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Chu Liuyue's heart suddenly tightened!

Rong Xiu turned around and lightly shook his head toward her, indicating to her to calm down.

The sounds below still continuously sounded.

"What's going on?" Elder Meng was clearly confused by this news, and his first reaction was disbelief.

"Chu Yue is Rong Xiu's person. How can he be related to Black Demon Hole? Besides, the Heavenly Square Cauldron is one of the top ten holy weapons. It has been missing for thousands of years without any traces. How can it suddenly be with Chu Yue?!"

Who would believe that such a treasure is with that kid?!

"I don't believe it either, but the news has spread far and wide outside! We can't just ignore it!" Elder Wen Xi was extremely anxious. "This time, they didn't personally come forward, and all used letters to convey their messages harshly. Their attitudes are clear. Bo Yan is handling this now, and he asked me to come over and check on Chu Yue."

No matter what, this couldn't be avoided.

Black Demon Hole had quite a high status in the God Residence Realm, but its reputation was rotten. That was because their cultivation techniques were unreasonable and evil, and most of the people in the clan were cunning and ruthless. Their methods were cruel.

The other aristocratic families in the God Residence Realm rarely interacted with them. Quite a few of them even had deep feuds against them.

It was a pity that Black Demon Hole was quite strong and not one to be trifled with. Hence, even now, everyone's best choice was to keep them a distance away.

Chu Yue's name was now connected to the Black Demon Hole. How could one not mind it?!

If they weren't solemnly warned by Rong Xiu and Elder Bo Yan previously, and they had more considerations, they would've rushed over! Not to mention that the rumors even said that the Heavenly Square Cauldron was with Chu Yue!

If it were an ordinary treasure, it would be fine. However, this was one of the top ten holy weapons!

In the God Residence Realm, the few family clans with a top ten holy weapon had more speaking rights than anyone else! It wasn't an exaggeration to say that such a treasure was enough to promote a second-tier family to a top-tier one, and it was the type with extremely high status and power!

Who wouldn't be moved? In the God Residence Realm, there were many aristocratic families. If one wanted a strong footing in this intense battle, it would be as hard as ascending the skies!

But if one had one of the top ten holy weapons, all of this would be easy to solve! Hence, this time, it wasn't an interrogation by those top-tier aristocratic families alone. Even those second-tier ones started to become restless.

The situation was urgent. If not, Elder Wen Xi wouldn't have directly barged in so recklessly.

"Elder Meng, this situation is serious. Chu Yue can't avoid it no matter what. Bo Yan told me to come over and check on how his body is recovering. If he's much better, then he can go over and discuss how to handle this matter with Bo Yan." Elder Wen Xi finally stated his motives.

Elder Meng furrowed his brows tightly and had a solemn expression. Being involved with the Heavenly Square Cauldron and Black Demon Hole is indeed great trouble... However, Chu Yue failed in breaking through to become an intermediate stage-nine warrior just a few days ago, and he's now in a crucial period of recovering. How could he just go out like that? Isn't this taking his body and future as a joke?!

"For Chu Yue's side... There are still some issues that need time to be handled. Can Bo Yan wait for a while?"

Elder Wen Xi asked, "Then... how long will it take?"

"Half a month—no, ten days!" said Elder Meng with some uncertainty.

Actually, if it were an ordinary cultivator facing this situation, they wouldn't recover without two or three months. Luckily, Chu Yue's physique was better, and Rong Xiu rushed over in time. Later on, he kept helping so Chu Yue could recover quicker.

But no matter how fast he was, he still needed some time!

Elder Wen Xi smiled in a very bitter and difficult manner. "Ten days... Do you think this is possible?"

Those people already wanted to rush over again to take Chu Yue away directly! Waiting for Elder Bo Yan to reply was the only compromise they were willing to make now. How could they be willing to wait calmly for ten days?!

Even if it were five days, they would panic!

"What else can we do then!? To what extent do these people want to force Chu Yue?! He's only 17!" Elder Meng was enraged.

Even though he acted very displeased every time Chu Yue came over, in actual fact, he did like the kid.

Fengmin Mountain had a special status. For all these years, he was the only one quietly guarding it.

Lonely, cold, boring.

Sometimes, the students who committed mistakes were locked here, and they were mostly terrified with pale faces. They didn't even dare to utter another word.

When their punishment was finished, those scoundrels ran faster than anyone else!

However, Chu Yue was different. He was talented and intelligent, and the key was that he was active and very interesting.

Elder Meng said he didn't want to see Chu Yue, but he did miss the latter quite a bit. Now that he had heard all these terrible things, he naturally couldn't help but speak for Chu Yue.

It is already miserable enough that Chu Yue failed to break through. Now that people suddenly accused him of all of this, what is he supposed to do?!

Elder Wen Xi laughed bitterly. "They won't care about these things... Last time, we forcefully protected him with Bo Yan and Rong Xiu standing up for him. But at that time, it was probably because everyone had doubts. However, nobody had any evidence, so they relented. Do you think they will be easily appeased this time?"

One just had to think with their toes to know that they wouldn't! With absolute benefits involved, who would stand by and watch?

There seemed to be a fire in Elder Meng's chest, and it went up bit by bit as if it were going to explode out the next moment.

"Elder Meng." A clear and calm voice came from upstairs.

Elder Wen Xi and Elder Meng were all taken aback as they looked up collectively.

"Chu Yue?!" Elder Wen Xi opened his mouth. Why is he on the second floor? And isn't that Rong Xiu beside him?! He's here too?!

"Elder Wen Xi, I'll go with you," Chu Liuyue said calmly.

"No!" Elder Meng immediately objected to it and furrowed his brows. "Your health—you must stay here and recuperate for a while!"

If he goes over now, who knows what will happen? If things blow up... How could Chu Yue's tiny body handle it?

Chu Liuyue smiled and felt grateful toward Elder Meng in her heart. I know that Elder Meng is thinking for me, but now that things have developed to this stage, there isn't much meaning in hiding further. Everyone has already crawled onto my head. Why should I continue tolerating it? No matter what considerations I have, I know that I have to face it myself.

She walked down the stairs. Rong Xiu was a step behind her and followed her.

"Thank you for your kind intentions, Elder Meng, but this started because of me. Therefore, I have to face it personally." Chu Liuyue smiled.

Elder Meng and Elder Meng were dazed.

The young man before them had a decent appearance, smiled gently, and wasn't nervous at all. This aura... changed their impression of him.

Elder Meng's heart faltered again. "Are you sure? Those people aren't so easy to deal with..."

Chu Liuyue blinked. "My conscience is clear. Why must I be nervous and scared of them?"

As she spoke, she looked at Elder Wen Xi. "Can I daringly ask something? Elder Wen Xi, do you know... who spread this news?"

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This was the thing Chu Liuyue wanted to know the most now. No matter if it was connecting her to Black Demon Hole or revealing that the Heavenly Square Cauldron was with her... These matters were extremely secretive.

All along, she had been very meticulous, terrified that something would leak. This was because she knew too well that if word got out, she would be in a lot of trouble.

But she didn't expect that despite being so careful, someone still schemed against her! She thought that she had hidden it very well, yet she didn't know that someone was already staring at her in the dark!

Who exactly is the other party? And how much do they know? Chu Liuyue couldn't be sure. I have too many secrets with me. Revealing any one of them would cause a huge commotion! According to my current abilities, it would be very hard for me to deal with these problems...

Elder Wen Xi was dazed for a moment and shook his head. "I don't know yet. It seems like those aristocratic families all found out about it overnight. Bo Yan has already sent someone to check, but..."

It would be weird if they could find out about it. The other party clearly came prepared, so why would they make a mistake on this small matter?

"So it means someone sent this news to all of them at the same time?" Chu Liuyue thought to herself.

"There might be this possibility, but... It should be like this." Elder Wen Xi hesitated for a moment before expressing his agreement.

"The letters to all these aristocratic families seemed to have been sent at the same time. If the rumors were spread amongst themselves one by one, their reactions wouldn't be so unified and fast. However—"

Who could it be?

Chu Liuyue smiled. "The God Residence Realm is extremely large. All the aristocratic families have their own territories and are very far away from each other, so it isn't easy for the culprits to tell all of them the news at the same time..."

Her black gem-like eyes had few hints of mockery. In order to defeat her, the other party has spent all their efforts.

"Chu Yue, you..." When Elder Meng heard this, his expression turned grave, and his wrinkles were all creased together. "Who exactly did you offend?"

Why would the other party spend so much effort going against him?

Chu Liuyue touched her chin, spread her hands, and smiled slightly. "I've offended too many people. I can't figure out who it is in such a short amount of time."

"..." Elder Wen Xi and Elder Meng exchanged glances and had nothing to say to this. According to Chu Yue's personality, he could do such a thing... But why can this kid still smile now?! Does he know how severe these allegations are? Whichever one is verified... Even if he is accused, he will never make a comeback!

If everyone from those aristocratic families steps on Chu Yue once, it can cause him to stay in the 18 layers of hell and never make a comeback! Even if Ling Xiao Academy and Rong Xiu protect him with their all, it is no use!

Chu Liuyue bowed respectfully to Elder Meng. "Thank you for taking care of me during this period of time, Elder Meng. I'm very grateful."

Elder Meng knew that she had made up her mind. He looked at her with a complicated expression. "You... be careful."

The corner of Chu Liuyue's lips curled up. She nodded and looked at Elder Wen Xi. "Elder, let's go."

Why wouldn't Elder Wen Xi feel terrible? But he had no other choice now, and they could only take it one step at a time.

He acknowledged and bade Elder Meng farewell before he left with Chu Liuyue.

Rong Xiu followed them.

Elder Wen Xi glanced at him and didn't object to it. Instead, he felt more secure. It seems like Rong Xiu doesn't plan on just sitting by the side. With the Sky-Cloud Empire supporting her, their situation will be much better. It will make those people fearful to some extent.

Those few people left quickly.

The door slowly closed and separated everything from the outside world.

There was dead silence in the area.

After a while, Elder Meng sighed and turned to go upstairs.

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Chu Liuyue and Rong Xiu followed Elder Wen Xi directly to Dong Huang Clock Tower.

This wasn't Chu Liuyue's first time here. During the few months she had been enrolled in the academy, she had come here more than most of the other students.

Of course, there was never something good. It was like this every time, and it was even... worse than before.

The Chi Xiao Sword incident was at least considered an internal affair in the academy. The elders took into consideration the fact that she was an academy student and didn't harshly pursue responsibility.

Besides, she had even 'saved' Rong Xiu back then.

She used her merits to pay for her wrongdoings, and this matter just passed.

But this time... All those aristocratic families pressured her from the outside. How could it be settled so easily?

When she entered the hall, it was totally solemn.

Elder Bo Yan sat at the front, and many important elders sat on both sides of him. Elder Wan Zheng was naturally one of them.

"He's here," said Elder Wen Xi as he was at the front and continued walking in.

The crowd looked over.

Chu Liuyue instantly felt that the gazes were materialized, and they suppressed her body heavily. At that moment, even the surrounding air became sticky and cold.

Chu Liuyue still looked calm on the surface. As she walked to the middle, she bowed to the crowd. "I'm Chu Yue. Greetings, Elders."

Rong Xiu stood beside her and was just half an arm's length away.

Seeing that he followed over, Elder Bo Yan found it strange. Previously, I told someone to invite Rong Xiu over, but why did he come with Chu Yue and Wen Xi?

As if seeing through his doubts, Elder Wen Xi coughed and explained, "When I went to Fengmin Mountain, Rong Xiu was coincidentally there."

The crowd then understood.

There was nothing weird about it. Others couldn't go to Fengmin Mountain, but Rong Xiu could.

Elder Bo Yan nodded at Rong Xiu and pointed toward an empty seat that was specifically left behind. "It's good that you're here too. Rong Xiu, take a seat."

That position was very close to Elder Bo Yan, which showed how highly he thought of him.

Clearly, they didn't treat Rong Xiu as a student.

Today, Rong Xiu's identity was the Sky-Cloud Empire's His Grace!

Rong Xiu didn't decline it. He acknowledged it, stretched his long legs, and walked over to sit down directly.

Elder Wen Xi glanced at Chu Liuyue worriedly before sitting on his own seat.

The door was closed. Inside the spacious and elegant hall, it was so silent that one could hear a pin drop.

A layer of barrier was slightly shaking on the wall, which sealed the inside. All the sounds and commotions here wouldn't spread outside.

"Chu Yue, did Wen Xi tell you about the current situation earlier?" Elder Bo Yan straightened his body. His pair of deep and experienced eyes stared straight at Chu Liuyue as he asked this with a deep voice.

Chu Liuyue nodded lightly. "I roughly know about it."

"Then, what do you have to say now?" Elder Bo Yan held the chair's handle tightly with one hand. "Do you have any relationship with Black Demon Hole? And did you participate in the Flood-Desert Northern Region matters? Additionally... Is the Heavenly Square Cauldron with you?!"

Straightforward and brief, yet sharp questioning!

At that moment, the originally silent hall became even colder.

Countless pairs of eyes landed on Chu Liuyue as they all awaited her answer.

Chu Liuyue smiled slightly. "I have nothing to do with Black Demon Hole, and I was also a victim in the Flood-Desert Northern Region. As for the Heavenly Square Cauldron... Do you think I can still safely be alive if I have one of the top ten holy weapons?"

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The young man's voice was clear, and he had a genuine expression. His pair of dark eyes were as deep as black gems that sank into the river, and a faint crystal light covered them.

When others looked at him, they would be unwittingly convinced.

The crowd was dazed, and they faltered a little. Yeah! If Chu Yue really had a treasure and other people knew about it, how could his life be so peaceful for such a long time? Anyone who has brains would take advantage of the situation that not many people know about it and snatch it first, right?

After all, Chu Yue is only a stage-nine warrior now. If the other party really wanted to snatch his treasure, they had many chances, and Chu Yue wouldn't be their match at all.

But now, this news has spread far and wide. Everyone is tempted, and everyone wants a share of the loot. The person who spread this news behind the scenes has clearly targeted Chu Yue! One Chu Yue can use a Heavenly Square Cauldron to lure people? This is clearly going for Chu Yue, right?

Elder Bo Yan secretly heaved a sigh of relief in his heart. As long as Chu Yue's circumstances aren't like they've said in the rumors, everything is much easier. If not, I really don't know how to handle this mess.

"Rumors are flying outside, and most aristocratic families believe it, so the situation is very disadvantageous toward you." Elder Bo Yan loosened his hands and knocked against the chair handle with his index finger. "You must think of a way to prove your innocence."

This didn't really make sense. Someone clearly accused him on purpose, yet Chu Yue had to prove his innocence.

Everyone knew that this wasn't easy, but they didn't have a choice. These aristocratic families have lost some of their people in the Flood-Desert Northern Region, yet they can't find the mastermind. Thus, it is hard to unleash their anger. Now that these rumors are spreading everywhere, they have to choose to stand on the same side and vent their anger on Chu Yue. Hence, all their strife is directed at Chu Yue, and Chu Yue can only withstand it.

"I know." Chu Liuyue smiled. "I caused so much trouble for the academy previously, and I haven't had the chance to officially thank and apologize to you and the elders. I didn't expect such a commotion to happen so soon. I really feel very bad about it."

She spoke very sincerely. Some elders—who originally planned on scolding her—could only shut their mouths.

At the end of the day, Chu Yue was pretty innocent. He just followed on a trip to the Flood-Desert Northern Region. As his luck was better, he obtained some twist of fate and was targeted!

What fault did he have? Let's not mention that he had helped Elder Hua Feng and the rest quite a bit in between.

On the academy's side, most of them didn't have much of an opinion against him. This kid is just unlucky...

Elder Bo Yan waved his hands. "That incident is over; you don't have to talk about it again. You're from our Ling Xiao Academy. Whatever the time, nobody can randomly accuse you!"

Not to mention others, even if it was in consideration of the academy's reputation, they couldn't casually compromise—unless Chu Yue was really problematic. However, that could only be done after a thorough investigation and concrete evidence.

Chu Liuyue's heart felt warm. The corner of her lips curled up, and she said genuinely, "Thank you, Elder Bo Yan."

"But there's something..." Elder Bo Yan's brows couldn't relax fully. "As a compromise, they request you to give everyone a clear explanation after you come out from Fengmin Mountain."

"Regarding the Flood-Desert Northern Region?"

"I'm now afraid you have to include Black Demon Hole and the Heavenly Square Cauldron." Elder Bo Yan felt his head ache. This commotion became increasingly larger. We haven't solved the initial trouble, yet so many other things happened afterward.

"I understand." Chu Liuyue nodded lightly. Since the incident started because of me, I naturally have to come out and solve it.

"Elder Bo Yan, could you do me a favor then?"

"Go ahead and speak."

"Since they want an explanation, I'll give them one." The corner of Chu Liuyue's lips curled up slightly, yet her eyes were crystal clear. "Could I trouble you to send out an invitation to invite them over? I'll go against them face-to-face to explain everything clearly!"

Once Chu Liuyue said that, the crowd was stunned!

"Chu Yue?!" Elder Wan Zheng was the first to not hold back. "You can't be impulsive!"

What's going on? Previously, we finally managed to chase those people away with much difficulty. In the blink of an eye, this kid actually wants to take the initiative to invite them over? Does he think this is not chaotic enough? If the incident really blows up... Chu Yue's circumstances would be extremely dangerous!

Chu Liuyue shrugged her shoulders, smiled, and glanced at him rather helplessly. "Mentor, this is the best option we have now, right?"

Ling Xiao Academy can help me once, but not every time. As long as this incident isn't resolved, it will be a hidden danger. Besides... I also want to see who is targeting me secretly! I had to investigate who spread the news regarding Black Demon Hole and the Heavenly Square Cauldron!



Seeing Chu Liuyue's determined attitude and fearless gaze, Elder Wan Zheng was stumped.

How would he not know the advantages and disadvantages involved? But all these years, he only had this one precious disciple, so he was naturally reluctant!

After a while, Elder Wan Zheng shook his head. "Forget it... Since you've already made up your mind, then... just do it."

I can just protect him till the end. No matter what, nobody could harm my disciple, not even a strand of his hair!

Chu Liuyue smiled gratefully and glanced at Elder Bo Yan.

However, Elder Bo Yan suddenly looked at Rong Xiu. "Rong Xiu, you think—"

Previously, it was all thanks to Rong Xiu that they could stop those people. Now that we were making a decision, he wanted to ask for Rong Xiu's opinion.

Rong Xiu leaned against the couch by the side, and his attitude was relaxed and distinguished.

He smiled slightly. "He can do whatever he wants. At most, I'll just indulge him."

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Arrogant and preposterous, yet it was so domineering that one couldn't say anything!

During the previous stalemate with the crowd, Elder Bo Yan realized how highly Rong Xiu thought of Chu Yue. Hence, he wasn't surprised when he said that.

However, the others present were all taken aback until they were dizzy. He indulged... He indulged?! The other party isn't one or two factions, but an entire group of them! Rong Xiu is actually willing to take such a big risk for Chu Yue... These two people indeed have an extraordinary relationship!

As these two people hadn't formally explained it, everyone could only guess on their own.

Originally, they didn't quite believe it. However, it seemed like they were true biological brothers!

The crowd gasped in shock and finally had an understanding of the various situations earlier. No wonder... Rong Xiu has taken special care of him ever since he came. Now, he is no longer hiding it.

However, this was still a matter between Rong Xiu and Chu Yue, so others couldn't say much. Besides, with Rong Xiu's help, the academy could be relieved of some of the pressure.

Elder Bo Yan surveyed the surroundings. "Since this is so, we'll settle it like this! Hua Feng, send the invitations immediately. Three days later..."

Speaking of this, Elder Bo Yan paused and was rather hesitant. It is fine to invite the people over, and three days is definitely enough time. After all, that group of people wants to appear here immediately. However, the key is where the venue should be. If the venue is outside, Ling Xiao Academy will definitely be disadvantaged as it will be the minority against the majority.

But if it were the academy... If the incident spreads, it would have a huge influence on Chu Yue's reputation. How would the people in the academy look at him then? At that time, if some accident happens, Chu Yue will definitely be ostracized and become the target of countless people's revenge.

Chu Liuyue looked up, and her gaze lightly swept across Elder Bo Yan, who had a conflicted expression. She naturally knew what Elder Bo Yan was worried about, so she smiled slightly and said, "Elder, let's set it at Fangzhou City."

That place was near the academy, but it wasn't considered as actually barging into the academy.

They could defend and also attack. It was the most suitable place for the academy.

"Are... you sure?" Elder Bo Yan was rather hesitant.

Chu Liuyue nodded. "It has been hard on you and the elders. This time, I'll definitely solve all of these problems!"

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The elders went their own ways and started to prepare for the meeting three days later.

This incident might be another hard battle. Hence, no matter what, they had to make full preparations and couldn't be lacking in anything at all.

Finally, only a few people were left in the room.

Chu Liuyue bowed toward Elder Bo Yan again. "Elder, I'm very grateful that you're willing to help."

The entire academy had to be risked just because of her life or death. She knew that it wasn't an easy task.

"Don't worry. You're innocent, so you just have to make things clear then! It's not good to drag these troubles, so you must take this chance and settle everything!" Elder Bo Yan smiled. I'm also sick of these people's intrusions. This time, we definitely have to give them a few tight slaps! Let's see if they dare to be this arrogant in the future!

Chu Liuyue's gaze flickered slightly. "You're right."

"Actually, you still have to thank Rong Xiu for this. If it weren't for him... the other elders wouldn't be so easy-going. Of course, your situation will also be much better than expected at that time. As long as they don't have any evidence, those people wouldn't dare to do anything to you," said Elder Bo Yan with a smile.

"And... Among all those aristocratic families, not all of them want to cause trouble for you. Some of them are standing on our side, like the Flying Star Sect."

Chu Liuyue suddenly realized it, and the corner of her lips curled up slightly. Among them, Shi Rui'er must've eased the tension quite a bit. I could be considered to have saved Shi Rui'er's life, but I never expected the other party to return the favor. I didn't expect Shi Rui'er to mind this matter so much. With the current situation, she must've spent a lot of effort convincing Flying Star Sect to stand on our side... This is definitely not an easy matter.

"So you don't have to be too worried either. At that time, just say whatever you have to say!" Elder Bo Yan was much more confident. "Let's see who dares to accuse you!"

Chu Liuyue smiled and nodded. Oh yeah. Could they tear me apart and check me bit by bit? I want to see how big this commotion will be!

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Ling Xiao Academy's invitations were sent out very quickly.

The families that were originally wavering were dazed when they received the news and later excited. Ling Xiao Academy actually did this! They are so daring. How much confidence do they have?! However, all of this doesn't matter. What is important is that the center of everyone's attention, Chu Yue, will meet everyone head-on this time!

Black Demon Hole, the Flood-Desert Northern Region, and... the Heavenly Square Cauldron! All the mysteries will be solved one by one. In no time, the entire God Residence Realm will be taken by the storm!

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"What? Ling Xiao Academy is gathering all of them at Fangzhou City?"

Tongshen Palace.

Baili Chun looked at the message he had just received in his hands and didn't dare to believe his eyes. "What exactly is Ling Xiao Academy doing?!"

All these years, the aristocratic families didn't have close relations with each other, and they all maintained a peculiar balance. Today, Ling Xiao Academy actually wanted to take the initiative to break this balance!

Even if they had a deep foundation, this was too daring!

Respected Elder Yu Jing stood below respectfully. "Clan Leader, you might not know, but recently, there have been many rumors about Chu Yue in the God Residence Realm. Ling Xiao Academy must've been forced to the corner to do this, right?"

Baili Chun knitted his brows. "Chu Yue? Who?"

At the side, Jiang Zhiyuan—who was pouring tea—glanced up slightly and felt jealous. The academy expelled me, but it could do so much for Chu Yue the next minute! The difference in treatment is outrageous!

She suppressed the jealousy and anger in her heart and lightly said, "Chu Yue is a new student that just came to the academy a few months ago, and he's quite talented. Also... he seems to be on pretty good terms with Brother Rong Xiu."

This sentence immediately attracted Baili Chun's attention. "Oh? What do you mean by 'pretty good?'"

Hasn't Rong Xiu always been alone in the academy?

Jiang Zhiyuan bit her lips. "He... Brother Rong Xiu personally brought him around to cultivate, and they live on Jiuheng Peak together. It's really... He really takes good care of him. The last time Chu Yue made a mistake, Brother Rong Xiu was the one who put in a good word for him—"

Slap!

Baili Chun slammed the cup down harshly, and it let out a low sound!

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Jiang Zhiyuan shuddered, and her lips turned pale as she immediately put down the teapot. "Grandpa Chun, I shouldn't have spoken—"

"Yuan Yuan, this has nothing to do with you." Baili Chun glanced at her and saw that she was very pitiful. His heart ached, and he immediately used a gentler tone, but his gaze still contained anger that hadn't subsided! "I just feel that Rong Xiu is too outrageous for doing this!"

"Back then, you followed him into the academy. Not only did he not take care of you at all, but he even left directly, and you were left all alone in Ling Xiao Academy! He didn't even consider how much trouble a girl like you would get into in that foreign place!"

"Originally, I thought that his personality was cold and nonchalant, so it was fine. But what does this count? He even helped other people to train their disciples!"

He even personally cultivated with him, and they are living at Jiuheng Peak together! Even Jiang Zhiyuan didn't have such treatment. What right does Chu Yue—who came out of nowhere—have?!

"Even if he didn't like you, the difference in treatment shouldn't be this big! How would—"

How will the others view Jiang Zhiyuan?

Jiang Zhiyuan lowered her head, and her voice was soft. "Brother Rong Xiu must have his own considerations... Don't blame him..."

When Baili Chun saw this, he felt even more terrible. Jiang Zhiyuan has grown up by my side since she was young. Since when did she suffer so many grievances? Now, she has been expelled from Ling Xiao Academy, yet Chu Yue can convince the entire Ling Xiao Academy to stand up for him... How could she feel good about it?

"Yuan Yuan, don't worry. This time, I will definitely stand up for you!" As Baili Chun spoke, he stood up.

Jiang Zhiyuan was taken aback and looked up at him strangely. The corner of her eyes still had two teardrops that were about to fall. "Grandpa Chun, what are you doing?"

Baili Chun snorted coldly. "Going to Ling Xiao Academy!"

Jiang Zhiyuan's heart skipped a beat.

Even Respected Elder Yu Jing—who was standing below—was slightly dazed and thought that he had misheard the clan leader. "Clan Leader, i-is what you said true?"

Baili Chun walked outside and coldly glanced at him. "Do I look like I'm joking with you?"

How can this be? T-this isn't right! Respected Elder Yu Jing broke out into a cold sweat. "B-but Clan Leader, Ling Xiao Academy didn't give our Sky-Cloud Empire an invitation. We—" Can't go!

Yet, Baili Chun didn't care at all. He snorted. "What? I was in seclusion for a few years, and I don't even have the right to go to Ling Xiao Academy now?"

"No—that's not what I meant!" All the blood in Respected Elder Yu Jing's body was about to freeze as he hurriedly explained, "It's just that this matter has great implications, and many top-tier aristocratic families will definitely go to Fangzhou City. When everyone is gathered together at that time, who knows what will happen... You just came out of seclusion, and there are many matters in the Sky-Cloud Empire that you have to attend to!"

One just had to think with their toes to know that that place would become a Shura Arena! At this point in time, why would he go and join in the commotion?!

However, Baili Chun didn't take his objections to heart, and he waved his hands. "These few years, I've been in seclusion the entire time and didn't participate in the Sky-Cloud Empire's matters, yet nothing much happened. Now that I want to leave for a few days, how big of an impact will it cause? You don't have to follow me. I'll just go there myself!"

Even though he had come out not too long ago, Baili Chun had already accumulated too much dissatisfaction and vengeance against Rong Xiu.

Power!

Status!

Dignity!

Everything that once belonged to him had been stolen by Rong Xiu! Not only did he want to stand up for Jiang Zhiyuan, but he even wanted to directly knock some sense into Rong Xiu! I have to let Rong Xiu understand that I—Baili Chun—am not dead yet!

Seeing that he was determined, Respected Elder Yu Jing was stumped and didn't know what to do.

"Grandpa Chun, I'll go with you!" At this point, Jiang Zhiyuan finally recovered her senses and hurriedly followed.

Baili Chun glanced at her in disagreement. "That place will be very chaotic. Why would you go there? Besides, your injuries haven't fully healed. During this period of time, just stay at the Sky-Cloud Empire!"

On the one hand, he was worried about Jiang Zhiyuan's health and didn't want her to be tired from the journey.

On the other hand, Jiang Zhiyuan had already been expelled from Ling Xiao Academy. Although he could ignore this incident, it didn't represent that others could.

One just had to think to know what kind of situation would arise if Jiang Zhiyuan appeared there again. She would be the center of all sorts of mockery and ridicule!

Jiang Zhiyuan sharply captured Baili Chun's expression.

She had been by his side for so many years, and she could guess his intentions the best! Hence, she directly guessed the many thoughts in Baili Chun's heart at this moment. This instantly caused her to feel uncomfortable. Expelled... I'm no longer part of Ling Xiao Academy, and I was directly chased out in such a humiliating manner! It was very difficult for me to escape from the Liang family's pursuit and escape from those mocking gazes. Going back now is indeed a very stupid decision. However... I really don't want to miss this good show!

After some thinking, Jiang Zhiyuan's eyes lit up. "Then... Grandpa Chun, what if I go with you under another identity?"

Baili Chun was dazed.

"I'm afraid that's not very suitable—" Respected Elder Yu Jing knitted his brows. If she is discovered, it is nothing if Jiang Zhiyuan loses face. But if it implicates the entire Sky-Cloud Empire... How should we conclude it?

Although Respected Elder Yu Jing had deep ties with Fairy Water Mound, he wasn't completely brainless.

No matter what, the Sky-Cloud Empire was their foundation. If the Sky-Cloud Empire's reputation was harmed or an even more severe commotion happened to it... As the venerable, he would be the first to be impacted!

But at this moment, Baili Chun spoke. "That can be done, but you have to guarantee that you won't expose yourself then!"

Jiang Zhiyuan immediately agreed with elation. "Yes!"

"Clan Leader, this—" Respected Elder Yu Jing wanted to convince him further, but Baili Chun glared at him. "Then... please be very careful."

Baili Chun flicked his sleeves, and his expression was nonchalant, yet he had the arrogance of being high and mighty. "Of course."

With my current abilities, it is very easy to protect Jiang Zhiyuan.

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Jiang Zhiyuan went forward, hugged his arm, and acted cute. "I knew that Grandpa Chun loved me the most!"

Baili Chun smiled and tapped her forehead. "Go and change quickly!"

"Okay! I'll be done right away!"

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Ling Xiao Academy.

All the elders started to busy themselves.

The news regarding all the factions gathering in Fangzhou City and going against Chu Yue had also silently spread amongst the students. Perhaps because this matter had great implications, the elders still decided to publicize it after much thinking.

After all, even if they didn't say it now, the students would still know about it when everyone arrived outside Fangzhou City a few days later.

The entire academy's atmosphere became intense and cold. One rarely saw anyone casually going about during schooling hours.

As the meeting time got increasingly nearer, everyone seemed to become nervous as well. However, the center of the thunderstorm was still peacefully cultivating at Fengmin Mountain's pagoda.

### [Chapter 1446](#)

After discussing the meeting with Elder Bo Yan and the others, Chu Liuyue directly returned to Fengmin Mountain and entered the pagoda again. This time, her reason was very simple—to let her body recuperate.

The thousand-year cold jade bed on the second floor had extremely good effects in recuperating one's body. Seeing her come back, Elder Meng naturally thought that she came for this and directly agreed without much thinking.

Originally, Elder Bo Yan and the rest were rather hesitant. But after seeing that Elder Meng had quite a good attitude toward her, they were relieved.

They could roughly tell by now that Chu Liuyue wasn't being punished by going to Fengmin Mountain.

With Elder Meng taking care of her, the rest wasn't worth a mention.

However, Rong Xiu didn't follow her back and went straight to Jiuheng Peak. Nobody knew what he was busy with.

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The surroundings were completely silent.

Chu Liuyue sat down cross-legged on the thousand-year cold jade bed with her eyes tightly shut as she quietly cultivated.

She could even clearly hear her own heartbeat.

The surrounding force kept entering her body and spread toward her limbs and bones after spinning one round in her water droplet. The force strengthened her bones and muscles bit by bit.

The previous injuries she suffered due to her failure in breaking through were recovering gradually.

Her body was originally strong, and her recovery power was shocking. If it were someone else, the injuries sustained under such circumstances would only completely recover after at least two or three months.

But for her, she was already much better in just a mere few days. Of course, this was also due to Rong Xiu's help.

As Chu Liuyue cultivated, she silently recounted the recent events in her heart. Black Demon Hole and I have no interactions, and the only connection we have is that strange soul. That soul is the one that was in Shangguan Wan's body. That person was indeed from the Black Demon Hole, but after we faced off outside Fangzhou City, he had also personally admitted that he had left Black Demon Hole. He currently has no relation to Black Demon Hole at all, so where did this rumor come from?

The thing that Chu Liuyue cared about most was the Heavenly Square Cauldron. Back then, I obtained the Heavenly Square Cauldron in Country Yao Chen, and not many people knew about this. I knew that this item wasn't simple, so I was very meticulous all along and didn't really dare bring it out. Even in the Flood-Desert Northern Region previously, I didn't present the true Heavenly Square Cauldron. Then... who was the one who spread this matter?

Chu Liuyue couldn't figure it out.

If I can't figure it out, I won't think about it anymore. After feeling conflicted for a while, Chu Liuyue swiftly gave up. Anyway, no matter what, everything will be revealed in Fangzhou City a few days later! Now, the most important thing is to strengthen my capabilities quickly! Beginner stage-nine warrior... That's an easy death in front of those people.

In the God Residence Realm, the strong were respected. Every improvement in cultivation realm would allow one's strength to increase.

If she didn't improve, it would be as easy as ABC for the other party to squash her. However, only less than three days were left. It was indeed... too difficult to make a breakthrough at this point.

I have to try even if it is hard! Chu Liuyue took a deep breath in and was determined. The next moment, she gathered the force in her body and rushed it toward her dantian!

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"Sigh... I'm afraid the girl has forgotten about me..." On the top floor, Elder Meng leaned against the chair lazily. As he held his head with one hand, the other hand lazily flung the dust.

That door still floated in front of him quietly.

Ever since he detected that the item inside was wavering and wanted to rush out, Elder Meng started suspecting that the girl was about to come back. But after much waiting, he didn't hear any news at all.

He started to waver slowly. Was I... wrong? And for some reason, that item hasn't moved much these two days.

Elder Meng sighed deeply. In the beginning, I didn't plan on helping. However, that girl kept wearing me down, and I accepted this hot potato. This item... I've spent a lot of effort on it!



Elder Meng was immersed in his memory when his gaze suddenly focused, and he swiftly got up! Then, he walked to the stairs and looked down.

The layers of stairs overlapped, and one couldn't clearly see the situation below from here. However, the entire pagoda was in Elder Meng's control, so he could accurately know what was going on below!

"This kid is actually trying to break through again?!" muttered Elder Meng in disbelief. Crazy! He's really crazy! How many days has it been since he failed in his breakthrough? That kid hasn't fully recovered yet, right?! However, he's trying it again?!

Elder Meng's figure flashed, and he rushed to the second floor.

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The lower he went, the more he could feel the change in the surrounding Heaven and Earth Force.

The force in the space seemed to be guided by something, and it all gathered on the second floor.

Without taking a close look, Elder Meng knew that it was where Chu Yue was currently, and all of the Heaven and Earth Force was clearly going toward that kid.

Elder Meng stopped at the corner of the stairs on the third floor. From here, he could see Chu Yue cultivating on the second floor.

That young man sat quietly, and his shoulders drooped naturally. He had his hands on his knees with his palms facing up. His eyes were closed, and the faint light reflected his clear porcelain-white face in a seemingly dreamy manner.

Elder Meng held the stair banister tightly, and his brows furrowed deeply. He felt very conflicted. Chu Yue has clearly entered the stage of preparing to break through now. It wouldn't be good if he is suddenly interrupted again! I can only wait!

Feeling the moving force in the surroundings, Elder Meng grinded his teeth. This kid... is too gutsy! All these years, I have never seen someone trying to break through twice continuously in such a short amount of time and succeed! He is courting death!

#### [Chapter 1447](#)

Chu Liuyue naturally didn't know about Elder Meng's nagging. Even if she did, she wouldn't care.

At the very least, she had lived two lifetimes and even broke through into the Apotheosis Realm in her previous life to become a legendary warrior. She naturally understood how big of a risk it was for her to do this now.

Even if her memories stopped at the time she was a peak stage-nine warrior, she had no better choice now. So many people were going for her. If she had no ability to protect herself, she would just be trampled all over by them.

Even if Ling Xiao Academy and Rong Xiu backed her up, it might not truly be flawless. Hence, she had to improve her cultivation level as soon as possible!

Additionally, it was because she was stunned by her father's incident at a crucial moment that her mindset was messed up, and she failed. However, that had no direct relation to her abilities. Hence, she was still quite confident in herself.

Time slowly trickled past.

After some time, that door finally surfaced in Chu Liuyue's mind again.

Different from the previous time, she seemed to be sharper in her feelings toward it. She could even see the intricate pattern engraved on that door.

Those lines faintly appeared, and she could only see an outline but not the specifics. However, this didn't have much impact on Chu Liuyue.

She opened the door and walked in again.

The lines on the four walls started moving and showcased an elegant posture. The tremendous strength surrounded her and entered her body later on.

Chu Liuyue felt that she seemed to have submerged herself in a warm and comfortable sauna. Silently, her aura was strengthening.

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Elder Meng watched from upstairs and felt conflicted for quite some time, but he still decided to quietly observe the changes first. If I go over to disturb him at this point, it will only bring about harm and no benefits. I should just wait and see! Perhaps...

Elder Meng squinted his deep eyes slightly, but he didn't quite dare to continue thinking. He was afraid that the more optimistic he thought it would be, the greater the hurt from the fall.

The only thing he could do now was watch from here. Once anything happened, he could immediately take action, and perhaps the situation wouldn't reach the worst.

"This kid's personality and that girl's is really..."

Very similar. Not only their eyes, but even their character is this bold and outrageous! Yet, one can't hate them. Elder Meng sighed. What sin have I committed? Why are the kids I meet even more difficult to handle than the previous? When this ends, I'll never cause so much trouble for myself again! Whoever wants to do it can do it!

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Dong Huang Clock Tower.

Elder Bo Yan sat above, and there were a few elders below reporting the various preparations in the academy.

"The barrier outside the academy has been completely checked, and there's no problem."

"All the students have been informed. In the next half a month, they're not allowed to leave the academy on their own. We've also urgently called back the ones outside and sent the elders to receive them."

"We have already contacted a few clans, and they will come to support us at that time."

"Oh right, there are also some graduated students who are rushing over from all places. At that time, they will stand on guard outside Fangzhou City. If everything goes smoothly, they will stay in their positions. Once a conflict arises... they will immediately rush into the city."

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Ling Xiao Academy had been established for thousands of years, and it had an extraordinary status in the God Residence Realm.

After news of this incident spread, quite a few aristocratic families and clans that had a close relationship with them immediately expressed their willingness to help.

Students who had graduated for many years were all rushing back as well. Quite a few of them were already famous strong warriors in the God Residence Realm, and some of them had even become masters in their own right.

Hence, although Ling Xiao Academy looked like it was on the losing end on the surface... In actual fact, Ling Xiao Academy wasn't so easy to be bullied.

The other party had many people and much power, but Ling Xiao Academy wasn't one to be trifled with.

Even among the many aristocratic families that were coming to question Chu Yue, quite a few of them had disciples and descendants that were once or currently cultivating in the academy. At that time, they had to give them some face to a certain extent.

Now, everyone treated it sternly to prevent the worst scenario from happening. It was best if everything was under control.

Elder Bo Yan nodded lightly. "Everyone, it's been hard on you."

The crowd shook their heads.

They all had to help protect the academy. Those people seemed to be targeting Chu Yue, yet many of them had the mindset of testing Ling Xiao Academy.

"Actually, this time, it's a danger for the academy but also an opportunity." An elder said lightly, "All these years, the academy has been discreet and didn't interfere in many matters. But to some people, it's a cowardly act. This is especially so after the director went missing a few years ago... Quite a few people have been eyeing us."

To the public, the director had left the academy and went outside to train. But in actual fact, only the people in the academy knew that the director was actually missing, and his traces weren't known even now.

For the past few years, Elder Bo Yan and the rest had never given up on their search for the director. That was because the director's name had never disappeared from the booklet.

This meant that the director was still alive. But for some reason, he didn't come back and didn't even send a message.

A lot of time had passed, and the people outside naturally suspected something. And clearly, a part of the reason they dared to be so outrageous this time was because of this.

The director wasn't around, so they became more arrogant.

"If we can take this chance to give them a setback, we'll be able to spend some of the days ahead peacefully."

This time, Ling Xiao Academy had invited so many aristocratic families and clans. To many people, this was courting death.

But in actual fact, they had their own considerations. These people clearly don't care about Ling Xiao Academy, so why should we care so much? If someone really tramples all over us, and we don't retaliate, won't we be stomped to death? At that time, everyone will know that Ling Xiao Academy can be easily bullied and that we are weak and useless. That is the scariest thing!

Elder Bo Yan nodded, and his expression was grave. "Anyway, Chu Yue doesn't have much of a problem. They won't dare to actually try anything. It'll be for the best if we can solve this matter harmoniously. But if they continue to pursue it relentlessly... we won't compromise any longer!"

The few elders' hearts shook. "Yes!"

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In the blink of an eye, three days passed.

Inside Fangzhou City, it was quiet and desolate. The streets and alleyways were empty.

Ling Xiao Academy had advised all the irrelevant personnel to leave. Those people also knew that this place would be chaotic soon, so they hurriedly left without hesitation.

Even though they were curious, their lives mattered more. They could always watch a show, so they didn't have to seek death at this time.

Any of the people gathered here was someone influential in the God Residence Realm!

Additionally, this time was different from the previous. It was at most a threat previously, but those people didn't really think about taking action. But this time... It might not be the case!

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Dong!

Dong!

Dong!

The distant and low sound of the bells reverberated throughout Ling Xiao Academy!

### [Chapter 1448](#)

"The time is here." Elder Bo Yan stood in Dong Huang Clock Tower and closed the booklet in his hands. He took a deep breath in, turned around, and walked down.

At this point, someone went to find him. "Bo Yan!"

The incoming person's steps were hurried, and his brows were tightly furrowed. It was Elder Hua Feng.

These two days, Elder Bo Yan didn't really see Hua Feng, so he was rather surprised to see him now.

"Hua Feng? Why are you here?"

Elder Hua Feng walked forward and stared at Elder Bo Yan closely. His heart was beating much faster than usual. "I have something to tell you."

Elder Bo Yan was dazed for a moment. "Now?"

Dong Huang Clock Tower's bell had rung, which meant that the outsiders were all gathered in Fangzhou City.

The time for the meeting had arrived. As the person currently in control of Ling Xiao Academy, he should go out. What things had to be said now?

"Yes. It's just a few sentences, and it won't delay much of your time. However, it's very important." Elder Hua Feng was very insistent.

Elder Bo Yan rarely saw such an expression on him and nodded. "Go ahead."

Elder Hua Feng knitted his brows even more tightly and glanced at the surroundings.

Elder Bo Yan smiled. "All along, only the few of us can come up here, and there's nobody else around. If there's anything you want to say, you can say it without a worry."

As he spoke, a few doubts surfaced in his heart. Why is Hua Feng so meticulous?

But very quickly, he knew the answer.

Elder Hua Feng took a step forward and said carefully, "Bo Yan, do you remember that I previously told you we were trapped by a gigantic and complicated Xuan formation in the Flood-Desert Northern Region and that we managed to escape with much difficulty?"

Elder Bo Yan nodded. "Back then, you also said that it was all thanks to Chu Yue?"

"Yes." Elder Hua Feng's throat was dry. "Back then, he gave me an incomplete Xuan formation. After repairing it, I managed to open the Xuan formation that trapped us. During the period of time after we came back, I have been studying the Xuan formation. In the end... that Xuan formation is related to the first director!"

Elder Bo Yan's originally calm gaze instantly became overwhelmed! "What?!"

"Initially, it was just a doubt, and I didn't dare to confirm it. Additionally, you've been quite busy lately, so I didn't tell you about it. I went to retrieve the Xuan formation left behind by that person back then and did a meticulous observation and comparison..." Elder Hua Feng paused for a moment and spat out the remaining words with much difficulty. "It's really exactly the same!"

Elder Bo Yan felt that his mind was in a whirl. "W-which scroll were you looking at?"

Elder Hua Feng kept quiet for a moment. "The Sky Scroll!"

Although the first director didn't have any disciples, he left behind quite a few precious objects. Amongst them, the Xuan formation drawings were split into three scrolls: Sky, Earth, and Human.

The academy students could normally read the Human scroll for free. If those with outstanding talent performed well, they would have the chance to look at the Earth Scroll.

The Sky Scroll was the highest standard, and it was the most secretive one. Only a few elders in the academy had the right to study it.

"The Sky Scroll has always been locked in the academy, and outsiders could never see it! That Chu Yue—how does he know?" muttered Elder Bo Yan in shock.

Elder Hua Feng laughed bitterly. "He said he chanced upon it in an abandoned cave."

In the beginning, he didn't quite care about this saying. But when he confirmed that the Xuan formation was part of the Sky Scroll, the doubts in his heart instantly exploded! That was because the Xuan formations in the Sky Scroll would never be left outside! They also wouldn't be engraved in some cave!

It was a mystery as to how exactly Chu Yue knew about this Xuan formation! His immediate explanation was that it was a lie!

If it weren't because this incident was too shocking, he wouldn't have chosen to speak to Elder Bo Yan at this time.

Elder Bo Yan rubbed his temple. "C-could it be that Rong Xiu taught him that?"

Rong Xiu had seen the Sky Scroll before.

"The Sky Scroll records hundreds of Xuan formations. When Rong Xiu went in, he would only see a maximum of two or three, right? How did he coincidentally see this one?" Elder Hua Feng sighed deeply. How could I not think of such a possibility? However, this guess is too baseless. Chu Yue clearly knew that the Xuan formation was extraordinary. If not, he wouldn't have chosen such a reason.

If it weren't because Elder Hua Feng had coincidentally seen it before, nobody would've discovered this!

The duo exchanged glances and fell into deep thought. Chu Yue clearly has a big secret...

Deng! Deng! Deng!

Hurried footsteps sounded.

An elder came to urge: "Bo Yan, it's time. We should go out!"

They had been waiting downstairs for some time and didn't see Elder Bo Yan come down, so they had to come up and ask.

His gaze turned, and he saw Elder Hua Feng. "Hua Feng, you're here too?"

Elder Bo Yan nodded, and his expression returned to normal. "Coming."

As he spoke, he lifted his legs and went down. When he brushed past Elder Hua Feng, the duo exchanged a glance silently. "Hua Feng, come along as well."

Elder Hua Feng restrained the emotions in his heart. "En."

Even if there really was something, they had no time to verify it now. They could only take it one step at a time!

If that really didn't work, they could only come back and ask Chu Yue properly when the external matters were settled!

And... Rong Xiu!

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Fangzhou City.

There was a gigantic circular plaza in the middle of the city. The plaza had white and black jade pieces that overlapped each other and a gigantic transportation formation in the middle.

The transportation formation was engraved with Ling Xiao Academy's totem.

Without a doubt, this was Ling Xiao Academy's totem, and this transportation formation was specially used by Ling Xiao Academy's students and elders. But normally, Ling Xiao Academy's people rarely used this transportation formation. After some time, it gradually became desolate.

People rarely even came to this plaza. But today, this large plaza was extraordinarily crowded.

Ling Xiao Academy had already separated the plaza into different zones according to the invitations sent out earlier. The respective aristocratic families each occupied a space, and it finally formed a circle.

Of course, as they were afraid that a misunderstanding would be caused, not many people came from their respective families. The fewer ones had three or five, and the others only had a maximum of ten or so people. However, there were nearly 20 families and clans here, so it still looked like quite a lot of people overall.

Under the guidance of Ling Xiao Academy's students and elders, the crowd took their seats.

Elder Wen Xi glanced at the empty main seat, and hesitation and worry flashed across his eyes. What time is it? Why are Bo Yan and the rest not here?

Suddenly, a sound pierced through the air. At the same time, low and vigorous laughter resounded throughout the plaza. "Haha! This place is so crowded!"

The crowd looked up and were taken aback when they saw the incoming person. Why is the Sky-Cloud Empire's Clan Leader, Baili Chun, here?!

## [Chapter 1449](#)

Everyone in the God Residence Realm knew that Baili Chun had been in seclusion for a few years and didn't make much noise. They didn't expect him to suddenly appear today!

Has he come... out of seclusion? However, Ling Xiao Academy doesn't seem like it has invited him for today's incident, right? After all, the Sky-Cloud Empire's His Grace, Rong Xiu, is right at Ling Xiao Academy! Additionally, Rong Xiu has already expressed that he is standing on the same side as Ling Xiao Academy.

Why did Baili Chun suddenly come at this point? Could it be that he... came to speak for Ling Xiao Academy?

The crowd had their own thoughts, but they didn't show it on their faces. They got up and greeted him respectively.

Not to mention others, but Baili Chun's status was indeed quite high. Even though he didn't have much actual power now... they had to give him face. He was the Sky-Cloud Empire's clan leader after all.

Elder Wen Xi also led people to welcome him and had a flattering smile on his face. "So it's Clan Leader Baili! Why are you here?! We didn't manage to welcome you properly—it's our fault."

Baili Chun's movement technique was light, and there were no energy ripples around him at all.

The crowd was stunned when they saw him. It clearly seems like he has broken through again!

Detecting the changes in the surrounding gazes, Baili Chun's originally depressed emotions became much better.

He knew very clearly in his heart that during the few years he was in seclusion, all the power had shifted to Rong Xiu. The crowd would just think that he was a mere clan leader in name, and they weren't fearful at all. But luckily, his abilities had strengthened!

These people naturally had to look up to him. Even if they thought about all sorts of things, they still had to treat him respectfully on the surface!

At any point, a harder fist was much more useful than anything!

Baili Chun stroked his beard, smiled, and said, "Elder Wen Xi, you don't have to be polite. I came here uninvited because I was interested. You can do whatever you want to do! You don't have to care about me!"

However, Elder Wen Xi's heart was filled with ridicule. You speak easily! Originally, everyone's positions were arranged. Now that Baili Chun has suddenly come, I have to find an additional seat for him. Besides, his status is important, and I can't really find a random chair for him to sit on at the side!

After much thinking, Elder Wen Xi could only extend his long arm. "Then... come up please!"

There were slightly more seats left on Ling Xiao Academy's side as some of them were specifically left for the academy elders. But now, they could only free up a seat.

Thinking of this, Elder Wen Xi glanced at the young man behind Baili Chun.



That young man looked like he was 27 or 28. He had a slim figure and wasn't considered tall. He was decked in a sky-blue cotton robe and had a white jade belt around his waist.

He looked ordinary with distinct features. He didn't look... special.

But to be safe, Elder Wen Xi still asked, "May I know who this is—"

"This is Xiao Liu; he accompanied me on this trip. You don't have to care about him; he can just stand behind me." Baili Chun waved his hands as if he were nonchalant.

Elder Wen Xi heaved a sigh of relief in his heart. It seems like he is just a companion and not anyone important.

"You're too polite. We have spare chairs here, and we'll add one for him. It's nothing big." As he spoke, Elder Wen Xi glanced at his subordinates.

There weren't many important spaces but many ordinary chairs. Everyone else in the other families had places to sit, so how could they let this young man stand on his own?

A chair was quickly moved over and placed behind Baili Chun on his left side.

Baili Chun laughed, and the wrinkles near the corner of his eyes deepened. "Xiao Liu, are you not going to thank Elder Wen Xi?"

That young man instantly acknowledged it and gave his thanks respectfully. "Thank you, Elder Wen Xi."

That's weird... I just gave this young man an extra chair. Why does it feel like Baili Chun's mood and attitude have become much better? Elder Wen Xi muttered in his heart. Probably because... he was treated with importance? After all, this young man is his man. Besides, there are so many people in the Sky-Cloud Empire, but Baili Chun only brought this one over. He clearly liked him more. It won't be wrong to take better care of him.

Elder Wen Xi suppressed his doubts and smiled kindly. "Clan Leader Baili, please sit down—the both of you! Bo Yan and the rest should be out real soon, and Rong Xiu—"

Ka!

A sound was suddenly heard from the side!

The crowd looked up in unison.

Not far away, an opening appeared on the gigantic barrier outside of Ling Xiao Academy. A few figures flew out from within—they were Elder Bo Yan and the rest!

Elder Wen Xi and the others heaved a sigh of relief. They're finally here!

After this, the atmosphere became peculiar.

The people that didn't get to sit in time greeted Elder Bo Yan and the others.

At this point, everyone was very polite.

Elder Bo Yan had a smile on his face as well. No matter what, they had to do the perfunctory work.

Elder Wen Xi reminded him, "Clan Leader Baili is also here."

"What?" Elder Bo Yan was taken aback and looked over in the direction he was pointing. Indeed, he saw Baili Chun.

Isn't this person... in seclusion? Why did he come out today and even come here? An idea popped up in Bo Yan's mind, and he smiled with even deeper meaning. "Hahaha! Clan Leader Baili, what an important guest! Why did you have time to come over today?"

I wonder if Rong Xiu knows. Why didn't he mention it at all?

Baili Chun cupped his fists and smiled as well. "I came so suddenly. Elder Bo Yan, you wouldn't mind, right?"

"Why would I?! You brought honor to Fangzhou City by coming! Haha, please sit quickly!"

The two of them exchanged pleasantries.

In the square, it looked rather harmonious.

Finally, a sudden voice sounded and broke this thin illusion. "Elder Bo Yan, we're all here, but why don't we see Chu Yue? Could it be that so many people can't even get him to come out?!"

#### [Chapter 1450](#)

There was a momentary silence in the venue.

Elder Bo Yan's expression didn't change, and he smiled slightly. "That's a misunderstanding. Chu Yue was the one who took the initiative to suggest today's meeting and wanted to give everyone an explanation. Why wouldn't he come? He has probably been delayed by some matters in the academy. Wen Xi, go and urge him to come faster."

Elder Wen Xi acknowledged it and turned toward the academy.

The crowd exchanged glances and was rather surprised. Chu Yue... is the one who initiated this?

All along, they thought that this was Ling Xiao Academy's idea.

On the one hand, they wanted to clear Chu Yue's name. On the other hand, they wanted to solve this series of troubles. They didn't expect that it was actually...

Isn't Chu Yue only 17 years old? Why is he so gutsy? Does he know what kind of people that got invited today are?

"Hah, it seems like the student from the academy is the epitome of youth knowing no fear!" the man—who was stumped—laughed and said weirdly.

Elder Bo Yan looked relaxed. "The innocent ones have a clear conscience. What is there to be worried about?"

The other party's laughter instantly became more awkward. Isn't this insinuating that they will clear Chu Yue's name and accuse us of smearing him?

"Besides, although that young man isn't old, he is responsible. After he heard about the previous incident, he thought that he had implicated the academy and insisted on standing up to explain the misunderstandings one by one. Look, he hasn't recovered yet, but he dragged his sick body to beg me and wanted to take responsibility for this no matter what." Elder Bo Yan shook his head, sighed, and had a cherishing tone. "I advised him, but he didn't listen. He's really stubborn."

This time, nobody casually replied to him again.

What should they say? Say that these aristocratic families collaborated to threaten a child?

Even though this was the truth, it wasn't nice to say it out loud.

"It seems like Elder Bo Yan dotes on that Chu Yue very much," said Baili Chun suddenly.

Elder Bo Yan looked up, and his old face revealed a faint smile. "Clan Leader Baili, Chu Yue is our academy's student. Shouldn't we protect him and care for him? Even if it's not Chu Yue and any other student from the academy, we will still stand on the same ground."

Even though this reply was politically correct and polite, they really couldn't pick on it. Besides, Ling Xiao Academy indeed protected their members and was quite nice to their students.

But when Baili Chun heard this, he felt even more uncomfortable. The same toward other students? Then, why did they expel Jiang Zhiyuan, chase her out of the academy, and cause her to be humiliated? If Ling Xiao Academy didn't do things so harshly, she wouldn't have to change her appearance just to make a trip here.

Baili Chun felt aggrieved for Jiang Zhiyuan, but his mind was still clear. He didn't question the matter of Jiang Zhiyuan's expulsion in person.

If it had some complications and the matter was blown up, wouldn't it be hard to handle? This could be talked about in private.

Baili Chun didn't ask further.

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"The Sky-Cloud Empire actually dares to come!" On the other end, Liang Xiaoxiao—who was sitting on her own seat—couldn't help but curse softly. "They still have the cheek!"

Liang Yiye glanced at her, and his face was grave. "Baili Chun is the clan leader. Why wouldn't he dare to come?"

If it were someone else, he might be able to reason with them. Yet, it was Baili Chun!

"Don't you know how highly he thinks of Jiang Zhiyuan? Perhaps he's the one who instructed the Sky-Cloud Empire to help Jiang Zhiyuan."

Previously, they still found it weird. But now that they saw Baili Chun, all their doubts were dispelled.

Baili Chun brought Jiang Zhiyuan up like his own granddaughter and doted on her very much. This was something that many people knew, and this was also the reason why Liang Xiaoxiao was willing to be closer to Jiang Zhiyuan after she entered the academy.

If not, with her identity as the Liang family's eldest daughter, why would she be willing to get close to Jiang Zhiyuan? However, she didn't expect Jiang Zhiyuan to be so useless. Not only was she expelled from Ling Xiao Academy, but she even had some connection to her Third Brother's death!

Now, Liang Xiaoxiao hated her to the core.

"I really don't know if this Clan Leader Baili still thinks so highly of that b\*tch after all of this."

Liang Yiye didn't doubt it. "That's enough. Quieten down."

There were so many people here. Some words couldn't be said. If someone heard them, it would spell trouble.

Liang Xiaoxiao could only clench her teeth and hold it in. When Chu Yue comes out, I must ask him properly!

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Outside Fengmin Mountain, Elder Wan Zheng and Rong Xiu were waiting for Chu Yue to come out. They had been waiting since morning.

Dong Huang Clock Tower's bell had sounded, but there was still no noise in the pagoda.

Logically speaking, even if people were inside, they could still hear the bell.

Elder Wan Zheng glanced at the sky. "A long time has passed, but Chu Yue hasn't come out yet. Is he delayed by something?"

He felt rather uneasy. Even though Chu Yue is playful, he is always mature in the face of large events. Why is he late for no reason today...

On the other hand, Rong Xiu slightly squinted his phoenix eyes as faint light flashed across them.

"Wan Zheng, where's Chu Yue?" Elder Wen Xi rushed over, and his heart became uneasy when he saw the duo waiting. "He's still inside?"

Elder Wan Zheng nodded. "For some reason, there's no noise."

"This... But the people outside are all here!" Elder Wen Xi wiped the sweat on his forehead. It's fine if it is other people, but none of those people are to be trifled with. How can we let them wait the whole time? Besides, Bo Yan has already gone out. It won't look good if a junior student like Chu Yue—who is even the focus of the crowd's argument—fails to show up. If he goes too late, those people might even talk about this.

"Didn't you ask Elder Meng?"

Elder Meng had been standing guard inside the whole time and should know Chu Yue's current situation the best.

Elder Wan Zheng knitted his brows. "Not yet."

"Then..." As Elder Wen Xi spoke, he wanted to go forward because this couldn't be dragged on.

"Elder Meng always knows what he's doing. He should know the importance of today's matters, but even now, he hasn't released Chu Yue. Therefore, he should have his own reasons." At the side, Rong Xiu nonchalantly spoke. His voice was low and melodious, as calm and composed as always.

Elder Wen Xi stopped in his tracks and felt conflicted. Rong Xiu is right. If there really is something wrong, there is no use urging him. However... Do we just watch on like this? Those people will cause a scene in no time, right?!

Time seemed especially torturous when waiting.

When Elder Wen Xi finally couldn't hold himself back and was about to rush forward, ripples suddenly appeared on the barrier outside Fengmin Mountain.

A thin and tall figure came out from behind the pagoda door—it was Chu Liuyue!

"He's out!" Elder Wan Zheng was elated and hurriedly waved toward Chu Liuyue.

Chu Liuyue looked up and quickly flashed across when she saw those people.

Whoosh!

In no time, her figure instantly appeared before them like a bolt of lightning!

Elder Wen Xi heaved a sigh of relief. "Chu Yue, you're finally out! If you didn't come out, I would've directly barged in!"

Chu Liuyue blinked and smiled. "Sorry, I spent a little more time breaking through. I didn't delay too much, right?"