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Chapter 1711: Armament Guild Headquarters (3)

Outside the carriage curtain were tidy pavements as the two sides were planted with lush trees, which did not indicate any oddity at all.

Huang Yueli's slender brows creased as she placed the curtain back.

The distance between her current position and Blue Profound Sect's mountain entrance was a mere few miles and was still within the tight security of the Number One Sacred Land.

By right, there shouldn't be anyone who was bold enough to even dare to do anything under Blue Profound Sect's nose so this should be an absolutely safe region.

Moreover, she was extremely low profile now and other than people from Levitation Sword Palace's internal department, there shouldn't be anyone else who knew the specifics of her identity. Her cultivation among the other practitioners in Soaring Heavens Continent were easily found within the masses in Sky Emperor City.....

How could it possibly be that someone had their sights on her? It should be.... Only her misperception?

Huang Yueli's carriage didn't stop as it swiftly sped along the pavement.

After a while later, two black robes figures appeared by the side of the pavement in between the closely dense forest.

"Are you certain that you didn't see wrongly? The young lady in the carriage is that peerless genius Li Moying's fiancée?" One of the men who had a slightly taller stature posed this question with a solemn expression.

The other man nodded, "Shouldn't be wrong. My distant cousin is a Blue Profound Sect outer disciple and he had helped me keep watch for quite some time. Every single time that Miss Bai leaves the place, she will always take this carriage. But usually there are always ninth stage realm top exponent's aura so probably Li Moying had accompanied her down the mountain personally but this is her first time leaving on her own this round!"

When Cang Po Jun and others escorted Huang Yueli, in order not to cause a commotion they would always disguise themselves whereas these two black robed men's cultivation were merely in seventh stage realm. Under their perception from their soul trace, ninth stage realm practitioners were as powerful as they could be, so it was very difficult for them to differentiate who the strong and the weak were.

From what they thought, for a large Sect like Blue Profound Sect, other than Li Moying who was a ninth stage realm top exponent who would accompany a young lass like Huang Yueli to wander the streets, who else could it be?

The taller practitioner nodded, "Looks like our luck isn't too bad at all. Without Li Moying by her side, catching this fifth stage realm young lass is simply too easy!"

The shorter practitioner's face was filled with excitement, "Isn't that so! That Li guy actually dared to kill our Clan Leader's most outstanding son in the mystic region Master Yi Feng and refused to hand Master Yi Feng's murderer to our Leng family! He must have taken a bear's heart or a leopard's guts! Did he really think that just because he has outstanding talent meant that he could do as he wished? If we don't teach him a little lesson, he'll really think that our Leng family is afraid of him!"

The taller practitioner revealed a smile as well, "I heard everyone say that although Li Moying was conceited, overbearing, aloof and emotionless, but towards this fiancée he is extremely uptight. As long as we capture this young lass, no matter what kind of demands we put out, Li Moying will obediently be hooked!"

"That's right, we have to grab hold of this chance this time round! Clan Leader already said that whoever is able to capture Li Moying's fiancée will be able to obtain that portion of clan resources which belonged to Master Yi Feng! Clan Leader doted on Master Yi Feng so his resources and fortunes... tsk tsk, just thinking about it makes one extremely excited!"

"By the time we get it, let's split it half half each!"

The two black robed practitioners exchanged smiles, feeling that their luck today was extremely great.

This credit was sure to be in their possession!

On seeing the carriage's trail about to disappear from their sights, the duo immediately followed up.

Chapter 1712: Armament Guild Headquarters (4)

Huang Yueli's carriage headed straight into Sky Emperor City, right in front of Armament Guild.

Sky Emperor City's Armament Guild was located in a bustling central district right smack in the middle of the city and in this position where land was extremely expensive, it occupied the territory of an entire street.

However, the number of pedestrians didn't seem strange. On the contrary, everyone who passed by all revealed signs of adoration.

Because Sky Emperor City's Armament Guild was the entire Continent's headquarters. The hundred over branches which were spread all around Soaring Heaven's Continents were all under the control and management of the headquarters.

This place gathered innumerable top skilled Armament Masters. Especially for seventh ranked Armament Masters and above there was a ninety percent chance that they would register themselves with the Armament Guild Headquarters. Every day, this place would usually be filled with legendary Armament Masters entering and leaving and was the entire Soaring Heavens Continent's sacred land for all Armament Masters.

The Headquarters' entrance was filled with people hence Huang Yueli's carriage could only stop itself on the road before that.

She pulled the carriage curtain apart and jumped down the carriage.

Today was an important day for Armament Guild Headquarters as it was a day of the approval of rank certification for Armament Masters. Innumerable Armament Master rushed over hoping to obtain an even higher rank certification. As for the qualified Armament Masters who were fifth ranked and above, only the headquarters will be able to do the awarding therefore many Armament Masters specially rushed over from the four Sky Regions, already forming a line as they waited for an entire night at the entrance.

When Huang Yueli saw the snaking line at the entrance, she shrugged and decided to remain low keyed as she automatically stood at the end of the line and started to queue up.

She hoped that the Armament Guild's certification speed could hasten up to allow her to rush back before night falls. Otherwise if her fiancé suddenly comes out of closed door seclusion, only to discover that she wasn't in Levitation Sword Palace, he might possibly start to act up again.

Huang Yueli had already downplayed herself as she dressed ordinarily and didn't say a single word at all.

However, what she didn't know was from the moment she got off the carriage, she had already caught the attention of innumerable practitioners, especially the young female practitioners!

Just as Huang Yueli was queuing up, many young female practitioners hid in the corner not too far away as they started to criticise her.

"Look! That's her! I saw it with my own eyes that day when she and that Mister Li entered the city together. Her skirt hem is embroidered with Blue Profound Sect's sword shape logo, that's right!" A lady's fiery eyes recognised her but that tone.... It had an indescribable sourish tone to it.

"So that's her? She doesn't look outstanding at all. She's just... ughh, a little prettier, she actually was able to seduce Mister Li that kind of peerless genius?" This tone was even more sour.

"What pretty? She's obviously a vixen! But she can only be complacent for these few days. In the past Mister Li had always been in South Sky Region and there was no comparison hence he got engaged to her. Now that he's in Sky Emperor City, after meeting so many large forces' daughters, he wouldn't like this kind of country lass."

"Correct, you're absolutely right! Mister Li and her are simply incompatible, simply like a fresh flower on a heap of cow dung! That kind of peerless genius, I heard that his innate talent had already surpassed Blue Profound Sect's Sovereign Mu, how could he be together with this country lass?"

Huang Yueli's soul trace was extremely strong hence her listening power was excellent.

Although these young ladies had already suppressed their voices, but she could still hear the contents of their discussions clearly.

Huang Yueli's lips kept twitching.

A fresh flower on a heap of cow dung.... Meaning? Who was the fresh flower? Who was the cow dung?

Chapter 1713: Armament Guild Headquarters (5)

She had not expected that Li Moying had just entered the city not too long ago and already had so many young ladies who were secretly in love with him?

With such a lady's man who attracted the bees and butterflies to him, it really made one unable to be low keyed even if she wanted to.....

To tell the truth, what Huang Yueli had not expected was the commotion which they made at the entrance of Sky Emperor City's city gates was simply too huge!

So many of Sky Emperor City's large forces all blocked Li Moying and there were even two of the Seven Sacred Lands appearing. The spokesperson from Blue Profound Sect was even Cang Po Jun who headed over to personally welcome them.

This image was just to receive a young practitioner who had just arrived from South Sky Region to Sky Emperor City!

This kind of matter didn't need half a day before the news spread around the entire Sky Emperor City. Furthermore, any idiot at this point in time all knew that Li Moying's innate talent was definitely abnormal. In the past those powerhouses who didn't know about him, after that day, would all investigate Li Moying's past experience in the South Sky Region clearly.

It didn't take a few days before Li Moying breaking through to the ninth stage realm when he was just twenty one years old, had become a news which everyone in Sky Emperor City knew about.

Of course, other than the news related to his innate talent, there were many who said that he was also a good man who adored his fiancée greatly.

Powerful, good looking, young, sentimental... all these made Li Moying become many young ladies' dream lover in Sky Emperor City.

Whereas his fiancée.... Had become a thorn in everyone's flesh.

Although Huang Yueli was initially dazed, but the cause and effect of this matter was entirely not complicated so just pondering over it slightly made her understand it immediately.

Everyone's turned their envious and jealous gazes onto her but there was no reaction from her at all. Anyway she was already used to this sort of matter in the past!

However, the others weren't as calm as she was and after observing her for a moment, they couldn't help but start discussing once again.

"Strange, why did this Bai Ruoli appear at this place, this is the Armament Guild Headquarters! She's queuing up at the entrance, surely it can't be that she's here to take part in the Armament Master certification right?"

"What? How could this be possible? Could she also be an Armament Master?"

"From the looks of it, it should be right but why did she take on such a serious view to come over to Armament Guild Headquarters to do the certification?"

"That's right, just based on her young age and on the fact that she came from South Sky Region, no matter what, her rank shouldn't be above fourth rank right? Armament Masters of fourth rank and below are able to obtain their certification in Sky Cloud City that sort of big city, why didn't she go

there? It was said that the Headquarters' certification standard is much stricter by ten folds! Isn't she here just to make things difficult for herself?"

"Who knows? Perhaps it's this young lass's first time entering the Armament Master assessment hence she doesn't know about all these at all!"

"Hahaha, what you said is highly likely possible! But she's already fifteen and just here to take part in the assessment for the first time. This kind of trashy armament refining standard and she even dares to come to Sky Emperor City to make a living? Isn't it all because she has the backing of a fiancée like Mister Li?"

When Huang Yueli heard their voices, her forehead creased slightly.

Unfortunately before she was able to come out with any response, she heard the Armament Guild calling out for her number so she immediately turned around and walked in with quick steps.

"Quick, she's already gone! Let's hurry in and take a look, so see how she's going to embarrass herself later!"

"Right, let's go! Entering the entrance of the Armament Guild but can't even pass through the first rank certification. If this matter leaked out, everyone would laugh their teeth off!"

Quite a number of young ladies took immediate action as they ran over to the Armament Guild's window to purchase a ticket.

Chapter 1714: Armament Guild Headquarters (6)

Armament Guild's certification assessment was conducted in the same way as when Huang Yueli was in Celestial Light Academy, which allowed ordinary practitioners to view.

But in this way, on one hand, the pricing of the tickets were very expensive but it would rake in a large amount of profit for the Armament Guild. On the other hand, it allowed ordinary practitioners to supervise and to let them see the power of authority and just the nature of the certification.

But this kind of public review was only limited to fourth ranked Armament Masters certification and below. For Armament Masters who were of fifth rank and above, they would usually have their own exclusive method or prescription and all these were their trade secrets which they couldn't possibly allow outsiders to view easily.

Huang Yueli walked right into the Armament Guild's doors.

This was a place where she came to innumerable times in the past and everything here was extremely familiar.

Although the Armament Masters who came from there as well as the décor of the furniture were different from in her past life but this block of historical building which had a long history from many years ago basically had not changed at all.

Huang Yueli suddenly felt sentimental as various experiences from her past life suddenly flooded back into her memories.....

In the past, every single time she came over, it was always some grand event which the Armament Guild conducted and numerous high ranked Armament Masters all flooded over, just to take a look at her. She was always held in high regard as it was extremely bustling with life.

This was her very first time entering this place without a single trace of commotion.

But this was also a refreshing new experience.

In the past, the reception lobby was huge but now it had been separated into thousands of individual regions and each individual region had an exclusive examiner, table and chair, an armament furnace so for those who were coming for the fourth rank and below certification assessment, the certification could all be done in the main hall whereas fifth ranked Armament Masters and above were acting as examiners.

Huang Yueli walked right over to the registration counter and said, "Hi, I'm here to register and take part for certification."

The person responsible for registration as a young female Armament Master who looked eighteen or nineteen years old. She had a third ranked Armament Master badge pinned on her chest and among the Armament Masters, she was already considered as extremely talented.

She raised her head and let out a disdainful look, snatching the opportunity to speak out first, "Your luck's not bad, the certification queue which you want to join doesn't have too many people, you don't need to queue up. Just head over directly and it'd do."

Saying that, her finger pointed towards a direction.

Huang Yueli looked over at the direction which she was pointing at and saw in a dim corner, a few tables were placed there and there were really a few empty tables around.

By the side of the table was a noticeboard, which wrote—"First Rank Armament Master Certification Area".

Huang Yueli frowned, "You didn't even read the information which I have filled in, how do you know what assessment I'd like to take part in?"

Young lady casted a look at her and gave a cold humpf, "You're Sky Emperor City's famous person, who doesn't know who you are? Bai Ruoli, fifteen years old, affiliated Sect: Blue Profound Sect, fiancé is Sky Emperor City's hot figure, peerless genius Master Li! Am I right?"

Huang Yueli went speechless for a moment as she only had one thought in her heart and that was to slash a few cuts on Li Moying's face when she went back.

He really was too attention-grabbing!

Wherever he went, there would be a huge pile of young ladies who fell below his long robe.....

The young lady saw that she wasn't responding and urged impatiently, "Head over there quickly, there are a lot of people who are queuing behind you to register! Don't blame me for not reminding you, our Armament Guild Headquarters certification is extremely tough! As Master Li's fiancée, if you can't even pass the first rank assessment, then you'd really become a laughing stock!"

Chapter 1715: Who do you think you are? (1)

Huang Yueli took a look at her and spoke slowly, "I'm sorry but you seem to have made a mistake, I've never mentioned that I wanted to take part in the first rank Armament Master certification."

Young female Armament Master went into an apparent blank but immediately she revealed a smile of ridicule and said, "What do you mean? You know that you won't be able to pass the certification hence you want to withdraw your application? Isn't this just too amusing? Since you're not here to take part in the certification, then our Armament Guild doesn't welcome miscellaneous people here, you may leave!"

Huang Yueli's lips curled up into a non-smiling smile, "You don't seem to have the qualifications to chase me out yet right?"

"Hmpf, why wouldn't I have the qualifications to do so?" Young lady cast a sidelong glance at her. As a third ranked Armament Master, her superiority exhibited her feelings in her speech, "I'm telling you, miscellaneous people cannot enter the Armament Guild and this is a public regulation, I'm not targeting you! Even if you're a disciple of Blue Profound Sect, but you cannot disobey this rule! I'd advise you to leave on your own quickly so that I can save the hassle of calling the guards to chase you out, which will make you even more embarrassed by then."

Huang Yueli replied coldly, "I'm clearer on the Armament Guild's rules than you! I'm the one who is here to take part in the Armament Master certification but you won't even let me fill in the registration form and want to chase me out?"

Young lady had not yet responded, "Didn't you say that you want to certify for first rank Armament Master? Are you playing a trick on me?"

Huang Yueli's lips curled upwards, "Who's playing tricks on you? I want to get certified, not for first ranked Armament Master, but.... fifth ranked!"

Her original intention was to get certified for seven ranked but as her age was right there, if so many people were to crowd around and she were to say that she wished to get certified for seven ranked, it would definitely cause a commotion and speculation from the crowd.

By then it would easily rouse the suspicions of others and was extremely disadvantageous for her to conceal her identity.

Hence she planned to first get certified for fifth ranked Armament Master because fifth ranked assessments are done on a one-to-one basis with an Elder from the Armament Guild, allowing them to not display their skills in public.

She would then act according to circumstances after passing the fifth ranked assessment.

However, even though she had already lowered her own targeted rank, but it was still a shocking matter.

The young lady at the reception immediately spilled her teacup as the tea flowed along the table and wet the entire stack of blank registration forms.

However, she totally couldn't be bothered with wiping it off. Instead her eyes opened wide as though she had seen a ghost while staring at Huang Yueli.

"What did you just say? You want to be certified for.... which ranked Armament Master??"

Huang Yueli took the opportunity while she was in a daze, stretching out her hand to take one registration form and said while filling it in, "You're so young but why is your listening that bad? Can you really be the Armament Guild's reception like this? I want to take part in fifth ranked Armament Master certification so please go help me inform the Elder inside!"

After she finished her sentence, she threw the form which she had filled in front of the young lady.

The young lady still had a dazed expression on her face and it was until the form landed right in front of her before she regained her senses and started screaming.

"How could this be possible? You want to take part in the fifth ranked Armament Master certification?? Just how old are you this year, do you think that you're the deceased ninth ranked Armament Grandmaster Huang Yueli??"

When Huang Yueli heard that, her lips couldn't help but twitched.

Hearing her own name under such circumstances, it was really.... It made her feel strange.

But the young lady at the reception didn't notice her oddity at all.

Chapter 1716: Who do you think you are? (2)

She was still jabbering on and on, "Even if it was Grandmaster Huang that year, it was only when she was fifteen years old when she had successfully been certified to be a fifth rank Armament Master! She's the only one in Soaring Heavens Continent to have accomplished this achievement in the past ten thousand years! You are just a young lass from South Sky Region and not even an Armament Master and you dare to boast like this? This is really a joke!"

The young lady shrieked out loudly without any restraint on her volume.

Hence many people's attention around there were attracted by it, especially when they heard the few words "certified to be a fifth rank Armament Master" which made many of them turned their heads back.

Although today's certification assessment was open to all grades of Armament Masters, but most of them were here to take part in the low ranked Armament Master certification.

Although the certification standard in the Headquarters was stricter than the other branches, but there were plenty of large powerhouses in Sky Emperor City who nurtured Armament Masters. Just for the sake of getting a certification simply by going to be certified in the four sky regions to smuggle a pass, that was an embarrassing thing to do and no one would have the nerve to do such a thing.

No matter how difficult the headquarters certification was, they would welcome the difficulties.

Now, those who had gathered in the reception hall were mainly this group of people. They were the most outstanding armament refining geniuses among various large powerhouses and their ages were commonly below twenty five years and below, ranks between first to third.

To be frank, to be able to complete the third rank certification below twenty five years of age was already considered to be a genius. There were many young men here who came forward to take part in the fourth rank certification and that was absolutely someone that a first rate large powerhouse could nurture.

In those geniuses' ears, 'fifth rank' was an extremely sensitive term.

Hearing that young lady's scream, many of them gazes over in astonishment.

"What's the current situation? Why is Young lady Xia talking about fifth rank? Who wants to take part in the fifth rank certification?"

"Don't know? Surely it can't be that young lass standing in front of Young lady Xia right? She looks a little too young? She should be at most fifteen or sixteen years old?"

"Absolutely can't be her! Sky Emperor City's armament refining geniuses are just those few and we all know at least one or two of them, who has seen that young beauty before? Succession of teachings from a master to an armament refining disciple is very important and she hasn't been under any famous Master so how could she possibly appear right out from thin air?"

"That's true too. She's not even wearing any Armament Master's badge so she's probably still an apprentice?"

"Must be, she's definitely an apprentice! Earlier we must have heard wrongly! But at her age, if she's able to pass through the Headquarters first rank certification, she's considered to be a genius as well, worthy for us to take notice of....."

Everyone's gazes followed closely but Huang Yueli's expression remained unchanged.

"Whatever rank I wish to register for is my own business, you just need to help me inform me."

Young lady sneered, "How ridiculous! The Elders in our Armament Guild Headquarters are very busy everyday so where would they find the time to entertain such boring people! To be certified for a fifth rank Armament Master, you'd need at least the fourth rank Armament Master badge, do you have it? I think you don't even have a first rank....."

Her saliva was splashing everywhere while she was talking when suddenly she seemed as though she was struck by lightning as her eyes popped out, staring blankly in front.

"You.... you... what's that??"

Huang Yueli slowly took a piece of fourth rank Armament Master's badge from her pocket and carefully pinned it in front of her chest. Furthermore as a perfectionist, in order to make the badge appear even more aesthetically beautiful, she adjusted it for quite some time.

By the time she finally lifted her head in satisfaction, the surrounding people were all completely mortified.

Chapter 1717: Who do you think you are? (3)

“Fourth rank.... Fourth ranked Armament Master badge!!”

“This... this is really a fourth rank Armament Master’s badge? How could that be possible? Is my eyesight going blurry? Or am I still dreaming? That can’t possibly be real!”

“This badge must be a counterfeit, otherwise this young beauty should have stolen it from some place! Anyway it can’t possibly be hers! How old is she right now, and she’s already a fourth rank Armament Master?? Impossible, this is absolutely impossible!”

The armament geniuses all stared at Huang Yueli’s badge pinned on her chest as their eyeballs were about to pop out from its sockets!

No matter from which angle they looked from, this beautiful young lady in front of their eyes was still just fifteen or sixteen years old but she had already reached fourth rank.... how could there be such an inconceivable thing!

The young lady in charge of reception was even more tongue tied as she totally couldn’t say a single word.

Right now, she was the most talented young genius in the Armament Guild Headquarters and she had just passed the third rank Armament Master certification when she was just eighteen years old. Just based on this point alone, she had obtained the entire Armament Guild’s utmost nurturing!

But Huang Yueli was much younger than her by several years old yet her armament refining skills had already surpassed hers??

The young lady wasn’t able to accept this fact at all!

She stared at Huang Yueli’s badge with a pale face for a long time before she opened her mouth, “This badge of yours is a counterfeit isn’t it?”

Huang Yueli couldn’t help but burst out laughing, “Counterfeit? Aren’t you too amusing? Who is able to counterfeit the Armament Guild’s imprint? If I were to make a counterfeit Armament Master badge, it will at least be of an eighth rank Armament Master standard!”

“Then... then it must have been stolen by you!”

“Stolen? Then why don’t you go steal one for me to see? Each of the Armament Master’s badge are tied to every single Armament Master themselves and if it leaves the main person too far away, it would automatically ignite and be destroyed... you don’t even know about this, I really suspect how you pass the Armament Master certification assessment!”

“You.....”

The young reception lady was so upset that she almost fainted!

This was common knowledge to an Armament Master so how could she possibly not know about it. She was just too agitated for a moment that she got muddled up and had totally not expected to be despised by Huang Yueli that severely.

Huang Yueli knocked the table and asked impatiently, "Alright, now I have enough qualifications to take part in the fifth rank Armament Master certification right? Still not going to notify quickly?"

The reception young lady was so embarrassed that she didn't dare to lift up her head as she gritted her teeth and turned around to notify.

The surrounding young Armament Masters were still looking blankly at Huang Yueli.

Those few who had said that Huang Yueli must have counterfeited the badge hung their heads low without daring to make a sound, as though they were given a tight slap on their faces.

Not too long later, the reception young lady led a middle aged man in a navy blue gown, talking out from the back door in great strides.

The middle aged man's chest, impressively hung an eighth rank Armament Master badge.

The Armament Masters present all started to start an uproar.

"Elder Sun, Elder Sun is here!"

"I've not expected Elder Sun to be on duty today. He's the youngest among all the eight Elders in the Armament Guild! It was said that he just obtained the eighth rank Armament Master certification the year before."

"Elder Sun is really too outstanding! Ever since Grandmaster Huang's demise sixteen years ago, without her guidance, the number of newly promoted high rank Armament Masters are getting lesser and lesser. For the past sixteen years, only Elder Sun had managed to get promoted to eighth rank! It shows that Elder Sun's innate talent and comprehension makes one look up to him!"

Huang Yueli propped her chin up as she sized up this Elder Sun who was approaching her.

He was close to fifty years old and had just broken through to eighth rank. More importantly, he was actually the first person to have so within the Armament Guild in the past sixteen years?

Chapter 1718: Who do you think you are? (4)

Sixteen years ago, with Elder Sun's innate talent and power of comprehension, he totally wouldn't be in rank in the Armament Guild, nor being lined up for the position of an Elder.

"I've not expected that the current Armament Guild to have already degenerated to such a state?" Huang Yueli mumbled to herself.

But she was still disappointed because many Elders in the Armament Guild were all her disciples under her wing and if anyone of them came, she would be able to easily settle this small certification matter.

But now came an Elder Sun whom she had not met before, so things were going to be a little tricky.....

By then, Elder Sun had already walked right in front of her as he lowered his head to size her up.

After a moment later, his brows were knotted as there was a suspicious hint on his face. He turned back and faced the reception young lady behind him, "Are you sure? This young lass who's only ten over years old, is the one who you said to take part in the fifth rank Armament Master certification? Has she even reached marriageable age already?"

Before the young lady could answer him, Huang Yueli already spoke out directly.

"Elder Sun, what do you mean by this? The rank of the certification which I'm taking part in seems to have nothing to do with age right? As long as I fit the requirement of having a fourth rank Armament Master badge, that will do, isn't it?"

Her expression was calm and her manner was composed as she gave out a natural confident attitude which a top rated armament refining master had.

Elder Sun was a self-professed genius and he would often receive the admiration and pursuit from the younger generation disciples. For Huang Yueli to take up a neither servile nor overbearing attitude with him, it actually made him feel uncomfortable and instantly became slightly frustrated.

"Lass, do you know who I am? This is the attitude which you take up with an Elder of the Armament Guild? When I was a fourth rank Armament Master, you might still be somewhere else playing with mud!"

Huang Yueli's brows rose as she found it amusing secretly. These words should be used in reverse.....

She replied calmly, "Elder Sun is an eighth rank Armament Master so of course you're my senior but my respect towards your armament refining standard doesn't make you one step higher than anyone else. Grandmaster Huang had once said that the motto in the Armament Guild is equality and interaction and there's no Armament Master who is naturally more valuable than anyone else so we can only use our skills to convince everyone."

After she finished her speech, she couldn't help but find it funny herself.

Using the words which she had once said in her past life to suppress others, the feeling was so awkward and so fake.... But it was really very effective.

Elder Sun was so stuffed that he couldn't say a single word back at her as he blew his moustache and his eyes popped up and he replied only after a long while later, "I'm an eighth rank Armament Master while you, lass are just fourth rank! It's a little too early for you to be so complacent now! Moreover speaking....."

He suddenly thought of something and his eyes shone bright as he stared at Huang Yueli and asked, "Let me ask you, where did you obtain your fourth rank Armament Master certification, it's definitely not in the headquarters right?"

Huang Yueli nodded her head calmly as she replied, "That's right, I've obtained the certification when I was in South Sky Region, Sky Cloud City's Armament Guild branch."

When she was in Celestial Light Sect, Sky Cloud City's branch President Hu admired her very much and recognised her armament refining standard and ability.

So before she headed to Cloudy Qilin Mystic Region, she had specially made a trip to the Sky Cloud City's branch to do the certification.

The only reason why she only obtained fourth rank was because the highest certification badge which the branches of the Armament Guild in other regions could award was fourth rank.

Otherwise, she wouldn't mind receiving a few higher ranks directly.

However, how would Elder Sun know what she had in mind. After hearing her reply, he immediately thought that he had caught a shortcoming of hers.

Chapter 1719: Who do you think you are? (5)

"Great, I knew it! Your fourth rank certification indeed isn't awarded from the headquarters. Otherwise how could you possibly obtain the fourth rank Armament Master badge at such a young age?"

Elder Sun's face was filled with disdain as he snorted from his nose, "Indeed, as This Master had said earlier, the management of the Armament Guild branches are more and more irregular! They could even freely distribute the fourth rank Armament Master's badge, simply treating the reputation of the Armament Guild as child's play!"

"Fourth rank Armament Master standard might not even match up to second rank, that's an embarrassment to Armament Master's face!"

The moment Elder Sun said that, the other Armament Masters who were crowded around also revealed an enlightened expression.

Originally they were jealous and envious towards Huang Yueli obtaining a fourth rank certification at such a young age and weren't willing to accept the fact that their talents were not as high as hers.

Now, with Elder Sun's "authoritative" explanation, everyone chose to believe it at first instance.

"So that's the case, all thanks to Elder Sun's discerning eyes! I've never thought that there would be such shenanigan going on!"

"I was just saying, how could there possibly be anyone who can become a fourth rank Armament Master at such a young age? She's almost chasing up to Grandmaster Huang that very year!"

"So it's those unreliable branches who privately snuck a hand in! These branches need to be tidied up, the certification standard is just too low! If those who weren't aware of the truth heard about this, they would really be cheated by this kind of double standard certification!"

Elder Sun thought that he had exposed Huang Yueli's real face and had a complacent look hanging on his face.

"Lass, what I said is the truth isn't it? I'll just tell you openly that these branches' so-called certification of 'fourth rank', in the headquarters might not even match up to second rank. I'd advise you to be content and stay low profile, don't think too highly of yourself and get certified for what fifth rank Armament Master alright? This is just too comical! Headquarters certification standard isn't like what you imagine!"

Huang Yueli's face turned chilly but she didn't show any guilty look like what Elder Sun expected.

She spoke coldly, "I think the one who is opinionated is you! First of all, Sky Cloud City's Armament Guild branch is extremely regular and stringent. President Hu is a just and magnanimous Armament Master. Although his armament refining potential can't match up to yours, but his broad-mindedness is much wider than you by a hundred times so stop trying to splash dirty water onto him!"

"Second, no matter how I got my certification badge, as long as I have, I can apply for fifth rank certification! What's the point of saying so much rubbish to me earlier for? Just how stringent the headquarters standard is, I know it much clearer than you!"

Armament Guild Headquarters certification standard had once been evaluated by her personally in her past life.....

Huang Yueli's words were totally impolite, directly slapping Elder Sun's old face.

Actually right from the start, she was still restraining herself back. After all she was trying to stay low key right now and didn't want to start a scuffle with anyone.

But this Elder Sun was just too unreasonable. Suspecting another Armament Master's refining standard, especially saying that the other party's certification badge was "double standard", this was the most serious insult towards an Armament Master.

If she were to tolerate such a thing, other people would think that she really didn't reflect reality.

Huang Yueli looked at Elder Sun's green face as she added, "Elder Sun has been dragging the time to prevent me from taking part in the fifth rank certification, surely it's not because you're jealous that I have better innate talent than you right?"

"You.... really spouting nonsense!" Elder Sun's face immediately turned as black as the bottom of a pot.

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Elder Sun naturally had this thinking in his subconscious.

Constantly comparing oneself to others will only make one angry. If there was really the appearance of a fifteen or sixteen year old armament refining genius who reached fifth rank, then his status as 'the first person in the past sixteen years in the Armament Guild' would totally be forsaken.

Not only him, all the young Armament Masters present more or less had the same thinking in mind hence they repeatedly doubted Huang Yueli's ability.

But this kind of dark thoughts was actually exposed right out in the open, and that put Elder Sun on the spot.

He really flew into a rage out of humiliation now as he gave a cold humpf and heavily banged his fist on the table.

The paper and pen all bounced up from the action and scattered everywhere from the impact.

"Good, very good! You dare to say this kind of thing to This Master, it seems that you really think that your own ability is very strong!" Elder Sun spat these out word by word.

Huang Yueli replied calmly, "I won't dare to say my ability is very strong but at least my fame follows my merit."

"Very good! Then to prove that your ability indeed matches up to the badge on your chest, as an Elder of the Armament Guild, I have the authority to re-assess other branches Armament Guild certification! Since you're so confident, then you shall then redo the fourth rank certification in front of everyone, to certify your ability!" Elder Sun spoke in a harsh tone.

Huang Yueli was slightly stunned, "Redo the certification?"

Elder Sun gave a cold huff, "Why? Trying to pretend that you don't know? Didn't you say that you were very familiar with the Armament Guild regulations? Every Elder from the Headquarters can request to do a re-assessment towards suspicious parties."

Saying that, he pointed at the substantial regulation system which was hung on the wall of the reception hall.

"Don't believe then see it for yourself, could this Master even lie to you?"

Huang Yueli turned her eyes to take a look and indeed found such a regulation.

Headquarters Elders indeed had such an authority but the party for re-assessment was only limited to various Armament Guild branches which were fourth rank Armament Master and below whereas those who were awarded the certification in the Headquarters need not be re-assessed.

Huang Yueli was rendered speechless for a moment because it was evident that this regulation was something which was added after her self-explosion in her past life.

From this it was obvious that Elder Sun had not been lying to her. These few years the various branches of the Armament Guild had indeed been giving out plenty of lenient certifications.....

"Why? You don't dare to?" Elder Sun saw that she wasn't speaking and believed that she must be feeling guilty hence his tone became even more arrogant, "Don't blame me for not reminding you that if you fail the re-assessment, your current fourth rank badge will be retracted back immediately and you will not be able to take part in any Armament Master certification for the next three years. In the three years duration, you will only be able to assume the status of an apprentice!"

"Of course, if you're afraid and do not dare to take part in the re-assessment, then This Master here isn't a narrow minded person. As long as you sincerely admit that your ability isn't up to standard and apologize to me for your impolite behaviour earlier, I won't delve into this matter."

Huang Yueli was very clear that Elder Sun's pretence of being magnanimous was actually a sinister trap.

If she refused to do the re-assessment, even if she was able to retain the fourth rank badge, but having to admit that she is not worthy of the certification badge in front of so many other Armament Masters, what was the difference between that and having the badge being retracted?

Both ways would equate to her reputation going down the drain, resulting in her becoming a joke among all the Armament Masters!

On the contrary, Elder Sun's words made him appear to be broad-minded.

As expected, many young Armament Masters all started to praise Elder Sun's character.

Many of them stared at Huang Yueli with four words written all over their faces – Gloating over one's misfortune!