

Weaponsmith 101

Chapter 101: The little fox sure has a lot of secrets

“There are about ten Spirit Raising Pills within this bottle. The sale price shall begin at ten thousand silvers! Please begin your bids!”

You could not miss how very provocative Shopkeeper Sun’s words were. Many South Yue martial practitioners were stuck at the bottleneck of the ninth level of the Qi Profound Realm. If they were to become Defensive Profound Realm practitioners, they would automatically become a well-known and powerful name. They could even receive an official title from the Emperor.

This bottle of Spirit Raising Pills was something many dreamed of obtaining!

For those cultivational talents in various families, those pills will be able to decrease the amount of time they spend in the Qi Profound Realm. It quite useful.

So this round of bidding became the most clamorous. In an instant the price for the Spirit Raising Pills jumped from ten thousand all the way to thirty thousand.

Jumping straight to thirty thousand caused the bidders to drastically decrease in number.

Afterall, the number of people at the ninth level of the Qi Profound Realm were in the minority and few were wealthy. A sum of fifty thousand was a sum they could not possibly imagine or support.

But for those with a great background, fifty thousand was not too much. It merely signalled the start of a battle.

“Thirty-five thousand!”

“Forty thousand!”

“Forty-five thousand!”

“Fifty-thousand!”

The final two bidders in this round were a renowned feudal family—the Liu Family’s Ding Guo Liu and the martial Jing Family.

Inside the private room.

Huang Yue Li was bored to death, listening to those calls. Her slender white fingers picked up a teacup. Her head tilted, she gracefully took a sip of tea.

Her motion caused her snow-white neck to be exposed, immediately drawing the man’s gaze.

The man’s gaze travelled down her delicate neck, loitering at her collarbone before continuing downwards.....to discover that clothes were covering the rest. He could only regretfully avert his gaze.

Sensing his gaze, Huang Yue Li suspiciously cast him a glance, “What are you looking at?”

Naturally he would not reveal his wicked thoughts. Coolly and composed, he returned his gaze back towards her, smiling: “What? Why are you not bidding for that bottle of Spirit Raising Pills?”

Huang Yue Li shrugged her shoulders in response: “No interest.”

His eyebrows arched, “Your meridians are blocked and unable to cultivate. If you were to take those Spirit Raising Pills, it may help your condition. If you don’t have enough money, this Lord can lend you the money.”

“No need, I really have no interest.”

Since her physique was special, she was different from those people who could not cultivate. No matter how many of those Spirit Raising Pills she ingested, they would not have any effect.

Otherwise, she would have long thought of a method to obtain those Spirit Raising Pills. Why would she wait until today?

The man was a bit confused and squinted his eyes. Looks like the secrets on this little fox’s body were not little!

Unable to cultivate and still this composed, her emotions stable even the face of pills that could change her physique. Whilst also possessing the rare ability to refine profound armaments.

Huang Yue Li was able to sense that man’s gaze, but she did not wish to explain. She continued to drink her tea.

While the calls below did not cease, but the range of calls became smaller and smaller.

Reaching that price, even towards a feudal family it was a price that needed consideration and more consideration.

“Seventy-three thousand!”

“...Seventy-four thousand!”

“Seventy-five thousand!”

After the Ding Guo Liu stated that price, the spectacle paused for a moment. Hesitating, Marquis Jing bit down and decided to bid.

While Ding Guo Liu became more and more ecstatic. A woman’s clear laughter could be heard.

“One hundred thousand!”

Chapter 102: Coveting for a long time

One hundred thousand!

This sum really exceeded the market price. Normally, a bottle of Spirit Raising Pills would be worth around seventy to eighty thousand silvers. Reaching one hundred thousand had greatly surpassed its value.

In an instant all gazes turned towards the one who called that sum.

“God, how could this be? Would the person who could call out one hundred thousand silvers be sitting in the general area?”

“That’s right, how could that be? That tycoon is so lavis! Does she know she is fighting with Ding Guo Liu? Is she not afraid that she would offend some people?”

“Eh? Wait a moment! The person who bid.....looks to be Valiant Martial Manor’s Second Young Miss? And the person beside her.....is that not the Crown Prince?”

“What? What? Let me see.....it really is! Why is the Crown Prince sitting in the crowded general admission and not in a private room?”

“Ai, who knows? He probably wants to experience an auction’s atmosphere for once! “But now that you mention it, it’s no wonder that Second Young Miss Bai called out such a sum so forthrightly, suppressing those two families. Turns out she has the support of the Crown Prince?”

The bidder really was Bai Ruo Qi.

For a long time, she had coveted the Spirit Raising Pills. The reason for her trip to the auction was all for the sake of those Spirit Raising Pills!

This year, like Bai Ruo Yan, she intended to take part in South Sky Region’s district exam for the various top martial schools.

As one of the few female geniuses of South Yue, her target was naturally the same as the Crown Prince towards the best—the impressive and famous Celestial Light Academy!

Unfortunately, in comparison to the various geniuses within Celestial Light Academy, the fourth grade talented that she was so proud of was nothing extraordinary. And a cultivation of Qi Profound Realm seventh level was considered somewhat low.

Before examinations commence, she planned to breakthrough to the Qi Profound Realm ninth level.

Originally this goal was a bit hard to achieve. But with the appearance of the Spirit Raising Pills, everything had changed. Not only could she reach her goal, she also could breakthrough to the Defensive Profound Realm!

Aged fifteen and reaching the second stage in cultivation the Defensive Profound Realm was definitely rare. This allowed her to have a ninety percent assurance of entering Celestial Light Academy.

Bai Liu Jing had also placed great expectations in his second daughter. As a result he had taken out half of Valiant Martial Manor’s silvers to given them to Bai Ruo Qi for her to spend at the auction.

Bai Ruo Qi was determined to win that bottle of Spirit Raising Pills.

Once her high bid was set, she had essentially shocked everyone present.

The grandson of the Liu Family was also a fourth grade talent. The reason for his bidding also so that his grandson would be able to successfully breakthrough. He did not expect for the pills to almost reach his grasp but then snatched away. He boiled with anger!

Originally his face completely portrayed his fury, wishing to see which bastard sitting in general admission dared to fight against him for his things!

But once he saw the person, it turned out to be Bai Ruo Qi. And the person beside was His Highness the Crown Prince!

In this situation, how did the Liu Family dare to say anything. Cautiously he lowered his head in unwilling resignation.

Stopping for a time and seeing that no one wished to call out any more bids, Shopkeeper Sun began his countdown.

“One hundred thousand once! One hundred thousand twice.....”

The gloomy expression that Bai Ruo Qi had carried for an entire morning, finally began to brighten again.

As long as she obtained those Spirit Raising Pills, she would be able to become a Defensive Profound Realm expert!

That cheap slut Bai Ruo Li, no matter what foxley charms she possessed to be able to seduce her man, what would she be able to do then?

How could she possibly compare to her strength and talent?

Chapter 103: Don't mention how furious they were

Even the Crown Prince's expression had turned for the better.

At the third stage, the Spirit Profound Realm, Ding Guo Liu was considered a powerful master in South Yue. But once he saw the person sitting beside Bai Ruo Qi, he didn't dare to continue bidding!

This stated that the Crown Prince's position still possessed quite a lot of prestige. His talent.....was still able to make masters submit!

As a Crown Prince but beaten to the ground by that mysterious man, he felt it was too humiliating. Regaining some his number one genius of South Yue pride, caused the suffocation within to lessen.

“One hundred thousand silvers thrice.....”

“One hundred five thousand silvers!”

Just before Shopkeeper Sun could announce the two words “bid complete”, a sudden cry from the VIP sector called out interrupting his words.

The entire auction relapsed into immediate silence. Shopkeeper Sun was also stunned.

No one thought that someone else would bid for the Spirit Raising Pills, once they had surpassed their market value. Furthermore the one they would be bidding against would be the woman beside the Crown Prince. And the new bidder added another five thousand!

Everyone turned they shocked selves to the highest level of private rooms. Unfortunately, to protect the identities of the those esteemed guests, the third level was protected. They could see through and view the identities of the people within.

“Wa, who is this rich? One hundred five thousand is too expensive!”

“The most crucial point, who is the female within the private room? Daring to go against the Crown Prince?”

“So what if he is the Crown Prince? Able to sit on the top floor, she could possibly be a Princess from a neighbouring country!”

“You are right. Then you take a guess, do you think that Second Miss Bai will bid?”

Within the discussion, Bai Ruo Qi and the Crown Prince turned to face each other. Their faces sinking.

Other guests would not be able to the guess the female’s identity, but for them they could identify her just from her voice. That female who just called out the bid was Bai Ruo Li! Furthermore, they had watched as she snatched their private room from under their noses.

She dared to come out to stir trouble. It definitely was Bai Ruo Li!

Shopkeeper Sun was able to quickly regain himself. A face full of smiles, he said: “Good! There is another guest who bid. That dear guest bid a total of one hundred five thousand silvers, one hundred five thousand silvers! It truly is an astonishing amount! May I ask if there is anyone else willingly to raise the price?”

Bai Ruo Qi clenched her teeth, how furious she was!

Bai Liu Jing had only given her a total of one hundred silvers. With this large sum and the Crown Prince’s support, he felt that this would be more than enough for a bottle of Spirit Raising Pills. This was wholly out of her calculations.

There really was someone who dared to bid against her!

If she wished to out bid Bai Ruo Li, it was not impossible. Her savings from these years, amounted to about six thousand silvers. If she were to take them out, she would be able to out bid Bai Ruo Li.

But if she did this, she would become a penniless chicken in an instant! Her original plans were to use that money to purchase a second level profound armament to increase her strength!

Bai Ruo Qi’s heart ached, hesitating for quite some time.

Shopkeeper Sun asked: “Is there really no one else willingly to bid? Then this one will begin the countdown....”

Bai Ruo Qi’s heart jumped, “One hundred six thousand!”

She had thrown all caution to the wind. Today she must obtain that bottle of Spirit Raising Pills!

“”One hundred six thousand once! One hundred six thousand twice! One hundred six thousand thrice.....!”

As shopkeeper Sun was about to complete his countdown, Bai Ruo Qi let out a breath of relief while her heart continued to thumped wildly!

Once she obtained that bottle, she will definitely break through and thoroughly teach that little slut a good lesson!

“One hundred and ten thousand!”

With a smirk, Huang Yue Li once again called out from the third floor.

Chapter 104: I want to report you

Hearing Huang Yue Li's new bid, Bai Ruo Qi nearly forgot to breathe!

This little slut was not done? The price is already so high, yet she dared to increase!

Under her conjecture, Bai Ruo Qi believed that Huang Yue Li really wanted this bottle of Spirit Raising Pills. Her third younger sister was born a wastrel, how would she be fit to use such pills. She should just live with her fate!

Face ashen, Bai Ruo Qi really wished to pull Bai Ruo Li out to give her a nice beating!

“One hundred thousand! It's already one hundred thousand! Are there any other bidders?”

Shopkeeper Sun was laughing through his teeth, urging for more bids.

Bai Ruo Qi's heart burned furiously, as she truly wanted this bottle of pills. But she had no more money...

At this moment the Crown Prince turned around and looked at her to say: “If you want to continue to bid, I can you give you twenty thousand silvers.”

Bai Ruo Qi was the only girl who possessed fourth grade talent in South Yue and only she could match him. If there were no incidents, she would mostly become his Imperial Consort.

The Crown Prince naturally hoped Ba Ruo Qi to further her strength, becoming one of the core students of the Celestial Light Academy. That would also place them in greater limelight, assisting them better in the future.

While that little girl Bai Ruo Li already made him lose face twice. It was time she was taught a lesson! How would he allow her to obtain that bottle?

Hearing the Crown Prince actually take the initiative to give her money, to help her bid, caused Bai Ruo Qi to feel very joyous! What did that mean? It meant that the Crown Prince was very satisfied with her, intending to marry her! So he is willingly to pay for her!

Bai Ruo Qi replied delightedly: “His Royal Highness, Qi'er is too moved”

Her watery eyes fell on the prince, those adoring eyes greatly pleased the Crown Prince.

He nodded slightly, “Hurry up and bid!”

Bai Ruo Qi loudly cried: “One hundred and one thousand!”

Although she received twenty thousand in funds, she still decided to cautiously increase it little by little. However, Huang Yue Li's calm voice echoed once again.

"One hundred and twenty thousand!"

"One hundred andtwelve thousand!" She clenched her teeth in response.

"One hundred and thirty thousand!"

The entire auction fell into silence. No one thought that a small bottle of Spirit Raising Pills would shoot to such a high price! From the usual turnover of seventy thousand to one hundred and thirty thousand, nearly twice the normal price!

Bai Ruo Qi's hands were shivering. Even with the Crown Prince's support of twenty thousand silvers, her money was still not enough!

She looked back to the Crown Prince, seeing him also frown and not making any actions to help her.

Bai Ruo Qi knew that the Crown Prince felt at a loss to spend more than one hundred and thirty thousand silvers to buy a bottle of Spirit Raising Pills was too much. If the price were to rise to one hundred and forty-fifty thousand, did she intend to keep bidding?

Even the Crown Prince would feel the pain!

Shopkeeper Sun once again cried: "Anyone else to increase the price? No more increases? I will begin the countdown!"

Before Bai Ruo Qi could speak, Huang Yue Li's voice rang out.

"Shopkeeper Sun, you are far too wordy. Hurry up and start the countdown. There are some people who obviously can not afford it. So you should also give them a little face ah. Do not force others to admit that they have no money!"

Those words which were neither hot or cool, thoroughly angered Bai Ruo Qi.

She could not help but slap the table. Standing up, she pointed to the third floor cursing: "Bai Ruo Li! Who are you saying has no money? I think it is you who has no money! Shopkeeper Sun, I wish to report my third sister Bai Ruo Li for maliciously tampering with the price. She simply cannot afford to buy this bottle of pills and is deliberately causing chaos for the auction!"

Chapter 105: She has no right to sit there!

Because of Bai Ruo Qi's questioning, the entire hall rose into an uproar!

No one expected that the bidding clamour would have such a twist in direction!

The person who was competing with Valiant Martial Manor's Second Young Miss was her younger cousin. Bai Family's Third Young Miss, Bai Ruo Li!

This Third Young Miss Bai was also a celebrity in the capital. The reason due to being her heaven blessed father, Bai Liu Feng's only daughter!

According to the rumors, when Bai Liu Feng was still present he was one of the top five experts of South Sky Region. He carried the fate of South Yue, to reach the peak.

After he disappeared, many had placed their hopes in his daughter. They felt that she would definitely be a cultivation genius, becoming an outstanding and proud female.

Who knew that Bai Ruo Li would turn to be a cultivational wastrel. Since that moment, no one put her in their eyes.

Yet her name was still very well known. All of the guests present, there was hardly anyone who did not know who she was.

After a while, murmuring discussions began.

"Third Young Miss Bai? She actually came?"

"That is very strange! Didn't everyone say that Third Miss Bai was a wastrel and very cowardly? Did the sun rise from the west today? She would come to the auction!"

"What's so strange? Third Miss Bai definitely wants to obtain that bottle of Spirit Raising Pills. That should be why she came to attend the auction?"

"But aren't these two cousins? They would fight to the death over a bottle of Spirit Raising Pills? Not differentiating between cousins!"

"What so big about fighting over pills? Did you hear the Second Young Miss' words? She wants to report her cousin! Tsk, tsk. Didn't they say that the Second Young Miss was kind-hearted and magnanimous? I think it's only a facade for outsiders to see....."

All sorts of different conjectures and analyses could be heard. Their faces filled with excitement.

With the price of the Spirit Raising Pills coming to such a high, they would not be able to obtain anyway. To watch a fight between cousins would not make them suffer any losses.

Shopkeeper Sun did not predict this to occur. Wrinkling his eyebrows he said: "Second Miss Bai, may I ask for your meaning..."

Since Bai Ruo Qi had thrown all caution to the wind, she immediately replied: "That's right! I remember that Thousand Treasure Pavilion has a rule; those participating in the auction must have sufficient funds to bid. Once they successfully bid for an item, they must immediately pay for it. This to ensure they do possess enough funds and no malicious intentions. Otherwise they would immediately become someone no one will do business with! Is this not the case?"

Shopkeeper Sun nodded his head in reply: "There is a rule like this. This is to ensure fairness within the auction."

"Good! Since this is the case, then Bai Ruo Li does not have any right to sit there! She simply does not have that much money, and intentionally wants me to pay more. Hence the reason for her bids!"

Finger pointing towards the private room, Bai Ruo Qi loudly proclaimed.

Blank, Shopkeeper Sun responded: "This...this can not be possible! Third Young Miss Bai, is our Thousand Treasure Pavilion's distinguished guest. She would not do such a thing!"

Bai Ruo Qi said: "Why is that not possible? Shopkeeper Sun, you have not even confirmed anything and you already state that it is impossible. Are you purposely allowing for such malicious deeds to occur? This may also be the case. The higher the price of the pills go, the more commission Thousand Treasure Pavilion will receive! Just with this kind of action, who would dare to come to your place shop in the future?"

"Right ah. This kind of thing.....should be investigated clearly right?"

"That's right. If it was truly done with evil intent and Thousand Treasure Pavilion does not deal with it appropriately, then I do dare to conduct any more business with Thousand Treasure Pavilion! I wouldn't wait for someone to dig a hole and fall inside right?"

Bai Ruo Qi's word had a point, spurring many others to speak up.

Chapter 106: Heart a complete mess

Tilting her chin slightly, Bai Ruo Qi displayed a delighted expression.

That little slut dared to clash with her!

Did she think that deliberately bidding against her would make her suffer a loss?

Let's see how she would deal with this! In front of this many people, when Thousand Treasure Pavilion discovered she is unable to pay.....then she would be losing greatly!

"This...."

Shopkeeper Sun become somewhat awkward.

He heard that Third Young Miss Bai was in the same private room as his new mysterious owner.

Although he was unable to learn of the new owner's identity, one thing was certain. The new owner's strength was matchless with a very special background. He didn't even treat the Crown Prince's position as anything!

If he were to start to question Bai Ruo Li, then there would a high chance of offending the owner. This kind of super expert, once angered, what kind of result will happen?

These old bones of his still wished to live for a few more years!

But if he were to continue to ignore this without rhyme or reason, it would greatly impact Thousand Treasure Pavilion's reputation.

Bai Ruo Qi was very clever, speaking straight into the hearts of the guests present. The biggest fear of an auction, was the intentional bidding in the attempts to raise an items' price from evil parties!

Now that someone was called into question, regardless of feelings and relationships, Shopkeeper Sun must give them a logical reply.

Shopkeeper Sun was a very bad position. His eyebrows were so tightly creased that they could form knots.

It was at that exact moment that Huang Yue Li once again spoke out.

“Shopkeeper Sun, no need to feel distressed. Since my Second Sister had voiced her concerns, then I should naturally comply and allow Thousand Treasure Pavilion to investigate me. If we do not give a proper explanation, then wouldn't I be branded as a person who maliciously raises auctions prices? This is a pot I refuse to carry! If this also affects Thousand Treasure Pavilion's prestige, then I will feel burdened.”

Her words were calm and orderly; devoid of haste or slow speed. Her tone was paced and level, filled with the natural charisma of an aristocratic lady.

With those words, it turned the aggressive Bai Ruo Qi into a cursing vixen.

Everyone's view of her instantly changed.

Suffering another hidden loss, Bai Ruo Qi felt suffocated. With nothing good to retort, she could only say: “Since this is the case, I ask Third Sister to take out proof of your assets. I do want to see if you really possess that much money!”

“Proof....of course I will take it out. But, I must also ask you something Second Sister. Since you have claimed something that paints me as a dishonorable person, what will you do if your claims are false?”

Shocked at her response, Bai Ruo Qi asked: “What do you mean, what will I do?”

Huang Yue Li lowly chuckled: “Second Sister, your claims stated that I was purposely raising prices. If you are wrong, isn't it fair if you atone for that mistake? If everyone was like you, accusing others of maliciously raising because they cannot afford to bid, who will dare bid in the future? How can Thousand Treasure Pavilion continue to do business?”

She immediately received understanding from many people.

“That's right! That's right! Third Young Miss has a point! If malicious price raising results in a ban from Thousand Treasure Pavilion, then slandering others should receive equal punishment!”

“Correct. If I remember correctly, there is a rule like this?”

Bai Ruo Qi did not think for a moment, Bai Ruo Li's words would be that logical, that piercing!

The crowd who was previously siding with her was instantly swayed and now stood with Bai Ruo Li!

And from her tone, it seems that she carries quite a lot of confidence. She wouldn't truly be able to take out proof?

Bai Ruo Qi was temporarily at a loss on what to do. Her heart was a mess, unsure to what truly lay hidden within Bai Ruo Li's scheming heart!

Chapter 107: Dare to gamble?

Seeing that she was not responding, Huang Yue Li went to urge her: "Second Sister, how is that? You must give me an answer?"

Their gazes all turned to Bai Ruo Qi. Being put onto the spot, she could only brace herself: "What are you scheming?"

Huang Yue Li lightly laughed: "Second Sister, look at what you are saying! Do you think I will allow for you to be driven out by others over such a small misunderstanding?"

When she heard this, Bai Ruo Qi unexpectedly let out a breath of relief.

She had been quite worried. In the unlikely case that Bai Ruo Li taking out that much money, she would lose so much face when she was driven away.

But now that Huang Yue Li had stated her intentions, what could she do to her?

Bai Ruo Qi immediately regained her confidence and asked: "Then what do you wish to do?"

"Let us make a bet?"

"Make a bet?"

"We are betting whether or not I possess enough finances to purchase that bottle of Spirit Raising Pills!"

Suspiciously, Bai Ruo Qi questioned: "How do we bet?"

Huang Yue Li's tone was especially tender and soft.

"Very simple. Since this bottle of Spirit Raising Pills has reached such a price, the only two people willingly to purchase it would be you and me. Why don't we use it as our gambling stake! If I fail to provide enough silvers to purchase it, I will have lost this bet. The bottle of Spirit Raising Pills will thus belong to you, while I foot the bill. But if I am able to produce one hundred and thirty thousand silvers, then they will belong to me. As the silvers...Second Sister will provide for it. How does that sound?"

Blank, Bai Ruo Qi's expression quickly changed.

"You dream well. This kind of gamble, I will not agree to it!"

Huang Yue Li let out a loose smile: "Second Sister, what do you mean? Why don't you dare to take the gamble? Did you not have quite a lot of confidence when you reported me and possessed evidence? Since it is like this, this gamble is in your favor! You don't need to use a single silver and will be able to obtain a bottle of Spirit Raising Pills! This kind of fortuitous affair, you don't dare take it?"

When she spoke like that, Bai Ruo Qi's heart wavered.

What kind of situation was this?

This cheap slut would not be able kind hearted. But she could not possibly possess a hundred thousand silvers. Could she?

The heritage Bai Liu Feng left behind, was stolen long ago by Bai Liu Jing. Her meal money wasn't even stable. So how could she possibly have a hundred thousand silvers?

"Second Sister, what do you choose?" Huang Yue Li asked impatiently.

"This..."

"Second Sister, I am practically giving you the Spirit Raising Pills, yet you are still so hesitant. Could it be you have hidden demons inside? Or does it mean.....you purposefully framed me?"

"How....how could I frame you!"

"Then why are you afraid to accept the gamble? Let everyone judge for themselves. If this isn't a guilty heart, then what is it?" With a smile that wasn't a smile, Huang Yue Li asked.

Listening to the conversation, the crowd was stirred up once again.

"That's right! Why don't dare take the bet? If you really have evidence, it would be equal to obtaining a bottle of Spirit Raising Pills. If such a good thing were to happen to me, I would have already agreed!"

"Yeah. Could it be that she holds a guilty heart? Purposely framing?"

"Hey, it's highly likely! Who doesn't know South Sky Region's most famous mercenary was Bai Liu Feng? He definitely has accumulated quite a lot of wealth. As his sole daughter, how would she not be able to afford a bottle of Spirit Raising Pills?"

"That, I am not to sure. From the rumors, due to her young age, quite of a lot of Valiant Martial Manor properties have transferred ownership. Third Miss Bai has no share of anything. Otherwise, why would Second Miss Bai be this certain over the fact she has no money? It's clear she has inside information!"

"My Lord! They dare to such a thing? Isn't that a bit too shameless?"

Chapter 108: This Lord cannot afford to lose this face!

"Since the father is this shameless, it's no wonder that the daughter has no restraint. Even daring enough to frame her own cousin! When she is the one asking her to gamble, she does not dare! Tsk, tsk!"

"You really couldn't tell ah. To think I used believe that the Second Young Bai was beautiful and talented but still possessed a great heart. Turns out it was all a lie!"

Listening to the roasts and exposing discussions, Bai Ruo Qi was both angry and worried; her face completely red.

There was especially the case for the Crown Prince. Hearing those gossipers, his eyebrows knitted together and expression in deep thought.

Being talked about from passer-bys could be forgiven. But if the Crown Prince were to believe it and think she was a black bellied and malicious female, then all hopes of marrying into the Royal Household would be greatly impacted!

She could not allow them to continue to speak!

Loudly, Bai Ruo Qi proclaimed: "Complete nonsense! When did I hold a guilty heart? The reason I did not take the gamble is because you are full of lies and trickery! It is only because you are with a mysterious man, allowing you access into the VIP room. Many saw this! Because you have seduced a powerful man, you are preparing to use his money to as proof?"

Hearing this, Huang Yue Li really wanted to applaud her cousin!

This reason was just too good. Not only did she shift the blame from the gamble onto her, it also hinted that she was clutching a man's thigh; ruining her reputation!

If it were the previous Bai Ruo Li, she would have long become mute from fear.

It was unfortunate. The current person was her, Huang Yue Li!

"Second Sister, what are you saying? I am merely friends with that man, coincidentally meeting on the way here. That was why we came to the auction together. Didn't you also come with the Crown Prince, Second Sister? Are you guys not ordinary friends.....or.....have hooked up together to do things between a man and a woman?"

Bai Ruo Qi choked and was unable to speak.

If she really pressed on the matter, claiming that Bai Ruo Li had a suspicious relationship with men, then wouldn't she also be pulled out as an example? Having an intimate relationship with the Crown Prince?

"In any case...even if you are only ordinary friends, you are still able to borrow his money to cope with the situation. This isn't something unfair for the bet!"

Feigning a helpless look, Huang Yue Li said: "Second Sister, you are far too paranoid. I promise that I won't use anybody's money. If it's discovered I have lied, then it is also considered my loss! In such a large and open place, with such a large amount of witnesses, Thousand Treasure Pavilion's Shopkeeper Sun is also not a vegetarian. Am I still able to hide anything under such circumstances?"

Those words were spoken very open and candidly.

But the more she acted like this, the more Bai Ruo Qi felt something was off!

Because Bai Ruo Qi's hesitation lasted for a long time, the duration of the auction was extended.

Even Shopkeeper Sun became somewhat impatient. Coughing lightly, he said: "Second Miss Bai, if you really have evidence, then I suggest you take the gamble. From what I can see, Third Miss Bai's proposed bet is very fair! If you do not take the gamble, then it only serves to prove that you have framed her. And for Thousand Treasure Pavilion's reputation, this one must ask Second Miss Bai to leave Thousand Treasure Pavilion, never to return!"

"You.....!"

Teeth clenched firmly, Bai Ruo Qi had no room to retreat or advance!

At this moment, the Crown Prince suddenly spoke out.

“Enough. Don’t hesitate any longer and bet with her!”

Bai Ruo Qi stared at him blankly, “Your Highness?”

The Crown Prince glared at her, displeased: “Things have already reached this point. If you don’t bet with with her, are you ready to be banned from Thousand Treasure Pavilion? This Lord does not want to lose this face! Furthermore, Bai Ruo Li is more or less overcomplicating things. She does not have that much money, so she deliberately created such a shocking affair to intentionally scare you. Are you not even able to see through this?”

Chapter 109: Impossible, this is impossible!

Thinking over the Crown Prince’s words, Bai Ruo Qi realized this really was the case!

No wonder that cheap slut was so easy to talk to and willingly to cooperate. Her aim was to misled her and gain her money!

Her calculations were very good! She was nearly swindled by her!

Thinking that she had grasped onto one of Huang Yue Li’s weaknesses, Bai Ruo Qi’s expression loosened in relief.

Puffing out, she said: “Okay. Since it’s like this, I will gamble with you! Third Sister, originally on the fact that you are my cousin, I did not wish for you to suffer such a loss. But you were so insistent on advancing like so; completely ignoring sisterly relationships and wasting my good intentions! As a result, Second Sister will give you a proper lesson and make you realise that words.....should not be recklessly spoken!”

On Bai Ruo Qi’s face hung a righteous and virtuous look while she looked up. In the process, she gained the support of some sympathetic crowd members.

It was as if she really did not wish for Bai Ruo Li to lose that money, hence her numerous refusals. But Bai Ruo Li’s constant heartlessness forced her hand.

Due to her lifelike and believable acting, the previous indignant crowd instantly felt lost.

This.....could it be that Second Miss Bai acted like so in consideration of her younger cousin? She did not wish to harm her Third Sister, thus not accepting the gamble? How could there be such a kind hearted person in this world!

Did they really wrong her?

But Huang Yue Li replied in an indifferent tone, as if she did not understand the hidden meaning within those words: “Good. Then Shopkeeper Sun and everyone present can bear witness to this.”

Pausing for a moment, she continued: “Here is a VIP black card issued from Clear Jade Bank under my own name. On the card, I have around two hundred thousand silvers deposited about ten days ago. Shopkeeper Sun, you can send someone to Clear Jade Bank to verify this.”

Clear Jade Bank is the largest banking firm in South Sky Region, with branches in all of the countries in South Sky Region. Once you deposit your money with Clear Jade Bank, you are able to withdraw it from any of its branches in South Sky Region.

It was a well known fact that Clear Jade Bank's black card is only issued to distinguished guests depositing one hundred silvers or more. Furthermore, only the owner of the card would be able to withdraw any money from the card.

So the black card within Huang Yue Li's hands only served to prove that she was in possession of that much money. Furthermore, the deposit date also proved that the sum had nothing to do with the man present.

So as soon as Huang Yue Li's words left her mouth, Bai Ruo Qi's faced whitened instantly!

Eye wide in shock, she fell into her seat. While her mouth constantly stuttering: "Impossible. How could this be? Where did you obtain the money? That black card is fake!"

Shopkeeper Sun spoke up: "This one naturally believes Third Young Miss Bai's words. As fate has it, the manager of Clear Jade Bank's South Yue Branch is here today. This one will immediately send someone to retrieve the card, so I ask Third Young Miss Bai to cooperate with our inspection."

"Fine, no problem!"

Her words were strong and cold as they echoed out from the third floor.

"No need for the inconvenience!"

That voice was cold as ice, devoid of any emotion and not that loud. Like a sudden thunderclap ringing right next to everyone's ears.

As soon as those words were said, an immense and domineering aura descended onto the entire auction. Every single person present felt their breathing turn sluggish and their faces whiten.

Surprised, Huang Yue Li couldn't help but turn to face the man beside her. She was uncertain as to why the man suddenly interrupted her.

Chapter 110: Keeping Quiet out of fear

*Shopkeeper will be changed to Manager because it sounds a bit more imposing and formal.

His slender fingers reaching out, he took the black card from Huang Yue Li's small hands.

Strands of profound qi began to wrap around the black card, raising it into the air before descending down and flying away like a falling leaf.

Stupefied, everyone watched the small black card descend stably down; all the way to Manager Sun.

That move was just too beautiful!

Once a practitioner reached the Defensive Profound Realm, apart from using profound qi as a bodily defense, they could also manipulate it to move other objects.

Of course, just moving an object was nothing extraordinary to see. What was noteworthy was the hundreds of metres between the third level VIP room and the auction stage! Even a practitioner at the peak of the Defensive Profound Realm could only move objects within a ten metre radius!

Additionally, the man's control of his profound qi was so stable and precise!

This clearly stated that the man's cultivation was far above the Defensive Profound Realm. As to what his cultivation level was, of those present there wasn't a single person who would be able to answer it!

Turns out that the affair Bai Ruo Qi spoke about, regarding the mysterious expert beside Third Young Miss Bai was true! And this man wasn't ordinarily powerful. Able to beat the Crown Prince meant he was an exceptional master!

Normally this would be a hot topic for gossip. But under the auction's atmosphere, the site became unusually quiet.

With such a terrifyingly powerful expert on the third floor, who dared to badmouth Third Young Miss Bai?

Everyone became quiet from fear. There were even a few who restlessly lowered their head because they had spoken ill of Bai Ruo Li. They all wished they could dig a hole and hide themselves within!

Wiping the cold sweat from his forehead, Manager Sun reached for the black card and passed it to Clear Jade Bank's Branch Manager Jin for inspection.

Shortly afterwards, Manager Jin gave his verdict: "Third Young Miss Bai's words are true. To speak the truth, the day she came to register for this card, it was this old one who served her. Within her card are two hundred thousand silvers, more than enough to purchase the bottle of Spirit Raising Pills."

The money within the card, was the down payment Manager Sun had given to her when visited Thousand Treasure Pavilion.

She considered the fact that she would be producing large amounts of profound armaments in the future to sell, resulting in her decision of saving funds with Clear Jade Bank.

Just as he finished speaking, the card floated up and flew back into the third floor room.

Using two fingers, the man caught the card and delivered it to Huang Yue Li.

"Little thing, here is your black card. Please look after it."

Giving him a glare, Huang Yue Li snatched the card from his hands and said in an angry puff: "Who told you to be meddlesome!"

In the man's eyes, he felt that her angry and arrogant display was especially pleasant to watch.

Heart itching, he closed in and smiled: "How did this Lord vex you this time? Where was I meddlesome? This Lord was afraid that some people might secretly switch out your black card, hence why I helped to deliver your card down. This Lord held such kind hearted intentions, yet you thought this Lord was meddlesome? Truly no conscience ah!"

Huang Yue Li raised her eyebrow in response, “And that was out of your own initiative. Do you want me to thank you?”

The man laughed out: “Thank.....there is no need. A kiss for this Lord will suffice.”

“Get lost!”

Huang Yue Li bestowed him an eye roll instead.

In the meantime, standing on the auction stage, Manager Sun had already announced the final results.

“Since it has been proven that Third Young Miss Bai did not maliciously raise auction prices, this shop will present Third Young Miss Bai with a lifetime discount of ten percent as compensation. While the bidding for this bottle of Spirit Raising Pills will end here. The pills will be paid by Second Miss Bai, belonging to Third Young Miss Bai for the final price of one hundred and thirty-one thousand silvers!”