

## Weaponsmith 2071

### Chapter 2071: Taken possession of the Purified Branch (5)

A pair of watery large eyes kept sparkling as her white shining teeth bit her pink lips lightly. That innocent and pure look made Li Moying's chest feel warm as his eyes landed uncontrollably on her lips.

Huang Yueli saw him getting a little dazed and not talking as she started getting anxious and leaned in a little more.

"Moying, how are you? Why aren't you speaking? Do you really feel uncomfortable? Why not let Guardian Jun send you back first, I'll stay here and bid for the Purified Branch!"

Li Moying's gaze grew even deeper as his thin lips opened slightly, "I'm fine."

Huang Yueli's brows knitted slightly, "Don't you try to force yourself, we've already been out for eight hours! Moreover speaking, I'm most apt at auctions so you need not worry about me."

"I said.... I'm fine!" Li Moying's tone became harsher slightly.

Huang Yueli wanted to say more when suddenly Li Moying grabbed her wrist and placed her fair and slender hand onto his chest.

"Hey, you—!" Huang Yeuil's eyes grew wide only to discover that unknowingly, Li Moying had already stood up and he propped a hand against the back of her chair, confining her in the small space in front of his chest.

Huang Yueli's hand was pressed against his chest by force and she could only feel that man's healthy and robust muscles underneath her palm, which was filled with suppression leaving her with a dry mouth and tongue.

Hadn't Li Moying been bedridden for a month? Such a long duration, why was it that there was no sense of frailness from his sickness at all?

"If you still feel unassured, then you can help me take my pulse personally to see if my condition is tip top. Now you're Divine Doctor Dai's disciple so this sort of small thing shouldn't be too difficult for our future Divine Doctor Huang right?" Li Moying spoke out in a mellow voice as his eyes kept swimming around her lips, curbing his urge to have a taste of her fragrance.

Huang Yueli tried to retract her hand but wasn't able to as her face started to flushed with a pinkish red colour like a peach blossom.

This man was really an evildoer, even though they had been together for such a long time, as long as he tried to get close to her, she just couldn't help but blush with her heart beating wildly.

Li Moying pressed her hand hard as he laughed, "What's the matter? Why aren't you speaking? Does Grandmaster Huang feel that...there's any problem with my body?"

Huang Yueli gave him a fierce stare, "Alright alright alright, you're very well, will that do? Quickly sit back on your seat properly, the Purified Branch auction is about to start!"

Li Moying didn't move because he discovered that Li'er's rounded eyes look exactly like a little fox cub, which made her appear even more adorable.

Huang Yueli saw that he didn't move as she was just about to explode in anger when she suddenly felt her face feeling warm and immediately following that, Li Moying let her go and sat right next to her.

Huang Yueli was in a daze for some time before she realised that she had been kissed by Li Moying!

There were so many other people in the cabin!

Moreover, that wretched lad Luo Jiyun even used his hands to cover his eyes as he exclaimed loudly, "Lil Sister-in-law, we're all very natural and we didn't see anything at all, please go ahead!"

Huang Yueli's embarrassment turned into anger as she transferred her anger elsewhere, "No one will call you a mute if you keep your mouth shut!"

Luo Jiyun then realised that he had said the wrong thing as he gave a dry laugh and tried furiously to think of saying something to amend for his mistake.

His gaze shifted and landed on the window as he hurriedly cried out, "Lil Sister-in-law, Eldest Senior Brother, look there quickly! This is the Purified Branch right?" He paused and spoke out in shock, "This... this feeling..."

When Huang Yueli heard that, she too turned her head over to take a look.

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Under the protection of eight seventh stage realm practitioner guards, the beautiful emcee carefully held up a wooden box with exquisite carving as she stood on the auction stage.

"Distinguished guests, the next item which is up for auction is something that everyone had been anticipating: this annual auction's finale item – Purified Branch!"

When she said that, the entire auction hall went silent as everyone's eyes opened wide while trying to look up on the stage to take a clear look on how this extremely rare treasure looked like.

The beautiful emcee had just finished her words when her slender hand was placed on the box and using a little bit of strength, she opened up the box a little at a time.

In a split second, a dense but concentrated Earth attributed Profound Qi radiated from the slit of the box and in a split second, it instantly permeated throughout the entire auction house.

Every single guest in the auction hall could clearly sense that their breathing had instantly become smoother and their head had turned clear-minded than before.

The beautiful emcee loosed her hand and the cover immediately clamped up together once again.

Many of them had not even seen the items in the box clearly as they all started to debate.

"We haven't even seen it clearly, why have you closed up the box?"

"That's right, that's right, we've waited for the Purified Branch for such a long time to be auctioned but in the end, you don't even allow us to take a look?"

“Open it once again and show everyone!”

However, the emcee was totally unmoved as her beautiful face hung a courteous smile while explaining in a neither fast nor slow pace, “Distinguished guests, I’m sure everyone has already felt it earlier, just how powerful the Earth attributed energy within the Purified branch is. It only takes a breath to be able to derive a life from it! This kind of rare treasure’s medicinal effect is easily lost and only by storing it in this aged wood medicinal box would it guarantee its medicinal effect.”

“Every single time the box is opened, some medicinal energy would be lost so this box shouldn’t be opened too casually. Earlier we had just opened a small slit just so that everyone would be able to sense the Purified Branch’s medicinal effect and also to allow experienced buyers to verify that the item inside the box is the genuine Purified Branch!”

Saying that, the beautiful emcee gave another slight smile.

“In conclusion, the real buyers should have already verified the authenticity of the product so now.... will everyone please place your bids! The base price of the Purified Branch is.... Ten Billion high grade spirit jades!”

The beautiful emcee’s words made some people feel dissatisfied but unfortunately they weren’t able to find any reasons to rebuke her.

Originally, Soaring Heavens Merchant Guild did not have the obligation to display the Purified Branch to everyone, and they only needed to be responsible to those genuine buyers. As for those potential buyers, ensuring the preservation of the medicinal effect to the greatest extent was the most important thing.

Huang Yueli and the others were all top exponents with great foresight and on one look, they were able to verify that it was indeed the genuine Purified Branch in the box.

Huang Yueli’s face instantly showed an overjoyed look, “Indeed the Purified Branch and from the lustre, it had been well preserved! I originally thought it was just a small chunk but I have not expected it to be the size of a palm, that’s just great! If there are any accidents within the refining process, we need not worry at all!”

She wasn’t the only one who was overjoyed.

When the last note of the beautiful emcee’s words landed, many people’s hearts were all starting to stir.

There were many genuine big buyers present and they were all waiting for this finale treasure. They had finally waited for close to eight hours and the highlight.... was finally up!

After ten over breaths, no one fought to come out with a bid.

### **Chapter 2073: Taken possession of the Purified Branch (7)**

Ten billion high grade spirit jades, that itself wasn’t a small sum. Instead it was a huge amount which was enough to make any first rated powerhouse within Sky Emperor City to stop in its tracks to ponder upon.

Hence this round's auction could only be a battle between the real distinguished guests within the VIP cabins.

This was a really large amount of fortune so naturally it could not be something which could be casually bid along with the ordinary buyers downstairs but was carried out in an extremely prudent manner.

Huang Yueli saw the stiff competition and casually waved her hand as she cried out downwards, "11 billion!"

With this bid, it broke the stagnant atmosphere as the beautiful emcee cried out in joyous surprise, "11 billion! Number Six cabin's distinguished guests have offered 11 billion high grade spirit jades! Honoured guests, please don't hesitate any longer. If you continue to hesitate, the Purified Branch is going to be auctioned away by others!"

The beautiful emcee's words stirred up everyone's nerves and in an instance, all the big buyers in the VIP cabins all couldn't wait any longer as they all started to bid.

Luo Jiyun looked at Huang Yueli in astonishment, Lil Sister-in-law, why did you become the first person to bid?"

Huang Yueli smiled, "Why not? Can't I?"

Luo Jiyun shook his head continuously, "No, no! It's just that earlier when I saw everyone bidding, it seems that the first person who bid was all cannon ash and the really wealthy people were those who waited until no one bided any more before crashing down a heavenly price, locking in the deal at one go!"

Huang Yueli's lips curled up as she spoke in a smile which didn't resemble a smile, "I really didn't expect that your observation is actually so meticulous until you've already seen through all the basic sequences of movements in an auction! That's right, if you start to take part in an auction right from the start, it's very easy to expose yourself and thereby attract your opponents to bid. Only the last bidder is able to call out a high price in the very end, giving his opponents psychological pressure hence guaranteeing that the price of the bid would not be overly high to a large extent. But..."

She paused as her expression became slightly solemn, "For a sought after treasure like the Purified Branch, those who wish to purchase it are mostly out to save a life so they would definitely not stint on their everything! So this time round, only by dumping all the cash you have on hand will guarantee victory, hence it doesn't matter who comes out with the price first."

Huang Yueli's deduction wasn't wrong. After she became the first to bid, various distinguished guests in the cabins all started to bid and very soon, they had already raised the price to 30 billion high grade spirit jades.

Luo Jiyun was so shocked that he couldn't say a single word.

Towards a young lad like him, he totally could not imagine just what concept did 30 billion high grade spirit jades were.

Earlier when the ninth tier Profound Weapon was auctioned for the price of 4 billion, it had already scared him stiff.

Now this pricing has doubled by as much as ten times! Moreover, it was still continuing to soar!

After the price had gone past 30 billion, the number of people who bid for it became lesser and lesser and moreover, the speed of the increment became slower and slower.

Many people had no choice but to admit that their financial status wasn't enough and had to back out of the competition for the Purified Branch.

Huang Yueli had a quick look at the time and was just about to say her bid.

Whoever knew, a cry for bid came out from the opposite Number Seven cabin, "40 billion!"

Everyone was stunned.

After Huang Yueli was astonished for a few moments, she suddenly regained her senses as her right hand clenched tightly into fists!

This time round, the bidder wasn't Chi Xiao Jiu, but.... Ling Qing Yu!

This Eldest Young Miss from one of the Seven Sacred Lands, Celestial Heavens Gate, was once her BFF and there was nothing which the both of them didn't talk about. Other than Li Moying, the next person she trusted the most, was Ling Qing Yu!

However, the ending was...

"Li'er?" Li Moying held her hands.

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He pried open finger after finger of her tightly clenched fist.

A warm and strong big palm locked all ten fingers together tightly.

Li Moying's warmth was emitted from her palm and instantly, it made her flustered and frustrated emotions settle down once again.

Meeting the man's worried gaze, she shook her head lightly, "I'm fine! I only find it a little strange. Celestial Heavens Gate is considered as the poorest family within the Seven Sacred Lands so how are they able to use 40 billion high spirit jades to bid for the Purified Branch?"

The Seven Sacred Lands were all inherited and passed down from thousands of years ago and they had businesses everywhere so as compared to the other powerhouses, their wealth naturally spoke louder than others.

But amongst themselves, there was still the difference between relative superiority.

Blue Profound Sect, as the Number One Sacred Land, wasn't just higher than others in terms of martial power, but in terms of financial ability, they also helmed seven of the ten over spiritual ore arteries and that really meant rolling riches for them. Even though Huang Yueli was awesome at earning riches, that only represented her alone and there was no way to compare against a colossus like holding on to a spiritual ore artery.

Mythical Flame Palace also had rather great financial ability just over twenty years ago but these few years it had been on the decline as it entered the line of reciprocal these days.

As for Celestial Heavens Gate, it originally was situated in a frosty and bitter cold Northern Ice Fields with few resources. Although they had an ancient inheritance, but these could not be changed into real gold or silvers hence they were comparatively poor.

In Huang Yueli's memories, Celestial Heavens Gate seldom took part in such large scale auctions.

Huang Yueli started having doubts in her heart but at this very moment, she was unable to think carefully in detail.

She hurriedly bid her price, "40.1 billion!"

She was very prudent in increasing the price because at this figure now, there was already no point in increasing the price at all costs and anyone could possibly suffer a loss at just a difference of one billion.

As expected, the moment after she placed her bid, the opposite cabin instantly quietened down.

Huang Yueli wasn't irascible as well as she patiently waited to see Ling Qing Yu's reaction.

Within the Number Seven cabin, Ling Qing Yu's expression became extremely ugly.

She specially waited till the very last moment before bidding a high price, just so that she would be able to obtain the Purified Branch at one go but whoever knew that the other powerhouses were indeed scared stiff by this price but instead it was Blue Profound's young lass who suddenly called out.

"This.... what's going on? Why does Blue Profound Sect want the Purified Branch for? Why did this young lass come out again to fight with me?" Ling Qing Yu said with an ugly expression.

Chi Xiao Jiu sneered by the side, "Earlier when I was bidding for my item, weren't you also watching from the side lines? Now you finally realised it? That young lass just makes one feel so infuriated!"

Ling Qing Yu frowned as she couldn't understand why.

"Not right, this is not possible! That young lass is merely Blue Profound Sect's Young Sect Master's fiancée. Li Moying is willing to spend a few billions of high grade spirit jades and I can still believe that but this is 40 over billion! Li Moying himself couldn't possibly have that much money! Why on earth did she place her bid for?"

Chi Xiao Jiu answered with an unfriendly look, "That wretched lass just wishes for the whole world to be in chaos hence she just raised her bid! If you don't want it, she would probably cry out from fright!"

"What joke are you cracking? This Purified Branch, is something that.... that that Lord wants. If we don't manage to bid for it successfully today, we will all be in trouble!"

Ling Qing Yu's face was taut as she continued to bid, "40.2 billion!"

Huang Yueli also continued to bid in a calm and unhurriedly fashion, "40.3 billion!"

"40.4 billion!"

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Unknowingly, the price of the Purified Branch slowly climbed and very soon, it hit a figure of 50 billion.

When Ling Qing Yu clenched her teeth and bid the figure of "50 billion", Huang Yueli couldn't help but frowned as she stopped.

"Strange, it's already 50 billion and yet she's still bidding! Since when did Celestial Heavens Gate have this much money? Have they ran into a huge fortune recently?"

Luo Jiyun was so anxious that his breathing was totally not smooth at all, as he asked meekly, "Lil Sister-in-law, what should we do now? It's already at 50 billion!"

When Huang Yueli heard that, she merely shook her head slightly, "No matter, I only find it a little strange... this Purified Branch is something that we must obtain so what other options do we have? We can only continue to bid!"

Saying that she hurriedly continued to bid, "50.1 billion!"

When Ling Qing Yu heard this bid, the ugly expression on her face increased further and her usually dignified and virtuous face appeared a sinister look, "How could this be possible? She actually bided again! Damn it! A small Purified Branch like this would usually be worth 30 billion and now we're already at 50 billion yet it is still not settled!"

She originally thought the deal was sealed since the opposite cabin didn't make any sound. Whoever knew that they had merely paused for a moment and continued bidding thereafter.

Ling Qing Yu was extremely furious and didn't open her mouth for a long time.

This 50 billion was already a huge sum which their Celestial Heavens Gate had tried ways and means to squeeze out. They originally thought that this had already exceeded the market price by half and they would definitely be able to obtain the purified branch but whoever knew that Blue Profound Sect would actually join in this auction.

This time round, if she was unable to bid for this item, there was no way for her to submit her task!

As she remained silent for a very long time, the beautiful emcee on the stage also started to urge, "Number Six cabin's distinguished guests came out with a price of 50.1 billion high grade spirit jades, are there any higher bids? If there is none, then we will start to count down..."

"50.2 billion!" Ling Qing Yu clenched her teeth hard as this figure slipped out from the slits of her teeth.

Celestial Heavens Gate supplied her with a total funding of 50 billion and luckily she had a bit of savings herself. Adding these 2 billion practically exhausted all of her savings for these past few years!

But obtaining the Purified Branch was the most important matter now.

However, before Ling Qing Yu could even be relieved, Huang Yueli's voice started to rang again.

"50.3 billion!"

"Damnit!" Ling Qing Yu's face turned uglier still, "This wretched lass, she insists on going against me!"

She pondered over this and turned her head back to look at Chi Xiao Jiu beside her, "How much money do you have, bring it all out. We must bid and obtain for this Purified Branch no matter what!"

Chi Xiao Jiu was apparently feeling the heartache but upon thinking of that "Lord" behind them, he couldn't help but shivered. Today he came along with Ling Qing Yu and if they didn't complete their task, the both of them were going to run into bad luck.

He thought about it and knew that he had to advance and retreat with Ling Qing Yu as he could only say, "I brought a total of 12 billion high grade spirit jades today and earlier after the auction, I've already spent 4.1 billion so I'm left with 7.9 billion..."

Ling Qing Yu swiftly calculated in her mind as she nodded, "If we add it all up, we should be able to gather around 60 billion high grade spirit jades and we might have a chance at this! Blue Profound Sect couldn't possibly hit up to 60 billion and above!"

With Chi Xiao Jiu's financial aid, Ling Qing Yu had a boost of confidence.

She clenched her teeth again and opened her mouth directly as she shouted out "60 billion!"

### **Chapter 2076: Taken possession of the Purified Branch (10)**

The moment this astonishing figure was announced, everyone on the stage below gave bouts of gasps.

A number of them sighed saying that it was indeed the right decision to come to this year's annual auction. It was not every time that they would be able to meet with a treasure which could be auctioned for a heavenly price of 60 billion!

"I've not expected that Celestial Heavens Gate to have such solid financial power, this has really broadened my scope!"

"I wonder if Blue Profound Sect will continue to raise the price?"

"Shouldn't be possible? Although it's said that Blue Profound Sect is the real ones with great fortunes, but a stalk of Purified Branch costs 60 billion high grade spirit jades... this pricing is really a little too ridiculous!"

Everyone looked towards the Number Seven cabin as their eyes were filled with reverence.

But who would know that Ling Qing Yu and Chi Xiao Jiu were on the verge of coughing out their blood!

This time round, they had totally revealed the last of their secrets and if they were still unable to bid for this successfully, the entire Sect was going to run into bad luck with them!

The beautiful emcee's voice grew so excited that it changed, "This... 60 billion high grade spirit jades! Number Seven cabin has already come out with 60 billion! We will start the countdown now..."

She didn't even pause for a single moment. Deep down in her subconscious, she had already confirmed that it wasn't possible for Huang Yueli to continue bidding.

However, Huang Yueli's melodious voice rang once again at this very moment.

"Wait, what's the hurry in starting the countdown? I still want to bid! 60.1 billion!"



Huang Yueli's voice was calm and her tone was composed, seeming as though it was no different from previous times, as though this heavenly price of over 60 billion, totally didn't make her feel shocked.

Everyone's eyes opened wide as she simply could not believe their own ears.

However, it was Ling Qing Yu who stood up agitatedly, "What? 60.1 billion? Impossible, do you really have this much money?"

Her voice radiated through the windows as it was transmitted over.

Hearing these kinds of words made everyone present feel a little suspicious.

Huang Yueli was very young and she indeed didn't look like she was holding on a huge amount of fortune...

Huang Yueli smiled, "Distinguished guests on the opposite side, if I didn't hear wrongly, you should be Celestial Heavens Gate's Eldest Young Miss? For Young Miss Ling to ask this question, it's simply too strange! I have come on Sovereign Mu's orders to take part in the auction and as the Sovereign of Blue Profound Sect, surely it's not possible that we can't even come up with a few billion high grade spirit jades right? If this spreads out, wouldn't we become a joke?"

Hearing Huang Yueli moving the God Mu Chengying out, everyone all revealed an enlightened look.

So it was Mu Chengying who wanted this thing and that Ling Qing Yu actually dared to bid against them, she could only be described using four words, "overestimating her own capabilities".

However, Ling Qing Yu wasn't willing to believe in her words, "How could that be possible? Who do you think you are? Just because you're under Sovereign Mu's orders, that the person who places the bid should be Li Moying! On what basis do you have to represent Sovereign Mu?"

Huang Yueli gave an extremely innocent reply, "How do you say this? My Moying is fully concentrated on cultivating and totally doesn't like this kind of auctions events, so I'm representing him to settle these kinds of small matters, is there a problem?"

Is there a problem?

Of course there's a problem, the problem was huge!

Billions of high grade spirit jades, casually allowing his own fiancée to allocate it? Moreover he didn't bother about the casual price which she had quoted, and totally did not interfere at all?

This wasn't just a few million or mere billion, but.... tens of billions!

It was a huge sum which was enough to make any of the Seven Sacred Lands felt a pinch in their thighs!

Blue Profound Sect's Young Sect Master who's freshly out from the oven, wasn't he a little overly indulgent towards his fiancée?

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However, before Ling Qing Yu could even continue from her last sentence.

Li Moying's cold voice reverberated above the skies of the auction house, "I seem to have said this earlier, the price which my fiancée quotes represents the price which I quote! Is Eldest Young Miss Ling going to continue with the bidding, if you're not going to buy then stop wasting everyone's time."

Ling Qing Yu was stuffed until she could not say a single word.

Her thoughts raced past in her mind swiftly trying to think of ways to squeeze more money out to continue adding to the price.

But no matter how she added up, she was merely able to come out with only a few billion and from Blue Profound Sect's determined to win stance, this bit of money probably wasn't even enough to stuff the slits of them teeth!

"What should we do? What should we do? Quickly think of a way? Are you a man or not?" She was anxious and flustered as she kept pressurizing Chi Xiao Jiu.

Chi Xiao Jiu was already enraged, "What other ideas do I have? If we had made preparations long ago, I would still have been able to sell off the remaining few pieces of Profound Armaments that my Junior Sister left behind back then to raise the money but now... it's all too late!"

"You still have the cheek to say? If it wasn't for you who recklessly bid for other stuff, spending 4.1 billion to purchase a ninth tier lower grade Profound Weapon, we will still be able to come out with a few cycles of bidding!"

Ling Qing Yu really had to mention the pot which didn't boil and Chi Xiao Jiu originally had a stomach full of fury over the Ardent Cloud Sword but on hearing her mention it, his fury boomed!

"Just another 4.1 billion and you will be able to get the Purified Branch into your possession? Obviously you still don't understand the technique of auctions and casually just gave a reckless bid, hence resulting in this conclusion!"

The two of them who were still seated in the cabin had already started to quarrel.

Ling Qing Yu and Chi Xiao Jiu weren't able to cough out with a new pricing and the Purified Branch also remained at 60.1 billion high grade spirit jades.

"... 60.1 billion thrice! Congratulations to Number Six cabin's distinguished guests!"

Although the Purified Branch's pricing was much higher than expected, but to Huang Yueli, it was a lifesaving treasure so no matter it was worth it no matter what the price was!

A joyous smile was shown on her face and her sparkly big eyes suddenly opened wide as she stood up.

"That's great, we've finally bid for it! I'll go make payment!"

"Wait a minute, Li'er!" Li Moying's slightly displeased voice was heard from her back as he stretched out her wrist to hold her hand.

Huang Yueli's head tilted to one side, "Why? What's the matter?"

Li Moying said, "This medicinal herb is for me, how can I let you pay for it?"

Although in the past, he had always been receiving various Profound Armaments, snacks from his little fiancée but running over to the auction house to buy this for him, but actually allowing his fiancée to pay for it somehow made him feel as if he was living off a woman...

Huang Yueli blinked her big eyes as she looked at him in astonishment, "You make payment? Do you have so much money? Alright be good and wait for me to go swipe my crystal card, then we can go back home!"

Saying that, she waved her hand and walked out on her own.

Li Moying went into a daze as he somehow hadn't regained his senses.

Cang Po Yu gave a slight cough as he stood by the side and said, "Cough cough, that... Sovereign, do you still remember this? When Grandmaster Huang came to Blue Profound Sect, you had already passed the storeroom key and accounts book to her..."

Li Moying then recalled that there seemed to really be such a matter.

At that time he felt that Li'er wanted to refine armaments so she would definitely require a lot of materials and that there wasn't anything wrong about giving all his belongings to his own woman.

Now thinking back, giving all his money to his future wife-to-be had its disadvantages. For example now, he had no money on him at all, not even a single bit of money to buy a present for his Li'er...

Could it be that in future he really had to think of ways to save up some private savings?

### **Chapter 2078: Mastermind behind the scenes (1)**

Just as Li Moying was racking his brains in bitter thoughts, Huang Yueli had already paid the bill in Soaring Heavens Merchant Guild's VIP lounge.

President Wen thought that she was only the person who called the bid but he had not expected that she really carried tens of billions of high grade spirit jades. Amid the shock, the gaze which he casted upon her was filled with some reverence.

After Huang Yueli kept the crystal card properly, she said, "Such a valuable item, I'd like to trouble President Wen to deliver it over to the Snow Cloud Sky Ship."

President Wen immediately replied, "Yes we should, it's only necessary! Will Young Miss Bai please be assured!"

His attitude was even more respectful by several times as compared to earlier.

Huang Yueli nodded her head indifferently as she replied, "Many thanks" and prepared to return to meet up with Li Moying.

When she stepped out, she suddenly heard the sound of a door opening from not too far away as someone from the other VIP cabin walked out.

Huang Yueli wasn't interested originally but after she took a few steps, she suddenly heard a familiar voice from a short distance away.

“What should we do! This time we didn’t manage to bid for the Purified Branch successfully, how should we go back and explain to that Lord when we return?”

This was.... Ling Qing Yu’s voice?

Huang Yueli went into a short blank and subconsciously turned her head around to take a look, where she saw Ling Qing Yu and Chi Xiao Jiu walking side by side from the front on her right of the corridor past her.

“... ever since Huang Yueli died.... Sky Phoenix Ring...”

Chi Xiao Jiu also opened his mouth and amid the conversation, Huang Yueli seemed to have heard her own name and even heard them mentioning the Sky Phoenix Ring! This time round, her attention was piqued by their conversation instantly.

Huang Yueli stopped in her tracks, trying to listen to what they were talking about.

However, Ling Qing Yu seemed to have noticed that this wasn’t a convenient place to talk hence she spoke out softly, “Let’s leave this place first.”

Saying that, the both of them increased their pace and walked towards the deep end of the corridor.

Huang Yueli wrinkled her brows as her heart was burning as though it was on fire. The immense hatred and suspicion kept spiralling at the base of her heart.

Sky Phoenix Ring...

If she hadn’t heard them wrongly earlier, they had mentioned the Sky Phoenix Ring!

Could it be that Ling Qing Yu and the others had schemed to harm her, and that indeed was related to the Sky Phoenix Ring? Although she had already suspected this in her past life before she died, but she was still unable to understand Ling Qing Yu’s motive behind this.

Although she had restored the Sky Phoenix Ring, but before her rebirth, even she herself didn’t know what was the use of the Sky Phoenix Ring and the so called God Relic, seemed as though it was just for decoration...

Huang Yueli’s heart was surging with tremendous waves and her body seemed as though it had turned uncontrollable.

By the time she regained her senses, she realised that she had already subconsciously followed the both of them, along a huge distance.

Ling Qing Yu and Chi Xiao Jiu seemed to be looking for a place to talk as they persistently looked for a desolate place and luckily Huang Yueli’s movements weren’t too bad, plus the both of them had never thought that they would be followed hence they did not noticed her at all.

But on seeing the both of them moving further away, there was no one around them in the perimeter of the one mile so Huang Yueli started to feel uneasy about this.

After all, Ling Qing Yu and Chi Xiao Jiu were both ninth stage realm practitioners and they had strong abilities.

The minute her tracks were exposed, it would be extremely difficult for her to escape from their clutches.

Huang Yueli had originally followed over in the beginning and had her emotions gushed to her head but by the time she regained her calm, she decided to return back on her original path.

But she had just turned around when she heard Ling Qing Yu give a sharp bark, "Who's over there?"

Huang Yueli's body stiffened as a few drops of cold sweat popped out on her forehead.

Following Ling Qing Yu's voice, a long "zheng" was heard and Chi Xiao Jiu's Ardent Cloud Sword around his waist had also unsheathed simultaneously!

### **Chapter 2079: Mastermind behind the scenes (2)**

For that one moment, Huang Yueli felt as though the blood in her body was about to freeze as she subconsciously wanted to escape swiftly.

But just at that lightning flint moment, she nimbly distinguished that there was something not right about the sound which Chi Xiao Jiu's sword made.

Hence, she managed to control herself in time as she remained in a motionless stance.

As expected, the very next moment, an ear splitting cat's cry rang, "MEEW-!!!"

Following that, a spotted cat scurried from the corner of the wall as it swiftly escaped.

Chi Xiao Jiu pressed against his sword as he frowned and said, "So it's only a cat..."

When Ling Qing Yu saw that, she also heaved a sigh of relief, "I see, I'm overly anxious. This place is so desolated and the surroundings are filled with weeds so normally there wouldn't be anyone who would pass by this place so let's make things clear right here."

Chi Xiao Jiu returned his sword into the scabbard, "That's fine."

Huang Yueli noticed that the two of them did not leave and kept looking to their left and right, to realise that there was totally no way that she could leave. The hiding place which she was in was considered rather seclusive and as long as the both of them did not intentionally walk over, they would probably not discover her however, if they were to make one move, her whereabouts would definitely be exposed.

Luckily, the both of them apparently had a load on their mind and did not check the surroundings carefully.

After Chi Xiao Jiu got in place, he opened his mouth directly, "This time round we weren't able to bring back the Purified Branch successfully, how are you preparing to explain to that Lord?"

That Lord?

This.... who were they talking about?

Huang Yueli was stunned, apparently not expecting that he would pop such a sentence out.

Looked like Ling Qing Yu and him came to bid for the Purified Branch, not for themselves, but for the mastermind behind the scenes?

Ling Qing Yu's tone was downcast as one could tell that her emotions were extremely frustrated, "What else can we do? We can only explain as how it is! But, you also know that Lord's temper, if he were to blame this on us..." As she spoke, she actually uncontrollably shuddered, "I also don't know what I should do!"

Chi Xiao Jiu's tone was also melancholic, "If I had known earlier, sixteen years ago, we shouldn't have cooperated with him! Now that he has a handle on us, we have already been tied on the same boat as him and the minute we don't listen to him, he will definitely expose everything that had happened back then and by then, our reputations will be ruined!"

Ling Qing Yu also frowned, "What's the point in saying all these right now? You'd better think carefully on what we should do next! I wonder why Blue Profound Sect would suddenly appear, and also putting in so much money to buy the Purified Branch! If the other Sects bought it, we can still find a way to get it back, but.... it had to be Blue Profound Sect!"

Chi Xiao Jiu's face was gloomy as he spoke, "What about Blue Profound Sect? Isn't it even better since it's Blue Profound Sect?"

Ling Qing Yu shook her head, "Is Blue Profound Sect that easy to deal with? You should have already heard that Mu Chengying had already come out of his closed door some time ago..."

Her words had not been completed when it was interrupted by Chi Xiao Jiu's cold laughter.

"Hur hur, This Seat finally understood, Mu Chengying is already out of his closed door so your heart is starting to waver, isn't it?"

Ling Qing Yu went into a daze and immediately following that, her expression turned icy cold, "Palace Lord Chi, what do you mean by this?"

Chi Xiao Jiu burst out laughing, "Why bother to pretend in front of This Seat? Did you really think that I don't know, the reason why you're willing to cooperate with that Lord back then, to personally go harm Huang Yueli, who was like your biological sister, wasn't it all because.. in Mu Chengying's eyes, there was only her?"

### **Chapter 2080: Mastermind behind the scenes (3)**

Ling Qing Yu lifted up her head sharply, her face extremely pale. "You... what do you mean? Don't you go sprouting rubbish! I chose to sacrifice Huang Yueli, that was all because of Soaring Heavens Continent's future!"

Chi Xiao Jiu shook his head while laughing coldly, "Why bother to make yourself so noble? Don't we know each other well enough? Back then every time when you came to visit that Junior Sister of mine, you always chose to come look for her when Mu Chengying was around! Only my Junior Sister believed too much in you hence she was deceived by you, totally unable to tell at all!"

Ling Qing Yu had her thoughts exposed by him as a sliver of awkwardness flashed past her eyes but she quickly controlled herself as she denied all allegations.

“What rubbish are you sprouting? I went to Mythical Flame Palace, naturally, to look for Huang Yueli! What does it have to do with Mu... Mu Chengying?”

Chi Xiao Jiu’s brows rose, “Oh? There’s really no relation? Every time Junior Sister had not returned from her experience training and when Mu Chengying came to look for her, he would always miss her but you would always be conveniently around Mythical Flame Palace and in order to avoid suspicions, you would always serve the snacks and tea in the middle on the night, sneaking over to the guestroom which Mu Chengying was staying in, wasn’t it? What were you two doing in the room that night? Did you really think that no one knew!”

Ling Qing Yu had totally not expected Chi Xiao Jiu to know about these and momentarily, she was extremely dishevelled as her expression changed abruptly.

“Don’t you sprout rubbish! What evidence do you have? Who will believe in these rubbish of yours!”

This time round, Ling Qing Yu’s voice turned sharp and totally couldn’t control her volume.

If it wasn’t for the fact that the surroundings were empty, her voice might have been heard long ago.

Huang Yueli was hiding behind the artificial mountain and the more she heard, the more shaken she was!

Never in her wildest dreams had she expected the real reason behind Ling Qing Yu exposing her whereabouts, causing her death was actually this!

So, Ling Qing Yu had been the same as numerous young ladies in Soaring Heavens Continent that year, also secretly admiring Mu Chengying!

Huang Yueli was so shocked that she couldn’t say a single word, her mind totally blanked out and her four limbs icy cold.

She had once guessed multiple times, trying to explain Ling Qing Yu’s actions in her heart innumerable times, feeling that she had most probably mistaken her or perhaps Ling Qing Yu was forced into revealing her whereabouts...

Whoever knew that at the end, the truth.... was actually in such an unbearable way!

Huang Yueli was feeling murky and faintly, she heard Chi Xiao Jiu’s sinister voice.

“Eldest Young Miss Ling, all of us are intelligent people so don’t treat everyone like idiots! That year after Huang Yueli’s death, you thought that you were able to take advantage of the void and replace her wasn’t it? As a result, whoever knew that Mu Chengying was overly depressed and decided to go into rigid closed cultivation! This closed door cultivation of his lasted for sixteen years! In the past sixteen years, This Seat had raised the requests of a marriage in union to Celestial Heavens Gate multiple times in order to build up both Sacred Lands’ ability but you had rejected me multiple times, wasn’t it because of Mu Chengying?”

“Now, he’s finally out of his closed door and you don’t even bother about that Lord’s words anymore? Did you think that This Seat doesn’t know that you were intentionally going easy on them during the auction earlier?”

Ling Qing Yu's expression was even more dishevelled by the minute, as though a cat's tail had been trodden on, trying its best to struggle free.

"You... you're simply slandering indiscriminately! The matters which the Lord had entrusted, how would I possibly dare to pay lip service? What does it have to do with Sovereign Mu? You saw the situation earlier, we just didn't prepare enough spirit jades! If we really needed to calculate this, the responsibility should lie on you because you had squandered 4 billion plus earlier just to buy a useless broken sword. Otherwise, we might already have gotten the Purified Branch into our possession!"