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The crowd instantly fell silent. This sentence contained too much information, and ordinary people really couldn't react in such a short time.

Even Chu Liuyue was taken aback as she glanced at her ancestor in shock. Hearing what Ancestor said... In the past, he had interactions with the Golden Wings Sect, and the other party even treated him carefully with respect? This... Is this real or fake? If he could even get the Golden Wings Sect's ancestor to be so fearful, how strong was Ancestor back then?

Originally, she was rather doubtful. But when she thought of the nine gullies in the Flood-Desert Northern Region and the few dragon skeletons, she felt that there might be this possibility.

Those people on the opposite side were clearly frightened by Shangguan Jing's words.

That man who spoke was originally rather confident, but once he saw Shangguan Jing acting in this manner, he immediately wavered. "Wh-who are you?!"

There's no such person in the God Residence Realm, right? Even if we push a little forward, there doesn't seem to be such a person!

The other party had capabilities. If he didn't have any background or status, he wouldn't dare to say such words in front of so many people.

Shangguan Jing stood with one hand behind his back and said calmly, "My actual name is... Shangguan Jing! However, you might be more familiar with my other name—Mu Tianjing!"

"Mu Tianjing... I seem to have heard of this name before..." someone in the crowd mumbled.

"I think I've heard of this name too... I just can't remember in such a short time!"

"Mu Tianjing... Mu Tianjing..."

Quite a few people recalled as they knitted their brows.

Chu Liuyue turned around and glanced at Rong Xiu. She hadn't heard of her ancestor's name before, but she didn't know if Rong Xiu had some understanding of it.

As if seeing through her thoughts, Rong Xiu smiled slightly and nodded.

Chu Liuyue widened her eyes slightly and was even more curious. Ancestor is—

"Mu Tianjing... Venerable Mu?!" Yao Bin muttered as a ray of white light flashed across his mind. Then, he gazed at Shangguan Jing doubtfully. "You're Venerable Mu?! You're... still alive?!"

He asked this very meticulously and carefully.

Quite a few people looked over strangely. Venerable Mu? What does that mean?

"Wait! Rumors have it that there was a supreme Armory Refinement Master who was very formidable and challenged seven supreme Armory Refinement Masters without failing! Could it be—" Shi Rui'er

seemed to have suddenly recalled something as she widened her eyes in shock and stared at Shangguan Jing in disbelief.

After a temporary silence, the people in the square broke into an uproar! So it's that person! So that's him?!

They had more or less heard of this person. That was because this person's experience was too legendary!

Back then, he had no background and went around the God Residence Realm alone.

He was extremely arrogant! However, this person indeed had abilities.

Supreme Armory Refinement Masters were very rare existences in the God Residence Realm, yet he only found those people. To put it nicely, he 'dueled' with them. To be it harshly, he tortured them.

They heard that the seven supreme Armory Refinement Masters were deeply agitated when they lost to him.

Some went into seclusion for hundreds of years and crazily cultivated.

Others respected and admired him very much. They didn't even want their aristocratic families and wanted to follow him no matter what.

The last one was the worst. As he was deeply affected, he directly became a monk. The reason was simple—he realized that after cultivating hundreds of years, he was still not as outstanding as one that had cultivated for ten years. He suffered too great a setback.

And back then, these seven competitions happened consecutively in three months.

They were almost considered back-to-back. Right after the first match was the second.

That supreme Armory Refinement Master was the seventh one. He originally thought that after Mu Tianjing became tired from the previous six matches, he would definitely not be his match.

He never expected to lose completely in the end. He couldn't get past it, so he gave up on cultivation ever since and turned to the gods.

It was also because of this incident that a few top-tier aristocratic families had grudges against Mu Tianjing. It was a pity that Mu Tianjing had already become famous back then. There were many more people that wanted his help to refine weapons than those who wanted his life.

Hence, those people could only let it go.

Who knew that after some time, Mu Tianjing suddenly disappeared? Many people tried all sorts of ways to find him, but they couldn't find his whereabouts.

Some said that he passed on, while others said that he changed his name. All in all, there were all sorts of guesses.

As time passed, everyone gradually forgot about this incident. After a thousand years, everything changed.

If it weren't because this person's feats were too shocking back then, probably nobody would remember him if they talked about him now.

Shangguan Jing stroked his beard. "What, are you very disappointed that I didn't die?"

"I wouldn't dare! I wouldn't dare! We definitely don't mean this!" Yao Bin was the first to react and immediately denied it. "Back then, my Yao family's ancestor had once received guidance from you, and we've been very grateful. However, we were troubled that we couldn't repay the favor and felt very guilty. I never expected to be able to see you today..."

Yao Bin wiped the sweat on his forehead and was sincerely anxious.

This wasn't fake. The reason why he could recall Shangguan Jing's identity so quickly was indeed due to his Yao family having interactions with the latter.

Back then, Shangguan Jing had offended quite a few aristocratic families. However, his ability in armory refinement had helped many people.

The Yao family was one of them.

Shangguan Jing glanced at him, squinted his eyes, and thought for a while. Then, he said, "You're Yao Qingxin's descendant?"

Yao Bin hurriedly said, "Yes, I'm Junior Yao Bin. Greetings, Venerable Mu!"

Then, he politely cupped his fists toward Chu Liuyue and was filled with apology. "Ms. Shangguan, I offended you beforehand, and I'm really sorry about that!"

Rong Xiu raised his brows slightly and reminded, "Yue'er is now the Sky-Cloud Empire's Princess Consort. Master Yao, you can directly call her 'Princess Consort.'"

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Shangguan Jing suddenly turned around, squinted his eyes, and glanced at Rong Xiu with deep meaning.

The two men stared at each other. At that moment, there seemed to be sparks flying!

"Yue'er, come over."

Chu Liuyue coughed and walked over.

Shangguan Jing placed one hand on her shoulders. "My granddaughter and I are really from the same family, but we don't like to go around with our real names. Since we're here coincidentally, I'll formally introduce her to everyone."

He surveyed his surroundings as the corner of his lips curled up in a proud manner. "This is my Shangguan Jing's descendant—Shangguan Yue! She's also the most outstanding genius in my Shangguan family! She's the apple of my eye!"

Everyone heard it clearly! She was part of their Shangguan family.

Chu Liuyue smiled rather helplessly. Ancestor has followed me for such a long time and clearly knows how Rong Xiu treats me, yet he still did this...

However, she didn't know that her ancestor didn't really say this in the past because he was just half a soul. He couldn't help in many ways. Other than staying beside her and protecting her, he couldn't think of anything else.

However, it was different now. His Holy Body had awakened, and he had basically recovered his past skills and memories.

Yue'er was no longer a person from outside the realm and with a humble background. She was Shangguan Jing's most liked and important bloodline!

All these people relied on their decent background and ordered Yue'er around, pressuring her! My Yue'er is so good! How could they bully her as they wish!?

Shangguan Jing's voice was low and powerful. "From today onward, anyone who wants to question my Yue'er has to ask for my permission!"

Every single word was like an iron fist with overwhelming suppression!

Quite a few people were stunned! This Shangguan Jing... isn't someone that is easy to deal with! Even though he is alone, he is a supreme Armory Refinement Master. He is a maniacal existence that once beat seven supreme Armory Refinement Masters in a row! Such a person would be the target of flattery in the current God Residence Realm! Who would be rude to him?

Chu Liuyue's heart felt warm. Ancestor is backing me up!

She could clearly feel that the surrounding people were looking at her with different gazes than before.

Ling Xiao Academy and Rong Xiu indeed helped her the whole way, but it was different when Shangguan Jing took action. No matter if it were Ling Xiao Academy or Rong Xiu, she seemed to be relying on them to some extent. However, SHangguan Jing was her closest relative.

In the God Residence Realm, if one didn't have any background or status, one would still be a level below others.

But now that her ancestor was around, she was no longer alone! Such a top warrior was her strongest and sturdiest backer!

"Now, do you have anything else you want to continue asking Yue'er?" asked Shangguan Jing slowly.

Quite a few people's expressions changed slightly. What's there to ask!? You took action so unreasonably. What can anyone else say? We don't want to end up like Jin Di!

Ye Lingran quietly moved back, trying his best to hide his figure.

At this point, he then realized that the other party had pulled his punches! If not, his head and his body would be in different places! This Shangguan Jing and Shangguan Yue aren't people to be trifled with! I was crazy to have rushed forward previously!

Shangguan Jing glanced at him lightly before retracting his gaze. It was important to kill a chicken to warn the monkeys, but a good chicken had to be picked. Those of too low level would dirty his hands.

After a moment, Shangguan Jing nodded in satisfaction. "It seems like nobody has anything to ask. All these 'misunderstandings' have been cleared up. Then... Starting from now, you shall apologize to my Yue'er one by one!"

He raised his chin.

Ye Lingran's body stiffened.

"Let's start from you!"

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The crowd was taken aback. They originally thought that the matter had ended, so they didn't expect this to happen!

Not continuing with their interrogation is already considered taking a step back and making a compromise. Why is this Shangguan Jing so relentless?

It was rather inappropriate for them to work together to target Shangguan Yue, but everyone did so to explain matters. Nobody really planned on taking it out on the child. Besides, these people had quite high statuses. How could they line up one by one to apologize to a girl?

Even though this 'girl' was the Sky-Cloud Empire's princess consort now and also Shangguan Jing's most doted descendant, they could just do it symbolically. How could they actually do it!?

Shangguan Jing had long expected that they wouldn't agree to it. "Hey, didn't you say just now that when this matter was investigated, you'd apologize to my Yue'er? Are you... going back on your words now?!"

The crowd exchanged glances. We just spoke casually. How could it be taken seriously? This Shangguan Jing clearly doesn't understand it, and he is bent on serving justice to his precious one. However, we really can't do such a thing. What should we do if word gets out?! Our reputations would be tarnished!

After a temporary silence, Yao Bin took the initiative to step forward and speak. "Mu... Senior Shangguan, it is indeed our fault for this incident. I also have a part to play in what happened previously. Why don't I represent everyone to apologize to... M—Shangguan?"

Perhaps he had just recalled Rong Xiu's reminder, but he didn't say out the few words 'Missy Shangguan.'

After finishing this sentence, Yao Bin's back was filled with cold sweat.

The light breeze blew over coldly.

This...

On the one hand, it was Shangguan Jing. On the other hand, it was the Sky-Cloud Empire. Both sides couldn't be offended!

Shangguan Jing glanced at him lightly. "You..."

But before he could finish his sentence, Chu Liuyue suddenly pulled his sleeves. "Ancestor."

Hearing this, Shangguan Jing hurriedly turned around, and his originally stern and cold expression instantly broke into a bright smile. "What's the matter, Yue'er?"

Seeing how fast his face changed, the corners of the crowd's lips twitched. You can have double standards, but this is too much, right?! After turning his head, he has two completely different faces!

Chu Liuyue blinked. "Ancestor, I feel that Master Yao's suggestion isn't bad."

Yao Bin instantly felt that he had been saved, and he looked at Chu Liuyue gratefully.

He didn't do this completely for himself. He mainly didn't want the situation to become too awkward.

It would be for the best if they could solve today's matter peacefully.

If Shangguan Yue was willing to step up and mediate the situation, giving both parties an out, it would save quite some trouble for everyone.

Shangguan Jing squinted his eyes. "Yue'er, is that what you really think?"

Chu Liuyue smiled. "Yeah. Actually, what Master Yao said is right. Everyone is gathered here today just to clarify some matters. As for me... I did cause quite a few people to misunderstand, so it's not bad... that I have this chance today to clarify in front of everyone."

Shangguan Jing had a dotting gaze. "But you suffered so many grievances this time—"

He felt upset that he wasn't able to help vent her anger.

In the past, Yue'er had suffered a lot. She finally managed to return to Tianling and take back everything that belonged to her. In the blink of an eye, she came to the God Residence Realm and was surrounded and bullied by so many people again.

If it were someone else, their mentality would've long crashed.

Chu Liuyue's heart felt warm as tears welled up in her eyes. She smiled very brightly. "Don't I have you?"

And Rong Xiu and the academy.

Actually, all these people were standing on her side and helped her the whole time!

"Ancestor, I'm already elated that you could come back. I don't feel wronged for anything else." Rather than wasting time calculating it against these people, it would be better to chat with Ancestor.

Shangguan Jing looked at her, and his heart ached. But in the end, he still lightly ruffled her hair. "Okay, I'll listen to you for everything!"

Ye Lingran suddenly heaved a sigh of relief. He felt his knees go weak, and he almost collapsed to the ground.

The servants at the side hurriedly helped him up.

Shangguan Jing saw him from the corner of his eye and snorted. It's frustrating to even take another look at him!

The other people's tense emotions relaxed quite a bit. Luckily—luckily, the matter didn't develop to its worst...

Yao Bin took a deep breath in, walked a few steps forward, and cupped his fists. "Shangguan Yue, we believed in rumors previously and randomly guessed, so we misunderstood you and even caused you so much trouble. I'm really sorry for that. Here, I—Yao Bin—will represent everyone and solemnly tell you: we're sorry!"

His tone was very sincere.

On the one hand, he did feel that he had misunderstood Chu Liuyue. On the other hand, he wanted to try his best to repair their relationship with Shangguan Jing. Hence, he took out his utmost sincerity.

Others might feel that it was beneath them, but Yao Bin felt that an apology wasn't worth much. It would be best if Shangguan Jing could forget about this incident.

Even if he couldn't do so for now, it would be good to have a start.

Chu Liuyue smiled and bowed in return. "Master Yao, you're too kind."

There was clearly someone secretly planning these matters. Who she really wanted to target was the mastermind, not these bunch of executors.

Hearing Chu Liuyue's reply, Yao Bin felt much more relaxed.

Suddenly, Shangguan Jing—who stood at the side—raised his brows. "That's it?"

Yao Bin shuddered and hurriedly looked at Shangguan Jing.

At the very least, he was still Purple Light Prefecture's master and had been in the God Residence Realm for so many years. Thus, he did have pretty good eyesight.

He immediately understood what Shangguan Jing meant.

"Oh... right, right! A-and... That... No matter how you put it, we were in the wrong first! Just this apology isn't enough to repair the damage we've caused you." As Yao Bin spoke, he produced a sandalwood box from his purple thumb ring.

That box was palm-sized, but it was very intricate, and its engravings were detailed. On the outside, it even glowed with a faint layer of light, clearly not ordinary.

As he passed the box to Chu Liuyue, he explained, "This is the blood-cloud spiritual ginseng that I previously obtained. It's a small gift—"

Chu Liuyue's eyes brightened up.

Blood-cloud spiritual ginseng! Rumors said that it could make a dead man's corpse come alive. Its medicinal effects were very strong yet gentle, so it didn't have many side effects. This item was extremely precious, and even Ling Xiao Academy's Medicinal Valley didn't have it.

If Jiang Zhiyuan had such an item just now, half her life might've been saved.

Chu Liuyue glanced at her ancestor rather hesitantly. "This... Master Yao, you're too kind..."

Yao Bin pushed it forward. "What does this count for? It's just a small item—quickly accept it! If not, it means that you don't accept my apology! We won't feel good either, right?"

Shangguan Jing nodded. "It's their kind intentions after all. Just accept it."

Chu Liuyue could only accept it with 'much difficulty.' "T-this is really too much..."

Shangguan Jing looked up at the other spectators and suddenly laughed.

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After 15 minutes, Chu Liuyue was satisfied when touching her Cosmic Ring, which was much more filled.

The feeling of accepting gifts for nothing... It couldn't be better! Not only did she not have to give a return gift, but she even took them without feeling burdensome at all!

"Everyone, you're too generous. I feel really bad." Chu Liuyue sighed.

The crowd secretly clenched their teeth. Feel bad? You can take something else! Anyone who has eyes can tell that you were elated when accepting the gifts!

It was a pity that such words couldn't be said. Using 'presents' to substitute for apologies was the solution they found most acceptable currently.

Seeing that Chu Liuyue was happy, Shangguan Jing felt better as well and couldn't help but laugh out loud. "Yue'er, all those presents are from top-tier aristocratic families in the God Residence Realm, and they all have deep foundations! Your small amount of items doesn't matter much to them! Don't be so superfluous. Those who don't know would think that we're tricking them!"

The crowd spat out blood. How is this not tricking us? Our foundations are deep, but we gave out precious items! This is directly cutting our meat!

But what else could they do?! Not mentioning Shangguan Yue, but Shangguan Jing had fiery eyesight! He could take one glance to recognize if the item was good or bad, expensive or trash!

At this time, who would dare to risk offending him again? Hence, no matter how reluctant they were, they had to give out the treasure!

Just give it—as long as it can settle today's matters!

After some struggle, someone finally bade farewell. Anyway, those doubts they had about Chu Liuyue had basically been explained or resolved today. There wasn't much meaning if they continued staying here.

Amongst them, there were some people—including Yao Bin—who tried to flatter Shangguan Jing. He was a live supreme Armory Refinement Master! If they could be related to him, the benefits were unimaginable.

However, it was clear that Shangguan Jing wasn't interested in this as he chased them away with a few words.

He was only concerned about Chu Liuyue now. How could he care about others?

Yao Bin and the rest saw that their hopes were bleak today and felt disappointed. They could only leave regretfully.

Shangguan Jing clearly hadn't appeased his anger toward them completely, so it was normal for him to ignore them. Perhaps it wouldn't be too late to think of a solution some time later...

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Very quickly, the people gathered in the large black and white square left respectively.

The surroundings gradually became cold and much more peaceful and calm.

Looking at the empty square once again, Chu Liuyue sighed lightly. It's finally over...

Too many things had happened today. Previously, she was all tense and didn't feel it. Now that she suddenly relaxed, the intense lethargy overwhelmed her.

She wasn't a god, so she naturally would get tired.

As she handled so many people with extraordinary statuses at once, she naturally had to be more careful and meticulous. This required effort and strength.

Luckily, everything was considered resolved successfully, and she even gained such a deal in the end. This made her much happier.

"Ancestor—"

The moment Chu Liuyue spoke, a familiar voice came from behind. "Senior Shangguan."

Chu Liuyue turned around. "Elder Bo Yan."

At this moment, the academy crowd had gathered together with Elder Bo Yan at the front.

Elder Bo Yan smiled with cupped fists and bowed toward Shangguan Jing. "I've long heard of your name. I never expected to have a chance to meet you in this life. It's indeed my honor!"

From the surface, Shangguan Jing looked like he was in his thirties or forties, younger than Elder Bo Yan and the others. However, he had the highest seniority here—even Elder Bo Yan had to cleanly call him 'senior.'

Shangguan Jing smiled. "I slept for a long time, and the world outside has completely changed. During this period of time, I have to thank everyone for taking care of Yue'er."

Previously, he had stayed in Ling Xiao Academy with Chu Liuyue for a period of time and knew that these people treated Chu Liuyue genuinely. Hence, his attitude was much better compared to when he treated those people.

Seeing him like this, Elder Bo Yan and the others heaved a sigh of relief. Judging from the previous situation, they originally thought that this god-like person was very hard to interact with.

"You're too polite. Chu... Shangguan Yue is my Ling Xiao Academy's student, so we naturally have to protect her. And... this incident is actually because we couldn't protect her well, so she was aggrieved." Elder Bo Yan sighed.

Shangguan Jing's brows moved slightly, and the displeasure in his heart then dissipated.

His Yue'er might not blame the academy, but he was different. Yue'er was wronged, and it was hard for him not to feel that Ling Xiao Academy hadn't fulfilled its responsibility.

The reason why he didn't pursue the matter was that he knew Ling Xiao Academy had already done its best for an ordinary student. Besides, Yue'er always had a decent relationship with the academy, so he didn't want to ruin this because of that.

It was quite good that Elder Bo Yan was willing to admit his mistakes.

The gaze in his eyes became much warmer. "I know that there's a mastermind behind this. Elder Bo Yan, you don't have to blame yourself."

"Oh? Then, do you know who it is—" Elder Bo Yan and the rest perked up.

Shangguan Jing thought for a moment before shaking his head. "I only have some clues, and I haven't checked it properly."

The crowd was rather disappointed.

"Haha, it's good if you have some clues! As long as you investigate, you can definitely find out what's going on!" Elder Hua Feng laughed and eased the situation.

"Senior Shangguan, Bo Yan, since the matter has been resolved, let's go back to the academy?" At the side, Elder Wen Xi reminded them.

It wasn't very suitable to just stand here.

"Right, right! Let's go back first! Too many things have happened today; I believe Yue'er must be tired." When he said the words 'Yue'er,' Elder Bo Yan paused for a moment, and something strange flashed across his eyes.

Chu Liuyue's heart tingled slightly. She roughly knew what Elder Bo Yan was thinking of.

"Elder Bo Yan is right. Ancestor, let's go back first." Chu Liuyue laughed.

Shangguan Jing nodded and rubbed her head.

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The grand scene ended just like this.

When the crowd returned to the academy and thought of what happened today, they were still in awe.

Originally, Elder Bo Yan and the rest wanted to ask Chu Liuyue about some matters, but they were tactfully rejected because Shangguan Jing said she had to rest.

Everyone could only let it slide and allow Chu Liuyue to go back to rest.

Shangguan Jing naturally followed Chu Liuyue back to Jiuheng Peak.

Rong Xiu followed the duo to the door.

Just as he was about to enter, Shangguan Jing turned around and gave him a meaningful gaze. "Rong Xiu, I have something to say to my granddaughter."

He wanted to chase Rong Xiu out.

Ever since he became His Grace, Rong Xiu had never been rejected at the door. However, the distinguished His Grace seemed to have expected this as he immediately stopped in his tracks and smiled slightly. "Then, I won't disturb you and Yue'er anymore. If you have any instructions, just let me know."

Then, he actually turned around. However, his gaze turned slightly, and his deep phoenix-like eyes landed on Chu Liuyue's face for a moment.

Shangguan Jing sighed in his heart. It's not so easy to abduct my Yue'er!

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Chu Liuyue followed her ancestor into the house.

The door was closed.

Rong Xiu raised his sharp brows slightly, and faint smiling intent flashed across his thin lips. Previously, I only vaguely guessed this person's identity. But compared to my expectations, it seems like he is even more... protective of Yue'er. However, this is fine. With Shangguan Jing around, she should be more assured.

"Rong Xiu." Outside the barrier, Elder Wen Xi suddenly appeared and waved toward him. "Bo Yan is looking for you to go over."

Rong Xiu turned around to glance at the tightly shut door before nodding slightly. Then, he raised his feet and followed Elder Wen Xi to leave.

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Dong Huang Clock Tower, hall.

When Rong Xiu walked in, he saw the few elders present today. Mu Hongyu was also around.

It seems like they want to ask about Yue'er. Rong Xiu's thoughts changed, yet his expression didn't show it. "Elders, may I know why you looked for me?"

Elder Bo Yan looked at him and snorted lightly. "She's your own princess consort. You don't know?"

A few pairs of eyes looked over in unison. The atmosphere froze for a moment.

Rong Xiu curled his lips into a half-smile. "Originally, I thought you planned to ask after Yue'er came over."

"We want to, but Shangguan Jing doesn't want to let her go!" Elder Hua Feng rubbed his brows with a headache. "Didn't he chase you out too?"

Rong Xiu paused and slowly said, "Yue'er naturally has a lot of things to talk about with her ancestor. We have many days ahead, so we don't have to fight for this bit of time."

The crowd was speechless. Fighting with her ancestor?! It is really hopeless.

"Sit down and talk." Elder Bo Yan raised his hand. "It's the same if you say some things clearly first. When that girl comes over, we can pick some and ask in detail."

One had to know their enemy to win every battle. It was only until today that they realized they knew nothing about that girl!

Of course, they were so anxious mainly because they wanted to confirm a few things immediately.

Rong Xiu slightly nodded. "Okay. Elders, you can ask whatever you want to know."

With him saying that, the few people present didn't know how to speak.

After keeping silent for a moment, Elder Wan Zheng was the first to speak. "Rong Xiu, Shangguan Yue... Other than this name, does she have any other identities?"

Once he said this, the crowd instantly tensed up! Countless pairs of eyes landed on Rong Xiu!

Rong Xiu nodded. "Yes."

The atmosphere within the hall instantly changed!

"Really?" Elder Bo Yan leaned his body forward and asked rather anxiously, "What kind of identity?!"

Rong Xiu paused for a moment. "It's a long story..."

"Talk about it slowly! Say it bit by bit!" The few elders were clearly very concerned about this.

At the side, Mu Hongyu widened her eyes slightly, and her brain was filled with confusion.

Ever since she was called over, she felt that something was amiss. The elders... don't seem to care for Liuyue ordinarily. Every one of them here has important statuses. It seems rather inappropriate for me to be here.

"Then, I'll start talking from the beginning. If I leave out anything in between... Mu Hongyu, please add on later," said Rong Xiu calmly.

"Huh? Oh! Oh, okay!" After being called out suddenly, Mu Hongyu was taken aback and instinctively nodded.

The few elders' gazes scanned Mu Hongyu's body. They also called her over because they could tell that she had an extraordinary relationship with Shangguan Yue.

Anything they could ask was information.

The crowd calmed down and waited patiently.

Rong Xiu thought for a moment. "Yue'er has another name—Chu Liuyue."

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Jiuheng Peak.

Chu Liuyue sat opposite her ancestor.

Shangguan Jing sized her up in detail and said with heartache, "Look, my Yue'er has been so tired recently that she became slim. Was it especially hard on you during this period of time?"

The words were heartwarming.

Chu Liuyue's heart felt warm, and she shook her head. "Thank you for your concern, Ancestor. It hasn't been hard on me."

Shangguan Jing had a face filled with disagreement. "All those people had bullied you all the way to Ling Xiao Academy's entrance. You still say that it wasn't hard on you? If it were someone else, I'm afraid—only my Yue'er is so outstanding to be able to handle them."

Guts, bravery, intelligence, capabilities! She didn't lack any of them!

"Ancestor, I actually asked the academy for their help to invite them over. During this period of time, there had been many rumors about me, so I thought of doing so to settle all the trouble at once." Chu Liuyue narrated the entire incident to her ancestor briefly.

After hearing it, Shangguan Jing sighed deeply. After some time, he then said, "It's all my fault for coming so late."

If I could come earlier, Yue'er wouldn't suffer so much. She was alone, yet she had to think of how to handle these people. None of them were easy to deal with.

Chu Liuyue shook her head, and her eyes shone. "No, Ancestor. You being able to come was the biggest surprise for me. You haven't mentioned it. How exactly—"

Shangguan Jing knew that she wanted to ask about this the whole time and didn't hide it. "What you guessed previously was right. That place is indeed a tomb I prepared for myself."

Chu Liuyue was stunned. Prepared... for yourself? This...

"I left the Tianling Dynasty back then and came to the God Residence Realm. In the Flood-Desert Northern Region, I unwittingly received some strong warrior's legacy and broke through to become a supreme Armory Refinement Master."

"At that time, I was still arrogant. After breaking through, I decided to go around and challenge quite a few supreme Armory Refinement Masters. I beat all of them without failing."

Speaking of his glorious days, Shangguan Jing's tone was very calm. His pair of old eyes were calm and experienced as if they could contain many things.

However, Chu Liuyue was secretly shocked. What kind of strong ability does that need?

"At that time, I was considered to be basking in the limelight, so I was naturally more proud until..." Shangguan Jing paused. "Until I met the great phoenix dragon later on."

"Great phoenix dragon?" Chu Liuyue was suddenly dazed. "I heard some rumors previously. They said that you... fought with the dragon clan below the great phoenix dragon..."

However, they didn't say that her ancestor directly went against the great phoenix dragons!

Shangguan Jing snorted coldly. "That bunch of old fogies loves their reputation so much! If everyone knows that they lost to me, won't they be humiliated?!"

Such a short sentence contained too much information.

Chu Liuyue was so shocked that she was at a loss for words. It turned out that the great phoenix dragons fought with Ancestor back then, and the key point is that the party who lost was the great phoenix dragons?!

"Before the battle, I knew that it wouldn't be good, so I prepared my tomb in advance. Later on, it was proven that my decision was very accurate. I used this method to preserve my Holy Body."

Speaking of this, Shangguan Jing couldn't help but smile delightfully. "Actually, that rumor is half-true. Those who came to surround me were indeed nine red and white azure dragons. But other than them, there was also a great phoenix dragon!"

However, they hid the existence of the great phoenix dragon.

"After a tough battle, I swiftly decided to die with the nine dragons and suppress them! They can't escape in a thousand years! Only that great phoenix dragon escaped in the chaos!"

Chu Liuyue was overwhelmed from listening to this, and she couldn't help but ask, "Ancestor, why would they treat you like this?"

They were ancient legendary fiends after all, so why would they do such a thing where they bullied the minority?

Shangguan Jing coughed. "It's nothing much. It's just that... they discovered that I planned to use some great phoenix dragon bones to refine a weapon..."

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Chu Liuyue was speechless. It seems like Rong Xiu is right—some things really are inherited.

Chu Liuyue felt that she was quite a troublemaker, but, compared to her ancestor, she really paled in comparison and wasn't worth a mention! Using a great phoenix dragon's bones to refine a weapon... What exactly was Ancestor thinking?!

As if he felt rather embarrassed by Chu Liuyue looking at him, Shangguan Jing hurriedly waved his hands and explained, "Actually, I didn't do it on purpose! Back then, I just felt that the bones weren't bad and that it might be some legendary fiend's. However, I didn't expect it to belong to a great phoenix dragon! If I knew, I wouldn't have done it either, right?"

After all, the great phoenix dragon clan was one of the two ancient legendary fiend clans. No matter how arrogant he was, he wouldn't seek death like that, right!?

Chu Liuyue glanced at him deeply.

Shangguan Jing averted his gaze guiltily. "Actually, it's the... skeleton that you obtained in the Tianling God Realm back then..."

Chu Liuyue's eyelids twitched. "You'd rather fight with them to your death and not return it?"

It was another person's corpse after all. This didn't seem very appropriate... especially now that she had agreements with Tuan Zi and Zi Chen. She now had some form of understanding of this.

These legendary fiends thought very highly of their own corpses, and they were never allowed to be left outside. What her ancestor did...

"No! Actually, when I found out that it was a great phoenix dragon's corpse, I planned to return it. However, they didn't listen and wanted to take my life no matter what. What could I do?"

I could only fight with it!

Chu Liuyue felt her head ache.

"Actually, I didn't have a choice either. After much thinking, I decided to split my soul into three. One portion was hidden in the jade pendant, while another was in the God Realm that I silently sent back to Tianling. The last portion was left in my holy body to fight."

He also didn't know if he could survive back then, so he chose such a method. That was also the reason why his soul disappeared and why his God Realm was incomplete.

Chu Liuyue sighed deeply. "Ancestor, you're... really extraordinarily lucky."

Facing such a situation, he could actually live. The most important thing was that he could gather his soul parts, awaken his Holy Body, and live again!

This was really heaven-defying!

Shangguan Jing's expression was emotional. "In fact, it's all because of you. If you didn't enter the Tianling God Realm, bring my soul to the God Residence Realm, and also find the jade pendant before arriving in the Flood-Desert Northern Region... Even if I had slept for another 10,000 years, there would be no meaning."

Their bloodlines were connected. He could finally awaken because of the strength of this blood-related relative.

Back then, he had no other choice and could only risk himself and bet with his life! Luckily, after a thousand years, he won the bet!

"I've always been lucky." Chu Liuyue smiled. No matter what, it's great that Ancestor can live again.

Shangguan Jing smiled and nodded. "Our Yue'er is naturally the best! Don't worry. With me around, nobody will dare to bully you in the future!"

Chu Liuyue nodded seriously and felt appeased and secure.

"Oh right." Chu Liuyue suddenly thought of something, and hesitation surfaced on her face. "Ancestor, after you fought with the great phoenix dragon back then, is your grudge considered settled? Now that you've woken up, do they... know?"

Shangguan Jing's smile suddenly stiffened.

Chu Liuyue's heart sank, and she instantly felt uneasy.

"Hehe." Shangguan Jing smiled curtly. "Although those nine dragons are dead, the dragon clan has an extremely strong sensitivity toward this. Now that I'm awake, the great phoenix dragon clan... should know about it, right? Oh right, you've hidden the corpse, and nobody discovered it, right?"

Chu Liuyue's eyelids twitched. "P-possibly..."

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Tens of thousands of kilometers away.

Godly Dragon Realm.

Above the depths of the blue ocean, a gigantic, semi-circular golden barrier silently floated and had shocking suppression.

Inside the barrier, there were many intricate islands.

The islands had many mountains and lush greenery. Sometimes, dragons would soar past the mid-air. As the sunlight shone down, their scales flickered.

Suddenly, a dragon roar came from the centermost island!

Roar!

The noise was earth-shattering, and the aura was tremendous!

At that moment, the groups of dragons felt respectful and fearful! They all looked down respectfully!

Then, a purplish-golden light suddenly flew out from the island—it rushed to the skies!

"It's been a thousand years, and he's actually still alive!"

This time, we definitely can't let him off again!

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Ling Xiao Academy, Dong Huang Clock Tower.

"...Just this?" asked Elder Bo Yan with knitted brows.

Rong Xiu nodded and glanced at Mu Hongyu.

Mu Hongyu immediately said, "Nothing. That's all I know."

The room sank into silence again.

Elder Bo Yan thought for a moment before saying, "Hongyu, there's nothing for you to do here. Go back and rest first."

Mu Hongyu knew that they had more to discuss, so she sensibly acknowledged it immediately and turned around to leave.

After she left, the atmosphere in the room became even weirder.

The few of them looked at Rong Xiu.

"So this means that Shangguan Yue and Yue'er girlie aren't related to each other?" Elder Hua Feng stared at Rong Xiu as if he wanted to see through him. "But how do you explain her executing the heavenly scroll Xuan formation that the first director left behind?"

Rong Xiu looked down slightly. "I taught her that."

"Is it really such a coincidence?" Elder Hua Feng was filled with doubts.

Inside the room, it was silent again.

Elder Wan Zheng suddenly said, "Since this is so, I have a method. Let Shangguan Yue enter the Qing Yun Ranking again—all four boards this time!"

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"This method can work." Elder Bo Yan also expressed his agreement.

Previously, Shangguan Yue only entered the heavenly doctor board. Even though they knew that she was talented in other areas, she had never tested it before.

"Coincidentally, she hasn't been going to the monthly tests for a long time. With this method, we can see how her skills are now."

A few months ago, she had just come to the academy, and her skills in all aspects were rather normal. But after training during this period of time, her cultivation had been elevated by quite a bit, and it was time to test again.

Rong Xiu thought for a moment before nodding. "Okay."

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Jiuheng Peak.

When Chu Liuyue walked out of the room, she saw Elder Wen Xi waiting for her.

"Elder Wen Xi, why are you here?" Chu Liuyue was quite shocked and walked over.

Elder Wen Xi glanced into the room.

Chu Liuyue understood, smiled, and said, "Ancestor is resting now. Are you looking for him?"

Elder Wen Xi hurriedly shook his head. "No, no. I came to look for you."

He waved toward Chu Liuyue. "Come out and talk first."

Chu Liuyue turned back and glanced hesitantly before she nodded, opened the barrier, and flew out. "Elder Wen Xi, what's the matter?"

Elder Wen Xi rubbed his hands together and felt rather embarrassed. "Actually... It's nothing important. It's just that we all feel that you've improved greatly during this period of time. If it's convenient for you, can... you try to enter the Qing Yun Ranking?"

Chu Liuyue was dazed.

"Don't misunderstand! We just want to see what standard you are at now. Additionally, we can also get the other students to treat you as a role model and improve diligently," Elder Wen Xi hurriedly explained.

Chu Liuyue stared at him for a while, and her thoughts flashed really quickly. She thought that she roughly knew what Elder Wen Xi was thinking when he came over.

After a slight pause, she smiled and nodded. "Okay, let's go over now."

"Now?" Elder Wen Xi found it strange and glanced inside again. "Then Senior Shangguan..."

"It's just getting a ranking; it's nothing big. Ancestor came from miles away and is quite tired. We can take this time to let him rest. Coincidentally... I also want to see what kind of ranking I can have on the board."

Elder Wen Xi then felt relieved. "Then... follow me."

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When Chu Liuyue reached Qing Ming Square, she saw that Elder Bo Yan and the rest were already here.

Rong Xiu—who was called over previously—was here as well. However, they had specifically instructed in advance, and there was no additional person here.

Chu Liuyue walked forward normally and greeted the few elders.

Elder Bo Yan laughed. "Girlie, you're here. We didn't disturb you and Senior Shangguan, right?"

Chu Liuyue smiled and shook her head. "No, Ancestor is resting."

"That's good, that's good..." Elder Bo Yan nodded and explained, "Actually this isn't very urgent. After all, you just experienced many things..."

Chu Liuyue blinked. "It's not troublesome to test my ranking. Besides, I'm rather curious as well, so I came."

Seeing Chu Liuyue's mature and honest attitude, the few elders were rather hesitant. Could it... Did we really think wrongly?

"Let's not speak nonsense then. We'll start directly!"

Elder Bo Yan thought for a moment. "You're already an intermediate stage-nine warrior now, and it's considered the aspect you've improved the most in. Why don't we test the warrior aspect first?"

First? Chu Liuyue sharply captured this word. An idea popped up in her mind, and she immediately understood. So I have to test on more than one aspect...

She smiled and smoothly walked to the warrior ranking.

The few elders looked over. Even though their expressions were normal, the ripples in their eyes revealed that they weren't as calm in their hearts.

Chu Liuyue raised her hand and placed it on the black, stone wall.

With the accompaniment of the black and dark stone wall, her hand seemed especially thin and white.

With the two extreme colors intersecting, it seemed to form a scene.

Chu Liuyue held her breath in.

The few elders became nervous unwittingly.

Suddenly, Chu Liuyue noticed a gaze that landed on her. She tilted her head and met Rong Xiu's eyes.

His deep phoenix-like eyes couldn't be seen through. With just one glance, it seemed like one was about to sink into them, forgetting everything and choosing to drown.

"It's just a test. You don't have to be nervous; just do your best," said Rong Xiu gently as an extremely faint smile flashed across his lips.

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat, and she nodded. Then, she retracted her gaze and looked at the stone wall in front of her.

The next moment, she circulated her force, and it rushed out!

Whir!

With a whirl, the Qing Yun Ranking appeared with the command! Countless rays of light flashed across the black wall and rapidly formed names!

The warrior ranking appeared! Almost at the same time, the dark region at the top—which was purposely hidden—suddenly moved.

Ka!

This movement was extremely small as if something was trying to break free from within. But from the outside, one couldn't see anything amiss.

Hence, Elder Bo Yan and the rest couldn't detect this slight movement.

However, Chu Liuyue's palm was on the Qing Yun Ranking. She could immediately detect any slight changes!

She almost instinctively wanted to raise her head and look over. However, this impulse just flashed across her mind.

She silently hid these emotions, and her force still rushed out continuously.

Kaka!

The sounds became more frequent and seemed louder than before.

Chu Liuyue's heart seemed to beat intensely with this sound!

The few elders exchanged glances and saw the confusion and doubts in the other party's eyes. It has been so long. Why has Shangguan Yue's name not appeared here?!

Amongst Ling Xiao Academy's students, an intermediate stage-nine warrior wasn't considered a high feat. After all, their admission requirement was to be a stage-nine warrior.

Normally, intermediate stage-nine warriors might not even be at the end of the warrior ranking. However, Shangguan Yue was different. Her combat skills were clearly much stronger than that of other cultivators at the same level.

As long as she tried her best to test, she could definitely get onto the ranking! But now... why was there no sound at all?

Elder Wan Zheng looked at the top and furrowed his brows tightly.

Over there was once a name that shone brighter than ever. However, only darkness was left behind.

If...

The other elders also followed his gaze and looked over, and their expressions and gazes became complicated.

Only Rong Xiu looked nonchalant, calm, and composed. It was as if... he had no worries in his heart at all.

Kakaka!

Chu Liuyue clearly felt that something was trying to rush out from beneath the seal, and she was extremely familiar with that force!

Her heart seemed to be tightly clutched by something. If this continues, I'm afraid—

Boom!

A loud sound was suddenly heard far away! This sound was earth-shattering, and it shocked everyone that they immediately turned around to take a look.

Chu Liuyue wasn't an exception. The next moment, she widened her eyes in shock.

"Million Wine Mountain is in trouble!"

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The person who shouted this was Elder Bo Yan.

His figure flashed, and he rapidly flew to the sky. He looked toward Million Wine Mountain, and his expression became one of shock.

The other elders immediately reacted and hurriedly followed.

It was no wonder they had such a huge reaction—it was because Million Wine Mountain's side indeed had an abnormal situation!

In the skies, the layers of dark clouds surged over and finally gathered above Million Wine Mountain, covering the sky.

The winds howled crazily, and thunder flashed.

That loud sound was the thunder coming from the clouds. The sounds were tremendously loud, and they stunned one's heart.

Seeing this scene, Chu Liuyue couldn't help but knit her brows slightly. Wha-what's going on?

Around every mountain in the academy, they had basically set up a barrier. In addition, Million Wine Mountain was especially unique.

Ever since Chu Liuyue had caused two incidents there, Elder Bo Yan and the rest specifically strengthened the barrier around the mountain.

In comparison to other peaks, Million Wine Mountain's barrier was definitely the top. This was also the reason why any commotion within Million Wine Mountain would be isolated by the barrier.

From the outside, the crowd wouldn't be able to see what was going on at all. If this wasn't the case, the incident of Chu Liuyue transferring the Long Yuan Sword's weapon soul to the Chi Xiao Sword at Million Wine Mountain would've spread far and wide in the academy, causing a huge commotion.

However, the current weather phenomenon had directly gone past that barrier! The scale and aura of the phenomenon were much greater than what she had seen before!

Countless thoughts flashed across Chu Liuyue's mind, but she still couldn't guess the exact reason. W-what exactly is going on?!

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This shocking commotion quickly attracted the entire academy's attention.

Countless figures flew out from the mountain peaks. Everyone looked in the direction of the terrifying aura.

"What's going on? What happened?"

"Is someone breaking through...? Look in that direction—it seems like it's Million Wine Mountain, right? Could it be an elder refining a weapon?"

"This won't happen even if they're refining a weapon... Because they were worried that weapon refinement would disturb everyone, the elders set up multiple barriers around the mountain peak. Normally, this would never happen. I really don't know what's happening this time..."

"But that's indeed Million Wine Mountain, right? Did something happen to Million Wine Mountain again?"

The crowd partook in heated discussions.

Not long ago, they already felt that something was amiss when Million Wine Mountain was forcefully closed. They didn't expect an even bigger commotion to occur today.

Elder Bo Yan stared at Million Wine Mountain, and his gaze was dark. Why did this suddenly happen? We clearly checked multiple times before, and there was no problem! Calculating the time, it shouldn't be now!

His gaze was sharp as he boomed, "Wen Xi, immediately summon the academy elders and gather the students at Qing Ming Square!"

"Yes!"

"Hua Feng, Wan Zheng, follow me!"

The two elders clearly realized the severity of the incident, and they respectfully fell silent and nodded.

Elder Bo Yan took a step out and turned around to look. "Rong Xiu, take good care of her!"

Rong Xiu nodded. "Elders, be careful."

Elder Bo Yan and the rest rushed toward Million Wine Mountain.

The entire academy burst into an uproar.

Chu Liuyue put down her hands.

The glow on the warrior ranking list rapidly dissipated, returning to silence.

The frightening 'kaka' didn't sound again. However, that familiar feeling wrapped her heart and didn't go away.

Chu Liuyue stared at the black stone board and finally looked up.

The covered name was still dark, and one couldn't see it.

Chu Liuyue pressed her lips against each other and felt conflicted.

A dry and warm hand suddenly stretched over and held hers.

Chu Liuyue turned around.

"What are you thinking about?" asked Rong Xiu.

Chu Liuyue pressed her lips against each other. She could tell that Rong Xiu didn't want to let the elders know of her identity.

"Million Wine Mountain... Is it related to you?" Her voice was extremely low as if it would float away with the wind.

Rong Xiu shook his head and intertwined his fingers with her ten fingers. "I don't know either."

He did have the skills to hide from everyone, but before he could use them, something happened at Million Wine Mountain.

He looked up slightly, and his brows rapidly furrowed when he saw the continuously strengthening suppression and aura. Then, he held Chu Liuyue's hand tightly, and his voice was low. "Don't worry. I'm around."

Chu Liuyue was dazed, and a ray of white light flashed across her mind. Hang on! The thing that happened at Million Wine Mountain... Could it be related to me?! Tuan Zi's breakthrough to become a red-gold heavenly phoenix was largely dependent on the fountain at Million Wine Mountain. I originally

felt rather worried, but after Tuan Zi broke through, Million Wine Mountain was as peaceful as normal, and everything was as per usual. Hence, I didn't take this incident to heart.

Upon seeing the strange movements in Million Wine Mountain, she suddenly recalled this. At that moment, countless thoughts flashed across her mind.

Million Wine Mountain's status in Ling Xiao Academy was special. Even though the students regularly went there to play, they didn't dare to cause trouble. This was also the reason why the elders allowed them to go up.

But after she came, she caused trouble there twice.

It was clear that the academy elders had gathered lightning in the fountain. Even though she didn't know its uses, the elders clearly wouldn't do something for nothing.

And now, most of those lightning bolts had been absorbed by Tuan Zi. Isn't it— She took a step forward and wanted to go up.

Rong Xiu held her back and silently glanced at her as he shook his head slightly. "Hold on first."

Chu Liuyue's heart skipped a beat, but after some hesitation, she still chose to wait at her spot. If something really happens... I have to take responsibility for it!

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Students and elders kept gathering at Qing Ming Square. Many people clearly had not realized what was going on, and their expressions were dazed.

After seeing Chu Liuyue and Rong Xiu, quite a few people were so shocked that their jaws dropped. We know Rong Xiu, but who is the woman next to him?! She seems like she is 17 or 18, and her clothes are plain, but it doesn't hide her elegance.

Her appearance was breathtaking, and her aura was exquisite. As long as she stood there, she seemed to gather all the light. Everything in the surroundings seemed to have dimmed... other than Rong Xiu!

Seeing the duo's intertwined hands and their intimate behavior, almost everyone was taken aback. This is... Since when was Rong Xiu ever so close to a woman, and why does this woman seem familiar for some reason?

Chu Liuyue and the rest had just returned not long ago, and the elders were debating over her identity, so they didn't care about the academy.

The incident in Fangzhou City hadn't spread around yet, so everyone naturally did not know.

"Liuyue!" Not long after Mu Hongyu left Dong Huang Clock Tower, the elders gathered them again. She saw Rong Xiu and Chu Liuyue standing in the middle at first glance.

There was no choice as they were like cranes standing among a group of chickens. They were too obvious.

Chu Liuyue was pulled back from her thoughts by this crisp sound. She looked up, saw Mu Hongyu, and waved at her.

The surrounding people instantly made way.

Nothing was obstructing Mu Hongyu, so she walked over quickly.

Mu Hongyu hadn't seen Chu Liuyue's familiar face in a long while. Additionally, she couldn't properly talk to the latter in Fangzhou City, so she couldn't help but be emotional when she saw her now.

Originally, Mu Hongyu wanted to jump into her friend's arms. But before she moved, she felt a slightly cold gaze swipe past her body.

Mu Hongyu coughed and stood beside Chu Liuyue obediently and politely, not daring to take action. "Liuyue, why did you come over without resting properly?"

She didn't even have the time to change her clothes.

Chu Liuyue smiled. "Something happened here, so I came over."

Mu Hongyu thought that she was talking about the loud sound, so she nodded and glanced at Million Wine Mountain. "Us too. I wonder why the elders asked us to rush over?"

She had just come to the academy not long ago, so she naturally wasn't clear about many situations.

Chu Liuyue paused. "Let's wait here first. The elders should be able to handle it."

Mu Hongyu didn't doubt anything else and nodded.

On the other side, Luo Shishi, Luo Yanlin, and the others walked over.

Upon seeing Chu Liuyue, Luo Yanlin's face instantly darkened. Different from the others, he had already heard Luo Yanming and the rest talk about what happened outside, so he naturally knew that the so-called Chu Yue was actually Shangguan Yue—the Sky-Cloud Empire's rumored princess consort!

That was Rong Xiu's woman!

After hearing about this, Luo Yanlin's entire person became upset. And now that he had seen Chu Liuyue in person, it was even harder to describe his complicated feelings. My own younger sister actually liked a woman...

Originally, he had made up his mind and decided that if his sister really insisted, he wanted to ask 'Chu Yue' what he thought.

Luckily, he hadn't done so! If not, he would be humiliated!

Luo Yanlin was angry, but upon deeper thought, it was all his younger sister's one-sided thoughts. 'Chu Yue' had always been restrained and well-mannered, and one couldn't fault her at all.

At the end of the day, he couldn't blame her. Luo Yanlin could only silently swallow this anger.

My own sister wanted to fight with Rong Xiu for a person... It's agonizing just thinking about it! He took a deep breath in and glanced at Luo Shishi.

Luckily, Luo Shishi was already calm, and this was the only thing that comforted him.

On the other hand, Zhuo Sheng was being dragged by many people. They asked what exactly happened in Fangzhou City and who exactly that beautiful woman was.

Zhuo Sheng was dazed from the questioning and loudly scratched his head. "She? She's Chu Yue!"

The crowd went crazy.

Chu Liuyue clearly felt that the surrounding gazes were burning. Luckily, her mental tolerance had always been strong, so she didn't take this to heart.

She stared at Million Wine Mountain.

If Rong Xiu didn't pull her back, she would've rushed over without restraining herself.

Besides, the surrounding people clearly didn't notice the severity of the situation at Million Wine Mountain.

Zhuo Sheng kept being questioned, and he was beyond frustrated, so he narrated the entire incident. Of course, he picked the 'exciting points.'

The crowd listened until they kept exclaiming and were shocked. Almost everyone's attention was gathered on Chu Liuyue and Rong Xiu.

"I really didn't expect Chu Yue to be Shangguan Yue! So she's the princess consort that Senior Brother Rong Xiu personally picked!"

"No wonder Senior Brother Rong Xiu treats her so well..."

"Didn't they say that she's from outside the realm? Her talent is too shocking—and t-that supreme Armory Refinement Master is actually her ancestor! With such a background, who would dare say that she's not worthy?"

"...Am I the only one who has noticed that she broke through to become an intermediate stage-nine warrior from a beginner stage-eight warrior in just a few months..."

"Oh, I'm numb."

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There was no choice. Any one of these traits could cause people to be green with envy.

It happened too many times, and they just had to get used to it.

However, Chu Liuyue couldn't care about this now.

"Tuan Zi, did you leave any evidence behind in that fountain at Million Wine Mountain?" she asked in her heart.

Tuan Zi was dazed for a moment, and its expression was hesitant. "This... I... don't think so..."

Chu Liuyue's eyelids twitched.

But right at this moment, a ripple suddenly came from the barrier outside the academy! At the same time, a low and tremendous dragon roar reverberated throughout the area! "Shangguan Jing—get out!"

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This angry holler contained a thunderous aura that erupted throughout the place, clearly landing in the ears of everyone in the academy!

The crowd's expressions changed instantly, and they all looked at Chu Liuyue. Shangguan Jing—isn't that Shangguan Yue's ancestor? Isn't that the legendary and amazing supreme Armory Refinement Master? Who has such courage to holler outside Ling Xiao Academy like this?!

Chu Liuyue's heart suddenly sank. That dragon roar—

"Everyone, calm down!" An energetic boom sounded formidably.

The originally restless Qing Ming Square instantly quietened down.

Chu Liuyue looked toward the source of the voice—the one speaking was Elder Dan Qing.

She hadn't seen him for a while, and Elder Dan Qing looked like he was much frailer. His hair had become white, as though it was covered in a layer of ice.

He was about to fly toward the academy entrance when he suddenly stopped and glanced at Chu Liuyue. "Chu—Shangguan Yue, please invite Senior Shangguan over and see what's going on."

Chu Liuyue nodded. "Okay."

Elder Dan Qing looked at her with a complicated gaze. His lips moved as if he wanted to say something, but he still left silently in the end.

Chu Liuyue turned and glanced at him.

"Although Elder Dan Qing had broken his mentor-disciple ties with Jiang Zhiyuan, he did genuinely bring her up for a few years. Now that she's gone, it is inevitable that he will be sad." Rong Xiu lightly said, "Don't mind it. Although Elder Dan Qing was biased toward her in the past, he won't unreasonably push the blame on us."

He won't have a grudge against us. At most, he would just feel complicated. After all, a person dying is like a candle extinguishing.

Chu Liuyue retracted her gaze. "I know."

If Elder Dan Qing really couldn't let it go, he would've directly looked for her.

"Actually, what I'm worried about now is..." Chu Liuyue pressed her lips against each other. If I didn't guess wrongly, the incoming person is very likely—

"I'll accompany you back to Jiuheng Peak." Rong Xiu squeezed her hands.

Rong Xiu nodded and immediately left with Rong Xiu.

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On the way there, the duo met Shangguan Jing, who coincidentally came out.

"Ancestor!" Chu Liuyue immediately greeted him.

"Yue'er, are you okay?" Shangguan Jing pulled her to size her up. After confirming that she was fine, he heaved a sigh of relief.

Chu Liuyue's uneasiness became increasingly stronger as she clutched her ancestor's sleeves tightly. "Ancestor, outside there seems to be—"

"They're from the great phoenix dragon clan." Shangguan Jing's expression turned grave, and he said carefully, "They took action rather quickly."

Chu Liuyue's heart seemed to be clenched tightly. Ancestor and the great phoenix dragon clan have huge grudges between them. Ancestor just woke up not long ago, and they directly rushed over to Ling Xiao Academy. It seems like they are serious. If this isn't handled well, then—

"Don't worry, Yue'er. This is my own matter. I definitely won't implicate you and Ling Xiao Academy." Shangguan Jing patted Chu Liuyue's head, and his voice was gentle.

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows. "I'm the Shangguan family's descendant, so I will be with you regardless."

Upon hearing this, Shangguan Jing was dazed and had countless emotions overflowing in his eyes. In the end, the thousands of words only turned into a sentence: "Good Yue'er!"

My Shangguan family is never afraid of any danger!

"Don't worry. When I chose to wake up this time, I knew that I had to face all of this," said Shangguan Jing with a laugh. "Yue'er, you just have to care about peacefully waiting in the academy. I will naturally settle all these problems!"

"But..." Chu Liuyue wanted to go with them, but a thought suddenly popped up in her mind. She also felt that she might be a burden if she went with him, so she swallowed her remaining words. "You must be careful."

Shangguan Jing nodded and glanced at Rong Xiu meaningfully.

Rong Xiu nonchalantly nodded.

Shangguan Jing then felt relieved. His figure flashed, and he disappeared from the spot!

Chu Liuyue looked up slightly in the direction of the academy entrance. She knew that the great phoenix dragons were waiting sternly for her ancestor at this moment! I wonder if Ancestor can successfully solve all these troubles...

Chu Liuyue slowly clenched her hands.

The reason she was so worried was partly due to her ancestor and the great phoenix dragon clan having a long-term grudge. On the other hand... Back when she helped Zi Chen to reform his physical body, she used the two wings of the great phoenix dragon's corpse!

Even though the remaining corpse had been sealed in the Heavenly Square Cauldron the whole time... A great phoenix dragon clan member was outside the academy barrier, and she felt that it would be a huge trouble. It was like a bomb that would suddenly explode at some point!

Boom!

Another loud sound was heard—it was the commotion from Million Wine Mountain!

Chu Liuyue knitted her brows and turned her head over.

In the skies above Million Wine Mountain, the dark clouds gathered and formed a giant vortex. The sky was gloomy, and the storm brewed; it was as if it would swallow the entire Million Wine Mountain!

The sounds of thunder came from the clouds. The silver snake-like lightning bolts swam around and lit up the sky from time to time, yet they made everything here more strange and terrifying.

The turbulent winds preceded the storms.

From here, one could still see the figures of Elder Bo Yan and the rest rushing toward Million Wine Mountain. In the dark skies, their figures were actually so small.

Chu Liuyue slowly clenched her hand tightly.

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Million Wine Mountain.

When Elder Bo Yan and the rest rushed over, they realized that the barrier outside the mountain had shattered. This was also one of the reasons why the crowd saw the commotion so clearly.

However, this wasn't the most worrying thing for the elders. That was because the fountain above the mountain had already stopped flowing!

It was still daytime now!

"The fountain seems like it's going to freeze!" Elder Wan Zheng hollered, and rare panic flashed across his eyes.

"How did that happen?" Elder Hua Feng gasped. "There are so many lightning bolts gathered in it. Logically speaking, at this time, it's impossible—"

Elder Bo Yan was swift and decisive. "Immediately guide the lightning into the fountain!"

At this point, they didn't have time to think about why such a thing happened. The most urgent thing now was to solve the problem!

Elder Wan Zheng and Elder Hua Feng nodded with stern expressions.

With Elder Bo Yan in the lead, their figures flashed as they rushed toward that fountain!

Boom!

A lightning bolt suddenly struck—it landed in front of Elder Bo Yan!

Fire sparks flew everywhere!

The terrifying strength seemed to want to rip everything apart!

Elder Bo Yan was stunned and immediately set up a barrier around him! At the same time, he retreated!

However, his chest still felt stifled by the remaining shock!

"Bo Yan!"

"What's the matter? Are you okay?"

The two elders immediately went forward and stopped him.

Elder Bo Yan shook his head, yet his expression was ugly. "I'm fine, but this fountain—"

Coincidentally, an ear-piercing sound was heard at this moment.

The few of them looked up, and it was Elder Ouyang!

His expression was anxious as he rushed over. When he saw that the sides of the fountain were frozen, he couldn't help but be taken aback and scolded, "Who the hell stole the lightning strength inside here?!"