outside!

Huala!

That person moved their wrist easily, and the sharp arrow was averted as the dark sword body lightly scraped past it!

The sound was sharp to the ears! However, that person's black sword swiftly landed and cut the sharp arrow down the middle directly!

Ka!

Everything happened in that one moment!

"Who's there?" Jin Lei and the others' hearts tightened as they focused on the scene before them.

But when they saw that person's appearance, they were collectively taken aback. *That is... a young man?*

That was indeed a young man!

He was wearing a light-green robe and had a long, slender body. He looked handsome and had the unique youthfulness written all over his face.

He didn't look like he was older than 20. He was a child who didn't seem like he could be compared to these people. But at this moment, he held the black sword and broke through their defense in that manner suddenly and rapidly. He appeared behind Rong Xiu and blocked that arrow!

Almost at the same moment, the crowd instantly understood that he used a Yuan instrument that allowed him to teleport instantly.

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The chaotic scene had a moment of cold silence.

Chu Liuyue held the sword with both hands, and the arrow shocked her until her limbs turned numb.

If it weren't because she had been training with Big Baby all this while and had greatly increased her physical strength, she definitely wouldn't be able to hold the arrow back.

Chu Liuyue could feel the countless sharp gazes from the surroundings that scraped past her body like blades.

"Who are you?!" hollered Jin Lei. He instinctively wanted to check what cultivation level this person had, but he shockingly discovered that the other party had hidden his aura very well.

Even he couldn't find out that young man's true abilities. But being able to block that arrow made it seem like he was at least a stage-nine warrior.

Facing such a young face, Jin Lei really couldn't connect him with the words 'legendary warrior.'

However, Chu Liuyue ignored his words as she looked around and glanced at Rong Xiu.

Their eyes met.

The shock and confusion in Rong Xiu's eyes had disappeared, leaving behind a dark color that she couldn't see clearly.

Ripples lightly moved as if he were overwhelmed.

This gaze was enough.

Chu Liuyue heaved a sigh of relief. *His appearance and aura are fine, so he shouldn't be too injured. Also... he looks like he is handling it well.*

Her gaze quickly scanned the bloodstains left on his body. *Most of them shouldn't be his.*

This caused her anxious heart to calm down, but another thought quickly flashed across her mind at the same time. *Rong Xiu is much stronger than I had expected! This man...*

“Chu Yue?!” Just when the people here fell into an eerie silence, the few academy elders finally saw Chu Liuyue’s face from afar and couldn’t help but be stunned.

Elder Wan Zheng was the most taken aback. His usually calm face that never changed its expression was filled with shock.

It was first filled with shock and then anger. “Why are you here?”

Didn't this kid say that he was going back just now? Why did he suddenly appear here and directly barge into the center of the encirclement!? Does he think that he has lived for too long?!

Chu Liuyue originally wanted to explain a thing or two, but the murderous gazes from the surroundings didn’t give her a chance to speak.

“Chu Yue?” Jin Lei’s gaze swept across Chu Liuyue, and he sneered. “It seems like you’re also a Ling Xiao Academy student?”

He quickly searched through his mind and realized that there wasn’t a top-tier family in the God Residence Realm with the last name ‘Chu.’ This caused him to be even more bold and fearless as he didn’t take Chu Liuyue seriously at all. *Today, I have even offended all these people from Ling Xiao Academy, so why would I be scared of such a little fellow?*

“You’re young, but you’re really bold!”

Chu Liuyue held the Long Yuan Sword in her hands tightly, but she didn’t seem to be nervous at all. Upon hearing this, she even laughed. “Everyone praises me like that.”

Jin Lei’s eyelids harshly twitched, and his face quickly turned cold. “It seems like your academy’s elders really don’t know how to teach their kids. Hasn’t anyone told you that there are some people you can’t offend?!”

Chu Liuyue blinked and looked at Rong Xiu before she said sincerely, “Senior Brother Rong Xiu, are these people I can’t offend?”

Her call of ‘Senior Brother Rong Xiu’ was clear and soft as she dragged out the last syllable slightly. This made it seem like a light feather was scratching one’s palm, causing one to itch from their hearts.

Looking at her pair of watery and cunning eyes—as well as her playful smile—Rong Xiu raised his brows as his gaze turned deep. *Her character really hasn’t changed. If there weren’t so many people present, I...*

He silently suppressed his urge as his thin lips curled up at a perfect angle.

“Of course not.” His voice was low and magnetic as every single word and sentence was like a light mutter to one’s ears, causing one to be mesmerized unwittingly. “You can offend them however you want.”

The duo’s conversation was flirtatious, but it seemed impudent to others—even arrogant.

As if he heard a joke, Jin Lei laughed out loud. He then raised his ax and pointed at the duo! “Everyone, it’s about time.”

Harsh and sharp murderous intent suddenly exploded from his body!

When the elders saw this scene far away, their hearts all skipped a beat.

Elder Wan Zheng very anxiously wanted to go forward, but Rong Xiu suddenly glanced at him.

His distinguished and unparalleled face had a smile plastered to it. “Elders, don’t worry. With me around, I’ll definitely assure her safety.”

Chapter 1195: Rong Xiu’s Ability!

Elder Wan Zheng and the rest were stunned.

At that moment, Jin Lei and the others had already taken action! Almost at the same time, the academy elders immediately followed!

A portion of them was stopped. After all, quite a few elders had come out from the academy's side, and the two parties had equal numbers. But amongst them, some people were faster and surrounded Rong Xiu and Chu Liuyue.

Rong Xiu suddenly took a step closer and lightly patted Chu Liuyue's shoulders. "Stay here. Leave the rest to me."

Chu Liuyue felt her shoulders sink. Then, something silently flowed down her shoulders.

She opened her hands and quickly put the item into her Cosmic Ring. Then, she looked at Rong Xiu.

The two of them exchanged a glance and understood what the other party meant.

She silently nodded. "Senior Brother, be careful."

The next moment, Rong Xiu lifted his hand and rapidly set up a golden barrier around Chu Liuyue! Then, he moved his figure and stood before Chu Liuyue. "Their target is me."

He lifted his chin slightly and looked calm, but he revealed a natural nobleness that came from his bones. "Come up together!"

Rong Xiu's sentence completely agitated those few people. "Arrogant!"

These few years, Rong Xiu had a famous reputation as the Sky-Cloud Empire's His Grace. Rumors had it that his birth mother secretly married someone from outside the realm and gave birth to him.

He was only discovered by the Sky-Cloud Empire's people a few years after he was born and was later brought back.

In the beginning, the Sky-Cloud Empire planned to kill him directly. After all, such a matter was a huge stain to any top-tier country in the God Residence Realm. However, the Sky-Cloud Empire still kept him in the end—because of his shocking talent!

In the end, not only could he live in the Sky-Cloud Empire, but he even became His Grace!

Rumors had it that his personality was violent, and his methods were vicious. If not, he wouldn't have held great power during the mere few years the Sky-Cloud Empire's clan leader was in seclusion, taking control of the entire Sky-Cloud Empire.

Hence, from the very start, Jin Lei and the others didn't underestimate Rong Xiu. But hearing him say this now, they still found it ridiculous.

After experiencing the previous battle, they roughly already knew how capable Rong Xiu was. It was normal for him to be able to resist for a while, but it was impossible for him to challenge so many people at the same time!

Jin Lei took action first!

The others didn't lag behind as they were terrified that Jin Lei would snatch the item away, so they quickly followed!

Rong Xiu floated in mid-air and raised his arm.

A ball of golden light rapidly appeared in his palms! At the same time, his surrounding aura crazily exploded!

The shocking suppression started spreading in all directions with him as the center!

Jin Lei's heart tingled, and he suddenly felt uneasy. After experiencing the bitter battle just now, Rong Xiu should be weaker. However, why does he seem the same as before?

At this point, Rong Xiu looked up.

Two balls of golden fire quickly flashed across the depths of his two eyes!

Jin Lei suddenly noticed something, and shock flashed across his face. "Why do you have a god—

Rumble!

Jin Lei didn't even have time to finish his sentence.

Rong Xiu waved his wrist, and a golden ball of fire silently flew out!

It was the size of a fist, but the outer layer seemed to be wrapped by a transparent layer of glass as it contained rich golden light.

When it glided through the air, it very strangely didn't cause any energy ripples. It seemed like it just floated forward in a slow and ordinary manner.

Shock quickly flashed across Jin Lei's eyes as he rapidly moved backward! This Rong Xiu still hid his true abilities previously!

He panicked and retreated as if that small golden ball of light was something extremely terrifying.

He was fast, but that golden ball of light was even faster! Jin Lei also quickly realized that his surrounding space became sticky and heavy!

His every move used up more strength than ever!

"Why is his God Realm so powerful?!" At this point, the few people at the side finally realized something was wrong as they all yelled in shock.

Jin Lei's throat tightened, and all the blood in his body seemed to freeze as his mind turned blank!

Rong Xiu was the Sky-Cloud Empire's His Grace. According to the rumors, his bloodline power had long awakened, and he had already crafted Your Grace's Golden Body.

The so-called 'Your Grace's Golden Body' was a special Holy Body. It was the Sky-Cloud Empire's unique technique.

Even if other cultivators became true gods, they might not be able to produce their own Holy Body. However, the Sky-Cloud Empire was different. Over the years, their His Graces could unleash their bloodline power and form Your Grace's Golden Body when they broke through to become a true god. This was akin to crafting their own His Grace.

This was also why the Sky-Cloud Empire's His Grace always had strong combat skills.

This was beneficial, but it also had cons. Once they formed Your Grace's Golden Body, they wouldn't be able to produce an even stronger Holy Body.

This was their greatest weakness, but just now, Jin Lei clearly felt that Rong Xiu... had unleashed a Holy Body suppression that was stronger than Your Grace's Golden Body!

He has two Holy Bodies! His God Realm's suppression is naturally two times—no, more than two times stronger! When these crazy thoughts kept flashing across Jin Lei's mind, that golden ball of light had arrived three steps in front of him.

Rong Xiu's expression was nonchalant as he looked down at the others. His thin lips curled up slightly, and he spat out a word—the suppression was very heavy, like a royal verdict. "Break!"

Chapter 1196: Threat

With his command, the golden ball of light suddenly exploded!

Instantly, the golden light shone—it was extremely bright!

The dazzling light instantly enveloped the surroundings as the enormous God Realm descended!

Before those few people could exchange blows with Rong Xiu, they were already trapped within the God Realm!

They instinctively wanted to unleash their own God Realm to fight with his, but they quickly and shockingly discovered that their force was harshly restricted in this God Realm wrapped by the golden light.

They couldn't unleash their own God Realm at all, and every single movement became extremely difficult! They truly became meat on the cutting board!

If they couldn't find a way to get out of the God Realm quickly, they could only stay here and be attacked by Rong Xiu as he wished!

Jin Lei had no more intentions of fighting with Rong Xiu. Dual God Realm... Anybody will be bound to die if they go against him!

But even if Jin Lei had tried his best to retreat, it was too late. This was because they were originally close to Rong Xiu in terms of distance. Previously, he rushed to the front first, and it was too late for him to retreat now.

Compared to their sticky situation, Rong Xiu—who was in the middle—seemed especially carefree.

His gaze darkened, and the space before him started crumbling inch by inch. It was almost going to hit where those few people were at!

Everyone could tell that he could directly take their lives if he wanted to!

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It wasn't only Jin Lei and the others who fell into deep shock. The crowd that was in a chaotic battle sensed the commotion over here and looked over.

It was fine if they didn't look, but once they did, incredulous expressions flashed across all their faces.

In actual fact, even Elder Shu Feng and the others didn't know what Rong Xiu's current capabilities were. Thus, when they saw this scene, they weren't any less shocked than Jin Lei and the rest.

"W-wasn't Rong Xiu still bitterly fighting with them just now? Why did he suddenly become so strong?!" An elder couldn't help but mutter.

Elder Shu Feng suppressed the ripples crazily surging in his heart. "Is there a need to talk about it? He clearly hid his capabilities!"

Even though they didn't know why Rong Xiu suddenly changed his mind and used his true abilities, it was a good thing for them! This time... they were bound to win!

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“I surrender!” When the collapsing space was about to reach him, Jin Lei finally gave up without hesitation!

He looked tense, and his veins could faintly be seen. From this, they could tell that although he said this sentence swiftly, he wasn't very willing.

He did want the treasure. After all, a royal Yuan instrument was extremely rare in the God Residence Realm—even a top-tier family would go crazy over it.

But at this point, he had to live to get it. He would lose all his eggs in the basket if he died here, and others would benefit greatly!

Jin Lei had seen quite a few large scenes. Even though he was hot-tempered, he could still put down his pride at key moments.

“Rong Xiu! As long as you stop now and let us leave, I guarantee that the Golden Wings Sect will never go against the Sky-Cloud Empire!”

Seeing that the speed of the space collapse didn't reduce, but the suppression he felt became increasingly stronger, Jin Lei couldn't help but swallow his saliva and raise his voice. “My words will count!”

Rong Xiu smiled. “Oh? Really?”

“Of course! I’m the eldest descendant of the sect leader. I’ll definitely fulfill what I say in front of so many people!”

When Jin Lei spoke, one could already feel the suppression intensifying. This caused his face to hurt faintly like a sharp knife kept scraping past his face.

Rong Xiu’s brows moved slightly in a seemingly smiling manner. “You should’ve said this earlier. Do you think you still have the right to bargain with me now?”

Jin Lei’s face turned white. He saw murderous intent in Rong Xiu’s eyes! Rong Xiu really dares to kill me!

Jin Lei completely panicked. “I-I... Rong Xiu, I just wanted to snatch that treasure, but I never wanted to kill you! If you kill me right here, the Golden Wings Sect won’t let this go!”

“You’re using the Golden Wings Sect to threaten me?” Rong Xiu’s tone was nonchalant, and his expression was light. “If the Golden Wings Sect’s leader were here, I might give him face. Who... are you?”

This calm voice had the strongest attack!

Jin Lei was stumped. He then recalled that although the sect leader thought highly of him, he wasn’t the person in control of the Golden Wings Sect.

On the other hand, Rong Xiu—as the Sky-Cloud Empire’s Your Grace—was equivalent to his clan’s sect leader!

As if this didn't have a huge enough impact on Jin Lei, Rong Xiu said, "Besides, even if I'm willing to let you guys off... the academy might not."

Causing trouble at Fangzhou City was equivalent to lashing out at Ling Xiao Academy's territory!

Originally, Jin Lei wanted to end the battle as soon as possible to snatch the item back. In consideration of the treasure, the sect leader would definitely protect him. But now, he didn't get the item and instead landed himself in a sticky situation. His life and death could be decided by the other party's single thought!

"Y-you did it on purpose just now?!" Jin Lei suddenly understood something and asked in an unbecoming manner.

Rong Xiu was previously surrounded, but he lost and won, so the two parties were in a tug-of-war situation. Hence, they thought that if they continued fighting, they could snatch the item back from Rong Xiu.

But thinking about it now, Rong Xiu was just stalling for time!

He gave them hope and let them think that they could get the item, but in actual fact, he was just wasting their strength and patience as he waited for the academy elders to come.

It was only now that he directly turned the tables and took the upper hand. They now wanted to leave, but they couldn't escape from the attack of so many elders.

At that moment, regret overwhelmed Jin Lei. I was too impulsive! If I had known of this earlier, I definitely wouldn't have come over!

Rong Xiu smiled slightly in acknowledgment. “You’re easier to trick than expected. It’s a pity that the Golden Wings Sect’s leader took so many years to nurture you and gave you such heavy responsibilities.”

In the end, he had no brains.

Jin Lei clenched his fists tightly, and countless thoughts flashed across his mind. His face gradually turned pale, and he quickly broke out into a cold sweat.

“He encouraged us!” Suddenly, a shrill voice came from the side. “We originally wanted to compete with you fairly, but he coaxed us into forming an alliance!”

“That’s right—it’s him! Everything is the Golden Wings Sect’s fault! It has nothing to do with us!”

“Rong Xiu! Elders! You should go to the person who committed the crime. This is his—Jin Lei’s fault!”

At that moment, the people from the various clans turned around and changed the situation.

Jin Lei was so furious that his entire body trembled, and he laughed out loud. “Great, great! Since all of you have said so, then... I won’t be polite with you!”

Once he said this, he suddenly hollered! The next moment, he forcefully struggled free from Rong Xiu’s God Realm!

At that moment, his skin cracked. Fresh blood flowed out!

He rushed straight to Chu Liuyue!

Chapter 1197: Supreme Yuan Instrument!

Jin Lei's explosion was very sudden. Nobody expected it—He was still bitterly begging for mercy the previous moment, but the next second, the tides were suddenly turned as he went straight for Chu Liuyue!

He did so in a very harsh manner as well!

The moment Jin Lei rushed over, Chu Liuyue realized what he wanted to do. Her leg moved, and she quickly dodged him.

It was most likely because Rong Xiu had set up a barrier around her, so even though she was situated within the God Realm, she didn't feel any impact and could move as freely as she wanted. This gave her a chance to avoid Jin Lei.

But at this point, Jin Lei was maniacal—the fate of dying made him break down. When everyone turned around and pushed all the responsibility to him, he knew that he was dead!

This matter had been spread far and wide.

Ling Xiao Academy needed an explanation, and the participating clans had to push the responsibility away. Even for the Golden Wings Sect, the sect leader wouldn't be willing to go against Ling Xiao academy and the other clans like the Sky-Cloud Empire just because of him—who didn't bring anything back!

Jin Lei just had to think to realize that he would definitely be the sacrificial lamb!

The outcome had been set, and he had no other way. So in his maniacal state, he could only think of one way to protect himself—hold a Ling Xiao Academy student hostage!

Whoever that student was and what identity they had didn't matter. The most important thing was that it was impossible for Ling Xiao Academy to publicly give up on their student in front of so many people!

They will definitely give in! These thoughts immediately popped up in Jin Lei's mind. Thus, he took action without hesitation.

Even if forcefully escaping Rong Xiu's God Realm would cause him to be covered in wounds, he couldn't even save himself at this moment. Therefore, why would he think about anything else?

"Black-boned leopard!" As he rapidly got close to Chu Liuyue, he hollered and summoned his own fiend!

To be more accurate, it was a legendary fiend!

A short but stout black figure immediately appeared on command! It was a totally black leopard with only dark-green eyes that looked like ghoulish fire, causing one to feel coldness from the bottom of their heart.

It was even faster than Jin Lei! In the blink of an eye, it had already rushed behind Chu Liuyue!

The human and fiend prepared to attack Chu Liuyue!

Chu Liuyue's gaze turned cold. "Tuan Zi!"

Hula!

The sound of wings flapping could be heard.

A bright-red, red-tailed phoenix appeared in front of everyone. It spread its wings, and the fire burned strongly!

Everywhere it passed, everything was about to be burned!

Seeing Tuan Zi, the black-boned leopard had a moment of hesitation and panic flash across its eyes.

Within the God Residence Realm, there were quite a few legendary fiends. But even if they were both legendary fiends, they had differences in status. Among the many legendary fiends, the two ancient legendary fiend groups—great phoenix dragon and red-gold heavenly phoenix—were in the lead.

Those ranked after were the legendary fiends that had the same bloodline power as them. Accordingly, their status would be higher if their bloodline power was stronger.

Even though the black-boned leopard was also a legendary fiend, it was still weak in comparison to Tuan Zi, who had an ancient legendary fiend's bloodline power.

Fear and respect for the two major ancient legendary fiend groups were deeply buried in the black-boned leopard's bones, causing it to be petrified and want to concede.

With this moment of hesitation, Tuan Zi had already struck first!

Rumble!

A ball of red fire flew out, going straight to the black-boned leopard!

The black-boned leopard hurriedly avoided it, but a part of its tail was still burned.

Tuan Zi directly leaned downward and rushed over! Its claws directly went for the black-boned leopard's eyes!

The two legendary fiends quickly battled!

Jin Lei's gaze had a moment of confusion. He didn't expect that this teen—who looked rather childish—could make an agreement with such a legendary fiend!

Perhaps this Chu Yue isn't so easy to deal with! But at this point, Jin Lei had no other options. Hence, he didn't stop in his tracks and rushed toward Chu Liuyue!

At the same time, he used all his strength to fight Rong Xiu's terrifying suppression as he forcefully raised his ax!

Then, he chopped down harshly!

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Ka!

A small crack appeared on the golden barrier!

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat. While she quickly retreated, she kept circulating her bodily force.

Bang!

The barrier cracked!

At this moment, the two of them were very close to each other!

Jin Lei raised his ax and chopped down again!

The empty air shook as the strong force crazily surged over!

Rong Xiu's gaze turned sharp, and the murderous intent burned in his eyes!

But at this moment, a strong light suddenly exploded in Chu Liuyue's hand. A golden ball of light rushed to the sky!

"It's the royal Yuan instrument!" Someone within the crowd gasped!

Chu Liuyue's heart shook. Royal Yuan instrument?! So they wanted to snatch this?!

Following this, Chu Liuyue saw that the ball of light left behind a faint golden glow wherever it passed.

Rong Xiu's golden God Realm silently disappeared.

After seeing this, Chu Liuyue's heart tightened, and she suddenly realized that something was amiss. The suppression of the royal Yuan instrument is stronger than Rong Xiu's God Realm?

She looked up.

The ball of light gradually became gentler. From here, one could vaguely see that something seemed to be inside and moved with the golden light.

The interior became increasingly clear. The more important thing was that the suppression rose crazily!

The moment Jin Lei's ax chopped down, the sharp aura was affected by the ball of light and disappeared silently.

Chu Liuyue sucked in her breath. This thing...

"That's not a royal Yuan instrument!" Elder Shu Feng suddenly said in shock. "That's a supreme Yuan instrument!"

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Once he said this, everyone was shocked!

Everyone—including the elders of Ling Xiao Academy—undoubtedly believed that the treasure at Ancient Feather Abyss would be a royal Yuan instrument. According to the history books of the academy, that Armory Refinement Master was a royal Armory Refinement Master back then.

Nobody expected that the last item he left behind was a rumored supreme Yuan instrument!

No wonder—no wonder he fell not long after he made it. It was clearly because this item exhausted all his strength and energy!

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In the deadly silence, Jin Lei was the first to react!

On the brink of death, he unleashed all his potential! Without thinking, he directly rushed forward!

Currently, the person closest to the supreme Yuan instrument is that kid and then me! As long as I can overtake the ignorant fool and take the supreme Yuan instrument, the situation can be saved! When Jin Lei thought of this, his gaze turned maniacal as he used all his strength to rush forward!

The moment Jin Lei took action, Chu Liuyue moved as well! Rong Xiu handed the item to me, not for me to lose it! If it really lands in someone else's hands, I can't bear the responsibility!

However, she quickly realized a problem—under the supreme Yuan instrument's terrifying strength, she couldn't instantly teleport!

In this manner, she would be slower than Jin Lei.

In no time, Jin Lei had already rushed forward! The two of them were inches apart!

Jin Lei directly flung his ax and chopped toward Chu Liuyue! "You want to fight with me? Dream on!"

Chapter 1198: Punch With One's Full Effort!

At this moment, the closest people to the supreme Yuan instrument were only Chu Liuyue and Jin Lei. Everyone's focus centered on who would be able to snatch the item!

When they saw Jin Lei directly throw the ax toward Chu Liuyue, all the academy elders' expressions changed!

"Chu Yue!" Elder Wan Zheng's heart harshly sank! That kid is just an intermediate stage-seven warrior! How can he be Jin Lei's match?! If he gets hit, I'm afraid—

Elder Wen Xi and the rest were also anxious.

At this point, nobody could take action in time. Everything... depended on Chu Yue alone!

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When Chu Liuyue saw Jin Lei, she knew that he was a legendary warrior.

He was a legendary warrior that had completely stepped into the Apotheosis Realm! This standard was much, much higher than her.

Even she knew clearly that she was bound to die if she fought with such a person! However, the two of them were so close—nobody could help her!

She had to take this hit!

Seeing the cold ax that was rapidly flying toward her, Chu Liuyue didn't hesitate as she brought out her greatest combat power!

But at that moment, her body was rapidly covered by a layer of gold armor! At the same time, a black shield stood before her!

Jin Lei disregarded this and couldn't help but chuckle. "This ax is an advanced legendary weapon, and it's extremely sharp. Don't think that you can randomly take out a broken shield to—"

Tsing!

The two items hit each other!

Before Jin Lei could finish his remaining words, his originally delighted expression suddenly became shocked and disbelieving. This was because his ax didn't break the black shield! Instead, it was bounced back by the intense impact!

Whish!

He quickly avoided it!

That ax scraped past his face, actually cutting off half his ear!

The intense pain overwhelmed him as his face started to bleed profusely! In addition to his pale face, he was in a more unkempt state!

This wasn't enough. The strong wind blew past him and also slowed him down.

The distance between him and Chu Liuyue increased again!

"You—" Jin Lei stared at Chu Liuyue in anger and shock. He held his ear with one hand while in disbelief about what had happened.

A teen that wasn't even in his twenties could actually resist his attack and even counter-attack to take the upper hand! One had to know that Jin Lei had used all his strength to ensure that the attack would hit the teen!

Humiliated!

Ridiculous!

Then, the young man revealed his face from behind the black shield. His clean and handsome face was pale as blood came out from the corner of his mouth—he wasn't totally unaffected by the previous exchange, but he was still complete in the end!

Jin Lei couldn't describe his current feelings. He looked at the black shield in Chu Liuyue's hand with shock and anger. This item clearly is problematic! Ever since I got that ax, I have almost been completely victorious! I have also never lost! No matter how strong something is or how thick the barrier is, I could easily chop it down with the ax. Didn't it happen to the barrier Rong Xiu put up previously? However, such a sharp ax had no use on that black shield!

Jin Lei took a closer look and realized that he didn't even leave a trace on it! This is definitely not a normal Yuan instrument!

Detecting his maniacal gaze, Chu Liuyue immediately became alert as her entire body tensed up. The other party is much stronger than me, and I almost couldn't withstand the previous impact. If it happens again, my arm will be rendered useless!

She swiftly rushed toward the thing above!

"Tuan Zi!" she yelled loudly!

A red figure instantly came closer—it was Tuan Zi, who had just attacked the black-boned leopard!

Its claws still had some flesh stuck in it. It was left behind when Tuan Zi scratched the black-boned leopard's face!

Chu Liuyue leaped up and jumped onto Tuan Zi's back.

Whoosh!

Tuan Zi flapped its wings, and its speed suddenly increased!

Jin Lei instinctively turned around to take a look.

The black-boned leopard could no longer be recognized as its face and body were badly mangled. Quite a few parts of its body were still burning as it rolled around in agony, trying hard to extinguish the fire.

But how could a red-tailed phoenix's fire be so easily extinguished?

As if detecting Jin Lei's gaze, the black-boned leopard looked up. The cold violence in its eyes had disappeared, replaced by overwhelming desire and hope.

Now, only its owner could help it!

But the next moment, Jin Lei forcefully retracted his gaze and rushed toward Chu Liuyue! At this time, he had already crossed the bridge and couldn't even protect himself. Thus, how could he still care about someone else?

The black-boned leopard was useless and couldn't help him anymore. He could only abandon it!

Seeing Jin Lei's actions, the black-boned leopard's last complete eyeball moved. It was left with miserable hopelessness as it whimpered with grievances.

However, Jin Lei ignored it as he circulated all his strength. He hoped that he could snatch the supreme Yuan instrument before Chu Liuyue.

Imagination was perfect, but reality was cruel.

He quickly realized that the previous battle he experienced had exhausted more than half of his strength. He also couldn't catch up with the red-tailed phoenix!

The distance between the two parties became increasingly larger!

This made Jin Lei more and more anxious. If I can't even grab this last chance, I will have to stay here forever!

After much thinking, he clenched his teeth and made a bold decision. Since I'm bound to die, why don't I take a gamble!? Even if I die, I can still drag someone down!

Thinking of this, a strange pattern suddenly appeared on his forehead—it was the Golden Wings Sect's totem!

When the totem appeared, Jin Lei's surrounding force increased! It started intensifying at an abnormal speed!

An elder suddenly gasped. "Oh no! He's burning his own bloodline power!"

The disciples of the Golden Wings Sect naturally had bloodline power, but their bloodline power was different from what was passed down in other aristocratic families. Most of them attained their bloodline power through cultivation or other means, and this was the most important criterion to secure their foothold in the clan.

The greater one's bloodline power, the higher their power, and the more authority they had in the clan.

Jin Lei had now activated his totem and burned the bloodline power that he managed to accumulate with much difficulty. This proved that he was prepared to risk everything!

Chu Yue was in danger!

But once this was said, the crowd saw that Rong Xiu had already taken action!

Rong Xiu lifted his long legs and went close to Jin Lei! He had no expression as if his face were covered in a layer of frost that was chilling to the bone.

This made one undoubtedly think that he had already decided to kill Jin Lei!

Chapter 1199: Weapon Soul

Detecting the cold murderous intent that came from behind, Jin Lei instinctively turned around. He then took one glance at Rong Xiu and couldn't help shuddering.

A deep sense of fear suddenly emerged from the bottom of his heart! Why... Why does Rong Xiu suddenly have such a strong murderous intent toward me?! We've been fighting for so long, but Rong Xiu has been calm and nonchalant throughout, as if everything had nothing to do with him. That or he didn't even take those matters to heart. Even if Rong Xiu tried his best to take action and restrain us, he didn't show much emotion. But at this moment, he suddenly became like this...

Jin Lei really couldn't understand.

The lack of time and the danger of death caused him to be unable to think about this matter carefully. The only thing he could do was rush toward Chu Liuyue at an even faster speed!

Either I get the supreme Yuan instrument, or I hold that Chu Yue hostage!

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Chu Liuyue flew upward with Tuan Zi.

At this point, the supreme Yuan instrument had already stopped. It floated in the air quietly, and a faint layer of light enveloped it.

Chu Liuyue could forcefully see the outline of the item inside from her position. It seems like... a sword?!

The closer she was, the better she could feel the suppression coming from it!

Chu Liuyue held her breath. This sword's aura is much stronger than that of the Long Yuan Sword! The Long Yuan Sword was personally made by Ancestor back then, and it took a total of 81 bolts of lightning. It can be considered an advanced Yuan instrument. Even in the God Residence Realm, the Long Yuan Sword is definitely a treasure worth taking notice of.

Only after coming to the academy did Chu Liuyue realize that Shangguan Jing had outstanding talent in Armory Refinement even though he hadn't been able to break through to become a true god.

But every time she asked about this, Shangguan Jing didn't seem to want to talk about it further. After one or two attempts, Chu Liuyue didn't ask further. The sword in front of me is a supreme Yuan instrument, and it is two entire grades higher than the Long Yuan Sword! Its strength is unspeakable!

“Girlie, this supreme Yuan instrument has no weapon soul. You can obtain it!” Shangguan Jing’s voice suddenly sounded from the bottom of her heart.

Chu Liuyue was dazed. “Weapon soul?”

“That’s only something a Yuan instrument above the royal grade has. I’ll explain it to you in detail later! Right now, you must obtain it!”

The Long Yuan Sword was decent, but it couldn’t be compared to this item!

It was rare for Chu Liuyue to hear her ancestor this agitated, so she pressed her lips against each other. “Ancestor, please guide me.”

“The Long Yuan Sword has a sword soul. Although it can’t be compared to a weapon soul... With me around, I can help you! You just have to find the right time to transfer the sword soul to that sword!”

Such a chance was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! However, Chu Liuyue was rather hesitant. “But... Ancestor, this supreme Yuan instrument is the academy’s item. It doesn’t seem to be very appropriate for me to take it as my own.”

Hearing what they said previously, the academy had sent out quite a few people and used up a large portion of their manpower to get this item. If I do this now, I won’t be able to get over myself. Originally, this matter didn’t have much to do with me. I’m only here because I was worried about Rong Xiu. When it was dangerous earlier, Rong Xiu passed the Yuan instrument to me without hesitation so that I could protect it well. But if I take the chance to obtain it for myself...

Shangguan Jing was dazed for a moment, but his voice then turned much calmer. “You’re right. I was impulsive.”

He was emotional when he detected that the supreme Yuan instrument had no weapon soul, so he didn’t think so far. But after hearing Chu Liuyue’s words, and after he thought about it deeply, he felt that she made sense.

“Although a supreme Yuan instrument is very rare... we can just act according to what you say,” comforted Shangguan Jing.

It wasn’t that he had no regrets—even he had only heard about supreme Yuan instruments.

Now that such a rare treasure was right in front of her, Chu Liuyue chose to give it up. With her intelligence, it was impossible that she didn’t know what this meant.

“Yue’er, you’re the Shangguan clan’s pride.” Shangguan sighed with extreme emotion. With such a mentality, she will have nothing to worry about in the future.

Chu Liuyue smiled. “Thank you for the compliment, Ancestor. I’ll keep it first.”

At this moment, Tuan Zi had already reached the ball of light.

Chu Liuyue jumped down! She didn’t know how it flew out previously, so Chu Liuyue planned on letting it return to her Cosmic Ring.

But at this moment, Jin Lei suddenly approached! “Die!”

At that moment, Chu Liuyue's hair stood on end! After countless experiences on the brink of death, she had trained her instincts.

She turned around almost without hesitation!

Jin Lei's fist burning with his bloodline power was right before her!

Chu Liuyue raised her sword, and the holy force within her dantian immediately surged out!

Rumble!

The Long Yuan Sword suddenly exploded with a strong aura!

"Holy power?!" Jin Lei was taken aback. Is this young man really a legendary warrior?!

He had no time to think further, so he used all his force!

The reason why he dared to fight with Chu Liuyue bare-handed was that he had a layer of scales on his fist.

Although he hadn't completely produced his own Holy Body, he had finished forging this hand! This also meant that this punch was equivalent to a true Holy Body! Thus, Jin Lei was extremely confident.

Tsing!

The Long Yuan Sword and Jin Lei's fist met!

Chapter 1200: Hug

After a temporary silence, excruciating pain rushed up from his hand!

Jin Lei had a stunned expression for a moment.

Whoosh!

The sound of the sword piercing through his skin and flesh made one's teeth tremble. Jin Lei could even feel the sharp sword tip scraping past his bones!

Panic finally surfaced in his eyes, and he rapidly retreated! However... how could he come and go as he pleased?

Chu Liuyue stared at him coldly and sharply! At the same time, she held the hilt tightly and advanced further!

Helpless, Jin Lei could only turn his fist into a palm as he forcefully grabbed the blade! Without a doubt, this scraped off another portion of his flesh.

Blood kept flowing down from his hands and down the Long Yuan Sword's black sword body.

The excruciating pain caused his face to turn white. The next moment, he clenched his teeth, held onto the Long Yuan Sword, and harshly flung it away!

Even though the current Jin Lei was at the end of his wits, he was still a legendary warrior. A starving camel was still bigger than a horse.

At her highest speed, Chu Liuyue circulated the holy force in her body and punched Jin Lei. However, she still couldn't be compared to Jin Lei in many aspects.

It was like now—when Jin Lei hurled out a punch with all his might maniacally, he instantly caused Chu Liuyue to lose her balance.

Her body flung to the side!

A golden ray of light rapidly flew over as the gentle and strong strength gave Chu Liuyue support, allowing her to stabilize herself swiftly.

But at this moment, a tiny collision was heard by her ear.

Chu Liuyue instinctively turned around—it turned out that when she was flung out and struggling, the Long Yuan Sword she held hit the ball of light's side accidentally.

The tip of the sword had pierced an inch into the ball of light. That sound was made when the tip of the Long Yuan Sword touched the sword within.

Crisp, clear, melodious—once one heard it, one would definitely know that it was a good sword!

If it were any other time, Chu Liuyue would definitely be elated when she saw this treasure and heard this noise. It was even better if she had a chance to examine it closely.

But at this point, her heart suddenly skipped a beat as Shangguan Jing's words suddenly surfaced in her mind: The supreme Yuan instrument doesn't have a weapon soul!

Chu Liuyue hurriedly wanted to retrieve the Long Yuan Sword! But with her attempt, she realized that the Long Yuan Sword seemed to be stuck to that sword—it didn't move at all! At the same time, she clearly felt that something was flowing out of the Long Yuan Sword and kept going into the supreme Yuan instrument!

As the Long Yuan Sword's owner, Chu Liuyue knew too clearly what it was: sword soul!

The strength accumulated within the Long Yuan Sword started turning away crazily!

This time, Chu Liuyue was truly shocked. She never expected such a blunder to happen!

She increased her strength and wanted to take the Long Yuan Sword away, but it was to no avail.

The sword within the ball of light was extremely strong! It was crazily snatching the thing within the Long Yuan Sword!

At this point, she clearly felt that she couldn't control this scene.

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The others didn't notice Chu Liuyue's situation.

When Jin Lei saw that Chu Liuyue was standing still without moving, he thought that she was beaten up silly. He immediately wanted to take the upper hand and attack again!

But the moment he took a step out, he suddenly felt a gust of cold intent attack him.

He stiffened his neck and looked down.

An extremely thin golden line shook slightly in mid-air. It had a bloodstain on it, which was thick and red.

Enormous horror overwhelmed Jin Lei's heart. He turned around and saw that half his shin had been silently cut!

He didn't even hear the sound of his bones breaking as everything had happened too quickly! The next moment, that half of his shin suddenly dropped down under his gaze.

He looked up in shock and saw that Rong Xiu had arrived near him. But as he was too focused on battling Chu Liuyue, he didn't notice the latter at all.

Rong Xiu stood in mid-air, and a layer of frost covered his unparalleled appearance. His deep pair of eyes seemed like a lake frozen for a thousand years—just one look could freeze a whole person!

That was an intense murderous intent!

Rong Xiu stood with one hand behind his back as his other hand was wrapped around a golden string—it was exactly the one that cut off Jin Lei's shin!

Jin Lei's face flushed white as his dry lips trembled. "I..."

Rong Xiu's long fingers moved slightly, and that golden string instantly turned into countless sharp light blades that flew toward Jin Lei!

"No—" Detecting the danger, Jin Lei wanted to beg for mercy, but he felt his throat turn cold.

Warm blood suddenly flowed out—his throat was cut!

Jin Lei raised his hand in panic, wanting to cover the wound on his throat, but he realized that his hand had dropped off. Then, it was his lower arm and upper arm.

Excruciating pain could be felt all over his body.

Jin Lei opened his mouth, but there was only the sound of the wind.

He knew that his body was slowly disintegrating. He could even feel his surrounding blood flow out and rapidly turn cold!

Jin Lei widened his eyes and shot Rong Xiu a deadly stare. His eyes then exploded, turning into smoke silently.

Countless people saw this hell-like scene, and they were all taken aback.

This was what it meant to kill someone by dismembering their body!

When they looked at Rong Xiu again, quite a few people's thoughts had changed. Rong Xiu was able to kill him with such a harsh method, yet he looks so calm and nonchalant. This man is really too terrifying!

But the next moment, they saw an even more shocking scene—the young man standing next to the ball of light fainted suddenly.

And the moment he fell, Rong Xiu went to his side and hugged his waist.